



Strategy for Sea Turtle Conservation and Recovery in Relation to Atlantic Ocean and Gulf of Mexico Fisheries

Public Scoping Meeting on an Environmental Impact Statement

NOAA Fisheries Service is holding public scoping meetings on a range of alternatives for the Phase I Rule for the Strategy for Sea Turtle Conservation and Recovery in Relation to Atlantic Ocean and Gulf of Mexico. Under this regulation, NOAA Fisheries Service will begin to regulate those trawl fisheries known to interact with sea turtles in the Atlantic and Gulf of Mexico. The public will be asked to comment on the trawl fisheries to be affected, the temporal and spatial aspect of the regulation and the mitigation measures to be taken, such as Turtle Excluder Devices. The public comment period will close on August 10, 2009.

Ocean City, Maryland

July 15, 2009, 5pm

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For a copy of the Notice of Intent and Scoping Document Information Please Visit --

<http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/pr/species/turtles/regulations.htm>

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