

regions. Catch distributions, harvested size distributions, and other indices obtained in this data collection have formed the basis of fishery management plans and used in stock assessments for Atlantic highly migratory species such as tunas, billfish, swordfish and sharks.

**Affected Public:** Individuals or households; business or other for-profit organizations.

**Frequency:** Annually, weekly or on occasion.

**Respondent's Obligation:** Mandatory.

**Legal Authority:** Atlantic Tunas Convention Act and the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act.

This information collection request may be viewed at [www.reginfo.gov](http://www.reginfo.gov). Follow the instructions to view the Department of Commerce collections currently under review by OMB.

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

**Request for Information; Data for Marine Spatial Studies in Virginia, North Carolina, and South Carolina**

**AGENCY:** National Centers for Coastal Ocean Science, National Ocean Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Department of Commerce (DOC).

**ACTION:** Notice; request for information.

**SUMMARY:** NOAA's National Ocean Service (NOS) National Centers for Coastal Ocean Science (NCCOS), hereafter NOAA, in partnership with the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM), is working to build spatial planning capacity in the Southeast United States Region (Southeast U.S.). Through this notice, NOAA is seeking public input to identify coastal and

marine spatial data or other critical information to inform marine spatial analyses in Virginia, North Carolina, and South Carolina. The input we receive from the data development workshop meeting, as well as the responses to the items listed in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of this document, will be used to inform potential coastal and ocean development activities in the Southeast U.S., such as renewable energy development.

**DATES:** Interested persons are invited to provide input in response to this notice through April 30, 2024. Late-filed input will be considered to the extent practicable. Oral input will be accepted during a public meeting to be held in Beaufort, North Carolina on April 9–10, 2024.

**ADDRESSES:** Interested persons are invited to provide input using one of the following methods:

- **Electronic Submission:** Submit electronic written public comments via the Federal e-Rulemaking Portal. Go to <https://www.regulations.gov> and enter NOAA–NOS–2024–0090908 in the Search box. Click on the "Comment" icon, complete the required fields, and enter or attach your comments. 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. NOAA will accept anonymous comments (enter "N/A" in the required fields if you wish to remain anonymous).

- **Oral submission:** NOAA will accept oral input at a data development workshop. The meeting will be held at the NOAA Beaufort Laboratory in Beaufort, North Carolina on Tuesday, April 9, 2024 from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. eastern time (ET) and Wednesday, April 10, 2024 from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. ET. There will be a registration window from 8:30 a.m. to 9 a.m. ET each day before the start of the meeting. Advanced registration is required for the meeting by completing the registration form at [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc5Z5zv0jmM-g5AF-WOAXga6lt0Mc2fmK9aYAvnuwI79EktIQ/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc5Z5zv0jmM-g5AF-WOAXga6lt0Mc2fmK9aYAvnuwI79EktIQ/viewform?usp=sf_link) or by providing an RSVP to Michelle Hobgood at [michelle.hobgood@noaa.gov](mailto:michelle.hobgood@noaa.gov). The registration deadline is Friday, April 5, 2024.

Reports of meeting results will also be published and made available to the

public in the weeks following the meeting. If you are unable to provide electronic written comments or participate in the meeting, please contact Michelle Hobgood at [michelle.hobgood@noaa.gov](mailto:michelle.hobgood@noaa.gov) or 980–622–7642 for alternative submission methods.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** James Morris, NOAA NCCOS, at [james.morris@noaa.gov](mailto:james.morris@noaa.gov) or 252–666–7433.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**I. Background**

NOAA is an agency of the United States Federal Government that works to conserve and manage coastal and marine ecosystems and resources. NOAA works to make fisheries sustainable and productive, provide safe seafood to consumers, conserve threatened and endangered species and other protected resources, and maintain healthy ecosystems. NOAA has jurisdiction and responsibility for its trust marine resources in the Southeast U.S. as well as significant interest in supporting the resilience of coastal and marine-dependent communities and promoting equity and environmental justice. For these reasons, it is important for NOAA to invest in research that informs marine spatial studies in the Southeast U.S. region, including socioeconomic research that ensures meaningful participation of local communities and supports equitable processes for planning and siting of new and existing marine industries and conservation areas.

NOAA has been engaged with the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management to support siting and environmental review for offshore wind energy areas in U.S. Federal waters (<https://www.boem.gov/renewable-energy>) to ensure protection of trust resources in any offshore development activities.

**II. Purpose of This Request for Information**

The purpose of this notice is to promote data development to inform marine spatial studies in Virginia, North Carolina, and South Carolina, with an emphasis on data needs for offshore wind energy. In addition to input received from the public through the electronic and oral submissions, NOAA aims to inform the public about its coastal and ocean planning processes and capabilities, discuss the current data available for each ocean sector (e.g., national security, fisheries, industry, natural resources, cultural resources),

and gather ideas for other data sources. NOAA hopes to come out of the meetings with a strengthened relationship with the public and a list of best available data and data gaps.

### III. Specific Information Requested To Inform Marine Spatial Studies in Virginia, North Carolina, and South Carolina

NOAA seeks written public input to inform marine spatial studies in the Southeast U.S. NOAA is particularly interested in receiving input concerning the items listed below. Responses to this notice are voluntary, and respondents need not reply to items listed. When providing input, please specify if you are providing general feedback on marine spatial studies and/or if you are responding to one of the specific item number(s) below:

1. Specific datasets related to ocean sectors, natural resources, and/or human activities you recommend NOAA use in marine spatial studies.
2. Major concerns you have related to use of any specific datasets that may be used in marine spatial studies.
3. Major concerns you have related to gaps in scientific knowledge or data that could impact marine spatial planning efforts.
4. Specific data or information you recommend NOAA or other partners collect, if it is not currently available or has not been previously collected.
5. Ways in which NOAA can better engage and collaborate with the public and local communities to promote economic, social, and ecological resilience as well as protect trust resources.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

#### Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for Review and Approval; Comment Request; Pacific Islands Region Vessel and Gear Identification Requirements

The Department of Commerce will submit the following information collection request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and clearance in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of

1995, on or after the date of publication of this notice. We invite the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on proposed, and continuing information collections, which helps us assess the impact of our information collection requirements and minimize the public's reporting burden. Public comments were previously requested via the **Federal Register** on December 19, 2023 during a 60-day comment period. This notice allows for an additional 30 days for public comments.

**Agency:** National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

**Title:** Pacific Islands Region Vessel and Gear Identification Requirement.

**OMB Control Number:** 0648-0360.

**Form Number(s):** None.

**Type of Request:** Regular submission, extension of a current information collection.

**Number of Respondents:** 417.

**Average Hours per Response:** Gear marking requirements approximately 1 minute. Vessel ID requirements between 20 minutes and 75 hours, depending on requirement.

**Total Annual Burden Hours:** 1,117.

**Needs and Uses:** Regulations at 50 CFR 665.16 require that all U.S. vessels with Federal permits fishing for western Pacific fishery management unit species display identification markings on the vessel. Each Vessel registered for use with a permit issued under Subparts B through E and Subparts G through I of 50 CFR 665, must have the vessel's official number displayed on both sides of the deckhouse or hull, and on an appropriate weather deck. Regulations at 50 CFR 300.35 require that each vessel fishing under the South Pacific Tuna Treaty must display its international radio call sign on the hull, the deck, and on the sides of auxiliary equipment, such as skiffs and helicopters. Vessels fishing for highly migratory species in the Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission (WCPFC) Convention Area and in international waters must comply with the regulations at 50 CFR 300.217 requiring the display of the vessel's international radio call sign on both sides of the deckhouse or hull, and on an appropriate weather deck, unless specifically exempted. In each case, the numbers must be a specific size and in specified locations. The display of the identifying numbers aids in fishery law enforcement.

The regulations at 50 CFR 665.128, 665.228, 665.428, 665.628, and 665.804 require that certain fishing gear must be marked. In the pelagic longline fisheries, the vessel operator must ensure that the official number of the

vessel is affixed to every longline buoy and float. In the coral reef ecosystem fisheries, the vessel number must be affixed to all fish and crab traps. The marking of gear links fishing or other activity to the vessel, aids law enforcement, and is valuable in actions concerning the damage to or loss of gear, and civil proceedings.

**Affected Public:** For-profit Businesses and Individuals.

**Frequency:** As required.

**Respondent's Obligation:** Mandatory.

**Legal Authority:** 50 CFR 300, 50 CFR 665.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

#### Solicitation for Members of the NOAA Science Advisory Board

**AGENCY:** National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Office of Oceanic and Atmospheric Research (OAR), Department of Commerce (DOC).

**ACTION:** Notice of solicitation for members of the NOAA Science Advisory Board.

**SUMMARY:** NOAA is soliciting nominations for members of the NOAA Science Advisory Board (SAB). The SAB is the only Federal Advisory Committee with the responsibility to advise the Under Secretary of Commerce for Oceans, Atmosphere, and NOAA Administrator on long- and short-range strategies for research, education, and application of science to resource management and