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Dear Quota Owner:

The NOAA Fisheries Service is working to improve its ability to determine the economic effects of regulations and other factors that impact South Atlantic fisheries. Therefore, we are conducting an **Economic Expenditure Survey of Wreckfish Fishermen in the U.S. South Atlantic Region**. In the interest of fairness and data quality, and in accordance with federal regulations, all selected individuals are required to complete and submit this survey.

Enclosed is a form asking about expenditures you made in 2012 for your vessel “ANON” with the registration number **555555**. Please look at the enclosed materials for more details on this survey effort and why we need to collect this data.

Please complete the enclosed survey form and return it to us by XXXXX. A pre-addressed, postage-paid envelope is enclosed. All information you supply is confidential and will be combined with information from other fishermen to present an overall view of the economic status of the fishery.

By accurately completing this survey, you will ensure that management decisions are based on the best possible information about the economic effects of regulations on fishermen. Please print all requested information clearly. A form with incomplete or unclear information cannot be entered into the database and will be returned for clarification. If you have any questions or require help filling out the survey, please contact me at (305) 361-4468.

Thank you very much for your cooperation with this data collection and good luck this crabbing season.

Sincerely yours,

Scott Crosson, Economist