

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

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**South Atlantic Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting**

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

**ACTION:** Meeting of the South Atlantic Fishery Management Council.

**SUMMARY:** The South Atlantic Fishery Management Council (Council) will hold a meeting via webinar.

**DATES:** The Council meeting will be held from 1 p.m.–2 p.m. on Monday, March 29, 2021.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held via webinar. 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:** Meeting information, including the webinar link, agenda, and briefing book materials will be posted on the Council's website at: <http://safmc.net/safmc-meetings/council-meetings/>.

The Council will convene to review section 216(c) of the Executive Order (E.O.) on Tackling the Climate Crisis at Home and Abroad (E.O. 14008) issued on January 27, 2021. Section 216(c) of the E.O. 14008 directs NOAA to collect recommendations on how to make fisheries, including aquaculture and protected resources more resilient to climate change, including changes in management and conservation measures and improvements in science, monitoring and cooperative research.

NOAA issued a Request for Information (RFI) on March 2, 2021 accepting written comments within 30-days and will continue to gather input through 2021. During the Council meeting, NOAA Fisheries will provide a presentation on Section 216 (c) of the E.O. and the Council will provide input.

Written comments may be directed to John Carmichael, Executive Director, South Atlantic Fishery Management Council (see **ADDRESSES**) or electronically via the Council's website at <http://safmc.net/safmc-meetings/council-meetings/>. Public comment will also be allowed as part of the meeting agenda.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in this agenda may come

before this group for discussion, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during this meeting. Action will be restricted to those issues specifically identified in this notice and any issues arising after publication of this notice that require emergency action under section 305(c) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, provided the public has been notified of the Council's intent to take final action to address the emergency.

**Special Accommodations**

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for auxiliary aids should be directed to the council office (see **ADDRESSES**) 5 days prior to the meeting.

**Note:** The times and sequence specified in this agenda are subject to change.

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

Dated: March 3, 2021.

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**Endangered and Threatened Species; Take of Anadromous Fish**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of intent to prepare an environmental impact statement.

**SUMMARY:** We, NMFS, intend to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), in accordance with the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), to analyze the potential impacts on the human (biological, physical, social, and economic) environment caused by the Western Oregon State Forests Habitat Conservation Plan (WOSF HCP) and a range of reasonable alternatives. The WOSF HCP is being prepared in support of a request for Endangered Species Act (ESA) incidental take permits (ITPs) authorizing incidental take of covered species by covered activities. We are also announcing the initiation of a public scoping period to engage Federal, Tribal, State, and local governments and the public in the identification of issues and concerns, potential impacts, and reasonable alternatives to the proposed

action that meet the purpose and need for consideration in the draft EIS. The applicant for the ITPs is the Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF).

**DATES:** The NMFS requests comments concerning the scope of the analysis, and identification of relevant information, studies, and analyses. All comments must be received by April 7, 2021.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments on this document, identified by NOAA-NMFS-2021-0019, by:

- **Electronic Submission:** Submit all electronic public comments via the Federal e-Rulemaking Portal. Go to <https://www.regulations.gov> and enter NOAA-NMFS-2021-0019 in the Search box. Click on the "Comment" icon, complete the required fields, and enter or attach your comments.

**Instructions:** Comments sent by any other method, to any other address or individual, or received after the end of the comment period, may not be considered by NMFS. All comments received are a part of the public record and will generally be posted for public viewing on [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) without change. All personal identifying information (e.g., name, address, etc.), confidential business information, or otherwise sensitive information submitted voluntarily by the sender will be publicly accessible. NMFS will accept anonymous comments (enter "N/A" in the required fields if you wish to remain anonymous).

The WOSF draft HCP is posted on the ODF website: <https://www.oregon.gov/ODF/AboutODF/Pages/HCP-initiative.aspx>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Michelle McMullin, NMFS, 541-957-3378, [Michelle.McMullin@noaa.gov](mailto:Michelle.McMullin@noaa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:****Purpose and Need for the Proposed Action**

The purpose of ITP(s) issuance to ODF is to protect the covered species and their habitat while allowing the applicant to manage WOSF lands in compliance with the ESA. The need for the Federal action is to respond to the applicant's request for ITPs for the covered species and covered activities as described in the WOSF HCP. NMFS and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) will review the ITP applications to determine if they meet permit issuance criteria.

**Preliminary Proposed Action and Alternatives**

Under the proposed action, NMFS and USFWS would approve the WOSF HCP and issue ITPs with 70-year permit