

Special Accommodations

Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Mr. Kris Kleinschmidt (kris.kleinschmidt@pcouncil.org; (503) 820-2412) at least 10 days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: August 29, 2025.

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Acting Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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National Saltwater Angler Registry Program

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

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: NMFS has established an annual fee of 12 dollars (\$12.00) for anglers, spear fishers, and for hire fishing vessels to register under the National Saltwater Angler Registry Program.

DATES: The registration fee will be required effective September 3, 2025.

ADDRESSES: NMFS OST-12453, 1215 East West Highway, Silver Spring, Maryland 20910.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Gordon C. Colvin; (240) 357-4524; email: gordon.colvin@noaa.gov.

SUMMARY: The final rule implementing the National Saltwater Angler Registry program, 50 CFR 600 Subpart P, was published in the **Federal Register** on December 30, 2008. The final rules states that persons registering with NMFS must pay an annual fee effective January 1, 2011 and that NMFS will publish the annual schedule for such fees in the **Federal Register**. The current annual fee for registration has been \$15.00 since 2022. NMFS policy requires that fees be reviewed periodically, at least every 2 years, and be revised to reflect changes in estimated costs of administration of the program that administers the fees. NMFS has completed a review of the cost of the program and has determined that the fee for anglers, spear fishers, and for hire fishing vessels will be reduced to \$12.00. All persons

registering on or after September 3, 2025 will be required to pay that fee unless they are exempt as indigenous people per the provisions of 50 CFR 600.1410(f).

Dated: August 28, 2025.

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Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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NOAA Fisheries Virtual Peer Review Workshop for the Fishing Effort Survey Calibration Model

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

ACTION: Notice of Peer Review Workshop for the NOAA Fisheries' Fishing Effort Survey Calibration Model.

SUMMARY: NOAA Fisheries Office of Science and Technology will host a two-day virtual workshop with the opportunity for partner and public comment for the independent peer review of the proposed Fishing Effort Survey (FES) calibration model methodology. The model is proposed for use to update the historical recreational fishing estimates produced using the FES to the scale of the improved FES anticipated for implementation in January 2026. Pending peer review results and associated next steps, calibrated estimates using the peer-reviewed calibration model are anticipated to be available for use in subsequent stock assessments and fisheries management decisions in spring 2026. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

DATES: The calibration peer review workshop will be held virtually Sept. 23 and 24, 2025, from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. EDT and from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. EDT, respectively. The established times may be adjusted as necessary to accommodate the timely completion of discussion relevant to the peer review process. Such adjustments may result in the meeting being extended from or completed prior to the times established by this notice.

ADDRESSES: This is a virtual meeting. The meeting will be live streamed. Individuals may register to virtually

attend the workshop by going to the following links:

- *Registration link, Day 1, Sept. 23: (<https://noaanmfs-meets.webex.com/weblink/register/r4fe7a6bde76fd199c21f3cf0fa6e9d05>)*

- *Registration link, Day 2, Sept. 24: (<https://noaanmfs-meets.webex.com/weblink/register/r9e933f7718ec4d1776a9103c5e3c879a>)*

Registration is required. The web connection details will be provided to the registrant upon registering. If you have issues with registering, please contact Dr. Katherine Papacostas (see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**). The attendee cap for this meeting is 1,000 individuals.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Katherine Papacostas, MRIP program manager; 301-427-8210 or email: katherine.papacostas@noaa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: NOAA Fisheries' Office of Science and Technology has commissioned an independent, expert peer review to assess the quality and credibility of the proposed calibration model to be used to update the historical recreational fishing estimates produced using the current FES to the scale of the improved FES anticipated for implementation in January 2026.

Fishing Effort Survey Background

As part of the Agency's continuous evaluation and improvement process, NOAA Fisheries has been researching improvements to the FES, which is a key survey component of the Marine Recreational Information Program (MRIP) that estimates recreational fishing effort—specifically, the number of fishing trips taken by shore and private boat anglers from Maine to Mississippi and in Hawaii. The current FES mail survey design was implemented in 2018 and replaced the legacy Coastal Household Telephone Survey (CHTS) to address declining response rates and coverage issues associated with landline telephone surveys.

Throughout 2024, NOAA Fisheries conducted a large-scale study (<https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/recreational-fishing-data/fishing-effort-survey-research-and-improvements>) to test improvements to the FES based on results of prior pilot studies. The tested design increased the administration of the survey from every 2 months to monthly and changed the order of two fishing effort questions to improve respondent reporting. Based on the study findings and pending peer review results of the study report and proposed design (anticipated in late summer