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Subject: FishNews - May 8, 2014 - NOAA Picks Habitat Focus Areas in the North Atlantic, White House Releases New National Climate Assessment, OSU-NOAA Study Finds Pacific Tuna Safe to Eat, and More

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HIGHLIGHTS

EVENTS

May 14

Third webinar in the **Quantitative Ecology and Socioeconomics Training (QUEST)** series.

May 16

Workshop on **Alaska fisheries at-sea scales requirements**, held in Seattle, Washington.

May 16

3rd Annual NOAA Open House at NOAA's Western Regional Center in Seattle, Washington.

May 20-22

Public meeting of the **Outreach and Education Advisory Panel** to the



NOAA Selects Two New Habitat Focus Areas

NOAA has chosen [two sites in the North Atlantic](#) - the Penobscot River watershed in Maine, and the Choptank River watershed in Maryland - as the next Habitat Focus Areas under NOAA's Habitat Blueprint. NOAA Fisheries will focus our resources to support habitat conservation and restoration at each site, both of which have projects already underway.

3rd National Climate Assessment Released

The White House released the [3rd National Climate Assessment](#) this week, confirming that climate change is affecting every region of the United States and key sectors of the U.S. economy. This is the first time the assessment has included chapters specifically dedicated to climate impacts on U.S. oceans and coasts. The report's major findings underscore that climate change is not a distant threat-it is affecting the American people already.

Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council.

June 4-5

Public meetings of the **Scientific Advisory Subcommittee** and the **General Advisory Committee** to the **U.S. section of the Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission (IATTC)**.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

May 30

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

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](#).

Oregon State University-NOAA Fisheries Study Shows Tuna Safe to Eat Following Fukushima Earthquake

A study published last week in *Environmental Science and Technology* found only trace levels of radioactivity in West Coast albacore tuna following the 2011 earthquake, and the levels detected were 1,000 times lower than the level of concern set for human consumption by the FDA. NOAA Fisheries scientists are conducting follow-up studies this summer on levels of Fukushima-derived radiation in the West Coast marine food web.

NOAA Updates Fish Stock Sustainability Index

NOAA Fisheries updated the Fish Stock Sustainability Index to reflect the status of stocks as of March 30, 2014. The index-a measure of the sustainability of U.S. fisheries-tracks the performance of 227 key fish stocks important to U.S. commercial and recreational fisheries.

2nd Quarter Fish Stock Assessment Report Available

To measure the performance of the national stock assessment program, on a quarterly basis NOAA Fisheries tracks information on the percentage of fish stocks with adequate assessments. The [report](#) for the second quarter of FY 2014 is now available online.

Alaska

Groundfish Amendments to Add Grenadiers - Open for Public Comment

By **July 7**, submit your comments on proposed amendments to the fishery management plans (FMP) for groundfish fisheries in Alaska. Amendment 100 to the Groundfish FMP for the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands and Amendment 91 to the Groundfish FMP for the Gulf of Alaska would add grenadiers to the ecosystem component of each FMP.

West Coast

Ocean Acidity Dissolving Shells of Tiny Marine Snails

A NOAA-led research team found the first evidence that acidity of continental shelf waters off the West Coast is dissolving the shells of tiny free-swimming marine snails, called pteropods, according to a new paper. The snails provide food for important commercial fish species such as pink salmon, mackerel, and herring.

West Coast Ocean Salmon Fisheries Open with Strong Forecasts

The 2014 salmon season is officially open from Washington to

California. Chinook and coho are the salmon species most targeted in the ocean fisheries, and this season's forecast looks to be as promising as last year's. Commercial and recreational fishing regulations vary by fishery and area.

Southeast

South Atlantic Snapper-Grouper Rule - Open for Public Comment

By **May 27**, [submit your comments](#) on a proposed rule for the Snapper-Grouper Fishery of the South Atlantic Region. The rule would revise the fishing years for greater amberjack and black sea bass, the commercial trip limits for gag grouper and black sea bass, and the recreational accountability measures for black sea bass and vermillion snapper.

Greater Atlantic

NOAA Teachers at Sea Aboard *Henry B. Bigelow*, *Gordon Gunter*

Teachers from New Hampshire and Ohio joined Northeast Fisheries Science Center cruises aboard NOAA ships in April and May as part of NOAA's Teacher at Sea (TAS) program. Since 1990, the TAS program has provided teachers at all levels-from kindergarten through college-with real-world, hands-on research experience at sea.

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