

accompanied by a detailed description of anticipated benefits to the United States. As in the case of chartering operations, the United States may also consider a NAFO Contracting Party's previous compliance with NAFO bycatch, reporting, and other provisions, as outlined in the NAFO CEM, before entering agreeing to a transfer.

#### *Receiving a Transfer of NAFO Quota Allocations From Another NAFO Party*

Under NAFO rules in effect for 2024, the United States may receive transfers of additional fishing opportunities from other NAFO Contracting Parties. We are required to provide a letter consenting to such a transfer and must provide notice to the NAFO Executive Secretary. In the event that an applicant is able to arrange for the transfer of additional fishing opportunities from another NAFO Contracting Party to the United States, the U.S. may agree to facilitate such a transfer. However, there is no guarantee that if an applicant has facilitated the transfer of quota from another Contracting Party to the United States, such applicant will receive authorization to fish for such quota. If quota is transferred to the United States, we may need to solicit new applications for the use of such quota. All applicable NAFO requirements for transfers must be met. As in the case of chartering operations, the United States may also consider a NAFO Contracting Party's previous compliance with NAFO bycatch, reporting, and other provisions, as outlined in the NAFO CEM, before agreeing to accept a transfer. Any fishing quota or other harvesting opportunities received via this type of transfer are subject to all U.S and NAFO rules as detailed below.

For more details on NAFO requirements for chartering and transferring NAFO allocations, contact Patrick Moran (see **ADDRESSES**).

#### **Fishing in the NAFO Regulatory Area**

U.S. applicant vessels must be in possession of, or obtain, a valid HSFCA permit, which is available from the NMFS Greater Atlantic Regional Fisheries Office. All permitted vessels must comply with any conditions of this permit and all applicable provisions of the Convention on Cooperation in the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries and the CEM. We reserve the right to impose additional permit conditions that ensure compliance with the NAFO Convention and the CEM, the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, and any other applicable law.

The CEM provisions include, but are not limited to:

- Maintaining a fishing logbook with NAFO-designated entries (Annex II.A and Article 28);
- Adhering to NAFO hail system requirements (Annexes II.D and II.F; Article 28);
- Carrying an approved onboard observer for each trip consistent with requirements of Article 30;
- Maintaining and using a functioning, autonomous vessel monitoring system authorized by issuance of the HSFCA permit as required by Articles 29 and 30; and
- Complying with all relevant NAFO CEM requirements, including minimum fish sizes, gear, bycatch retention, and per-tow move on provisions for exceeding bycatch limits in any one haul/set.

Further details regarding U.S. and NAFO requirements are available from the NMFS Greater Atlantic Regional Fisheries Office, and can also be found in the NAFO CEM on the internet (<https://www.nafo.int/Fisheries/Conservation>).

Vessels issued valid HSFCA permits under 50 CFR part 300 are exempt from certain domestic fisheries regulations governing fisheries in the Northeast United States found in 50 CFR part 648. These exemptions are conditional on the following requirements: The vessel operator has a letter of authorization issued by the Regional Administrator on board the vessel; for the duration of the trip, the vessel fishes, except for transiting purposes, exclusively in the NAFO Regulatory Area and does not harvest fish in, or possess fish harvested in, or from, the U.S. EEZ; when transiting the U.S. EEZ, all gear is properly stowed and not available for immediate use as defined under § 648.2; and the vessel operator complies with the provisions, conditions, and restrictions specified on the HSFCA permit and all NAFO CEM while fishing in the NAFO Regulatory Area.

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**Alexa Cole,**

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## **DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

### **National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

#### **Availability of Final Evaluation Findings of State Coastal Management Programs and National Estuarine Research Reserves**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of availability.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given of the availability of final evaluation findings for seven State and territory coastal management programs (*i.e.*, Alabama, Connecticut, Guam, Michigan, Ohio, Texas, and Virginia), and four national estuarine research reserves (*i.e.*, He'eia, Grand Bay, Narragansett Bay, and Waquoit Bay), which were prepared pursuant to sections 312 and 315 of the Coastal Zone Management Act (CZMA).

**ADDRESSES:** Copies of these final evaluation findings may be found at [https://coast.noaa.gov/czm/evaluations/evaluation\\_findings/index.html](https://coast.noaa.gov/czm/evaluations/evaluation_findings/index.html) or by submitting a written request to Michael Migliori at [Michael.Migliori@noaa.gov](mailto:Michael.Migliori@noaa.gov).

#### **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Michael Migliori, Lead Evaluator, NOAA Office for Coastal Management, by phone at (443) 332-8936 or email at [Michael.Migliori@noaa.gov](mailto:Michael.Migliori@noaa.gov).

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

The NOAA Office for Coastal Management has completed the coastal zone management program final evaluation findings for the States of Alabama, Connecticut, Michigan, Ohio, Texas, and Virginia and the Territory of Guam. The States and territory were found to be implementing and enforcing their federally approved coastal zone management programs, addressing the national coastal management objectives identified in CZMA section 303(2), and adhering to the programmatic terms of their financial assistance awards. In addition, the NOAA Office for Coastal Management has completed the final evaluation findings for He'eia, Grand Bay, Narragansett Bay, and Waquoit Bay National Estuarine Research Reserves. The reserves were found to be adhering to the terms of the reserves' financial assistance awards and to the programmatic requirements of the Coastal Zone Management Act, including the requirements of CZMA section 315(b)(2), and its implementing regulations.

NOAA published in the **Federal Register** notices for public meetings and

opportunities to submit public comments on the evaluation of these State coastal zone management programs and national estuarine research reserves. See 88 FR 42917 (July 5, 2023, Alabama), 87 FR 47983 (August 5, 2022, Connecticut), 88 FR 15376 (March 13, 2023, Guam), 87 FR 41665 (July 13, 2022, Michigan), 87 FR 59062 (September 29, 2022, Ohio), 87 FR 48156 (August 8, 2022, Texas), 87 FR 41673 (July 13, 2022, Virginia), 88 FR 30950 (May 15, 2023, He'eia), 88 FR 50847 (August 2, 2023, Grand Bay), 88 FR 59871 (August 30, 2023, Narragansett Bay), and 87 FR 27989 (May 10, 2022, Waquoit Bay). NOAA addressed the public comments it received in the final evaluation findings.

*Authority:* 16 U.S.C. 1458 and 1461(f); 15 CFR 921.40 and 923.133.

**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

#### Ocean Research Advisory Panel (ORAP)

**AGENCY:** National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Department of Commerce (DOC).

**ACTION:** Notice of public meetings.

**SUMMARY:** This notice sets forth a new schedule and proposed agenda of a meeting of the Ocean Research Advisory Panel (ORAP) that could not proceed on February 26, 2024 due to technical difficulties. At this new scheduled meeting, the members will discuss issues outlined in the section on Matters to be considered.

**DATES:** The meeting is scheduled for May 21, 2024 from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. eastern daylight time (EDT) and May 22, 2024 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. EDT. These times and the agenda topics described below are subject to change.

**ADDRESSES:** The May 21–22, 2024 meeting will be at the NOAA Fisheries Southeast Regional Office, 263 13th Ave. S St., Petersburg, FL 33701. At this meeting location, all public attendees need to bring a valid driver's license or valid Government ID to sign in at the Security desk when they arrive. The link for the webinar registration will be posted, when available, on the ORAP website: [https://www.noaa.gov/ocean-](https://www.noaa.gov/ocean-research-advisory-panel/orap-public-meetings)

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For the latest agenda please refer to the ORAP website: <https://www.noaa.gov/ocean-research-advisory-panel/orap-public-meetings>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Viviane Silva, ORAP Designated Federal Officer (DFO), SSMC3, Room 11320, 1315 East-West Hwy., Silver Spring, MD 20910; Phone Number: 240-624-0656; Email: [DFO.orap@noaa.gov](mailto:DFO.orap@noaa.gov); or visit the ORAP website at <https://www.noaa.gov/ocean-research-advisory-panel/orap-public-meetings>.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Ocean Research Advisory Panel (ORAP) advises the Ocean Policy Committee (OPC) and provides independent recommendations to the Federal Government on matters of ocean policy.

Congress directed the establishment of the ORAP in Section 1055(c) of the William M. (Mac) Thornberry National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2021 (Pub. L. 116-283), 10 U.S.C. 8933.

ORAP's responsibilities are (1) to advise the OPC on policies and procedures to implement the National Oceanographic Partnership Program; (2) to advise the OPC on matters relating to national oceanographic science, engineering, facilities, or resource requirements; (3) to advise the OPC on improving diversity, equity, and inclusion in the ocean sciences and related fields; (4) to advise the OPC on national ocean research priorities; and (5) any additional responsibilities that the OPC considers appropriate.

*Status:* The May 21–22, 2024 meeting will be open to public participation with a 30-minute public comment period at 3:15 p.m. EDT. The ORAP expects that public statements presented at its meetings will not be repetitive of previously submitted verbal or written statements. In general, each individual or group making a verbal presentation will be limited to a total time of three-five minutes. Written comments for the May 21–22, 2024 meeting should be received by May 10, 2024 by the ORAP DFO ([DFO.orap@noaa.gov](mailto:DFO.orap@noaa.gov)) to provide sufficient time for ORAP review. Written comments received by the ORAP DFO after this date will be distributed to the ORAP, but may not be reviewed prior to the meeting date.

*Special Accommodations:* These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for special accommodations may be directed to the ORAP DFO no later than 12:00 p.m. EDT on May 10, 2024.

*Matters to Be Considered:* During the ORAP meeting on Dec 13–14, 2023, the

Ocean Policy Committee (OPC) requested that the ORAP advise on areas of opportunity for partnership (such as through the National Oceanic Partnership Program) on the topic of emerging technology (which could include Artificial Intelligence/Machine Learning, eDNA, and similar technology) with ocean industry and other sectors over the next 5–10 years. The OPC also requested that ORAP self-select another topic to address. The ORAP members agreed that the topic of accessible, inter-operable, interdisciplinary, and trusted ocean data to meet research and user needs is critical and deserves ORAP immediate attention. At this meeting on May 21–22, 2024, ORAP members will be discussing the two OPC tasks based on an initial review of each topic conducted by ORAP members.

Meeting materials, including work products, will be made available on the ORAP website: <https://www.noaa.gov/ocean-research-advisory-panel/orap-public-meetings>.

Dated: March 29, 2024.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

#### Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for Review and Approval; Comment Request; Alaska Region Logbook and Activity Family of Forms

The Department of Commerce will submit the following information collection request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and clearance in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, on or after the date of publication of this notice. We invite the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on proposed, and continuing information collections, which helps us assess the impact of our information collection requirements and minimize the public's reporting burden. Public comments were previously requested via the **Federal Register** on December 5, 2023 (88 FR 84305), during a 60-day comment period. This notice allows for an additional 30 days for public comments.