

NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE NATIONAL POLICY  
FOR SALTWATER RECREATIONAL FISHERIES

The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) is soliciting feedback to inform revisions to the [2015 National Policy for Saltwater Recreational Fisheries](#) (Policy). The Policy provides NMFS with a set of goals specifically pertaining to recreational fisheries and establishes operating principles to achieve those goals. Following the [2022 National Saltwater Recreational Fisheries Summit](#), NMFS identified the need to update the Policy to address changing ocean and fishery conditions as well as the evolving needs of the fishing public.

NMFS has prepared a discussion guide to facilitate consideration of updates to the Policy (Agenda Item C.2.a, Attachment 1) and is soliciting input via public comment period, which is open until December 31, 2022. The Council should review the Policy, discussion guide, and agency presentation (Agenda Item C.2.a, Attachment 2) when considering recommended changes to the Policy.

**Council Action:**

- 1. Review and discuss the 2015 National Policy for Saltwater Recreational Fisheries, questions in the discussion guide, and agency presentation.**
- 2. Consider recommended changes to the Policy and provide comments to NMFS.**

**Reference Materials:**

1. Agenda Item C.2.a, NMFS Report 1: NOAA Fisheries Invites Comments to Update Recreational Fisheries Policy.
2. Agenda Item C.2.a, NMFS Report 2: National Saltwater Recreational Fisheries Policy Update.
3. If received, Public Comments are electronic only ([see e-portal](#)).

**Agenda Order:**

- C.2 National Marine Fisheries Service National Policy for Saltwater Recreational Fisheries
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| a. Report of the National Marine Fisheries Service   | Kelly Ames   |
| b. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies   | Russell Dunn |
| c. Public Comment  |              |
| d. <b>Council Action:</b> Review National Marine Fisheries Service National Saltwater Recreational Fisheries Policy and Provide Comments |              |