

**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE****National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration****U.S. Integrated Ocean Observing System (IOOS®) Advisory Committee Public Meeting**

**AGENCY:** U.S. Integrated Ocean Observing System (IOOS®), National Ocean Service (NOS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Department of Commerce (DOC).

**ACTION:** Notice of open meeting.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given of a hybrid meeting of the U.S. Integrated Ocean Observing System (IOOS®) Advisory Committee (Committee). The meeting is open to the public and an opportunity for oral and written comments will be provided.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held both virtually and in person from December 4, 2023 to December 5, 2023. Sessions will occur from 12 p.m. to 5 p.m. (EST) on December 4, 2023 and from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. (EST) on December 5, 2023. Written public comments should be received by the Designated Federal Official by November 27, 2023.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the NOAA Center for Weather and Climate Prediction, 5830 University Research Ct., College Park, MD. To register for the meeting and/or submit public comments, use this link <https://forms.gle/CebvvQ28rUW2itWeA> or email [Laura.Gewain@noaa.gov](mailto:Laura.Gewain@noaa.gov). See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for instructions and other information about public participation.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Krisa Arzayus, Designated Federal Official, U.S. IOOS Advisory Committee, U.S. IOOS Program, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910; Phone 240-533-9455; Fax 301-713-3281; email [krisa.arzayus@noaa.gov](mailto:krisa.arzayus@noaa.gov) or visit the U.S. IOOS Advisory Committee website at <https://ioos.noaa.gov/community/u-s-ioos-advisory-committee/>.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Committee was established by the NOAA Administrator as directed by section 12304 of the Integrated Coastal and Ocean Observation System Act, part of the Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009 (Pub. L. 111-11), and reauthorized under the Coordinated Ocean Observations and Research Act of 2020 (Pub. L. 116-271). The Committee advises the NOAA Administrator and the Interagency Ocean Observation Committee (IOOC) on matters related to the responsibilities

and authorities set forth in section 12302 and section 12304 of the Integrated Coastal and Ocean Observation System Act of 2009 and other appropriate matters as the Under Secretary may refer to the Committee for review and advice.

The Committee will provide advice on:

(A) administration, operation, management, and maintenance of the Integrated Coastal and Ocean Observation System (the System);

(B) expansion and periodic modernization and upgrade of technology components of the System;

(C) identification of end-user communities, their needs for information provided by the System, and the System's effectiveness in disseminating information to end-user communities and to the general public; and

(D) additional priorities, including—

(1) a national surface current mapping network designed to improve fine scale sea surface mapping using high frequency radar technology and other emerging technologies to address national priorities, including Coast Guard search and rescue operation planning and harmful algal bloom forecasting and detection that—

(i) is comprised of existing high frequency radar and other sea surface current mapping infrastructure operated by national programs and regional coastal observing systems;

(ii) incorporates new high frequency radar assets or other fine scale sea surface mapping technology assets, and other assets needed to fill gaps in coverage on United States coastlines; and

(iii) follows a deployment plan that prioritizes closing gaps in high frequency radar infrastructure in the United States, starting with areas demonstrating significant sea surface current data needs, especially in areas where additional data will improve Coast Guard search and rescue models;

(2) fleet acquisition for unmanned maritime systems for deployment and data integration to fulfill the purposes of this subtitle;

(3) an integrative survey program for application of unmanned maritime systems to the real-time or near real-time collection and transmission of sea floor, water column, and sea surface data on biology, chemistry, geology, physics, and hydrography;

(4) remote sensing and data assimilation to develop new analytical methodologies to assimilate data from the System into hydrodynamic models;

(5) integrated, multi-State monitoring to assess sources, movement, and fate of sediments in coastal regions;

(6) a multi-region marine sound monitoring system to be—

(i) planned in consultation with the IOOC, NOAA, the Department of the Navy, and academic research institutions; and

(ii) developed, installed, and operated in coordination with NOAA, the Department of the Navy, and academic research institutions; and

(E) any other purpose identified by the Administrator or the Council.

**Matters To Be Considered**

The meeting will focus on: (1) continuing to work on the phase 2 recommendations from the committee workplan, and (2) IOOS Program Office updates. The latest version of the agenda will be posted at <https://ioos.noaa.gov/community/u-s-ioos-advisory-committee/>. The times and the agenda topics described here are subject to change.

**Public Comment Instructions**

The meeting will be open to public participation (check agenda on website to confirm time). The Committee expects that public statements presented at its meetings will not be repetitive of previously submitted verbal or written statements. In general, each individual or group making a verbal presentation will be limited to a total time of three (3) minutes. Written comments should be received by the Designated Federal Official by November 27, 2023, to provide sufficient time for Committee review. Written comments received after November 27, 2023, will be distributed to the Committee, but may not be reviewed prior to the meeting date. To submit written comments, please fill out the brief form at <https://forms.gle/CebvvQ28rUW2itWeA> or email your comments and the organization/company affiliation you represent to Laura Gewain, [Laura.Gewain@noaa.gov](mailto:Laura.Gewain@noaa.gov).

**Special Accommodations**

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Krisa Arzayus, Designated Federal Official by phone (240-533-9455) or email ([Krisa.Arzayus@noaa.gov](mailto:Krisa.Arzayus@noaa.gov)) or to Laura

Gewain ([Laura.Gewain@noaa.gov](mailto:Laura.Gewain@noaa.gov)) by November 20, 2023.

**Carl C. Gouldman,**

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

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on Monday, October 30, 2023 from 10 a.m. through 5 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. Webinar connection instructions and briefing materials will be available at: [www.mafmc.org/ssc](http://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](http://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 make multi-year acceptable biological catch (ABC) recommendations for Spiny Dogfish and Atlantic Mackerel based on the results of the recently completed management track stock assessments and peer review. The SSC will recommend new 2024–2026 ABC specifications for Spiny Dogfish. The SSC will also review, and potentially revise, their preliminary 2024–2025 ABC recommendations for Atlantic Mackerel based on the peer review results, updated stock projections, and additional guidance from the Council.

A detailed agenda and background documents will be made available on

the Council’s website ([www.mafmc.org](http://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: September 29, 2023.

**Rey Israel Marquez,**

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

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**CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION**

[Docket No. CPSC–2023–0042]

**Draft CPSC Scientific Integrity Policy**

**AGENCY:** Consumer Product Safety Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability and request for comment.

**SUMMARY:** The Consumer Product Safety Commission (Commission or CPSC) is announcing the availability of a proposed Scientific Integrity Policy. This policy is provided in response to the Presidential Memorandum on Restoring Trust in Government Through Scientific Integrity and Evidence-Based Policymaking, to ensure that Agency stakeholders are given an opportunity to comment on this policy. Scientific and technical work constitute the foundation upon which the CPSC executes the agency’s mission to protect the public against unreasonable risks of injury associated with the use of consumer products. CPSC aims to carry out the agency’s mission with integrity, because both policy makers and the public rely upon the work done at the CPSC to ensure the protection of consumers from potential hazards associated with consumer products.

**DATES:** Submit comments by December 4, 2023.

**ADDRESSES:** You can submit comments, identified by Docket No. CPSC–2023–0042, by any of the following methods:

*Electronic Submissions:* Submit electronic comments to the Federal eRulemaking Portal at: <https://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments. CPSC does not accept comments submitted via email, except as described below. CPSC encourages you to submit electronic comments using the Federal eRulemaking Portal.

*Mail/Hand Delivery/Courier/Confidential Written Submissions:* Submit comments by mail, hand delivery, or courier to: Office of the Secretary, Consumer Product Safety Commission, 4330 East-West Highway, Bethesda, MD 20814; telephone: (301) 504–7479. If you wish to submit confidential business information, trade secret information, or other sensitive or protected information that you do not want available to the public, you may submit such comments by mail, hand delivery, courier, or you may email them to: [cpsc-os@cpsc.gov](mailto:cpsc-os@cpsc.gov).

*Instructions:* All submissions must include the agency name and docket number. CPSC may post all comments without change, including any personal identifiers, contact information, or other personal information provided to: <https://www.regulations.gov>. Do not submit to this website: confidential business information, trade secret information, or other sensitive or protected information that you do not want to be available to the public. If you wish to submit such information, please submit it according to the instructions for mail/hand delivery/courier/confidential written submissions.

*Docket:* For access to the docket to review supplemental information, including comments received, regarding the draft policy, go to <https://www.regulations.gov>, and insert the docket number, CPSC–2023–0042, into the “search” box, and follow the prompts. The proposed supplemental guidance is available under “Supporting and Related Material.” It is also available at <https://www.regulations.gov/document/CPSC-2023-0042-0001> and from the Commission’s Office of the Secretary.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mary Kelleher, Scientific Integrity Official, Associate Executive Director for Health Sciences, U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, 5 Research Place, Rockville, MD 20850; telephone: (240) 429–4894 email: [mkelleher@cpsc.gov](mailto:mkelleher@cpsc.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**A. Background**

The proposed draft CPSC Scientific Integrity Policy builds upon the current Statement of Principles: Integrity of the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission Staff’s Scientific and Technical Work<sup>1</sup> and follows the National Science and Technology

<sup>1</sup> <https://www.cpsc.gov/About-CPSC/Policies-Statements-and-Directives/Statement-of-Principles-Integrity-of-the-U-S-Consumer-Product-Safety-Commission-Staffs-Scientific-and-Technical-Work>.