

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**Agenda**

The Climate and Ecosystem Steering Committee will meet to learn about joint species distribution models and discuss their applications to management. They will also review and discuss an ecosystem component species evaluation framework. The Committee will also discuss selected sections of the 2026 State of the Ecosystem report. They will provide direction on climate and ecosystem on ramps work and receive updates on other issues of general interest to the steering committee. 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, Ph.D., Executive Director, at (978) 465-0492, at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

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

Dated: March 11, 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**

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South Atlantic Fishery Management Council (Council)—Public Meetings

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

ACTION: Notice of the South Atlantic Fishery Management Council's Shrimp Workgroup meeting.

SUMMARY: The South Atlantic Fishery Management Council (Council) will hold a meeting of the Shrimp Workgroup on March 24, 2026.

DATES: The Shrimp Workgroup meeting will be held via webinar March 24, 2026. from 12 p.m. until 4 p.m. EDT.

ADDRESSES:

Meeting address: The meeting will be held via webinar. Registration is required. Webinar registration, an online public comment form, and briefing book materials will be available 2 weeks prior to the meeting at: <https://safmc.net/workgroups/>.

Council address: South Atlantic Fishery Management Council, 4055 Faber Place Drive, Suite 201, N Charleston, SC 29405.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Allie Iberle, Fishery Scientist, email: allie.iberle@safmc.net; phone (843) 225-8135.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Council formed the Shrimp workgroup to identify workable solutions to reduce interactions of smalltooth sawfish and giant manta rays with the South Atlantic Federal shrimp trawl fishery. The workgroup will review existing data and policies and discuss what information will be needed to develop recommendations.

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These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for auxiliary aid should be directed to the council office (see **ADDRESSES**) 5 days prior to the meeting.

Note: The times and sequence specified in this agenda are subject to change.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration****Final Revised Management Plan for the Guana Tolomato Matanzas and Narragansett Bay National Estuarine Research Reserves**

AGENCY: Office for Coastal Management, National Ocean Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric

Administration, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of approval of final management plans.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the Office for Coastal Management, National Ocean Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), U.S. Department of Commerce, approves the revised management plans for the Guana Tolomato Matanzas National Estuarine Research Reserve in Florida and the Narragansett Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve in Rhode Island. In accordance with the Coastal Zone Management Act and its implementing regulations, the Florida Department of Environmental Protection's Office of Resilience and Coastal Protection and the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management revised their reserve's management plans, which replace the plans previously approved in 2009 and 2010 respectively.

ADDRESSES: The approved management plan for the Guana Tolomato Matanzas Research Reserve can be downloaded or viewed at <https://floridadep.gov/rcp/nerr-gtm/documents/guana-tolomato-matanzas-national-estuarine-research-reserve-management-plan>. The approved management plan for the Narragansett Bay Research Reserve can be downloaded or viewed at <https://nbner.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/04/2024-2029-Management-Plan-.pdf>. The documents are also available by sending a written request to the point of contact identified below (see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Guana Tolomato Matanzas: Matt Chasse, NOAA's Office for Coastal Management, matt.chasse@noaa.gov, (240) 628-5417; Narragansett Bay: Chris Kinkade, NOAA's Office for Coastal Management, chris.kinkade@noaa.gov, (401) 366-4880.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to 15 CFR 921.33(c), a state must revise the management plan for a reserve at least every five years. Major changes to a reserve's management plan may be made only after receiving written approval from NOAA. NOAA approves changes to management plans via notice in the **Federal Register**. On August 2, 2024, NOAA issued a notice in the **Federal Register** announcing a 30-day public comment period for the proposed revision of the Guana Tolomato Matanzas National Estuarine Research Reserve management plan (89 FR 63165). On December 2, 2024, NOAA issued a notice in the **Federal Register**

announcing a 30-day public comment period for the proposed revision of the Narragansett Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve management plan (89 FR 95187). Each plan contains a summary of written and oral comments received and an explanation of how comments were incorporated into the final version of the management plan.

The management plan outlines a reserve's strategic goals and objectives; administrative structure; programs for conducting research and monitoring, education, and training; resource protection, restoration, and manipulation plans; public access and visitor use plans; consideration for future land acquisition; and facility development to support reserve operations.

Revised Management Plan for the Guana Tolomato Matanzas NERR

In particular, the revised management plan for the Guana Tolomato Matanzas National Estuarine Research Reserve focuses on changes to the strategic plan, physical boundaries, and enhanced programmatic alignment across the reserve's sectors. Since the last management plan, the reserve received approval for an expansion of the site's boundary—approved in March 2020—to include the City of St. Augustine's sovereign submerged lands within the Matanzas River and Salt Run, the state's sovereign submerged lands along the Matanzas and Tolomato Rivers that connect the City of St. Augustine's portion to the previous boundary, and the Marshview parcel in the southern portion of the reserve. In addition, the reserve completed several facility-construction projects: the Princess Place Preserve Legacy House and cabins for visiting investigator use, a freshwater wetland boardwalk, a freshwater marsh boardwalk on the Guana River Yellow Trail, and a storage facility (pole barn). The reserve also installed redesigned interpretive displays at the Visitor Center and along several trails within the reserve. This revised management plan will serve as the guiding document for the Guana Tolomato Matanzas National Estuarine Research Reserve for the next five years.

Revised Management Plan for the Narragansett Bay NERR

The revised plan for the Narragansett Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve provides information on new staff positions and new staff hired, describes the reserve's updated position within the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management, and reflects an expansion of the site's boundary approved in May 2024.

Additionally, the updated plan describes strategic goals and objectives and identifies topic areas where additional planning will be conducted to identify and develop new goals and objectives over the next five years. This revised management plan will serve as the guiding document for the Narragansett Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve for the next five years.

NOAA reviewed the environmental impacts of the revised management plans and determined that this action is categorically excluded from further analysis under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), as amended (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*).

(Authority: 16 U.S.C. 1451 *et seq.*; 15 CFR 921.33.)

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Takes of Marine Mammals Incidental to Specified Activities; Taking Marine Mammals Incidental to the City of Kodiak St. Herman Harbor Infrastructure Rebuild Project Kodiak, Alaska

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

ACTION: Notice; proposed incidental harassment authorization; request for comments on proposed authorization and possible renewal.

SUMMARY: NMFS has received a request from the City of Kodiak for authorization to take marine mammals incidental to 2 years of construction activities associated with the St. Herman Harbor Infrastructure Rebuild Project (SHHIRP) in Kodiak, Alaska. Pursuant to the Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA), NMFS is requesting comments on its proposal to issue two consecutive 1-year incidental harassment authorizations (IHAs) to incidentally take marine mammals during the specified activities. NMFS is also requesting comments on possible one-time, 1-year renewals that could be issued under certain circumstances and if all requirements are met, as described

in Request for Public Comments at the end of this notice. NMFS will consider public comments prior to making any final decision on the issuance of the requested MMPA authorizations and agency responses will be summarized in the final notice of our decision.

DATES: Comments and information must be received no later than April 13, 2026.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be addressed to Permits and Conservation Division, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service and should be submitted via email to ITP.demarest@noaa.gov. Electronic copies of the application and supporting documents, as well as a list of the references cited in this document, may be obtained online at: <https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/national/marine-mammal-protection/incidental-take-authorizations-construction-activities>. In case of problems accessing these documents, please call the contact listed below.

Instructions: NMFS is not responsible for comments sent by any other method, to any other address or individual, or received after the end of the comment period. Comments, including all attachments, must not exceed a 25-megabyte file size. All comments received are a part of the public record and will generally be posted online at <https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/permit/incidental-take-authorizations-under-marine-mammal-protection-act> without change. All personal identifying information (*e.g.*, name, address) voluntarily submitted by the commenter may be publicly accessible. Do not submit confidential business information or otherwise sensitive or protected information.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Austin Demarest, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, (301) 427-8401.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The MMPA prohibits the “take” of marine mammals, with certain exceptions. Sections 101(a)(5)(A) and (D) of the MMPA (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*) direct the Secretary of Commerce (as delegated to NMFS) to allow, upon request, the incidental, but not intentional, taking of small numbers of marine mammals by U.S. citizens who engage in a specified activity (other than commercial fishing) within a specified geographical region if certain findings are made and either regulations are proposed or, if the taking is limited to harassment, a notice of a proposed IHA is provided to the public for review.

Authorization for incidental takings shall be granted if NMFS finds that the