

pertaining to the mitigation, monitoring and reporting of the takings are set forth.

### Summary of Request

On August 3, 2022, we received an application from NWFSC requesting authorization for take of marine mammals incidental to fisheries research conducted by NWFSC. The requested regulations would be valid for 5 years, from August 29, 2023, through August 28, 2028. The NWFSC plans to continue fisheries and ecosystem research in three defined research areas including the California Current Research Area, the Puget Sound Research Area, and the Lower Columbia River Research Area, defined as the estuarine and tidally influenced waters of the lower Columbia River below the Bonneville Dam. It is possible that marine mammals may interact with fishing gear (e.g., trawl nets, longlines) used in NWFSC's research, resulting in injury, serious injury, or mortality. Because the specified activities have the potential to take marine mammals present within these action areas, NWFSC requests authorization to take multiple species of marine mammal that may occur in these areas.

The requested regulations would be the second incidental take regulations issued to NWFSC, following regulations in place from 2018–2023. NWFSC has complied with all requirements of the previously issued Letters of Authorization and has not exceeded the authorized take numbers. Monitoring reports submitted by NWFSC are available online at: <https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/action/incidental-take-authorization-noaa-fisheries-nwfsc-fisheries-and-ecosystem-research>.

### Specified Activities

The Federal Government has a responsibility to conserve and protect living marine resources in U.S. Federal waters and has also entered into a number of international agreements and treaties related to the management of living marine resources in international waters outside the United States. NOAA has the primary responsibility for managing marine finfish and shellfish species and their habitats, with that responsibility delegated within NOAA to NMFS.

In order to direct and coordinate the collection of scientific information needed to make informed management decisions, Congress created six Regional Fisheries Science Centers, each a distinct organizational entity and the scientific focal point within NMFS for region-based Federal fisheries-related research. This research is aimed at

monitoring fish stock recruitment, abundance, survival and biological rates, geographic distribution of species and stocks, ecosystem process changes, and marine ecological research. The NWFSC is the research arm of NMFS in the Northwest Region. The NWFSC conducts research and provides scientific advice to manage fisheries and conserve protected species in three aforementioned geographic research areas. The NWFSC provides scientific information to support the Pacific Fishery Management Council and numerous other domestic and international fisheries management organizations.

The NWFSC collects a wide array of information necessary to evaluate the status of exploited fishery resources and the marine environment. NWFSC scientists conduct fishery-independent research onboard NOAA-owned and operated vessels or on chartered vessels. A few surveys are conducted onboard commercial fishing vessels, but the NWFSC designs and executes the studies and funds vessel time. The gear types used fall into several categories: pelagic trawl gear used at various levels in the water column, pelagic longlines with multiple hooks, seine nets, and other gear. Of research gear used by NWFSC, only pelagic trawl, hook and line gear (including longline gears), and seine nets are likely to interact with marine mammals.

### Information Solicited

Interested persons may submit information, suggestions, and comments concerning the NWFSC's request (see **ADDRESSES**). NMFS will consider all information, suggestions, and comments related to the request during the development of proposed regulations governing the incidental taking of marine mammals by the NWFSC, if appropriate.

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

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## COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION

### Request for Nominations for the Global Market Structure Subcommittee, Digital Asset Markets Subcommittee, and Technical Issues Subcommittee Under the Global Markets Advisory Committee

**AGENCY:** Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Commodity Futures Trading Commission (CFTC or Commission) is requesting nominations for membership on the Global Market Structure Subcommittee, the Digital Asset Markets Subcommittee, and/or the Technical Issues Subcommittee (together, Subcommittees) under the Global Markets Advisory Committee (GMAC). The GMAC is a discretionary advisory committee established by the Commission in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act.

**DATES:** The deadline for the submission of nominations is March 14, 2023.

**ADDRESSES:** Nominations should be emailed to [GMAC\\_Submissions@cftc.gov](mailto:GMAC_Submissions@cftc.gov) or sent by hand delivery or courier to Gates S. Hurand, GMAC Designated Federal Officer and Chief Counsel to Commissioner Caroline D. Pham, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, Three Lafayette Centre, 1155 21st Street NW, Washington, DC 20581. Please use the title “GMAC Global Market Structure Subcommittee,” “GMAC Digital Asset Markets Subcommittee,” and/or “the GMAC Technical Issues Subcommittee,” as appropriate, for any nominations you submit.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Gates S. Hurand, GMAC Designated Federal Officer and Chief Counsel to Commissioner Caroline D. Pham at (202) 418-5000 or email: [GMAC\\_submissions@cftc.gov](mailto:GMAC_submissions@cftc.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The purpose of the proposed Subcommittees would be to provide report(s) and/or recommendations to the GMAC that will identify and examine key issues that affect the integrity and competitiveness of U.S. markets and U.S. firms engaged in global business, including the regulatory challenges of a global marketplace that reflects the increasing interconnectedness of markets and the multinational nature of business, including for derivatives markets; and to assess and inform international standards through engagement with international policymakers and authorities in other jurisdictions, with a focus on global market structure, digital asset markets, and technical issues, respectively. The GMAC, in turn, would consider and discuss the report(s) and/or recommendations of each Subcommittee. Topics and issues the Subcommittees may consider include, but are not limited to, the following:

- *Global Market Structure Subcommittee.* Identifying and assessing key issues and policy proposals with an impact on global

markets, including global market structure and access to markets.

- *Digital Asset Markets Subcommittee.* Identifying and assessing key issues and policy proposals with respect to digital asset markets, including digital finance and tokenization of assets, non-financial activities and Web3, and blockchain technology.

- *Technical Issues Subcommittee.* Identifying and assessing key issues and policy proposals with respect to technical requirements that apply to global markets, including financial market infrastructures, market participants, end-users, and service providers.

Each of the Subcommittees will provide its report(s) and/or recommendations directly to the GMAC and will not provide report(s) and/or recommendations directly to the Commission. No Subcommittee has the authority to make decisions on behalf of the GMAC, and no determination of fact or policy will be made by any of the Subcommittees on behalf of the Commission.

The members of each of the Subcommittees will generally serve as representatives and provide advice reflecting the views of stakeholder organizations and entities throughout the derivatives and financial markets. Each of the Subcommittees may also include special government employees and regular government employees when doing so furthers its purpose. It is anticipated that each of the Subcommittees will hold at least three in-person or telephonic meetings per year. Members of each of the Subcommittees serve at the pleasure of the Commission, and will be appointed to serve two-year terms. Members of each of the Subcommittees do not receive compensation or honoraria for their services, and they are not reimbursed for travel and per diem expenses.

Members of each of the Subcommittees will include individuals who are members of the GMAC and/or other individuals. For individuals who are not serving on the GMAC currently, the Commission seeks nominations of individuals from a wide range of perspectives, including from industry, academia, the government, and public interest groups. To advise the GMAC effectively, members of each Subcommittee must have a high level of expertise and experience with the subject matter of the Subcommittee. To the extent practicable, the Commission will strive to select members reflecting wide ethnic, racial, gender, and age representation.

The Commission invites the submission of nominations for membership in each of the Subcommittees. Each nomination submission should include the proposed member's name, title, organization affiliation and address, email address and telephone number, as well as information that supports the individual's qualifications to serve on the relevant Subcommittee. The submission should also include the name, email address and telephone number of the person nominating the proposed Subcommittee member. Self-nominations are acceptable.

Submission of a nomination is not a guarantee of selection as a member of a subcommittee. As noted in the GMAC's Membership Balance Plan, the Commission seeks to ensure that the membership of a Subcommittee is balanced relative to the particular issues addressed by the Subcommittee in question. The Commission may identify members for the Subcommittees based on a variety of methods. Such methods may include public requests for nominations for membership; recommendations from existing advisory committee members; consultations with knowledgeable persons outside the CFTC (industry, consumer groups, other state or federal government agencies, academia, etc.); requests to be represented received from individuals and organizations; and Commissioners' and CFTC staff's professional knowledge of those experienced in the global markets.

The office of the Commissioner primarily responsible for the GMAC and the Subcommittees plays a primary, but not exclusive, role in this process and makes recommendations regarding membership to the Commission. The Commission, by vote, authorizes members to serve on each of the GMAC Subcommittees.

(Authority: 5 U.S.C. 1001 *et seq.*)

Dated: February 23, 2023.

**Robert Sidman,**

*Deputy Secretary of the Commission.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Office of the Secretary

**[Docket ID: DoD-2023-OS-0018]**

### Proposed Collection; Comment Request

**AGENCY:** Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller)/Chief Financial Officer, Department of Defense (DoD).

**ACTION:** 60-Day information collection notice.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the *Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995*, the Defense Finance and Accounting Services (DFAS) announces a proposed public information collection and seeks public comment on the provisions thereof. Comments are invited on: whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection; ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and ways to minimize the burden of the information collection on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

**DATES:** Consideration will be given to all comments received by May 1, 2023.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments, identified by docket number and title, by any of the following methods:

*Federal eRulemaking Portal:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.

*Mail:* Department of Defense, Office of the Assistant to the Secretary of Defense for Privacy, Civil Liberties, and Transparency, 4800 Mark Center Drive, Mailbox #24, Suite 08D09, Alexandria, VA 22350-1700.

*Instructions:* All submissions received must include the agency name, docket number and title for this **Federal Register** document. The general policy for comments and other submissions from members of the public is to make these submissions available for public viewing on the internet at <http://www.regulations.gov> as they are received without change, including any personal identifiers or contact information.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** To request more information on this proposed information collection or to obtain a copy of the proposal and associated collection instruments, please write to Department of Defense, Washington Headquarters Services, ATTN: Executive Services Directorate, Directives Division, 4800 Mark Center Drive, Suite 03F09-09, Alexandria, VA 22350-3100, Angela Duncan, 571-372-7574.

### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*Title; Associated Form; and OMB Number:* Application for Former Spouse Payments from Retired Pay, DD Form 2293; OMB Number 0730-0008.