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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 19

Last day of **New England Fishery Management Council meeting** in Portland, Maine.

June 19-25

Pacific Fishery Management Council meeting in Garden Grove, California.

June 23-27

Gulf of Mexico Fishery



New Plan Released for Federal Aquaculture Research

Read a message from **Eileen Sobeck**, head of NOAA Fisheries, about the new federal research plan released by the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy. The plan highlights NOAA's critical role in the future of aquaculture.

Chesapeake Executive Council Signs New Agreement

The Chesapeake Executive Council signed a new agreement this week, recommitting Chesapeake Bay Program partners to restoring, conserving, and protecting the Bay, its tributaries, and the lands around them. The agreement includes new goals for emerging issues such as environmental literacy and climate change.

Video: Recompression Devices for Fishing Smarter

Some deep-water fish that are brought quickly to the surface suffer injuries from the change in pressure and are unable to

Management Council meeting in Key West, Florida.

June 24-27

Western Pacific Fishery Management Council meeting in Honolulu, Hawaii.

June 30-July 1

Northeast Federal Fishery-Dependent Data Visioning Project Industry Workshop in New Bedford, Massachusetts.

July-September

Three free **Atlantic Shark Identification Workshops** in Texas and Florida.

July-September

Six free **Protected Species Safe Handling, Release, and Identification Workshops** in Florida, Maryland, Massachusetts, South Carolina, Texas, New Jersey.

August 7

Public meeting prior to the 65th International Whaling Commission meeting in Silver Spring, Maryland.

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

swim back to depth. Learn how NOAA Fisheries and our partners in the recreational fishing community are exploring the development of recompression devices to address this problem.

Comment on National Recreational Fisheries Policy

Public town hall meetings to collect feedback on the development of National Saltwater Recreational Fisheries Policy will be held during several upcoming fishery management council meetings. See the [full schedule](#) online. For those unable to attend the sessions, you can share your thoughts via a new [online comment section](#). Comment on our current draft goals or add a new idea. Comments will be accepted until **September 12**.

2013 Marine Recreational Bait and Tackle Survey

NOAA Fisheries will conduct our first-ever survey of stores that sell recreational fishing bait, tackle, and other related equipment in near-coastal areas across the nation. The information collected will help us better understand the economics of the saltwater recreational fishing retail industry, which will help inform our decisions on recreational fishing issues.

FDA, EPA Draft Updated Advice for Fish Consumption

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) issued draft updated advice on fish consumption. The agencies concluded that pregnant women and young children should eat more fish to gain important developmental and health benefits. The [comment period](#) is open now.

Celebrating Sea Turtle Week 2014

In honor of World Sea Turtle Day on June 16, we're taking a special look at sea turtle species found in U.S. waters and the science we use to protect these magnificent marine creatures.

New Process for Nominating Sanctuaries

NOAA announced that the public can once again nominate nationally significant marine and Great Lakes areas as potential new national marine sanctuaries. This [nomination process](#) will create an inventory of areas NOAA will consider for national marine sanctuary designation, taking into account input and support from local, regional, and national interests and organizations.

Teachers Tackle Science of Sustainable Seafood

The 2014 Teacher at Sea season is underway providing teachers from all over the country the opportunity to participate in fisheries science expeditions on every coast. Recently, three teachers from the America's heartland--[Spencer Cody](#) from South Dakota, [Carol Schnaiter](#) from Illinois, and [John Bilotta](#) from Minnesota--set sail on surveys

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

[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](#).

in the Gulf of Mexico, while West Coast teacher [Kainoa Higgins](#) embarked on a survey of rockfish populations off the coast of California and Oregon, closer to his Washington home.

Hammerhead Review Finds Listing Not Warranted

NOAA Fisheries announced a 12-month finding on two petitions to list the great hammerhead shark as threatened or endangered under the Endangered Species Act. After a comprehensive status review, we determined that the species is not comprised of distinct population segments and does not warrant listing at this time.

Alaska

Bering Sea Canyons, Corals, and Sustainable Fishing

Should the Bering Sea canyons be closed to fishing to protect corals? Here are a few FAQs about deep-water coral habitat in the Bering Sea and the science-based decision-making needed to maintain sustainable fisheries and protect sensitive habitats.

Gulf of Alaska Groundfish Amendment - Open for Public Comment

By **August 4**, submit your comments on a proposed amendment to the Fishery Management Plan for Groundfish of the Gulf of Alaska. Amendment 97 would limit Chinook salmon prohibited species catch in the Western and Central Gulf of Alaska non-pollock trawl fisheries.

BSAI Groundfish Rule - Open for Public Comment

By **August 4**, submit your comments on a proposed rule implementing Amendment 106 to the Fishery Management Plan for Groundfish of the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area. The rule would allow the owner of an American Fisheries Act vessel to rebuild or replace the vessel without certain limitations and to remove the vessel from the Bering Sea directed pollock fishery and reassign its catch history.

BSAI Groundfish Amendment 105 - Open for Public Comment

By **August 12**, submit your comments on a proposed amendment to the Fishery Management Plan for Groundfish of the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area. Amendment 105 would establish a process for Western Alaska Community Development Quota groups and cooperatives established under the Amendment 80 Program to exchange harvest quota among three flatfish species.

West Coast

Whale Shark Conservation - Open for Public Comment

By **June 30**, submit your comments on proposed implementation of a resolution by the Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission intended to conserve whale sharks (*Rhincodon typhus*) in the Eastern Pacific. The proposed rule would prohibit setting purse seine nets on whale sharks and would require measures to protect whale sharks that become encircled in purse seine nets.

Salmon Amendment 18 - Open for Public Comment

By **August 15**, submit your comments on a proposed amendment to the Pacific Coast Salmon Fishery Management Plan for Commercial and Recreational Salmon Fisheries Off the Coasts of Washington, Oregon, and California. Amendment 18 makes a suite of revisions related to identifying and protecting essential fish habitat for Pacific salmon.

Precision Mapping Columbia Basin Salmon Habitat

The Columbia Habitat Monitoring Program measures river and stream reaches at precise levels to collect detailed data on salmon and steelhead habitat. This summer, the cooperative program trained more than 100 crew members to conduct these precision surveys.

Pacific Islands

Incidental Take of Marine Mammals in Hawaii Fisheries - Open for Public Comment

By **July 14**, submit your comments on plans to issue a 3-year permit to authorize the incidental take of three stocks of marine mammals by the Hawaii deep-set and shallow-set longline fisheries. NOAA Fisheries determined that incidental take from commercial fishing will have a negligible impact on three specific stocks of endangered humpback, sperm, and false killer whales.

Hawaii Small Boat Survey 2014

The Pacific Islands Fisheries Science Center will conduct a socioeconomic study of Hawaii's small-boat commercial fishing fleet to help ensure sustainable marine fisheries around the Hawaiian Islands. Surveys will be mailed to commercial marine license holders and are available online.

Southeast

NOAA Finds Mosquito Pesticides Pose Low Risk to Young Shellfish

Four of the most common mosquito pesticides used along the East and Gulf coasts pose little risk to juvenile hard clams and

oysters, according to a recent NOAA study. However, low dissolved oxygen levels and increased ocean acidity increased the toxicity of some of these pesticides, and these factors should be considered when the pesticides are being applied.

May-June Issue of Gulf Fishery News Available

The latest issue of the Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council's newsletter is now available. Topics include red snapper allocation, sustainable seafood certification, modified seafood dealer reporting requirements, and upcoming meetings.

Greater Atlantic

Herring Framework 3 - Open for Public Comment

By **July 14**, submit your comments on a proposed framework adjustment to the Atlantic Herring Fishery Management plan. Framework Adjustment 3 would establish a process for setting catch caps for river herring (alewife and blueback) and shad (American and hickory) in the herring fishery.

Responsible Whale Watch Program Expands

Whale watching is an important industry for many coastal communities from Maine to Virginia. Currently, one-third of the industry participates in the voluntary Whale SENSE program, designed to foster responsible whale watching.

White Shark Study Offers Optimism for Recovery

A comprehensive study of seasonal distribution patterns and historic abundance trends of white sharks (*Carcharodon carcharias*) in the western North Atlantic used more than 200 years of records to update our knowledge of this species. The relative abundance data indicate that, while the population experienced declines in the 1970s and 1980s, it has increased since management measures were put in place in the 1990s.

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