

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

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North Pacific Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice of public hybrid meeting.

SUMMARY: The North Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) Groundfish Plan Teams will meet September 19, 2022, through September 23, 2022.

DATES: The meetings will be held on Monday, September 19, 2022 through Friday, September 23, 2022, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., PDT.

ADDRESSES:

Meeting address: The meetings will be a hybrid meeting. The in-person component of the meeting will be held at the Alaska Fishery Science Center in the Traynor Room (2076) and the Observer Room (1055), 7600 Sand Point Way NE, Building 4, Seattle, WA 98115, or join the meeting online through the links at <https://meetings.npfmc.org/Meeting/Details/2949>.

Council address: North Pacific Fishery Management Council, 1007 W 3rd Ave, Anchorage, AK 99501-2252; telephone: (907) 271-2809. Instructions for attending the meeting are given under **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**, below.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sara Cleaver, Council staff; email: sara.cleaver@noaa.gov or Diana Stram, Council staff; email diana.stram@noaa.gov; telephone: (907) 271-2809.

For technical support, please contact our administrative staff; email: npfmc.admin@noaa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**Agenda**

Monday, September 19, 2022, Through Friday, September 23, 2022

The Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands (BSAI) and Gulf of Alaska (GOA) Groundfish Plan Teams will meet to review and discuss issues of importance to both Plan Teams, including but not limited to: Economic and Socioeconomic Profile update, Ecosystem Status Report Climate update, Ecosystem surveys, Essential Fish Habitat, Economic Stock Assessment and Fishery Evaluation (SAFE), Bottom Trawl Surveys (BTS),

Longline survey, updates on model progress for stock assessments to be presented in November, and proposed harvest specifications. The agenda is subject to change, and the latest version will be posted at <https://meetings.npfmc.org/Meeting/Details/2949> prior to the meeting, along with meeting materials.

Connection Information

You can attend the meeting online using a computer, tablet, or smartphone; or by phone only. Connection information will be posted online at: <https://meetings.npfmc.org/Meeting/Details/2949>.

Public Comment

Public comment letters should be submitted electronically via the electronic agenda at <https://meetings.npfmc.org/Meeting/Details/2949>.

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration****Final Management Plan for the Chesapeake Bay Virginia National Estuarine Research Reserve**

AGENCY: Office for Coastal Management, National Ocean Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of approval for the revised management plan for the Chesapeake Bay Virginia National Estuarine Research Reserve.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the Office for Coastal Management, National Ocean Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce approves the revised management plan for the Chesapeake Bay Virginia Reserve. In accordance with applicable Federal regulations, the Virginia Institute of Marine Science revised the reserve's management plan, which replaces the plan previously approved in 2008.

ADDRESSES: The approved management plan can be downloaded or viewed at https://www.vims.edu/cbnerr/resources/resources_annual_reports.php. The

document is also available by sending a written email request to Tricia Hooper, NOAA's Office for Coastal Management, Tricia.Hooper@noaa.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Tricia Hooper, NOAA's Office for Coastal Management, Tricia.Hooper@noaa.gov, (617) 921-1998.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to 15 CFR 921.33(c), a State must revise the management plan for its research reserve at least every five years. Changes to a reserve's management plan may be made only after receiving written approval from NOAA. NOAA approves changes to management plans via notice in the **Federal Register**. On March 1, 2022, NOAA issued a notice in the **Federal Register** announcing a thirty-day public comment period for the proposed revision of the Chesapeake Bay Virginia management plan (87 FR 11418).

Appendix J of the plan contains a summary of written and oral comments received, and an explanation of how comments were incorporated into the final version of the management plan.

The management plan outlines the reserve's strategic goals and objectives; administrative structure; programs for conducting research and monitoring, education, and training; resource protection, restoration, and manipulation plans; public access and visitor use plans; consideration for future land acquisition; and facility development to support reserve operations. Since 2008, the reserve has made notable investments in programs and infrastructure, which include launching the new Margaret A. Davidson Fellowship, reinvigorating the York River and Small Coastal Basin Roundtable, and establishing the Environmental Data Center and the Virginia Scientists and Educators Alliance with partners at the Virginia Institute of Marine Science. The reserve installed a floating dock at Taskinas Creek and Catlett Islands components, and maintained extensive Sentinel Site infrastructure, including boardways, sediment elevation tables, tide gauges, and survey benchmarks. The reserve also navigated changes in ownership and management at the Catlett Islands and Sweet Hall Marsh components, conducted an internal reorganization, and developed a comprehensive communications plan. The revised management plan will serve as the guiding document for the 3,072 acre (12 km²) research reserve for the next five years.

NOAA reviewed the environmental impacts of the revised management plan and determined that this action is