
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

**National Oceanic and Atmospheric
Administration**

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**Designated Critical Habitat; Northern
Right Whale**

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries
Service (NMFS), NOAA, Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of public hearings on a
proposal to designate critical habitat for
the Northern Right Whale and extension
of the comment period.

SUMMARY: On May 19, 1993 (58 FR
29186), NMFS proposed regulations to
designate critical habitat for the
northern right whale. The areas
proposed for designation are portions of
Cape Cod Bay, Stellwagen Bank and
waters adjacent to the coasts of Georgia
and Florida.

NMFS has scheduled public hearings on the proposal. Anyone wishing to make a presentation at a public hearing should register upon arrival and be prepared to provide a written copy of their testimony at the time of presentation. Depending on the number of persons wishing to speak a time limit may be imposed.

DATES: A public hearing is scheduled for August 24, 1993, beginning at 2 p.m. until all comments have been heard, at the Canaveral Port Authority, 200 George King Boulevard, Port Canaveral, Florida. Another public hearing is scheduled for August 25, 1993 beginning at 7 p.m. until all comments have been heard, at the Georgia Department of Natural Resources, 1 Conservation Way, Brunswick, Georgia.

The comment period on this proposed action is extended to August 31, 1993, to allow commenters the opportunity to respond to concerns voiced at the public hearings.

ADDRESSES: Send written comments to Dr. William W. Fox, Jr., Director, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service, 1335 East-West Highway, suite 8268, Silver Spring, MD 20910.

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