

*Council address:* Pacific Fishery Management Council, 7700 NE Ambassador Place, Suite 101, Portland, OR 97220-1384.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jessi Waller, Pacific Council; telephone: (503) 820-2415.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Periodic reviews of catch shares program are required by the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act. The Pacific Council initiated its second review of the trawl catch share program in 2022 and is scheduled to receive a preliminary draft of the review document in September 2025. The three hearings will provide a general briefing on the state of the catch share program since the last review completed in 2017 and provide an opportunity for stakeholder feedback on how the program is performing.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in the meeting agenda may be discussed, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during this meeting. Action will be restricted to those issues specifically listed in this document and any issues arising after publication of this document 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

Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Mr. Kris Kleinschmidt ([kris.kleinschmidt@pcouncil.org](mailto:kris.kleinschmidt@pcouncil.org); (503) 820-2412) at least 10 days prior to the meeting date.

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

Dated: June 24, 2025.

**Rey Israel Marquez,**

*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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#### South Atlantic Fishery Management Council (Council); Public Meetings

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

**ACTION:** Notice of the South Atlantic Fishery Management Council's Habitat and Ecosystem Advisory Panel Meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Council will hold a meeting of the Habitat and Ecosystem Advisory Panel Tuesday, July 15, 2025 through Thursday, July 17, 2025.

**DATES:** The Habitat and Ecosystem Advisory Panel (AP) meeting will be held July 15, 2025, from 1 p.m. until 5 p.m.; July 16, 2025, from 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m.; and July 17, 2025, from 8:30 a.m. until 1 p.m., EDT.

#### ADDRESSES:

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

*Meeting Address:* The meeting will be held at the Doubletree by Hilton North Charleston Convention Center, 5264 International Blvd., North Charleston, SC 29418. 843-576-0300.

The meeting will also be available via webinar. Registration is required. Webinar registration, an online public comment form, and briefing book materials will be available two weeks prior to the meeting at: <https://safmnc.net/advisory-panel-meetings/>.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Kathleen Howington, Habitat and Ecosystem Scientist, [Kathleen.howington@safmnc.net](mailto:Kathleen.howington@safmnc.net); phone: (843) 725-7580.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Habitat and Ecosystem AP will discuss the revisions to the Council's Alterations to Riverine, Estuarine and Nearshore Flows Policy and the Food Webs and Connectivity Policy. The AP will also discuss the impact of activities related to space exploration off the Florida coast on habitat. The AP will receive their annual summary of projects that were commented on by the Habitat Conservation Division of NOAA and a summary from the National Centers for Coastal Ocean Science on Beneficial Use projects and their impacts on habitat. AP members will receive a presentation on fish mortality that occurred within the vicinity of Coastal Virginia Offshore Wind construction as well as a presentation on the habitat impacts of telecommunication subsea fiber cables to inform the AP of potential impacts future wind energy development may have on the surrounding South Atlantic habitat. The AP will receive an update on the Council's Resilient Fisheries Projects and Changing Ecosystems and Fisheries projects, review the Habitat and Ecosystem AP outreach and communication plan, the AP work plan, and discuss an approach for the next

Essential Fish Habitat 5-year review. The AP will provide recommendations to the Council on other topics as needed.

### Special Accommodations

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for auxiliary aid should be directed to the Council office (see **ADDRESSES**) five (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: June 24, 2025

**Rey Israel Marquez,**

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

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

#### Transforming In Situ Global Ocean Observing Systems Through Public-Private Partnerships

**AGENCY:** National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Office of Oceanic and Atmospheric Research (OAR), Department of Commerce (DOC).

**ACTION:** Notice; request for information (RFI).

**SUMMARY:** NOAA recognizes the pivotal roles of academia and industry in driving competition, innovation, and efficiency through strategic public-private partnerships. This RFI is soliciting information from organizations across these various sectors to assess interest and capability for adopting the long-term operation and sustainment of mature global observing systems—or elements of these observing systems (*e.g.*, deployments, data management, etc.). This RFI is for informational purposes only and does not constitute a request for proposals or solicitation for a contract or grant award, nor does it obligate the Government in any way. The Government will not reimburse respondents for any costs associated with responding to this request.

**DATES:** Responses must be received on or before July 31st.

**ADDRESSES:** Interested parties are requested to submit capability statements describing their qualifications, expertise, products, and data delivery methods addressing one or

more of the mature observing systems listed below. Submit via email to Katelyn Robinson ([katelyn.robinson@noaa.gov](mailto:katelyn.robinson@noaa.gov)) and Jessica Snowden ([jessica.snowden@noaa.gov](mailto:jessica.snowden@noaa.gov)). Include “Transforming In Situ Global Ocean Observing Systems through Public-Private Partnerships” in the subject line of the message. Please include the following key elements:

**Organization Information:**

**A. Contact Information:** Key points of contact within the company, such as the primary contact person’s name, title, email, and phone number.

**B. Past Performance:** Examples of previous work, including successful projects, notable clients/funding bodies, and relevant contracts or partnerships. Include descriptions of the following:

1. Organizational history—a description of your organization’s primary products, services, and specialized skills relevant to ocean observing systems. Include what sets your organization apart from other companies, such as unique strengths, specialized technologies, methodologies, or service excellence in the ocean observing domain.
2. Resources—provide your past 3 years of contracts or grants, revenue streams, funding, etc.
3. Affiliations.
4. Markets/users/stakeholders being served—as relevant.
5. Other information that demonstrates the viability to provide sustainable operations and data services (e.g., NOAA Readiness Level; <https://orta.research.noaa.gov/support/readiness-levels/>).

**Capability Information:**

For each ocean observing system or component you’re interested in responding, please include the following key elements:

- Potential cost, efficiency gains, or enhanced data quality your solutions can offer;
- Any intellectual property or data ownership/availability considerations;
- Estimated cost of either the entire system, or individual components (such as oceanographic deployment, manufacturing, ocean data management etc.) to be managed.

Collaboration between the private and public sector and academia is encouraged.

Responses shall be limited to 10 pages, including a one-page executive summary, supporting appendices, title page(s), tables, graphics, images, and figures. Each page should be formatted to fit an 8.5 by 11-inch document, with content area not exceeding 6.5 by 9 inches. Use a 12-point proportional font aligned to the left. Information must be

submitted in Microsoft Word DOCX or Adobe Acrobat PDF format.

RFI responses must be received via email by the addresses provided below no later than 11:59 p.m. Eastern Standard Time on Thursday, July 31, 2025. Late submissions will not be considered. The Government is not obligated to review responses received after the deadline.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Katelyn Robinson; Phone Number: 301–734–1178; Email: [katelyn.robinson@noaa.gov](mailto:katelyn.robinson@noaa.gov); Jessica Snowden; Phone Number: 301–427–2465; Email: [jessica.snowden@noaa.gov](mailto:jessica.snowden@noaa.gov) or visit the GOMO website at <https://globalocean.noaa.gov/>.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**I. Background**

The Global Ocean Monitoring and Observing (GOMO) Program is the U.S. Federal source and international leader for sustained, in situ global ocean observations and information in support of research, monitoring, and prediction. Ocean observations are used in environmental prediction models that help us understand our dynamic ocean and its impact on the environment. Growing recognition of the ocean’s importance for environmental prediction, maritime safety and navigation, coastal planning, farming, and the blue economy is driving demand for sustained ocean observing systems across all ocean basins. Overall, GOMO works to build a resilient, innovative, and fully integrated ocean observing system that benefits scientific research, fosters environmental stewardship, and serves the Nation and society.

In order to meet its Mission and Vision, GOMO seeks to optimize its portfolio of ocean observing capabilities. Here, we issue a General RFI to gain actionable information from the commercial and academic sectors on the potential for improved ocean observing frameworks achieved through private sector firms and/or collaborative public-private partnerships.

**II. Scope of Information Requested**

The scope of the RFI will cover GOMO’s mature observing systems. Key considerations on whether to transition activities to the private sector include: (1) the readiness and capacity of private sector firms to offer competitive alternatives or public-private partnerships to meet observing system needs and requirements; and assume components of observing system life-cycle responsibilities; (2) the potential for diversification, lower overall costs,

or improved efficiencies/reliability/risk management; and (3) best practices and lessons learned from the NOAA operational observing community and other entities.

**III. The Mature Observing Systems**

A mature ocean observing system in GOMO’s portfolio is a sustained system that consistently delivers known-quality and FAIR (Findable, Accessible, Interoperable, and Reusable) data, meeting user requirements with proven operational stability. It operates with established standards and protocols, sustainable resources, and clear governance. Mature systems demonstrate potential for transition to alternative operational models, including private sector arrangements.

In this RFI we seek feedback on the following mature systems:

1. The Core Argo Float
2. The Drifter Program
3. Tide Gauges

The Argo Program collects information on temperature and salinity amongst other properties across the world’s oceans. Core Argo, which we solicit information on here, was the original focus of the program whose mission was to collect measurements down to a depth of 2000 meters. The instruments that the program utilizes, termed floats, are launched from ships and drift with ocean currents collecting data between the surface and 2000 meters.

The Global Drifter Program is a component of the Global Surface Drifting Buoy Array. It comprises a network of satellite-tracked surface drifting buoys that collect in-situ observations of surface ocean conditions such as mixed layer currents, atmospheric pressure, wind, waves, and sea surface temperature.

Tide gauges are fitted with various sensors that allow for in situ observations of sea level change relative to a height reference. In addition, gauges may provide other oceanographic and meteorological data including wind speed and direction, barometric pressure, air temperature, and water temperature.

An information package on these networks is available on the GOMO website (<https://globalocean.noaa.gov/>).

**IV. Use of Information Received**

This RFI is for informational purposes only and does not guarantee the Government will issue a Request for Proposals (RFP) or award a contract for supplies or services. The information received could impact the Government’s decision to release an RFP or multiple

RFPs in the future, but does not obligate the Government in any way. The Government will not reimburse respondents for any costs associated with responding to this request.

Proprietary information will be handled in accordance with the applicable government regulations. Vendors are advised to clearly mark proprietary information as 'Proprietary' on each page to ensure proper handling. Any unmarked information will be considered public domain. The Government is not liable for any damages resulting from proprietary information not properly identified.

Respondents are hereby notified that as part of this evaluation process, NOAA intends to use the information obtained to promote the evolution of NOAA's mature observing systems and ensure alignment with NOAA and Department of Commerce missions. Respondents are also informed that during the RFI evaluation process, agencies may involve Federally Funded Research and Development Centers, Cooperative Institutes, and support contractors to assist with the evaluation.

Participation in this RFI is not a requirement for future opportunities. Vendors who do not submit a response to this RFI are still eligible to submit proposals in response to any future RFP(s) that NOAA may release.

Dated: June 23, 2025.

**Emily Larkin,**

*Director Chief Financial Officer/CAO, (acting), Office of Oceanic and Atmospheric Research, 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 Meeting

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

**ACTION:** Notice of public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council's (MAFMC's) Bluefish Monitoring Committee (MC) will hold a public meeting jointly with the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission's Bluefish Technical Committee.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 29, 2025, from 1 p.m. to

4:30 p.m. EDT. For agenda details, see **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION.**

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held via webinar. Connection information will be posted to the calendar at [www.mafmc.org](http://www.mafmc.org) prior to the meeting.

**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 purpose of this meeting is for the Bluefish Monitoring Committee (MC) to recommend 2026-2027 catch and landings limits as well as commercial and recreational management measures. To inform their recommendations, the MC will review recent catch and landings information, the Fishery Performance Report developed by the Advisory Panel, the 2026-2027 ABC recommendation by the SSC, and other relevant information.

#### 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: June 24, 2025.

**Rey Israel Marquez,**

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

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Patent and Trademark Office

#### Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget for Review and Approval; Comment Request; Requirements for Patent Applications Containing Nucleotide Sequence and/or Amino Acid Sequence Disclosures

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

**ACTION:** Notice of information collection; request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO), as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, invites comments on the

extension and revision of an existing information collection: 0651-0024 (Requirements for Patent Applications Containing Nucleotide Sequence and/or Amino Acid Sequence Disclosures). The purpose of this notice is to allow 60 days for public comments preceding submission of the information collection to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB).

**DATES:** To ensure consideration, you must submit comments regarding this information collection on or before August 25, 2025.

**ADDRESSES:** Interested persons are invited to submit written comments by any of the following methods. Do not submit Confidential Business Information or otherwise sensitive or protected information.

- **Email:** [InformationCollection@uspto.gov](mailto:InformationCollection@uspto.gov). Include "0651-0024 comment" in the subject line of the message.

- **Federal eRulemaking Portal:** <http://www.regulations.gov>.

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

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Request for additional information should be directed to Raul Tamayo, Senior Legal Advisor, at: United States Patent and Trademark Office, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450; 571-272-7728; or [raul.tamayo@uspto.gov](mailto:raul.tamayo@uspto.gov) with "0651-0024 comment" in the subject line. Additional information about this information collection is also available at <http://www.reginfo.gov> under "Information Collection Review."

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### I. Abstract

Patent applications that contain nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosures falling within the definitions of 37 CFR 1.831 (for applications filed on or after July 1, 2022) or 37 CFR 1.821(a) (for applications filed on or before June 30, 2022) must include, as a separate part of the application disclosure, a copy of the sequence listing in accordance with the requirements in 37 CFR 1.831-1.835 or 37 CFR 1.821-1.825, respectively. Applicants may submit sequence listings for both U.S. and international patent applications. For more information concerning the submissions of sequence listings in international applications, see the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) Rules 5.2 and 13ter, Annex C of the PCT Administrative Instructions, and section 1848 of the Manual of Patent Examining Procedure