

National Marine Fisheries Service
<http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov>

Domestic Fisheries

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Silver Spring, MD 20910
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Highly Migratory Species Division

Same address as above
(301) 713-2347/Fax (301) 713-1917

NMFS Regional Offices

Northeast Regional Office

55 Great Republic Drive
Gloucester, MA 01930
(978) 281-9300/Fax (978) 281-9333
<http://www.nero.noaa.gov/nero>

Southeast Regional Office

263 13th Avenue South
St. Petersburg, FL 33701
(727) 824-5301/Fax (727) 824-5320
<http://sero.nmfs.noaa.gov>

Northwest Regional Office

7600 Sand Point Way, NE
Seattle, WA 98115
(206) 526-6150/Fax (206) 526-6426
<http://www.nwr.noaa.gov>

Southwest Regional Office

501 West Ocean Boulevard, #4200
Long Beach, CA 90802
(562) 980-4000/Fax (562) 980-4018
<http://swr.ucsd.edu>

Alaska Regional Office

P.O. Box 21668
Juneau, AK 99802
(907) 586-7221/Fax (907) 586-7249
<http://www.fakr.noaa.gov>

Contacting Congress

Plugging in your zip code at these websites will tell you who represents you in Congress and how to contact them by email:

House of Reps: <http://www.house.gov/writerep>

Senate: <http://www.senate.gov>

Or you can call 202-224-3121 and ask for any member's office by name.

HOW TO GET INVOLVED

A POCKET GUIDE TO FEDERAL FISHERY MANAGEMENT AGENCIES



Compiled for members of the
**National Coalition for
Marine Conservation**
4 Royal Street, S.E.
Leesburg, VA 20175
(703) 777-0037
<http://www.savethefish.org>

Regulations affecting fishing and the conservation of fish populations in federal waters of the ocean – from 3-200 miles offshore – are the joint responsibility of the Regional Fishery Management Councils and the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS).

In most cases, regulations are prepared by the councils and then reviewed and approved (or disapproved) by NMFS. The exception is highly migratory species – tuna, swordfish, billfish and sharks – in the Atlantic, for which NMFS is the sole U.S. authority.

The best weapon in the fight to conserve ocean fish is an interested, informed and involved public.

The National Coalition for Marine Conservation brings important conservation issues to the attention of the councils and NMFS, and works to influence decisions in a way that will protect ocean fish populations from overfishing, destructive fishing practices and environmental threats.

Public input is essential to conserving our fisheries. We encourage NCMC members to actively participate in the management process. You can make a difference!

WHAT YOU SHOULD DO

- ☞ Contact your regional council and NMFS office and ask to be placed on mailing lists for species you are concerned about.
- ☞ Keep them apprised of information or events which could impact fishing or the health of fish populations where you live, and let them know how you feel about issues discussed in the Marine Bulletin and other NCMC publications.
- ☞ Contact your representatives in Congress. Your elected officials need to know that fisheries conservation is important to their constituents. Let them know about fisheries issues you are concerned about, too.

Regional Fishery Management Councils

States

New England Council ME, NH, MA, RI, CT
 50 Water Street, Mill 2
 Newburyport, MA 01950
 (978) 465-0492/Fax (978) 465-3116
<http://www.nefmc.org>

Mid-Atlantic Council NY, NJ, DE, PA MD, VA, NC
 Federal Bldg. #2115
 300 South New Street
 Dover, DE 19904
 (302) 674-2331/Fax (302) 674-5399
<http://www.mafmc.org>

South Atlantic Council NC, SC, GA, FL (east coast)
 4055 Faber Place Drive #201
 N. Charleston, SC 29405
 (843) 571-4366/Fax (843) 769-4520
<http://www.safmc.net>

Gulf of Mexico Council TX, LA, MS, AL, FL (west coast)
 2203 N. Lois Avenue
 Suite 1100
 Tampa, FL 33607
 (813) 348-1630/Fax (813) 348-1711
<http://www.gulfcouncil.org>

Caribbean Council US Virgin Islands, PR
 268 Munoz Rivera Avenue #1108
 San Juan, PR 00918
 (787) 766-5927/Fax (787) 766-6239
<http://www.caribbeanfmc.com>

Pacific Council CA, OR, WA, ID
 7700 NE Ambassador Place #101
 Portland, OR 97220
 (503) 820-2280/Fax (503) 820-2299
<http://www.pcouncil.org>

North Pacific Council AK, WA, OR
 605 W. Fourth Ave. #306
 Anchorage, AK 99501
 (907) 271-2809/Fax (907) 271-2817
<http://www.fakr.noaa.gov/npfmc>

Western Pacific Council HI, Samoa, Guam, Northern Marianas
 1164 Bishop St. #1400
 Honolulu, HI 96813
 (808) 522-8220/(808) 522-8226
<http://www.wpcouncil.org>