

**National Environmental Policy Act**

To comply with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA; 42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*) and NOAA Administrative Order (NAO) 216-6A, NMFS must review our proposed action (*i.e.*, the issuance of an IHA) with respect to potential impacts on the human environment.

This action is consistent with categories of activities identified in Categorical Exclusion B4 (incidental take authorizations with no anticipated serious injury or mortality) of the Companion Manual for NOAA Administrative Order 216-6A, which do not individually or cumulatively have the potential for significant impacts on the quality of the human environment and for which we have not identified any extraordinary circumstances that would preclude this categorical exclusion. Accordingly, NMFS determined that the issuance of the initial IHA qualified to be categorically excluded from further NEPA review. NMFS has determined that the application of this categorical exclusion remains appropriate for this renewal IHA.

**Endangered Species Act**

Section 7(a)(2) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (ESA; 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*) requires that each Federal agency insure that any action it authorizes, funds, or carries out is not likely to jeopardize the continued existence of any endangered or threatened species or result in the destruction or adverse modification of designated critical habitat. To ensure ESA compliance for the issuance of IHAs, NMFS consults internally whenever we propose to authorize take for endangered or threatened species.

No incidental take of ESA-listed species is authorized or expected to result from this activity. Therefore, NMFS has determined that formal consultation under section 7 of the ESA is not required for this action.

**Renewal**

NMFS has issued a renewal IHA to PG&E for the take of marine mammals incidental to conducting pile driving activities associated with the Sediment Remediation Project in San Francisco Bay, CA effective from May 1, 2025 to April 30, 2026.

Dated: November 18, 2024.

**Kimberly Damon-Randall,**

Director, Office of Protected Resources,  
National Marine Fisheries Service.

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

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**Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council (MAFMC); Public Meetings**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of public meetings.

**SUMMARY:** The Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council (Council) will hold public meetings of the Council and its Executive Committee, including joint sessions with the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission (ASMFC) Summer Flounder, Scup, and Black Sea Bass Management Board and Policy Board.

**DATES:** The meetings will be held Tuesday, December 10, 2024, through Thursday, December 12, 2024. For agenda details, see **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

**ADDRESSES:** This meeting will be an in-person meeting with a virtual option. Council members, other meeting participants, and members of the public will have the option to participate in person at The Westin Annapolis, 100 Westgate Circle, Annapolis, MD 21401, or virtually via Webex webinar. Webinar connection instructions and briefing materials will be available at: <https://www.mafmc.org/briefing/december-2024>.

*Council address:* Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council, 800 N State St., Suite 201, Dover, DE 19901; telephone: (302) 674-2331; [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. The Council's website, [www.mafmc.org](http://www.mafmc.org), also has details on the meeting location, proposed agenda, webinar listen-in access, and briefing materials.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The following items are on the agenda, although agenda items may be addressed out of order (changes will be noted on the Council's website when possible.)

**Tuesday, December 10, 2024***Executive Committee—Closed Session*

Review 2024 Ricks E. Savage Award nominations.

*Council Convenes With the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission's (ASMFC) Summer Flounder, Scup, and Black Sea Bass Management Board*

*2025 Summer Flounder Recreational Measures Review*

Review Advisory Panel and Monitoring Committee recommendations.

Review previously adopted 2025 recreational measures and recommend changes if warranted.

*2025 Scup Recreational Measures Review*

Review Advisory Panel and Monitoring Committee recommendations.

Review previously adopted 2025 recreational measures and recommend changes if warranted.

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*2025 Black Sea Bass Recreational Measures*

Review Advisory Panel and Monitoring Committee recommendations.

Recommend conservation equivalency or coastwide management and associated measures for 2025.

*ASMFC Summer Flounder, Scup, and Black Sea Bass Board Adjourns Council Convenes With the ASMFC Policy Board*

*Recreational Sector Separation and Catch Accounting Amendment*

Consider approval of draft scoping/public information document.

*ASMFC Policy Board Adjourns*

*2024 Ecosystem Approach to Fisheries Management (EAFM) Risk Assessment*

Review final report.

*2025 Spiny Dogfish Specifications*

Review recommendations from the SSC, Monitoring Committee, Advisory Panel, and staff.

Review previously adopted 2025 specifications and management measures, and recommend changes if necessary.

**Wednesday, December 11, 2024**

*Atlantic Surfclam and Ocean Quahog Species Separation Requirements Amendment Final Action*

Review report from Atlantic Surfclam and Ocean Quahog Species Separation Requirements Amendment Implementation Issues Workshop.

Take up postponed motion to consider Alternative 5 as the preferred Amendment alternative.

Select Council preferred alternative and take final action.

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#### 2025–2029 Council Research Priorities

Review and approve the 2025–2029 Council Research Priorities.

#### 2025 Implementation Plan

Review and approve the 2025 Implementation Plan.

#### Butterfish Mesh Requirements

Review recommendations from the Law Enforcement Committee and staff.

Consider adopting modifications to butterfly mesh requirements.

#### Ricks E Savage Award Presentation

Presentation of the 2023 Ricks E Savage Award.

**Thursday, December 12, 2024**

#### Manomet's River Herring Portal

Staff from Manomet will present the results of a Council-funded project to develop a hub for river herring and shad run data.

#### Business Session

Committee Reports (SSC), Highly Migratory Species (HMS), Northeast Trawl Advisory Panel (NTAP); Executive Director's Report; Organization Reports; and Liaison Reports.

#### Other Business and General Public Comment

Although non-emergency issues not contained in this agenda may come before these groups for discussion, in accordance with the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (Magnuson-Stevens Act), those issues may not be the subject of formal action during these meetings. Actions 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 Council's intent to take final action to address the emergency.

#### Special Accommodations

These meetings are 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: November 18, 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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#### Fisheries of the Gulf of Mexico; Southeast Data, Assessment, and Review (SEDAR); Public Meeting

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

**ACTION:** Notice of SEDAR 98 Data Workshop for Gulf of Mexico Red Snapper.

**SUMMARY:** The SEDAR 98 assessment process of Gulf of Mexico red snapper will consist of a Data Workshop, and a series of assessment webinars, and a Review Workshop. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

**DATES:** The SEDAR 98 Data Workshop will be held from 8:30 a.m. on December 10, 2024, until 1 p.m. on December 13, 2024. The established times may be adjusted as necessary to accommodate the timely completion of discussion relevant to the assessment process. Such adjustments may result in the meeting being extended from or completed prior to the time established by this notice.

#### ADDRESSES:

*Meeting address:* The SEDAR 98 Data Workshop will be held at the Renaissance Battle House Hotel & Spa, 26 North Royal Street, Mobile, AL 36602.

*SEDAR address:* 4055 Faber Place Drive, Suite 201, North Charleston, SC 29405.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Julie A. Neer, SEDAR Coordinator; (843) 571–4366; email: [Julie.neer@safmc.net](mailto:Julie.neer@safmc.net).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Gulf of Mexico, South Atlantic, and Caribbean Fishery Management Councils, in conjunction with NOAA Fisheries and the Atlantic and Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commissions have implemented the Southeast Data, Assessment and Review (SEDAR) process, a multi-step method for determining the status of fish stocks in the Southeast Region. SEDAR is a multi-step process including: (1) Data/Assessment Workshop, and (2) a series of webinars. The product of the Data/

Assessment Workshop is a report which compiles and evaluates potential datasets and recommends which datasets are appropriate for assessment analyses, and describes the fisheries, evaluates the status of the stock, estimates biological benchmarks, projects future population conditions, and recommends research and monitoring needs. 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 in the Data Workshop are as follows:

An assessment data set and associated documentation will be developed during the workshop.

Participants will evaluate proposed data and select appropriate sources for providing information on topics such as life history characteristics, catch statistics, discard estimates, length and age composition, and fishery dependent and fishery independent measures of stock abundance.

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#### Special Accommodations

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

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