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**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Michael Migliori, Evaluator, NOAA Office for Coastal Management, by email at [Michael.Migliori@noaa.gov](mailto:Michael.Migliori@noaa.gov) or by phone at (443) 332-8936. Copies of the previous evaluation findings, reserve management plan, and reserve site profile may be viewed and downloaded on the internet at <http://coast.noaa.gov/czm/evaluations/>. A copy of the evaluation notification letter and most recent progress report may be obtained upon request by contacting Michael Migliori.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Section 312 of the Coastal Zone Management Act (CZMA) requires NOAA to conduct periodic evaluations of federally approved national estuarine research reserves. The process includes one or more public meetings, consideration of written public comments, and consultations with interested Federal, State, and local agencies and members of the public. During the evaluation, NOAA will consider the extent to which the State of California has met the national objectives, adhered to the reserve's management plan approved by the Secretary of Commerce, and adhered to the terms of financial assistance under the CZMA. When the evaluation is completed, NOAA's Office for Coastal Management will place a notice in the **Federal Register** announcing the availability of the Final Evaluation Findings.

**Keelin Kuipers,**

*Deputy Director, Office for Coastal Management, National Ocean Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

**Evaluation of National Estuarine Research Reserve; Public Meeting; Request for Comments**

**AGENCY:** Office for Coastal Management, National Ocean Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of public meeting and opportunity to comment.

**SUMMARY:** The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Office for Coastal Management, will hold a public meeting to solicit comments on the performance evaluation of the Weeks Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve.

**DATES:** NOAA will consider all written comments received by Friday, August 5, 2022. A public meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 27, 2022, at 6 p.m. Central Time (CT).

**ADDRESSES:** Comments may be submitted by one of the following methods:

*Email:* Pam Kylstra, Evaluator, NOAA Office for Coastal Management, at [Pam.Kylstra@noaa.gov](mailto:Pam.Kylstra@noaa.gov).

*Public Meeting:* Provide oral comments during the virtual and in-person public meeting on Wednesday, July 27, 2022, at 6 p.m. CT.

*For virtual participation,* register as a speaker at <https://forms.gle/AXkfSgzLKKQsVWnMw5> by Wednesday, July 27, 2022, at 4 p.m. CT. Upon registration, a confirmation email will be sent. The lineup of speakers will be based on the date and time of registration. One hour prior to the start of the meeting on July 27, 2022, registrants will be emailed a link to join the public meeting and information about participating. Members of the public may also register to attend the meeting as a non-speaker.

*For in-person participation,* you may attend the public meeting onsite on Wednesday, July 27, 2022, 6 p.m. CT at the Weeks Bay Reserve Tonsmeire Resource Center, 11525 US-98, Fairhope, AL 36532. Oral and written public comments may be provided during the public meeting. To attend onsite at the Weeks Bay Reserve Tonsmeire Resource Center, registration will occur when you arrive; advance registration to attend onsite is not required.

*Written comments* received are considered part of the public record. The entirety of the comment, including the email address, attachments, and other supporting materials, will become part of the public record. Sensitive personal information, such as account numbers, Social Security numbers, or names of individuals, should not be included with the comment. Comments that are not responsive or contain profanity, vulgarity, threats, or other inappropriate language will not be considered.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Pam Kylstra, Evaluator, NOAA Office for

Coastal Management, by email at [Pam.Kylstra@noaa.gov](mailto:Pam.Kylstra@noaa.gov) or by phone at (843) 439-5568. Copies of the previous evaluation findings, reserve management plan, and reserve site profile may be viewed and downloaded on the internet at <http://coast.noaa.gov/czm/evaluations/>. A copy of the evaluation notification letter and most recent progress report may be obtained upon request by contacting Pam Kylstra.

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**Keelin Kuipers,**

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

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**Magnuson-Stevens Act Provisions; General Provisions for Domestic Fisheries; Coastal Pelagic Species Fishery; Applications for Exempted Fishing Permits; 2022-2023 Fishing Year**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of receipt of application; request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The Regional Administrator, West Coast Region, NMFS, has made a preliminary determination that three Exempted Fishing Permit applications warrant further consideration. All three

applications, two from the California Wetfish Producers Association and one from the West Coast Pelagic Conservation Group, request an exemption from the expected prohibition on primary directed fishing for Pacific sardine during the 2022–2023 fishing year to collect Pacific sardine as part of industry-based scientific research. NMFS requests public comment on the applications.

**DATES:** Comments must be received by July 1, 2022.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments on this document, identified by NOAA–NMFS–2022–0055, by the following method:

- **Electronic Submissions:** Submit all public comments via the Federal e-Rulemaking Portal. Go to [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) and enter NOAA–NMFS–2022–0055 in the Search box. Click the “Comment” icon, complete the required fields, and enter or attach your comments. The EFP applications will be available under Supporting and Related Materials through the same link.

**Instructions:** Comments sent by any other method or received after the end of the comment period, may not be considered by NMFS. All comments received are a part of the public record and will generally be posted for public viewing on [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) without change. All personal identifying information (e.g., name, address, etc.), confidential business information, or otherwise sensitive information submitted voluntarily by the sender will be publicly accessible. NMFS will accept anonymous comments (enter “N/A” in the required fields if you wish to remain anonymous).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Taylor Debevec, West Coast Region, NMFS, (562) 980–4066, [taylor.debevec@noaa.gov](mailto:taylor.debevec@noaa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This action is authorized by the Coastal Pelagic Species (CPS) Fishery Management Plan (FMP) and regulations at 50 CFR 600.745, which allow NMFS Regional Administrators to authorize exempted fishing permits (EFPs) for fishing activities that would otherwise be prohibited.

At its April 2022 meeting, the Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) recommended that NMFS approve three EFP applications for the 2022–2023 Pacific sardine fishing year. All three applications, two from the California Wetfish Producers Association (CWPA) and one from the West Coast Pelagic Conservation Group (WCPCG), are renewal requests for an exemption from the expected prohibition on primary directed fishing for Pacific sardine

during the 2022–2023 fishing year; the purpose of the requests are to collect Pacific sardine as part of industry-based scientific research. The Council considered these EFP applications concurrently with the 2022–2023 annual harvest specifications for Pacific sardine because Pacific sardine catch under each EFP would be accounted for under the proposed 2022–2023 annual catch limit (ACL), which is 4,274 metric tons (mt). A summary of each EFP application is provided below:

(1) *Proposal for renewal of exempted fishery permit (EFP) to allow take of Pacific sardine (for point sets) in 2022–23 nearshore research program:* The CWPA submitted a renewal application for their CPS Nearshore Cooperative Survey (NCS) program. The purpose of this EFP project is to continue to develop sampling methodology for estimating CPS biomass in shallow waters that are not accessible to NOAA survey ships. Since 2012 the California Department of Fish and Wildlife, in partnership with the CWPA, has been conducting aerial surveys to estimate the biomass and distribution of Pacific sardine and certain other CPS in nearshore waters in the Southern California Bight, and in the Monterey-San Francisco area since the summer of 2017. Currently, there is uncertainty in the biomass estimates from aerial spotter pilots. The CPS–NCS survey aims to quantify that level of uncertainty by capturing CPS schools identified by aerial spotter pilots and validating the biomass and species composition of the schools. If approved, this EFP would allow up to six participating vessels to directly harvest a total of 300 mt of Pacific sardine during the 2022–2023 fishing year. A portion of each point set (i.e., an individual haul of fish captured with a purse seine net) would be retained for biological sampling, and the remainder would be sold by participating fishermen and processors to offset research costs and avoid unnecessary discard.

(2) *Request for renewal of exempted fishery permit (EFP) to allow fishing of Pacific sardine for biological samples in 2022–23 nearshore research program:* The CWPA submitted a renewal application for their biological sampling EFP project. The primary directed fishery for Pacific sardine has been closed since 2015, and consequently, scientists at the Southwest Fisheries Science Center (Science Center) have a limited amount of fishery-dependent data to use in their stock assessment. The goal of this EFP project is to provide fishery-dependent catch data, including biological data (i.e., age and

length data from directed harvest), for potential use in Pacific sardine stock assessments. An additional goal for this year is to collaborate with the Science Center in a research project designed to enhance understanding of stock structure by collecting year-round data. If approved, this EFP would allow up to six participating vessels to directly harvest up to 520 mt of Pacific sardine during the 2022–2023 fishing year. A portion of each landing would be retained for biological sampling by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife, and the remainder would be sold by participating fishermen and processors to offset research costs and avoid unnecessary discard.

(3) *Exempted fishery permit to continue an industry-federal-state collaborative acoustic survey for CPS in nearshore waters:* The WCPCG submitted a renewal application for their Nearshore Surveillance Acoustic Trawl Methodology Survey of North West Coastal Waters EFP project. Since 2017, the WCPCG has been working with NMFS’ Science Center and the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife to survey CPS in nearshore Oregon/Washington coastal waters. The purpose of the EFP is to collect biological samples in areas inshore of the Science Center acoustic trawl survey to better assess species composition and CPS distribution and abundance. A portion of each individual haul of fish captured with a purse seine net (set) would be retained by the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife for biological sampling, and the remainder of the set would be released from the purse seine net immediately after collecting the biological samples. If approved, this EFP would allow one research vessel to harvest up to 10 mt of Pacific sardine during the 2022–2023 fishing year.

Altogether, these EFP projects total 830 mt. If NMFS does not issue one or more of these EFPs, the requested tonnage would be available for harvest by other permissible fishing activities during the 2022–2023 fishing year (e.g., live bait or minor directed harvest).

After publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**, NMFS may approve and issue permits to participating vessels after the close of the public comment period. NMFS will consider comments submitted in deciding whether to approve the applications as requested. NMFS may approve the applications in their entirety or may make any alterations needed to achieve the goals of the EFP projects and the FMP. NMFS may also approve different amounts of Pacific sardine allocation for each EFP project if any changes are

made to the 2022–2023 proposed sardine harvest specifications before final implementation.

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

**Jennifer M. Wallace,**

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## CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION

[Docket No. CPSC–2014–0011]

### Notice of Availability and Request for Comment: Revision to the Voluntary Standard for Frame Child Carriers

**AGENCY:** Consumer Product Safety Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability and request for comment.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission's (Commission or CPSC) mandatory rule, Safety Standard for Frame Child Carriers, incorporates by reference ASTM F2549–14a, Standard Consumer Safety Specification for Frame Child Carriers. The Commission has received notice of a revision to this incorporated voluntary standard. CPSC seeks comment on whether the revision improves the safety of the consumer product covered by the standard.

**DATES:** Comments must be received by June 30, 2022.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit comments, identified by Docket No. CPSC–2014–0011, by any of the following methods:

*Electronic Submissions:* Submit electronic comments to the Federal eRulemaking Portal at: <https://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments. CPSC typically does not accept comments submitted by electronic mail (email), except as described below. CPSC encourages you to submit electronic comments by using the Federal eRulemaking Portal.

*Mail/Hand Delivery/Courier/Confidential Written Submissions:* Submit comments by mail, hand delivery, or courier to: Division of the Secretariat, Consumer Product Safety Commission, 4330 East West Highway, Bethesda, MD 20814; telephone: (301) 504–7479. If you wish to submit confidential business information, trade secret information, or other sensitive or protected information that you do not want to be available to the public, you may submit such comments by mail, hand delivery, or courier, or you may email them to: [cpsc-os@cpsc.gov](mailto:cpsc-os@cpsc.gov).

*Instructions:* All submissions must include the agency name and docket number. CPSC may post all comments without change, including any personal identifiers, contact information, or other personal information provided, to: <https://www.regulations.gov>. Do not submit through this website: confidential business information, trade secret information, or other sensitive or protected information that you do not want to be available to the public. If you wish to submit such information, please submit it according to the instructions for mail/hand delivery/courier/confidential written submissions.

*Docket:* For access to the docket to read background documents or comments received, go to: <https://www.regulations.gov>, and insert the docket number, CPSC–2014–0011, into the “Search” box, and follow the prompts.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Kevin K. Lee, Project Manager, Division of Engineering Sciences, U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, 5 Research Place, Rockville, MD 20850; telephone: (301) 987–2086; email: [klee@cpsc.gov](mailto:klee@cpsc.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Section 104(b) of the Consumer Product Safety Improvement Act of 2008 (CPSIA) requires the Commission to adopt mandatory standards for durable infant or toddler products. 15 U.S.C. 2056a(b)(1). Mandatory standards must be “substantially the same as” voluntary standards, or may be “more stringent” than voluntary standards, if the Commission determines that more stringent requirements would further reduce the risk of injury associated with the products. *Id.* Mandatory standards may be based, in whole or in part, on a voluntary standard.

Pursuant to section 104(b)(4)(B) of the CPSIA, if a voluntary standards organization revises a standard that has been adopted, in whole or in part, as a consumer product safety standard under CPSIA section 104, it must notify the Commission. The revised voluntary standard then shall be considered to be a consumer product safety standard issued by the Commission under section 9 of the Consumer Product Safety Act (15 U.S.C. 2058), effective 180 days after the date on which the organization notifies the Commission (or a later date specified by the Commission in the **Federal Register**) unless, within 90 days after receiving that notice, the Commission responds to the organization that it has determined that the proposed revision does not improve the safety of the consumer product covered by the standard, and therefore, the Commission is retaining its existing

mandatory consumer product safety standard. 15 U.S.C. 2056a(b)(4)(B).

Under this authority, in 2015 the Commission issued a mandatory safety rule for frame child carriers. The rulemaking created 16 CFR part 1230, which incorporated by reference ASTM F2549–14a, Standard Consumer Safety Specification for Frame Child Carriers. 80 FR 11121 (Mar. 2, 2015). The mandatory standard included performance requirements and test methods, as well as requirements for warning labels and instructions, to address hazards to children associated with frame child carriers. The voluntary standard has not been revised since promulgation of the final rule.

In May 2022, ASTM published a revised version of the incorporated voluntary standard. On June 6, 2022, ASTM notified the Commission that it had approved the revised version of the voluntary standard. CPSC staff is assessing the revised voluntary standard to determine, consistent with section 104(b)(4)(B) of the CPSIA, its effect on the safety of consumer products covered by the standard. The Commission invites public comment on that question to inform Staff's assessment and any subsequent Commission consideration of the revisions in ASTM F2549–22.<sup>1</sup>

The existing voluntary standard and the revised voluntary standard are available for review in several ways. ASTM has provided on its website (<https://www.astm.org/CPSC.htm>), at no cost, a read-only copy of ASTM F2549–22 and a red-lined version that identifies the changes made to ASTM F2549–14a. Likewise, a read-only copy of the existing, incorporated standard is available for viewing, at no cost, on the ASTM website at: <https://www.astm.org/READINGLIBRARY/>. Interested parties can also download copies of the standards by purchasing them from ASTM International, 100 Barr Harbor Drive, P.O. Box C700, West Conshohocken, PA 19428–2959; phone: 610–832–9585; <https://www.astm.org>. Alternatively, interested parties can schedule an appointment to inspect copies of the standards at CPSC's Division of the Secretariat, U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, 4330 East West Highway, Bethesda, MD 20814, telephone: 301–504–7479; email: [cpsc-os@cpsc.gov](mailto:cpsc-os@cpsc.gov).

Comments must be received by June 30, 2022. Because of the short statutory time frame Congress established for the Commission to consider revised

<sup>1</sup> The Commission voted 3–0–1 to approve this notice. Chair Hoehn-Saric, Commissioners Feldman and Trumka voted to approve the notice as drafted. Commissioner Baiocco did not vote.