

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

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Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice of meeting open to the public.

SUMMARY: The Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council (Council) will hold its second Recreational Initiative Working Group meeting in New Orleans, LA.

DATES: The meeting will convene Wednesday, January 8, 2025, from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Thursday, January 9, 2025, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., CST.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will take place at the Hyatt Centric New Orleans French Quarter, located at 800 Iberville Street, New Orleans, LA 70112. You may “listen in” by accessing the log-on information by visiting our website at www.gulfcouncil.org.

Council address: Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council, 4107 W Spruce Street, Suite 200, Tampa, FL 33607; telephone: (813) 348–1630.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Carrie Simmons, Executive Director, Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council; telephone: (813) 348–1630.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of this meeting is to ensure collective understanding of stock status and management measures/history for each of the Recreational Initiative’s five focal species:

Review the status of federally managed species in the Gulf of Mexico that are highly sought after by recreational anglers, including recreational sources of directed and bycatch mortality, review and assess recreational management measures, including how management measures have changed over time and assess the performance and efficacy of recreational accountability measures and recommended improvements.

The meeting agenda is as follows:

Wednesday, January 8, 2025; 9 a.m.–4:30 p.m., CST

The meeting will begin with welcome and recap of Working Group Meeting 1 and review Working Group Meeting 2 purpose and agenda. The committee will give an overview of Public Engagement since Working Group

Meeting 1 and Recreational Data in the Gulf of Mexico, review Federal Management Process and its role in Gulf Council Management, Accountability Measures Requirements and Application, and Management Outcomes: Changes in Landings and Discards over time and Management Review.

The Group will then hear a presentation on the management history for red snapper and engage in a breakout session. The meeting will adjourn after the group hears a summary of work completed during breakouts.

Thursday, January 9, 2025; 9 a.m.–4 p.m., CST

The Working Group will begin with review of agenda for Day 2, Management will give an overview of Gag and Red Grouper followed by the workgroup breaking in two breakout sessions for Gag and Red Grouper to engage in facilitated questions and discussion, followed by a Report-Out of each breakout.

Following the lunch, Management will give an overview for Greater Amberjack and Gray Triggerfish. The workgroup will break out in two breakout sessions, Greater Amberjack and Gray Triggerfish, to engage in facilitated questions and discussion, followed by a Report-Out of each breakout. The consultants will give a presentation to put it all together with a synthesis of messages heard during Working Group meetings 1 and 2 and Working Group discussion.

Lastly, Council staff will offer closing remarks and logistics.

—Meeting Adjourns

The full agenda and additional information will be posted on <https://gulfcouncil.org/recreational-initiative/>. You may register for the webinar to listen-in only by visiting www.gulfcouncil.org and click on the meeting on the calendar.

The timing and order in which agenda items are addressed may change as required to effectively address the issue, and the latest version along with other meeting materials will be posted on the website as they become available.

Special Accommodations

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aid or accommodations should be directed to Kathy Pereira, (813) 348–1630, at least 15 days prior to the meeting date.

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

Dated: December 16, 2024.

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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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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 and New England Fishery Management Councils (Councils) will hold a public meeting of their joint Northeast Trawl Advisory Panel.

DATES: The meeting will be held on Thursday, January 9, 2025 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. For agenda details, see **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION.**

ADDRESSES: This meeting will be conducted in person with a virtual option available. The meeting will be held at the Embassy Suites, 9000 Bartram Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19153; telephone: (215) 365–4500. Webinar registration details will be posted to the calendar at www.mafmc.org prior to the meeting.

Council address: Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council, 800 N State Street, Suite 201, Dover, DE 19901; telephone: (302) 674–2331; 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: The Councils’ Northeast Trawl Advisory Panel will meet to review recent developments and updates related to federal and state fishery surveys, the Research to Rule infographic, and a broader discussion related to fishy independent bottom trawl surveys. The Northeast Trawl Advisory Panel will also receive an update on the contingency plan for the NOAA Henry B. Bigelow vessel as well as discuss current and the ongoing efforts to design an Industry Based Multispecies Bottom Trawl Survey pilot project.

Special Accommodations

The meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids 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.*

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Telecommunications and Information Administration

Regional Roundtables on Broadband Program Sustainability

AGENCY: National Telecommunications and Information Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of regional roundtables on broadband program sustainability.

SUMMARY: The National Telecommunications and Information Administration's (NTIA) Office of internet Connectivity and Growth (OICG) administers the following grant programs: the Broadband, Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD) Program, the Digital Equity (DE) Grant Programs, the Broadband Infrastructure Program (BIP), the Connecting Minority Communities (CMC) Pilot Program, the Enabling Middle Mile Broadband Infrastructure (MM) Program, and the Tribal Broadband Connectivity Program (TBCP). NTIA will host seven (7) regional meetings for grantees of these programs between February and May 2025. These events will provide technical assistance and oversight and conclude with a regional roundtable that enables the public to engage with grantees, local experts, and other stakeholders working to address digital inequities. During these regional roundtables, attendees will participate in critical discussions on how the internet for All programs are impacting communities and strategies for making those investments and initiatives last. Each regional roundtable program will feature experts from local and State governments, public interest groups, academia, and industry. They will also provide platforms for public and private stakeholders to align on shared goals for every resident to experience the benefits of technology.

DATES: NTIA will hold the regional roundtables based on the following

schedule. Participants can attend more than one meeting, but NTIA encourages everyone to attend the regional roundtables closest to their community:

1. Regional Roundtable on Broadband Program Sustainability #1—Southeast: ATLANTA, GA—February 14, 2025, 1 p.m.–4 p.m.

2. Regional Roundtable on Broadband Program Sustainability #2—Northern Plains: BOULDER, CO—March 11, 2025, 1 p.m.–4 p.m.

3. Regional Roundtable on Broadband Program Sustainability #3—West: SAN DIEGO, CA—March 19, 2025, 1 p.m.–4 p.m.

4. Regional Roundtable on Broadband Program Sustainability #4—Southwest: AUSTIN, TX—April 9, 2025, 1 p.m.–4 p.m.

5. Regional Roundtable on Broadband Program Sustainability #5—Alaska and Territories: ANCHORAGE, AK—April 23, 2025, 1 p.m.–4 p.m.

6. Regional Roundtable on Broadband Program Sustainability #6—Northeast: BOSTON, MA—May 14, 2025, 1 p.m.–4 p.m.

7. Regional Roundtable on Broadband Program Sustainability #7—Midwest: CHICAGO, IL—May 22, 2025, 1 p.m.–4 p.m.

ADDRESSES: These regional roundtables will be held in-person. All general sessions will be streamed for virtual participants. Virtual participants will receive the streaming link upon registration. NTIA will post the registration information on its BroadbandUSA website at <https://broadbandusa.ntia.doc.gov/events/latest-events>. On-site registration will also be available, but pre-registration is encouraged to receive important logistical information prior to the event.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Maci Morin, National Telecommunications and Information Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, Room 4843, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20230; telephone: (202) 578-6304; email: internetForAll@ntia.gov. Please direct media inquiries to NTIA's Office of Public Affairs, (202) 482-7002; email press@ntia.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) (Pub. L. 117-58) authorized and funded five new broadband grant programs to be administered by NTIA: the Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment Program; the Enabling Middle Mile Broadband Infrastructure Program; and the Digital Equity Act Programs, which include the State Digital Equity Planning Grant Program, State Digital Equity Capacity Grant

Program, and Digital Equity Competitive Grant Program. The Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment Program is a \$42.45 billion formula-based program to States, territories, and the District of Columbia for qualifying broadband deployment, mapping, and adoption projects. The Enabling Middle Mile Broadband Infrastructure Program is a competitive \$1 billion grant program for the construction, improvement or acquisition of middle-mile infrastructure. The Digital Equity Act Programs—which includes the State Digital Equity Planning Grant Program, State Digital Equity Capacity Grant Program, and the Digital Equity Competitive Grant Program—allocate \$2.75 billion to promote digital inclusion and equity for communities that lack the skills, technologies, and support needed to take advantage of broadband connections.

Additionally, the Consolidated Appropriations Act (CAA), 2021 (Pub. L. 116-260) authorized three new broadband grant programs to be administered by NTIA: the Broadband Infrastructure Program (BIP), the Tribal Broadband Connectivity Program (TBCP), and the Connecting Minority Communities Pilot Program (CMC). The Broadband Infrastructure Program is a \$288 million broadband deployment program directed to partnerships between a State, or one or more political subdivisions of a State, and providers of fixed broadband service to support broadband infrastructure deployment to areas lacking broadband, especially rural areas. The Tribal Broadband Connectivity Program—created under the CAA and receiving additional funding under IIJA—is now a \$3 billion program directed to tribal governments to be used for broadband deployment on tribal lands, as well as for telehealth, distance learning, broadband affordability, and digital inclusion. The Connecting Minority Communities Pilot Program is a \$268 million grant program to Historically Black Colleges and Universities, Tribal Colleges and Universities, and Minority-Serving Institutions for the purchase of broadband internet access service and eligible equipment or to hire and train information technology personnel.

These regional roundtables are subject to change. Session time changes will be posted on the BroadbandUSA website at <https://broadbandusa.ntia.doc.gov/events/latest-events>. Any event cancellations will also be posted on the same website. Any date change to a scheduled regional roundtable will be provided in a notice in the **Federal Register**.