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HIGHLIGHTS

EVENTS

May 30

Conference call on Standardized Bycatch Reporting Methodology, open to the public for observation.

June 5 and 12

Two **Protected Species Safe Handling, Release, and Identification Workshops** in Kitty Hawk, North Carolina, and Gulfport, Mississippi. Both are free.

June 6

Free **Atlantic Shark Identification Workshop** in Panama City, Florida.

June 14

Open House at NOAA Western Regional Center



Introducing *On the Line* - A NOAA Fisheries Podcast

NOAA Fisheries' new multimedia podcast series features the people who study, manage, and protect marine fish and wildlife and their ocean habitats. Check out the first three episodes!

- **The Keratin Connection** - A Breakthrough in Turtle Research
- **Saving Coho** - It's All About the Timing
- **To Protect Fin Whales**, Scientists Work on Their Listening Skills

NOAA Updates Fish Stock Sustainability Index

NOAA Fisheries updated the Fish Stock Sustainability Index to reflect the status of stocks as of March 31, 2013. The index - a measure of the sustainability of U.S. fisheries - tracks the

Campus in Seattle, Washington.

performance of 230 key fish stocks important to U.S. commercial and recreational fisheries.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

June 3

Pre-proposals due for Coastal Fish Habitat Protection funding.

July 31

Proposals due for modifications to Pacific Coast Groundfish Essential Fish Habitat.

Petition to List Dusky Sharks Under ESA

NOAA Fisheries found that a petition to list the Northwest Atlantic and Gulf of Mexico population of dusky shark as a distinct population segment under the Endangered Species Act presents substantial evidence to warrant further review. Comments and information related to the dusky shark's status are due **July 16**.

NOAA Partnerships Recognized for Habitat Conservation Success

Two NOAA coastal habitat projects have been selected by the National Fish Habitat Partnership as "Waters to Watch" for 2013: the Grape Creek restoration project in California, and the Cape Fear River Partnership in North Carolina.

FEDERAL REGISTER ACTIONS

[Click here](#) for a list of only those actions open for public comment. Scroll search for National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

For a list of all daily actions, check the Federal Register [online](#).

Northeast

Open Letter to Northeast Fishermen Regarding Observers and At-Sea Monitors

Leadership from NOAA Fisheries' Northeast Region and the chairmen of the New England and Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Councils issued an open letter to the fishing industry urging cooperation and respect for fishery observers and at-sea monitors during this challenging fishing year.

Proposed Exempted Fishing for Horseshoe Crabs

By **June 4**, submit your comments on Limuli Laboratories' application for an exempted fishing permit to collect up to 10,000 horseshoe crabs from the Carl N. Shuster Jr. Horseshoe Crab Reserve for biomedical research purposes. A condition of the permit would require the collection of data related to the horseshoe crabs' population status.

NOAA Teachers At Sea Experience a Different Kind of Classroom

This spring, the Northeast Fisheries Science Center's North Atlantic right whale survey, on-board the NOAA Ship Gordon Gunter, is taking two teachers aboard to experience a "different kind of classroom." [Angela Greene](#), an eighth-grade teacher from Ohio, just completed the first leg of the survey, and [Melanie Lyte](#), a first-grade teacher from New York, has joined the crew for the second leg. Each teacher is writing a blog about her experience and creating lesson plans to share.

NOAA's Voices from the Fisheries used in "Dock-U-Mentaries"

Interviews collected through NOAA's "Voices from the Fisheries" project were featured in a film in the New Bedford Working

Waterfront Festival's Dock-U-Mentaries series. The film, *In Altro Mare*, explores Gloucester's Italian-American community.

Alaska

Petition to List Iliamna Lake Seals Under ESA

NOAA Fisheries found that a petition to list the Pacific harbor seals in Iliamna Lake as threatened or endangered under the Endangered Species Act presents sufficient evidence to warrant further reviews. [Comments](#) and scientific and commercial information on this species are due **July 16**.

Managing for the Future in a Rapidly Changing Arctic

More than 20 federal agencies, as well as state and tribal entities, have responsibility for various aspects of Arctic management and work toward a wide variety of management goals. A report by the Interagency Working Group on Coordination of Domestic Energy Development and Permitting in Alaska provides suggestions for integrating the United States' approach to managing its Arctic territory as warming trends reduce sea ice, alter weather patterns, and thaw permafrost.

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