

mitigation banks and in-lieu-fee programs, and out-of-kind mitigation.

Further, it is the intent of this policy to ensure that there is no net loss of habitat functions associated with delays in establishing compensatory mitigation. This is to be accomplished by creating a greater amount of eelgrass than is lost, if the mitigation is performed contemporaneously or after the impacts occur. To achieve this, NMFS, in most instances, should recommend compensatory mitigation for vegetated and unvegetated eelgrass habitat is successfully completed at a ratio of at least 1.2:1 mitigation area to impact area.

Vegetated shallows that support eelgrass are also considered special aquatic sites under the 404(b)(1) guidelines of the Clean Water Act (40 CFR 230.43). Pursuant to the MSA, eelgrass is designated as an essential fish habitat (EFH) habitat area of particular concern (HAPC) for various federally-managed fish species within the Pacific Coast Groundfish Fishery Management Plan (FMP) (PFMC 2008). An HAPC is a subset of EFH that is rare, particularly susceptible to human-induced degradation, especially ecologically important, and/or located in an environmentally stressed area (See 50 CFR 600.815(a)(8)).

This policy and guidelines support but do not expand upon existing NMFS authorities under the MSA, the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act (FWCA), and the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). Pursuant to the EFH provisions of the MSA, FWCA, and NEPA, NMFS annually reviews and provides recommendations on numerous actions that may affect eelgrass resources throughout California. Section 305(b)(1)(D) of the MSA requires NMFS to coordinate with, and provide information to, other federal agencies regarding the conservation and enhancement of EFH. Section 305(b)(2) requires all federal agencies to consult with NMFS on all actions or proposed actions authorized, funded, or undertaken by the agency that may adversely affect EFH. Under section 305(b)(4) of the MSA, NMFS is required to provide EFH Conservation Recommendations to federal and state agencies for actions that would adversely affect EFH (50 CFR 600.925). NMFS makes its recommendations with the goal of avoiding, minimizing, or otherwise compensating for adverse effects to NMFS trust resources. When impacts to NMFS trust resources are unavoidable, NMFS may recommend compensatory mitigation to offset those impacts. In order to fulfill its consultative role, NMFS may also

recommend, among other things, the development of eelgrass habitat distribution maps, eelgrass surveys and survey reports, mitigation plans and implementation reports, and monitoring programs and reports.

The CEMP and Implementing Guidelines will serve as the guidance for staff and managers within NMFS WCR for developing recommendations concerning eelgrass issues through EFH and FWCA consultations and NEPA reviews throughout California. It is also contemplated that this policy inform WCR's position on eelgrass issues in other roles as a responsible, advisory, or funding agency or trustee. Finally, pursuant to NMFS obligation to provide information to federal agencies under section 305(b)(1)(D) of the MSA, this policy serves that role by providing information intended to further the conservation and enhancement of EFH. Should this policy be inconsistent with any formally-promulgated NMFS regulations, those formally-promulgated regulations will supplant any inconsistent provisions of this policy. As all mitigation will be decided on a case by case basis, circumstances may exist where NMFS WCR staff will need to modify or deviate from the recommendations discussed in the CEMP Implementing Guidelines.

While many of the activities impacting eelgrass are similar across California, eelgrass stressors and growth characteristics differ between southern California (U.S./Mexico border to Pt. Conception), central California (Point Conception to San Francisco Bay entrance), San Francisco Bay, and northern California (San Francisco Bay to the California/Oregon border). The amount of scientific information available to base management decisions on also differs among areas within California, with considerably more information and history with eelgrass habitat management in southern California than the other regions. Gaps in region-specific scientific information do not override the need to be protective of all eelgrass while relying on the best information currently available from areas within and outside of California. Although the primary orientation of this policy is toward statewide use, specific elements of this policy may differ between southern California, central California, northern California and San Francisco Bay.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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New England Fishery Management Council; Public Hearings

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

ACTION: Notice; public hearings.

SUMMARY: The New England Fishery Management Council (Council) will hold twelve public hearings to solicit Public comments on Draft Omnibus Habitat Amendment 2 to the Habitat Fishery Management Plan (FMP).

DATES: Written Public comments must be received on or before 5 p.m. EST, Thursday, January 8, 2015. These meetings will be held in November and December of 2014 as well as January, 2015. For specific dates and times, see **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

ADDRESSES: The Public hearing document can be obtained by contacting the New England Fishery Management Council, 50 Water Street, Mill 2, Newburyport, MA 01950.

Meeting addresses: The meetings will be held in Portsmouth, NH; Plymouth, MA; Warwick, RI; Riverhead, NY; Cape May, NJ; Baltimore, MD; New Bedford, MA; Gloucester, MA; Newport News, VA; Brewer, ME; Portland, ME and there will also be an opportunity for the public to participate in a Webinar. For specific locations, see **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

Public comments: Mail to John Bullard, Regional Administrator, National Marine Fisheries Service, Greater Atlantic Regional Fisheries Office, 55 Great Republic Drive, Gloucester, MA 01930. Mark the outside of the envelope "OA2 DEIS Comments". Comments may also be sent via fax to 978-281-9207 or submitted via email to nmfs.gar.OA2.DEIS@noaa.gov with "OA2 DEIS Comments" in the subject line.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Thomas A. Nies, Executive Director, New England Fishery Management Council; telephone: (978) 465-0492.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The agendas for the following twelve hearings are as follows: New England Council staff will brief the public on the Omnibus Habitat Amendment 2 before opening each hearing for public comments. The public hearing schedule is as follows:

Public Hearings: Locations and Schedules

1. *Monday, November 24, 2014 from 6–8 p.m.*; Sheraton Harborside, 250 Market Street, Portsmouth, NH, 03801; telephone: (603) 431–2300.

2. *Tuesday, November 25, 2014 from 6–8 p.m.*; Radisson Hotel, 180 Water Street, Plymouth, MA 02360; telephone: (508) 747–4900.

3. *Tuesday, December 2, 2014 from 6–8 p.m.*; Radisson Airport Hotel, 2081 Post Road, Warwick, RI 02886; telephone: (401) 739–3000.

4. *Thursday, December 4, 2014 from 6–8 p.m.*; Hotel Indigo, 1830 West Main St., Rte. 25, Riverhead, NY 11901; telephone: (631) 369–2200.

5. *Friday, December 5, 2014 from 6–8 p.m.*; Grand Hotel, 1045 Beach Avenue, Cape May, NJ 08204; telephone: (609) 884–5611.

6. *Tuesday December 9, 2014 from 10 a.m.–11:45 a.m.*; Royal Sonesta, 550 Light Street, Baltimore, MD 21202; telephone: (410) 234–0550.

7. *Tuesday, December 16, 2014 from 6–8 p.m.*; Fairfield Inn & Suites, 185 MacArthur Drive, New Bedford, MA 02740; telephone: (774) 634–2000.

8. *Wednesday, December 17, 2014 from 6–8 p.m.*; MA DMF Annisquam Station, 30 Emerson Avenue, Gloucester, MA 01930; telephone: (978) 282–0308.

9. *Thursday, December 18, 2014 from 6–8 p.m.*; Hilton Garden Inn, 180 Regal Way, Newport News, VA 23602; telephone: (757) 947–1080.

10. *Monday, January 5, 2015 from 3 p.m.–5 p.m.*; Webinar, Reserve your online seat: <https://www4.gotomeeting.com/register/278328207> or Call in: Toll: +1 (646) 307–1706; Access Code: 911–628–108.

11. *Tuesday, January 6, 2015 from 6–8 p.m.*; Jeff's Catering and Event Center, 15 Littlefield Road, Brewer, ME 04412; telephone: (207) 989–1811.

12. *Wednesday, January 7, 2015 from 6–8 p.m.*; Holiday Inn by the Bay, 88 Spring Street, Portland, ME 04101; telephone: (207) 775–2311.

Special Accommodations

These hearings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Thomas A. Nies

(see **ADDRESSES**), at least 5 working days prior to the meeting date.

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

Dated: November 4, 2014.

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

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COMMITTEE FOR PURCHASE FROM PEOPLE WHO ARE BLIND OR SEVERELY DISABLED

Procurement List; Additions and Deletion

AGENCY: Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled.

ACTION: Additions to and Deletion from the Procurement List.

SUMMARY: This action adds products and a service to the Procurement List that will be furnished by nonprofit agencies employing persons who are blind or have other severe disabilities, and deletes a service from the Procurement List previously provided by such agency.

DATES: *Effective Date:* 12/8/2014.

ADDRESSES: Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled, 1401 S. Clark Street, Suite 10800, Arlington, Virginia, 22202–4149.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Barry S. Lineback, Telephone: (703) 603–7740, Fax: (703) 603–0655, or email CMTEFedReg@AbilityOne.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Additions

On 10/3/2014 (79 FR 59750–59751), the Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled published notice of proposed additions to the Procurement List.

After consideration of the material presented to it concerning capability of qualified nonprofit agencies to provide the products and service and impact of the additions on the current or most recent contractors, the Committee has determined that the products and service listed below are suitable for procurement by the Federal Government under 41 U.S.C. 8501–8506 and 41 CFR 51–2.4.

Regulatory Flexibility Act Certification

I certify that the following action will not have a significant impact on a substantial number of small entities. The major factors considered for this certification were:

1. The action will not result in any additional reporting, recordkeeping or other

compliance requirements for small entities other than the small organizations that will furnish the products and service to the Government.

2. The action will result in authorizing small entities to furnish the products and service to the Government.

3. There are no known regulatory alternatives which would accomplish the objectives of the Javits-Wagner-O'Day Act (41 USC 8501–8506) in connection with the products and service proposed for addition to the Procurement List.

End of Certification

Accordingly, the following products and service are added to the Procurement List:

Products

Work Lamp

NSN: 6230–00–NIB–0060—Extendable, Torch Style, Rubber Grip, LED, Rechargeable.

NSN: 6230–00–NIB–0061—Baton Style, Rubber Grip, LED, Rechargeable.

NSN: 6230–00–NIB–0062—Aluminum Frame, Superbright, COB LED, Rechargeable.

NPA: Industries for the Blind, Inc., West Allis, WI.

Contracting Activity: Defense Logistics Agency Troop Support, Philadelphia, PA.

Coverage: B-List for the Broad Government Requirement as aggregated by the Defense Logistics Agency Troop Support, Philadelphia, PA.

Sweatshirt, Physical Fitness, USMC, Unisex, Long Sleeve

NSN: 8415–00–SAM–3800—Black, Size X-Large.

NSN: 8415–00–SAM–3801—Black, Size Small.

NSN: 8415–00–SAM–3802—Black, Size Medium.

NSN: 8415–00–SAM–3803—Black, Size Large.

NSN: 8415–00–SAM–3804—Black, Size X-Large.

NSN: 8415–00–SAM–3805—Maroon, Size Small.

NSN: 8415–00–SAM–3806—Maroon, Size Medium.

NSN: 8415–00–SAM–3807—Blue, Size Medium.

NSN: 8415–00–SAM–3808—Yellow, Size Medium.

NSN: 8415–00–SAM–3809—Yellow, Size Small.

NSN: 8415–00–SAM–3810—Yellow, Size Large.

NSN: 8415–00–SAM–3811—Green, Size Medium.

NSN: 8415–00–SAM–3812—Red, Size Small.

NSN: 8415–00–SAM–3813—Red, Size Medium.

NSN: 8415–00–SAM–3814—Red, Size Large.

NSN: 8415–00–SAM–3815—Blue, Size Small.

T-Shirt, Mesh, Physical Fitness, USMC, Unisex, Short Sleeve

NSN: 8415–00–SAM–3771—Gold, Size Small.