

mission, “To understand and predict changes in climate, weather, oceans, and coasts, to share that knowledge and information with others, and to conserve and manage coastal and marine ecosystems and resources.” The Proposed Action is needed to implement the S–K Act and funding program to build and maintain sustainable fisheries, optimize economic benefits, and increase other opportunities to keep working waterfronts viable.

Types of projects funded by the S–K Program include, but are not limited to, (1) seafood promotion and marketing; (2) research and monitoring; (3) gear testing, bycatch reduction, and processing studies; (4) aquaculture; (5) socioeconomic research; and (6) outreach, education, and planning.

Alternatives

The Draft PEIS considers two alternatives: (1) A No Action Alternative, and (2) the proposed action, which NOAA is referring to as the Promotion, Marketing, Research and Development Alternative (Preferred Alternative). Under the No Action Alternative, the S–K Program would not fund projects that address the needs of fishing communities, optimize economic benefits by building and maintaining sustainable fisheries, and increase other opportunities to keep working waterfronts viable. The No Action Alternative serves as a baseline against which the impacts of the Preferred Alternative are compared. Implementation of the Preferred Alternative would allow for the funding of actions through federal financial assistance for all possible types of projects that meet the intent of the Saltonstall-Kennedy Act and the needs of U.S. fishing communities, consistent with the scope of the S–K Program. This alternative would provide the S–K Program with flexibility in choosing priorities each year while also considering the funding environment.

Draft PEIS Process

This notice initiates a public comment period for the Draft PEIS. Please review the information in this notice and additional information about the S–K Program, located on the NOAA S–K Program website (see the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section above). NOAA is particularly interested in receiving comments regarding biological, cultural, or ecological issues that the analysis should address. We also encourage comments that assist us in further delineating the proposed project, its potential to affect the human environment, means for avoiding,

minimizing, or mitigating those effects, and other issues of public concern. To promote informed decision-making, we especially encourage commenters to submit any scientific data, studies, or research that you feel is relevant to the analysis.

To facilitate the public and agency involvement in the PEIS process, NOAA will hold three virtual public meetings during the 45-day Draft PEIS public comment period. The meetings will be virtual in format. The meetings will solicit input from the public and interested public agencies regarding the environmental impacts analyzed in the Draft PEIS. Three virtual public meetings (in webinar format only) will be held in each of three regions, as follows:

- Eastern and Gulf of Mexico Region (includes Atlantic States, Gulf of Mexico States, U.S. Virgin Islands, and Puerto Rico)—May 3, 2022
 - 12:00 p.m.–3:00 p.m. Central Daylight Time (CDT)
 - 1:00 p.m.–4:00 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time (EDT)
- Western Region (includes Pacific States, Idaho, Alaska)—May 4, 2022
 - 10:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m. Pacific Daylight Time (PDT)
 - 9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. Alaska Daylight Time (AKDT)
- Western Pacific Region (includes Hawaii and Pacific Territories)—May 5, 2022
 - May 5, 2022, 1:00 p.m.–4:00 p.m. Hawaii-Aleutian Standard Time (HST)
 - May 6, 2022, 9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. Chamorro Standard Time (CHST)

Use the webinar links and dial-in information below to join each of the public scoping meetings:

- Eastern and Gulf of Mexico Region:
 - Webinar Link: <https://kearnsandwest.webex.com/kearnsandwest/j.php?MTID=ma03971dfae8c6b633729b0999b548449>
 - Access Code: 2498 400 6694
 - Dial-in Information: 1–844–621–3956 (US Toll Free) +1–415–655–0001 (US Toll)
- Western Region:
 - Webinar Link: <https://kearnsandwest.webex.com/kearnsandwest/j.php?MTID=m27121be3b23b64dd86e686176c472cc2>
 - Access Code: 2496 674 8493
 - Dial-in Information: 1–844–621–3956 (US Toll Free) +1–415–655–0001 (US Toll)
- Western Pacific Region:
 - Webinar Link: <https://kearnsandwest.webex.com/kearnsandwest/j.php?>

MTID=m96385ca30659a7d4df14ea3d29379680

- Access Code: 2487 332 4826
- Dial-in Information: 1–844–621–3956 (US Toll Free) +1–415–655–0001 (US Toll)

Participants are encouraged to download the Webex Meetings app ahead of the meetings, using this link: <https://www.webex.com/downloads.html>. Then use the meeting link above to join a public meeting at the appropriate time. You may also participate by phone toll-free by calling 1–844–621–3956 (US Toll Free) or +1–415–655–0001 (US Toll), then entering the Access Code above when prompted.

After the comment period closes, NOAA will review and consider all comments received during the comment period and any other relevant information when developing the Final PEIS. Upon completion of the Final PEIS, a document announcing its availability will be published in the **Federal Register**.

Authority: This PEIS is being prepared under the authority of, and in accordance with, the requirements of NEPA, implementing regulations published by the Council on Environmental Quality (40 CFR 1500–1508), other applicable regulations, and NOAA’s policies and procedures for compliance with those regulations.

Dated: April 18, 2022.

Daniel A. Namur,

Director of the NMFS Financial Assistance Division, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Fisheries of the South Atlantic; South Atlantic Fishery Management Council; Public Meetings

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

ACTION: Notice of a public meeting.

SUMMARY: The South Atlantic Fishery Management Council (Council) will hold a meeting of its Citizen Science Operations Committee via webinar May 12, 2022.

DATES: The meeting will be held on Thursday, May 12, 2022, from 1 p.m. until 4 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held via webinar. The webinar is open to members of the public. Those interested in participating should contact Julia Byrd (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. There will be an opportunity for public comment at the beginning of the meeting.

Council address: South Atlantic Fishery Management Council, 4055 Faber Place Drive, Suite 201, N. Charleston, SC 29405.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Julia Byrd, Citizen Science Program Manager, SAFMC; phone: (843) 302-8439 or toll free: (866) SAFMC-10; fax: (843) 769-4520; email: julia.byrd@safmc.net.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Citizen Science Operations Committee serves as advisors to the Council's Citizen Science Program. Committee members include representatives from the Council's Citizen Science Advisory Panel, NOAA Fisheries' Southeast Regional Office, NOAA Fisheries' Southeast Fisheries Science Center, and the Council's Science and Statistical Committee. Their responsibilities include developing programmatic recommendations, reviewing policies, providing program direction/multi-partner support, identifying citizen science research needs, and providing general advice.

Agenda items include: Review of the Council's Citizen Science Program initial evaluation plan, including discussing interview findings and reviewing draft survey questions; the citizen science research priority process; a Citizen Science Program Update; and other business.

Special Accommodations

The meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for auxiliary aids should be directed to the Council office (see **ADDRESSES**) 5 days prior to the meeting.

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

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

Dated: April 19, 2022.

Tracey L. Thompson,

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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Marine Fisheries Advisory Committee Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice of open public meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice sets forth the proposed schedule and agenda of a forthcoming meeting of the Marine Fisheries Advisory Committee (MAFAC). The members will discuss and provide advice on issues outlined under **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** below.

DATES: The meeting will be held May 10 and 11, 2022, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., and May 12, from 8:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Sheraton Old San Juan Hotel, 100 Brumbaugh Street, San Juan, Puerto Rico 00901; 787-721-5100.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Heidi Lovett, MAFAC Assistant Director; 301-427-8034; email: Heidi.Lovett@noaa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: As required by section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. 2, notice is hereby given of a meeting of MAFAC. The MAFAC was established by the Secretary of Commerce (Secretary), and, since 1971, advises the Secretary on all living marine resource matters that are the responsibility of the Department of Commerce. The complete charter and summaries of prior meetings are located online at <https://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/ocs/mafac/>.

Matters To Be Considered

This meeting time and agenda are subject to change.

The meeting is convened to hear presentations and updates and to discuss policies and guidance on the following topics: NOAA and NMFS priorities; national seafood strategy; aquaculture development; the NOAA Climate, Ecosystems, and Fisheries Initiative; offshore wind development and survey mitigation; and budget outlook. MAFAC will receive a report from its Recreational Electronic Reporting Task Force and an overview of outcomes from the recent National Saltwater Recreational Fisheries Summit. MAFAC will discuss various administrative and organizational

matters, and meetings of subcommittees and working groups will be convened.

Special Accommodations

The meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Heidi Lovett; 301-427-8034 by April 29, 2022.

Dated: April 18, 2022.

Jennifer Lukens,

Director for the Office of Policy, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Technical Information Service

National Technical Information Service Advisory Board

AGENCY: National Technical Information Service.

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the next meeting of the National Technical Information Service (NTIS) Advisory Board (the Advisory Board).

DATES: The Advisory Board will meet on Monday, June 6, 2022 from 1:00 p.m. to approximately 4:30 p.m., Eastern Time, via teleconference.

ADDRESSES: The Advisory Board meeting will be via teleconference. Please note attendance instructions under the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of this notice.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Elizabeth Shaw, (703) 605-6136, eshaw@ntis.gov or Steven Holland at sholland@ntis.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Advisory Board is established by Section 3704b(c) of Title 15 of the United States Code. The charter has been filed in accordance with the requirements of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended (5 U.S.C. App.). The Advisory Board reviews and makes recommendations to improve NTIS programs, operations, and general policies in support of NTIS' mission to advance Federal data priorities, promote economic growth, and enable operational excellence by providing innovative data services to Federal agencies through joint venture partnerships with the private sector.

The meeting will focus on a review of the progress NTIS has made in implementing its data mission and strategic direction. A final agenda and summary of the proceedings will be