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HIGHLIGHTS

EVENTS

[November 7 and 18](#)

Scoping and public hearing meetings, by webinar, for Amendments to the **Snapper/Grouper** and **Dolphin Wahoo Fishery Management Plans**.

[November 7, December 12](#)

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**



Science Confirms Swordfish Abundance

A new 2013 international stock assessment confirms that North Atlantic swordfish remains rebuilt at a sustainable population level. Although U.S. catch of North Atlantic swordfish has increased in recent years, it remains a sustainable seafood option for consumers.

Nominations for Highly Migratory Species AP

By **December 6**, submit your nominations for the Atlantic Highly Migratory Species Advisory Panel. NOAA Fisheries consults with and considers the views of the advisory panel when preparing and implementing fishery management plans for Atlantic tunas, swordfish, sharks, and billfish. Appointments are for three years.

Sea Snake Status Review Warranted - Info Requested

Committee.

[November 12-13 and December 3](#)

Rescheduled public hearings in Florida and New Jersey on Draft Amendment 7 to the **Highly Migratory Species Fishery Management Plan**.

[November 15](#)

Stakeholder Workshop on **Assessing Pesticide Risks to Endangered Species** in Silver Spring, Maryland.

[November 21](#)

Public hearing on **Proposed Loggerhead Critical Habitat Designations** in Manteo, North Carolina.

[November-December](#)

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

[December 4](#)

Nominations due for **Atlantic Highly Migratory Species SEDAR Pool**

[December 6](#)

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FEDERAL REGISTER ACTIONS

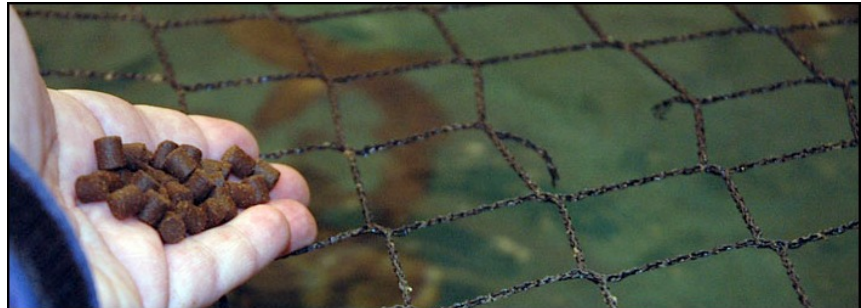
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NOAA Fisheries found that a petition to list multiple species of hagfish and sea snakes under the Endangered Species Act provided substantial evidence to warrant a status review for one sea snake species, *Aipysurus fuscus*. Please submit pertinent scientific and commercial information by **January 6**.

Marine Mammal Stock Assessments - Please Comment

By **February 4**, submit your comments on the 2013 draft Marine Mammal Stock Assessment reports. The Marine Mammal Protection Act requires NOAA Fisheries and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to prepare regular reports summarizing the population status for all U.S. marine mammal stocks-123 stocks were updated this year.

National Seafood Month



Podcast: Feeds of the Future

Most aquaculture diets currently use fishmeal and fish oils that come from wild-capture fisheries. Looking to expand aquaculture opportunities without increasing pressure on those wild stocks, scientists from NOAA Fisheries and the U.S. Department of Agriculture are working to develop plant-based feeds with the right balance of proteins and nutrients to replace fishmeal.

Ten Myths about Marine Aquaculture

NOAA Fisheries dispels 10 of the most common misperceptions about marine aquaculture and explains why farmed seafood is a safe and cost-effective component of a healthy diet.

Video: Marine Aquaculture: A Promising Future

Farmed seafood is the fastest growing form of seafood in the world and offers an opportunity for U.S. coastal communities and working waterfronts to expand their economic base.

Video: Get to Know Your Seafood

If eating sustainable seafood is important to you, then it's time to get to know your seafood from ocean to plate. This video explains the importance of sustainable seafood and how you can find it

search for National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

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

Northeast

Hydroacoustic Monitoring of Maine's Penobscot Estuary

Hydroacoustic monitoring techniques provide scientists at NOAA Fisheries' Orono Field Station a large-scale, low-impact tool to monitor the Penobscot Estuary ecosystem. Scientists conduct regular acoustic surveys to paint a picture of how species such as Atlantic salmon, river herring, and Atlantic tomcod use different parts of the estuary throughout the year.

Southeast

Nominations for Highly Migratory Species SEDAR Pool

By **December 4**, submit your nominations for the Advisory Panel for Atlantic Highly Migratory Species Southeast Data, Assessment, and Review (SEDAR) Workshops. The SEDAR Pool is a group of individuals who are available to review data and advise NOAA Fisheries on data and models used for Atlantic oceanic sharks.

West Coast

New Study May Help Ocean Conservation and Coastal Development Co-Exist

NOAA scientists and researchers at the University of California Santa Cruz developed a method of overlaying maps of animal migrations on maps of human impacts along the California coast, providing a valuable new tool to decision-makers faced with balancing trade-offs.

Understanding Large Whale Entanglement Risk: Technical Memo

Large whale entanglement in commercial fishing gear off the U.S. West Coast poses concerns both for the health of the whale population and for the operations of the fishing industry. Scientists from the Southwest Fisheries Science Center developed a model to analyze the co-occurrence of fishing gear and whales, and the resulting technical memo identifies areas of elevated entanglement risk.

Research Cruise Studies Swordfish, Tuna, Sharks

Scientists from the Southwest Fisheries Science Center and Monterey Bay Aquarium set out last week on the Ventura II to discover new information about swordfish, albacore, shark, and opah. The cruise is part of an effort to examine the feasibility of a deep longline fishery for swordfish.

Alaska

Alaska Fisheries Scientists win Presidential Award

NOAA Fisheries scientists and engineers at the Ted Stevens Research Institute in Juneau, Alaska, received a GreenGov Presidential Award for their development of an innovative system to use seawater as a heat source, replacing oil-fueled heat pumps and eliminating carbon emissions. The White House awards eight of these awards annually to honor Federal personnel, facilities, and programs for taking innovative steps to reduce energy use and carbon pollution.

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