

Workshop, (2) a series of assessment webinars, and (3) A Review Workshop. The product of the Data Workshop is a report that compiles and evaluates potential datasets and recommends which datasets are appropriate for assessment analyses. The assessment webinars produce a report that describes the fisheries, evaluates the status of the stock, estimates biological benchmarks, projects future population conditions, and recommends research and monitoring needs. The product of the Review Workshop is an Assessment Summary documenting panel opinions regarding the strengths and weaknesses of the stock assessment and input data. Participants for SEDAR Workshops are appointed by the Gulf of Mexico, South Atlantic, and Caribbean Fishery Management Councils and NOAA Fisheries Southeast Regional Office, HMS Management Division, and Southeast Fisheries Science Center. Participants include data collectors and database managers; stock assessment scientists, biologists, and researchers; constituency representatives including fishermen, environmentalists, and NGO's; International experts; and staff of Councils, Commissions, and state and federal agencies.

The items of discussion during the Post Data Workshop webinar II are as follows:

Participants will discuss and finalize any outstanding data issues remaining from the Data Workshop.

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 intent to take final action to address the emergency.

Special Accommodations

The meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to the Council office (see **ADDRESSES**) at least 5 business days prior to each workshop.

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

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Fisheries of the South Atlantic; South Atlantic Fishery Management Council; Public Meetings

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

ACTION: South Atlantic Fishery Management Council (Council) Seminar Series presentation via webinar.

SUMMARY: The Council will host a presentation on wind energy development in the South Atlantic region on January 9, 2024.

DATES: The webinar presentation will be held on Tuesday, January 9, 2024 from 1 p.m. until 2:30 p.m.

ADDRESSES: *Meeting address:* The presentation will be provided via webinar. The webinar is open to members of the public. Information, including a link to webinar registration will be posted on the Council's website at: <https://safmc.net/safmc-seminar-series/> as it becomes available.

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) 302-8439 or toll free: (866) SAFMC-10; fax: (843) 769-4520; email: kim.iverson@safmc.net.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Council will host a presentation on wind energy development in the South Atlantic region. The presentation will provide information on three wind energy projects planned in the South Atlantic region and potential impacts of the projects. A question-and-answer session will follow the presentation. Members of the public will have the opportunity to participate in the discussion. The presentation is for informational purposes only and no management actions will be taken.

Special Accommodations

The meeting is 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.

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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 webconference.

SUMMARY: The North Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) Bering Sea Fishery Ecosystem Plan (BS FEP) Team will be held on January 9, 2024.

DATES: The meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 9, 2024, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Alaska Time.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be a webconference. Join online through the link at <https://meetings.npfmc.org/Meeting/Details/3027>.

Council address: North Pacific Fishery Management Council, 1007 W 3rd Ave., Suite 400, Anchorage, AK 99501-2252; telephone: (907) 271-2809. Instructions for attending the meeting are given under **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** below.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Diana Evans, Council staff; phone: (907) 271-2809 and email: diana.evans@noaa.gov. For technical support, please contact our administrative staff; email: npfmc.admin@noaa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Agenda

Tuesday, January 9, 2024

The agenda will include: (a) recommend top 3-5 research priorities for Scientific and Statistical Committee; (b) discuss next steps for BS FEP team; and (c) other business. The agenda is subject to change, and the latest version will be posted at <https://meetings.npfmc.org/Meeting/Details/3027> prior to the meeting, along with meeting materials.

Connection Information

You can attend the meeting online using a computer, tablet, or smart phone; or by phone only. Connection information will be posted online at: <https://meetings.npfmc.org/Meeting/Details/3027>.

Public Comment

Public comment letters will be accepted and should be submitted electronically to <https://meetings.npfmc.org/Meeting/Details/3027>.

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

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Endangered and Threatened Species; Critical Habitat for the Threatened Indo-Pacific Corals, Public Hearings

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

ACTION: Notice of public hearings.

SUMMARY: We, NMFS, will hold seven public hearings related to our proposed rule to designate critical habitat for five threatened corals in U.S. waters in the Indo-Pacific (*Acropora globiceps*, *Acropora retusa*, *Acropora speciosa*, *Euphyllia paradivisa*, and *Isopora crateriformis*) under the Endangered Species Act (ESA).

DATES: Please see Public Hearings in **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section for date information. Comments on the proposed rule (88 FR 83644, November 30, 2023) must be received by February 28, 2024. Comments received after this date may not be accepted.

ADDRESSES: The addresses for the venues of the in-person hearings and instructions for joining the virtual hearing are provided below.

- *Guam Public Hearing:* Lotte Hotel Guam, 185 Gun Beach Road, Tamuning, 96913 Guam.
- *Saipan Public Hearing:* Crowne Plaza Resort, Coral Tree Ave., Garapan, Saipan, CNMI 96950.

- *Tinian Public Hearing:* Tinian Elementary School, 8th Avenue, San Jose, Tinian, CNMI 96952.

- *Rota Public Hearing:* Northern Marianas College Rota Campus, Song Song Village, Rota, CNMI 96951.

- *Tutuila Public Hearing #1:* Tradewinds Hotel, Tafuna, Western District, American Samoa 96799.

- *Tutuila Public Hearing #2:* Rex H. Lee Auditorium, Utulei, Eastern District, American Samoa 96799.

- *Virtual Hearing:* This hearing will be conducted as a Webex meeting. You may join the Webex meeting using a web browser, the Webex desktop app (app installation required), a mobile app on a phone (app installation required), or audio-only using just a phone call, as specified below.

- To join the hearing, click on the link <https://noaanmfs-meets.webex.com/noaanmfs-meets/j.php?MTID=mce25d9e1660a3b2fcd5133fb38aac55>.

- Webinar number (access code): 2763 694 3109 Webinar password: kPRDGpXS246 (57734797 from phones and video systems).

- Join from a mobile device (attendees only) +1-415-527-5035, 27636943109# 57734797#.

You may submit comments verbally or in writing at the public hearings, or in writing by any of the following methods:

- *Electronic Submissions:* Submit all electronic public comments via the Federal eRulemaking Portal. Go to <https://www.regulations.gov/comment/NOAA-NMFS-2016-0131-0070>, complete the required fields, and enter or attach your comments.

- *Mail:* Lance Smith, Protected Resources Division, NMFS, Pacific Islands Regional Office, NOAA Inouye Regional Center, 1845 Wasp Blvd., Bldg. 176, Honolulu, HI 96818.

Instructions: You must submit comments by one of the previously described methods to ensure that we receive, document, and consider them. 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. All comments received are a part of the public record and will generally be posted to <https://www.regulations.gov> without change. All Personal Identifying Information (for example, name, address, *etc.*) voluntarily submitted by the commenter may be publicly accessible. Do not submit confidential business information or otherwise sensitive or protected information.

NMFS will accept anonymous comments (enter "N/A" in the required

fields if you wish to remain anonymous).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lance Smith, NMFS, Pacific Islands Regional Office, at lance.smith@noaa.gov or 808-725-5131.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**Background**

On November 30, 2023, NMFS proposed to designate critical habitat for five Indo-Pacific corals listed as threatened under the ESA within U.S. waters in Guam, CNMI, American Samoa, the Pacific Remote Island Area (PRIA) and Papahānaumokuākea Marine National Monument (MNM) in Hawai'i (88 FR 83644). The five species are *Acropora globiceps*, *A. retusa*, *A. speciosa*, *Euphyllia paradivisa*, and *Isopora crateriformis*. Proposed coral critical habitat consists of substrate and water column habitat characteristics essential for the reproduction, recruitment, growth, and maturation of the listed corals.

Proposed critical habitat consists of 16 island units. There are four units in American Samoa (Tutuila, Ofu-Olosega, Tā'u, Rose Atoll), eight in CNMI (Rota, Aguijan, Tinian, Saipan, Alamagan, Pagan, Maug Islands, Uracas), two in PRIA (Palmyra and Johnston Atolls), one in Guam, and one in Papahānaumokuākea MNM (Lalo, also known as French Frigate Shoals). Between one and five listed corals occur within each unit. The following areas were deemed ineligible for proposed critical habitat because they are within areas covered by final Department of Defense Integrated Natural Resources Management Plans that are likely to benefit listed corals: parts of Guam, parts of Tinian, all of Farallon de Medinilla, and all of Wake Atoll (88 FR 83644, November 30, 2023).

Critical habitat protections apply only to Federal actions under section 7 of the ESA; activities that are not funded, authorized, or carried out by a Federal agency are not subject to these protections. The proposed rule and other materials prepared in support of this action, including maps showing the proposed critical habitat, are available at: <https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/action/proposed-rule-designate-critical-habitat-threatened-indo-pacific-corals>. We are accepting public comments on the proposed rule through a 90-day public comment period, which ends on February 28, 2024 (see **ADDRESSES** for instructions on how to submit a public comment).