

and 4-inch (10.16-centimeter) x 6-inch (15.24-centimeter) disabling door. The modified traps would adhere to the standard coastwide survey gear for lobster and Jonah crab set by the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission (ASMFC) and would be fished with standard Atlantic Large Whale Take Reduction Plan-compliant trawls.

The study would take place during regular fishing activity of the participating vessels but catch from the modified traps would remain separate from that of standard gear. Operators would collect data on size, sex, presence of eggs, and shell hardness for lobsters and Jonah crabs, and v-notch and shell disease for lobsters. Operators would return all specimens from modified gear to the ocean once sampling is complete.

All data collected by the participants using the CFRF data collection app would be sent to ME DMR for processing. ME DMR would then share final datasets with CFRF, to further share with the Atlantic Coastal Cooperative Statistics Program, the Northeast Fisheries Science Center, and the ASMFC.

If approved, the applicant may request minor modifications and extensions to the EFP throughout the year. EFP modifications and extensions may be granted without further notice if they are deemed essential to facilitate completion of the proposed research and have minimal impacts that do not change the scope or impact of the initially approved EFP request. Any fishing activity conducted outside the scope of the exempted fishing activity would be prohibited.

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

Dated: October 19, 2026.

Shannon Bettridge,

Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[RTID 0648-XG121]

Fisheries of the South Atlantic; South Atlantic Fishery Management Council—Public Meetings

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

ACTION: Notice of a meeting.

SUMMARY: Meeting of the South Atlantic Fishery Management Council's (Council) Citizen Science Operations Advisory Panel (AP) via webinar November 19, 2026.

DATES: The Citizen Science Operations AP meeting will be held via webinar on Thursday, November 19, 2026, from 2 p.m. until 5 p.m.

ADDRESSES: *Meeting address:* The meeting will be held via webinar and is open to the public. Webinar registration is required. Webinar registration information and additional meeting details are available from the Council's website at: <https://safmc.net/events/nov-2026-citizen-science-operations-ap-meeting/>. There will be an opportunity for public comment at the beginning of the meeting. *Council address:* South Atlantic Fishery Management Council, 4055 Faber Place Drive, Suite 201, N Charleston, SC 29405.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Julia Byrd, Citizen Science Program Manager, SAFMC; phone (843) 302-8439 or toll free (866) SAFMC-10; FAX (843) 769-4520; email: julia.byrd@safmc.net.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Citizen Science Operations AP serves as advisors to the Council's Citizen Science Program. Advisory panel members include representatives from the Council's Citizen Science Advisory Panel Pool, NOAA Fisheries' Southeast Regional Office, NOAA Fisheries' Southeast Fisheries' Science Center, and the Council's Science and Statistical Committee. Their responsibilities include developing programmatic recommendations, reviewing policies, providing program direction/multi-partner support, identifying citizen science research needs, and providing general advice.

Agenda items for this meeting include: Citizen Science Program and Project updates; a discussion on Citizen Science Program growth and potentially broadening the scope of projects; 2026 update for the Citizen Science Program indicators; election of chair and vice chair; and other business.

Special Accommodations

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for auxiliary aids should be directed to the council office (see **ADDRESSES**) 5 days prior to the meeting.

Note: The times and sequence specified in this agenda are subject to change.

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

Dated: October 19, 2026.

Rey Israel Marquez,

Acting Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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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; The Ocean Enterprise: A Study of US Business Activity in Ocean Measurement, Observation and Forecasting

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 3, 2026, during a 60-day comment period. This notice allows for an additional 30 days for public comments.

Agency: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Commerce.

Title: The Ocean Enterprise: A study of US business activity in ocean measurement, observation and forecasting.

OMB Control Number: 0648-0712.

Form Number(s): None.

Type of Request: Regular submission. Extension of approved collection.

Number of Respondents: 250.

Average Hours per Response: 0.40 (24 minutes).

Total Annual Burden Hours: 100.

Needs and Uses: This is a request for extension of an approved information collection. NOAA's National Ocean Service's U.S. Integrated Ocean Observing System (IOOS) Office is requesting approval to continue a web-based survey of employers who provide either services or infrastructure to IOOS or organizations that add value to the IOOS data and other outputs by tailoring them for specific end uses. The purpose of the survey and overall project is to gather information to

articulate the collective and derived value of the IOOS enterprise and to create a profile of businesses and organizations who are involved with providing services or utilizing IOOS data for other specific end uses. This survey was conducted in FY2015, FY2020, and FY2025 and is intended to be repeated on a regular basis in order to track the growth of the U.S. Ocean Enterprise. The survey provides critical assessment data and is necessary in order to collect demographic, financial, and functional information for each organization with regard to their involvement with IOOS. Data from this web survey will be analyzed and used to produce a final report. The results will demonstrate the size and economic impact of IOOS data to the United States marine ocean sector.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit organizations and Not-for-profit institutions.

Frequency: Once every 5 years.

Respondent's Obligation: Voluntary.

Legal Authority: Section 12304 of the Integrated Coastal and Ocean Observation System Act, part of the Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009 (Pub. L. 111–11), and reauthorized under the Coordinated Ocean Observations and Research Act of 2020 (Pub. L. 116–271).

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 0648–0712.

Sheleen Dumas,

Departmental PRA Compliance Officer, Office of the Under Secretary for Economic Affairs, Commerce Department.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[RTID 0648–XG108]

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 (Council) will hold a public meeting, jointly with the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission's (Commission's) Policy Board.

DATES: The meeting will be held Thursday, November 12, 2026, from 8 a.m.–9:45 a.m. ET. For agenda details, see **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

ADDRESSES:

Meeting address: This meeting will take place as part of the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission's Annual Meeting. This will be a hybrid meeting with in-person and virtual attendance options. Council members, other meeting participants, and members of the public will have the option to participate in person at Hotel Viking, One Bellevue Avenue, Newport, RI or virtually via webinar. Webinar connection instructions and briefing materials will be available at: <https://asmfc.org/events/2026-annual-meeting/>.

Council address: Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council, 800 N State St., Suite 201, Dover, DE 19901; telephone: (302) 674–2331; <https://www.mafmc.org>. The Council's website, <https://www.mafmc.org>, also has details on the meeting location, proposed agenda, webinar listen-in access, and briefing materials.

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 and the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission's Policy Board will meet jointly during the Commission's Annual Meeting. The joint session will take place during the Policy Board agenda item from 8 a.m.–9:45 a.m. E.T. on November 12, 2026. The purpose of the joint meeting is to discuss the Recreational Sector Separation Amendment for summer flounder, scup, black sea bass, and bluefish, which considers potential changes to the

recreational management program for these species, including options for managing for-hire fisheries separately from other recreational fishing modes, as well as possible changes to permit and reporting requirements for the for-hire sector.

The Council and Commission held a stakeholder workshop in September 2026 to facilitate a focused discussion on alternatives currently under development for this amendment. At the November 12 meeting, the Council and Policy Board will review workshop outcomes and provide additional guidance to the Fishery Management Action Team/Plan Development Team for further development of the action. Additional information on this amendment can be found at: <https://www.mafmc.org/actions/recreational-sector-separation-amendment>.

Other Business and General Public Comment

Although non-emergency issues not contained in this agenda may come before this group for discussion, in accordance with the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (Magnuson-Stevens Act), those issues may not be the subject of formal action during these meetings. Actions will be restricted to those issues specifically identified in this notice and any issues arising after publication of this notice that require emergency action under Section 305(c).

Special Accommodations

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aid 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: October 19, 2026.

Rey Israel Marquez,

Acting Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION

Agency Information Collection Activities Under OMB Review

AGENCY: Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (“PRA”), this notice announces that the