



Protected Resources Committee Meeting Monday, September 20, 2021, 1:00 pm - 3:30 pm

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MEETING OBJECTIVES

The purpose of this meeting is to review scoping materials for phase two of the Atlantic Large Whale Take Reduction Plan (ALWTRP) which focuses on reducing the risk of entanglement to right, humpback, and fin whales in U.S. East Coast gillnet, Atlantic mixed species trap/pot, and Mid-Atlantic lobster and Jonah crab trap/pot fisheries. The measures that will be developed in phase two of this plan have the potential to impact several Council managed fisheries and the Protected Resources Committee will develop recommendations for Council engagement in the scoping process, which extends to October 21, 2021. The Council will consider these recommendations at their October meeting.

MEETING MATERIALS

- ALWTRP update memo from MAFMC staff to Chris Moore for August 2021 Council meeting briefing materials
- NMFS Notice of Intent to prepare an environmental impact statement on Phase 2 Modifications to the ALWTRP
- NMFS Scoping Announcement and Schedule

AGENDA

Times are approximate and may change based on pace of discussion.

1:00 pm - 1:15 pm	Meeting overview <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Welcome and introductions• Review meeting objective
1:15 pm – 1:45 pm	ALWTRP process overview
1:45 pm - 2:30 pm	Review scoping information related to MAFMC fisheries
2:30 pm - 3:30 pm	Discussion and recommendations
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