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Dated: October 24, 2012.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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### Fisheries of the South Atlantic; South Atlantic Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

**AGENCY:** National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce

**ACTION:** Notice of a public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The South Atlantic Fishery Management Council (Council) will hold a meeting of its Habitat and Environmental Protection Advisory Panel (AP) in Charleston, SC.

**DATES:** The meeting will take place November 14-15, 2012. See

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for specific dates and times.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the Doubletree by Hilton Guest Suites, 181 Church Street, Charleston, SC 29401; telephone: (800) 222-8733; fax: (843) 577-2697.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Kim Iverson, Public Information Officer,

South Atlantic Fishery Management Council, 4055 Faber Place Drive, Suite 201, N. Charleston, SC 29405; telephone: (843) 571-4366 or toll free: (866) SAFMC-10; fax: (843) 769-4520; email: [kim.iverson@safmc.net](mailto:kim.iverson@safmc.net).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Members of the Habitat and Environmental Protection AP will meet from 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. on November 14, 2012 and from 8:30 a.m. until 12 noon on November 15, 2012. Topics to be addressed at the meeting include: a member workshop on developing the South Atlantic Habitat and Ecosystem Atlas and Digital Dashboard, including the new online Ecospecies System; species research and habitat mapping associated with deepwater marine protected areas; deepwater habitat complexes associated with Coral Habitat Areas of Particular Concern (CHAPC) extension proposals; a review of a draft Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between Atlantic Councils on deepwater coral ecosystem conservation; a review of other regional partner activities supporting the regional move to ecosystem-based management; and consideration of updates to essential fish habitat policy statements as needed. The AP will provide recommendations to the Council and address other business as needed.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[Docket No. 121022567-2567-01]

### Notice To Solicit Applications for the Ocean Exploration Advisory Board

**AGENCY:** National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Office of Oceanic and Atmospheric Research.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Office of Oceanic and Atmospheric Research publishes this notice to solicit applications and nominations of persons with appropriate education, interest, and/or experience to become a member of the Ocean Exploration Advisory Board. The purpose of the Board is to advise the Under Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere on matters pertaining to ocean exploration including: The identification of priority areas that warrant exploration; the development and enhancement of technologies for exploring the oceans; managing the data and information; and disseminating the results. The Board will also provide advice on the relevance of the program with regard to the NOAA Strategic Plan, the National Ocean Policy Implementation Plan, and other relevant guidance documents.

**DATES:** Application materials should be sent to the address, email, or fax specified and must be received no later than 5:00 p.m., Eastern Time, on December 28, 2012.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit resume and application materials to Yvette Jefferson via mail, fax, or email. Mail: NOAA, 1315 East West Highway, SSMC3 Rm. 10315, Silver Spring, MD 20910; Fax: 301-713-1967; Email: [Yvette.Jefferson@noaa.gov](mailto:Yvette.Jefferson@noaa.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Yvette Jefferson, NOAA, 1315 East West Highway, SSMC3 Rm. 10315, Silver Spring, Maryland 20910; Fax: 301-713-1967; Email: [Yvette.Jefferson@noaa.gov](mailto:Yvette.Jefferson@noaa.gov); Telephone: 301-734-1002.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** NOAA's Ocean Exploration Program (OE) is part of the NOAA Office of Ocean Exploration and Research. The mission of OE is to increase the Nation's understanding of the world's largely unknown ocean through interdisciplinary expeditions and projects to investigate unknown and poorly known ocean areas and phenomena. Specific goals include:

(1) Mapping and characterizing physical, chemical, and biological ocean