

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held virtually using GoTo Webinar. Registration is required to attend the meeting. You can register for the meeting using the link provided: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/3855954734540627291>.

Attendance will be limited to the first 500 individuals to join the virtual meeting room. Refer to the IMDCC website at <https://marinedebris.noaa.gov/our-work/IMDCC> for the most up-to-date information on the agenda and how to participate.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Ya'el Seid-Green, Executive Secretariat, IMDCC, Marine Debris Program; Phone 240-622-5910; Email yael.seid-green@noaa.gov or visit the IMDCC website at <https://marinedebris.noaa.gov/our-work/IMDCC>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The IMDCC is a multi-agency body responsible for coordinating a comprehensive program of marine debris research and activities among Federal agencies, in cooperation and coordination with non-governmental organizations, industry, academia, States, Tribes, and other nations, as appropriate. Representatives meet to share information, assess and promote best management practices, and coordinate the Federal Government's efforts to address marine debris.

The Marine Debris Act establishes the IMDCC (33 U.S.C. 1954). The IMDCC submits biennial progress reports to Congress with updates on activities, achievements, strategies, and recommendations. NOAA serves as the Chairperson of the IMDCC.

The meeting will be open to public attendance on September 24, 2024, from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. ET. There will not be a public comment period. The meeting will not be recorded.

Matters To Be Considered

The open meeting will include a presentation from the Executive Director of the Marine Debris Foundation and a presentation from a National Aeronautics and Space Administration summer intern on relevant marine debris research. The agenda topics described are subject to change. The latest version of the agenda will be posted at <https://marinedebris.noaa.gov/our-work/IMDCC>.

Special Accommodations

The meeting is accessible to people with disabilities. Closed captioning will be available. Requests for other auxiliary aids should be directed to Ya'el Seid-Green, Executive Secretariat at

yael.seid-green@noaa.gov or 240-622-5910 by September 10, 2024.

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Director, Office of Response and Restoration, National Ocean Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[RTID NOAA-NOS-2024-0104]

Request for Information; Data for Marine Spatial Studies in Guam

AGENCY: National Centers for Coastal Ocean Science (NCCOS), National Ocean Service (NOS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Department of Commerce (DOC).

ACTION: Notice; Request for information.

SUMMARY: NOAA's National Ocean Service (NOS) National Centers for Coastal Ocean Science (NCCOS), hereafter NOAA, in partnership with the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM), is working to build spatial planning capacity in Guam. Through this Request for Information, NOAA is seeking public input to identify coastal and marine spatial data or other critical information to inform marine spatial analyses in Guam. The input we receive from the data development workshop meeting, as well as the responses to the items listed in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of this document, will be used to inform potential coastal and ocean development activities in Guam, such as renewable energy development.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to provide input in response to this Request for Information through September 30, 2024. Late-filed input will be considered to the extent practicable.

Verbal input will be accepted during a public meeting to be held in Guam on September 12-13, 2024.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to provide input using one of the following methods:

- **Electronic Submission:** Submit electronic written public comments via the Federal e-Rulemaking Portal. Go to <https://www.regulations.gov> and enter NOAA-NOS-2024-0104 in the Search box. Click on the "Comment" icon, complete the required fields, and enter or attach your comments. All comments received are a part of the public record

and will generally be posted for public viewing on www.regulations.gov without change. All personal identifying information (e.g., name, address, etc.), confidential business information, or otherwise sensitive information submitted voluntarily by the sender will be publicly accessible. NOAA will accept anonymous comments (enter "N/A" in the required fields if you wish to remain anonymous).

- **Verbal submission:** NOAA will accept verbal input at a data development workshop. The meeting will be held at The Guam Museum on Thursday September 12, 2024 from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Chamorro Standard Time (ChST) and Friday, September 13, 2024 from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. (ChST). There will be a registration window from 8:30 a.m. to 9 a.m. (ChST) each day before the start of the meeting. Advanced registration is required for the meeting by completing the registration form at <https://forms.gle/rRSUervCfyZXkyeG7> or by providing an RSVP to Jessica Carlton at jessica.carlton@noaa.gov. The registration deadline is Friday, August 30, 2024.

Reports of meeting results will also be published and made available to the public in the weeks following the meeting. If you are unable to provide electronic written comments or participate in the meeting, please contact Jessica Carlton at jessica.carlton@noaa.gov or (919) 219-5960 for alternative submission methods.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: James Morris (james.morris@noaa.gov), (252) 666-7433.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

NOAA is an agency of the United States Federal Government that works to conserve and manage coastal and marine ecosystems and resources. NOAA works to make fisheries sustainable and productive, provide safe seafood to consumers, conserve threatened and endangered species and other protected resources, and maintain healthy ecosystems. NOAA has jurisdiction and responsibility for its marine trust resources in the Pacific as well as significant interest in supporting the resilience of coastal and marine-dependent communities and promoting equity and environmental justice. For these reasons, it is important for NOAA to invest in research that informs marine spatial studies in the Pacific region, including socioeconomic research that ensures meaningful participation of local communities and supports equitable processes for planning and

siting of new and existing marine industries and conservation areas.

NOAA has been engaged with the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) to support siting and environmental review for offshore wind energy areas in U.S. Federal waters (<https://www.boem.gov/renewable-energy>) to ensure protection of trust resources in any offshore development activities.

II. Purpose of This Request for Information

The purpose of this Request for Information is to promote data development to inform marine spatial studies in Guam, with an emphasis on data needs for offshore wind energy. In addition to input received from the public through the electronic and verbal submissions, NOAA aims to inform the public about its coastal and ocean planning processes and capabilities, discuss the current data available for each ocean sector (*e.g.*, national security, fisheries, industry, natural resources, cultural and historical resources), and gather ideas for other data sources. NOAA hopes to come out of the meetings with a strengthened relationship with the public and a list of best available data and data gaps.

III. Specific Information Requested To Inform Marine Spatial Studies in Guam

Through this Request for Information, NOAA seeks written public input to inform marine spatial studies in Guam. NOAA is particularly interested in receiving input concerning the items listed below. Responses to this Request for Information are voluntary, and respondents need not reply to items listed. When providing input, please specify if you are providing general feedback on marine spatial studies and/or if you are responding to one of the specific item number(s) below:

- (1) Specific datasets related to ocean sectors, natural resources, and/or human activities you recommend NOAA use in marine spatial studies.
- (2) Major concerns you have related to use of any specific datasets that may be used in marine spatial studies.
- (3) Major concerns you have related to gaps in scientific knowledge or data that could impact marine spatial planning efforts.
- (4) Specific data or information you recommend NOAA or other partners collect, if it is not currently available or has not been previously collected.
- (5) Ways in which NOAA can better engage and collaborate with the public and local communities to promote economic, social, and ecological

resilience as well as protect trust resources.

Dated: September 3, 2024.

Sean Corson,

Director, National Centers for Coastal Ocean Science, National Ocean Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

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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 (Council, NEFMC) will hold a three-day hybrid meeting with both in-person and remote participation to consider actions affecting New England fisheries in the exclusive economic zone (EEZ).

DATES: The meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 24, 2024 through Thursday, September 26, 2024, beginning at 9 a.m. all three days.

ADDRESSES:

Meeting address: The meeting will take place at the Beauport Hotel, 55 Commercial Street, Gloucester, MA 01930; telephone: (978) 282-0008; online at <https://www.beauporthotel.com>. Join the webinar at <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/244255849872817749>.

Council address: New England Fishery Management Council, 50 Water Street, Mill 2, Newburyport, MA 01950; telephone (978) 465-0492; www.nefmc.org.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Cate O'Keefe, Executive Director, New England Fishery Management Council; telephone: (978) 465-0492, ext. 113.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Agenda

Tuesday, September 24, 2024

After brief announcements, a representative from the Greater Atlantic Regional Fisheries Office (GARFO) will swear in new and reappointed Council members. Then, the Council will hold its annual election of officers before receiving reports on recent activities

from its Chair and Executive Director, the GARFO Regional Administrator's representative, the Northeast Fisheries Science Center (NEFSC) Director, the NOAA Office of General Counsel, the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council liaison, and representatives from the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission (ASMFC), the U.S. Coast Guard, NOAA's Office of Law Enforcement, and the NMFS Highly Migratory Species Advisory Panel. Next, the Council will receive three 2024 monitoring reports, which will be plan development team (PDT) overviews of the 2023 skate, small-mesh multispecies (whiting), and monkfish fisheries respectively. Following the monkfish monitoring report, the Council will receive a presentation on improvements to the Monkfish Research Set-Aside (RSA) Program as recommended by 2023 Monkfish RSA Working Group. The Council then will engage in a discussion and determine how it intends to address future monitoring and/or fishery performance reports.

Following the lunch break, members of the public will have the opportunity to speak during an open comment period on issues that relate to Council business but are not included on the published agenda for this meeting. The Council asks the public to limit remarks to 3-5 minutes. These comments will be received both in person and through the webinar. A guide for how to publicly comment through the webinar is available on the Council website at https://s3.amazonaws.com/nefmc.org/NEFMC-meeting-remote-participation_generic.pdf. Next, the chair of a subpanel of the Council's Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) will present the subpanel's review of a potential new method for determining scallop dredge survey sampling design and strata. Following this presentation, the Scallop Committee will provide a progress report on Framework Adjustment 39 to the Atlantic Sea Scallop Fishery Management Plan, including a preliminary overview of the 2024 scallop survey season. Framework 39 is being developed to set 2025 scallop fishing year specifications and 2026 default specifications, revise flatfish accountability measures (AMs), and provide measures to allow Northern Gulf of Maine (NGOM) permit holders fishing on directed scallop trips in the NGOM Management Area to possess scallops south of 42° 20'. The Council also will receive an update on 2024 scallop work priorities. Lastly, the Northeast Trawl Advisory Panel (NTAP) will report on NTAP's full panel meeting in July and an August working