**U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration – National Marine Fisheries Service**

 **August 29, 2023 – Joint Virtual Public Meeting and Hearing**

**Proposed Critical Habitat for the Green Sea Turtle**

**Registration Information**

**Information on Attending the August 29, 2023 Virtual Public Meeting and Hearing**

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration – National Marine Fisheries Service (NOAA Fisheries) have scheduled a virtual public information meeting and hearing on August 29th, 2023, from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. Eastern Time to present information and receive testimony on the proposal to designate terrestrial and marine critical habitat for the green sea turtle. The virtual public meeting will begin with presentations and provide time for questions and answers with agency representatives. A public hearing will follow where formal verbal testimony will be taken for the record.

The virtual meeting and hearing will be held virtually via the Zoom online platform so that participants can attend remotely. The meeting will include live Spanish translation services. Instructions for how to use the translation feature will be provided during the meeting.

During the virtual meeting and hearing, attendees can join by computer or phone. The virtual public meeting will start with two presentations, one provided by USFWS and one provided by NOAA Fisheries. The presentations will be followed by an opportunity for attendees to ask questions and attend a live public testimony period during which the public can provide verbal comments. In addition, public comments can be submitted at <https://www.regulations.gov/>; enter docket #FWS-R4-ES-2022-0164.

We recommend that members of the public log into the Zoom meeting platform 5 minutes prior to the beginning of the meeting and hearing to ensure that they can connect. If using the phone-only option, participants will be able to listen to the virtual public meeting and hearing, but they will not be able to view the presentations. Instructions will be given regarding how participants can provide their questions during the meeting.

\*For security purposes, registration is required. To listen and view the meeting via Zoom, listen to the meeting by telephone, or provide questions during the meeting by Zoom or telephone, you must register.

\*Interested members of the public not familiar with the Zoom platform should view the Zoom video tutorials ([https://support.zoom.us/​hc/​en-us/​articles/​206618765-Zoom-video-tutorials](https://support.zoom.us/hc/en-us/articles/206618765-Zoom-video-tutorials)) prior to the public meeting.

\*If you have technical difficulties registering for the meeting or joining the meeting on August 29th, please email megan.stone@empsi.com.

**Instructions for Attending the Virtual Public Meeting and Hearing:**

***For Participants Joining by Zoom Web Platform or Zoom App:***

1. Please pre-register using the link provided below.

<https://empsi.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_oc_6IbvpSfuBtks71hfkUA#/registration>

2. After registration, participants will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting and hearing.

3. On the day of the meeting and hearing, please join using the information contained in your confirmation email.

***For Participants Joining by Phone:***

1. Register for the meeting and hearing (see above). On the day of your meeting and hearing, call in using one of the toll-free phone numbers listed below. You will be prompted to enter your Webinar ID. Enter your Webinar ID from your confirmation email and press the # key.

2. You will then be prompted: “Enter your Participant ID followed by #. Otherwise just press #.” Phone-only participants will not receive an individualized Participant ID, so just press the # key.

3. You will then be prompted: “Enter your Password followed by #. Otherwise just press #.” Enter the Passcode from your confirmation email and press the # key.

4. You will be directly joined to the meeting and hearing. If the meeting has not started, you will be on hold until it begins.

Call-in Numbers(for higher quality, dial a number based on your current location):

* US: +1 720 707 2699 or +1 253 215 8782 or +1 346 248 7799 or +1 646 558 8656 or +1 301 715 8592 or +1 312 626 6799
* International numbers available: [Zoom International Dial-in Numbers - Zoom](https://empsi.zoom.us/zoomconference?m=ODQ1NzE0OTkwOTg.xKbS9gFStmdwOa1x6ns2zpg9223AOBLU&_x_zm_rtaid=untAmOFeTUqZpcd6fLayCQ.1635435354872.0a3aa4cba10c63102883cf791ebe1ab9&_x_zm_rhtaid=922)

**Reasonable Accommodations**

The USFWS and NOAA Fisheries are committed to providing access to the virtual public meeting and hearing for all participants. Closed captioning will be available during the public meeting and hearing. Further, a full audio and video recording and transcript of the public meeting and hearing will be posted online at https://www.fws.gov/office/florida-ecological-services/library/green-sea-turtle after the meeting and hearing. Participants will also have access to live audio during the public meeting and hearing via their telephone or computer speakers.