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HIGHLIGHTS

EVENTS

October 28-29

Public meeting of the Permanent Advisory Committee to advise the U.S. Commissioners to the **Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission** in Honolulu, Hawaii.

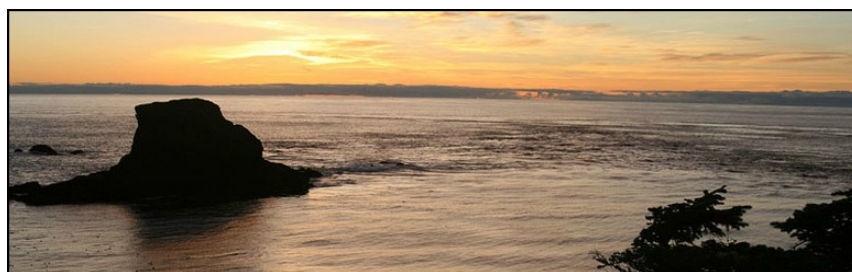
November 5-6

Public meeting of the Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council's **Ad Hoc Red Snapper Individual Fishing Quota Advisory Panel**.

November 7

Tred Avon Oyster Restoration Open House in Oxford, Maryland.

November 7, December



NOAA Fisheries Announces New West Coast Region

NOAA Fisheries' Northwest and Southwest Regions are uniting to protect marine resources West Coast-wide. This integration opens the door for better coordination, efficiency, and resource allocation without changing the scope of NOAA Fisheries' work with West Coast fisheries.

NOAA Fisheries Awards Habitat Restoration Projects

NOAA Fisheries recently awarded \$36 million for more than 40 targeted habitat restoration projects. These projects will restore up to 16,000 acres of habitat and open nearly 400 stream miles for fish passage. Projects in California and the Chesapeake Bay will also support the goals of the [NOAA Habitat Blueprint](#).

National Seafood Month

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Two free **Atlantic Shark Identification Workshops** in Mount Pleasant, South Carolina, and St. Petersburg, Florida.

November 8

Public meeting of the Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council's **Socioeconomic Scientific and Statistical Committee**.

November-December

Four free **Protected Species Safe Handling, Release, and Identification Workshops** in North Carolina, Florida, New York, and Louisiana.

ANNOUNCEMENTS**November 1**

Applications due for open seats on **South Atlantic Fishery Management Council Advisory Panels**.

November 4

Extended deadline for **FY 2014 Cooperative Research** proposals. Cooperative research projects provide opportunities for NOAA Fisheries scientists and stakeholders to work together on research to address critical fishery management issues.

FEDERAL REGISTER ACTIONS

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**Video: Sustainable Seafood - A U.S. Success Story**

The United States is recognized as a global leader in responsibly managed and sustainable seafood. Watch this video introduction to FishWatch.gov, which provides easy-to-understand, science-based facts to help consumers make smart, sustainable seafood choices.

Video: Protecting Our Seafood and Marine Resources

Every day at ports around the country, NOAA's Fisheries officers monitoring fishing vessel activity, conduct patrols, and inspect dealers. Watch this video to learn more about how NOAA's Office of Law Enforcement helps protect our seafood and marine resources.

Behind the Scenes on a Fisheries Research Expedition

NOAA scientists conduct fish surveys all along our nation's coasts. The data from these surveys are used to set sustainable catch limits, ensuring a healthy supply of seafood now and into the future. Go behind the scenes with us and get a firsthand look at a fish survey.

Fine Cooking on the High Seas

Move over Top Chef -- Walter Coghlan, acting chief steward aboard the NOAA research ship *Oregon II*, is responsible for feeding a crew of 30 hungry seamen and scientists. These men and women are often at sea for up to a month, researching fish populations and the ocean ecosystem, and during that time Coghlan's home-style cooking gives a big boost to morale.

Southeast**Electronic Logbook Program - Please Comment**

By **November 6**, [submit your comments](#) on a proposal to establish funding responsibilities for the electronic logbook program for the shrimp fishery in the Gulf of Mexico. The proposal would require permit holders to pay for installation and maintenance of the electronic logbooks, while NOAA Fisheries would pay for software development, data storage, and analysis.

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