

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

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South Atlantic Fishery Management Council; Public Meetings

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

ACTION: Notice of public meetings.

SUMMARY: The South Atlantic Fishery Management Council (Council) will hold six in-person port meetings to gather input on Atlantic king mackerel and Atlantic Spanish mackerel as managed by the Fishery Management Plan for Coastal Migratory Pelagic Resources in the Gulf of Mexico and Atlantic Region.

DATES: The port meetings will take place September 30, 2024–October 8, 2024. The port meetings will begin at 6 p.m., local time. For specific dates and times, see **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

ADDRESSES:

Council address: South Atlantic Fishery Management Council, 4055 Faber Place Drive, Suite 201, N Charleston, SC 29405.

Meeting addresses: The port meetings will be held in Saint Augustine, FL; Cocoa Beach, FL; Stuart, FL; Lake Worth, FL; Murrells Inlet, SC; and Charleston, SC. For specific locations, see **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Christina Wiegand, Fishery Social Scientist, SAFMC; phone: (843) 571-4366 or toll free: (866) SAFMC-10; fax: (843) 769-4520; email: christina.wiegand@safmc.net.

Additional information about the port meetings is available from the Council's website at <https://safmc.net/king-and-spanish-mackerel-port-meetings/>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Council is hosting a series of port meetings along the Atlantic coast throughout 2024 to take a focused look at the Atlantic king mackerel and Atlantic Spanish mackerel fisheries. The agenda for in-person port meetings is as follows: Council staff will briefly introduce port meetings and the Council's goals and objectives. Attendees will then have the opportunity, through a series of discussion-based breakout groups, to provide input on a variety of issues related to the Atlantic king mackerel and Spanish mackerel fisheries including changing environmental conditions, needed management

changes, commercial and recreational fishery dynamics, and the goals and objectives of the Coastal Migratory Pelagics Fishery Management Plan. Information provided during port meetings will be summarized and presented to the Council for use in management decision-making. Additional port meetings will be scheduled along the Atlantic coast throughout the remainder of 2024.

In-Person Locations

- *Monday, September 30, 2024:* Willie Galimore Community Center, 399 Riberia Street, St. Augustine, FL 32084; phone: (904) 825-1004;
- *Tuesday, October 1, 2024:* Cocoa Civic Center, 430 Delannoy Avenue, Cocoa, FL 32922; phone: (321) 639-3500 x4;
- *Wednesday, October 2, 2024:* The Banyan Room (Women's Club of Stuart), 729 SE Ocean Blvd., Stuart, FL 34994; phone: (772) 291-8820;
- *Thursday, October 3, 2024:* Palm Beach County Lantana Road Branch Library, 4020 Lantana Road, Lake Worth, FL 33462; phone: (531) 304-4500;
- *Monday, October 7, 2024:* Murrells Inlet Community Center, 4462 Murrells Inlet Road, Murrells Inlet, SC 29576; phone: (843) 545-3651; and
- *Tuesday, October 8, 2024:* South Carolina Department of Natural Resources Outdoor Classroom, 217 Fort Johnson Road, Charleston, SC 29412; phone: (843) 953-9300.

Special Accommodations

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for auxiliary aid should be directed to the Council office (see **ADDRESSES**) 5 days prior to the meeting.

Note: The times and sequence specified in this agenda are subject to change.

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

Dated: September 10, 2024.

Rey Israel Marquez,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

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North Pacific Fishery Management Council; Public Meetings

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and

Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of hybrid conference.

SUMMARY: The North Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) and its advisory committees will meet September 30, 2024 through October 8, 2024.

DATES: The Council's Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) will begin at 8 a.m. on Monday, September 30, 2024, and continue through Wednesday, October 2, 2024. The Council's Advisory Panel (AP) will begin at 8 a.m. on Tuesday, October 1, 2024, and continue through Friday, October 4, 2024. The Council will begin at 8 a.m. on Thursday, October 3, 2024, and continue through Tuesday, October 8, 2024. The Legislative Committee will meet Wednesday, October 2, 2024, from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the North Pacific Fishery Management Council's Conference Room; 1007 W 3rd Ave., Suite 400, Anchorage, AK 99501-2252. All times listed are Alaska Time.

ADDRESSES: The meetings will be a hybrid conference. The in-person component of the meeting will be held at the Egan Center, 555 W 5th Ave., Anchorage, AK 99501, or join the meeting online through the links at <https://www.npfmc.org/current-or-next-council-meeting/>.

Council address: North Pacific Fishery Management Council, 1007 W 3rd Ave., Suite 400, Anchorage, AK 99501-2252; telephone: (907) 271-2809. Instructions for attending the meeting via web conference are given under Connection Information, below.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Diana Evans, Council staff; email: diana.evans@noaa.gov; telephone: (907) 271-2809. For technical support, please contact our Council administrative staff, email: npfmc.admin@noaa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**Agenda**

Monday, September 30, 2024 Through Wednesday, October 2, 2024

The SSC agenda will include the following issues:

1. Administrative Issues
2. Bering Sea Aleutian Islands (BSAI) Crab Specifications—review Stock Assessment and Fishery Evaluation (SAFE) report; adopt Acceptable Biological Catch (ABC)/Over Fishing Limits (OFLs) for Bristol Bay red king crab (BBRKC), Tanner crab, snow crab, St. Matthew Blue King Crab (SMBKC); Ecosystem Status Report; BSAI Crab Plan Team Report

3. Groundfish harvest specifications: (a) BSAI Groundfish—Proposed specifications, Joint and BSAI Plan Team reports; (b) Gulf of Alaska (GOA) Groundfish—Proposed specifications, GOA Plan Team report; (c) Ecological and Socioeconomic Profile (ESP) updates for sablefish
 4. Crew data collection—Initial review
 5. Climate funding: review: (a) Climate Scenario Workshop Report, (b) Climate science and harvest specifications adjustments discussion paper/SCS8 report
 6. IFQ Program Review Report—review (T)
 7. AFSC Report (T)
- The agenda is subject to change, and the latest version will be posted at <https://meetings.npfmc.org/Meeting/Details/3054> prior to the meeting, along with meeting materials.
- In addition to providing ongoing scientific advice for fishery management decisions, the SSC functions as the Council's primary peer review panel for scientific information, as described by the Magnuson-Stevens Act section 302(g)(1)(e), and the National Standard 2 guidelines (78 FR 43066). The peer-review process is also deemed to satisfy the requirements of the Information Quality Act, including the OMB Peer Review Bulletin guidelines.

Wednesday, October 2, 2024

Legislative Committee Agenda:
The Legislative Committee agenda will include approval of a terms of reference, a review of recently introduced federal legislation regarding fisheries management, and an evaluation of potential impacts of legislation on the Council's ability to perform the functions specified in its grant, fulfill its responsibilities under the MSA, or affect the Council's ability to conserve and manage marine resources and resource users. The agenda is subject to change, and the latest version will be posted at <https://meetings.npfmc.org/Meeting/Details/3052> prior to the meeting, along with meeting materials.

Tuesday, October 1, 2024 Through Friday, October 4, 2024

The Advisory Panel agenda will include the following issues:

1. Administrative Issues
2. Crew data collection—Initial review
3. BSAI Crab Specifications—review SAFE report; adopt ABC/OFLs for BBRKC, Tanner crab, snow crab, SMBKC; Ecosystem Status Report; BSAI Crab Plan Team Report
4. Pelagic trawl gear definition—Initial review
5. Observer 2025 Annual Deployment Plan—Review; Partial Coverage Fishery Monitoring Advisory Committee (PCFMAC) report
6. Observer availability discussion paper—review, Fishery Monitoring Advisory Committee (FMAC) report
7. Groundfish harvest specifications: (a) BSAI Groundfish—Proposed specifications, Joint and BSAI Plan Team reports; (b) GOA Groundfish—Proposed specifications, GOA Plan Team report; (c) Discard Mortality Rate (DMR) Working Group report on marine mammal interactions; (d) GOA rockfish spatial management—Discussion paper
8. Climate funding: review (a) Climate Scenario Workshop Report, (b) Climate science and harvest specifications adjustments discussion paper/SCS8 report BSAI Crab Program Review—review workplan
9. Individual Fishing Quota (IFQ) Program Review Report—review, IFQ Committee report
10. Staff Tasking

Thursday, October 3, 2024 Through Tuesday, October 8, 2024

The Council agenda will include the following issues. The Council may take appropriate action on any of the issues identified.

1. Swear in new members, election of officers
2. B Reports (Executive Director including Legislative Committee report, NMFS Management (including consultation on an exempted fishing permit for adjusting the pelagic trawl footrope), NOAA General Counsel (GC), Alaska Fishery Science Center (AFSC), Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G), United States Coast Guard (USCG), United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), Advisory Panel, SSC report)
3. BSAI Crab Specifications—review SAFE report; adopt ABC/OFLs for BBRKC, Tanner crab, snow crab, SMBKC; Ecosystem Status Report; BSAI Crab Plan Team Report
4. Recreational Quota Entity implementation—approve proposed modifications to fee collection process
5. Groundfish harvest specifications: (a) BSAI Groundfish—Proposed specifications, Joint and BSAI Plan Team reports; (b) GOA Groundfish—Proposed specifications, GOA Plan Team report; (c) DMR Working Group report on marine mammal interactions; (d) GOA rockfish

6. Observer 2025 Annual Deployment Plan—Review; PCFMAC report
7. Observer availability discussion paper—review, FMAC report
8. C5 Crew data collection—Initial review
9. Pelagic trawl gear definition—Initial review
10. Climate funding: review (a) Climate Scenario Workshop Report, (b) Climate science and harvest specifications adjustments discussion paper/SCS8 report
11. IFQ Program Review Report—review, IFQ Committee report
12. Staff Tasking (including programmatic/chum bycatch engagement discussion)

Connection Information

You can attend the meeting online using a computer, tablet, or smart phone; or by phone only. Connection information will be posted online at: <https://www.npfmc.org/upcoming-council-meetings>. For technical support, please contact our administrative staff, email: npfmc.admin@noaa.gov.

If you are attending the meeting in-person, please refer to the COVID avoidance protocols on our website, <https://www.npfmc.org/current-or-next-council-meeting/>.

Public Comment

Public comment letters will be accepted and should be submitted electronically through the links at <https://www.npfmc.org/current-or-next-council-meeting/>. The Council strongly encourages written public comment for this meeting, to avoid any potential for technical difficulties to compromise oral testimony. The written comment period is open from September 9, 2024 to September 27, 2024, and closes at 12 p.m. Alaska Time on Friday, September 27, 2024.

Although other non-emergency issues not on the agenda may come before this group for discussion, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during these meetings. Actions 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 Fishery Conservation and Management Act, provided the public has been notified of the Council's intent to take final action to address the emergency.

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

Dated: September 10, 2024.

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Patent and Trademark Office

Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for Review and Approval; Comment Request; Patent Reexaminations, Supplemental Examinations, and Post Patent Submissions

The United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) will submit the following information collection request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and clearance in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, on or after the date of publication of this notice. The USPTO invites comments on this information collection renewal, which helps the USPTO assess the impact of its information collection requirements and minimize the public's reporting burden. Public comments were previously requested via the **Federal Register** on July 8, 2024 during a 60-day comment period (89 FR 55927). This notice allows for an additional 30 days for public comment.

Agency: United States Patent and Trademark Office, Department of Commerce.

Title: Patent Reexaminations, Supplemental Examinations, and Post Patent Submissions.

OMB Control Number: 0651-0064.

Needs and Uses: The United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) is required by 35 U.S.C. 131 and 151 to examine applications and, when appropriate, allow applications and issue them as patents. Chapter 30 of title 35 U.S.C. provides that any person at any time may file a request for reexamination by the USPTO of any claim of a patent on the basis of prior art cited under the provisions of 35 U.S.C. 301. Once initiated, the reexamination proceedings under Chapter 30 are substantially *ex parte* and do not permit input from third parties. The regulations outlining *ex parte* reexaminations are found at 37 CFR 1.510-1.570. The purpose of this information collection is to facilitate requests for *ex parte* reexamination and supplemental examination, to facilitate prosecution of reexamination and to ensure that the associated

documentation is submitted to the USPTO, and to permit relevant post-patent prior art and claim scope information to be entered into a patent file.

35 U.S.C. 257 permits a patent owner to request supplemental examination of a patent by the USPTO to consider, reconsider, or correct information believed to be relevant to the patent. The regulations outlining supplemental examination are found at 37 CFR 1.601-1.625.

The Leahy-Smith America Invents Act terminated *inter partes* reexamination effective September 16, 2012. However, *inter partes* reexamination proceedings based on *inter partes* reexamination requests filed before September 16, 2012, continue to be prosecuted. Therefore, this collection continues to include items related to the prosecution of *inter partes* reexamination proceedings. The regulations outlining *inter partes* reexaminations are found at 37 CFR 1.902-1.959.

The provisions of 35 U.S.C. 301 and 37 CFR 1.501 govern the ability of a person to submit into the file of an issued patent (1) prior art consisting of patents or printed publications which the person making the submission believes to have a bearing on the patentability of any claim of the issued patent and (2) statements of the owner of the issued patent filed in a proceeding before a federal court or the USPTO in which the owner of the issued patent took a position on the scope of any claim of the issued patent.

Thus, the items included in this collection cover (1) requests for *ex parte* reexamination, (2) requests for supplemental examination, (3) information that may be submitted by patent owners and third-party requesters in relation to the prosecution of an *ex parte* or *inter partes* reexamination proceeding, (4) information submitted by the public to aid in ascertaining the patentability and/or scope of the claims of the issued patent, and (5) information submitted by patent owners regarding a position taken before the USPTO or a federal court regarding the scope of any claim in their issued patent. The USPTO's use of the statements of the patent owners ((5) above) will be limited to determining the meaning of a patent claim in *ex parte* reexamination proceedings that already have been ordered and in *inter partes* review and post grant review proceedings that already have been instituted.

Forms: (SB = Specimen Book):

- PTO/SB/42 (37 CFR 1.501 Information Disclosure Citation in a Patent)

- PTO/SB/57 (Request for *Ex Parte* Reexamination Transmittal Form)
- PTO/SB/59 (Request for Supplemental Examination Transmittal Form)

Type of Review: Extension and revision of a currently approved information collection.

Affected Public: Private sector.

Respondent's Obligation: Required to obtain or retain benefits.

Frequency: On occasion.

Estimated Number of Annual Respondents: 874 respondents.

Estimated Number of Annual Responses: 890 responses.

Estimated Time per Response: The USPTO estimates that the responses in this information collection will take the public approximately between 30 minutes (0.5 hours) and 55 hours to complete. This includes the time to gather the necessary information, create the document, and submit the completed request to the USPTO.

Estimated Total Annual Respondent Burden Hours: 25,714 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Respondent Non-hourly Cost Burden: \$3,680,879.

This information collection request may be viewed at www.reginfo.gov. Follow the instructions to view Department of Commerce, USPTO information collections currently under review by OMB.

Written comments and recommendations for this information collection should be submitted within 30 days of the publication of this notice on the following website, www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain. Find this particular information collection by selecting "Currently under 30-day Review—Open for Public Comments" or by using the search function and entering either the title of the information collection or the OMB Control Number, 0651-0064.

Further information can be obtained by:

- *Email:* InformationCollection@uspto.gov. Include "0651-0064 information request" in the subject line of the message.
- *Mail:* Justin Isaac, Office of the Chief Administrative Officer, United States Patent and Trademark Office, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

Justin Isaac,

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