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HIGHLIGHTS

EVENTS

February 19-20

Council Coordination Committee meeting in Washington, DC, open to the public.

February 20

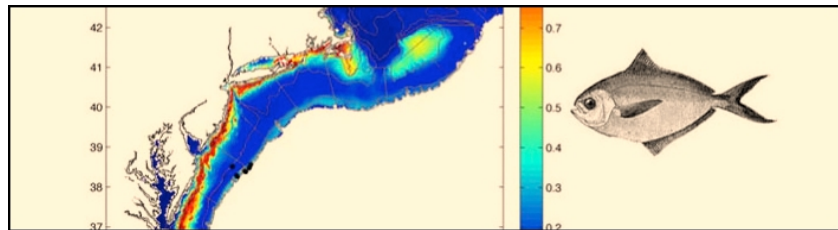
Community Visioning Port Meeting hosted by South Atlantic Fishery Management Council in South Carolina.

February 25

Seminar in NOAA Fisheries' **RACE Seminar Series** at NOAA Western Regional Center in Seattle, Washington.

March 3-7

South Atlantic Fishery Management Council



Podcast: A Changing Climate in Fisheries Management

However fast you think climate change is happening on land, it's happening even faster in the ocean. How will we manage fish populations as the climate changes? NOAA Fisheries biologist John Manderson is working on one small piece of the puzzle.

Stock Assessment Prioritization - Open for Comment

NOAA Fisheries manages more than 470 fish stocks but has the capacity to update only about 100 fish stock assessments each year. The high demand for assessments requires a process for prioritization. NOAA Fisheries has prepared a system that we believe will enhance the transparency and standardization with which each science center and fishery management council prioritizes fish stock assessments. Review this draft process and submit comments by **May 1**.

Heart Failure in Fish Exposed to Oil Spills

meeting in Savannah, Georgia.

March 4-5

Spring **Species Working Group Meeting** of the Advisory Committee to the U.S. Section to ICCAT, open to the public.

March 7-13

Pacific Fishery Management Council meeting in Sacramento, California.

March 25-26

Northwest Fisheries Science Center's 4th Science Symposium in Seattle, Washington. Free and open to the public; register by **February 28**.

March

More free **Atlantic Shark Identification** and **Protected Species Safe Handling, Release, and Identification Workshops** in Florida and Texas.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

February 21

Pre-proposals due for **NOAA Sea Grant Aquaculture Research Program** funding.

February 28

Final date to submit application for Pacific Islands Fisheries Science Center's **Young Scientist Opportunity**.

FEDERAL REGISTER ACTIONS

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Researchers from NOAA Fisheries and Stanford University found that some petroleum compounds act as ion channel blockers in the heart cells of young tuna, disrupting normal cardiac function. This new understanding will help scientists develop better indicators of cardiac stress in young fish, which will improve Natural Resource Damage Assessments.

Arctic Marine Mammals Are Ecosystem Sentinels

At the annual meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, NOAA oceanographer Sue Moore explained that the responses of marine mammals can provide clues to how the Arctic ecosystem is responding to declines in seasonal sea ice, warming temperatures, and increased storminess.

Greater Atlantic

Atlantic Sea Scallop 2014 Management Measures

NOAA Fisheries is currently reviewing Framework Adjustment 25 to the Atlantic Sea Scallop Fishery Management Plan, which proposes changes to the 2014 fishing year management measures. This announcement is intended to help scallop fishing operations anticipate these changes as they plan for the upcoming fishing year.

Southeast

Gulf Offshore Aquaculture - Open for Public Comment

By **March 31**, submit your comments on a draft supplemental environmental document related to the management plan for regulating offshore marine aquaculture in the Gulf of Mexico. This document considers possible environmental impacts of the Deepwater Horizon oil spill on offshore aquaculture in the area.

West Coast

Protecting Fish from California's Extreme Drought

California is facing its driest two-year period on record. NOAA is working hand-in-hand with the state and other federal agencies on water, fisheries, and wildlife strategies to ensure California's threatened and endangered species survive the drought.

Alaska

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Administration.

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actions, check the Federal
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Revision to Northern Fur Seal Management

NOAA Fisheries announced our intention to prepare a
supplemental Environmental Impact Statement to evaluate
proposed changes in the management of the northern fur seal
subsistence harvest on St. George's Island in Alaska.

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