

fishing activity conducted outside the scope of the exempted fishing activity would be prohibited.

All comments received are a part of the public record and will generally be posted for public viewing at <https://www.noaa.gov/organization/information-technology/foia-reading-room> without change. All personal identifying information (e.g., name, address), confidential business information, or otherwise sensitive information submitted voluntarily by the sender will be publicly accessible. NMFS will accept anonymous comments (enter "anonymous" as the signature if you wish to remain anonymous).

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

Dated: June 5, 2023.

**Jennifer M. Wallace,**

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

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

#### Extension of Request for Public Comment on a Draft Standard Ocean Mapping Protocol

**AGENCY:** Office of Coast Survey, National Ocean Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Department of Commerce.

**ACTION:** Extension of deadline for public comments.

**SUMMARY:** On February 24, 2023, the National Ocean Mapping, Exploration, and Characterization (NOME) Council and the Interagency Working Group on Ocean and Coastal Mapping (IWG-OCM) submitted a request for public comment on the IWG-OCM's draft Standard Ocean Mapping Protocol (SOMP) in the **Federal Register**. This notice extends the deadline for comment from June 2, 2023, to July 28, 2023. All information in the original **Federal Register** notice remains accurate but for the deadline extension to July 28, 2023.

**DATES:** Comments must be received via email by 5 p.m. ET on July 28, 2023 at the email address listed in the **ADDRESSES** section below.

#### **ADDRESSES:**

A copy of the draft SOMP may be downloaded or viewed at: [https://iocm.noaa.gov/standards/Standard\\_Ocean\\_Mapping\\_Protocol\\_draft\\_Feb2023.pdf](https://iocm.noaa.gov/standards/Standard_Ocean_Mapping_Protocol_draft_Feb2023.pdf).

A copy of the National Strategy may be downloaded or viewed at: <https://iocm.noaa.gov/about/documents/strategic-plans/20200611-FINAL-STRATEGY-NOME-2.pdf>.

A copy of the National Strategy Implementation Plan may be downloaded or viewed at: <https://iocm.noaa.gov/about/documents/strategic-plans/210107-FINALNOMEImplementationPlan-Clean.pdf>.

Comments can be submitted by email to [iwgocm.staff@noaa.gov](mailto:iwgocm.staff@noaa.gov) by 5 p.m. ET on July 28, 2023.

**Instructions:** Response to this **Federal Register** notice is voluntary. Please include "Public Comment on Draft SOMP" in the subject line of the message. If applicable, clearly indicate the section and page number of the draft SOMP to which submitted comments pertain. All submissions must be in English. Email attachments will be accepted in plain text, Microsoft Word, or Adobe PDF formats only. Each individual or institution is requested to submit only one response. Please note that the U.S. Government will not pay for response preparation, or for the use of any information contained in the response.

#### **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Requests for additional information should be directed to Paul Turner, NOAA Integrated Ocean and Coastal Mapping, at [iwgocm.staff@noaa.gov](mailto:iwgocm.staff@noaa.gov), (240) 429-0293.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Pursuant to Objective 2.1 of the National Strategy for Ocean Mapping, Exploring, and Characterizing the United States Exclusive Economic Zone, this SOMP was drafted to encourage consistency in data acquisition, stewardship and data management for seafloor mapping. The draft SOMP is organized into the following seven chapters:

Data Management, Bathymetry, Seabed and Lakebed Backscatter, Water Column Sonar, Side Scan Sonar, Sub-bottom, and Magnetometer. Public comments to improve the draft SOMP are welcome on one, a few, or all sections. Questions that might be considered while reviewing the draft SOMP include:

- Are the SOMP chapters comprehensive and explanatory?
- Is the SOMP understandable?
- As a protocol, will it be helpful to your organization, sector, or interest group?
- How do you anticipate your organization or sector will participate in SOMP implementation?
- What specific improvements to the SOMP would be of value to your organization/sector?

- What is missing in the SOMP that would facilitate use if added?

- Are there authoritative sources for the SOMP chapters that are missing or should be considered?

*Authority:* 33 U.S.C. 883e.

**RDML Benjamin K. Evans,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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#### South Atlantic Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

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

**ACTION:** Notice of public meetings.

**SUMMARY:** The South Atlantic Fishery Management Council (Council) will hold meetings of its Habitat Blueprint Working Group to review the draft Habitat Blueprint.

**DATES:** The meetings will be held from 10 a.m. until 12 p.m. on Wednesday, June 28, 2023 and Wednesday, August 16, 2023.

**ADDRESSES:** The meetings will be held via webinar. Webinar registration is required. Details are included in **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Kim Iverson, Public Information Officer, SAFMC; phone: (843) 302-8440 or toll free: (866) SAFMC-10; fax: (843) 769-4520; email: [kim.iverson@safmc.net](mailto:kim.iverson@safmc.net).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Meeting information, including the webinar registration link, online public comment form, agenda, and briefing book materials will be posted on the Council's website at: <https://safmc.net/workgroups/>. Comments become part of the Administrative Record of the meeting and will automatically be posted to the website and available for Council consideration.

The Council is developing the Habitat Blueprint to provide direction for its habitat program. The Habitat Blueprint will address program goals and objectives, document actions to address habitat requirements of the Magnuson-Stevens Act, and provide guidance on the role and use of the Council's Habitat Advisory Panel.

At the June 28 meeting, the Working Group will review the draft Blueprint and the Council's web-based habitat and ecosystem mapping tools. At the August 16 meeting the Working Group will review the draft Habitat Blueprint and develop recommendations for consideration by the Council's Habitat Committee.

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 Council's intent to take final action to address the emergency.

### Special Accommodations

These meetings are 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: June 5, 2023.

**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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### New England Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

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

**ACTION:** Notice of a public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The New England Fishery Management Council (Council, NEFMC) will hold a 3-day in-person meeting with an option for remote participation to consider actions affecting New England fisheries in the exclusive economic zone (EEZ). The Council continues to follow all public safety measures related to COVID-19 and intends to do so for this meeting.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 27, 2023 through

Thursday, June 29, 2023, beginning at 9 a.m. each day.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the Hilton Garden Inn, 5 Park Street, Freeport, ME 04032; telephone: (207) 865-1433; online at <https://www.hilton.com/en/hotels/pwmfdgi-hilton-garden-inn-freeport-downtown/>. Join the webinar at <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/2165734872346457438>.

**Council address:** New England Fishery Management Council, 50 Water Street, Mill 2, Newburyport, MA 01950; telephone (978) 465-0492; [www.nefmc.org](http://www.nefmc.org).

### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Thomas A. Nies, Executive Director, New England Fishery Management Council; telephone: (978) 465-0492, ext. 113.

### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

#### Agenda

*Tuesday, June 27, 2023*

The Council will begin this meeting with brief announcements, followed by reports on recent activities from the Council's Chair and Executive Director, the Greater Atlantic Regional Fisheries Office (GARFO) Regional Administrator, the Northeast Fisheries Science Center (NEFSC) Director, the NOAA Office of General Counsel, the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council liaison, staff from the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission (ASMFC), and representatives from the U.S. Coast Guard and NOAA's Office of Law Enforcement. Next, the Council will receive a presentation on the final report of the Council Coordination Committee's Subcommittee on Area-Based Management. The Skate Committee report will follow with two items: (1) a progress report on the development of 2024-2025 skate specifications and potential initiation of a framework adjustment to include measures to expand possession of smooth and barndoor skates; and (2) a presentation on and Council discussion of a final white paper containing potential approaches to support thorny skate rebuilding. Then, members of the public will have the opportunity to speak during an open comment period on issues that relate to Council business but are not included on the published agenda for this meeting. The Council asks the public to limit remarks to 3-5 minutes. These comments will be received both in person and through the webinar. A guide for how to publicly comment through the webinar is available on the Council website at <https://s3.amazonaws.com/nefmc.org/>

*NEFMC-meeting-remote-participation-generic.pdf*.

After the lunch break, the Council will take up the Atlantic Herring Committee report and approve a problem statement for action to revisit the inshore midwater trawl exclusion zone contained in Herring Amendment 8. The Council also will consider a potential change in priorities to identify time/area closure options to reduce bycatch of river herring and shad in midwater trawl and small-mesh bottom trawl fisheries. Next on the agenda is a presentation on a NOAA Fisheries comment opportunity under an advance notice of proposed rulemaking (ANPR) for updating National Standard Guidelines 4, 8, and 9. The Council will receive input on the draft guidelines from its Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) and staff before formulating its own comments. The Council then will receive a brief overview of NOAA's Technical Guidance for National Standard 1 Reference Points and Status Determinations. The Council will discuss which process it prefers to use to develop comments on the technical guidance. The Council then will adjourn for the day.

*Wednesday, June 28, 2023*

The Council will begin the second day of its meeting with a presentation on the Greater Atlantic Regional Fisheries Office and Northeast Fisheries Science Center draft strategic plan. The Groundfish Committee report will come next. The Council will initiate Framework Adjustment 66, which may include: (1) 2024-26 specifications for redfish, northern windowpane flounder, and southern windowpane flounder, (2) 2024-25 specifications for white hake and U.S./Canada resources of Eastern Georges Bank cod, Eastern Georges Bank haddock, and Georges Bank yellowtail flounder, (3) a revised white hake rebuilding plan, and (4) Atlantic halibut management measures. The Council also will consider a potential change in priorities to revise Gulf of Maine haddock specifications for 2024 and 2025 in Framework 66. The Council will initiate a separate framework adjustment to revise acceptable biological catch (ABC) control rules for groundfish and receive Scientific and Statistical Committee feedback on control rule options. Finally, the Council will receive an update on its Atlantic Cod Management Transition Plan. Next up will be the Monkfish Research Set-Aside (RSA) Program Working Group, which will provide a progress report on a Council work