

authorization of Return Link Service (RLS) acknowledgment Type 1 capable Cospas-Sarsat 406 MHz distress beacons. Specifically, through Request for Information (RFI) notices published in the **Federal Register** on February 8, 2021 (86 FR 8598) and March 17, 2021 (86 FR 14595), the SARSAT Program sought the public's views on the inclusion of this optional RLS feature on U.S. country-coded beacons. The US SARSAT Program received 3 responses from the public to the RFI notices. Based on consideration of these responses, the addressing of several requirements requested by the U.S. Coast Guard and U.S. Air Force, and the update of the Standards for 406 MHz Satellite Personal Locator Beacons (PLBs) and 406 MHz Satellite Emergency Position Indicating Radio Beacons (EPIRBs), the US SARSAT Program is authorizing the coding and use of Return Link Service equipped PLBs and EPIRBs beacons within the United States Search and Rescue Region. These RLS enabled beacons will be legal for sale and use upon the publishing of Radio Technical Commission for Maritime services 11010.4 Standard for 406 MHz Satellite Personal Locator Beacons (PLBs). Due to the nature of their installation, RLS is currently not authorized for use in aviation Emergency Locator Transmitters.

Authority: 33 U.S.C. 883(d) and (e).

Dated: February 25, 2022.

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SARSAT Program Manager.

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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; Southwest Fisheries Science Center Sea Turtle Sightings

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** during a 60-day comment period on December 6, 2021. This notice allows for an additional 30 days for public comments.

Agency: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, National Marine Fisheries Service, Commerce.

Title: Southwest Fisheries Science Center Sea Turtle Sightings.

OMB Control Number: 0648-XXXX.

Form Number(s): None.

Type of Request: Regular. New information collection.

Number of Respondents: 132.

Average Hours per Response: 5 minutes.

Total Annual Burden Hours: 11 hours.

Needs and Uses: NOAA's Southwest Fisheries Science Center (SWFSC) is sponsoring a new information collection under the Endangered Species Act for the purpose of collecting data on West Coast sea turtle sightings from members of the public. The data collected would include: Date of the sighting, time of the sighting, sea turtle species (if known), behavior, estimated size, geographic location, photos (if taken), and the public respondent's email address (used to ask follow-up questions if necessary). This information would be used by the SWFSC's Marine Turtle Ecology & Assessment Program to monitor the distribution and timing of sea turtle occurrence along the U.S. West Coast, which will accordingly support its mission to conserve and protect threatened and endangered sea turtle populations.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Frequency: On occasion.

Respondent's Obligation: Voluntary.

Legal Authority: Endangered Species Act.

This information collection request may be viewed at www.reginfo.gov. Follow the instructions to view the Department of Commerce collections currently under review by OMB.

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be submitted within 30 days of the publication of this notice on the following website www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain. Find this particular information collection by selecting "Currently under 30-day Review—Open for Public Comments" or

by using the search function and entering the title of the collection.

Sheleen Dumas,

Department PRA Clearance Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer, Commerce Department.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[RTID 0648-XB836]

Magnuson-Stevens Act Provisions; General Provisions for Domestic Fisheries; Application for Exempted Fishing Permits

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

ACTION: Notice; request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Assistant Regional Administrator for Sustainable Fisheries, Greater Atlantic Region, NMFS, has made a preliminary determination that an Exempted Fishing Permit application contains all of the required information and warrants further consideration. The Exempted Fishing Permit would allow four commercial surfclam and ocean quahog vessels to conduct at-sea paralytic shellfish poisoning testing in the Closed Area II scallop access area in statistical area 562. Regulations under the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act require publication of this notification to provide interested parties the opportunity to comment on applications for proposed Exempted Fishing Permits.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before March 17, 2022.

ADDRESSES: You may submit written comments by the following method:

- *Email:* nmfs.gar.efp@noaa.gov.

Include in the subject line "Sea Watch Surfclam EFP."

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Laura Hansen, Fishery Management Specialist, 978-281-9225, Laura.Hansen@noaa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Sea Watch is requesting exemption from the Georges Bank Closed Area specified at 50 CFR 648.76(a)(4). The proposed project would conduct at-sea testing for paralytic shellfish poisoning (PSP) in the Georges Bank Closed Area II Scallop Access area.

This Exempted Fishing Permit (EFP) would allow two commercial surfclam and ocean quahog vessels, using

hydraulic clam dredge gear, to conduct at-sea PSP testing in the Closed Area II Scallop Access Area in statistical area 562. The participating vessels are already certified for at-sea testing and are currently operating in the area opened on Georges Bank in 2012.

In 2008, before the open area of Georges Bank was approved, we issued an EFP for a single vessel with a harvest of 176,000 bushels (bu) of surfclams and 80,000 bu of ocean quahogs to determine if at-sea PSP testing was feasible in that area. The project now under consideration was designed to align with the original EFP that was issued to open the area of Georges Bank.

Vessels would take up to 60 trips to collect data on the presence, or lack thereof, of PSP-contaminated shellfish in the area. The project would also collect data on clam densities, shell size and landings per unit effort. No less than 10 percent of the trips would be covered by observers paid for by Sea Watch. Vessels would land up to 4,800 bu of surfclams or ocean quahogs per trip and all landings would be counted against the vessel's annual Individual Fishing Quota allocation. All landings would be handled under the current PSP protocol in place as mandated by the Food and Drug Administration and the Interstate Shellfish Sanitation Conference. A positive PSP result from any one sample would deem the area unacceptable for harvest. The vessel Captain would immediately report all positive screening test results, by telephone or email, to the Authority within the intended state of landing, the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) Shellfish Specialist, and the processor. The FDA would notify us and permitted vessels would stop fishing in the affected area(s).

Participating vessels would adhere to all seasonal groundfish closures in Closed Area II and would not retain any scallops while on EFP trips. Additionally, vessels must also adhere to all other requirements at § 648.76(a)(4)(i).

If approved, Sea Watch may request minor modifications and extensions to the EFP throughout the study. EFP modifications and extensions may be granted without further notice if they are deemed essential to facilitate completion of the proposed research and have minimal impacts that do not change the scope or impact of the initially approved EFP request. Any fishing activity conducted outside the scope of the exempted fishing activity would be prohibited.

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

Dated: February 25, 2022.

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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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Space Weather Advisory Group Meeting

AGENCY: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: The Space Weather Advisory Group (SWAG) will meet for 2 half-days on March 17–18, 2022.

DATES: The meeting is scheduled as follows: March 17–18, 2022 from 10 a.m.–2 p.m. Eastern Standard Time (EST).

ADDRESSES: The public meeting will be conducted virtually via webinar. For details on how to connect to the webinar or to submit comments, please visit www.weather.gov/swag or contact Jennifer Meehan, National Weather Service; telephone: 301-427-9798; email: jennifer.meehan@noaa.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jennifer Meehan, National Weather Service, NOAA, 1325 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, Maryland 20910; 301-427-9798 or jennifer.meehan@noaa.gov; or visit the SWAG website: <https://www.weather.gov/swag>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to the Promoting Research and Observations of Space Weather to Improve the Forecasting of Tomorrow (PROSWIFT) Act, 51 U.S.C. 60601 *et seq.*, the Administrator of NOAA and the National Science and Technology Council's Space Weather Operations, Research, and Mitigation (SWORM) Subcommittee established the Space Weather Advisory Group (SWAG) on April 21, 2021. The SWAG is the only Federal Advisory Committee that advises and informs the interest and work of the SWORM. The SWAG is to receive advice from the academic community, the commercial space weather sector, and nongovernmental space weather end users to carry out the responsibilities of the SWAG set forth in the PROSWIFT Act, 51 U.S.C. 60601 *et seq.*

The SWAG is directed to advise the SWORM on the following: Facilitating advances in the space weather enterprise of the United States; improving the ability of the United States to prepare for, mitigate, respond to, and recover from space weather phenomena; enabling the coordination and facilitation of research to operations and operations to research, as described in section 60604(d) of title 51, United States Code; and developing and implementing the integrated strategy under 51 U.S.C. 60601(c), including subsequent updates and reevaluations. The SWAG shall also conduct a comprehensive survey of the needs of users of space weather products to identify the space weather research, observations, forecasting, prediction, and modeling advances required to improve space weather products, as required by 51 U.S.C. 60601(d)(3).

I. Matters To Be Considered

The meeting will be open to the public. During the meeting, the Committee will discuss the PROSWIFT Act, 51 U.S.C. 60601 *et seq.*, directed duties of the SWAG including the required 51 U.S.C. 60601(d)(3) user survey. The full agenda will be published on the SWAG website. Meeting materials, including work products, will also be available on the SWAG website: <https://www.weather.gov/swag>.

II. Additional Information and Public Comments

The meeting will be held over two half-days and will be conducted via webinar (for meeting details see **ADDRESSES**). Please register for the meeting through the website: <https://www.weather.gov/swag>.

This event is accessible to individuals with disabilities. For all other special accommodation requests, please contact Jennifer.meehan@noaa.gov. This webinar is a NOAA public meeting and will be recorded and transcribed. If you have a public comment, you acknowledge you will be recorded and are aware you can opt out of the meeting. Participation in the meeting constitutes consent to the recording. Both the meeting minutes and presentations will be posted to the SWAG website (<https://www.weather.gov/swag>). The agenda, speakers and times are subject to change. For updates, please check the SWAG website (<https://www.weather.gov/swag>).

Public comments directed to the SWAG members and SWAG related topics are encouraged. Individuals or groups who would like to submit