

observers, if requested, for a period of 5 years without further action by NMFS. This will enable NMFS to develop appropriate observer coverage and sampling protocols to investigate whether, how, when, where, and under what conditions sea turtle bycatch is occurring and to evaluate whether existing measures are minimizing or preventing bycatch.

2025 Annual Determination

Pursuant to 50 CFR 222.402(a), NOAA’s Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, in consultation with Regional Administrators and Fisheries Science Center Directors, annually identifies fisheries for inclusion on the AD based on the extent to which:

- (1) The fishery operates in the same waters and at the same time as sea turtles are present;
- (2) The fishery operates at the same time or prior to elevated sea turtle strandings; or
- (3) The fishery uses a gear or technique that is known or likely to result in incidental take of sea turtles based on documented or reported takes in the same or similar fisheries; and
- (4) NMFS intends to monitor the fishery and anticipates that it will have the funds to do so.

NMFS is providing notification that the agency is not identifying additional fisheries to observe on the 2025 AD, pursuant to its authority under the ESA. NMFS is not identifying additional fisheries at this time given lack of dedicated resources to implement new observer programs or expand existing observer programs to focus on sea turtles. The four fisheries identified on the 2020 AD (see table 1) will remain on the AD for a 5-year period and are required to carry observers upon NMFS’ request until September 29, 2025. The two fisheries identified on the 2023 AD (see table 1) will remain on the AD for a 5-year period and are required to carry observers upon NMFS’ request until December 31, 2027.

TABLE 1—STATE AND FEDERAL COMMERCIAL FISHERIES INCLUDED ON THE 2020 AND 2023 ANNUAL DETERMINATIONS

Fishery	Years eligible to carry observers
<i>Trawl Fisheries:</i>	
Southeastern U.S. Atlantic, Gulf of Mexico shrimp trawl	2020–2025
Gulf of Mexico mixed species fish trawl	2020–2025
<i>Gillnet Fisheries:</i>	

TABLE 1—STATE AND FEDERAL COMMERCIAL FISHERIES INCLUDED ON THE 2020 AND 2023 ANNUAL DETERMINATIONS—Continued

Fishery	Years eligible to carry observers
Chesapeake Bay inshore gillnet	2020–2025
Long Island inshore gillnet	2020–2025
Mid-Atlantic gillnet	2023–2027
<i>Pound Net/Weir/Seine Fisheries:</i>	
Gulf of Mexico menhaden purse seine	2023–2027

Dated: October 29, 2024.

Kimberly Damon-Randall,

Director, Office of Protected Resources, 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 NOAA Social, Behavioral, and Economic Science Studies for Weather, Water, and Climate

The Department of Commerce will submit the following information collection request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and clearance in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, on or after the date of publication of this notice. We invite 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. Public comments were previously requested via the **Federal Register** on August 30, 2024 during a 60-day comment period. This notice allows for an additional 30 days for public comments.

Agency: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Commerce.

Title: NOAA Social, Behavioral, and Economic Science Studies for Weather, Water, and Climate.

OMB Control Number: 0648–XXXX.

Form Number(s): None.

Type of Request: New information collection.

Number of Respondents:

Approximately 6,000 per year.

Average Hours Per Response: 0.5 hours per person.

Total Annual Burden Hours: Annualized 3,000 hours overall.

Needs and Uses: This is a request for a new collection of information.

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) products and services “support economic vitality and affect more than one-third of America’s gross domestic product.” The National Weather Service (NWS) is a critical component of this service and operates under the mission to “provide weather, water and climate data, forecasts, warnings, and impact-based decision support services for the protection of life and property and enhancement of the national economy.” Leveraging and integrating Social, Behavioral, and Economic Sciences (SBES) methodologies and knowledge is crucial to meeting our mission.

If we are to effectively support public and partner decision making, build actionable tools and information, and evaluate our performance, then it’s imperative that the NOAA/NWS collect key SBES data and fully engage with our audiences. Additionally, the NOAA/NWS has articulated a priority to enhance services for historically underinvested and underserved communities and improve service equity across the board. These communities typically experience higher rates of poverty, homelessness, disabilities, and language barriers, which increase their vulnerability to hazard impacts.

The generic clearance is an important planning and engagement tool for NOAA/NWS. The procedures expected to be used include but are not limited to social network analysis, open, semi-structured and structured interviews, focus groups, surveys, and participant observation.

Affected Public: Members of the public, emergency managers, broadcast meteorologists, state/local/tribal decision makers, and non-profit organizations.

Frequency: On Occasion.

Respondent’s Obligation: Voluntary.

This information collection request may be viewed at www.reginfo.gov. Follow the instructions to view the Department of Commerce collections currently under review by OMB.

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be submitted within 30 days of the publication of this notice on the following website www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain. Find this particular information collection by selecting “Currently under 30-day

Review—Open for Public Comments” or by using the search function and entering the title of the collection.

Sheleen Dumas,

Departmental PRA Clearance Officer, Office of the Under Secretary for Economic Affairs, Commerce Department.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[RTID 0648–XE424]

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 Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council’s (Council) Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) will hold a meeting.

DATES: The meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 20, 2024, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for agenda details.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will take place over webinar using the Webex platform with a telephone-only connection option. Details on how to connect to the webinar by computer and by telephone will be available at: www.mafmc.org/ssc.

Council address: Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council, 800 N State Street, Suite 201, Dover, DE 19901; telephone: (302) 674–2331; website: 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: During this meeting, the SSC will provide revised Acceptable Biological Catch (ABC) recommendations for the 2025 Spiny Dogfish fishing year. At their October 2024 meeting, the Council reviewed the stock status and performance of the Spiny Dogfish fishery and deferred action on modifying 2025 Spiny Dogfish specifications until their December meeting. The Council requested the SSC calculate a revised ABC equal to the catch associated with a 50% probability of overfishing under a suspension of the Council’s risk policy. The SSC may take up any other business as necessary.

A detailed agenda and background documents will be made available on the Council’s website (www.mafmc.org) prior to the meeting.

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: October 30, 2024.

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

[RTID 0648–XE434]

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 21, 2024 at 9 a.m.

ADDRESSES: This meeting will be held at Hilton Garden Inn, Boston Logan, 100 Boardman St., Boston, MA 02110; telephone: (617) 567–5678.

Webinar registration URL information: <https://nefmc-org.zoom.us/j/9745267890>

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 (FW39): Review specifications alternatives in FW39 and

select final preferred alternatives. FW39 will set specifications including the overfishing limit (OFL), acceptable biological catch/annual catch limit (ABC/ACLs), days-at-sea (DAS), access area allocations for Limited Access (LA) vessels, quota and access area trip allocation to the Limited Access General Category (LAGC) Individual Fishing Quota (IFQ) component, Total Allowable Landings (TAL) for the Northern Gulf of Maine (NGOM) management area, a target-Total Allowable Catch (TAC) for LAGC incidental catch and set-asides for the observer and research programs for fishing year 2025, and default specifications for fishing year 2026. This action also considers modifying the seasonal bycatch closure of Area II to improve yield and reduce impacts to northern windowpane flounder and modifying the possession prohibition for NGOM-permitted scallop vessels on a declared NGOM trip to possess scallops outside of the NGOM management area. 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: October 30, 2024.

Rey Israel Marquez,

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

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