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Subject: FishNews - September 10, 2014 - Last Call for Input on Saltwater Rec Fisheries Policy, Satellite Tags, New VMS Rule, Unusually Warm Waters in North Pacific Gaining Attention, NOAA Invests in Habitat Focus Areas, and More

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HIGHLIGHTS

EVENTS

September 11

Atlantic Highly Migratory Species Advisory Panel meeting and webinar in Bethesda, Maryland, open to the public.

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Free Atlantic Shark Identification Workshop in Florida.

September 11-17

Pacific Fishery Management Council Meeting in Spokane, Washington.

September 15-19

South Atlantic Fishery Management Council Meeting in Charleston,

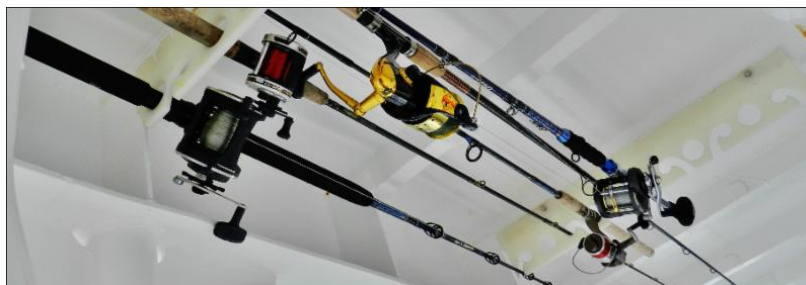


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Last Call for Input on National Rec Fisheries Policy

By **September 12**, submit your ideas about what should be included in a National Saltwater Recreational Fisheries Policy. The policy will help guide how NOAA Fisheries thinks about issues affecting the recreational fishing community. Comment now on the draft policy goals. *También puede leer y comentar en español!*

Satellite Tags Reveal How Animals See the Ocean

NOAA Fisheries Scientist Jeffrey Polovina chats with our science writer, Rich Press, about what we can learn by using satellite tags to track fish and other marine animals. Combining tag data on animal movements with data from ocean-observing satellites reveals how these animals see and

South Carolina.

September 22, October 8

Public meetings on **Steller sea lion critical habitat designation** in Seattle, Washington. Available online.

September 23

Free Protected Species Safe Handling, Release, and Identification Workshops in Texas and New Jersey.

September 23-25

Marine Fisheries Advisory Council Meeting in Silver Spring, Maryland.

September 30 - October 2

New England Fishery Management Council Meeting in Hyannis, Massachusetts.

October 6-15

North Pacific Fishery Management Council Meeting in Anchorage, Alaska.

October 7

Public town hall meeting on **NOAA Fisheries' National Saltwater Recreational Fisheries Policy** held in conjunction with North Pacific Fishery Management Council Meeting.

October 7-9

Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council Meeting in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

interact with their ocean environment.

Vessel Monitoring Systems - Open for Public Comment

All vessels participating in NOAA's Vessel Monitoring System program are required to use an approved transceiver unit. By **October 24**, [submit your comments](#) on NOAA Fisheries' proposed rule codifying the requirements for type-approval and the procedures for vendors to obtain and maintain type-approval for their products and services.

Scientists Watching Unusually Warm Waters in the North Pacific

NOAA scientists are watching a persistent expanse of exceptionally warm water spanning the Gulf of Alaska that could send reverberations through the marine food web. The warm expanse appeared last year, and researchers say that the longer it lingers, the greater its potential to affect ocean life.

NOAA Invests in Targeted Habitat Recovery

NOAA is investing nearly \$3 million in habitat conservation projects in five Habitat Focus Areas under the [Habitat Blueprint](#). Our investment is part of a long-term effort to rebuild fisheries, recovery threatened and endangered species, and support resilient coastal communities nationwide.

NOAA Scientist Wins Lifetime Achievement Award

Fisheries Senior Research Scientist Bruce Collette was recently awarded the Joseph S. Nelson Award for lifetime achievement in ichthyology from the American Society of Ichthyologists and Herpetologists. This award recognizes an outstanding body of work in ichthyology and is only the second of its kind to be awarded.

Beluga Petition Finding - Extended Comment Period

NOAA Fisheries found that a petition to designate the Sakhalin Bay-Amur River stock of beluga whales as a depleted stock under the Marine Mammal Protection Act presents sufficient evidence to warrant a status review. Please submit any information that would contribute to this review by **September 29** (formerly September 2.)

Plan for Periodic Review of Regulations - Open for Public Comment

By **October 8**, submit your comments on NOAA Fisheries' plan for periodically reviewing regulations that have significant economic impacts on a substantial number of small businesses, organizations, or jurisdictions, in accordance with the Regulatory Flexibility Act.

New Shark and Ray CITES Trade Measures Take Effect

September 19

Proposals due for **Natural Resources Damages Program projects** related to the Nyanza Superfund site in Massachusetts.

September 30

Proposals due for the 2015 **Mid-Atlantic Research Set-Aside** funding.

November 7

Proposals due for FY 2015 **Species Recovery Grants** to States.

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](#).

Last year, parties to the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES) agreed to increase protection for five commercially fished species of sharks and manta rays. These [new trade measures](#) for oceanic whitetip sharks, three species of hammerhead sharks, porbeagle sharks, and manta rays will go into effect on **September 14**.

Great Lakes**NOAA Expands Thunder Bay Nat'l Marine Sanctuary**

NOAA released a final rule and environmental impact statement expanding the boundaries of Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary in Lake Huron from 448 square miles to 4,300 square miles. The expansion, backed by strong public support, is based on years of research and now protects an additional 100 historic shipwreck sites.

West Coast**Last Barrier to Elwha Salmon Removed**

Last week, the last piece of the Glines Canyon Dam was destroyed, completing a 3-year effort to return the Elwha River to its wild state. Salmon now have access to pristine habitat within the Olympic National Park.

Dam Removal Benefits Fish Populations and Tribal Traditions

Two years ago, NOAA Fisheries and partners removed a dam from Hostler Creek on the Hoopa Valley Tribe reservation in northern California. This year, young fish were spotted rearing upstream, in habitats that had been blocked for 75 years. The dam removal also benefitted the members of the Hoopa Valley Tribe, who provided most of the supplies and labor for the project and who continue their fishing traditions.

Pacific Islands**Finding on Petition to List Indo-Pacific Reef Fishes**

NOAA Fisheries found that a petition to list several species of Indo-Pacific reef fishes under the Endangered Species Act presented sufficient evidence to warrant a status review for one of the species (orange clownfish) but not for six species of damselfishes. Please submit comments and pertinent information by **November 3**.

Southeast

Recreational Red Snapper in Gulf of Mexico - Open for Public Comment

By **October 20**, submit your comments on NOAA Fisheries' draft environmental impact statement for an amendment to the Reef Fish Resources of the Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Plan. Amendment 40 would establish two components within the red snapper recreational sector: a federal for-hire component and a private angling component.

NOAA Fisheries Files Draft Recovery Plan for Elkhorn, Staghorn Corals

By **October 20**, [submit your comments](#) on NOAA Fisheries' draft recovery plan for elkhorn and staghorn corals. Both species were listed as threatened under the Endangered Species Act in 2006. The draft plan contains nearly two dozen actions necessary to improve the corals' populations and their resiliency to climate change.

Gulf Council August Update

The Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council met in Biloxi, Mississippi, last month to discuss a number of fisheries issues, including recreational red snapper sector separation and accountability measures. Read a summary of their actions.

Greater Atlantic

Tilefish Specifications - Open for Public Comment

By **September 18**, submit your comments on proposed specifications for the commercial tilefish fishery for the 2015, 2016, and 2017 fishing years, including acceptable biological catch, annual catch limits, total allowable landings, and harvest allocations.

New Right Whale Sign Campaign Informs Boaters

A new sign campaign asks recreational and commercial boaters to report sightings of critically endangered North Atlantic right whales in Northeast U.S. waters and reminds boaters to keep a safe distance from whales. NOAA's Northeast Fisheries Science Center worked with many partners and modeled the signs after similar ones used in the Southeast.

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