

and discuss feedback from the public on their vision of the Atlantic Sea Scallop Fishery. Workshop summaries will be presented at a future Council meeting.

**DATES:** These meetings will be held between Thursday, February 27, 2025, and Tuesday, March 25, 2025. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for more details on specific dates and times.

**ADDRESSES:** See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for more details on specific addresses.

*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:**

1. *Thursday, February 27, 2025, 1 p.m.–4 p.m.* Samoset Resort, 220 Warrenton Street, Rockland, ME 04856.

2. *Tuesday, March 4, 2025, 10 a.m.–4 p.m.* Whaling Museum, 18 Johnny Cake Hill, New Bedford, MA 02740.

3. *Thursday, March 13, 2025, 10 a.m.–4 p.m.* Windsor Suites, 1700 Benjamin Franklin Parkway, Philadelphia, PA 19103.

4. *Monday, March 24, 2025, 1 p.m.–4 p.m.* Webinar only, register here: <https://nefmc-org.zoom.us/j/8ZXSgPKtRo21Tbz3KABgQQ>.

**Agenda**

The Council is holding three in-person workshops and a webinar to solicit input from the public on their vision for the Atlantic Sea Scallop Fishery to help inform the development of a 3–5 year strategic plan for managing the scallop fishery. This plan will be used by the Council to develop work schedules and allocate resources needed to make changes to the fishery management plan (FMP). Community and public input are essential to the development of goals and objectives that will be included in the Council's strategic plan for the scallop fishery.

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 these meetings. 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**

These meetings are 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.

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

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**Western Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council); Public Meeting**

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

**ACTION:** Notice; public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Western Pacific Stock Assessment Review (WPSAR) Steering Committee will convene a public meeting to discuss and approve the 5-year calendar for stock assessments, and to address any other concerns related to the WPSAR process.

**DATES:** The Steering Committee will meet from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. on Monday, February 24, 2025.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be open to the public and will be held as a hybrid meeting for members and the public, with a remote participation option available via Webex. In-person participation will be hosted at the Council office, 1164 Bishop Street, Suite 1400, Honolulu, HI 96813. Specific information on joining the meeting, connecting to the web conference and providing oral public comments will be posted on the Council website at [www.wpcouncil.org](http://www.wpcouncil.org). For assistance with the web conference connection, contact the Council office at (808) 522-8220.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Mark Fitchett, (808) 522-8141, or [mark.d.fitchett@noaa.gov](mailto:mark.d.fitchett@noaa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The WPSAR Steering Committee consists of the Executive Director of the Western Pacific Fishery Management Council, the Science Director of the NMFS

Pacific Islands Fisheries Science Center, and the Regional Administrator of the NMFS Pacific Islands Regional Office. You may read more about WPSAR at [https://www.pifsc.noaa.gov/peer\\_reviews/wpsar/index.php](https://www.pifsc.noaa.gov/peer_reviews/wpsar/index.php).

The public will have an opportunity to comment during the meeting. The agenda order may change. The meeting will run as late as necessary to complete scheduled business.

**Meeting Agenda**

1. Review of the WPSAR Schedule
2. Terms of Reference for Update Stock Assessment of Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI) Bottomfish Management Unit Species (BMUS)
3. Logistics for April 2025 CNMI BMUS WPSAR
  - A. Timeline for documents, reviewer selection, etc.
  - B. Personnel (PIRO, PIFSC, Council staff, WPSAR reviewers)
  - C. Venue options
4. Main Hawaiian Islands Kona Crab Stock Assessment Discussion
5. Other Business

**Special Accommodations**

The meeting is accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Kitty M. Simonds, (808) 522-8220 (voice) or (808) 522-8226 (fax), at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

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**Western Pacific Fishery Management Council; Public Meetings**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of public meetings.

**SUMMARY:** The Western Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) will hold its Mariana Archipelago Fishery Ecosystem Plan (FEP) Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI) Advisory Panel (AP), CNMI Regional Ecosystem Advisory Committee (REAC),

Fishing Industry Advisory Committee (FIAC), Mariana Archipelago FEP Guam AP, and the Guam REAC to discuss and make recommendations on fishery management issues in the Western Pacific Region.

**DATES:** The meetings will be held between February 26, 2025 and March 4, 2025. For specific times and agendas, see **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

**ADDRESSES:** The Council will hold its Mariana Archipelago FEP CNMI AP, CNMI REAC, FIAC, Mariana Archipelago FEP Guam AP, and the Guam REAC meetings in a hybrid format with in-person and remote participation (Webex) options available for the members and the public. The FIAC meeting will be held in a virtual format with remote participation (Webex) options available for the members and the public.

- In person attendance for the CNMI REAC and public will be hosted at the CNMI Crowne Place Hibiscus Hall, Coral Tree Ave., Garapan, Saipan, 96950.
- In-person attendance for the Mariana Archipelago FEP CNMI AP and public will be hosted at CNMI Crowne Place Hibiscus Hall, Coral Tree Ave., Garapan, Saipan, 96950.
- In-person attendance for Guam REAC and public will be hosted at the Guam Hilton Micronesian Room, 202 Hilton Road, Tumon Bay, Guam, 96913.
- In-person attendance for the Mariana Archipelago FEP Guam AP and public will be hosted at Guam Hilton Chuchuko Room, 202 Hilton Road, Tumon Bay, Guam, 96913.

Instructions for connecting to the web conference and providing oral public comments will be posted on the Council website at [www.wpcouncil.org](http://www.wpcouncil.org). For assistance with the web conference connection, contact the Council office at (808) 522-8220.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Kitty M. Simonds, Executive Director, Western Pacific Fishery Management Council; phone: (808) 522-8220.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Mariana Archipelago FEP CNMI AP will meet on Wednesday, February 26, from 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. (Chamorro Standard Time [ChST]), the CNMI REAC will meet on Thursday, February 27, from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. (ChST), the FIAC will meet on Thursday, February 27, from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. (HST), the Mariana Archipelago FEP Guam AP will meet on Monday, March 3, from 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. (ChST), and the Guam REAC will meet on Tuesday, March 4, from 8:30 a.m. to 12 noon (ChST).

Public Comment periods will be provided in the agendas. The order in

which agenda items are addressed may change. The meetings will run as late as necessary to complete scheduled business.

#### **Schedule and Agenda for the Mariana Archipelago FEP CNMI AP Meeting**

*Wednesday, February 26, 2025, 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. (ChST)*

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Review of Last AP Recommendations and Meeting
3. Council Fisheries Issues
  - a. Status of Fisheries Development
4. Council Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) Discussions
  - A. Scenario Planning
    - i. Small-Boat Fisheries
    - ii. Scenario Planning
  - B. Regulatory Review
    - i. Updates on Potential New Regulations
    - ii. Fisheries Issues and Concerns
  - C. Community Consultation
    - i. 2024 Fisher Observations Results
    - ii. FishMaps
5. AP Strategic Planning for 2025
6. Public Comment
7. Discussion and Recommendations
8. Other Business

#### **Schedule and Agenda for the CNMI REAC Meeting**

*Thursday, February 27, 2025, 8 a.m. to 12 Noon (ChST)*

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Opening Remarks
3. Overview of the CNMI REAC
4. Review of 2023 REAC Meeting and Recommendations
5. Regulatory Review, Community Consultation and Planning through the IRA
  - a. Fishery Monitoring and Management Regime
    - i. Marianas FEP Overview
    - ii. Status of CNMI Mandatory Data Implementation Plan
    - iii. Mariana Small-Boat Economic Survey
  - iv. NMFS 2025 Mariana Archipelago Survey
  - b. Climate Impacts on Fisheries and Communities
    - i. Agency Initiatives Addressing Climate Impacts on Fisheries and Coastal Resources
    - ii. Community-Based Fishery Management Plan
    - iii. FishMaps
    - iv. Future Scenarios for CNMI Small-Boat Fisheries
6. Community Fisheries
  - a. Concerns of Military Impacts on Local Fisheries
  - b. Fishery Development and Training Opportunities
  - c. Supporting Local Caught Versus

- Import Fish
7. Public Comment
8. Discussion and Recommendations
9. Other Business

#### **Schedule and Agenda for the FIAC Meeting**

*Thursday, February 27, 2025, 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. (HST)*

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Status Report on Previous FIAC Recommendations
3. Roundtable update on Fishing, Market Issues, and Impacts
4. U.S. Catch Limits for North Pacific Striped Marlin
5. Hawaii and American Samoa Longline fisheries Crew Training Requirement Status Report
6. Status on Development of an Electron Monitoring Program for Western Pacific Longline Fisheries
7. Scop of Hawaii Shark Protection Act
8. Proposed Hawaii Seafood Labeling Law
9. Update on IRA Projects
  - a. Scenario Planning
  - b. Regulatory Review
  - c. Community Consultation
10. Other Issues
11. Public Comment
12. Discussion and Recommendations

#### **Schedule and Agenda for the Mariana Archipelago FEP Guam AP Meeting**

*Monday, March 3, 2025, 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. (ChST)*

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Review of the Last AP Recommendations and Meeting
3. Council IRA Project Discussions
  - A. Scenario Planning
    - i. Small-Boat Fisheries
    - ii. Scenario Planning
  - B. Regulatory Review
    - i. Updates on Potential New Regulations
    - ii. Fisheries Issues and Concerns
  - C. Community Consultation
    - i. 2024 Fisher Observations Results
    - ii. FishMaps
4. AP Strategic Planning for 2025
5. BOEM COI for Guam Offshore Wind Energy
6. Strategic Shift for the Bottomfish Independent Survey in Guam
7. Guam Military Working Group Update
8. Public Comment
9. Discussion and Recommendations
10. Other Business

#### **Schedule and Agenda for the Guam REAC Meeting**

*Tuesday, March 4, 2025, 8:30 a.m. to 12 Noon (ChST)*

1. Welcome and Introductions

2. Opening Remarks
3. About the Guam REAC
4. Report on the 2023 REAC Recommendations and Meeting
5. Regulatory Review, Community Consultation and Planning through the IRA
  - a. Fishery Monitoring and Management Regime
    - i. Marianas FEP Overview
    - ii. Mariana Small-Boat Economic Survey
    - iii. NMFS 2025 Mariana Archipelago Survey
  - b. Climate Impacts on Fisheries and Communities
    - i. Agency Initiatives Addressing Climate Impacts on Fisheries and Coastal Resources
    - ii. Community-Based Fishery Management Plan
    - iii. FishMaps
    - iv. Future Scenarios for Guam Small-Boat Fisheries
6. Guam Fishery Issues
  - a. Report on Military Activities in Guam
    - i. Status of Marine Corps Base Camp Blaz Firing Ranges
    - ii. Report from Council Military Working Group
  - b. Bureau of Ocean and Energy Management Call for Information on Offshore Energy in Guam
7. Public Comments
8. Discussion and Recommendations
9. Other Business

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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### South Atlantic Fishery Management Council; Public Meetings

**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 the following: Snapper Grouper Commercial Sub-Committee; Habitat & Ecosystem Committee; Joint Habitat & Ecosystem and Shrimp Committee; Snapper Grouper Committee; Mackerel Cobia Committee, and the Southeast Data, Assessment, and Review (SEDAR) Committee. The meeting week will also include a formal public comment session and meetings of the Full Council.

**DATES:** The Council meeting will be held from 9 a.m. on Monday, March 3, 2025, until 12 p.m. on Friday, March 7, 2025.

#### ADDRESSES:

*Meeting address:* The meeting will be held at the Villas by the Sea, 1175 Beechview Drive N, Jekyll Island, GA 31527; phone: (912) 635-2521.

The meeting will also be available via webinar. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

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

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

*Public comment:* Public comment on agenda items may be submitted through the Council's online comment form available from the Council's website at: <https://safmc.net/events/march-2025-council-meeting/>. Written comments will be accepted from February 14, 2025, until March 7, 2025. These comments are accessible to the public, part of the Administrative Record of the meeting, and immediately available for Council consideration. A formal public comment session will also be held during the Council meeting.

The items of discussion in the individual meeting agendas are as follows:

*Snapper Grouper Commercial Sub-Committee, Monday, March 3, 2025, 9 a.m. until 12 p.m.*

The Snapper Grouper Commercial Sub-Committee will review commercial data, discuss issues to be addressed in the commercial snapper grouper fishery and prioritization, and discuss next steps and timelines.

*Council Session I, Monday, March 3, 2025, 1:30 p.m. until 2:30 p.m. (CLOSED SESSION)*

The Council will meet in closed session to receive a litigation brief if needed, review the advisory panel policy as it relates to background checks for applicants, consider recommendations from the Law Enforcement Advisory Panel (AP), and propose policy modifications as needed. The Council will also consider appointments to the SEDAR 90 (South Atlantic Red Snapper) stock assessment data workshop, liaison appointments to the Shrimp AP, and other appointments as needed.

*Council Session I, Monday, March 3, 2025, 2:30 p.m. until 5 p.m. and Tuesday, March 4, 2025, 8:30 a.m. until 3 p.m.*

The Council will receive a litigation brief and reports from the Council's Law Enforcement Advisory Panel on items not included in the March agenda, Council liaisons, state agencies, NOAA Fisheries Southeast Regional Office (SERO), and NOAA Fisheries Southeast Science Center. The Council will also receive a presentation on the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council's Recreational Reform Initiative. The Council will review the Southeast For-Hire Integrated Electronic Reporting (SEFHIER) Improvement Amendment currently under development. The Amendment review will include recommendations from the Council's For-Hire Reporting Advisory Panel (AP), Law Enforcement AP, and a presentation from NOAA Fisheries SERO. The Council will consider approving the amendment for public scoping.

Council members are scheduled to receive a presentation on the Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary Fisheries Protocol, discuss topics for the Dolphin Wahoo AP Spring 2025 meeting, and Climate Projects including Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) projects and the Climate and Ecosystem Fisheries Initiative.

*Habitat & Ecosystem Committee, Tuesday, March 4, 2025, 3 p.m. until 4 p.m.*

The Committee will receive a report from the Habitat and Ecosystem AP, a 2024 Habitat Report, an update on the Essential Fish Habitat Mapper, and discuss topics for the July 2025 Habitat and Ecosystem AP meeting.

*Joint Habitat & Ecosystem and Shrimp Committees, Tuesday, March 4, 2025, 4 p.m. until 5 p.m.*

The Committees will receive an overview of a draft comprehensive