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HIGHLIGHTS

EVENTS

April 10

Last day of **Pacific Fishery Management Council meeting** in Vancouver, Washington.

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Last day of **Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council meeting** in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

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Last day of **Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council meeting** in Montauk, New York.

April 10-14

North Pacific Fishery Management Council meeting in Anchorage, Alaska.



What is Environmental Intelligence?

It's the information at the core of NOAA's mission—it's the foresight and information people need to live well and safely on our dynamic planet. Leading up to Earth Day, we will share some of our features that highlight the environmental intelligence that NOAA Fisheries uses to manage and conserve our marine resources.

- **Studying an Entire Ecosystem to Manage Fish**

In the Gulf of Alaska, the Integrated Ecosystem Research Project brings together physical oceanographers, fish biologists, and other scientists to decipher how physical and biological forces in the ocean combine to determine fish recruitment.

- **Conducting Research Around the Clock**

NOAA scientists conduct fish surveys all along the nation's coasts to monitor trends in fish abundance and changes in the marine ecosystem. Go behind the scenes

April 11

Conference call on **Gulf of Mexico red snapper allocation**. See **Southeast** section.

April 14-16

Four **Community Visioning Port Meetings** hosted by the South Atlantic Fishery Management Council in Georgia.

April 16

Public hearing conference call and webinar on **proposed Atlantic bluefin tuna quota specifications**.

April 17

QUEST (Quantitative Ecology and Socioeconomics Training) Program **webinar**.

April - May

South Atlantic Council's upcoming meetings - scientists convene in April, advisory panels provide input, community visioning port meetings continue.

ANNOUNCEMENTS**May 30**

Nominations due for **Marine Protected Area Federal Advisory Committee**.

FEDERAL REGISTER ACTIONS

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on this groundfish survey in the Gulf of Mexico, which runs 24 hours a day—one shift from noon to midnight and the other shift from midnight to noon.

- **Examining the Impact of Climate Change on Fisheries and Protected Resources**

When it comes to gathering intelligence on climate impacts on marine life, we get a little help from our friends. Here, a ribbon seal wears a satellite tag so NOAA Fisheries scientists can learn more about ice seal populations and movements in the face of climate change. Learn more about the science behind protecting ice seals.

Atlantic Bluefin Quotas - Open for Public Comment

By **May 5**, submit your comments on proposed 2014 quotas for the Atlantic bluefin tuna fisheries and on reallocation of available under harvest under certain circumstances. The quota specifications implement the recommendations of the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (ICCAT).

MPA Federal Advisory Committee Seeks New Members

NOAA is seeking nominations to fill 10 vacancies on the Marine Protected Areas Federal Advisory Committee for 2014. The Committee advises NOAA and the U.S. Department of the Interior on the implementation of a national system of marine protected areas. Nominations are due **May 30**.

Guidance to Promote Fishing Community Sustainability

NOAA Fisheries released a new Technical Memo, "The Design and Use of Fishing Community and Regional Fishery Association Entities in Limited Access Privilege Programs." It focuses on strategies fishermen and fishing communities can use to adapt to new management conditions. Limited print copies are available (email request to nmfspolicy@noaa.gov) or click here to [download in PDF format](#).

West Coast**NOAA Works to Predict Drought-Busting "Atmospheric Rivers" in California**

This two-part feature story on [Climate.gov](http://climate.gov) profiles how NOAA research and forecasting unify conservationists, farmers, and winegrowers vying for a limited water supply in California's Russian River valley.

Pacific Coast Groundfish Trawl Rationalization - Correction

By **April 18**, submit your comments on proposed

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modifications to the existing chafing gear regulations for midwater trawl gear. This notice corrects the identification number listed in the "Addresses" section of the original.

Southeast

Update on Red Snapper Management in Gulf of Mexico

On Friday, **April 11**, from 12pm to 1pm ET, Regional Administrator Dr. Roy Crabtree will host a conference call with interested parties on red snapper management in the Gulf of Mexico, including the 2014 recreational red snapper fishing season. Call 1-800-593-8999 and use password FISH SNAPPER.

Greater Atlantic

Exempted Fishing Permits for Experimental Trawl Net - Open for Public Comment

By **April 22**, submit your comments on an application for an exempted fishing permit. This permit would exempt some commercial fishing vessels from the scallop trawl mesh size restriction to test an experimental trawl net designed to reduce finfish bycatch.

Incidental Take of Marine Mammals - Extended Comment Period

By **May 16** (formerly April 16), submit your comments on the proposed issuance of an incidental harassment authorization to conduct a seismic survey in the northwest Atlantic Ocean, May through August 2014.

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