

Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) Recommendations, Texas Closure and remaining items from the Summary of the March 2026 *Shrimp* Advisory Panel Meeting. The committee will receive updates on the working group for *Shrimp* Bycatch Methodology for *Finfish* Species and for the Early Adopter Program.

Following lunch, Migratory Species Committee will receive a Highly Migratory Species (HMS) Presentation on Proposed Rule on Commercial and Recreational *Shark* Management Measures and review of Gulf Council Draft Comment Letter on HMS Proposed Rule. The Data Collection Committee will receive a presentation on Exploring Alternative Methods for Estimating Recreational Landings for Rarely Encountered Species. The Gulf SEDAR Committee will review the Marine Recreational Information Program (MRIP) Update on Fishing Effort Survey (FES) pilot results and SSC Recommendations followed by the SEDAR Steering Committee Assessment Schedule updates and any other SEDAR Steering Committee Meeting Outcomes.

Wednesday, April 8, 2026; 8:30 a.m.–5:30 p.m., CDT

The meeting will begin with a Litigation update followed by the *Reef Fish* Committee receiving presentations on 2025 Gulf State Private Recreational *Red Snapper* and Greater *Amberjack* Landings Updates. The Committee will review Final Action Item—Abbreviated Framework Action: Modification of Gulf Lane *Snapper* Catch Limits, Public Hearing Draft: *Reef Fish* Amendment 63: Modifications to Gulf *Red Grouper* IFQ Program, and Final Action Item—Abbreviated Framework Action: *Red Grouper* IFQ Set Aside Quota Holdback. The Committee will then review Draft Options: Modifications to *Red Snapper* Private Recreational Accountability Measures and receive a presentation for Delegate Federal For-Hire *Red Snapper* Management to Gulf States, remaining February 2026 SSC Items Summary, and discuss the 2026 *Gag Grouper* and Greater *Amberjack* Recreational Fishing Seasons and the 2026 Federal For-hire *Red Snapper* Fishing Season.

Thursday, April 9, 2026; 8:30 a.m.–5:30 p.m., CDT

The Council will reconvene at 8:30 a.m., CDT with a Call to Order, Announcements and Introductions, Adoption of Agenda and Approval of Minutes. The Council will hold public testimony beginning at 8:40 a.m.–12 p.m. for public comment on Final Action Items—Abbreviated Framework Action: Modification of Gulf Lane

Snapper Catch Limits and Abbreviated Framework Action: *Red Grouper* IFQ Set Aside Quota Holdback, any Open Testimony on other Fishery Issues or Concerns.

The Council will receive Committee Reports from the following committees: *Shrimp*, Migratory Species, Data Collection and Gulf SEDAR. The Council will announce the 2025 Law Enforcement Officer/Team of the Year recipient(s); and committee report from the *Reef Fish* Committee.

The Council will receive updates from Supporting Agencies: South Atlantic Council Liaison, Alabama Law Enforcement Efforts, NOAA Office of Law Enforcement (OLE) Report and Presentation, Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commission, U.S. Coast Guard, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and Department of State.

Lastly, the Council will receive an update on documents transmitted for Rule Making, hold a discussion on Council Planning and Primary Activities and any Other Business items.

—Meeting Adjourns

The meeting will be a hybrid meeting; both in-person and virtual participation available. You may register for the webinar to listen-in only by visiting www.gulfcouncil.org and click on the Council meeting on the calendar.

The timing and order in which agenda items are addressed may change as required to effectively address the issue, and the latest version along with other meeting materials will be posted on the website as they become available.

Although other non-emergency issues not contained in this agenda may come before this group for discussion, in accordance with the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (Magnuson-Stevens Act), those issues may not be the subject of formal action during these meeting. Actions will be restricted to those issues specifically listed in this notice and any issues arising after publication of this notice that require emergency action under Section 305(c) of the Magnuson-Stevens Act, provided that the public has been notified of the Council's intent to take final action to address the emergency.

Special Accommodations

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aid or accommodations should be directed to Kathy Pereira, (813) 348–1630, at least 15 days prior to the meeting date.

Authority: 16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*

Dated: March 6, 2026.

Rey Israel Marquez,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Request for Nominations, Hydrographic Services Review Panel

AGENCY: Office of Coast Survey, National Ocean Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of solicitation of nominations.

SUMMARY: NOAA is seeking nominations for members to serve on the Hydrographic Services Review Panel (HSRP) Federal Advisory Committee. Nominations are due by April 30, 2026.

DATES: Nominations for members to serve on the HSRP Federal Advisory Committee must be submitted by April 30, 2026, and will be kept on file and used for future HSRP vacancies. NOAA anticipates there will be five vacancies starting on January 1, 2027, each with a four-year term. Current members who may be eligible for a second term in 2027 must reapply.

ADDRESSES: Nominations will be accepted by email and should be sent to: hydroservices.panel@noaa.gov. You will receive a confirmation response. Additional HSRP information, including past HSRP public meeting summary reports, agendas, presentations, transcripts, webinars, and other information is available online at <https://www.nauticalcharts.noaa.gov/hsrp/>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

NOAA HSRP Program Manager, Amanda Phelps, email: hydroservices.panel@noaa.gov or phone: 240–543–0266.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

Pursuant to the Hydrographic Services Improvement Act, as amended (HSIA; 33 U.S.C. 892 *et seq.*), NOAA maintains an active pool of HSRP candidates and solicits nominations for HSRP candidates once each year. The HSRP advises the NOAA Administrator “on matters related to the responsibilities and authorities set forth in [the HSIA] and such other appropriate matters as the

Administrator refers to the [HSRP] for review and advice” (33 U.S.C. 892c(b)(1)). The NOAA Administrator’s responsibilities and authorities include promoting safe, efficient, and environmentally sound marine transportation under the Coast and Geodetic Survey Act (CGSA; 33 U.S.C. 883 *et seq.*). To promote safe, efficient, and environmentally sound marine transportation under the CGSA, the HSIA states that the NOAA Administrator shall, among other activities:

1. acquire and disseminate hydrographic data and provide hydrographic services; promulgate standards for hydrographic data and services;
2. ensure comprehensive geographic coverage of hydrographic services; maintain a national database of hydrographic data, in cooperation with other appropriate Federal agencies;
3. provide hydrographic services in uniform, easily accessible formats; and
4. participate in the development of, and implement for the United States in cooperation with other appropriate Federal agencies, international standards for hydrographic data and services.

The HSRP has fifteen voting members appointed by the NOAA Administrator in accordance with the HSIA, 33 U.S.C. 892c. Voting members are individuals who, by reason of knowledge, experience, or training, are especially qualified in one or more disciplines relating to hydrographic data and services, marine transportation, port administration, vessel pilotage, coastal and fishery management, and other disciplines as determined appropriate by the NOAA Administrator. Two NOAA employees, the Directors of the National Geodetic Survey and the Center for Operational Oceanographic Products and Services, and the Co-Directors of the Center for Coastal and Ocean Mapping/Joint Hydrographic Center serve as non-voting members. The Director of the NOAA Office of Coast Survey serves as the Designated Federal Officer (DFO) along with one Alternate DFOs. Full-time officers or employees of the United States may not be appointed as voting members. Any voting member of the HSRP who is an applicant for or beneficiary of (as determined by the Administrator) any assistance under the HSIA shall disclose to the HSRP that relationship, and may not vote on any other matter pertaining to that assistance.

Voting members of the HSRP serve a four-year term, except that appointments made to fill an out-of-cycle vacancy are for the remainder of

the unexpired term of the vacancy. Members serve at the Administrator’s discretion and are subject to government ethics standards. Public meetings occur at least twice a year. Voting members receive compensation at a rate established by the Administrator, not to exceed the maximum daily rate payable under 5 U.S.C. 5376 when engaged in performing duties for the HSRP during the public meeting. Members are reimbursed for actual and reasonable travel expenses incurred in performing such duties according to Federal Travel Regulation.

Upon selection and agreement to serve on the HSRP, members become Special Government Employees (SGEs) of the United States Government. An SGE, as defined in 18 U.S.C. 202(a), is an officer or employee of an agency who is retained, designated, appointed, or employed to perform temporary duties, with or without compensation, not to exceed 130 days during any period of 365 consecutive days, either on a full time or intermittent basis. After the selection process is complete, applicants selected to serve on the HSRP must complete the following actions before they can be appointed as an HSRP member:

1. Security Clearance (online Background Security Check process and fingerprinting conducted through NOAA’s Office of Security and Office of Human Capital Services); and
2. Confidential Financial Disclosure Report—SGEs are required to file a Confidential Financial Disclosure Report to avoid involvement in a real or apparent conflict of interest. You may find information on the Confidential Financial Disclosure Report at <https://www.oce.gov/Web/oce.nsf/Resources/OGE+Form+450>.

In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended (5 U.S.C. 1001 *et seq.*), NOAA seeks a balanced HSRP membership. Subject matter expertise, with subjects as specified in the HSIA, is the primary criterion considered in the evaluation process. Professional sector representation (academia, industry, research, scientific institution, state and local government, tribal interests, consultant, non-governmental organization, etc.), geographic expertise, experience working productively with committees and working groups, and leadership with navigation, observations, and positioning are other criteria that will be considered. The varied membership of the HSRP ensures expertise reflecting the full breadth of the HSRP’s responsibilities.

II. Application Process

NOAA requests nominations to the HSRP from individuals meeting the criteria in *Background*, above. Nominees are required to submit four items (listed below) via email to the address listed in **ADDRESSES**, above. The emailed nomination package should include all four components, be submitted in Microsoft Word and/or PDF, and be no longer than eight pages. The four required items are as follows:

1. A short biography of 300–400 words.
2. A resume of 3 pages maximum.
3. The nominee’s full work and home contact information including full name, work title, institutional affiliation, work and home mailing addresses, email address(es), phone number(s), and fax number. The nominee will note preferred email, phone number, and mailing address.
4. A cover letter that responds to the *Five Short Response Questions* noted below and serves as a statement of interest to serve on the HSRP. It will also highlight the nominee’s specific area(s) of expertise related to the disciplines and fields described in 33 U.S.C. 892c(c).

Five Short Response Questions for the Cover Letter:

- List your area(s) of expertise from the following list: Hydrographic data and services (e.g., tides, currents, geodetic, and geospatial measurements); marine transportation; port administration; vessel pilotage; coastal and fishery management; and other disciplines in the oceanographic or marine science areas.
- List the geographic region(s) of the country with which you primarily associate your expertise from the following list: Northeast, Mid-Atlantic, Southeast, Gulf of America, Pacific Northwest, California, Hawaii, Pacific Islands, Alaska, Arctic, Great Lakes, Caribbean, National, and/or International.
- Describe your leadership or professional experiences that you believe will contribute to the HSRP.
- Describe your familiarity and experience with NOAA navigation, observations and positioning data, products, and services.
- Describe, generally, the breadth and scope of your knowledge of stakeholders, users, or other groups who interact with NOAA and whose views and input you believe you can share with the HSRP.

Authority: 33 U.S.C. 892 *et seq.*; 33 U.S.C. 883 *et seq.*

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council (MAFMC); Public Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: The Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council (MAFMC) will hold a public workshop to collect input on the commercial Scup Gear Restricted Areas (GRAs). This public workshop will be facilitated by the Cornell Cooperative Extension of Suffolk County-Marine Program to incorporate commercial fishing industry involvement in the MAFMC funded project, “Utilizing Collaborative Strategies to Assess and Adapt Scup Gear Restricted Areas (GRAs) in Response to Climate Change.”

DATES: The meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 31, 2026, from 9:45 a.m.–3 p.m. For agenda details, see **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION.**

ADDRESSES: This meeting will be conducted in person at three venues simultaneously with a virtual option available. The meeting locations are: Superior Trawl Inc. (55 State Street, Narragansett, RI 02882, telephone 401–782–1171), Cornell Cooperative Extension (423 Griffing Avenue, Riverhead, NY 11901, telephone 631–727–7850), Lund’s Fisheries (997 Ocean Drive, Cape May, NJ 08204, telephone 609–884–7600). Webinar registration details will be posted to the Council’s calendar prior to the meeting at <https://www.mafmc.org>.

Council address: Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council, 800 N State Street, Suite 201, Dover, DE 19901; telephone: (302) 674–2331; <https://www.mafmc.org>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Christopher M. Moore, Ph.D., Executive

Director, Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council, telephone: (302) 526–5255.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council in coordination with the Cornell Cooperative Extension of Suffolk County-Marine Program will sponsor this public meeting to collect public input on the current commercial Scup GRAs. Topics discussed at the meeting will include scup management history and stock status; preliminary results of mapping, modeling, and socioeconomic analyses examining scup discards and potential tradeoffs between management scenarios; and industry input on these findings. This public meeting is a deliverable to achieve the project’s goal to develop and implement a comprehensive program to investigate potential modifications to the scup GRAs using fisheries and environmental data and industry input. Additional information, background documents, and instructions for providing written comments will be posted to the Council’s website at <https://www.mafmc.org>.

The meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Shelley Spedden, (302) 526–5251 at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

Authority: 16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*

Dated: March 6, 2026.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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New England Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: The New England Fishery Management Council (Council) is scheduling a public webinar of its Herring Advisory Panel to consider actions affecting New England fisheries in the exclusive economic zone (EEZ).

Recommendations from this group will be brought to the full Council for formal consideration and action, if appropriate.

DATES: This webinar will be held on Monday, March 23, at 3 p.m. EST. Webinar registration URL information: <https://nefmc-org.zoom.us/meeting/register/igwd2Or-Qpu4NrNkadOcBA>.

ADDRESSES: *Council address:* New England Fishery Management Council, 50 Water Street, Mill 2, Newburyport, MA 01950.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Cate O’Keefe, Executive Director, New England Fishery Management Council; telephone: (978) 465–0492.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Agenda

The Atlantic Herring Advisory Panel will meet to discuss the Council’s priorities for Atlantic herring. They will also discuss a 2026 action to include Atlantic herring specifications for 2027–2031, river herring and shad management measures, and other measures. Other business will be discussed if necessary.

Although non-emergency issues not contained on the agenda may come before this Council for discussion, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during this meeting. Council action will be restricted to those issues specifically listed in this notice and any issues arising after publication of this notice that require emergency action under section 305(c) of the Magnuson-Stevens Act, provided the public has been notified of the Council’s intent to take final action to address the emergency. The public also should be aware that the meeting will be recorded. Consistent with 16 U.S.C. 1852, a copy of the recording is available upon request.

Special Accommodations

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Cate O’Keefe, Executive Director, at (978) 465–0492, at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

Authority: 16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*

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