

such properties. The term includes properties of traditional religious and cultural importance to an Indian tribe or Native Hawaiian organization and that meet the National Register criteria.”

The NHPA requires that Federal decision makers consider historic properties during project planning. Section 106 of the NHPA requires agencies to take into account the effects of such undertakings they carry out, assist, fund, or permit on historic properties. NEPA mandates that Federal agencies assess a proposed Federal action’s environmental impacts, including impacts on historic and cultural resources. As part of section 106 consultation, it is the agency’s responsibility to provide consulting parties a reasonable opportunity to identify their concerns about historic properties, advise on the identification and evaluation of historic properties, including those of traditional religious and cultural importance, articulate their views on the undertaking’s effects on such properties, and participate in the resolution of any adverse effects (if identified).

The following parties may have consultative roles in the section 106 process: State historic preservation officer, Native Hawaiian organizations, the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, representatives of local government, and additional consulting parties. Certain individuals and organizations may also participate as consulting parties due to the nature of their legal or economic relation to the undertaking or affected properties, or their concern with the action’s effects on historic properties. As part of this public scoping process, NOAA seeks public input on potential effects on historic properties in the area of potential effects (the entire Monument area). NOAA will invite consulting party participation via letters of invitation.

VIII. Public Scoping Process

With this notice, NOAA is initiating a public scoping process to gather input from individuals, organizations, Native Hawaiian Organizations, and Federal, State, and local agencies on the proposed sanctuary designation. NOAA intends to use this process to determine the scope and significant issues to be analyzed in depth in the DEIS, with consideration of the scoping factors and responsibilities provided in 40 CFR 1501.9. NOAA specifically request comments on the following topics, including the identification of potential alternatives, information, and analyses relevant to the proposed action:

- The proposed designation of marine waters of the Monument as a national marine sanctuary, including the spatial extent of the proposed sanctuary and boundary alternatives NOAA should consider;

- the location, nature, and value of resources that would be protected by a sanctuary;

- management measures for the sanctuary and any additional regulations that should be added under the NMSA authority to protect Monument resources;

- the potential socioeconomic, cultural, and biological impacts of sanctuary designation;

- information regarding historic properties in the entire Monument area and the potential effects to those historic properties to support National Historic Preservation Act compliance under section 106; and

- other information relevant to the designation and management of a national marine sanctuary.

Comments may be submitted to NOAA by *January 31, 2022* using the methods described above in **ADDRESSES**. NOAA will host public scoping meetings during the public comment period, as described above under **DATES**.

Authority: 16 U.S.C. 1431 *et seq.*; 42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*; 40 CFR 1500–1508 (NEPA Implementing Regulations); Companion Manual for NOAA Administrative Order 216–6A;

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Director, Office of National Marine Sanctuaries, National Ocean Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council (MAFMC); Public Meetings

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

ACTION: Notice of public meetings.

SUMMARY: The Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council (Council) will hold public meetings of the Council and its Executive Committee, including joint sessions with the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission’s Bluefish and Summer Flounder, Scup, and Black Sea Bass Boards.

DATES: The meetings will be held Monday, December 13, 2021 through Thursday, December 16, 2021. For agenda details, see **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

ADDRESSES: This meeting will be conducted in a hybrid format, with options for both in person and webinar participation. The meeting will be held at the Westin Annapolis, 100 Westgate Circle, Annapolis, MD 21401, telephone: (410) 972–4300. Webinar registration details will be available on the Council’s website at <https://www.mafmc.org/briefing/december-2021>.

Council address: Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council, 800 N State St., 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. The Council’s website, www.mafmc.org also has details on the meeting location, proposed agenda, webinar listen-in access, and briefing materials.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The following items are on the agenda, although agenda items may be addressed out of order (changes will be noted on the Council’s website when possible.)

Monday, December 13, 2021

Executive Committee (Closed Session)

Ricks E Savage Award

Wind Updates

Consider revisions to the Council’s policy on offshore wind energy develop

Updates from the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management

Update on Kitty Hawk Wind Project (Rick Robbins)

Update from US Wind

Omega Net Mesh Measurement Gauge

(Spencer Talmage, Greater Atlantic Regional Fisheries OfficeLCDR Matthew Kahley, USCG)

Presentation on the current status of the rulemaking process regarding the use of this device

Council Meeting With the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission’s Bluefish Board

2022–23 Bluefish Recreational Measures

Review Monitoring Committee recommendations

Adopt recommendations for 2022–23 federal waters recreational management measures

Tuesday, December 14, 2021

Council Meeting With the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission's Summer Flounder, Scup, and Black Sea Bass Board

Ecosystem Approach to Fisheries Management (EAFM) Recreational Summer Flounder Management Strategy Evaluation (MSE)

Review outcomes and recommendations from November 8–9 core stakeholder group workshop

Update on project timeline and tasks

2022 Summer Flounder Recreational Measures

Review Advisory Panel and Monitoring Committee recommendations

Recommend conservation equivalency or coastwide management and associated measures for 2022

2022 Scup Recreational Measures

Review Advisory Panel and Monitoring Committee recommendations

Recommend 2022 recreational management measures for federal waters

2022 Black Sea Bass Recreational Measures

Review Advisory Panel and Monitoring Committee recommendations

Recommend conservation equivalency or coastwide management and associated measures for 2022

Final Action on Summer Flounder, Scup, and Black Sea Bass Commercial/Recreational Allocation Amendment

Review alternatives
Review staff recommendations
Consider final action

Wednesday, December 15, 2021

Biennial Review of 2020–24 Research Priorities Document

Review proposed research priority changes and Research Steering Committee recommendations

Approved updated research priorities document

Surfclam and Ocean Quahog Species Separation Requirements

Review white paper and identify next steps

Climate Change Scenario Planning

Summary of scoping input and update on next steps

Ocean City, Maryland Video Project

Update on data collection and next Habitat Activities

Update from Greater Atlantic Regional Fisheries Office Habitat Conservation Division on activities

of interest (aquaculture, other projects) in the region

Sea Turtle Bycatch in Trawl Fisheries

(Carrie Upton, Greater Atlantic Regional Fisheries Office, Sea Turtle Recovery Coordinator)

GARFO presentation on outreach process for development of bycatch reduction measures to reduce takes of sea turtles in trawl fisheries

Acknowledgements and Awards

Thursday, December 16, 2021

2022 Implementation Plan

Review and approve 2022

Implementation Plan

Business Session

Committee Reports (SSC, Research Steering Committee, Executive Committee); Executive Director's Report; Organization Reports; and Liaison Reports

Other Business and General Public Comment

Although 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 identified in this notice and any issues arising after publication of this notice that require emergency action under section 305(c).

Special Accommodations

These meetings are 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.*

Dated: November 16, 2021.

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**

Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for Review and Approval; Comment Request; Recreational Angler Survey of Sea Turtle Interactions

The Department of Commerce will submit the following information

collection request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and clearance in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, on or after the date of publication of this notice. We invite the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on proposed, and continuing information collections, which helps us assess the impact of our information collection requirements and minimize the public's reporting burden. Public comments were previously requested via the **Federal Register** on August 19, 2021 during a 60-day comment period. This notice allows for an additional 30 days for public comments.

Agency: National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

Title: Recreational Angler Survey of Sea Turtle Interactions.

OMB Control Number: 0648–0774.

Form Number(s): None.

Type of Request: Regular (extension of a current information collection).

Number of Respondents: 20,000.

Average Time per Response: 10 minutes for the Angler Intercept Survey, 5 minutes for the Sea Turtle Incidental Capture Form.

Total Annual Burden Hours: 1,153 hours.

Needs and Uses: NOAA's National Marine Fisheries Service (NOAA Fisheries) proposes to extend a current information collection designed to assess the extent of hook and line interactions between recreational anglers on piers and other shore-based fishing locations and sea turtles. The collection comprises an Angler Intercept Survey, a Fishing Site Characterization Form, a Survey Cover Sheet, and a Sea Turtle Incidental Capture Form. The Angler Intercept Survey will be verbally administered on piers and shore-based fishing locations within NOAA Fisheries Greater Atlantic Region and Southeast Region, and will be administered to approximately 20,000 individual recreational fishermen. The respondents will be verbally asked a series of questions about their fishing practices and observations of sea turtles and the interviewer will record their answers. The survey will also assess the feasibility of an intercept survey for this purpose in terms of response rates and data collection. The Fishing Site Characterization Form will be completed by the survey administrator at each fishing location and collects information on the structure and operation of the pier or shore-based fishing location. The Site Characterization Sheet will be completed by the survey administrator during each survey period and collects