Harbor Branch Study Nets Rich Deep Water Data

Boca Raton, Fla. (August 1, 2018) – A recently completed three-year study has resulted in the discovery and characterization of deep water marine protected areas and fish off the southeastern United States.



John Reed and Stephanie Farrington, of FAU Harbor Branch Oceanographic Institute, characterized the benthic habitats, benthic macrobiota and fish within and adjacent to the marine protected areas. The researchers teamed up with scientists from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

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

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