

December 11, 2019, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and, Thursday, December 12, 2019, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. For agenda details, see **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the Westin Annapolis, 100 Westgate Circle, Annapolis, MD 21401; telephone: (410) 972-4300.

*Council address:* Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council, 800 N State St., Suite 201, Dover, DE 19901; telephone: (302) 674-2331.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Christopher M. Moore, Ph.D. Executive Director, Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council; telephone: (302) 526-5255. The Council's website, [www.mafmc.org](http://www.mafmc.org) also has details on the meeting location, proposed agenda, webinar listen-in access, and briefing materials.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The following items are on the agenda, though agenda items may be addressed out of order (changes will be noted on the Council's website when possible.)

**Monday, December 9, 2019**

*Executive Committee (Closed Session)*

Ricks E Savage Award

*2020-24 Strategic Plan*

Review public comments and approve 2020-2024 Strategic Plan

*2020-24 Research Priorities*

Review and approve research priorities document

*Risk Policy Framework—Meeting #2*

Review results of biological and economic management strategy evaluations and select preferred alternative(s)

*Surfclam and Ocean Quahog Excessive Shares Amendment*

Review public hearing comments and Committee recommendations and select preferred alternatives and take final action

**Tuesday, December 10, 2019**

*Habitat Update*

Update on NRHA Assessment, presentation on CCC Habitat Workshop and update of Projects of Interest in the Region

*EAFM Summer Flounder Conceptual Model*

*Presentation of Oscar E. Sette Award (American Fisheries Society)*

*SSC Membership White Paper*

Review and determine future SSC membership needs and expertise

*Bluefish 2020 Recreational Specifications*

Review recent fishery performance, Monitoring Committee, and Advisory Panel recommendations, adopt recommendation for 2020 federal waters recreational management measures

*Bluefish Allocation and Rebuilding Amendment*

Review and approve supplemental scoping document for additional scoping hearings

*Summer Flounder 2020 Recreational Specifications*

Review recent fishery performance, Monitoring Committee, and Advisory Panel recommendations, recommend Conservation Equivalency or coastwide management and associated measures for 2020

**Wednesday, December 11, 2019**

*Scup 2020 Recreational Specifications*

Review recent fishery performance, Monitoring Committee, and Advisory Panel recommendations, adopt recommendations for 2020 federal waters recreational management measures

*Black Sea Bass 2020 Recreational Specifications*

Review fishery performance, Monitoring Committee, and Advisory Panel recommendations, adopt recommendations for 2020 federal waters recreational management measures

*Seized Commercial Catch and the Quota Monitoring/Accountability Process*

*Summer Flounder, Scup, and Black Sea Bass Commercial/Recreational Allocation Amendment*

Review and approve draft scoping document

*Black Sea Bass Commercial Allocation Addendum/Amendment*

Discuss options for addressing potential impacts of coastwide quota management in federal waters on states

*Commercial eVTR Omnibus Framework—Meeting #2*

Select preferred alternatives and take final action

**Thursday, December 12, 2019**

*2020 Implementation Plan*

Review and approve 2020 Implementation Plan

*Business Session*

Committee Reports: SSC and Executive Committee; Executive Director's Report; Organization Reports; and, Liaison Reports

*Continuing and New Business*

Although 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 meetings. Actions will be restricted to those issues specifically identified 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.

**Special Accommodations**

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aid should be directed to M. Jan Saunders, (302) 526-5251, at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

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

Dated: November 12, 2019.

**Tracey L. Thompson,**

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

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

**Sunsetting of Raster Nautical Charts**

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

**ACTION:** Notice; request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** NOAA is undertaking a five-year program to end all raster and paper nautical chart production. Ultimately, production of all NOAA paper nautical charts, raster navigational charts (NOAA RNC®), and related products, such as BookletCharts™ will cease. NOAA is seeking feedback from chart users and companies that provide products and services based on NOAA raster and electronic navigational chart (NOAA ENC®) products. This information will shape the manner and timing in which

the product sunseting process will proceed. More detailed information regarding this transition is available from <https://nauticalcharts.noaa.gov/publications/docs/raster-sunset.pdf>.

**DATES:** Comments are due by midnight, February 1, 2020.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit comments on the Sunsetting of Raster Nautical Charts through NOAA's ASSIST feedback tool at <https://nauticalcharts.noaa.gov/customer-service/assist>, or via mail to National Ocean Service, NOAA (NCS2), ATTN Sunset of Raster Charts, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910-3282.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Coast and Geodetic Survey Act of 1947 and the Hydrographic Services Improvement Act requires that NOAA compile and distribute nautical charts and other nautical publications. These statutes do not specify a particular format for chart products. NOAA and its predecessor agencies have produced paper nautical charts of the U.S. Coasts, its territorial waters, and the Great Lakes since the mid-1800s. NOAA has produced electronic navigational charts (ENCs) since 1993.

The International Maritime Organization now mandates that all large commercial vessels on international voyages use ENCs. In 2016, the USCG started allowing regulated commercial vessels on domestic voyages to use ENCs in lieu of paper charts. Recreational boaters are also increasingly using electronic chart displays.

Use of NOAA ENCs surpassed paper nautical charts in 2011. ENC sales increased 425% since 2008, while sales of paper charts are now half of 2008 levels. The current NOAA nautical chart product suites comprise 1,258 electronic navigational charts (NOAA ENC®) and 1,007 NOAA raster/paper nautical charts. NOAA has started a multi-year program to create a standard gridded layout and increase the scale of ENCs. This will increase the number of detailed NOAA ENCs to about 9,000.

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NOAA is taking steps to provide a NOAA Custom Chart web-based application that will enable users to download and print raster chart backup files created from the most up-to-date ENC data. The NOAA Custom Chart prototype is available from <https://devgis.charttools.noaa.gov/pod>. These

chart backup files will look somewhat different than traditional paper nautical charts, but will provide a similar functionality.

NOAA seeks comments from the public regarding the raster and paper chart product sunset transition and is particularly interested in:

- suggestions for improving the NOAA Custom Chart web application, and
- understanding other non-navigational uses for paper or raster nautical charts.

**Richard Brennan,**

*Acting Director, Office of Coast Survey, National Ocean Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.*

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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 a public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The New England Fishery Management Council (Council, NEFMC) will hold a three-day meeting to consider actions affecting New England fisheries in the exclusive economic zone (EEZ).

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, December 3, 4, and 5, 2019, beginning at 9 a.m. on December 3 and 8:30 a.m. on December 4 and 5.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the Hotel Viking, 1 Bellevue Avenue, Newport, RI 02840; telephone (401) 847-3300; online at [www.hotelviking.com](http://www.hotelviking.com).

*Council address:* New England Fishery Management Council, 50 Water Street, Mill 2, Newburyport, MA 01950; telephone (978) 465-0492; [www.nefmc.org](http://www.nefmc.org).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Thomas A. Nies, Executive Director, New England Fishery Management Council; telephone: (978) 465-0492, ext. 113.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

## Agenda

*Tuesday, December 3, 2019*

After introductions and brief announcements, the meeting will begin with reports from the Council Chairman and Executive Director, NMFS's Regional Administrator for the Greater Atlantic Regional Fisheries Office (GARFO), liaisons from the Northeast Fisheries Science Center (NEFSC) and Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council, staff from the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission (ASMFC), and representatives from NOAA General Counsel, NOAA's Office of Law Enforcement, and the U.S. Coast Guard. The Council then will receive a report on the 2019 annual meeting of the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Organization (NAFO), followed by a report on the Northeast Trawl Advisory Panel's most recent meeting. Next, the Council will receive a NOAA Enforcement overview of the Carlos Rafael case, followed by a Coast Guard presentation on misreporting issues and their implications. Then, members of the public will have the opportunity to speak during an open comment period on issues that relate to Council business but are not included on the published agenda for this meeting. The Council asks the public to limit remarks to 3-5 minutes.

Following the lunch break, the Council will review Draft National Standard 1 Technical Guidance for Carry-over and Phase-in Provisions within Acceptable Biological Catch (ABC) control rules and approve Council comments on the draft. The Skate Committee Report will be up next. The Council will receive a progress report on Amendment 5 to the Northeast Skate Complex Fishery Management Plan (FMP), which proposes to establish a limited access program for the skate wing and/or skate bait fisheries. Then, the Council will receive an overview of the Spiny Dogfish 2019 Fishery Performance Report and the Spiny Dogfish Monitoring Committee's recommendations for the 2020 fishing year. Next, the Atlantic herring report will cover two issues. First, the Council will receive a presentation on the final discussion document pertaining to Atlantic herring spawning on Georges Bank. Second, the Council will receive the final debrief report on the Management Strategy Evaluation (MSE) process that was used to develop ABC control rule alternatives for Amendment 8 to the Atlantic Herring FMP. The Council then will hear from its Ecosystem-Based Fishery Management (EBFM) MSE Steering Committee, which will provide recommendations