

management units of Eastern Georges Bank (GB) cod and Eastern GB haddock, and 2022–23 specifications for the GB yellowtail flounder stock, (2) Set 2022–24 specifications for GB cod and Gulf of Maine (GOM) cod, and possibly adjust 2022 specifications for GB haddock and GOM haddock, (3) Adjust 2022 specifications for white hake based on the rebuilding plan, (4) Adopt additional measures to promote stock rebuilding, and (5) Develop alternatives to the current default system. They also plan to receive an overview of the Atlantic Cod Stock Structure Management Workshops. The panel plans a preliminary discussion of possible 2022 Council priorities for groundfish. They will also make recommendations as appropriate to the Groundfish Committee. Other business will be discussed, if necessary.

Although non-emergency issues not contained on the agenda may come before this Council for discussion, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during this meeting. Council action will be restricted to those issues specifically listed in this notice and any issues arising after publication of this notice that require emergency action under section 305(c) of the Magnuson-Stevens Act, provided the public has been notified of the Council's intent to take final action to address the emergency. The public also should be aware that the meeting will be recorded. Consistent with 16 U.S.C. 1852, a copy of the recording is available upon request.

### Special Accommodations

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Thomas A. Nies, Executive Director, at (978) 465–0492, at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

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

Dated: August 31, 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

#### Notice of Public Hearings and Availability of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement and Draft Management Plan for the Proposed Designation of the Connecticut National Estuarine Research Reserve

**AGENCY:** Office for Coastal Management (OCM), National Ocean Service (NOS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), U.S. Department of Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability; public hearings.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to the Coastal Zone Management Act, as amended (CZMA), the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Office for Coastal Management is announcing a 45-day public comment period and will hold public hearings for the purpose of receiving comments on the draft management plan (DMP) and draft environmental impact statement (DEIS) for the proposed designation of the Connecticut National Estuarine Research Reserve (CT NERR). The DMP addresses research, monitoring, education, and stewardship, as well as cultural resource needs for the proposed CT NERR, and the DEIS analyzes alternatives to the proposed action along with their potential environmental impacts.

**DATES:** NOAA is accepting written public comments on the adequacy of the DMP and DEIS for the proposed designation of the CT NERR through 5 p.m. (EST), October 18, 2021. In addition, NOAA will accept oral or written public comments on the adequacy of the DMP and DEIS for the proposed designation of the CT NERR during public hearings held from 2:30 to 4 p.m. and 7:30 to 9 p.m. (EST) on October 7, 2021, online via WebEx and by phone. For more information about the public hearings, please visit: <https://portal.ct.gov/DEEP/Coastal-Resources/NERR/NERR-Home-Page>. All relevant comments received at the October 7, 2021, public hearings and during the 45-day public comment period ending at 5 p.m. (EST), October 18, 2021, will be considered in the preparation of the Final Management Plan and Final Environmental Impact Statement for the proposed designation of the CT NERR.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments may be submitted by any one of the following methods:

- *Electronic Submission:* Submit all electronic public comments via the Federal eRulemaking Portal. Go to [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) and enter NOAA–NOS–2020–0089 in the search box. Click on the “Comment” icon, complete the required fields, and enter or attach your comments. Written comments provided electronically must be submitted no later than 5 p.m. (EST) October 18, 2021.

- *Mail:* Submit written comments to Erica Seiden, Stewardship Division (N/OCM6), Office for Coastal Management, NOS, NOAA, 1305 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, Maryland 20910; ATTN: CT NERR. Written comments submitted by mail must be postmarked by October 18, 2021.

The October 7, 2021, public hearings will be conducted online via WebEx and by phone. Online participants should go to the following University of Connecticut website to get instructions for participating in and attending the public hearings: <https://uconnvtc.webex.com/meet/ctnerr>. Hearing documents will be available on the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection's CT NERR website: <https://portal.ct.gov/DEEP/Coastal-Resources/NERR/NERR-Home-Page>, as well as on the Federal eRulemaking Portal: [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) (enter NOAA–NOS–2020–0089 in the search box). You may also participate in the hearings by phone, by using the toll-free number +1 415–655–0002 and the attendee access code 120 996 1055.

*Instructions:* All relevant comments received are part of the public record and will be posted for public viewing on [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) with no changes. All personally identifiable information (e.g., name, address, etc.), confidential business information, or otherwise sensitive information submitted voluntarily by the commenter will be publicly accessible and maintained by NOAA as part of the public record. NOAA will accept anonymous comments. To submit an anonymous comment, on the eRulemaking portal, enter “N/A” in the required fields if you wish to remain anonymous. If you would like to provide an anonymous comment during the public hearings, type your comment into the question box and (1) direct your message only to the moderator by selecting that person's name; and (2) state at the top of your comment that you would like to remain anonymous. Multimedia submissions (e.g., audio, video, etc.) must be accompanied by a written comment. The written comment is considered the official comment and should include discussion of all points you wish to

make. NOAA will generally not consider comments, or comment contents, located outside of the primary submission sites or addresses (*i.e.*, those posted on the web, cloud, or other file-sharing system). Please note, the public hearings will not be audio or video recorded.

Closed captioning will be provided for those who attend the public hearings online via WebEx: <https://uconnvtc.webex.com/meet/ctnerr>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Erica Seiden, Stewardship Division (N/OCM6), Office for Coastal Management, NOS, NOAA, 1305 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, Maryland 20910; ATTN: CT NERR; phone: (240) 533-0781; or email: [erica.seiden@noaa.gov](mailto:erica.seiden@noaa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The National Estuarine Research Reserve System (NERRS) is a federal-state partnership administered by NOAA. The NERRS protects more than 1.3 million acres of estuarine habitat for long-term research, monitoring, education, and stewardship throughout the coastal United States. Established by the CZMA, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1451 *et seq.*), each reserve is managed by a lead state agency or university, with input from local partners. NOAA provides funding and national programmatic guidance to the NERRS.

NOAA received the State of Connecticut's nomination of the proposed Connecticut NERR site on January 3, 2019. NOAA evaluated the nomination package and found that the proposed site met the reserve system requirements for designation. (See 16 U.S.C. 1461(b).) Accordingly, NOAA informed the State of Connecticut on September 27, 2019, that it was accepting the nomination and that the next step would be to prepare a DEIS and DMP. (See 15 CFR 921.13.)

The National Environmental Policy Act's (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*) implementing regulations (40 CFR parts 1500-1508) require agencies to provide public notice of the availability of environmental documents, including environmental impact statements (40 CFR 1506.6). Similarly, the CZMA's implementing regulations for the NERRS require NOAA to provide notice in the **Federal Register** of the availability of the DEIS and the associated public hearing(s) (15 CFR 921.13). This notice is part of NOAA's action to comply with these requirements.

The CT NERR DEIS considers the human and environmental consequences of designating the nominated site, plus four alternative sites: (1) The Connecticut River site; (2)

the Lower Connecticut River site; (3) the revised nominated site; and (4) the no action alternative. The DMP sets a course for operating the proposed CT NERR should it be designated, and includes plans for administration, research, education, facilities, and management of the proposed site. (See 15 CFR 921.13.)

For more detailed information on the site selection process and the proposed site, see the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection's Connecticut National Estuarine Research Reserve website: <https://portal.ct.gov/DEEP/Coastal-Resources/NERR/NERR-Home-Page>.

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

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**South Atlantic Fishery Management Council; Public Meetings; Correction**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of correction of public meetings.

**SUMMARY:** The South Atlantic Fishery Management Council (Council) will hold meetings of the following: Snapper Grouper Committee; Dolphin Wahoo Committee; Mackerel Cobia Committee; and Habitat and Ecosystem-Based Management Committee. The meeting week will also include a formal public comment session and a meeting of the Full Council.

**DATES:** The Council meeting will be held from 1 p.m. on Monday, September 13, 2021, until 12 p.m. on Friday, September 17, 2021.

**ADDRESSES:** Meeting address: The meeting will be held via 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:** The original notice published in the **Federal**

**Register** on August 23, 2021 (86 FR 47063). Due to the ongoing COVID-19 situation and increasing transmission rates in the region, the September 13-17, 2021 meeting of the South Atlantic Fishery Management Council will be held via webinar. The meeting was originally scheduled to take place in person in Charleston, SC.

Meeting information, including agendas, overviews, and briefing book materials will be posted on the Council's website at: <http://safmc.net/safmc-meetings/council-meetings/>. Webinar registration links for the meeting will also be available from the Council's website.

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

Dated: August 30, 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**

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**North Pacific Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of web conference.

**SUMMARY:** The North Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) Partial Coverage Fishery Monitoring Advisory Committee (PCFMAC) will meet September 17, 2021.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on Friday, September 17, 2021, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Alaska Time.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be a web conference. Join online through the link at <https://meetings.npfmc.org/Meeting/Details/2374>.

*Council address:* North Pacific Fishery Management Council, 1007 W 3rd Ave., Anchorage, AK 99501-2252; telephone: (907) 271-2809. Instructions for attending the meeting are given under **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**, below.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Sara Cleaver, Council staff; phone: (907) 271-2809 and email: [sara.cleaver@noaa.gov](mailto:sara.cleaver@noaa.gov). For technical support, please contact administrative Council staff, email: [npfmc.admin@noaa.gov](mailto:npfmc.admin@noaa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**