

• **Hybrid-Format Public Meeting:** Provide oral comments in-person or virtually during the hybrid-format public meeting on Wednesday, September 2, 2026 at Bay Education Center, 121 Seabreeze Drive, Rockport, Texas 78382 by registering as a speaker at <https://forms.gle/aCjHznAA7JTaHved7>. Please register by Tuesday, September 1, 2026, at 6 p.m. (CT). Registration is requested but not mandatory, and you may change your mode of participation after registering. Virtual meeting registrants may remain anonymous by typing "Anonymous" in the "First Name" and "Last Name" fields on the registration form. The speaker lineup is based on the date and time of registration. If time allows, non-registered participants will be able to provide comments after registered speakers. At least one hour prior to the start of the September 2, 2026 hybrid-format meeting, NOAA will send an email to all registrants with instructions for attending the public meeting virtually and a reminder of the physical location: Bay Education Center, 121 Seabreeze Drive, Rockport, Texas. The virtual meeting link will be posted at least an hour prior to the public meeting. NOAA may close the meeting 10 minutes after the conclusion of public testimony and after responding to any clarifying questions from meeting participants.

• **Email:** Send written comments to Carrie Hall, Evaluator, NOAA Office for Coastal Management, at czma.evaluations@noaa.gov by Friday, September 11, 2026. Include "MANERR Comments on Performance Evaluation" in the subject line of the message. NOAA will accept anonymous comments; however, all 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. Do not submit confidential business information or otherwise sensitive or personally identifiable information, such as account numbers and Social Security numbers. Comments that are not related to the performance evaluation of MANERR or that contain profanity, vulgarity, threats, or other inappropriate language will not be considered.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Carrie Hall, Evaluator, NOAA Office for Coastal Management, by email at Carrie.Hall@noaa.gov or by phone at (240) 410-3422. Copies of the previous evaluation findings may be viewed and downloaded at <https://coast.noaa.gov/czm/evaluations/>. A copy of the

evaluation notification letter, reserve management plan, reserve site profile, and most recent progress report may be obtained upon request by contacting Carrie Hall.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 315(f) of the Coastal Zone Management Act (CZMA) requires NOAA to conduct periodic evaluations of federally approved National Estuarine Research Reserves. The evaluation process includes holding one or more public meetings, considering public comments, and consulting with interested Federal, State, and local agencies and members of the public. During the evaluation, NOAA will consider the extent to which the University of Texas at Austin has met the national objectives and adhered to the management plan approved by the Secretary of Commerce, the requirements of Section 315 of the CZMA, and the terms of financial assistance under the CZMA. When the evaluation is complete, OCM will place a notice in the **Federal Register** announcing the availability of the final evaluation findings.

Authority: 16 U.S.C. 1451 *et seq.*

Keelin S. Kuipers,

Acting Director, Office for Coastal Management, National Ocean Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

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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 of public meeting.

SUMMARY: The Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council's Spiny Dogfish Advisory Panel will hold a public meeting.

DATES: The meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 4, 2026, from 4 p.m. until 6 p.m. EDT. For agenda details, see **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION.**

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held via webinar. Connection information will be posted to the Council's calendar prior to the meeting at <https://www.mafmc.org>.

Council address: Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council, 800 N State

Street, Suite 201, Dover, DE 19901; telephone: (302) 674-2331; <https://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 Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council's Spiny Dogfish Advisory Panel will meet via webinar on Tuesday, August 4, 2026, from 4 p.m. until 6 p.m. The main purpose of the meeting is for the Advisory Panel to develop a fishery performance report. The Council primarily uses the fishery performance report to inform the specifications process. The Council will be reviewing previously adopted 2027 specifications for spiny dogfish, which would maintain the 2026 specifications into the 2027 fishing year.

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.*)

Dated: July 15, 2026.

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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

Final Evaluation Findings of Five State Coastal Management Programs and Seven National Estuarine Research Reserves

AGENCY: Office for Coastal Management, National Ocean Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given of the availability of final evaluation findings for five State and Territory coastal management programs (Minnesota, New Jersey, Puerto Rico, Rhode Island, and Wisconsin) and seven National Estuarine Research Reserves (Jacques Cousteau, Jobos Bay, North Inlet-Winyah Bay, Old Woman Creek, Padilla Bay, Rookery Bay, and Wells), which were prepared pursuant to Sections 312 and 315 of the Coastal Zone Management Act (CZMA).

ADDRESSES: Copies of these final evaluation findings may be found at https://coast.noaa.gov/czm/evaluations/evaluation_findings/index.html or requested by emailing czma.evaluations@noaa.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Michael Migliori, Manager, Evaluation and Compliance, NOAA Office for Coastal Management, at (443) 332–8936 or Michael.Migliori@noaa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: NOAA’s Office for Coastal Management (OCM) has completed the coastal zone management program final evaluation findings for the States of Minnesota, New Jersey, Rhode Island, and Wisconsin and the Territory of Puerto Rico. The States and Territory were found to be implementing and enforcing their federally approved coastal zone management programs, addressing the national coastal management objectives identified in Section 303(2) of the CZMA and adhering to the programmatic terms of their financial assistance awards. In addition, OCM has completed the final evaluation findings for Jacques Cousteau, Jobos Bay, North Inlet–Winyah Bay, Old Woman Creek, Padilla Bay, Rookery Bay, and Wells Reserves. The Jacques Cousteau, North Inlet–Winyah Bay, Old Woman Creek, Padilla Bay, Rookery Bay, and Wells Reserves were found to be adhering to the terms of the reserves’ financial assistance awards and to the programmatic requirements of the CZMA, including the requirements of the CZMA’s Section 315(b)(2) and its implementing regulations. The Jobos Bay Reserve was found to be not fully adhering to the programmatic requirements of the CZMA and its implementing regulations in the operation of the Jobos Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve.

NOAA published notices in the **Federal Register** for public meetings and opportunities to submit public

comments on the evaluation of these State and Territory coastal zone management programs and National Estuarine Research Reserves. See Minnesota, July 14, 2025 (90 FR 31165); New Jersey, August 8, 2023 (88 FR 53476); Puerto Rico, August 2, 2023 (88 FR 50848); Rhode Island, August 22, 2024 (89 FR 67935); Wisconsin, May 24, 2024 (89 FR 45858); Jacques Cousteau, December 20, 2024 (89 FR 104097); Jobos Bay, May 30, 2023 (88 FR 34488); North Inlet–Winyah Bay, July 8, 2025 (90 FR 30053); Old Woman Creek, May 29, 2024 (89 FR 46375); Padilla Bay, July 9, 2024 (89 FR 56317); Rookery Bay, April 25, 2025 (90 FR 17422); and Wells, March 14, 2025 (90 FR 12145). NOAA addressed the public comments it received in the final evaluation findings.

Authority: 16 U.S.C. 1458, 1461(f); 15 CFR 921.40, 923.133.

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Acting Director, Office for Coastal Management, National Ocean Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.
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SUMMARY: The Assistant Regional Administrator for Sustainable Fisheries, Greater Atlantic Region, NMFS, has made a preliminary determination that an Exempted Fishing Permit (EFP) application contains all of the required information and warrants further consideration. The EFP would allow federally permitted fishing vessels to fish outside fishery regulations in support of exempted fishing activities proposed by the Commercial Fisheries Research Foundation (CFRF). Regulations under the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act require publication of this notification to provide interested parties the opportunity to comment on applications for proposed EFPs.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before August 3, 2026.

ADDRESSES: You may submit written comments by email: nmfs.gar.efp@noaa.gov. Include in the subject line “CFRF Expanded Tilefish Fishery EFP.” All comments received are a part of the public record and may be posted for public viewing without change. All personal identifying information (*e.g.*, name, address), confidential business information, or otherwise sensitive information submitted voluntarily by the sender will be publicly accessible. NMFS will accept anonymous comments (enter “anonymous” as the signature if you wish to remain anonymous).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Christine Ford, Fishery Management Specialist, christine.ford@noaa.gov, 978–281–9185.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The applicant submitted a complete application for an EFP to conduct commercial fishing activities that the regulations would otherwise restrict. This EFP would exempt the participating vessels from the following Federal regulations:

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Magnuson-Stevens Act Provisions; General Provisions for Domestic Fisheries; Application for Exempted Fishing Permits

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

ACTION: Notice; request for comments.

TABLE 1—REQUESTED EXEMPTIONS

CFR citation	Regulation	Need for exemption
50 CFR 648.295(c)	Landing condition	To allow at-sea processing of golden and blueline tilefish for conversion factor data collection and calculation.

TABLE 2—PROJECT SUMMARY

Project title	Filling gaps and expanding opportunities in the tilefish fishery through fishermen-collected data
Project start	08/01/2026.
Project end	07/31/2027.
Project objectives	To pilot a targeted tilefish research fleet to establish a new data stream for these data-poor, commercially important species, and develop a conversion factor for whole fish to fillet.
Project location	Statistical Areas 533, 537, 613, 615, 616, 622, 623, 627, 628.
Number of vessels	Up to 3.
Number of trips	Up to 12/vessel; up to 36 total.