

IV. Request for Comments

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Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval of this information collection; they also will become a matter of public record.

Dated: August 30, 2013.

Gwellnar Banks,

Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; Marine Mammal Health and Stranding Response Program, Level A Stranding and Rehabilitation Disposition Data Sheet

AGENCY: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Commerce.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before November 5, 2013.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Jennifer Jessup, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 6625, 14th and Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at Jjessup@doc.gov).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Angela Collins-Payne, (301) 427-8438 or angela.collins-payne@noaa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

This request is for extension of a current information collection. The marine mammal stranding report provides information on strandings so that the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) can compile and analyze, by region, the species, numbers, conditions, and causes of illnesses and deaths in stranded marine mammals. NMFS requires this information to fulfill its management responsibilities under the Marine Mammal Protection Act (16 U.S.C. 1421a). NMFS is also responsible for the welfare of marine mammals while in rehabilitation status. The data from the marine mammal rehabilitation disposition report are required for monitoring and tracking of marine mammals held at various NMFS-authorized facilities. This information is submitted primarily by members of the marine mammal stranding networks which are authorized by NMFS.

II. Method of Collection

Paper applications, electronic reports, and telephone calls are required from participants, and methods of submittal include the Internet through the NMFS National Marine Mammal Stranding Database; facsimile transmission of paper forms; or mailed copies of forms.

III. Data

OMB Control Number: 0648-0178.

Form Number: None.

Type of Review: Regular submission (extension of a current information collection).

Affected Public: State governments; not-for-profit institutions; business or other for-profit organizations.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 400.

Estimated Time per Response: 30 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 2,900.

Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public: \$1,299.

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clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden and submission of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Fisheries of the South Atlantic, Gulf of Mexico, and Caribbean; Southeast Data, Assessment, and Review (SEDAR); Public Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice of a public meeting.

SUMMARY: The SEDAR Steering Committee will meet to discuss the SEDAR process and assessment schedule. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

DATES: The SEDAR Steering Committee will meet from 1 p.m. Tuesday, October 1, 2013, until 12 p.m. Wednesday, October 2, 2013.

ADDRESSES:

Meeting address: The Steering Committee meeting will be held at the Hampton Inn, Charleston/West Ashley, 678 Citadel Haven Drive, Charleston, SC 29414; telephone: (843) 573-1200.

Council address: South Atlantic Fishery Management Council, 4055 Faber Place Drive, Suite 201, N Charleston, SC 29405.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: John Carmichael, SEDAR Program Manager; telephone: (843) 571-4366 or toll free: (866) SAFMC-10; fax: (843) 769-4520; email: john.carmichael@safmc.net.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The items of discussion are as follows:

1. Review progress of ongoing assessment projects.

2. Discuss SEDAR process: Workshops, participation, and best practices.
3. Discuss SEDAR project scheduling: Improving planning and scheduling efficiency.
4. Discuss SEDAR assessment schedule: Review 2014 projects; determine 2015 priorities; and recommend priority projects for 2016 and beyond.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in this agenda may come before this group for discussion, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during this meeting. Action will be restricted to those issues specifically identified in this notice and any issues arising after publication of this notice that require emergency action under section 305(c) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, provided the public has been notified of the intent to take final action to address the emergency.

Special Accommodations

This meeting is accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for auxiliary aids should be directed to the SAFMC office (see **ADDRESSES**) at least 10 business days prior to the meeting.

Note: The times and sequence specified in this agenda are subject to change.

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

Dated: September 3, 2013.

Tracey L. Thompson,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

RIN 0648-XC854

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) will hold a three-day meeting on September 24–26, 2013 to consider actions affecting New England fisheries in the exclusive economic zone (EEZ).

DATES: The meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 24 through Thursday, September 26, 2013, starting at 8:30 a.m. each day.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Cape Codder Resort and Spa, 1225 Iyannough Road, Hyannis, MA 02601; telephone: (855) 861-4370 or online at <http://www.capecodderresort.com/>.

Council address: New England Fishery Management Council, 50 Water Street, Mill 2, Newburyport, MA 01950; telephone: (978) 465-0492.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Tuesday, September 24, 2013

The Council will begin the first day this meeting with a brief closed session for the purpose of discussing Scientific and Statistical Committee appointments. Introductions and announcements will follow, the swearing-in of new and reappointed members will take place and the election of 2013–14 officers will be held. The Joint Habitat/Groundfish Committee will seek approval of possible modifications to the Omnibus Essential Fish Habitat Amendment Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) based on recommendations made by the committee. As a result, the Council may modify the range of alternatives being analyzed, including making adjustments to area boundaries and measures within habitat management areas, spawning areas and/or dedicated habitat research areas. Prior to a lunch break, the Council will receive an overview of the bluefin tuna management measures being considered for inclusion in Amendment 7 to the Highly Migratory Species Fishery Management Plan (FMP). It also will consider approval of an Enforcement Committee recommendation that, if approved, would allow the NEFMC to give the NOAA/NMFS Regional Administrator the authority to modify elements of the current stowage requirements for trawl gear in restricted areas to enhance safety at sea. The Tuesday afternoon session will include a summary of results from the 2013 Eastern Georges Bank cod and haddock and the Georges Bank yellowtail flounder Transboundary Resources Assessment Committee meeting; a review and possible approval of the Transboundary Management Guidance Committee's recommendations for fishing year 2014 quotas for Eastern Georges Bank cod and haddock and the Georges Bank stock of yellowtail flounder; and a discussion about quota trades for fishing year 2014. The Scientific and Statistical Committee will report on its acceptable biological catch (ABC) recommendations for

several groundfish stocks, monkfish, sea scallops, red crab and skates; and their review of additional issues discussed by the committee. These include rebuilding plans for Gulf of Maine cod and American plaice and the possible "spillover" of Georges Bank haddock in the Gulf of Maine. Prior to adjourning for the day, the Council intends to take final action on the red crab specifications for fishing years 2014–16.

Wednesday, September 25, 2013

The NEFMC's Groundfish Oversight Committee will select measures to be analyzed in Framework Adjustment 51 to the Northeast Multispecies (Groundfish) FMP. These will include but are not limited to the 2014–16 overfishing level (OFL), ABC and annual catch level (ACL) for white hake, the 2014–15 OFL, ABC and ACL for Georges Bank yellowtail flounder, ACLs for Eastern Georges Bank haddock and Eastern Georges Bank cod, revisions to the Gulf of Maine cod and American plaice rebuilding plans, and small-mesh accountability measures (AMs) for the Georges Bank yellowtail flounder sub-ACL; in addition to a provision that would give the Regional Administrator authority to make in-season adjustments to the U.S./CA quotas, other adjustments to the groundfish management measures may be added by the Council. An update on progress to develop Amendment 18 to the Groundfish FMP also will be addressed.

After a lunch break, the Scallop Committee will update the Council on the development of Framework Adjustment 25 to the Sea Scallop FMP. This action includes specifications for fishing years 2014 and 2015 (default), AMs for Southern New England/Mid-Atlantic windowpane flounder and measures to address unused fishing year 2013 Closed Area I access trips. The Monkfish Committee will ask for approval of a range of alternatives for purposes of further analysis in Framework Adjustment 8 to the Monkfish FMP. Measures will include the specification of an annual catch target (ACT), days-at-sea and trip limits for the 2014–16 fishing years and changes to the permit Category H boundary.

Thursday, September 26, 2013

The last day of the meeting will begin with reports from the NEFMC Chairman and Executive Director, NOAA Fisheries Regional Administrator, the Northeast Fisheries Science Center and Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council liaisons, as well as NOAA General Counsel, and representatives of the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries