



NOAA Fisheries To Hold Scoping Webinar For CT Gillnet and Trap/Pot Fisheries

NOAA Fisheries is proposing to modify the Atlantic Large Whale Take Reduction Plan (ALWTRP) to reduce the incidental mortality and serious injury to North Atlantic right whales, fin whales and humpback whales in U.S. East Coast gillnet, Atlantic mixed species trap/pot and Mid-Atlantic lobster and Jonah crab trap/pot fisheries to meet the goals of the Marine Mammal Protection Act and the Endangered Species Act.

NOAA Fisheries is requesting input and ideas for Phase 2 of their efforts to reduce the risk of entanglement to right, humpback, and fin whales in U.S. commercial fisheries managed under the ALWTRP. Stakeholders can participate by attending virtual meetings, calling in by phone on certain days, or sending written comments by email. Scoping meetings begin September 9, 2021 and run through October 21, 2021.

A webinar for Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York and New Jersey trap/pot fisheries has been scheduled for **Tuesday, September 14, 2021, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.**

A webinar for Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York and New Jersey gillnet fisheries has been scheduled for **Thursday, September 23, 2021, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.**

Please follow this link [to the NOAA Fisheries events page](#) to register for these webinars.

Additional information regarding Phase 2 of the Atlantic Large Whale Take Reduction Plan modifications can be found using this link: [Phase 2 of Atlantic Large Whale Take Reduction Plan Modifications \(govdelivery.com\)](#).

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