

SUMMARY: The Chief Data Officer within NOAA OCIO seeks information from interested parties regarding NOAA Observing System Council (NOSC) 2024 Guidance for NOAA Commercial Data Buys, a framework document developed for NOAA programs and offices that describes considerations for NOAA's engagements with the commercial sector on commercial data buy opportunities from all sources that contribute to environmental intelligence.

DATES: Submit written comments on or before September 25, 2024.

ADDRESSES: The public may submit written comments on issues addressed in this notification by the following method:

- *Email:* Comments may be submitted by email to nosc.execsec@noaa.gov.

A copy of NOAA Guidance for Commercial Data Buys may be downloaded or viewed at: https://nosc.noaa.gov/commercial_data_buys_guidance.php.

Instructions: Response to this RFI is voluntary. Attachments will be accepted in plain text, Microsoft Word, or Adobe PDF formats only. Respondents need not reply to all questions listed. Each individual or institution is requested to submit only one response. All comments received are part of the public record and may be posted, without change, on a Federal website. All identifying information (e.g., name, address) submitted voluntarily by the sender will be publicly accessible. NOAA, therefore, requests that no business proprietary information, copyrighted information, or personally identifiable information be submitted in response to this RFI. Please note that the U.S. Government will not pay for response preparation, or for the use of any information contained in the response.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information should be directed to nosc.execsec@noaa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

NOAA has long met its mission through collaboration and partnerships with the broader enterprise. In order to respond to an ever-growing supply and demand for environmental information, NOAA recognizes the need to increasingly harness the opportunities of a rapidly growing commercial sector to complement and potentially increase its current observational capabilities, as environmental data sources from the private sector are expanding.

The NOSC established a task team to develop Guidance for NOAA

Commercial Data Buys, a framework document for NOAA programs and offices that describes considerations for NOAA's engagements with the commercial sector on commercial data buy opportunities from all sources that contribute to environmental intelligence. This guidance is essential to ensure data quality and technical requirements are met, mission and supply chain risks are mitigated, and current data sharing commitments with national partners, international partners, and downstream private sector entities are honored. Ensuring a consistent approach across NOAA in working with commercial data providers is also important to maintain the high fidelity of NOAA services and to clearly communicate NOAA's plans to industry.

Discussion Points To Inform the NOAA Commercial Data Buys Guidance

NOAA seeks response to this guidance as feedback, with discussion on the following points,* to the extent feasible:

1. What does this guidance enable for you as a provider of commercial data or a user of commercial data? What opportunities does it introduce?
2. What challenges would this guidance introduce for you and why?
3. What do you feel NOAA is not considering?

* *Note:* Only comments in response to the above questions will be considered. NOAA is not soliciting comments or feedback on items of an editorial nature or NOAA processes.

Please note that this is an RFI only. In accordance with the implementing regulations of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), specifically 5 CFR 1320.3(h)(4), this general solicitation is exempt from the PRA. Facts or opinions submitted in response to general solicitations of comments from the public, published in the **Federal Register** or other publications, regardless of the form or format thereof, provided that no person is required to supply specific information pertaining to the commenter, other than that necessary for self-identification, as a condition of the agency's full consideration, are not generally considered information collections and therefore not subject to the PRA.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Hydrographic Services Review Panel Meeting, September 24th–26th, 2024

AGENCY: Office of Coast Survey, National Ocean Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting; request for comment.

SUMMARY: This serves as the notice of a public meeting for the NOAA Hydrographic Services Review Panel (HSRP) Federal Advisory Committee from September 24th through September 26th, 2024, in Detroit, MI. The agenda for the HSRP public meeting will be posted in advance of the meeting on the HSRP website. Individuals or groups who would like to comment on NOAA navigation, observation, and positioning services topics are encouraged to submit public comments in advance of the HSRP public meeting via email, during the public meeting in person, or during the public meeting via the "Questions" function in the meeting webinar if joining the public meeting virtually.

DATES: Members of the public may attend the NOAA HSRP public meeting in person or virtually on the following dates and at the following times:

1. September 24th, 2024, 9 a.m.–5:30 p.m. Eastern Time (ET).
2. September 25th, 2024, 8:30 a.m.–12 p.m. ET.
3. September 26th, 2024, 8:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m. ET.

ADDRESSES: Please visit the HSRP online landing page at <https://www.nauticalcharts.noaa.gov/hsrp/hsrp.html> for instructions on how to register to attend the HSRP public meeting in person and virtually, and for the most up-to-date information about the HSRP public meeting. The HSRP public meeting agenda, which is subject to change, will also be available via a link on the HSRP website. Draft meeting documents, presentations, background materials, past HSRP recommendation letters, and issue papers may be found there as well. Comments for the HSRP public meeting record may be submitted by one of the following methods:

- *Email:* Send written comments in advance of the HSRP public meeting to hydroservices.panel@noaa.gov, with "September 2024 HSRP meeting public comments" in the subject line of the email message.

- *Webinar*: Submit written comments during the HSRP public meeting through the HSRP webinar's "Questions" function. As time allows, commenters may be invited to orally expand on written comments they submitted during the public meeting's public comment periods.

- *In person*: Provide public comments during the daily public comment periods at the in-person meeting.

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 comments. Comments that are not related to the HSRP public meeting or that contain profanity, vulgarity, threats, or other inappropriate language will not be considered.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

The Hydrographic Services Improvement Act of 1998, as amended (HSIA; 33 U.S.C. 892 *et seq.*), established the HSRP as a Federal Advisory Committee (*see* 33 U.S.C. 892c) to advise the NOAA Administrator "on matters related to the responsibilities and authorities set forth in [33 U.S.C. 892a]" of the HSIA, "and such other appropriate matters as the Administrator refers to the [HSRP] for review and advice."

The HSRP invites NOAA stakeholder feedback and welcomes public comments in advance of and during the upcoming HSRP public meeting on the use of NOAA's navigation, observations, and positioning data, science, products, and services for the National Ocean Service's Center for Operational Oceanographic Products and Services, National Geodetic Survey, and Office of Coast Survey, and the NOAA/University of New Hampshire Joint Hydrographic Center. Relevant public comments sent in advance of the HSRP public meeting will be shared with the HSRP members, posted on the meeting website, and included in the public record for the meeting. Individuals and groups may also submit public comments during the scheduled daily public comment periods during the meeting or through the webinar's "Questions" function. These public comments will be read into the record during public comment periods. As time allows, commenters may be invited to orally expand on their written comments during the meeting's

public comment periods. Due to time constraints, all public comments may not be addressed orally during the meeting.

Matters To Be Considered

The HSRP members will focus on the issues relevant to NOAA's navigation, observations, and positioning services, and the value these services bring to the nation, and invite suggestions from stakeholders and partners for improvements to these services. This suite of NOAA services supports safe and efficient navigation, the Blue Economy, resilient coasts and communities, and the nationwide positioning information infrastructure to support America's climate needs and commerce. Specifically, the HSRP will consider:

- National Ocean Service programs' recent activities, such as updates to the National Spatial Reference System, datums, national ocean and coastal mapping goals, hydrographic surveying, nautical charting, uncrewed systems, coastal remote sensing and bathymetric lidar, photogrammetry, positioning, sea level rise, and water levels in support of "seamless data."

- The status of NOAA's navigation services in the context of recent legislation (*e.g.*, the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law and the Inflation Reduction Act).

- Measuring, monitoring, and mitigating flooding and sea level change and the contribution of NOAA's critical foundational geospatial data to projects.

- NOAA navigation data, products, and services that enable further economic growth and impact safe navigation.

- Other topics related to NOAA programs and activities, such as bathymetric and coastal/ocean modeling, tide and current observations, resilience and coastal data and information systems to support planning for climate change in ports and coastal communities, flooding/inundation, contributions to the Blue Economy, Physical Oceanographic Real-Time System (PORTS®) sensor enhancements and expansion, Precision Marine Navigation, the transition from raster paper charts to Electronic Navigational Charts, geodetic observations, gravity modeling, data stewardship, education and training to sustain the workforce necessary for NOAA navigation services missions, and scientific mapping and technology research projects tied to cooperative agreements between NOAA and other partners.

Special Accommodations

This public meeting is accessible to people with disabilities and there will be sign language interpretation and captioning services. Please direct requests for other auxiliary aids to hydroservices.panel@noaa.gov at least 10 business days in advance of the meeting.

Authority: 33 U.S.C. 892 *et seq.*

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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 Wednesday, September 11, 2024, starting at 10 a.m. and continue through 1 p.m. on Thursday, September 12, 2024. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for agenda details.

ADDRESSES: This will be an in-person meeting with a virtual option. SSC members, other invited meeting participants, and members of the public will have the option to participate in person at the Hyatt Place Inner Harbor, 511 South Central Ave., Baltimore, MD, or virtually via Webex webinar. Webinar connection instructions and briefing materials will be available at 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.

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 review the most recent survey and fishery data and