Reed and Farrington Team Up with NOAA Fisheries to Study Southeastern U.S. Marine Protected Areas

Boca Raton, Fla. (August 1, 2018) – FAU Harbor Branch and Cooperative Institute for Ocean Exploration, Research & Technology scientists John Reed and Stephanie Farrington recently completed a three-year collaborative study of the shelf-edge marine protected areas off the southeastern coast of the United States. Teaming up with NOAA Fisheries scientists, the group of researchers used remotely operated vehicle surveys, CTD casts, and multi-beam sonar mapping to document and characterize the benthic habitats, benthic macrobiota and fish populations within and adjacent to the marine protected areas.



The cruise and research resulted in a rich set of new data, discovering and characterizing deep water marine protected areas sites and fish populations off the southeastern United States within the jurisdiction of the South Atlantic Fishery Management Council.

Another three-year grant has been awarded to this team to continue to collect valuable information on these marine protected areas and their surrounding areas to better evaluate the efficacy of the closed areas.

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