

**ADDRESSES:** Webinar registration URL information: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/2246157552571506009>.

*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 Advisory Panel will meet to receive a brief progress update on the 2023 management track stock assessment for skates. They will also receive a progress update on the development of Framework Adjustment 12 to the Northeast Skate Complex Fishery Management Plan (2024–2025 specifications and possession limits) and provide additional recommendations to the Skate Committee on the development of possession limit alternatives. The panel will make recommendations to the Committee for skate-related work in 2024. Other business will 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 8, 2023.

**Key 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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**New England Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of a 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 Wednesday, August 30, 2023, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** Webinar registration URL information: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/4732353454089321819>.

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

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Cate O'Keefe, Executive Director, New England Fishery Management Council; telephone: (978) 465-0492.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Agenda**

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

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**Western Pacific 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 Western Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) will hold its Pacific Pelagic Fishery Ecosystem Plan Team, Fishing Industry Advisory Committee, American Samoa Archipelago Fishery Ecosystem Plan (FEP) Advisory Panel (AP), Education Committee, Mariana Archipelago FEP Guam AP, Mariana Archipelago Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands Advisory AP, and the Hawaii Archipelago FEP AP to discuss and make recommendations on fishery management issues in the Western Pacific Region.

**DATES:** The meetings will be held between August 28 and September 8, 2023. For specific times and agendas, see **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

**ADDRESSES:** The Council will hold its Education Committee, and the Mariana Archipelago Fishery Ecosystem Plan (FEP) Advisory Panel (AP) will be held by Webex. The Pacific Pelagic Fishery Ecosystem Plan Team, Fishing Industry Advisory Committee (FIAC), American

Samoa Archipelago Fishery Ecosystem Plan (FEP) Advisory Panel, Mariana Archipelago FEP Guam AP, and the Hawaii Archipelago FEP AP meetings will be held in a hybrid format with in-person and remote participation (Webex) options available for the members and the public. In-person attendance for the American Samoa Archipelago FEP AP members and public will be hosted at the Tradewinds Hotel, M779+HP9, Tafuna, AS, 96799. In-person attendance for Mariana Archipelago FEP Guam AP members and public will be hosted at Cliff Pointe, 304 W. O'Brien Drive, Hagatña, GU, 96910. In person attendance for Pacific Pelagic Fishery Ecosystem Plan Team, FIAC and Hawaii Archipelago FEP AP members and public will be hosted at the Council office, 1164 Bishop Street, Suite 1400, Honolulu, HI, 96813. Instructions for connecting to the web conference and providing oral public comments will be posted on the Council website at [www.wpcouncil.org](http://www.wpcouncil.org). For assistance with the web conference connection, contact the Council office at (808) 522-8220.

*Council address:* Western Pacific Fishery Management Council, 1164 Bishop Street, Suite 1400, Honolulu, HI 96813.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Contact Kitty M. Simonds, Executive Director, Western Pacific Fishery Management Council; phone: (808) 522-8220.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Pacific Pelagics Fishery Ecosystem Plan Team will meet on Monday, August 28, from 12:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. FIAC will meet on Wednesday, August 30, from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.; American Samoa Archipelago FEP AP will meet on Wednesday, August 30, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.; the Education Committee will meet on Thursday, August 31, from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.; Mariana Archipelago FEP Guam AP will meet on Thursday, August 31, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.; Mariana Archipelago CNMI AP will meet on Saturday, September 2, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.; and the Hawaii Archipelago FEP AP will meet on Friday, September 8, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.. All times listed are local island times.

Public Comment periods will be provided in the agendas. The order in which agenda items are addressed may change. The meetings will run as late as necessary to complete scheduled business.

### **Schedule and Agenda for the Pacific Pelagic Fishery Ecosystem Plan Team Meeting**

*Monday, August 28, 2023, 12 p.m.–5 p.m. (Hawaii Standard Time)*

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Approval of Draft Agenda
3. Update and Follow-up on May 2023 Recommendations
4. Options and Scenarios for Implementing Electronic Monitoring in Western Pacific Longline Fisheries
5. 2024 U.S. Territorial Bigeye Tuna Catch/Effort Limit & Allocation Specifications
6. Multi-Year Territorial Bigeye Tuna Catch & Allocation Specifications
7. International Fisheries
  - A. 3rd Workshop on Tropical Tuna Longline Management
  - B. Updates International Science Committee 19 and Western and Central Pacific Fishery Commission (WCPFC) Science Committee
8. Revising the Council's Research Plan & Priorities
9. Public Comment
10. Discussion and Recommendations

### **Schedule and Agenda for the Fishing Industry Advisory Committee Meeting**

*Wednesday, August 30, 2023, 2 p.m.–5 p.m. (Hawaii Standard Time)*

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Status Report on Previous Fishing Industry Advisory Committee Recommendations
3. Roundtable update on Fishing/Market Issues/Impacts
4. 2024 U.S. Territorial Bigeye Tuna Catch and Effort Limit and Allocation Specifications
5. Options and Scenarios for Electronic Monitoring (EM) in Western Pacific (WP) Longline
6. National Seafood Strategy
7. Saltonstall-Kennedy Project Updates
  - A. Update on Marketing Projects
  - B. Fishery Development Projects
8. Update on Proposed Marine National Sanctuary in Pacific Remote Island Areas
9. Update on Cost-Earnings Survey & Economic Analyses
10. WCPFC Updates
11. Council Program Priorities
12. Other Issues
13. Public Comment
14. Discussion and Recommendations

### **Schedule and Agenda for the American Samoa Archipelago FEP AP Meeting**

*Wednesday, August 30, 2023, 6 p.m.–8 p.m. (Samoa Standard Time)*

1. Welcome and Introductions

2. Review of the Last Advisory Panel (AP) Recommendations and Meeting
3. Feedback from the Fleet
  - A. American Samoa (AS) Fishermen Observations
  - B. Advisory Panel Fishery Issues and Priorities
4. AS Fishery Issues and Activities
  - A. American Samoa P\* and Social, Economic, Ecological and Management Working Group Report
  - B. Options for the Rebuilding Plan and Annual Catch Limits for the AS Bottomfish Management Unit Species
5. Council Fishery Issues and Activities
  - A. 2024 U.S. Territorial Bigeye Tuna Catch and Effort Limit and Allocation Specifications
  - B. Options and Scenarios for EM in WP Longline
6. Updates on Poseidon Fisheries Research Biosampling
7. Council Program Planning 2025–2029
8. Other Business
9. Public Comment
10. Discussion and Recommendations

### **Schedule and Agenda for the Mariana Archipelago FEP Guam AP Meeting**

*Thursday, August 31, 2023, 6 p.m.–8 p.m. (Chamorro Standard Time)*

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Review of the Last AP Recommendations and Meeting
3. Guam AP Project and Activities Update
4. Feedback from the Fleet
  - A. Second Quarter Fishermen Observations in the Marianas
  - B. Marianas Archipelago Fishery Issues and Priorities
5. Council Fishery Issues and Activities
  - A. 2024 U.S. Territorial Bigeye Tuna Catch and Effort Limit and Allocation Specifications
6. Updates on the Proposed Rule to Designate Critical Habitat for Green Sea Turtles
7. Council Program Planning 2025–2029
8. Other Business
9. Public Comment
10. Discussion and Recommendations

### **Schedule and Agenda for the Education Committee Meeting**

*Thursday, August 31, 2023, 1 p.m.–3 p.m. (Hawaii Standard Time)*

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Education and Outreach Program Overview
  - A. Funding Structure
3. Council Education Committee Memorandum of Understanding Review
  - A. Scholarship Program
  - B. Vocational and Training

- Development Related to Fisheries
- C. Education Plan Development and Classroom Incorporation
- 4. Marine Resource Education Program in Pacific Islands Update
- 5. Other Business
- 6. Public Comment
- 7. Discussion and Recommendations

#### Schedule and Agenda for the Mariana Archipelago FEP CNMI AP Meeting

Saturday, September 2, 2023, 10 a.m.–1 p.m. (ChST)

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Review of the Last AP Recommendations and Meeting
3. CNMI AP Project and Activities Update
4. Feedback from the Fleet
  - A. Second Quarter Fishermen Observations in the Marianas
  - B. CNMI Fishery Issues and Priorities
5. Council Fishery Issues and Activities
  - A. 2024 U.S. Territorial Bigeye Tuna Catch and Effort Limit and Allocation Specifications
  - B. CNMI Marine Conservation Plan 2025–2027
6. Updates on the Proposed Rule to Designate Critical Habitat for Green Sea Turtles
7. Council Program Planning 2025–2029
8. Other Business
9. Public Comment
10. Discussion and Recommendations

#### Schedule and Agenda for the Hawaii Archipelago FEP AP Meeting

Friday, September 8, 2023, 9 a.m.–4 p.m. (HST)

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Review of the Last AP Recommendations and Meeting
3. Hawaii AP Project and Activities Update
4. Feedback from the Fleet
  - A. Second Quarter Hawaii Fishermen Observations
  - B. Hawaii AP Fisheries Issues and Priorities
5. Hawaii Fishery Issues and Activities
  - A. Options and Scenarios for EM implementation in WP Longline
  - B. Pacific Remote Island Areas Sanctuary Designation Update
6. Main Hawaiian Islands Uku Ecosystem Based Fisheries Management Project
7. Lokahi Fishing App Feature for Fisher Engagement
8. Updates on the Division of Aquatic Resource's Rulemaking on Kona Crab
9. Council Program Planning 2025–2029
10. Other Business
11. Public Comment
12. Discussion and Recommendations

#### Special Accommodations

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

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

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#### DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

#### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

#### Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for Review and Approval; Comment Request; Alaska Pacific Halibut Fisheries: Subsistence

**AGENCY:** National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of information collection, request for comment.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Commerce, in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), invites the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on proposed, and continuing information collections, which helps us assess the impact of our information collection requirements and minimize the public's reporting burden. The purpose of this notice is to allow for 60 days of public comment preceding submission of the collection to OMB.

**DATES:** To ensure consideration, comments regarding this proposed information collection must be received on or before October 10, 2023.

**ADDRESSES:** Interested persons are invited to submit written comments to Adrienne Thomas, NOAA PRA Officer, at [NOAA.PRA@noaa.gov](mailto:NOAA.PRA@noaa.gov). Please reference OMB Control Number 0648–0512 in the subject line of your comments. Do not submit Confidential Business Information or otherwise sensitive or protected information.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Requests for additional information or specific questions related to collection activities should be directed to Gabrielle Aberle, National Marine Fisheries Service, P.O. Box 21668, Juneau, AK, 99802–1668. Telephone 907–586–7356.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### I. Abstract

The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), Alaska Regional Office, is requesting extension of a currently approved information collection for the Alaska Subsistence Halibut Program.

The International Pacific Halibut Commission (IPHC) promulgates regulations governing the North Pacific halibut fishery under the Convention between the United States and Canada for the Preservation of the Halibut Fishery of the Northern Pacific Ocean and Bering Sea (Convention). The IPHC's regulations are subject to approval by the Secretary of State with the concurrence of the Secretary of Commerce. The Northern Pacific Halibut Act of 1982 (Halibut Act; 16 U.S.C. 773c(a)–(b)), provides the Secretary of Commerce with general responsibility for carrying out the Convention and the Halibut Act, including the authority to adopt regulations necessary to carry out the purposes and objectives of the Convention. The Halibut Act, 16 U.S.C. 773c(c), also provides the North Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) with authority to develop regulations, including limited access regulations, that are in addition to, and not in conflict with, IPHC regulations.

Regulations the Council recommends may be implemented by NMFS only after approval by the Secretary of Commerce. The Council has exercised this authority in the development of subsistence halibut fishery management measures. NMFS has responsibility for managing the subsistence halibut fishery according to regulations approved by the Secretary. Regulations governing the subsistence halibut fishery are at 50 CFR 300.2, 300.4, and subpart E, and in the annual management measures published in the **Federal Register** pursuant to 50 CFR 300.62.

This information collection is necessary for NMFS to manage the Alaska Subsistence Halibut Program. Subsistence halibut means halibut caught by a rural resident or a member of an Alaska Native tribe for direct personal or family consumption as food, sharing for personal or family consumption as food, or customary trade. The Alaska Subsistence Halibut Program is intended to allow eligible persons to practice the long-term customary and traditional harvest of Pacific halibut for food in a non-commercial manner. This program provides NMFS the opportunity to enhance estimates of subsistence removals for stock assessment purposes.