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HIGHLIGHTS

EVENTS

June-August

Public town hall meetings on **NOAA Fisheries' National Saltwater Recreational Fisheries Policy**, held in conjunction with regional fishery management council meetings.

June 5

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



New App Helps Anglers Know Where NOT to Go

A free mobile app called FishAlerts! allows users to view their current location relative to all marine protected areas. Through a grant from the Ernest F. Hollings Ocean Awareness Trust Fund, FishAlerts! is expanding its capability to add layers of state and federal regulations, such as size and catch limits. The app aims to be a one-stop-shop for anglers.

NOAA Seeks Input for Saltwater Rec Fishing Policy

Next week, NOAA Fisheries will begin [a series of public town hall meetings](#) to collect input on the creation of a

June 5-10

North Pacific Fishery Management Council meeting in Nome, Alaska.

new National Saltwater Recreational Fisheries Policy for NOAA. The policy will help institutionalize NOAA's commitment to recreational fisheries and guide decision-making. Follow our progress and share your thoughts online.

June 9-13

South Atlantic Fishery Management Council meeting in Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida.

New Recreational Fisheries Working Group Members

On May 14, NOAA appointed 17 new members to its Recreational Fisheries Working Group. Representing marine recreational fishing interests across the nation, including the U.S. territories, these appointees will help both the Marine Fisheries Advisory Committee (MAFAC) and NOAA Fisheries. The working group will help develop a National Saltwater Recreational Fisheries Policy (see previous entry).

June 10-12

Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council meeting in Freehold, New Jersey.

Implementing Legislation for International Fisheries Treaties Submitted to Congress

The Obama Administration submitted to Congress implementing legislation for three international fisheries treaties that would enable U.S. participation in two new regional fisheries management organizations in the North and South Pacific Ocean and support a revised mandate in the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Organization. These treaties will strengthen our ability to advance U.S. fishing interests and promote sustainable fisheries management overseas.

June 10-13

Northwest Fisheries Science Center Program Review of the California Current Groundfish Stock Assessment Process, open to the public.

June 12, 17

Marine Fisheries Advisory Committee (MAFAC) teleconferences, open to the public.

Sam Rauch Talks Aquaculture with Diane Rehm

Yesterday, NOAA Fisheries' Sam Rauch, the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, joined the Diane Rehm Show with three other guests to discuss new efforts to meet the growing world demand for sustainable seafood.

June 17-19

New England Fishery Management Council meeting in Portland, Maine.

Notifying Mariners Helps Lower Ships Speeds in Areas with Endangered Right Whales

A recent study found that NOAA's policy of notifying-but not necessarily citing-speeding vessels in protected areas along the East Coast was effective in lowering ship speeds through the sensitive areas. The lower speeds protect the critically endangered North Atlantic right whale from ship collisions, while

June 18-25

Pacific Fishery Management Council meeting in Garden Grove, California.

June 24-27

**Western Pacific
Fishery Management
Council meeting** in
Honolulu, Hawaii.

ANNOUNCEMENTS**June 30**

Initial proposals due
for **Atlantic Coastal
Cooperative
Statistics Program**
funding request.

July 7

Nominations due for
U.S. Delegation to
the September 2014
**International
Whaling Commission
meeting**.

July 7

Nominations due for
the **Marine Fisheries
Advisory Committee**.

July 14

Nominations due for
2014 **Nancy Foster
Habitat
Conservation Award**.

**FEDERAL REGISTER
ACTIONS**

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**Environmental Assessment for Atlantic Highly
Migratory Species**

NOAA Fisheries announced its intention to prepare an
environmental assessment for Amendment 6 to the
2006 Consolidated Atlantic Highly Migratory Species
Fishery Management Plan. The assessment, tentatively
planned for September, would outline the potential
effects of proposed actions on the human
environment.

Alaska**BSAI Groundfish - Open for Public Comment**

By **August 4**, submit your comments on an
amendment to the Fishery Management Plan for
Groundfish of the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands
Management Area. Amendment 106 would allow the
owner of an American Fisheries Act (AFA) vessel to
rebuild or replace that vessel and would allow owners
of AFA catcher vessels to remove inactive or obsolete
vessels from the fishery.

Below the Fog: Monitoring Steller Sea Lions

Every summer, wildlife biologists at the Alaska
Fisheries Science Center use aerial surveys to monitor
abundance and productivity of the westernmost
portion of endangered Steller sea lions, but often the
weather doesn't cooperate. This year, they will try
these aerial surveys with a small unmanned aircraft -
a hexacopter named "Stella" - that can fly below the
fog.

Eastern Bering Sea Phytoplankton Blooms

In the eastern Bering Sea, the timing of spring
phytoplankton blooms has been linked to the timing of
ice retreat and the production of zooplankton and
walleye pollock. If ice is present after mid-March, an
early ice-associated bloom occurs there; otherwise,
spring bloom usually occurs in May. Less is known
about the fall phytoplankton bloom.

West Coast**Pacific Sardine Specs - Open for Public
Comment**

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

By **June 30**, submit your comments on proposed annual catch limits and reference points for Pacific sardine for the 2014-2015 fishing season. The proposed overall commercial fishing target would be divided across three seasonal allocation periods.

Pacific Islands

Symposium on West Hawaii's Marine Ecosystem Accepting Submissions

A two-day symposium on the coastal marine ecosystem of Kona (West Hawaii) is planned for September 4-5, 2014. Registration is free and the symposium is open to all who are interested. Abstracts are due **June 27**.

Southeast

Coral Amendment 8 Proposed Rule - Open for Public Comment

By **July 3**, submit your comments on proposed regulations to implement Amendment 8 to the Fishery Management Plan for Coral, Coral Reefs, and Live/Hardbottom Habitats of the South Atlantic Region. The proposed rule would expand portions of three habitat areas of particular concern (HAPCs), with provisions for the affected shrimp fisheries.

Greater Atlantic

Revisions to Trawl Gear Stowage Regulations - Open for Public Comment

By **June 30**, submit your comments on a proposed action adding a new method for on-reel trawl gear stowage when fishing vessels are transiting closed areas or fishing in areas with mesh size restrictions. This revision and reorganization of gear stowage regulations is intended to improve the safety of fishing operations at sea.

Experimental Fishing Permits for Gathering Data on Groundfish Closed Areas

NOAA Fisheries approved two experimental fishing permits that will enable controlled and monitored access by a small number of fishing vessels to portions of two existing closed areas on Georges Bank. These exploratory fishing trips are being conducted to gather

more information on the ability of selective fishing gears to efficiently target haddock and to assess the economic costs and benefits of allowing access to these areas.

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