

Standard Time (HST) (11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Samoa Standard Time (SST); 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. on January 22–24, 2025, Chamorro Standard Time (ChST)). Opportunities to present oral public comment will be provided on the agenda. The order of the agenda may change, and will be announced in advance at the meeting. The meeting may run past the scheduled times noted above to complete scheduled business.

Agenda for the Archipelagic Plan Team Meeting

Tuesday, January 21, 2025, 12 Noon to 5 p.m. Hawaii Standard Time (HST) (11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Samoa Standard Time (SST); 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. on January 22–24, 2025, Chamorro Standard Time (ChST)).

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Report on 2024 Plan Team Recommendations and Work Items
- A. Fishery Performance Work Items
 - i. American Samoa
 - a. Creel Survey Data Evaluation
 - b. Species-Specific Catch Reporting and Annual Catch Limit Tracking
 - c. Available Fish Aggregating Device Program Data
 - ii. Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI)
 - a. Commercial Data Update
 - iii. Guam
 - a. Impact of Weather and Military Closures on Fishing Effort
 - iv. Hawaii
 - a. Bottomfish Management Unit Species (MUS) Aggregation
 - b. Bottomfish Prevalence at United Fishing Agency
 - v. Pelagics
 - a. Socioeconomic Observer Data Collection
 - b. Life History Module
 - vi. Commercial Fishery Data
 - a. Low Territorial Commercial Reporting
 - b. Discrepancies in Commercial Data Streams
 - vii. Oceanic and Ecosystem Indicators
 - a. Brainstorm of New Recruitment Indices
 - b. Tula Observatory Data
 - c. Data Integration/Fishery-Ecosystem Relationships
 - viii. Online Portal Review
 - B. Public Comment on Day 1 Agenda Items

Wednesday, January 22, 2025, 12 p.m. to 5 p.m. Hawaii Standard Time (HST) (11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Samoa Standard Time (SST); 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. on January 22–24, 2025, Chamorro Standard Time (ChST)).

C. Ecosystem Component Species (ECS) Management

- i. Presentation on How to Manage ECS

- ii. Examples from other Councils
- iii. Ecosystem Objectives
- iv. How to promote back an MUS
- v. General Council Pacific Islands Perspective
3. Non-Commercial Fishery Performance
 - a. Pelagic Territorial Non-commercial Module
 - b. Marine Recreational Information Program (MRIP) Presentation on Nature of MRIP Surveys and Hawaii Marine Recreational Fisheries Survey
 - c. A new Approach to the Hawaii MUS Non-commercial Module
 - d. Discussion on Hawaii Non-Commercial Module stemming from December Scientific and Statistical Committee Meeting
 - e. Including Uku Non-Commercial Catch
4. Public Comment on Day 2 Agenda Items

Thursday, January 23, 2025, 12 p.m. to 5 p.m. Hawaii Standard Time (HST) (11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Samoa Standard Time (SST); 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. on January 22–24, 2025, Chamorro Standard Time (ChST)).

5. Annual Stock Assessment and Fishery Evaluation Report Revamp Status Update
6. Council Actions
 - a. Tier 6 Acceptable Biological Catch Control Rule
 - b. American Samoa Bottomfish MUS Revision Updates
 - c. ACL Specifications
1. CNMI Bottomfish
2. Main Hawaiian Islands (MHI) Uku
3. MHI Kona Crab
4. MHI Deepwater Shrimp and Precious Corals
 - d. Pelagic Action Updates and Discussion
1. Electronic Monitoring
2. Crew Training
3. North Pacific Striped Marlin
7. Other Business
8. Public Comment on Day 3 Agenda Items
9. Discussion and Recommendations

Special Accommodations

These meetings are accessible to people with disabilities. Please direct requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids to Kitty M. Simonds (see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section above) at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

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

Dated: December 23, 2024.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Fisheries of the Gulf of Mexico; Southeast Data, Assessment, and Review (SEDAR); Public Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice of SEDAR 98 Post-Data Workshop Webinar for Gulf of Mexico Red Snapper.

SUMMARY: The SEDAR 98 assessment process of Gulf of Mexico red snapper will consist of a Data Workshop, and a series of assessment webinars, and a Review Workshop. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

DATES: The SEDAR 98 Post-Data Workshop webinar will be held Tuesday, January 14, 2025, from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., Eastern Time.

ADDRESSES:

Meeting address: The meeting will be held via webinar. The webinar is open to members of the public. Those interested in participating should contact Julie A. Neer at SEDAR (see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**) to request an invitation providing webinar access information. Please request webinar invitations at least 24 hours in advance of each webinar.

SEDAR address: 4055 Faber Place Drive, Suite 201, North Charleston, SC 29405.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Julie A. Neer, SEDAR Coordinator; (843) 571–4366; email: Julie.neer@safmc.net.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Gulf of Mexico, South Atlantic, and Caribbean Fishery Management Councils, in conjunction with NOAA Fisheries and the Atlantic and Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commissions have implemented the Southeast Data, Assessment and Review (SEDAR) process, a multi-step method for determining the status of fish stocks in the Southeast Region. SEDAR is a multi-step process including: (1) Data Workshop, (2) a series of assessment webinars, and (3) A Review Workshop. The product of the Data Workshop is a report that compiles and evaluates potential datasets and recommends which datasets are appropriate for assessment analyses. The assessment webinars produce a report that describes the fisheries, evaluates the status of the stock, estimates biological benchmarks, projects future population conditions,

and recommends research and monitoring needs. The product of the Review Workshop is an Assessment Summary documenting panel opinions regarding the strengths and weaknesses of the stock assessment and input data. Participants for SEDAR Workshops are appointed by the Gulf of Mexico, South Atlantic, and Caribbean Fishery Management Councils and NOAA Fisheries Southeast Regional Office, HMS Management Division, and Southeast Fisheries Science Center. Participants include data collectors and database managers; stock assessment scientists, biologists, and researchers; constituency representatives including fishermen, environmentalists, and NGO's; International experts; and staff of Councils, Commissions, and state and federal agencies.

The items of discussion during the Post-Data Workshop webinar are as follows:

Participants will review additional information and data analysis on outstanding data issues and make final recommendations.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in this agenda may come before this group for discussion, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during this meeting. Action will be restricted to those issues specifically identified in this notice and any issues arising after publication of this notice that require emergency action under section 305(c) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, provided the public has been notified of the intent to take final action to address the emergency.

Special Accommodations

The meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to the Council office (see **ADDRESSES**) at least 5 business days prior to each workshop.

Note: The times and sequence specified in this agenda are subject to change.

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

Dated: December 20, 2024.

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Acting Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Notice of Availability of Draft Environmental Assessment on the Effects of NOAA's National Marine Fisheries Service, Office of Protected Resources Coordination and Continued Operation of the Sea Turtle Stranding and Salvage Network

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

ACTION: Notice; availability of a draft environmental assessment; request for comments.

SUMMARY: NMFS announces the availability of the draft Environmental Assessment (EA) on NMFS Office of Protected Resources' (OPR) role coordinating the Sea Turtle Stranding and Salvage Network (STSSN). The STSSN responds to and documents sick, injured, and dead sea turtles that are found in coastal areas under U.S. jurisdiction along the Atlantic Ocean and Gulf of Mexico, and U.S. Caribbean Territories. Although the STSSN has been in operation for several decades, the National Coordination role formally shifted to the OPR in 2022, which prompted an evaluation of STSSN operations and development of a formal Operating Procedures Handbook, which are subject to National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) review. NMFS is requesting comments on the draft EA.

DATES: Written comments must be received (see **ADDRESSES**) on or before January 29, 2025.

ADDRESSES: The EA is available for download and review at <https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/national/marine-life-distress/sea-turtle-stranding-and-salvage-network> under the section heading Sea Turtle Stranding and Salvage Network Operations. The draft EA is also available upon written request (see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**).

You may submit comments on this document, identified by NOAA-NMFS-2024-0148, by the following method:

- **Electronic Submission:** Submit all electronic public comments via the Federal e-Rulemaking Portal. Go to <https://www.regulations.gov> and enter NOAA-NMFS-2024-0148 in the Search box. Click on the "Comment" icon, complete the required fields, and enter or attach your comments.

Instructions: Comments sent by any other method, to any other address or

individual, or received after the end of the comment period, may not be considered by NMFS. All comments received are a part of the public record and will generally be posted for public viewing on <https://www.regulations.gov> without change. All personal identifying information (*e.g.*, name, address, *etc.*), confidential business information, or otherwise sensitive information submitted voluntarily by the sender will be publicly accessible. NMFS will accept anonymous comments (enter "N/A" in the required fields if you wish to remain anonymous).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sara Wissmann, NMFS, Office of Protected Resources at sara.wissmann@noaa.gov, 301-427-8402; Wendy Piniak, NMFS, Office of Protected Resources at wendy.piniak@noaa.gov, 301-427-8402.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Publication of this notice begins the official public comment period for this draft EA. Per the NEPA, the purpose of the draft EA is to evaluate the potential direct, indirect, and cumulative impacts caused by continued operation of the STSSN under the coordination of the NMFS, OPR using the 2024 STSSN Operating Procedures Handbook.

Section 9 of the Endangered Species Act (ESA) and Federal regulations prohibit the 'taking' of a species listed as endangered or threatened. The ESA defines "take" to mean harass, harm, pursue, hunt, shoot, wound, kill, trap, capture, or collect, or to attempt to engage in any such conduct. Section 4(f) of the ESA (16 U.S.C. 1531-1544) provides for the creation of Recovery Plans for endangered and threatened species and provides NMFS and US Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) with authority "to procure the services of appropriate public and private agencies and institutions and other qualified persons" in order to implement those plans. To advance the conservation and recovery of listed sea turtles, each recovery plan developed jointly by the NMFS and USFWS identifies and highlights the need to maintain an active stranding network.

Species Covered in This Notice

The following species are included in the EA: North Atlantic and South Atlantic Distinct Population Segments of green (*Chelonia mydas*), Kemp's ridley (*Lepidochelys kempii*), hawksbill (*Eretmochelys imbricata*), leatherback (*Dermochelys coriacea*), and Northwest Atlantic Ocean DPS of loggerhead (*Caretta caretta*) sea turtles.

Background

The draft EA analyzes the continued operation of the STSSN under the