

action qualifies to be categorically excluded from further NEPA review.

Endangered Species Act

Section 7(a)(2) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*) requires that each Federal agency insure that any action it authorizes, funds, or carries out is not likely to jeopardize the continued existence of any endangered or threatened species or result in the destruction or adverse modification of designated critical habitat. To ensure ESA compliance for the issuance of IHAs, NMFS consults internally, in this case with the NMFS Greater Atlantic Regional Fisheries Office (GARFO), whenever we propose to authorize take for endangered or threatened species.

The NMFS Office of Protected Resources is authorizing the incidental take of four species of marine mammals which are listed under the ESA: Fin, sei, sperm, and North Atlantic right whales. We requested initiation of consultation under section 7 of the ESA with NMFS GARFO on March 5, 2021, for the issuance of this IHA. On April 2, 2021, NMFS GARFO concurred with our determination that our issuance of the IHA to Skipjack is not likely to adversely affect the North Atlantic right, fin, sei, and sperm whale or the critical habitat of any ESA-listed species or result in the take of any marine mammals in violation of the ESA.

Authorization

NMFS has issued an IHA to Skipjack for the potential harassment of small numbers of 16 marine mammal species incidental to the conducting marine site characterization surveys offshore of Delaware in the area of the Commercial Lease of Submerged Lands for Renewable Energy Development on the Outer Continental Shelf (OCS-A 0519) and along potential submarine cable routes to a landfall location in Delaware provided the previously mentioned mitigation, monitoring and reporting requirements are followed.

Dated: April 6, 2021.

Catherine Marzin,

*Acting Director, Office of Protected Resources,
National Marine Fisheries Service.*

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[RTID 0648-XB013]

New England Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: The New England Fishery Management Council's is convening an ad-hoc social science sub-panel of its Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) via webinar to conduct a peer review of Northeast Multispecies and Atlantic Scallops Specifications via webinar to consider actions affecting New England fisheries in the exclusive economic zone (EEZ).

Recommendations from this group will be brought to the full Council for formal consideration and action, if appropriate.

DATES: This webinar will be held on Wednesday, April 28, 2021, beginning at 9 a.m. Webinar registration URL information: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/4051555626669408784>. Call in information: Phone: +1 (914) 614-3221; Access Code: 429-619-243.

ADDRESSES:
Council address: New England Fishery Management Council, 50 Water Street, Mill 2, Newburyport, MA 01950.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Thomas A. Nies, Executive Director, New England Fishery Management Council; telephone: (978) 465-0492.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:
Agenda
The SSC Social Science Subpanel will meet to receive presentations on Groundfish Framework Adjustment 59 and Scallop Framework Adjustment 32 social and economic impact analyses. The presentations and discussion will be part of the Subpanel's review of social and economic impact analyses for Council actions that adjust fishery specifications. There will be opportunities for public input and comment.

Although non-emergency issues not contained on the agenda may come before this Council for discussion, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during this meeting. Council action will be restricted to those issues specifically listed in this notice and any issues arising after publication of this notice that require emergency action

under section 305(c) of the Magnuson-Stevens Act, provided the public has been notified of the Council's intent to take final action to address the emergency. The public also should be aware that the meeting will be recorded. Consistent with 16 U.S.C. 1852, a copy of the recording is available upon request.

Special Accommodations

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Thomas A. Nies, Executive Director, at (978) 465-0492, at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

Authority: 16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*

Dated: April 7, 2021.

Tracey L. Thompson,

Acting Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[RTID 0648-XA984]

Caribbean Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: The Caribbean Fishery Management Council (CFMC) will hold the 173rd public meeting (virtual) to address the items contained in the tentative agenda included in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION.**

DATES: The 173rd CFMC public meeting (virtual) will be held on April 27, 2021, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and on April 28, 2021, from 8:45 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The meeting will be at AST (U.S. Caribbean time, presently same as EST).

ADDRESSES: You may join the 173rd CFMC public meeting (virtual) via Zoom, from a computer, tablet or smartphone by entering the following address:

Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83060685915?pwd=VmVsc1orSUtKck8xYk1XOXNDY1ErZz09>

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In case there are problems and we cannot reconnect via Zoom, the meeting will continue using GoToMeeting.

You can join the meeting from your computer, tablet or smartphone. <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/971749317>. You can also dial in using your phone. United States: +1 (408)

650-3123 Access Code: 971-749-317.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Miguel A. Rolón, Executive Director, Caribbean Fishery Management Council, 270 Muñoz Rivera Avenue, Suite 401, San Juan, Puerto Rico 00918-1903, telephone: (787) 398-3717.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The following items included in the tentative agenda will be discussed:

April 27, 2021

9 a.m.–10 a.m.

—Call to Order

—Roll Call

—Adoption of Agenda

—Consideration of 172nd Council

Meeting Verbatim Transcriptions

—Executive Director's Report

—Southeast Data, Assessment, and Review (SEDAR) Update

—Southeast Fisheries Science Center (SEFSC) Update

10 a.m.–11 a.m. (15 Minutes Each Presentation)

—Scientific and Statistic Committee (SSC) Report—Richard Appeldoorn, SSC Chair

—Ecosystem-Based Fisheries Management Technical Advisory Panel (EBFMTAP) Report—Sennai Habtes, EBFMTAP Chair

—Puerto Rico Port Sampling and Catch Validation Project (August 2017–December 2019) Report—Todd Gedamke, MER Consultants, LLC

—Presentation on Regional Electronic Technologies Plan: 2020–2024—Jessica Stephen, SERO/NOAA Fisheries

11 a.m.–11:30 a.m.

—Evaluation of Marine Reserves in the U.S. Caribbean—Diana Beltrán, CFMC Contractor

11:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

—Island-Based Fishery Management Plans (IBFMP) Proposed Rule Status—María López-Mercer, SERO/NOAA Fisheries

—Modification to the Buoy Gear Definition for the Harvest of Managed Reef Fish, Draft Gear Amendment I to the IBFMPs—María López-Mercer, SERO/NOAA Fisheries

—Modification of Spiny Lobster Reference Points Based on Southeast Data, Assessment, and Review (SEDAR) 57 Stock Assessment, Draft Amendment Revisions—Sara Stephenson, SERO/NOAA Fisheries

12:30 p.m.–1:30 p.m.

—Lunch

1:30 p.m.–2:30 p.m.

CFMC 5-Year Strategic Plan—Michelle Duval, CFMC Contractor

2:30 p.m.–3 p.m.

—DAP Reports (10 minutes each)

—St. Thomas/St. John—Julian Magras, Chair

—Puerto Rico—Nelson Crespo, Chair

—St. Croix—Edward Schuster, Chair

3 p.m.–4 p.m.

—Listening Session of President Biden's E.O. Titled the Climate Crisis at Home and Abroad: E.O. 14008 Section 216(c)—Paul Doremus, NOAA Fisheries

4 p.m.–4:15 p.m.

—Public Comment Period (5 minutes each)

4:30 p.m.–5 p.m.

—Closed Session

—SSC and Panels Membership

April 28, 2021

8:45 a.m.–9 a.m.

—Call to Order

—Roll Call

—SSC and Panels Appointments

9 a.m.–9:30 a.m.

—Overview of the Aquaculture Opportunity Areas Initiative—Jess Beck-Stimpert, SERO/NOAA Fisheries

9:30 a.m.–9:45 a.m.

—Aquaculture Project, Parcelas Suárez, Loiza—David Miranda

9:45 a.m.–10:15 a.m.

—Outreach and Education Advisory Panel Report—Alida Ortíz, Chair

—St. Thomas/St. John Initiative

—Social Network Report—Cristina Olán, CFMC Contractor

10:15 a.m.–10:45 a.m.

—CFMC Liaison Officers Report (10 minutes each)

—St. Thomas/St. John, USVI—Nicole Greaux, Liaison Officer STT/SJ

—St. Croix, USVI—Nikita Charles, Liaison Officer STX

—Puerto Rico—Wilson Santiago, Liaison Officer PR

10:45 a.m.–11 a.m.

—Nassau Grouper Critical Habitat Designation—Jennifer Lee, SERO/NOAA Fisheries

—Queen Conch Status Review Update—Jennifer Lee, SERO/NOAA Fisheries

11 a.m.–11:30 a.m.

—Puerto Rico Coral Reef Monitoring Program and Visualization in Marine Biodiversity Observation Network—Miguel Figuerola, Coral Reef Specialist, DNER and Caricoos Contractor and Jorge R. García-Sais, Reef Research Inc., DNER Contractor

11:30 a.m.–12 p.m.

—USVI Compatible Regulations with Federal Waters—Carlos Farchette, CFMC Member

—Recreational Fishing License Program for the USVI

—Puerto Rico Electronic Data Reporting—Damaris Delgado, DNER

12 p.m.–1 p.m.

—Lunch

1 p.m.–2 p.m.

—Enforcement Reports (15 minutes each):

—Puerto Rico—DNER

—USVI—DPNR

—U.S. Coast Guard

—NOAA Fisheries/OLE

2 p.m.–3 p.m.

—Other Business

3 p.m.–3:30 p.m.

—Public Comment Period (5 minutes each)

—Next Council Meetings

—Adjourn

Note (1): Other than starting time and dates of the meetings, the established times for addressing items on the agenda may be adjusted as necessary to accommodate the timely completion of discussion relevant to the agenda items. To further accommodate discussion and completion of all items on the agenda, the meeting may be extended from, or completed prior to the date established in this notice. Changes in the agenda will be posted to the CFMC website, Facebook, Twitter and Instagram as practicable.

Note (2): Financial disclosure forms are available for inspection at this meeting, as per 50 CFR part 601.

The order of business may be adjusted as necessary to accommodate the

completion of agenda items. The meeting will begin on April 27, 2021, at 9 a.m. AST, and will end on April 28, 2021, at 3:30 p.m. AST. Other than the start time on the first day of the meeting, interested parties should be aware that discussions may start earlier or later than indicated in the agenda, at the discretion of the Chair.

Special Accommodations

Simultaneous interpretation will be provided.

Se proveerá interpretación en español. Para interpretación en español puede marcar el siguiente número para entrar a la reunión:

US/Canadá: llame al +1-888-947-3988, cuando el sistema conteste, entrar el número 1*9999996#.

For English interpretation you may dial the following number to enter the meeting:

US/Canada: call +1-888-947-3988, when the system answers enter the number 2*9999996#.

For any additional information on this public virtual meeting, please contact Diana Martino, Caribbean Fishery Management Council, 270 Muñoz Rivera Avenue, Suite 401, San Juan, Puerto Rico, 00918-1903, telephone: (787) 226-8849.

Authority: 16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*

Dated: April 7, 2021.

Tracey L. Thompson,

Acting Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[RTID 0648-XA973]

Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Notice; public meeting.

SUMMARY: The Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council's (MAFMC) Bluefish Advisory Panel will hold a public meeting, jointly with the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission (ASMFC) Bluefish Advisory Panel.

DATES: The meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 27, 2021, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. For agenda details, see

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held via webinar with a telephone-only

connection option. Details on the proposed agenda, webinar listen-in access, and briefing materials will be posted at the MAFMC's website: www.mafmc.org.

Council address: Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council, 800 N. State Street, Suite 201, Dover, DE 19901; telephone: (302) 674-2331 or on their website at www.mafmc.org.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Christopher M. Moore, Ph.D., Executive Director, Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council, telephone: (302) 526-5255.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the bluefish allocation and rebuilding amendment and public hearing document. The public comment period will remain open until April 23, 2021. At this meeting, we will recruit feedback from the advisors on the proposed alternatives. This feedback, in conjunction with the public comments will be incorporated into the public comment summary document to be presented to the Council during final action in June.

Special Accommodations

The meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aid should be directed to K. Collins, (302) 526-5253, at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

Authority: 16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*

Dated: April 7, 2021.

Tracey L. Thompson,

Acting Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[RTID 0648-XA998]

Pacific Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of a public online workshop.

SUMMARY: The Pacific Sablefish Transboundary Assessment Team (PSTAT), in collaboration with the Northwest Fisheries Science Center (NWFSC), Alaska Fisheries Science Center (AFSC), Department of Fisheries

and Oceans (DFO), Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G), Pacific Fishery Management Council (PFMC), and North Pacific Fishery Management Council (NPFMC), is holding a public workshop to solicit feedback on the ongoing range-wide sablefish management strategy evaluation (MSE). The Sablefish MSE Workshop is open to the public.

DATES: The Sablefish MSE Workshop will be held Tuesday, April 27, 2021 through Wednesday, April 28, 2021 beginning at 1:30 p.m. Pacific Daylight Time (PDT) and ending at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, reconvening at 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday and ending at 5 p.m. or when business for the workshop has been completed.

ADDRESSES: The Sablefish MSE Workshop will be an online meeting. Specific meeting information, including directions on how to join the meeting and system requirements will be provided at <https://www.pacificsablefishscience.org/>. You may send an email to Mr. Kris Kleinschmidt (kris.kleinschmidt@noaa.gov) or contact him at (503) 820-2412 for technical assistance.

Council address: Pacific Fishery Management Council, 7700 NE Ambassador Place, Suite 101, Portland, OR 97220.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Melissa Haltuch, NMFS Northwest Fisheries Science Center, (206) 860-3480; Ms. Kari Fenske, Alaska Fisheries Science Center, (907) 789-6653; Mr. Chris Lunsford, Alaska Fisheries Science Center, (907) 789-6008; Dr. Brendan Connors, Department of Fisheries and Oceans Canada, (250) 858-7028; Dr. Diana Stram, North Pacific Fishery Management Council, (907) 271-2806; or Mr. John DeVore, Pacific Fishery Management Council, (503) 820-2413.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of the Sablefish MSE Workshop is to engage fishery stakeholders, Alaska Native and Tribal governments, First Nations, scientists, managers, and non-governmental organization (NGO) staff from each region during this two-day workshop that will foster discussions among regions about sablefish science and management. The workshop will introduce the basic premise, goals, and utility of an MSE and participants' roles in the process. The successful sablefish MSE experience from British Columbia will be introduced, along with the range of time horizons for incorporating stakeholder input into this Sablefish MSE. Then the Operating Model (OM) structure and justification for focusing on the entire NE Pacific, rather than the