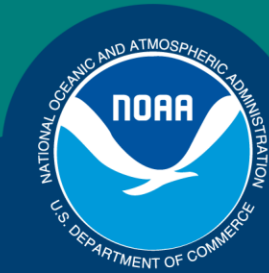


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## **National Standard 10 - UPDATE**

**Commercial Fishing Safety Advisory  
Committee Meeting  
Seattle, WA**

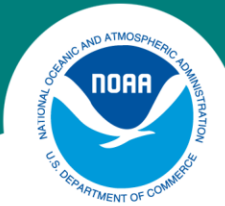
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## **National Standard 10 (NS10)**

- NS10: “Conservation and management measures shall, to the extent practicable, promote the safety of human life at sea.” (MSA section 301(a))
- NS10 was added to the Magnuson-Stevens Act in 1996.
- NOAA Fisheries Service published NS10 Guidelines in 1998. (50 CFR 600.355)



## **National Standard 10 – Advance Notice of Proposed Rulemaking**

- Published Advance Notice of Proposed Rulemaking on April 21, 2011 (76 FR 22342).
- 90 day public comment period ending July 20, 2011.
- Held 5 public meetings.
  - Silver Spring, MD
  - Joint Session of Gulf of Mexico and South Atlantic Fishery Management Council, Key West, FL
  - Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council, Port Jefferson, NY
  - New England Fishery Management Council, Portland, ME
  - Swedish Cultural Center, Seattle, WA



## **National Standard 10 – Advance Notice of Proposed Rulemaking**

- Received:
  - 36 oral comments
  - 33 written comments
- Comments can be viewed on the Federal e-rulemaking portal: [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov).
- To view the comments, enter "NOAA-NMFS-2011-0068" in the box that reads "Enter keyword or ID"
- [http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/sfa/domes\\_fish/fisheries\\_news.htm](http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/sfa/domes_fish/fisheries_news.htm)



## **Advance Notice of Proposed Rulemaking - comments**

Most commenters focused on the 8 issues identified in the ANPR and expressed support for incorporating guidance on those issues within the NS10 guidelines.

1. Assembling fatality, injury, and vessel loss information
2. Developing fatality, injury, and vessel loss rates
3. Evaluating safety risks in fisheries
4. Safety considerations and mitigation measures
5. Safety issues in recreational fisheries
6. Consultation/safety committee
7. Stock Assessment and Fishery Evaluation Reports (SAFE)
8. Fishery impact statements



## **Some Concerns/Themes**

- Safety data
- Safety committees
- Catch share programs
- Improve communication
- Recreational fisheries
- Fishery management practices that may compromise safety
  - “Management regimes that do not allow for timely and temporary closure of fisheries.”



## **National Standard 10 – Next Steps**

- Consider the comments as we draft proposed revisions to the NS10 guidelines.
- Plan to publish a proposed rule to revise the NS10 guidelines and will hold another public comment period.



**Questions?**