

Guayama, and Fajardo, Puerto Rico. See the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section for the specific locations.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Atlantic HMS fisheries are managed under the 2006 Consolidated HMS Fishery Management Plan and its amendments pursuant to the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*) and consistent with the Atlantic Tunas Convention Act (16 U.S.C. 971 *et seq.*). HMS implementing regulations are at 50 CFR part 635.

Atlantic Highly Migratory Species Outreach Workshop

In recent years, HMS fisheries stakeholders, including fishers, dealers, and the general public, have requested that NMFS prioritize HMS fisheries management education and outreach in the U.S. Caribbean, specifically in Puerto Rico. To be responsive to stakeholder needs in Puerto Rico, NMFS is carrying out free HMS Outreach Workshops across three locations in Puerto Rico. The workshops are designed to educate fishers, dealers, and the general public on HMS regulations, distribute outreach materials, and assist fishers and dealers in applying for HMS permits. The increased engagement, outreach, and education in the U.S. Caribbean as a result of the HMS Outreach Workshops will help meet NMFS's goal of promoting sustainable fisheries and address key shark management outreach requests by our stakeholders in that region. These workshops are also consistent with NMFS's effort to encourage the involvement of disadvantaged or underserved communities consistent with Executive Orders 14008, 12898, and 13895.

Workshop Dates, Times, and Locations

1. August 19, 2024, 5 p.m.–7 p.m.
AST, Villa Pesquera de Cataño, Centro Agropecuario, CVRF+QW4, Las Nereidas Ave., Cataño, PR 00962.
2. August 20, 2024, 4 p.m.–6 p.m.
AST, Club Náutico de Guayama, Carr. 7710 Final Bo Pozuelo, Guayama, PR 00784.
3. August 21, 2024, 5 p.m.–7 p.m.
AST, Centro de Usos Múltiples de Fajardo, Salon B, Calle Dr. Lopez, Estacionamiento Municipal (5to piso), Fajardo, PR 00738.

Additional free HMS Outreach Workshops could be conducted in 2025 and will be announced in a future notice.

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

Dated: August 5, 2024.

Claudia Stephanie Womble,

Acting 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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Endangered Species; File No. 20347

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

ACTION: Notice; receipt of application for a permit modification.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the University of Maine, School of Marine Sciences, 5741 Libby Hall, Orono, ME 04469 (Gayle Zydlewski, Ph.D., Responsible Party), has requested a modification to scientific research Permit No. 20347-01.

DATES: Written comments must be received on or before September 9, 2024.

ADDRESSES: The modification request and related documents are available for review by selecting "Records Open for Public Comment" from the Features box on the Applications and Permits for Protected Species (APPS) home page, <https://apps.nmfs.noaa.gov>, and then selecting File No. 20347 mod #9 from the list of available applications. These documents are also available upon written request via email to NMFS.Pr1Comments@noaa.gov.

Written comments on this application should be submitted via email to NMFS.Pr1Comments@noaa.gov. Please include File No. 20347 in the subject line of the email comment.

Those individuals requesting a public hearing should submit a written request via email to NMFS.Pr1Comments@noaa.gov. The request should set forth the specific reasons why a hearing on this application would be appropriate.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Malcolm Mohead or Erin Markin, Ph.D., (301) 427-8401.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The subject modification to Permit No. 20347-01, issued on March 12, 2019 (84 FR 15595, April 16, 2019), is requested under the authority of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*) and the regulations governing the taking, importing, and

exporting of endangered and threatened species (50 CFR parts 222–226).

Permit 20347-01 authorizes research on Atlantic sturgeon and shortnose sturgeon occurring in the Gulf of Maine (GOM) and its tributaries, including the Penobscot, Kennebec, Saco and Merrimack Rivers. Adult, sub-adult, and juvenile sturgeon of each species are sampled with nets, trawls, and trotlines, annually, and then measured, weighed, passive integrated transponder tagged, tissue sampled, and photographed. A subset are acoustically tagged, apical scute and fin ray sampled for age analysis, gastric lavaged, borescoped, and blood sampled. Early life stages of both sturgeon species are also collected to document the occurrence of spawning in GOM tributaries. The permit holder requests to increase the number of adult shortnose sturgeon (from 15 to 30) that may be captured in the Merrimack River for implant of telemetry tags to document sturgeon coastal movement as well as provide evidence of sturgeon access to the Lawrence Dam project boundary. The permit is valid through March 31, 2027.

Dated: August 5, 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

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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 (NEFMC) will host the Eighth National Meeting of the Scientific Coordination Subcommittee (SCS8) of the Council Coordination Committee. The meeting theme is "Applying Acceptable Biological Catch (ABC) Control Rules in a Changing Environment." The objective of SCS8 is to provide actionable guidance on how to best support Councils in the management of fisheries, particularly on the use of ABC control rules, given the changing environment.

DATES: The meetings will be held from Monday, August 26 to Wednesday,