

Department of Environmental Conservation revised its management plan. The revised Management Plan will replace the plan previously approved in 2009. View the approved Hudson River, NY, National Estuarine Research Reserve Management Plan at [https://coast.noaa.gov/data/docs/nerrs/Reserves\\_HUD\\_MgmtPlan.pdf](https://coast.noaa.gov/data/docs/nerrs/Reserves_HUD_MgmtPlan.pdf).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Nina Garfield of NOAA's Office for Coastal Management, by email at [nina.garfield@noaa.gov](mailto:nina.garfield@noaa.gov), phone at 240-533-0817, or mail at: 1305 NOAA, NOS, OCM, East West Highway, SSMC4, Silver Spring, MD 20919.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Pursuant to 15 CFR 921.33, a state must periodically revise its Reserve management plan, changes to the final management plan may be made only after written approval by NOAA, and NOAA will approve amendments to management plans by notice in the **Federal Register**. On March 6, 2019, NOAA issued a notice in the **Federal Register** announcing a thirty-day public comment period for the Hudson River National Estuarine Research Reserve revised management plan (84 FR 8087). Responses to the written and oral comments received, and an explanation of how comments were incorporated into the final revised plan, are available in Appendix 10 of the revised plan.

The Hudson River National Estuarine Research Reserve has outlined in the revised Management Plan how it will manage administration and its core program providing detailed actions that will enable it to accomplish specific goals and objectives. Since 2009, the Hudson River National Estuarine Research Reserve has provided technical expertise to coastal communities to reduce risks to natural hazards; expanded monitoring programs; installed a sentinel site for monitoring marsh ecosystem responses to sea level rise; conducted training workshops; implemented K-12 and public education programs; installed a water level observation station that is compliant with NOAA's National Water Level Observation Network; restored hydrologic flows at Gays Point in the Stockport Flats component; and established itself as a regional leader in the design and implementation of living shorelines.

The revised Management Plan updates the former plan with accomplishments since 2009, and identifies new priorities that will guide the Hudson River National Estuarine Research Reserve's operations through 2024. Facility priorities include improvements to exhibits and access to

the visitor center; the provision of lodging options for interns, students, and visiting professionals; enhancements to trails; upgraded access for researchers and recreational users at component sites; the assessment of existing and potentially new living shoreline structures at component sites; and the evaluation of facility resilience to climate change. Education priorities include the continuation of teacher training and public outreach offerings; the implementation of distance learning strategies to reach expanded audiences; the inclusion of new topics to the education curriculum including marine debris and microplastics, climate change, estuarine monitoring, and restoration; and the expansion of educational programs to component sites. The Coastal Training Program (CTP) priorities are to continue to address nature-based shoreline conservation efforts and lead a statewide collaboration on living shorelines. The research and monitoring priorities are to conduct research relevant to the Hudson River and broader mid-Atlantic region; continue implementation and analysis of the National Estuarine Research Reserve System Sentinel Site monitoring protocols; and maintain the Hudson River Environmental Conditions Observing System water quality stations and the Turkey Point Tide Station. The stewardship priorities will support restoration efforts identified in the Hudson River Restoration Plan; provide technical assistance to restoration practitioners; control invasive species in the Hudson River National Estuarine Research Reserve habitats; promote fish passage; and acquire remaining holdings in the Hudson River National Estuarine Research Reserve.

NOAA has reviewed the impacts of the revised Management Plan and determined that the revision of the Management Plan will not have a significant effect on the human environment and therefore qualifies for a categorical exclusion under NOAA Administrative Order 216-6.

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

**Notice of Approval: Final Management Plan for the Wells National Estuarine Research Reserve**

**AGENCY:** Office for Coastal Management, National Ocean Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of approval of the final management plan for the Wells National Estuarine Research Reserve.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that the Office for Coastal Management, National Ocean Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, approves the revised management plan for the Wells National Estuarine Research Reserve in Wells, Maine. In accordance with applicable federal regulations, the revised management plan will replace the plan previously approved in 2013. View the approved management plan at [https://www.wellsreserve.org/writable/files/WellsNERR\\_ManagementPlan\\_2019-2024.pdf](https://www.wellsreserve.org/writable/files/WellsNERR_ManagementPlan_2019-2024.pdf).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Adrienne Harrison of NOAA's Office for Coastal Management, by email at [Adrienne.Harrison@noaa.gov](mailto:Adrienne.Harrison@noaa.gov), phone at 603-862-4272, or mail at: University of New Hampshire Gregg Hall Suite 148, 35 Colovos Rd, Durham NH 03824.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Pursuant to 15 CFR 921.33, a state must periodically revise its research reserve's management plan. Changes may be made only after written approval by NOAA; NOAA will approve amendments to management plans by notice in the **Federal Register**.

On July 23, 2019, NOAA issued a notice in the **Federal Register** announcing a thirty day public comment period for the revised management plan for the Wells Research Reserve. (84.141 FR page 35375). Responses to the written and oral comments, and an explanation of how comments were incorporated into the final revised plan, are available in appendix C of the revised plan. The Wells Research Reserve outlined how it will manage administration of its core program, and provided details regarding steps to be taken to enable the reserve to accomplish specific goals and objectives. Since December 2013, the reserve has implemented its core and system-wide programs; secured science, education, and conservation grants to

serve southern Maine communities; made significant repairs and improvements to buildings including the installation of solar arrays to generate electricity; renovated the water tower; designed and installed climate change exhibit components in the visitor center; added a fully accessible trail at Wells Harbor; restored riverine and fisheries habitats in southern Maine watersheds; and helped partners acquire priority conservation lands. The revised management plan will serve as the guiding document for the 2,250-acre research reserve for the next five years.

NOAA has reviewed the impacts of the revised management plan and determined the revisions will not have a significant effect on the human environment and therefore qualifies for a categorical exclusion under NOAA Administrative Order 216-6A.

(Authority: 16 U.S.C. 1431 *et seq.*)

**Keelin S. Kuipers,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

#### Approval of a Boundary Expansion for the Guana Tolomato Matanzas National Estuarine Research Reserve

**AGENCY:** Office for Coastal Management, National Ocean Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of approval of boundary expansion and availability of a final environmental assessment; finding of no significant impact.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with applicable federal regulations, notice is hereby given that NOAA's Office for Coastal Management approved the final environmental assessment of a proposed boundary expansion for the Guana Tolomato Matanzas (GTM) National Estuarine Research Reserve in Florida. NOAA determined that the boundary expansion would not have significant environmental impacts and, therefore, issued a finding of no significant impact (FONSI). The final environmental assessment describes the alternatives considered, including the preferred alternative to add three parcels to the existing approved boundary, which would result in a net increase in size of

3,346.44 acres to the boundary. NOAA prepared a draft environmental assessment to analyze the effects of the requested expansion and solicited public comment before approving the request. The purpose of this notice is to inform the public of NOAA's approval of the boundary expansion and of the availability of the final environmental assessment.

**ADDRESSES:** The final environmental assessment and FONSI can be downloaded or viewed at <https://coast.noaa.gov/czm/compliance/>. The document is also available by sending a written request to the point of contact identified below.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Stephanie Robinson of NOAA's Office for Coastal Management by email at [steph.robinson@noaa.gov](mailto:steph.robinson@noaa.gov), phone at (843) 740-1174, or mail at 2234 South Hobson Avenue, Charleston, SC 29405. (Authority: 16 U.S.C. 1451 *et seq.*)

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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#### New England Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

**AGENCY:** National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice; public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The New England Fishery Management Council (Council) is scheduling a public meeting of its Scallop Committee to consider actions affecting New England fisheries in the exclusive economic zone (EEZ). Recommendations from this group will be brought to the full Council for formal consideration and action, if appropriate.

**DATES:** This meeting will be held on Friday, March 27, 2020 at 8:30 a.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the Hilton Garden Inn, 100 Boardman Street, Boston, MA 02128; telephone: (617) 567-6789.

*Council address:* New England Fishery Management Council, 50 Water Street, Mill 2, Newburyport, MA 01950.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Thomas A. Nies, Executive Director,

New England Fishery Management Council; telephone: (978) 465-0492.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Agenda**

The Scallop Committee will receive an update on Framework Adjustment 32 submission and rulemaking. The committee will also work to finalize the range of alternatives in Amendment 21. The Council has identified three specific issues to address in this action: (1) Measures related to the Northern Gulf of Maine (NGOM) Management Area, (2) Limited Access General Category (LAGC) individual fishing quota (IFQ) possession limits, and (3) ability of Limited Access vessels with LAGC IFQ to transfer quota to LAGC IFQ only vessels. Review the Plan Development Team progress on Committee tasking from the February 27, 2020 meeting. Other business may be discussed as necessary.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in this agenda may come before this group for discussion, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during the meeting. Action will be restricted to those issues specifically listed in this notice and any issues arising after publication of this notice that require emergency action under section 305(c) of the Magnuson-Stevens Act, provided the public has been notified of the Council's intent to take final action to address the emergency.

**Special Accommodations**

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Thomas A. Nies, Executive Director, at (978) 465-0492, at least 5 days prior to the meeting date. Consistent with 16 U.S.C. 1852, a copy of the recording is available upon request.

**Authority:** 16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*

Dated: March 4, 2020.

**Tracey L. Thompson,**

*Acting Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Department of the Air Force

#### Notice of Federal Advisory Committee Meeting

**AGENCY:** U.S. Air Force Scientific Advisory Board, Department of the Air Force, Department of Defense.