

the SHARE process, NMFS is exploring different aspects of the Atlantic shark fisheries to improve stability and resiliency within the fisheries and has identified the following objectives:

- Review the current state of the Atlantic shark fishery;
- Identify areas of success in the fishery;
- Identify areas of concern in the fishery; and
- Identify ways to improve the fishery and potential future shark management actions.

As part of SHARE, NMFS reviewed commercial shark fishery vessel permits, trips targeting or retaining sharks, shark landings, dealer permits, and markets. These data indicate that catch of available quota and participation in the commercial shark fishery has dramatically declined from historical levels. In the recreational shark fishery, NMFS reviewed the recent permits with shark endorsements, fishing effort, survey data, and tournament landings. Shark depredation, which occurs when a shark eats or preys upon fish that are caught on fishing gear, has been a growing concern in a wide variety of commercial and recreational fisheries. While the number of reports of depredation have increased, the underlying cause of the increase is uncertain—it could be due to an increase in the number of sharks as stocks rebuild; a learned behavior by sharks as they recognize motors, fishing techniques, or shark feeding locations as a source of food (this learned behavior is found in other animals such as

marine mammals); an increase in the number of people using social media to report the depredation; or any combination of the above. Lastly, in the SHARE document, NMFS analyzed additional factors beyond the Federal shark fishery including other fisheries, state shark fin sale prohibitions, and binding international recommendations.

The SHARE document as a whole provides a comprehensive review of the current state of the Atlantic shark fishery, identifies areas of success and concern, and identifies regulations and management measures for potential future revision. Overall, this review has found that NMFS is sustainably managing shark stocks; however, catch and participation in the commercial shark fishery is in decline. This decline is happening despite fishermen having available quotas for many species, and, in most regions, an open season year-round. The review has also identified a need in the recreational fishery to improve species identification that could improve shark fishery data, thus improving management overall. Additionally, it is likely that other fisheries, state shark fin sale prohibitions, and binding international recommendations have directly and indirectly affected fishing effort and landings from 2014 through 2019. Possible changes that could increase the productivity of the commercial shark fishery while remaining consistent with the Magnuson-Stevens Act and the 2006 Consolidated Atlantic HMS Fishery Management Plan and its amendments could include modifications to:

- Vessel permit structure, including shifting incidental permits to open-access permits;
- Commercial vessel retention limits for large coastal shark, blacknose, and other shark management groups;
- Regional and sub-regional quotas to better match regional expectations and opportunities;
- Recreational size and bag limits; and,
- Reporting mechanisms to enhance data collection of recreational shark species and shark depredation events.

NMFS anticipates that revisions to the above management measures would occur via future rulemaking to modify HMS regulations, with appropriate opportunity for public comment. Regardless of timing, NMFS believes changes to the shark fishery are warranted to improve the overall health of the fishery and shark stocks.

#### Public Webinar

NMFS will consider public comments before finalizing SHARE. Comments on the draft SHARE document may be submitted via [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov), and comments may also be submitted at the public hearings. NMFS solicits comments on this draft document by January 3, 2022. During this period, NMFS will hold one public webinar on December 8, 2021 (Table 1). Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Guy DuBeck at [guy.dubeck@noaa.gov](mailto:guy.dubeck@noaa.gov) or 301-427-8503, at least 7 days prior to the meeting.

TABLE 1—DATE AND TIME OF UPCOMING WEBINAR

Venue	Date	Time	Instructions
Webinar .....	December 21, 2021 .....	2–4 p.m .....	Link: <a href="https://noaanmfs-meets.webex.com/noaanmfs-meets/j.php?MTID=m62c9fc645e02237b23d3a83349d8c1b8">https://noaanmfs-meets.webex.com/noaanmfs-meets/j.php?MTID=m62c9fc645e02237b23d3a83349d8c1b8</a> . Meeting number: 27634061994. Password: A26xykq3q3a. Join by phone: 1-415-527-5035. Access code: 27634061994.

The public is reminded that NMFS expects participants at the public webinar to conduct themselves appropriately. At the beginning of the webinar, the moderator will explain how the webinar will be conducted and how and when participants can provide comments. NMFS representative(s) will structure the webinar so that all members of the public will be able to comment, if they so choose, regardless of the controversial nature of the subject(s). Participants are expected to respect the ground rules, and those that do not may be asked to leave the webinar.

*Authority:* 16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*

Dated: October 20, 2021.

**Jennifer M. Wallace,**

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#### DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

#### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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#### Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council (MAFMC); Public Meeting

**AGENCY:** National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice; public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council's (MAFMC's) Summer Flounder, Scup, and Black Sea Bass Monitoring Committee will hold a public meeting.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 10, 2021, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. For agenda details, see

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION.**

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held via webinar. Connection information will be posted prior to the meeting on the to the MAFMC's online calendar at <https://www.mafmc.org/council-events>.

*Council address:* Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council, 800 N State Street, Suite 201, Dover, DE 19901; telephone: (302) 674-2331; [www.mafmc.org](http://www.mafmc.org).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Christopher M. Moore, Ph.D., Executive Director, Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council, telephone: (302) 526-5255.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Summer Flounder, Scup, and Black Sea Bass Monitoring Committee will meet to develop recommendations for 2022 federal waters recreational management measures (*i.e.*, possession limits, fish size limits, and open and closed seasons) for all three species.

**Special Accommodations**

The meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Shelley Spedden, (302) 526-5251 at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

*Authority:* 16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*

Dated: October 19, 2021.

**Tracey L. Thompson,**

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

**Patent and Trademark Office**

**Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for Review and Approval; Comment Request; Trademark Post Registration**

The United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) will submit the following information collection request to OMB for review and clearance in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, on or after the date of publication of this notice. The USPTO invites comment on this information collection renewal,

which helps the USPTO assess the impact of its information collection requirements and minimize the public's reporting burden. Public comments were previously requested via the **Federal Register** on May 12, 2021 during a 60-day comment period. This notice allows for an additional 30 days for public comments.

*Agency:* United States Patent and Trademark Office, Department of Commerce.

*Title:* Trademark Post Registration.

*OMB Control Number:* 0651-0055.

*Forms Numbers:*

- PTO Form 1563 (Declaration of Use of Mark in Commerce Under Section 8)
- PTO Form 1573 (Declaration of Incontestability of a Mark Under Section 15)
- PTO Form 1583 (Combined Declaration of Use and Incontestability Under Sections 8 and 15)
- PTO Form 1597 (Section 7 Request)
- PTO Form 1963 (Combined Declaration of Use of Mark in Commerce and Application for Renewal of Registration of a Mark Under Sections 8 and 9)
- PTO Form 2302 (Response to Office Action for Post-Registration Matters)
- PTO Form 2309 (Surrender of Registration for Cancellation)
- PTO Form 2310 (Request to Divide Registration)
- PTO Form 2311 (Section 12(c) Affidavit)

*Type of Review:* Extension and revision of a currently approved information collection.

*Number of Respondents:* 219,694 respondents per year.

*Estimated Time per Response:* The USPTO estimates that it takes the public approximately between 10 minutes (0.17 hours) and 45 minutes (0.75 hours), to complete the information in this information collection. This includes the time to gather the necessary information, prepare the appropriate documents, and submit the completed responses to the USPTO.

*Estimated Total Annual Respondent Burden Hours:* 113,620 hours.

*Estimated Total Annual Non-Hour Cost Burden:* \$89,646,740.

*Needs and Uses:* The USPTO administers the Trademark Act, 15 U.S.C. 1051 *et seq.*, which provides for the Federal registration of trademarks, service marks, collective trademarks and service marks, collective membership marks, and certification marks. Individuals and businesses that use or intend to use such marks in commerce may file an application to register their marks with the USPTO.

This information collection covers various communications submitted by individuals and businesses to the USPTO occurring after registration of a trademark. One type of communication is a request to amend a registration to delete goods or services that are no longer being used by the registrant or registration owner. Registered marks remain on the register for 10 years and can be renewed, but will be cancelled unless the registration owner files with the USPTO a declaration attesting to the continued use (or excusable non-use) of the mark in commerce, and a renewal application, within specific deadlines. Registration owners may also request to amend or divide a registration, respond to a post-registration Office action, and surrender a registration.

*Affected Public:* Private Sector; individuals or households.

*Frequency:* On occasion.

*Respondent's Obligation:* Required to obtain or retain benefits.

This information collection request may be viewed at [www.reginfo.gov](http://www.reginfo.gov). Follow the instructions to view Department of Commerce, USPTO information collections currently under review by OMB.

Written comments and recommendations for this information collection should be submitted within 30 days of the publication of this notice on the following website [www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain](http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain). Find this particular information collection by selecting "Currently under 30-day Review—Open for Public Comments" or by using the search function and entering either the title of the information collection or the OMB Control Number 0651-0055.

Further information can be obtained by:

- *Email:* [InformationCollection@uspto.gov](mailto:InformationCollection@uspto.gov). Include "0651-0055 information request" in the subject line of the message.

- *Mail:* Kimberly Hardy, Office of the Chief Administrative Officer, United States Patent and Trademark Office, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

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