

NOAA Fisheries announces our intent to conduct a 5-year review for the threatened Gulf of Maine distinct population segment (DPS) of Atlantic sturgeon (*Acipenser oxyrinchus oxyrinchus*), the endangered New York Bight DPS of Atlantic sturgeon, the endangered Chesapeake Bay DPS of Atlantic sturgeon, the endangered Carolina DPS of Atlantic sturgeon and the endangered South Atlantic DPS of Atlantic sturgeon under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (ESA).

The ESA requires us to conduct 5-year reviews to ensure that the listing classification of the species remains accurate. The 5-year review must be based on the best scientific and commercial data available at the time of the review.

We are requesting submission of such information on the status of each DPS, particularly information on population trends, distribution, abundance, habitat amount and suitability, threats, and conservation measures for any DPS that has become available since their original listings under the ESA in 2012. Based on the results of this 5-year review, we will make the requisite findings, and follow the steps established for making any changes, as described under the ESA.

Please submit your information via our online portal at [Regulations.gov](https://www.regulations.gov) or by mailing it to Lynn Lankshear, NOAA Fisheries, Greater Atlantic Region Fisheries Office, [55 Great Republic Drive, Gloucester, MA 01930](#) or Andrew Herndon, NOAA Fisheries, Southeast Regional Office, [263 13th Avenue South, Saint Petersburg, FL 33701](#).

The notice is available in the *Federal Register* at 83 FR 11731, March 16, 2018.