

closed session report the Council will receive updates from the following supporting agencies: South Atlantic Fishery Management Council; Mississippi Law Enforcement Efforts; NOAA Office of Law Enforcement (OLE); Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commission; U.S. Coast Guard; U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service; and Department of State.

The Council will discuss any Other Business items; and, Litigation update.

—Meeting Adjourns

The meeting will be a hybrid meeting; both in-person and virtual participation available. You may register for the webinar to listen-in only by visiting [www.gulfcouncil.org](http://www.gulfcouncil.org) and click on the Council meeting on the calendar.

The timing and order in which agenda items are addressed may change as required to effectively address the issue, and the latest version along with other meeting materials will be posted on the website as they become available.

Although other non-emergency issues not contained in this agenda may come before this group for discussion, in accordance with the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (Magnuson-Stevens Act), those issues may not be the subject of formal action during these meeting. Actions 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 that the public has been notified of the Council's intent to take final action to address the emergency.

### Special Accommodations

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aid or accommodations should be directed to Kathy Pereira, (813) 348-1630, at least 15 days prior to the meeting date.

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

Dated: March 7, 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

[RTID 0648-XC829]

#### 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 webinar of its Scallop Advisory Panel 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 Tuesday, March 28, 2023, at 9 a.m.

**ADDRESSES:** Webinar registration URL information: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/2214017724931485789>.

*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 Advisory Panel will review the 2023 Scallop Work Priorities, including a work plan for this calendar year. They also plan to review and recommend revisions, if necessary, to the draft goals and objectives for the Northern Edge Habitat/Scallop Management Framework. The draft goals and objectives will be discussed by the Habitat Committee on March 23, 2023. Also on the agenda is a discussion of potential modifications to the RSA program as recommended by the RSA Program Review and Sea Scallop Survey Working Group. The Advisory Panel plans to discuss the Scallop RSA Priorities and begin identifying possible focus areas for 2024/25. Other business will be discussed, if necessary.

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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: March 7, 2023.

**Rey Israel Marquez,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[RTID 0648-XC801]

#### Pacific Bluefin Tuna United States Stakeholder Meeting; Meeting Announcement

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

**ACTION:** Notice of public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** NMFS announces a public meeting to discuss development of a long-term harvest strategy for Pacific bluefin tuna (PBF). This meeting is intended to prepare for potential discussions at the 2023 meeting of the Joint Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission (IATTC)—Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission (WCPFC) Northern Committee (NC) Working Group on a long-term harvest strategy for PBF fisheries across the Pacific Ocean. The meeting topics are described under the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of this notice.

**DATES:** The virtual meeting will be held on April 19, 2023, from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Pacific Daylight Time (or until business is concluded). You must complete the registration process by April 12, 2023, if you plan to attend the meeting (see **ADDRESSES**). Members of the public may submit written comments on meeting topics or materials to Celia Barroso at [celia.barroso@noaa.gov](mailto:celia.barroso@noaa.gov) by April 12,

2023, and may also provide oral comments during the virtual meeting.

**ADDRESSES:** If you plan to attend the meeting, which will be held by webinar, please register at <https://forms.gle/rVj5WNy4w4Kadqcq6>. Instructions for attending the meeting will be emailed to meeting participants before the meeting occurs. This meeting may be audio recorded for the purposes of generating notes of the meeting. As public comments will be made publicly available, participants and public commenters are urged not to provide personally identifiable information (PII) at this meeting. Participation in the meeting, in person, by web conference, or by telephone constitutes consent to the audio recording.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Celia Barroso, NMFS West Coast Region, 562-432-1850, [celia.barroso@noaa.gov](mailto:celia.barroso@noaa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The 7th Meeting of the Joint IATTC-WCPFC NC Working Group (JWG) met July 12-14, 2022, and was unable to reach consensus on management objectives for PBF and metrics to measure whether a proposed harvest strategy would meet those management objectives. Additionally, the International Scientific Committee on Tuna and Tuna-like Species in the North Pacific Ocean (ISC) recommended that, to proceed with the development of a management strategy evaluation (MSE) for PBF, the JWG consider refining the set of candidate reference points and harvest control rules recommended in 2019. This April 19 meeting is being held to prepare for anticipated discussions at the 2023 meeting of the JWG regarding scenarios for evaluation in the MSE to support development of potential harvest strategies for PBF. This is expected to include the objectives and metrics to evaluate the effectiveness of those scenarios.

**PBF U.S. Stakeholder Meeting Topic**

The agenda for this meeting will be distributed to participants in advance of the meeting. The meeting agenda will include a discussion on preferences for management objectives for PBF, metrics to measure how potential future harvest strategies for PBF meet those objectives, candidate reference points, and candidate harvest control rules.

**Special Accommodations**

Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be indicated when registering for the meeting (see **ADDRESSES**) by April 12, 2023.

*Authority:* 16 U.S.C. 951 *et seq.*; 16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*; and 16 U.S.C. 6901 *et seq.*

Dated: March 7, 2023.

**Jennifer M. Wallace,**

*Acting 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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**North Pacific Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of web conference.

**SUMMARY:** The North Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) Pacific Northwest Crab Industry Advisory Committee (PNCIAC) will meet March 29, 2023.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 29, 2023, from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m., Alaska Time.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be a web conference. Join online through the link at <https://meetings.npfmc.org/Meeting/Details/2987>.

*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 video conference are given under **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**, below.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Sarah Marrinan, Council staff; phone: (907) 271-2809; email: [sarah.marrinan@noaa.gov](mailto:sarah.marrinan@noaa.gov). For technical support, please contact our admin Council staff, email: [npfmc.admin@noaa.gov](mailto:npfmc.admin@noaa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Agenda**

*Wednesday, March 29, 2023*

The Committee will (a) conduct election of officers (b) discuss pending Council crab actions for June; (c) discuss upcoming Crab Rationalization Program Review; and (d) other business. The agenda is subject to change, and the latest version will be posted <https://meetings.npfmc.org/Meeting/Details/2987> prior to the meeting, along with meeting materials.

**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://meetings.npfmc.org/Meeting/Details/2987>.

**Public Comment**

Public comment letters will be accepted and should be submitted electronically to <https://meetings.npfmc.org/Meeting/Details/2987>.

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

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

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**Taking and Importing Marine Mammals; Taking Marine Mammals Incidental to Geophysical Surveys Related to Oil and Gas Activities in the Gulf of Mexico**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of issuance of Letter of Authorization.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA), as amended, its implementing regulations, and NMFS' MMPA Regulations for Taking Marine Mammals Incidental to Geophysical Surveys Related to Oil and Gas Activities in the Gulf of Mexico, notification is hereby given that a Letter of Authorization (LOA) has been issued to Shell Offshore Inc. (Shell) for the take of marine mammals incidental to geophysical survey activity in the Gulf of Mexico.

**DATES:** The LOA is effective from March 7, 2023, through March 31, 2024.

**ADDRESSES:** The LOA, LOA request, and supporting documentation are available online at: [www.fisheries.noaa.gov/action/incidental-take-authorization-oil-and-gas-industry-geophysical-survey-activity-gulf-mexico](http://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/action/incidental-take-authorization-oil-and-gas-industry-geophysical-survey-activity-gulf-mexico). In case of problems accessing these documents, please call the contact listed below (see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**).