

Southeast Fisheries Science Center on a Dolphin Management Strategy Evaluation (MSE) under development and will be asked to provide feedback on climate-related and other aspects of the MSE. The Dolphin Wahoo AP will also receive updates on recent Council actions including Dolphin Wahoo Regulatory Amendment 3 (addressing minimum size limits and recreational retention limits for dolphin), the Council's Citizen Science Program, and the "What It Means to Me" outreach initiative. The AP will provide input on other topics as needed.

#### Mackerel Cobia AP

The Mackerel Cobia AP will discuss Framework Amendment 13 to the Fishery Management Plan for Coastal Migratory Pelagics Resources in the Gulf of Mexico and Atlantic Region, which would update catch levels for Atlantic migratory group Spanish mackerel based on the most recent stock assessment (SEDAR 78) and Scientific and Statistical Committee recommendations. The Mackerel Cobia AP will also provide input on Mackerel Port Meetings, mackerel tournament landings, and complete a fishery performance report for Atlantic migratory group king mackerel. The Mackerel Cobia AP will receive updates on the Council's Citizen Science program, the "What It Means to Me" outreach initiative, and offshore wind activities. The AP will provide input on other topics as needed.

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#### 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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#### Fisheries of the South Atlantic; South Atlantic Fishery Management Council; Public Meetings

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

**ACTION:** Notice of a joint meeting of the South Atlantic Fishery Management Council's Citizen Science Operations Committee and Citizen Science Projects Advisory Committee via webinar.

**SUMMARY:** The South Atlantic Fishery Management Council (Council) will hold a joint meeting of its Citizen Science Operations Committee and Citizen Science Projects Advisory Committee via webinar October 27, 2023.

**DATES:** The Citizen Science Operations Committee and Citizen Science Projects Advisory Committee joint meeting will be held via webinar on Friday, Oct 27, 2023, from 9 a.m. until 12 p.m.

#### ADDRESSES:

*Meeting address:* The meeting will be held via webinar. The webinar is open to members of the public. Additional information, including a webinar registration link and meeting materials will be available from the Council's website at: <https://safmc.net/events/oct-2023-citizen-science-operations-projects-advisory-committee-meeting/> two weeks prior to the meeting. There will be an opportunity for public comment at the beginning of the meeting.

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

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Julia Byrd, Citizen Science Program Manager, SAFMC; phone: (843) 302-8439 or toll free: (866) SAFMC-10; fax: (843) 769-4520; email: [julia.byrd@safmc.net](mailto:julia.byrd@safmc.net).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Citizen Science Operations Committee serves as advisors to the Council's Citizen Science Program. Committee members include representatives from the Council's Citizen Science Advisory Panel Pool, NOAA Fisheries Southeast Regional Office, NOAA Fisheries Southeast Fisheries Science Center, and the Council's Science and Statistical Committee. Their responsibilities include developing programmatic recommendations, reviewing policies,

providing program direction/multi-partner support, identifying citizen science research needs, and providing general advice. Projects Advisory Committee members include representatives from the Council's fishery Advisory Panels (AP), Habitat & Ecosystem AP, and Outreach & Communication AP. Their responsibilities include identifying citizen science research and data needs across all the Council's fishery management plans; assisting with development of volunteer engagement strategies for recruiting, training, retaining, and communicating with volunteers; and serving as outreach ambassadors for the Program.

*Agenda items include:* reviewing and recommending updates to the Council's citizen science research priorities; a Citizen Science Program and Project update; discussion of Committee membership; and other business.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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#### Endangered Species; File No. 23096

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

**ACTION:** Notice; receipt of application for a permit modification.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that the University of Georgia, Warnell School of Forestry and Natural Resources, 180 E Green Street, Athens, GA 30602 (Responsible Party: Dale Greene, Ph.D.) has requested a modification to scientific research Permit No. 23096.

**DATES:** Written comments must be received on or before October 30, 2023.

**ADDRESSES:** The modification request and related documents are available for review by selecting “Records Open for Public Comment” from the Features box on the Applications and Permits for Protected Species (APPS) home page, <https://apps.nmfs.noaa.gov>, and then selecting File No. 23096 Mod 6 from the list of available applications. These documents are also available upon written request via email to [NMFS.Pr1Comments@noaa.gov](mailto:NMFS.Pr1Comments@noaa.gov).

Written comments on this application should be submitted via email to [NMFS.Pr1Comments@noaa.gov](mailto:NMFS.Pr1Comments@noaa.gov). Please include File No. 23096 in the subject line of the email comment.

Those individuals requesting a public hearing should submit a written request via email to [NMFS.Pr1Comments@noaa.gov](mailto:NMFS.Pr1Comments@noaa.gov). The request should set forth the specific reasons why a hearing on this application would be appropriate.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Malcolm Mohead or Erin Markin, Ph.D., (301) 427-8401.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The subject modification to Permit No. 23096, issued on January 31, 2020 (85 FR 7978, February 12, 2020), is requested under the authority of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*) and the regulations governing the taking, importing, and exporting of endangered and threatened species (50 CFR parts 222-226).

Permit No. 23096 authorizes the permit holder to: quantify population dynamics and seasonal habitat of Atlantic and shortnose sturgeon in Georgia and Florida river systems and estuaries [*i.e.*, Savannah GA), Altamaha (GA), Ogeechee (GA), Satilla (GA), St. Marys (GA, FL), Nassau (FL) and St. Johns River systems (FL)]. Researchers may capture (by gillnet or trammel net), tag (passive integrated transponder, internal acoustic, and dart), anesthetize, genetic fin clip, fin ray clip, measure, weigh, photograph/video, blood sample, and laparoscopically biopsy gonads of juvenile, sub-adult, and adult Atlantic and shortnose sturgeon. Early life stages of each species may be lethally sampled to document occurrence of spawning in systems. Up to two sturgeon of each species may unintentionally die annually in each river system during sampling activities, excluding the Satilla, St. Marys, and St. Johns Rivers. The permit holder now requests: (1) increasing the numbers of Atlantic and shortnose sturgeon internally tagged with acoustic transmitters. In the Ogeechee River the numbers of adult/subadult Atlantic and shortnose sturgeon internally tagged would

increase from 10 to 20 and 5 to 20, respectively. In the Altamaha River the numbers of adult/subadult Atlantic and shortnose sturgeon internally tagged would increase from 15 to 25 and 10 to 30, respectively. (2) adding apical scute sampling to the same adult/sub-adult and juvenile Atlantic and shortnose sturgeon taken in each river system to compare ageing results from fin rays sampling. Micronutrient analysis of the scute sample would also be conducted to compare trace historic movement patterns of species captured in each river system annually; and (3) adding epidermal mucus sampling to the same adult/subadult and juvenile Atlantic and shortnose sturgeon taken in each river system annually to address new objectives to differentiate between sturgeon species and sex using metabolomic analysis. The permit expires January 31, 2030.

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**Julia M. Harrison,**

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Office of Protected Resources, 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 public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The New England Fishery Management Council (Council) is scheduling a hybrid meeting of its Scallop Committee to consider actions affecting New England fisheries in the exclusive economic zone (EEZ). Recommendations from this group will be brought to the full Council for formal consideration and action, if appropriate.

**DATES:** This meeting will be held on Thursday, November 2, 2023, at 9 a.m.

**ADDRESSES:** This meeting will be held at the Fairfield Inn/Waypoint Event Center, 185 MacArthur Drive, New Bedford, MA 02740, Phone (774) 634-2000.

*Webinar registration URL  
information: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/3147868139421210204>.*

*Council address:* New England Fishery Management Council, 50 Water Street, Mill 2, Newburyport, MA 01950.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Cate O’Keefe, Ph.D., Executive Director, New England Fishery Management Council; telephone: (978) 465-0492.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Agenda

The Committee will review Framework Adjustment (FW) 38: Receive an update and provide input on a range of potential access area and DAS allocations for the 2024 and 2025 fishing years. Council staff will update the group on any modifications the Council may make to the scope of this action at the September Council meeting. FW 38 will set specifications including ABC/ACLs, days-at-sea, access area allocations, total allowable landings for the Northern Gulf of Maine (NGOM) management area, targets for General Category incidental catch, General Category access area trips, and set-asides for the observer and research programs for fishing year 2024 and default specifications for fishing year 2025. They also plan to discuss the Northern Edge Framework: Receive an update on progress and review the timeline for this action. They will also develop recommendations for possible 2024 scallop work priorities. 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 Cate O’Keefe, Ph.D., Executive Director, at (978) 465-0492, at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

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