

workshop will also solicit input for the technical requirements necessary for such a laboratory accreditation program. The purpose of the proposed Federal Major Weapon Systems (MWS) Laboratory Accreditation Program would be to evaluate testing laboratories' technical competencies against known standards and testing criteria that will ultimately be used to provide confidence in the performance of these laboratories to test weapon systems. Test methods proposed are test and evaluation methods ascribed by the International Software Testing Qualifications Board (ISTQB) and American Software Testing Qualifications Board (ASTQB). Other guidance proposed for this potential accreditation program include Department of Defense Instructions (DoDI), service-specific instructions, as well as additional defense standards regarding information assurance, cyber security, airworthiness, and military standards and specifications (MIL-STD/MIL-SPEC). Additional standards may be identified throughout any development of the accreditation program technical requirements.

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- State of Driver's License or State ID (Number)

All visitors are subject to a background check conducted by Security Forces and Air Force Office of Special Investigations. We regret to inform that we are unable to process incomplete requests.

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Chief of Staff.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Endangered and Threatened Species; Announcement of a Recovery Planning Workshop and Request for Information To Inform Recovery Planning for the Oceanic Whitetip Shark

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Notice; request for information.

SUMMARY: We, NMFS, are convening a workshop to solicit facts and information from experts to inform recovery planning for the oceanic whitetip shark (*Carcharhinus longimanus*). We will not be asking for a consensus recommendation on how to recover the oceanic whitetip shark. This workshop will be open to the public. We also request information that might inform the development of the recovery plan.

DATES:

Workshop dates and information: The two-day recovery planning workshop for the oceanic whitetip shark will be held Wednesday, November 13 through Thursday, November 14, 2019 at Florida International University Biscayne Bay Campus, Marine Science Building Room #105, 3000 NE 151 Street, Miami, FL 33181. The workshop will begin each day at 9 a.m. and end each day at 5 p.m. or as necessary to complete business for the day.

RSVP date: If you plan to attend the workshop as an interested member of the public, please contact Chelsey Young, NMFS, Office of Protected Resources, chelsey.young@noaa.gov,

301-427-8491 no later than November 6, 2019.

Date for information submission: Please submit information to inform recovery planning via the methods listed below in the **ADDRESSES** section by December 16, 2019.

ADDRESSES: You may submit information to help inform the recovery plan for the oceanic whitetip shark, by including NOAA-NMFS-2019-0024, by either of the following methods:

• **Federal e-Rulemaking Portal:** Go to www.regulations.gov/

#!docketDetail;D=NOAA-NMFS-2019-0024. Click the "Comment Now!" icon, complete the required fields, and enter or attach your comments.

• **Mail:** Chelsey Young, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13632, Silver Spring, MD 20910.

Instructions: NMFS may not consider comments if they are sent by any other method, to any other address or individual, or received after the end of the comment period. All comments received are a part of the public record and will generally be posted for public viewing on www.regulations.gov without change. All personal identifying information (*e.g.*, name, address, *etc.*), confidential business information, or otherwise sensitive information submitted voluntarily by the sender will be publicly accessible. NMFS will accept anonymous comments (enter N/A in the required fields if you wish to remain anonymous).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Chelsey Young, NMFS, Office of Protected Resources, (301) 427-8491, chelsey.young@noaa.gov; or John Carlson, NMFS, Southeast Fisheries Science Center, (850) 624-9031, john.carlson@noaa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On January 30, 2018, we published a final rule listing the oceanic whitetip shark as threatened under the Endangered Species Act (ESA) (83 FR 4153). The final listing rule describes the background of the listing action for the species and provides a summary of our conclusions regarding its status. For additional background and a summary of natural history and threats to the species, the reader is referred to the status review report and final listing rule (available at <https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/species/oceanic-whitewtip-shark>).

NMFS is required by section 4(f) of the ESA to develop and implement recovery plans for the conservation and

survival of federally listed species unless the Secretary finds that such a plan will not promote the conservation of the species. Recovery means improvement in the status of the species to the point at which the protections of the ESA are no longer necessary. The ESA specifies that recovery plans are to include (1) a description of site-specific management actions necessary to achieve the plan's goals for the conservation and survival of the species; (2) objective, measurable criteria which, when met, would result in the species being removed from the list; and (3) estimates of the time and costs required to carry out the actions and achieve the plan's conservation goals. Under section 4(f) of the ESA, public notice and an opportunity for public review and comment are also provided during recovery plan development. This notice and request for information serves as the first public notice and opportunity for public input early in the process. Once a recovery plan has been drafted, it will be announced in the **Federal Register** and available on our website (see **ADDRESSES** section) for public review and comment before being finalized.

Recovery Planning Workshop Announcement

From November 13 through 14, 2019, NMFS will hold a workshop at the Florida International University Biscayne Bay Campus in Miami, FL to help inform our recovery planning for the oceanic whitetip shark (see **DATES** section). We are inviting experts in specific topic areas, including the species' biology/ecology, threats to the species and the species' habitat, and the recovery planning process itself. These experts will help us to identify potential actions to address the threats to the species, identify gaps in knowledge and associated research needs, as well as begin developing recovery criteria for the species. In particular, this workshop will focus on addressing threats related to commercial fisheries interactions. Identified experts include representatives of Federal and state agencies, scientific experts, individuals from conservation partners and nongovernmental organizations, and commercial and recreational fishermen. Information received at the workshop may be used to inform the development of other conservation decisions and actions, including the designation of critical habitat.

NMFS will provide a moderator to manage the workshop as well as a note taker to document input received. We are seeking facts and information; we will not be asking for consensus recommendations on how to recover the

oceanic whitetip shark. During the workshop, there will also be a time-limited question and answer period during which attendees may ask NMFS about information presented. NMFS will prepare a summary of the workshop, noting the main points raised by the panelists and registered speakers.

This workshop will be open to the public, and a public comment period will be provided at the end of each day. If you plan to attend the workshop as an interested member of the public, please contact Chelsey Young at the address listed above by November 6, 2019, so we can ensure sufficient space for all participants and interested parties during our logistics planning.

Agenda

- November 13 will focus on the biology, status and threats to the species and discussions regarding potential recovery criteria;
- November 14 will focus on recovery actions related to commercial fisheries interactions, research to fill in data gaps, international coordination, outreach and education, and any other needs.

Request for Information

We also invite the public to submit scientific or commercial information that may help to inform the recovery criteria and actions for the oceanic whitetip shark. We are soliciting relevant information related to the species and its habitat, including the following:

1. Criteria for removing the oceanic whitetip shark from the list of threatened and endangered species (this could be either threats-based or abundance/trends based);
2. Human activities that contribute to threats to the species;
3. Physical, biological or chemical features of the environment that limit the recovery of the oceanic whitetip shark;
4. Recovery strategies addressing threats to physical and biological features that are essential to species conservation;
5. Strategies and/or actions to recover the oceanic whitetip shark;
6. Estimates of the time and cost, and potential partners to implement recovery actions;
7. Critical knowledge gaps and/or uncertainties that need to be resolved to better inform recovery efforts; and
8. Research, monitoring, and evaluation needs to address knowledge gaps and uncertainties, or to assess the species' status, limiting factors, and threats relative to recovery goals.

Information may be submitted via the methods listed above in the **ADDRESSES** section.

The workshop is accessible to persons with disabilities. Send requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids at least five business days in advance to Chelsey Young at (301) 427-8491.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Pacific Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting (webinar).

SUMMARY: The Pacific Fishery Management Council (Pacific Council) will convene a webinar meeting of its Groundfish Management Team (GMT) to discuss items on the Pacific Council's November 2019 meeting agenda. The meeting is open to the public.

DATES: The webinar meeting will be held November 5, 2019, from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. Pacific Standard Time. The scheduled ending time for the GMT webinar is an estimate, the meeting will adjourn when business for the day is completed.

ADDRESSES: This meeting will be held via webinar. A public listening station is available at the Pacific Council office (address below). To attend the webinar: (1) Join the GoToWebinar by visiting this link <https://www.gotomeeting.com/webinar> (Click "Join a Webinar" in top right corner of page), (2) Enter the Webinar ID: 639-796-027 and (3) enter your name and email address (required). After logging into the webinar, you must use your telephone for the audio portion of the meeting. Dial this TOLL number 1-562-247-8422, enter the Attendee phone audio access code 474-152-934, and enter your audio phone pin (shown after joining the webinar). System Requirements: for PC-based attendees: Required: Windows® 10, 8, 7, Vista, or XP; for Mac®-based attendees: Required: Mac OS® X 10.5 or newer; for Mobile attendees: Required: iPhone®, iPad®,