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**Final Decision Golden Tilefish Longline Endorsement Appeal**

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MAY 02 2014

Dear [REDACTED]:

On May 1, 2013, the National Marine Fisheries Service Southeast Regional Office sent you a letter indicating your permit [REDACTED] did not meet the landing requirements to receive a golden tilefish longline endorsement. In that letter, we informed you of your opportunity to appeal this determination.

On June 27, 2013, we received your letter to appeal the determination. On July 9, 2013, we requested additional information, and we received additional information on August 11, 2013. All of this documentation was submitted to the National Appeals Office for review.

On March 18, 2014, the National Appeals Office issued a decision on your appeal. Based on a review of record, the National Appeals Office agreed with my initial determination that your permit is not eligible for a golden tilefish endorsement because it does not meet the landings requirements to qualify for an endorsement. Accordingly, you will not be issued a golden tilefish longline endorsement.

This decision is a final agency action.

If you have any questions regarding the golden tilefish endorsement program please contact Karla Gore of the Sustainable Fisheries Division at (727) 824-5305, or at [Karla.Gore@noaa.gov](mailto:Karla.Gore@noaa.gov).

Sincerely,

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*for*

Roy E. Crabtree, Ph.D.  
Regional Administrator

