

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; public meeting.

SUMMARY: The MAFMC's Mackerel, Squid, and Butterfish Monitoring Committee will meet via webinar to develop recommendations for future Atlantic mackerel and butterfish specifications and/or management measures.

DATES: The meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 17, 2024, from 2:30 p.m. to 4 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held via webinar. Connection information and any related materials will be posted to the MAFMC's website calendar prior to the meeting at www.mafmc.org.

Council address: Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council, 800 N State Street, Suite 201, Dover, DE 19901; telephone: (302) 674–2331; 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 Mackerel, Squid, and Butterfish Monitoring Committee will meet to review previously-adopted 2025 Atlantic mackerel specifications (see summary at https://www.mafmc.org/s/2023-12_MAFMC-Report.pdf), and make any appropriate recommendations. The Monitoring Committee will also make recommendations for 2025–2026 butterfish specifications. Public comments will also be taken.

Special Accommodations

The meeting is 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.*

Dated: August 27, 2024.

Alyssa Weigers,

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

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

[RTID 0648–XE172]

Pacific Island Fisheries; Marine Conservation Plan for American Samoa; Western Pacific Sustainable Fisheries Fund

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

ACTION: Notice of agency decision.

SUMMARY: NMFS announces approval of a Marine Conservation Plan (MCP) for American Samoa.

DATES: This agency decision is effective from August 30, 2024 through July 24, 2027.

ADDRESSES: You may obtain a copy of the MCP, identified by NOAA–NMFS–2024–0093, from the Federal e-Rulemaking Portal, <https://www.regulations.gov/docket/NOAA-NMFS-2024-0093>, or from the Western Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council), 1164 Bishop St., Suite 1400, Honolulu, HI 96813, 808–522–8220, <http://www.wpcouncil.org>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Keith Kamikawa, Sustainable Fisheries, NMFS Pacific Islands Regional Office, 808–725–5177.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Government of American Samoa developed the MCP, with concurrence of the Western Pacific Fishery Management Council. Section 204(e)(4) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (Magnuson-Stevens Act) requires that a MCP detail the uses for funds to be collected by the Secretary of Commerce. Funds deposited into the Western Pacific Sustainable Fisheries Fund, including payments under a Pacific Insular Area Fishery Agreement and other contributions, may be used to implement the conservation and management objectives in the MCP. The MCP must be consistent with the Council's fishery management (ecosystem) plans, identify conservation and management objectives (including criteria for determining when such objectives have been met), and prioritize planned marine conservation projects.

At its June 2024 meeting, the Council reviewed and concurred with the MCP. On June 21, 2024, the Governor of American Samoa submitted the MCP to NMFS for review and approval. The MCP contains the following six

conservation and management objectives:

1. Maximize social and economic benefits through sustainable fisheries;
2. Support quality scientific research to assess and manage fisheries;
3. Promote an ecosystem approach in fisheries management;
4. Recognize the importance of island culture and traditional fishing in managing fishery resources and foster opportunities for participation;
5. Promote education and outreach activities and regional collaboration regarding fisheries conservation;
6. Encourage development of technologies and methods to achieve the most effective level of enforcement and to ensure safety at sea.

Please refer to the MCP for projects and activities designed to meet each objective, the evaluative criteria, and priority rankings.

This notice announces that NMFS has reviewed the MCP and determined that it satisfies the requirements of the Magnuson-Stevens Act. Accordingly, NMFS has approved the MCP for the time period from the publication of this notice through July 24, 2027. This MCP supersedes the one approved for July 25, 2021 through July 24, 2024 (86 FR 42792).

Dated: August 26, 2024.

Lindsay Fullenkamp,

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

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

[RTID 0648–XE247]

Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council (MAFMC); Public Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice; public meeting.

SUMMARY: The MAFMC's Spiny Dogfish Committee will meet via webinar to review previously-adopted 2025 spiny dogfish specifications and make any appropriate recommendations to the MAFMC and/or the New England Fishery Management Council.

DATES: The meeting will be held on Thursday, September 19, 2024, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held via webinar. Connection information

and any related materials will be posted to the MAFMC's website calendar prior to the meeting at <https://www.mafmc.org>.

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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Christopher M. Moore, Ph.D., Executive Director, Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council, telephone: (302) 526-5255.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Spiny Dogfish Committee will meet to review previously-adopted 2025 spiny dogfish fishing year specifications (see summary at https://www.mafmc.org/s/2023-12_MAFMC-Report.pdf), and make any appropriate recommendations to the Councils for this jointly-managed stock. Public comments will also be taken.

Special Accommodations

The meeting is 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.*

Dated: August 27, 2024.

Alyssa Weigers,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[RTID 0648-XE239]

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 (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 Wednesday, September 18, 2024 at 9 a.m.

ADDRESSES:

Meeting address: This meeting will be held at Hilton Garden Inn Logan Airport, 100 Boardman St., Boston, MA 02128; telephone: (617) 567-6789.

Webinar registration URL information: https://nefmc-org.zoom.us/meeting/register/tjEldOmrpj8vEtHebw9-Q8Jof_u7Dgp_fOdN.

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

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

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Agenda

The Scallop Committee will meet to discuss: Framework 39—Review results of 2024 scallop surveys, and preliminary projections. The primary focus of this meeting will be to develop input on the range of potential specification alternatives for FY 2025 and FY 2026. The action will set Acceptable Biological Catch (ABC)/ Annual Catch Limits (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 trip accounting, and set-asides for the observer and research programs for fishing year 2025 and default specifications for fishing year 2026. The Committee will also discuss the Scallop Plan Development Team's (PDT) review of accountability measures for yellowtail flounder and windowpane flounder and consider the development of measures in this action. They also plan to discuss the Scallop Strategic Plan—Consider progress and develop input on the process and timeline for this project. 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, 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 27, 2024.

Alyssa Weigers,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for Review and Approval; Comment Request; Generic Clearance for NOAA Social, Behavioral, and Economic Science Studies for Weather, Water, and Climate

AGENCY: National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of information collection, request for comment.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce, in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), invites the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on proposed, and continuing information collections, which helps us assess the impact of our information collection requirements and minimize the public's reporting burden. The purpose of this notice is to allow for 60 days of public comment preceding submission of the collection to OMB.

DATES: To ensure consideration, comments regarding this proposed information collection must be received on or before October 29, 2024.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit written comments to Adrienne Thomas, NOAA PRA Officer, at NOAA.PRA@noaa.gov. Please reference OMB Control Number 0648-xxxx in the subject line of your comments. Do not submit Confidential Business Information or otherwise sensitive or protected information.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or specific questions related to collection activities should be directed to Dr. Danielle Nagele, Senior Social Science