

NCFA UPDATE: 09/24/2021  
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## Farmers invited to Shellfish Crop Insurance Program Discussions

AgriLogic Consulting, LLC, is under contract to the US Department of Agriculture, Risk Management Agency, to gather information to inform a shellfish crop insurance program. They are hosting four listening sessions to get feedback from shellfish producers and other interested parties.

Producers are encouraged to attend in-person or join via Zoom. To attend in-person, RSVP to Nicole Gueck at [ngueck@agrilogic.com](mailto:ngueck@agrilogic.com). Pre-registration to attend by Zoom is required. All times are Eastern.

Thursday, October 14, 5 PM

NC State University  
Center for Marine Sciences and Technology, Rm 105  
303 College Circle  
Morehead City, NC

Pre-register to attend via Zoom by clicking [here \[thenaa.us6.list-manage.com\]](https://thenaa.us6.list-manage.com).

Monday, October 18, 6 PM

University of Maine Hutchinson Center  
80 Belmont Ave (Route 3)  
Belfast, ME

Pre-register to attend via Zoom by clicking [here. \[thenaa.us6.list-manage.com\]](https://thenaa.us6.list-manage.com)

Wednesday, October 20, 10 AM

VIMS Gloucester Point Campus  
Davis Hall Boardroom  
7539 Spencer Road  
Gloucester Point, VA

Pre-register to attend via Zoom by clicking [here \[thenaa.us6.list-manage.com\]](https://thenaa.us6.list-manage.com).

Wednesday, October 20, 3:30 PM

VIMS Eastern Shore Campus  
Seaside Hall  
40 Atlantic Avenue  
Wachapreague, VA

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## PHASE TWO OF THE ATLANTIC LARGE WHALE TAKE REDUCTION PLAN MODIFICATION

The following [\*was released\*](#) by NOAA Fisheries:

We are proposing to modify the Atlantic Large Whale Take Reduction Plan (Plan) to reduce the incidental mortality and serious injury to North Atlantic right whales (*Eubalaena glacialis*), fin whales (*Balaenoptera physalus*), and humpback whales (*Megaptera novaeangliae*) in U.S. East Coast gillnet, Atlantic mixed species trap/pot, and Mid-Atlantic lobster and Jonah crab trap/pot fisheries to meet the goals of the Marine Mammal Protection Act and the Endangered Species Act. These modifications are Phase 2 of our efforts to reduce risk to North Atlantic right whales and other large whales from U.S. commercial fisheries.

[Phase 1](#) addresses the Northeast lobster/Jonah crab trap/pot fishery, and is currently in review at the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs. We expect it to be finalized shortly. Please check the [Plan](#) page for updates.

We are requesting input and ideas for Phase 2 of our efforts to reduce the risk of entanglement to right, humpback, and fin whales in U.S. commercial fisheries managed under the [Plan](#). As detailed below, stakeholders can participate by attending virtual meetings, calling in by phone on certain days, or sending written comments by email.

**The scoping period runs through October 21, 2021.**

[Find out more about scoping.](#)

## Scoping Meetings Begin September 9, 2021

Scoping meetings will be held via webinar, and will be from 6:30-8:30 p.m. on the days listed below. Days are designated for areas and gear types, though anyone is welcome to attend any meeting and may submit input on any regions/gear types at each meeting. Meetings will be recorded. [To register for a webinar, visit our events page.](#)

- Thursday, September 9, 2021: Delaware, Maryland, Virginia and Northern North Carolina Trap/Pot Fisheries
- Tuesday, September 14, 2021: Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, and New Jersey Trap/Pot Fisheries
- Tuesday, September 21, 2021: Maine, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, and Rhode Island Trap/Pot Fisheries

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- Thursday, September 23, 2021: Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, and New Jersey Gillnet Fisheries
- Tuesday, October 5, 2021: Southern North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, and Florida Trap/Pot and Gillnet Fisheries
- Tuesday, October 12, 2021: Maryland, Delaware, Virginia, and Northern North Carolina Gillnet Fisheries
- Thursday, October 14, 2021: Maine, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, and Rhode Island Gillnet Fisheries

## Call-In Days

If you would like to speak to someone at the Greater Atlantic Regional Fisheries Office about your input on scoping, please call **(978) 282-8479** on the following days and hours. Your phone call may be recorded to fully capture your input. If the phone line is busy, please leave a voicemail. We will get back to you as soon as possible. Please note that the phone line WILL NOT be operational outside of these days and hours.

- Friday, October 1, 2021, Noon to 6 p.m.
- Monday, October 4, 2021, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- Tuesday, October 12, 2021, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

## Written Input

You may submit written input by October 21, 2021 to our email address:  
[nmfs.gar.ALWTRT2021@noaa.gov](mailto:nmfs.gar.ALWTRT2021@noaa.gov).

## Check for Updates

Please check the [Atlantic Large Whale Take Reduction Plan](#) page for updates and additional background information, which will be added in the coming weeks.

## Questions?

Media: Contact [Allison Ferreira](#), Regional Office, 978-281-9103

[Atlantic Large Whale Take Reduction Plan Presentation from NOAA for North of Cape Hatteras](#)

Click link below:

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