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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Celeste Stout, NMFS, Office of Protected Resources at email: celeste.stout@noaa.gov or phone: (301) 427–8436; Wendy Piniak, NMFS, Office of Protected Resources at wendy.piniak@noaa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On December 22, 2022, we published a notice of receipt of application and conservation plan from NCDMF for an incidental take permit. In that notice we made the incidental take permit application and associated conservation plan available for public comment.

We received a request to extend the public comment period to a minimum of 120 days in order to provide the public with additional time to gather relevant information and adequately comment on the application and conservation plan in a meaningful and constructive manner. We considered the request and concluded that a 30-day extension should allow sufficient time for responders to submit comments without significantly delaying the completion of our review. We are therefore extending the close of the public comment period from January 23, 2023, to February 22, 2023. Comments previously submitted do not need to be resubmitted.

Authority: The authority for this action is the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*).

Dated: January 18, 2023.

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

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North Pacific Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice of hybrid conference meetings.

SUMMARY: The North Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) and its advisory committees will meet February 6, 2023 through February 13, 2023.

DATES: The Council’s Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) will begin at 8 a.m. in the Courtyard Ballroom on Monday, February 6, 2023, and continue through Tuesday, February 7, 2023, at 1 p.m. The Council’s SSC workshop will begin at 1 p.m. in the Courtyard Ballroom on Tuesday, February 7, 2023, at continue through Wednesday, February 8, 2023. The Council’s Advisory Panel (AP) will begin at 8 a.m. in the North/West room on Tuesday, February 7, 2023, and continue through Friday, February 10, 2023. The Council will begin at 8 a.m. in the Courtyard Ballroom on Thursday, February 9, 2023, and continue through Monday, February 13, 2023. All times listed are Pacific Time.

ADDRESSES: The meetings will be a hybrid conference. The in-person component of the meeting will be held at the Renaissance Hotel, 515 Madison St. Seattle, WA 98104, or join the meeting online through the links at <https://www.npfmc.org/upcoming-council-meetings>.

Council address: North Pacific Fishery Management Council, 1007 W 3rd Ave, Anchorage, AK 99501–2252; telephone: (907) 271–2809. Instructions for attending the meeting via webconference are given under Connection Information, below.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Diana Evans, Council staff; email: diana.evans@noaa.gov; telephone: (907) 271–2809. For technical support, please contact our Council administrative staff, email: npfmc.admin@noaa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Agenda

Monday, February 6, 2023, through Tuesday, February 7, 2023

The SSC agenda will include the following issues:

(1) NSRKC (Norton Sound Red King Crab) ABC (acceptable biological catch)/OFL (overfishing limit)—Set Specifications, Crab Plan Team Report;

(2) EFH (essential fish habitat) 5-year review summary report—Review EFH for Arctic FMP (fishery management plan) species;

(3) Groundfish stock prioritization proposal—Review AFSC (Alaska Fishery Science Center) prioritization proposal;

(4) Climate Change Taskforce Climate Resiliency Synthesis—Review;

(5) GOA (Gulf of Alaska) Groundfish bottom Trawl Survey Changes—Review.

The agenda is subject to change, and the latest version will be posted at <https://meetings.npfmc.org/Meeting/Details/2976> prior to the meeting, along with meeting materials.

In addition to providing ongoing scientific advice for fishery management decisions, the SSC functions as the Council’s primary peer review panel for scientific information, as described by the Magnuson-Stevens Act section 302(g)(1)(e), and the National Standard 2 guidelines (78 FR 43066). The peer-review process is also deemed to satisfy the requirements of the Information Quality Act, including the OMB Peer Review Bulletin guidelines.

Tuesday, February 7, 2023, through Wednesday, February 8, 2023

The SSC workshop agenda will focus on rapid ecosystem changes in the northern Bering Sea and southern Chukchi Sea. The workshop will consider how species that are currently managed under the Bering Sea Fishery Management Plans will respond to environmental changes and the potential socioeconomic and cultural impacts of those fishermen, communities and Tribes who rely on these marine resources. The last component of the workshop will focus on bridging the gaps between science and management and will include an exploration of proactive approaches for achieving management goals in a changing environment. The agenda is subject to change, and the latest version will be posted at <https://meetings.npfmc.org/Meeting/Details/2967> prior to the meeting, along with meeting materials.

Tuesday, February 7, 2023, through Friday, February 10, 2023

The Advisory Panel agenda will include the following issues:

(1) Area 4 vessel use cap interim measures—Initial Review/Final Action;

(2) Snow Crab Rebuilding analysis—Final Action;

(3) NSRKC ABC/OFL—Set specifications, Crab Plan Team Report;

(4) AIGKC (Aleutian Island Golden King Crab) facility use caps discussion paper;

(5) EFH 5-year review summary report—Review, Ecosystem Committee Report, NOAA Coral/Sponge research program update;

(6) BSAI (Bering Sea Aleutian Islands) Pot CP (catcher processor) Monitoring Adjustments—Initial Review/Final Action;

(7) PSEIS (programmatic supplemental environmental impact statement) discussion paper—Review, Ecosystem Committee Report;

(8) Groundfish stock prioritization proposal—Review, Joint Groundfish Plan Team report;

(9) Trawl EM (electronic monitoring) Committee Report—Review;

(10) Universal data collection discussion paper on crew, lease cost collection—Review;

(11) Staff Tasking.

Thursday, February 9, 2023, through Monday, February 13, 2023

The Council agenda will include the following issues. The Council may take appropriate action on any of the issues identified.

(1) B Reports (Executive Director, NMFS Management, NOAA GC, AFSC, ADF&G, USCG, USFWS, IPHC report (T), Advisory Panel, SSC report);

(2) Snow Crab Rebuilding analysis—Final Action;

(3) NSRKC ABC/OFL—Set specifications, Crab Plan Team Report;

(4) AIGKC (Aleutian Island Golden King Crab) facility use caps discussion paper;

(5) Area 4 vessel use cap interim measures—Initial Review/Final Action;

(6) EFH 5-year review summary report—Review, Ecosystem Committee Report, NOAA Coral/Sponge research program update;

(7) BSAI Pot CP Monitoring Adjustments—Initial Review/Final Action;

(8) PSEIS discussion paper—Review, Ecosystem Committee Report;

(9) Groundfish stock prioritization proposal—Review, Joint Groundfish Plan Team report;

(10) Trawl EM Committee Report—Review;

(11) Universal data collection discussion paper on crew, lease cost collection—Review;

(12) Staff Tasking, including consideration of whether to rescind the Halibut Catch Share Plan revised allocations motion from February 2022.

Connection Information

You can attend the meeting online using a computer, tablet, or smart phone; or by phone only. Connection information will be posted online at: <https://www.npfmc.org/upcoming-council-meetings>. For technical support please contact our administrative staff, email: npfmc.admin@noaa.gov.

If you are attending the meeting in-person, please refer to the COVID avoidance protocols on our website, <https://www.npfmc.org/upcoming-council-meetings/>.

Public Comment

Public comment letters will be accepted and should be submitted electronically through the links at <https://www.npfmc.org/upcoming-council-meetings>. The Council strongly encourages written public comment for this meeting, to avoid any potential for technical difficulties to compromise oral testimony. The written comment period is open from January 13, 2023, to February 3, 2023, and closes at 12 p.m. Alaska Time on Friday February 3, 2023.

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

Dated: January 18, 2023.

Rey 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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Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council (MAFMC); Public Meetings

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

ACTION: Notice of public meetings.

SUMMARY: The Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council (Council) will hold public meetings of the Council and its Executive Committee.

DATES: The meetings will be held Tuesday, February 7 through Thursday, February 9, 2023. For agenda details, see **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION.**

ADDRESSES: This is an in-person meeting with a virtual option. The meeting will be held at The Hotel Washington (515 15th Street NW, Washington, DC 20004), telephone: (202) 661-2400. Webinar registration details will be available on the Council's website at <https://www.mafmc.org/briefing/february-2023>.

Council address: Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council, 800 N State St., 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. The Council's website, www.mafmc.org also has details on the meeting location, proposed agenda, webinar listen-in access, and briefing materials.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The following items are on the agenda, although agenda items may be addressed out of order (changes will be noted on the Council's website when possible.)

Tuesday, February 7, 2023

Executive Committee (Closed Session)

Ricks E Savage Award

Council Convenes

NOAA Fisheries Overview

(Janet Coit, Assistant Administrator, NOAA Fisheries)

Update from NOAA Fisheries Assistant Administrator

Monkfish (Framework Adjustment 13 & Research Set-Aside (RSA) Program)

(Dr. Rachel Feeney, New England Fishery Management Council (NEFMC))

Final action on 2023–2025

specifications and other measures with consideration of additional NEFMC Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) input on ABCs.

Monkfish RSA—revisit 2023–2024 RSA priorities

Squid Squad Update

(Kim Hyde and Anna Mercer, Northeast Fisheries Science Center (NEFSC))

Update on the ongoing work of the “Squid Squad”, a collaborative effort to continue advancing knowledge of the *Illex* Squid.

Illex Permit Action Follow-up

Review NOAA Fisheries response to Council letter

Consider initiating any related 2023 actions