

up to 1,017 humpback whales annually. Opportunistic research may occur on 12 bottlenose, 120 spinner, and 60 pantropical spotted dolphins, 24 false killer, and 24 short-finned pilot whales, annually. The requested duration of the permit is 5 years.

In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), an initial determination has been made that the activity proposed is categorically excluded from the requirement to prepare an environmental assessment or environmental impact statement.

Concurrent with the publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**, NMFS is forwarding copies of the application to the Marine Mammal Commission and its Committee of Scientific Advisors.

Dated: July 25, 2024.

**Julia M. Harrison,**

*Chief, Permits and Conservation Division, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

#### Draft Revised Management Plan for the Guana Tolomato Matanzas National Estuarine Research Reserve

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

**ACTION:** Request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) is soliciting comments from the public regarding a proposed revision of the management plan for the Guana Tolomato Matanzas National Estuarine Research Reserve. A management plan provides a framework to guide a reserve's programs, track progress toward meeting its goals, and identify potential opportunities or changes in direction. It is also used to guide programmatic evaluations of a reserve. Management plan revisions are required at least every five years. This draft revised management plan is intended to replace the Guana Tolomato Matanzas National Estuarine Research Reserve management plan, which was approved in 2009.

**DATES:** Comments must be received at the appropriate address (see **ADDRESSES**) on or before September 3, 2024.

**ADDRESSES:** The draft revised management plan can be downloaded or viewed at: <https://floridadep.gov/sites/default/files/GTM-NERR-Management-Plan.pdf>. It is also available by sending a written request to the point of contact identified below (see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**).

You may submit comments by email to [steph.robison@noaa.gov](mailto:steph.robison@noaa.gov). Include "Comments on draft Guana Tolomato Matanzas Management Plan" in the subject line of the message. NOAA will accept anonymous comments, however, the written comments NOAA receives are considered part of the public record, and the entirety of the comment, including the name of the commenter, email address, attachments, and other supporting materials, will be publicly accessible. Sensitive personally identifiable information, such as account numbers and Social Security numbers, should not be included with the comment. Comments that are not related to the Management Plan for the Guana Tolomato Matanzas National Estuarine Research Reserve, or that contain profanity, vulgarity, threats, or other inappropriate language will not be considered.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Stephanie Robinson, on contract with NOAA's Office for Coastal Management, [steph.robison@noaa.gov](mailto:steph.robison@noaa.gov), (843) 481–0190.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Pursuant to 15 CFR 921.33(c), Florida must revise the management plan for the Guana Tolomato Matanzas National Estuarine Research Reserve at least every five years. If approved by NOAA, the revised management plan for the Guana Tolomato Matanzas National Estuarine Research Reserve will replace the plan previously approved in 2009.

Management plans outline a 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. In particular, this draft revised management plan for the Guana Tolomato Matanzas reserve focuses on changes to the strategic plan, physical boundaries, and enhanced programmatic alignment across the reserve's sectors.

Since the last management plan, the Guana Tolomato Matanzas National Estuarine Research Reserve received approval for an expansion of the site's boundary—March 2020—to include the

City of St. Augustine's sovereign submerged lands within the Matanzas River and Salt Run, the state sovereign submerged lands along the Matanzas and Tolomato Rivers that connect the City of St. Augustine portion to the previous boundary, and the Marshview parcel in the southern portion of the reserve. In addition, the reserve completed several facility construction projects: the Princess Place Legacy House and Cabins for visiting investigator use; a freshwater wetland boardwalk; a freshwater marsh boardwalk on the Guana Preserve Yellow Trail; and a storage facility (pole barn). The reserve also installed redesigned interpretive displays at the Visitor Center and along several trails within the reserve. The revised management plan, once approved, would serve as the guiding document for the 75,761-acre Guana Tolomato Matanzas National Estuarine Research Reserve for the next five years.

NOAA's Office for Coastal Management analyzes the environmental impacts of the proposed approval of this management plan in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA), as amended, 42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*, and the Council on Environmental Quality Regulations for Implementing the Procedural Provisions of NEPA (40 CFR 1500–1508 (2022)). The public is invited to comment on the draft revised management plan. NOAA will take these comments into consideration when deciding whether to approve the revised management plan in whole or in part.

*Authority:* 16 U.S.C. 1451 *et seq.*; 15 CFR 921.33.

**Keelin S. Kuipers,**

*Deputy Director, Office for Coastal Management, National Ocean Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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#### South Atlantic Fishery Management Council; Public Meetings

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

**ACTION:** Notice of public meetings.

**SUMMARY:** The South Atlantic Fishery Management Council (Council) will hold four Best Fishing Practices Master Volunteer Program (BFP MVP) workshops covering best fishing practices, specifically for snapper grouper species, how to get involved in Citizen Science projects, and how to get involved in the Council process.

**DATES:** BFP MVP Workshops will take place August 20, August 21, August 22, and August 27, 2024. The August 20, 21, and 22 workshops will begin at 6 p.m., local time. The August 27 workshop will begin at 5 p.m., local time. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

**ADDRESSES:**

*Meeting addresses:* The workshops will be held in New Smyrna Beach, FL; Jupiter, FL; Key West, FL; and Ponte Vedra Beach, FL. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for specific locations.

*Council address:* South Atlantic Fishery Management Council, 4055 Faber Place Drive, Suite 201, N Charleston, SC 29405.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ashley Oliver, Best Fishing Practices Outreach Specialist, SAFMC; phone: (843) 571-4366 or toll free: (866) SAFMC-10; fax: (843) 769-4520; email: [ashley.oliver@safmc.net](mailto:ashley.oliver@safmc.net).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Council is hosting a series of Best Fishing Practices Master Volunteer Program (BFP MVP) workshops along the South Atlantic coast throughout 2024. The workshops are designed to empower key members of the fishing community to share information on best fishing practices and opportunities to get involved in the Council process. Council staff will introduce the BFP MVP and the program's goals and objectives and share information on Best Fishing Practices including the topics of barotrauma and barotrauma mitigation devices. The workshop agenda also includes discussions of the Council's Citizen Science projects, and an introduction to the Regional Fishery Management Councils, specifically the South Atlantic Fishery Management Council, and how to get involved in the Federal fishery management process. If applicable, state agencies will share information pertaining to their fisheries management and BFP efforts. Throughout the workshop, attendees will have the opportunity to share their expertise and ideas with staff on improving outreach efforts in their community. Additional workshops will be scheduled along the South Atlantic coast throughout the remainder of 2024. A summary of the 2024 workshops will be provided to the Council for use in ongoing outreach efforts.

**Workshop Locations**

*Tuesday, August 20, 2024:* Marine Discovery Center: 520 Barracuda Blvd., New Smyrna Beach, FL 32169; phone: (386) 428-4828;

*Wednesday, August 21, 2024:* West Jupiter Recreation Center: 6401 W Indiantown Rd., Jupiter, FL 33458; phone: (561) 694-5431;

*Thursday, August 22, 2024:* Beachside Resort and Residences: 3841 N Roosevelt Blvd., Key West, FL 33040; phone: (305) 296-8100; and

*Tuesday, August 27, 2024:* Guana Tolomato Matanzas National Estuarine Research Reserve Classroom 3: 505 Guana River Rd., Ponte Vedra Beach, FL 32082; phone: (904) 380-8600.

**Special Accommodations**

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for auxiliary aid 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. 1802 *et seq.*

Dated: July 29, 2024.

**Key Israel Marquez,**

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

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

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**New England Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The New England Fishery Management Council's is convening a Scientific and Statistical Committee subpanel via webinar to consider actions affecting New England fisheries in the exclusive economic zone (EEZ). Recommendations from this group will be brought to the full Council for formal consideration and action, if appropriate.

**DATES:** This webinar will be held on Monday, August 19, 2024, beginning at 10 a.m.

**ADDRESSES:**

*Webinar Registration information:* [https://nefmc-org.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_6yKH4990TI24kHu\\_mOdLg](https://nefmc-org.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_6yKH4990TI24kHu_mOdLg).

*Council address:* New England Fishery Management Council, 50 Water Street, Mill 2, Newburyport, MA 01950.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Cate O'Keefe, Executive Director, New England Fishery Management Council; telephone: (978) 465-0492.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Agenda**

A Scientific and Statistical Committee subpanel will convene to review and consider changes to the Atlantic sea scallop dredge survey sampling design and strata. The subpanel will be reviewing work by the Northeast Fisheries Science Center on the application of the Generalized Random Tessellation Stratified (GRTS) method to the Atlantic sea scallop dredge survey sampling design and strata to improve its statistical efficiency. In this review, the subpanel will consider the appropriateness of: (1) the GRTS method for determining strata and as a sampling design, and (2) the newly designed survey strata for use in scallop management. They will discuss other business as necessary.

Although non-emergency issues not contained on the agenda may come before this Council for discussion, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during this meeting. Council action will be restricted to those issues specifically listed in this notice and any issues arising after publication of this notice that require emergency action under section 305(c) of the Magnuson-Stevens Act, provided the public has been notified of the Council's intent to take final action to address the emergency. The public also should be aware that the meeting will be recorded. Consistent with 16 U.S.C. 1852, a copy of the recording is available upon request.

**Special Accommodations**

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Cate O'Keefe, Executive Director, at (978) 465-0492, at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

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

Dated: July 29, 2024.

**Key Israel Marquez,**

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

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