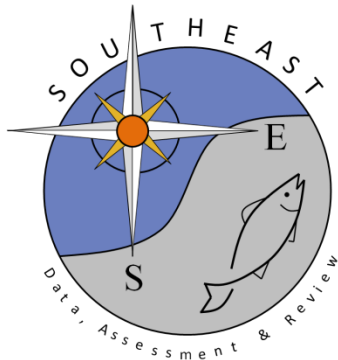


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Summary:

Provided is a South Atlantic Fishery Management Council (SAFMC) Blueline Tilefish (BLT) Management History Addendum by Russell Hudson. The pasted image(s) of the current Southeast Data, Assessment and Review (SEDAR 50) BLT management history to be expanded is provided first, followed by quotes from the relevant Federal Register final rule, and other sources referenced in footnotes with an active hyperlink.

Important Note:

BLT harvested from offshore of Florida's east coast tend to be predominately caught in 220 to 330 feet of depth. Fishing ability is effected by the strong Gulf Stream currents most of the year, and fishing within the 100-miles of Oculina Coral steeples/pinnacles in this depth and region made bottom longline difficult at best. As a reminder, Snapper Grouper (SG) Amendment 4 effective since 01 January 1992 banned bottom longline inshore of 300 feet (50 fathoms) of depth in the SAFMC region for SG species, thus eliminating most BLT landings by this gear type.

<ul style="list-style-type: none">-Required dealer, charter and headboat federal permits-Allowed sale under specified conditions-Specified allowable gear and made allowance for experimental gear-Allowed multi-gear trips in N.	Amendment #7 (1994a)	01/23/95
<p>Carolina</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">-Added localized overfishing to list of problems and objectives-Adjusted bag limit and crew specs. for charter and head boats-Modified framework procedure		

SAFMC Snapper Grouper (SG) Amendment 7 provided a regulation that prohibited bottom longline gear for snapper grouper species south of 27 degrees 10 minutes North latitude (St. Lucie Inlet, Florida) that was not provided in the SAFMC Blueline Tilefish Management History

Quote below published in the Federal Register dated 1994 December 23¹ on page # 66274, effective 23 January 1995.

"Sec. 646.7 **Prohibitions**.

(hh) Use a longline to fish for fish in the snapper-grouper fishery

¹ <https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-1994-12-23/html/94-31421.htm>
<http://cdn1.safmc.net/Library/pdf/SnapGroupAmend7FinalRule.pdf>

in the EEZ south of 27 deg.10' N. lat., in the EEZ north of 27 deg.10' N. lat. where the charted depth is less than 50 fathoms (91.4 m), or without a vessel permit for snapper-grouper, excluding wreckfish, on board; as specified in Sec. 646.22(d)(1)(i).

(ii) Aboard a vessel with a longline on board that fishes on a trip in the EEZ south of 27 deg.10' N. lat., in the EEZ north of 27 deg.10' N. lat. where the charted depth is less than 50 fathoms (91.4 m), or without a vessel permit for snapper-grouper, excluding wreckfish, on board, possess fish in the snapper-grouper fishery exceeding the limits, as specified in Sec. 646.22(d)(1)(ii)."

Quote below published in the Federal Register dated 14 June 2000² on page # 37295, and regulations became effective 14 July 2000.

SAFMC Comprehensive Essential Fish Habitat (EFH) Coral Amendment 4 and SG Amendment 10³ that created a sixty mile long eastern boundary for the 5-mile wide *Oculina* Coral Habitat Area of Particular Concern (HAPC) in 100 fathoms (600 feet) of depth that bottom longline was prohibited.

"§ 622.35 South Atlantic EEZ seasonal and/or area closures.

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(c) *Oculina Bank*—(1) *HAPC*. The *Oculina Bank HAPC* encompasses an area bounded on the north by 28°30' N. lat., on the south by 27°30' N. lat., on the east by the 100-fathom (183-m) contour, as shown on the latest edition of NOAA chart 11460, and on the west by 80°00' W. long.; and two adjacent areas: the first bounded on the north by 28°30' N. lat., on the south by 28°29' N. lat., on the east by 80°00' W. long., and on the west by 80°03' W. long.; and the second bounded on the north by 28°17' N. lat., on the south by 28°16' N. lat., on the east by 80°00' W. long., and on the west by 80°03' W. long. In the *Oculina Bank HAPC*, no person may:

- (i) Use a bottom longline, bottom trawl, dredge, pot, or trap.
- (ii) If aboard a fishing vessel, anchor, use an anchor and chain, or use a grapple and chain.
- (iii) Fish for rock shrimp or possess rock shrimp in or from the area on board a fishing vessel."

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² <https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2000-06-14/pdf/00-14528.pdf>

³ http://ocean.floridamarine.org/efh_coral/pdfs/Comp_Amend/EFHAmendCovTOC.pdf
<http://safmc.net/habitat-protection/final-essential-habitat-plan/>

Final
Rule Effective

1992 JAN 01 BLL outside of
SG Amd 4 300 feet of depth

1995 JAN 23 No BLL south of
SG Amd 7 $27^{\circ}10'N$ Latitude
Due east of St. Lucie Inlet

2000 JUN
Coral Amd 1st Oculina HAPC
60 miles x 5 miles Expansion
East side depth = 600 feet

2009 FEB ~~2009~~ 12 GA MPA
295 ft to 984 ft depth 10 miles x 10 miles
197 ft to 656 ft North FL MPA
SG Amd 14 to 1247 ft.

2011 JAN 31 Closed seaward of 240 ft
SG Amd 17B

2012 MAY 10 Eliminated closed area
SG ~~Amd~~ Reg Amd SG Amd 17B
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