

Endangered Species Act (ESA) Listed Species Covered in This Notice

- Chinook salmon (*Oncorhynchus tshawytscha*): Threatened, naturally and artificially propagated;
- Steelhead (*O. mykiss*): Threatened, naturally and artificially propagated;

Background

The term “take” is defined under the ESA to mean harass, harm, pursue, hunt, shoot, wound, kill, trap, capture, or collect, or to attempt to engage in any such conduct. The ESA prohibits the take of endangered salmonids and, pursuant to ESA section 4(d), ESA regulations can be extended to prohibit the take of threatened salmonids. However, NMFS may make exceptions to the take prohibitions for hatchery programs that are approved by NMFS under the limits on the prohibitions outlined in 50 CFR 223.203(b). The Muckleshoot Indian Tribe and WDFW have submitted hatchery plans to NMFS pursuant to the ESA 4(d) rule for salmon and steelhead. The hatchery programs are intended to contribute to the survival and recovery of Puget Sound Chinook Salmon, provide information on exploitation rates, and support returns of coho salmon, Chinook salmon, and sockeye salmon to the Lake Washington basin.

Authority

16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*; 16 U.S.C. 742a *et seq.*

Dated: August 23, 2021.

Angela Somma,

Chief, Endangered Species Conservation Division, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[RTID 0648-XB351]

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 (Council) is scheduling a public meeting of its Skate Committee 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 Thursday, September 16, 2021, at 1 p.m. Webinar registration URL information: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/9028477419981708811>.

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 Skate Committee will receive an update on progress and make final recommendations on preferred alternatives for the Skate 2022-23 Specifications. They will also receive an update on progress and make recommendations for measures for intermediate possession limits, at-sea monitoring, and other aspects of Amendment 5 to the Northeast Skate Complex Fishery Management Plan. The Committee will develop recommendations for 2022 Council work priorities regarding skates. Other business may be discussed, as necessary.

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: August 24, 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

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Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council (MAFMC); 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 Mackerel, Squid, and Butterfish Monitoring Committee will hold a public webinar meeting.

DATES: The meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 14, 2021, from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. For agenda details, see **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held via webinar. Information on how to connect to the webinar will be posted to <https://www.mafmc.org/council-events/>. Council address: Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council, 800 N State Street, Suite 201, Dover, DE 19901; telephone: (302) 674-2331; 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 Mackerel, Squid, and Butterfish Monitoring Committee will meet via webinar to discuss catch and landings limits and other management measures for Atlantic chub mackerel in 2022. The objectives of this meeting are for the Monitoring Committee to: (1) Review recent fishery performance and management measure recommendations from the Advisory Panel, the Scientific and Statistical Committee, and Council staff; (2) Review, and if appropriate, recommend changes to the previously implemented 2022 annual catch limit, annual catch target, total allowable landings limit, and other management measures. Meeting materials will be posted to www.mafmc.org.

Special Accommodations

The meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for