

NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE REPORT ON THE WEST COAST REGION WEB TRANSITION AND QUICK GUIDE

As reported in April, the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) is combining all regional and center websites into one national website. The NMFS West Coast Region (WCR) is transitioning content from our WCR website (www.westcoast.fisheries.noaa.gov) to the new national website (www.fisheries.noaa.gov). Our goal is to transition the majority of our WCR web content by June 30, 2019, and to complete our web transition by September 30, 2019.

We provide the attached Quick Guide to help navigate the new national website and where you can find information about West Coast fisheries (e.g., permits, regulations, Federal Register notices) as we transition over the next few months. NMFS staff will give an overview of this Quick Guide to Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) advisory bodies at the June Council meeting.

If the Council is interested, we can also provide at the September Council meeting a more in-depth overview of where to find West Coast information on the new website, when all or most of our content has been migrated. At that time, we can also answer questions and take suggestions from the Council.

For questions or suggestions in the meantime, please contact Ruth Howell (WCR Communications and External Affairs Branch Chief, Ruth.Howell@noaa.gov, 503-736-4720) or one of our WCR staff on the Council advisory bodies.

Quick Guide to National NOAA Fisheries Website June 2019

The purpose of this Quick Guide is to help you navigate the new national NOAA Fisheries website and find information on West Coast Fisheries **as we migrate to the new site over the next few months.**

Below is a general timeline of when we expect to migrate Council-related topics to the new website:

- By end of May: Ecosystem-based Management web pages
- By end of June: Essential Fish Habitat webpages; Fisheries Permits forms and information
- By end of July: Coastal Pelagic Species, Highly Migratory Species, and Groundfish Fisheries
- By end of August: Salmon & Steelhead Fisheries and Hatcheries web pages
- By September 30: Complete the web transition and shut down the West Coast Region's website (www.westcoast.fisheries.noaa.gov/).

For Questions and Assistance:

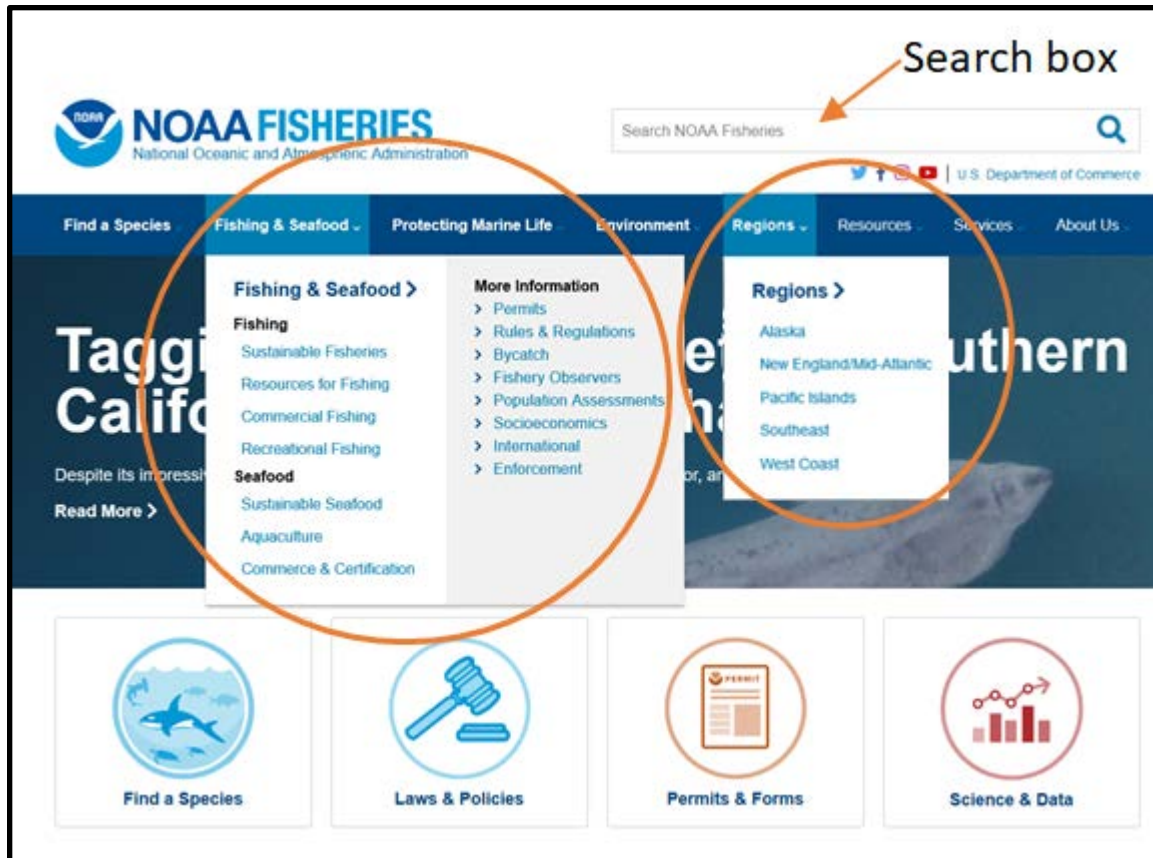
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How do I access the new National Website?

The National Website's URL is: www.fisheries.noaa.gov.

Below is a screenshot of the homepage where you can:

- Search for specific topics in the Search Box at the top right
- Find the Fishing & Seafood section on the top banner, with a drop down menu to navigate to specific topics (*see page 3 & 4 for an index of topics under this section*).
- Find our West Coast Region pages under the "Region" section on the top banner.



How do I apply for a Permit?

Use the following link to find permit application forms and instructions, including Exempted Fishing Permits (filter by Management Area -> "West Coast"): <https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/permits-and-forms>

How do I find Rules, Regulations, Management Plans, and NEPA documents?

Use these links to find past and current rules and regulations, notices, management plans, and NEPA documents (filter by Management Area -> "West Coast"):

- Rules and Regulations: <https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/rules-and-announcements/notices-and-rules>
- Management Plans: <https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/rules-and-announcements/plans-and-agreements>
- Open for comment: <https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/rules-and-announcements/open-for-comment>
- NEPA documents (Filter by Document Type - NEPA): <https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/resources/all-publications>

How do I find information on West Coast Fisheries?

The Fisheries by Region page (under "Resources for Fishing") includes a link to the WCR's Fisheries Management landing page (planned for migration in July):

- <https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/topic/resources-fishing#fisheries-by-region>

How do I find information on ...?

Use the quick links below to find information on specific topics. The website is also equipped with a robust search engine; enter key words into the search box at the top of each page.

- Aquaculture: <https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/topic/aquaculture>
- Bycatch: <https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/topic/bycatch>
- Commercial Landings: <https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/national/commercial-fishing/commercial-fisheries-landings>
- Compliance Guides (*Filter by Title - Compliance Guide; and Region - West Coast*): <https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/resources/all-publications>
- Ecosystem-based Management: <https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/topic/ecosystems#ecosystem-based-fishery-management>
- Essential Fish Habitat: <https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/national/habitat-conservation/essential-fish-habitat>
- Fishery Market News: <https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/national/commercial-fishing/fishery-market-news>
- Law Enforcement: <https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/topic/enforcement>
- List of Fisheries: <https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/national/marine-mammal-protection/marine-mammal-protection-act-list-fisheries>
- Observer Programs: <https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/topic/fishery-observers#observer-programs>
- Pacific Bigeye Tuna Annual Catch Limits: <https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/pacific-islands/commercial-fishing/pacific-islands-annual-catch-limits>
- Pacific Bluefin Tuna Commercial Harvest Status: <https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/west-coast/commercial-fishing/pacific-bluefin-tuna-commercial-harvest-status>
- Population Assessments: <https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/topic/population-assessments#overview>
- Recreational Fishing: <https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/topic/resources-fishing#recreational-fishing>
- Seafood Inspection: <https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/topic/seafood-commerce-certification#seafood-inspection>
- Socioeconomics: <https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/topic/socioeconomics#overview>
- Status of U.S. Fisheries: <https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/topic/sustainable-fisheries#status-of-u.s.-fisheries>
- Subsistence Fishing: <https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/topic/resources-fishing#subsistence-fishing>

What topics can I find under “Fishing & Seafood”?

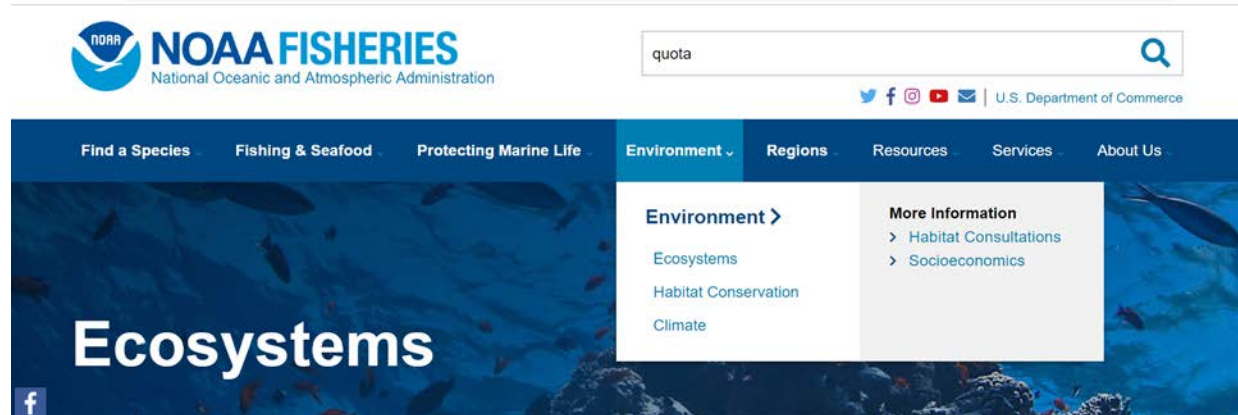
Below is an outline of the topics you can find in the “Fishing & Seafood” section. The **Fisheries by Region Tab** (under “Resources for Fishing”) is where you will find the link to the “Fisheries Management on the West Coast” landing page, with West Coast Fisheries information.

FISHING	
<p>Sustainable Fishing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Overview<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ MSA○ Economics○ Bycatch○ Catch Shares○ Stock Assessments○ Foreign Trade● Status of the Fisheries<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Fisheries of the U.S.○ Fisheries Economics of the U.S.○ Status of U.S. Fish Stocks○ Stock Status Updates● Management<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Magnuson-Stevens Act○ Regional Fishery Management Councils○ Commissions○ Ecosystem-based Management○ Catch Shares● Science<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Stock Assessments○ Cooperative Research○ Economics & Social Science○ Commercial Landings data○ Fisheries Information System○ Foreign Trade○ Market News○ Fishery Products○ Marine Recreational Information Program	<p>Resources for Fishing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Overview<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Permits & Forms○ Rules & Regulations○ Atlantic HMS○ Regional Fishery Management Councils● Commercial Fishing <i>[Quick Link in “Fishing & Seafood” pull down menu]</i><ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Permits & Forms○ Rules & Regulations○ Tools & Resources by Region○ Fishery Management Plans● Recreational Fishing <i>[Quick Link in “Fishing & Seafood” pull down menu]</i><ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Permits & Licenses○ Where you can fish○ What you can catch○ Responsible Fishing Practices○ How to get involved○ Other Resources● Subsistence Fishing<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Alaska Subsistence Fishing○ Pacific Islands Non-Commercial Fishing○ West Coast Tribal Fishing● Fisheries by Region<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Links to rules and regulations, permits and licenses, online resources, and other important tools for fisheries within each Region

SEAFOOD	
<p>Sustainable Seafood</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Overview <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Fish Watch ○ Seafood Inspection ○ IUU Fishing ○ Market News ○ Foreign Trade (Imports/Exports) ○ Trade/Import Monitoring ● Wild-Caught Seafood <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Commercial Landings ○ Stock Assessments ○ Status of U.S. Fisheries ○ Enforcement ● Farmed Seafood <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ What is Marine Aquaculture ○ Economic Impact ○ Benefits of Aquaculture ○ Aquaculture Technology ○ Future of Aquaculture ● Resources <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Documents ○ Data & Maps 	<p>Aquaculture</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Overview <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ U.S. Aquaculture ○ Global Aquaculture ○ Shellfish Aquaculture ○ Finfish Aquaculture ○ Funding Opportunities ○ Aquaculture Outreach ● Regulation & Policy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Regulations ○ Interagency Subcommittee on Aquaculture ○ National Shellfish Initiative ● Science & Technology <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Aquaculture Research at NOAA Fisheries ○ Explore Aquaculture Research ○ Funding Research and Technology ● Regional Activities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Alaska ○ New England/Mid-Atlantic ○ Northwest ○ Pacific Islands ○ Southeast ○ Southwest ● International Cooperation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Benefits ○ Key Partnerships ○ Bilateral Agreements
<p>Seafood Commerce & Certification</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Overview <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Seafood Import Monitoring Program ○ Approved Establishments ○ Certificate Validation ○ Geoduck Harvest Areas Cleared for Certification to China ○ National Seafood Inspection Lab ○ Foreign Seafood Trade Data ● Seafood Inspection <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Inspection & Analytical Fees ○ Label Approval ○ Advertising Your Products 	<p><i>("Seafood Commerce & Certification" continued)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Domestic & International Services <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Export Certification ○ Export Requirements ○ Trade Monitoring ○ Foreign Seafood Trade Data ● Training & Education <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Option 1: Open Enrollment ○ Option 2: Custom Workshops ○ Cancellation Policy ● Science <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Chemical Services ○ Microbiological Services ○ Species Identification

Where can I find information on Essential Fish Habitat and Ecosystem-Based Management?

Essential Fish Habitat and Ecosystem-based Management are both under the “Environment” section (see screenshot below). Below is an outline of the topics under “Ecosystems” and “Habitat Conservation.”



ENVIRONMENT	
<p>Ecosystems</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Overview <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Ecosystem-based Fisheries Management ○ Integrated Ecosystem Assessments (IEA) ● U.S. Regional Ecosystems <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Links to each Region ● Ecosystem-Based Fishery Management <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Links to specific pages under EBM ● Science <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Science & Research Programs: IEAs, Habitat Science, Climate Science, Fisheries & the Environment, Planktonic Ecosystems Data & Analytical Products, NOAA National Systematics Lab, Large Marine Ecosystems, Ecosystem Modeling ● Resources <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Documents ○ Data & Maps ○ Peer-reviewed Research ○ Outreach & Education 	<p>Habitat Conservation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Overview <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Value of Habitat ○ How we Conserve ○ Threats to Habitat ○ Habitat Blueprint ● How We Restore <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Our Key Initiatives ○ Where We Work ● How We Protect <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Our Key Initiatives ○ Habitat Blueprint ○ 20+ Years of Essential Fish Habitat ○ Local Habitat Protection ○ National Fish Habitat Partnership ● Types of Habitat ● Regional Activities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Links for each Region ● Science ● Resources <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Documents ○ Data & Maps ○ Peer-reviewed Research ○ Outreach & Education