

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

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East Coast Fisheries of the United States; Public Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice; public meeting.

SUMMARY: Fishery management bodies on the East Coast of the United States are convening a meeting to continue work on an initiative called *East Coast Climate Change Scenario Planning*. This is a joint effort of the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission, the New England Fishery Management Council, the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council, the South Atlantic Fishery Management Council, and NOAA's National Marine Fisheries Service. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for agenda details.

DATES: The meeting will be held Wednesday, February 15, 2023 through Thursday, February 16, 2023.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Westin Arlington Gateway, 801 N Glebe Road, Arlington, VA 22203; telephone: (703) 717–6200. The meeting will be partially streamed by webinar for portions of the agenda that are held in plenary. Connection information will be posted to the calendar prior to the meeting at 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: Climate change is a growing threat for marine fisheries worldwide. On the East coast of the United States, some species have already experienced considerable climate-related changes in distribution, abundance, and/or productivity. These changes have the potential to strain fisheries management and governance systems. Through the East Coast Climate Change Scenario Planning Initiative, fishery scientists and managers are working collaboratively and engaging diverse fishery stakeholders to explore possible future scenarios and the associated governance and management issues that may arise related to climate change.

The final stage of this initiative will include a two-day summit meeting in Arlington, VA, from February 15–16, 2023. Participants will consist of a

select group of representatives from each of the three U.S. East Coast Fishery Management Councils, and from the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission and NOAA Fisheries. Summit participants will consider the scenarios previously developed to describe how climate change might affect East Coast fisheries in the next 20 years, as well as input received in previous stages on actions that should be taken now to ensure that fisheries are governed and managed effectively in an era of climate change. The goal of the summit is to develop a set of potential governance and management actions and priorities resulting from the scenario planning process.

Summit participants have been selected by each participating organization. Others attending the meeting in person are invited to observe the plenary discussions and to provide comments during designated public comment opportunities. Only plenary sessions will be broadcast by webinar. Additional details about the summit will be posted to this page once available: <https://www.mafmc.org/climate-change-scenario-planning>.

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.*

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration****Public Meeting of the National Sea Grant Advisory Board**

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

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice sets forth the schedule and proposed agenda of a forthcoming meeting of the National Sea Grant Advisory Board (Board), a Federal Advisory Committee. Board members will discuss and provide advice on the

National Sea Grant College Program (Sea Grant) in the areas of program evaluation, strategic planning, education and extension, science and technology programs, and other matters as described in the agenda found on the Sea Grant website. For more information on this Federal Advisory Committee please visit the Federal Advisory Committee database: https://www.facadatabase.gov/FACA/FACA_PublicPage.

DATES: The announced meeting is scheduled for Sunday, February 26, 2023 from 9 a.m.–5 p.m. (EST) and Monday, February 27, 2023 from 8:30 a.m.–3:30 p.m. (EST).

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Watergate Hotel in Washington DC. For more information about the public meeting see below in the “For Further Information Contact” section.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For any questions concerning the meeting, please contact Ms. Donna Brown, National Sea Grant College Program. Email: oar.sg-feedback@noaa.gov Phone Number 301–734–1088.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Status: The meeting will be open to public participation with a public comment period on Sunday, February 26 at 9:10 a.m. (EST). The Board expects that public statements presented at its meetings will not be repetitive of previously submitted verbal or written statements. In general, each individual or group making a verbal presentation will be limited to a total time of three (3) minutes. Written comments should be received by Ms. Donna Brown by Thursday, February 23, 2023 to provide sufficient time for Board review. Written comments received after the deadline will be distributed to the Board, but may not be reviewed prior to the meeting date.

Special Accommodations: The Board meeting is virtually accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Ms. Donna Brown by Thursday, February 23, 2023.

The Board, which consists of a balanced representation from academia, industry, state government and citizens groups, was established in 1976 by Section 209 of the Sea Grant Improvement Act (Pub. L. 94–461, 33 U.S.C. 1128). The Board advises the Secretary of Commerce and the Director of the National Sea Grant College Program with respect to operations under the Act, and such other matters as the Secretary refers to them for review and advice.