

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: The New England Fishery Management Council (Council) is scheduling a public meeting of its Climate and Ecosystem Steering Committee via webinar 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, July 27, 2026, at 9 a.m. EST.

Webinar registration URL information:

<https://nefmc-org.zoom.us/meeting/register/p8VdVDnKS9KnNTkpeJkSRw>.

ADDRESSES:

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

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

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**Agenda**

The Climate and Ecosystem Steering Committee will meet to receive an update on the forthcoming Northeast Climate Vulnerability Analysis 2.0. They will also discuss on-ramps for climate and ecosystem information into management. The Committee will receive a report from a recent Council workshop on Dynamic Reference Points. Also, on the agenda is to discuss other ongoing Inflation Reduction Act funded projects, as needed. 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: July 14, 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**

[RTID 0648-XF897]

South Atlantic Fishery Management Council (Council)—Public Meetings

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

ACTION: Notice of public hearings.

SUMMARY: The South Atlantic Fishery Management Council (Council) will hold three in-person public hearings and one webinar hearing pertaining to amendment 60 to the Fishery Management Plan (FMP) for the Snapper Grouper Fishery of the South Atlantic Region. This amendment considers removing the 2-for-1 requirement for obtaining a snapper grouper commercial transferable permit; revising stowage requirements and species restrictions for commercial vessels with longline gear on board to allow switching to or from this gear during a commercial trip, increasing trip limits for several snapper grouper species, and requiring sale of all snapper grouper harvested by commercial vessels.

DATES: The in-person hearings public hearings will take place on August 10, 11, and 19, 2026, beginning at 6 p.m., EDT. The webinar hearing will take place on August 31, 2026, beginning at 6 p.m., EDT. Registration for webinar is required. For specific dates and times, see **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

ADDRESSES:

Council address: South Atlantic Fishery Management Council, 4055 Faber Place Drive, Suite 201, N Charleston, SC 29405. Information, including a link to webinar registration will be posted on the Council's website at: <https://safmc.net/public-hearings-and-scoping/> when it becomes available.

In-Person Meeting Locations

Monday, August 10, 2026: North Carolina Division of Marine Fisheries Central District Office, 5285 Highway 70 West, Morehead City, NC 28557; phone: (252) 515-5500.

Tuesday, August 11, 2026: Brunswick County Administrative Building, 30 Government Center Drive NE, Bolivia, NC 28422; phone: (910) 253-2017.

Wednesday, August 19, 2026:

Heckscher Drive Community Club, Inc., 9364 Heckscher Drive, Jacksonville, Florida 32226; phone: (904) 759-6996.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Ashley Oliver, Outreach Coordinator, SAFMC; phone (843) 571-4366 or toll free (866) SAFMC-10; FAX (843) 769-4520; email: Ashley.Oliver@safmc.net.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: A public hearing document, an online public comment form, and other materials will be posted to the Council's website at <https://safmc.net/public-hearings-and-scoping/> as they become available. Written comments should be addressed to John Carmichael, Executive Director, SAFMC, 4055 Faber Place Drive, Suite 201, N. Charleston, SC 29405. Written comments must be received by September 1, 2026, at 5 p.m. During the hearings Council staff will provide an overview of actions being considered in the amendment. Staff will answer clarifying questions on the presented information and the proposed actions. Following the presentation and questions, the public will have the opportunity to provide comments on the amendment.

Amendment 60 to the Snapper Grouper FMP

The amendment aims to increase the long-term stability of the commercial fishery by maintaining the current number of permits and to increase flexibility, adaptability, access, and economic profitability in the snapper grouper commercial sector. The amendment proposes to remove the 2-for-1 requirement for obtaining a transferable snapper grouper (SG 1) commercial permit, which would facilitate transfer of permits, thereby increasing active participation of permit holders in the fishery. Revising bottom longline gear stowage requirements and species restrictions would provide additional flexibility for commercial fishermen that use bottom longline gear to be able to deploy multiple gears within a trip, thereby improving trip efficiency while maintaining law enforcement's ability to monitor the gear used to catch snapper grouper species. The amendment includes several actions to consider increasing commercial trip limits for greater amberjack, vermilion snapper, red porgy, hogfish (Georgia-North Carolina stock), red grouper, gray triggerfish, and golden tilefish (hook-and-line only) to better achieve optimum yield and

increase trip efficiency. Finally, the amendment proposes to require sale of all commercially harvested snapper grouper, which would improve reporting accuracy and promote commercial snapper grouper permits to be solely used to harvest fish for sale.

Special Accommodations

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for auxiliary aids 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.

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

Dated: July 14, 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

[RTID 0648-XF867]

Endangered Species; File No. 29736

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

ACTION: Notice; receipt of application.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that Katrina Phillips, Ph.D., Dauphin Island Sea Lab 101, Bienville Blvd., Dauphin Island, AL 36528, has applied in due form for a permit to take loggerhead (*Caretta caretta*), green (*Chelonia mydas*), Kemp's ridley (*Lepidochelys kempii*), hawksbill (*Eretmochelys imbricata*), and leatherback (*Dermochelys coriacea*) sea turtles for purposes of scientific research.

DATES: Written comments must be received on or before August 17, 2026.

ADDRESSES: The application and related documents are available for review by selecting "Records Open for Public Comment" from the "Features" box on the Applications and Permits for Protected Species home page, <https://apps.nmfs.noaa.gov>, and then selecting File No. 29736 from the list of available applications. These documents are also available upon written request via email to NMFS.Pr1Comments@noaa.gov.

Written comments on this application should be submitted via email to NMFS.Pr1Comments@noaa.gov. Please include File No. 29736 in the subject line of the email comment.

Those individuals requesting a public hearing should submit a written request via email to NMFS.Pr1Comments@noaa.gov. The request should set forth the specific reasons why a hearing on this application would be appropriate.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Amy Hapeman or Erin Markin, Ph.D., (301) 427-8401.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The subject permit is requested under the authority of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (ESA; 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*) and the regulations governing the taking, importing, and exporting of endangered and threatened species (50 CFR parts 222-226).

The applicant proposes to study juvenile, subadult, and adult sea turtle demography and distribution in the northern Gulf of America. Researchers would capture up to 60 green, 7 hawksbill, 60 Kemp's ridley, 40 loggerhead, and 1 leatherback sea turtles by tangle and dip net annually. Researchers would perform the following procedures on sea turtles prior to their release: epibiota removal; flipper tag; passive integrated transponder tag; biologically sample (skin swab, blood, scute, fecal, and skin biopsy); measure; weigh; and photograph/video. A subset of green, Kemp's ridley, and loggerhead sea turtles may receive a transmitter attachment. The permit is requested for 10 years.

Dated: July 14, 2026.

Larissa Plants,

Acting Deputy Director, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Gulf Fishery Management Council; Public Meetings

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

ACTION: Notice; public hearings and webinars.

SUMMARY: The Gulf Fishery Management Council (Gulf Council) will hold two public hearings via webinar to solicit public comments on For-Hire Electronic Reporting.

DATES: The public hearing webinars will take place Thursday, August 13 and

Monday, August 17, 2026. The webinars will begin at 6 p.m. EDT and will conclude no later than 8 p.m. EDT. For specific dates and times, see

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION. Written public comments must be received on or before 5 p.m. EDT on August 17, 2026.

ADDRESSES: Please visit the Gulf Council website at <https://www.gulfcouncil.org> for meeting materials and webinar registration information.

Meeting addresses: The public hearings will be held via virtual webinars. For dates and times see **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** below.

Council address: Gulf Fishery Management Council, 4107 W Spruce Street, Suite 200, Tampa, FL 33607; telephone: (813) 348-1630.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Emily Muehlstein; Public Information Officer; emily.muehlstein@gulfcouncil.org, Gulf Fishery Management Council; telephone: (813) 348-1630.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The agenda for the virtual public hearings is as follows: Council staff will begin with a brief presentation on the Generic Amendment to modify the Reef Fish and Coastal Migratory Pelagic Fishery Management Plans to Modify the Gulf For-Hire Data Collection Program. The Amendment considers defining a mechanism and timing for for-hire data reporting, requiring trip notification and effort reporting, and establishing economic reporting for for-hire vessels.

Staff and a Council member will be available to answer any questions, and the public will have the opportunity to provide testimony on the amendment and other related testimony.

Scheduled Webinars:

Thursday, August 13, 2026; via webinar
Monday, August 17, 2026; via webinar

Visit <https://www.gulfcouncil.org> website and click on the "meetings and public hearings" tab for registration information. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

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

Dated: July 14, 2026.

Rey Israel Marquez,

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

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