



Butterflyfish schooling at Geyer Bank



Deepwater corals and fish at McGrail Bank



Evidence of excavation efforts at Bright Bank



Sponge dominated habitat at MacNeil Bank

Public Meetings for Proposed Expansion of Flower Garden Banks National Marine Sanctuary

Accepting Comments

In June 2016, NOAA's Office of National Marine Sanctuaries released a Draft Environmental Impact Statement for expansion of Flower Garden Banks National Marine Sanctuary.

Five public meetings are planned for people to learn more about the proposal and submit comments:

Meetings

Galveston, TX – July 12

5:30-7:30 pm
Flower Garden Banks NMS Office
4700 Avenue U, Building 216
Galveston, TX 77551

Lafayette, LA – July 21

5:30-7:30 pm
Estuarine Habitats & Coastal
Fisheries Center
646 Cajundome Boulevard
Lafayette, LA 70506

Houston, TX – July 13

5:30-7:30 pm
Trini Mendenhall Community Center
1414 Wirt Road
Houston, TX 77055

New Orleans, LA – July 19

5:30-7:30 pm
Hilton New Orleans Airport
Segnette Room
901 Airline Drive
Kenner, LA 70062

Mobile, AL – July 20

5:30-7:30 pm
Five Rivers Delta Center
30945 Five Rivers Boulevard
Spanish Fort, AL 36527

Submit Comments Online:

Comments may also be submitted through the Federal eRulemaking Portal at <http://www.regulations.gov> under Docket Number NOAA-NOS-2016-0059

Submit Comments By Mail:

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For More Information:

<http://flowergarden.noaa.gov/management/expansiondeis.html>

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