

The Administrative/Budget Committee will discuss Draft Activities for Proposed Use of Administrative Award Carryover Funds and Information on Inflation Reduction Act Funding for the Regional Management Councils and Proposed Activities.

The *Mackerel* Committee will review the Coastal migratory Pelagics Landings and Draft Framework Amendment 14: Modifications to Gulf *Spanish Mackerel* Catch Limits.

At approximately 11:15 a.m., CDT, the Council will reconvene with a Call to Order, Announcements and Introductions, Adoption of Agenda and Approval of Minutes. The Council will receive a presentation Update on the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) on Wind Energy Development in the Gulf of Mexico and an update on NOAA Fisheries Efforts to Incorporate Feedback from Underserved Communities and other Stakeholders into a Southeast Equity and Environmental Justice Implementation Plan.

The Council will hold public comment testimony from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m., CDT for Final Action Items: Comprehensive Amendment Addressing Electronic Reporting for Commercial Vessels and Modifications to Recreational and Commercial Greater Amberjack Management Measures; including, open testimony on other fishery issues or concerns. Public comment may begin earlier than 2 p.m. CDT but will not conclude before that time. Persons wishing to give public testimony in-person must register at the registration kiosk in the meeting room. Persons wishing to give public testimony virtually must sign up via the link on the Council website. Registration for virtual testimony is open at the start of the meeting, Monday, October 23rd at 8 a.m., CDT and closes one hour before public testimony begins on Wednesday, October 25th at 1 p.m. CDT. Public testimony may end before the published agenda time if all registered in-person and virtual participants have completed their testimony.

Thursday, October 26, 2023; 8 a.m.–4:15 p.m., CDT

The Council will receive Committee reports from Data Collection, *Shrimp*, *Closed Session*, *Reef Fish*, *Ecosystem*, Administrative/Budget, and *Mackerel* Management Committees. The Council will receive updates from the following supporting agencies: Florida Law Enforcement Efforts; South Atlantic Fishery Management Council; NOAA Office of Law Enforcement (OLE); Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commission;

U.S. Coast Guard; U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service; and Department of State.

The Council will discuss any Other Business items.

—Meeting Adjourns

The meeting will be a hybrid meeting; both in-person and virtual participation available. You may register for the webinar to listen-in only by visiting www.gulfcouncil.org and click on the Council meeting on the calendar. <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/338329116212545537>.

The timing and order in which agenda items are addressed may change as required to effectively address the issue, and the latest version along with other meeting materials will be posted on the website as they become available.

Although other non-emergency issues not contained in this agenda may come before this group for discussion, in accordance with the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (Magnuson-Stevens Act), those issues may not be the subject of formal action during these meetings. Actions will be restricted to those issues specifically listed in this notice and any issues arising after publication of this notice that require emergency action under Section 305(c) of the Magnuson-Stevens Act, provided that the public has been notified of the Council's intent to take final action to address the emergency.

Special Accommodations

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aid or accommodations should be directed to Kathy Pereira, (813) 348–1630, at least 15 days prior to the meeting date.

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[RTID 0648–XD412]

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 will hold a public webinar to collect input on NOAA Fisheries' Draft Climate Governance Policy.

DATES: The meeting will be held on Monday, October 16, 2023, from 2 p.m. until 4 p.m., EDT. For agenda details, see **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held via webinar. Connection information will be posted prior to the meeting at www.mafmc.org.

Council address: Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council, 800 N State Street, Suite 201, Dover, DE 19901; telephone: (302) 674–2331; 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 Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council (Council) will host a webinar to collect public input on NOAA Fisheries' Draft Climate Governance Policy. Comments provided during the webinar will be compiled for submission to NOAA Fisheries. Instructions for submitting written comments are available at: <https://www.mafmc.org/actions/nmfs-climate-governance-policy>.

In May 2023, NOAA Fisheries released a draft procedural directive titled “Guidance on Council Authority for Preparing Fishery Management Plans for Stocks that May Extend across the Geographic Areas of more than one Council, pursuant to MSA § 304(f)” (also referred to as the “Climate Governance Policy”). Under the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (MSA), each of the eight regional fishery management councils has responsibility for fisheries within specified geographic areas and is required to prepare and submit fishery management plans (FMPs) for fisheries that “require conservation and management.” In situations where a fishery extends beyond the geographic area of any one Council, section 304(f) of the MSA authorizes the Secretary of Commerce to either designate a single Council to prepare an FMP or require two or more Councils to prepare an FMP jointly. The draft policy is intended to provide guidance on when and how the Secretary will review and assign management authority over existing (and potentially new) fisheries found across more than one Council jurisdiction. NOAA Fisheries has stated that additional guidance is needed to

address governance issues associated with climate-related shifts in stock distributions.

Given the Mid-Atlantic Council's shared regional boundaries with two other East coast Councils, as well as the number of Mid-Atlantic stocks that extend beyond the Council region boundaries, this policy has the potential to directly impact a number of Mid-Atlantic Council fishery management plans. The purpose of this webinar is to inform Mid-Atlantic Council stakeholders on the development of this draft policy, and to ensure that Council stakeholders have the opportunity to provide feedback to NOAA Fisheries on this issue.

Additional information, background documents, and instructions for providing written comments will be posted to the Council's website at: <https://www.mafmc.org/actions/nmfs-climate-governance-policy>.

Special Accommodations

The meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aid 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.*

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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New England Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: The New England Fishery Management Council (Council) is scheduling a hybrid meeting of its Scallop Advisory Panel to consider actions affecting New England fisheries in the exclusive economic zone (EEZ). Recommendations from this group will be brought to the full Council for formal consideration and action, if appropriate.

DATES: This meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 1, 2023, at 9 a.m.

ADDRESSES:

Meeting address: This meeting will be held at the Fairfield Inn/Waypoint Event Center, 185 MacArthur Drive, New Bedford, MA 02740, Phone (774) 634-2000.

Webinar URL information: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/6354731240783343452>.

Council address: New England Fishery Management Council, 50 Water Street, Mill 2, Newburyport, MA 01950.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Cate O'Keefe, Ph.D., Executive Director, New England Fishery Management Council; telephone: (978) 465-0492.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Agenda

The Advisory Panel will review Framework Adjustment (FW) 38: Receive an update and provide input on a range of potential access area and DAS allocations for the 2024 and 2025 fishing years. Council staff will update the group on any modifications the Council may make to the scope of this action at the September Council meeting. FW 38 will set specifications including ABC/ACLs, days-at-sea, access area allocations, total allowable landings for the Northern Gulf of Maine (NGOM) management area, targets for General Category incidental catch, General Category access area trips, and set-asides for the observer and research programs for fishing year 2024 and default specifications for fishing year 2025. They also plan to discuss the Northern Edge Framework: Receive an update on progress and review the timeline for this action. They will also develop recommendations for possible 2024 scallop work priorities. Other business will be discussed, if necessary.

Although non-emergency issues not contained on the agenda may come before this Council for discussion, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during this meeting. Council action will be restricted to those issues specifically listed in this notice and any issues arising after publication of this notice that require emergency action under section 305(c) of the Magnuson-Stevens Act, provided the public has been notified of the Council's intent to take final action to address the emergency. The public also should be aware that the meeting will be recorded. Consistent with 16 U.S.C. 1852, a copy of the recording is available upon request.

Special Accommodations

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Cate

O'Keefe, Ph.D., Executive Director, at (978) 465-0492, at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[RTID 0648-XD383]

Endangered Species; File No. 27686

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

ACTION: Notice; receipt of application and conservation plan for renewal of an incidental take permit.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the Hudson River Sloop Clearwater, Incorporated (hereinafter 'Clearwater') has applied in due form to renew a permit pursuant to the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (ESA). The renewal permit application is for the incidental take of Atlantic sturgeon (*Acipenser oxyrinchus oxyrinchus*) and shortnose sturgeon (*A. brevirostrum*) associated with the otherwise lawful environmental education program conducted on the Hudson River, New York. The education program uses small otter trawls and beach seines to collect fish and invertebrate specimens that are held onboard the vessels for educational purposes. The duration of the proposed permit is 10 years. NMFS is providing this notice in order to allow other agencies and the public an opportunity to review and comment on the application materials. All comments received will become part of the public record and will be available for review.

DATES: Written comments must be received at the appropriate address or fax number (see **ADDRESSES**) on or before October 30, 2023.

ADDRESSES: The application is available for download and review at <https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/national/endangered-species-conservation/incidental-take-permits> and at <https://www.regulations.gov>. The application is also available upon request (see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**).

You may submit comments on this document, identified by NOAA-NMFS-