

attend a workshop to fish with, or renew, their swordfish and shark limited access permits. Additionally, new shark and swordfish limited access permit applicants who intend to fish with longline or gillnet gear must attend a Safe Handling, Release, and Identification Workshop and submit a copy of their workshop certificate before either of the permits will be issued.

In addition to vessel owners, at least one operator on board vessels issued a limited access swordfish or shark permit that uses longline or gillnet gear is required to attend a Safe Handling, Release, and Identification Workshop and receive a certificate. Vessels that have been issued a limited access swordfish or shark permit and that use longline or gillnet gear may not fish unless both the vessel owner and operator have valid workshop certificates on board at all times. Vessel operators who have not already attended a workshop and received a NMFS certificate, or vessel operators whose certificate(s) will expire prior to their next fishing trip, must attend a workshop to operate a vessel with swordfish and shark limited access permits on which longline or gillnet gear is used.

Workshop Dates, Times, and Locations

1. October 14, 2026, 9 a.m.–1 p.m., Hilton Garden Inn, 1 Thurber Street, Warwick, RI 02886.
2. November 2, 2026, 9 a.m.–1 p.m., Hilton Garden Inn, 5353 N. Virginia Dare Trail, Kitty Hawk, NC, 27949.
3. December 3, 2026, 9 a.m.–1 p.m., Holiday Inn Manahawkin, 151 Route 72 Manahawkin, NJ 08050.

Registration

To register for a scheduled Safe Handling, Release, and Identification Workshop, please contact Angler Conservation Education at 386–682–0158. Pre-registration is highly recommended but not required.

Registration Materials

To ensure that workshop certificates are linked to the correct permits, participants will need to bring the following specific items with them to the workshop:

1. Individual vessel owners must bring a copy of the appropriate swordfish and/or shark permit(s), a copy of the vessel registration or documentation, and proof of identification.
2. Representatives of a business-owned or co-owned vessel must bring proof that the individual is an agent of the business (such as articles of incorporation), a copy of the applicable

swordfish and/or shark permit(s), and proof of identification.

3. Vessel operators must bring proof of identification.

Workshop Objectives

The Safe Handling, Release, and Identification Workshops are designed to teach the owner and operator of a vessel that fishes with longline or gillnet gear the required techniques for the safe handling and release of entangled and/or hooked protected species, such as sea turtles, marine mammals, smalltooth sawfish, Atlantic sturgeon, and prohibited sharks. In an effort to improve reporting, the proper identification of protected species and prohibited sharks will also be taught at these workshops. Additionally, individuals attending these workshops will gain a better understanding of the requirements for participating in these fisheries. The overall goal of these workshops is to provide participants with the skills needed to reduce the mortality of protected species and prohibited sharks, which may prevent additional regulations on these fisheries in the future.

Online Recertification Workshops

NMFS implemented an online option for shark dealers and owners and operators of vessels that fish with longline and gillnet gear to renew their certificates in December 2021. To be eligible for online recertification workshops, dealers and vessel owners and operators need to have previously attended an in-person workshop. Information about the courses is available online at <https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/atlantic-highly-migratory-species/atlantic-shark-identification-workshops> and <https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/atlantic-highly-migratory-species/safe-handling-release-and-identification-workshops>. To access the course please visit: <https://hmsworkshop.fisheries.noaa.gov/start>.

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for Review and Approval; Comment Request; American Lobster—Annual Trap Transfer Program

The Department of Commerce will submit the following information collection request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and clearance in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, on or after the date of publication of this notice. We invite the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on proposed and continuing information collections, which helps us assess the impact of our information collection requirements and minimize the public's reporting burden. Public comments were previously requested via the **Federal Register** on June 11, 2026 (91 FR 35465) during a 60-day comment period. This notice allows for an additional 30 days for public comments.

Agency: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

Title: American Lobster—Annual Trap Transfer Program.

OMB Control Number: 0648–0673.

Form Number(s): None.

Type of Request: Regular submission [extension of a current information collection].

Number of Respondents: 153.

Average Hours per Response: 10 minutes.

Total Annual Burden Hours: 13 hours.

Needs and Uses: This request is for an extension of a currently approved information collection.

The American lobster resource and fishery are cooperatively managed by the states and NOAA's National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) under the authority of the Atlantic Coastal Fisheries Cooperative Management Act, according to the framework established by the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission (ASMFC) in Amendment 3 of its Interstate Fishery Management Plan (ISFMP). This collection of information is in response to several addenda to Amendment 3 of the ISFMP that work to reduce trap fishing effort through limited entry fishing and trap allocation limit reductions. The Trap Transfer Program is intended to foster economic flexibility for the lobster industry while reducing fishing effort

on the American lobster resource. The regulations implementing the FMP in the EEZ are specified at 50 CFR part 697.

This collection of information is being conducted to help mitigate the economic burden of scheduled trap allocation reductions in Lobster Conservation Management Areas 2 and 3 on Federal lobster permit holders through the Annual Lobster Trap Transfer Program, which allows all qualified Federal lobster permit holders to buy and sell trap allocation from Areas 2, 3, or Outer Cape Cod. NMFS collects application forms from Lobster permit holders who wish to transfer trap allocation from these areas during a 2-month period (from August 1 through September 30) each year. The revised allocations resulting from the transfers become effective for each participating lobster permit at the start of the following Federal lobster fishing year, on May 1. Both the seller and buyer of the traps are required to sign the application form, date the document, and clearly show that the seller has sufficient allocation to transfer and that the buyer has sufficient room under the applicable trap cap.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit organizations.

Frequency: Annually.

Respondent's Obligation: Required to Obtain or Retain Benefits.

Legal Authority: Atlantic Coastal Fisheries Cooperative Management Act (16 U.S.C. 5101 *et seq.*).

This information collection request may be viewed at www.reginfo.gov. Follow the instructions to view the Department of Commerce collections currently under review by OMB.

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be submitted within 30 days of the publication of this notice on the following website www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain. Find this particular information collection by selecting "Currently under 30-day Review—Open for Public Comments" or by using the search function and entering either the title of the collection or the OMB Control Number 0648–0673.

Sheleen Dumas,

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Hydrographic Services Review Panel Meeting, September 28, and 29, 2026

AGENCY: Office of Coast Survey, National Ocean Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting; request for comments.

SUMMARY: NOAA will hold an in-person Hydrographic Services Review Panel (HSRP) Federal Advisory Committee public meeting on September 28, and 29, 2026, in Arlington, VA. NOAA will accept public comments in advance and during the public meeting.

DATES: Members of the public may attend the NOAA HSRP public meeting in person or virtually via AdobeConnect on Monday September 28, 2026, from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time (EDT), and Tuesday, September 29, 2026, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. EDT. Written comments must be received before 8 a.m. EDT on Monday, September 28, 2026.

ADDRESSES: Public comments may be submitted by the following methods:

- *In-person:* Provide public comments during the daily public comment periods at the in-person meeting.
- *Email:* Send written comments in advance of the HSRP public meeting to hydroservices.panel@noaa.gov, with "September 2026 HSRP meeting public comments" in the subject line of the email message. Public comments sent in advance of the HSRP public meeting will be shared with the HSRP members, posted on the meeting website, and included in the public record for the meeting.
- *Webinar:* The latest version of the agenda and information on how to register to attend the webinar can be found at <https://nauticalcharts.noaa.gov/hsrp/meetings/2026/fall.html>. Attendees must register to attend the webinar in advance of joining. Registration will remain open throughout the duration of the public meeting. Submit written comments during the HSRP public meeting through the HSRP webinar's "Questions" function. Public comments submitted through the webinar's "Questions" function will be read into the record during the public comment period.

As time allows during the public meeting, commenters may be invited to

orally expand on written comments they submitted via email during the public comment period.

Instructions: The oral and written 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. Sensitive personally identifiable information, such as account numbers and Social Security numbers, and confidential business information should not be submitted. Comments that contain profanity, vulgarity, threats, or other inappropriate language will not be considered. Commenters are encouraged to ensure comments address the HSRP meeting, the role of the HSRP, or general hydrographic services issues.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Amanda Phelps, Office of Coast Survey, 240–543–0266; NOAA HSRP Program Manager, email: hydroservices.panel@noaa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Hydrographic Services Improvement Act of 1998, as amended (HSIA; 33 U.S.C. 892 *et seq.*), established the HSRP as a Federal Advisory Committee to advise the NOAA Administrator "on matters related to the responsibilities and authorities set forth in [33 U.S.C. 892a] and such other appropriate matters as the Administrator refers to the [HSRP] for review and advice." (33 U.S.C. 892c(b).)

The HSRP invites NOAA stakeholder feedback on NOAA's navigation, observations, and positioning data, science, products, and services for the National Ocean Service's Center for Operational Oceanographic Products and Services, National Geodetic Survey, Office of Coast Survey, and the NOAA/University of New Hampshire Joint Hydrographic Center.

Special Accommodations: This public meeting is accessible to people with disabilities and there will be sign language interpretation and captioning services. Please direct requests for other auxiliary aids to hydroservices.panel@noaa.gov at least 5 business days in advance of the meeting.

(Authority: 33 U.S.C. 892 *et seq.*)

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