"unmitigable adverse impact" in 50 CFR 216.103 as an impact resulting from the specified activity: (1) That is likely to reduce the availability of the species to a level insufficient for a harvest to meet subsistence needs by: (i) Causing the marine mammals to abandon or avoid hunting areas; (ii) Directly displacing subsistence users; or (iii) Placing physical barriers between the marine mammals and the subsistence hunters; and (2) That cannot be sufficiently mitigated by other measures to increase the availability of marine mammals to allow subsistence needs to be met.

Given the nature of the activity and the required mitigation measures, serious injury and mortality of marine mammals is not expected to occur. Impacts to marine mammals will be limited to temporary behavioral disturbances of seals and bowhead whales. As described above, the required mitigation measures, such as implementation of shutdown zones, are expected to reduce the frequency and severity of takes of marine mammals.

Project activities could deter target species from west Harrison Bay. However, much of the project season avoids traditional ice seal harvest windows. (As noted in the Effects of Specified Activities on Subsistence Uses of Marine Mammals section above, Nuiqsut residents typically harvest ice seals in the highest numbers in June, July, and August, and Narwhal's project will not begin until August.) While some hunting continues throughout the early fall, we do not anticipate that there will be impacts to seals that will make them unavailable for subsistence hunters. As noted in the Effects of Specified Activities on Subsistence Uses of Marine Mammals section, subsistence use of bowhead whales is limited in this area, as it is not within the preferred and frequented hunting areas. The authorized takes are not expected to affect the fitness of any bowhead whales, or cause significant deflection outside of the typical migratory path in areas where subsistence hunts occur. Narwhal will continue to coordinate with local communities and subsistence groups to minimize impacts of the project, as described in the POC, which the IHA requires Narwhal to abide by.

Based on the description of the specified activity, the measures described to minimize adverse effects on the availability of marine mammals for subsistence purposes, and the mitigation and monitoring measures, NMFS has determined that there will not be an unmitigable adverse impact on subsistence uses from Narwhal's activities.

Endangered Species Act

Section 7(a)(2) of the ESA of 1973 (ESA; 16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.) requires that each Federal agency ensure that any action it authorizes, funds, or carries out is not likely to jeopardize the continued existence of any endangered or threatened species or result in the destruction or adverse modification of designated critical habitat. To ensure ESA compliance for the issuance of IHAs, NMFS OPR consults internally whenever we propose to authorize take for endangered or threatened species, in this case with the NMFS Alaska Regional Office (AKR).

NMFS Alaska Regional Office issued a Biological Opinion under section 7 of the ESA on the issuance of an IHA to Narwhal under section 101(a)(5)(D) of the MMPA by the NMFS OPR. The Biological Opinion concluded that the proposed action is not likely to jeopardize the continued existence of bowhead whale, bearded seal (Beringia DPS), and ringed seal (Arctic subspecies), and is not likely to destroy or adversely modify critical habitat for those species.

National Environmental Policy Act

To comply with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA; 42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.) and NOAA Administrative Order (NAO) 216–6A, NMFS must review our proposed action (i.e., the issuance of an IHA) with respect to potential impacts on the human environment.

NMFS prepared an EA and analyzed the potential impacts to marine mammals that would result from Narwhal's oil and gas exploration project, and subsequently signed a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) regarding the effects of its proposed action on the human environment. Copies of the EA and FONSI are available at https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/action/incidental-take-authorization-narwhallcs-oil-and-gas-exploration-activities-west-harrison.

Authorization

NMFS has issued an IHA to Narwhal for the potential harassment of small numbers of four marine mammal stocks incidental to the oil and gas exploration activities in west Harrison Bay, Alaska.

Dated: August 15, 2025.

Kimberly Damon-Randall,

Director, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[RTID 0648-XF091]

New England Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: The New England Fishery Management Council (Council) is scheduling a public meeting of its Joint Groundfish Advisory and Recreational Advisory Panels via webinar 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, September 3, 2025, at 9 a.m. Webinar registration URL information: https://nefmc-org.zoom.us/meeting/register/G4dyAdmATe-3OyRQT5ZPhA

ADDRESSES:

Council address: New England Fishery Management Council, 50 Water Street, Mill 2, Newburyport, MA 01950.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Cate O'Keefe, Executive Director, New England Fishery Management Council; telephone: (978) 465–0492.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Agenda

The Groundfish and Recreational Advisory Panels will meet to discuss revised Amendment 25/Atlantic Cod Specifications and Management and receive an update on development of the revised action. The Panels will receive an update on the development of Framework Adjustment 72/Specifications and Management Measures. They will also receive an overview of the Joint New England and Mid-Atlantic Council Omnibus Alternative Gear Marking Framework and discuss other business as necessary.

Although non-emergency issues not contained on the agenda may come before this Council for discussion, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during this meeting. Council action 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 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 Cate O'Keefe, Executive Director, at (978) 465–0492, at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

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

Dated: August 18, 2025.

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-XF092]

New England Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: The New England Fishery Management Council (Council) is scheduling a public meeting of its Groundfish Committee via webinar 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 Wednesday, September 3, 2025, at 1 p.m. Webinar registration URL information: https://nefmc-org.zoom.us/meeting/register/L1A9XZh0Rl6PCDBr 4ZBMkA.

ADDRESSES:

Council address: New England Fishery Management Council, 50 Water Street, Mill 2, Newburyport, MA 01950.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Cate O'Keefe, Executive Director, New England Fishery Management Council; telephone: (978) 465–0492.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Agenda

The Groundfish Committee will meet to discuss recommendations from the Recreational Advisory Panel, Groundfish Advisory Panel, and Groundfish Plan Development Team. They will receive an update on the development of the revised Amendment 25/Atlantic Cod Specifications and Management action. The Committee will also receive an update on the development of Framework Adjustment 72/Specifications and Management Measures. The Committee will make recommendations to the Council, as appropriate; and discuss other business, as necessary.

Although non-emergency issues not contained on the agenda may come before this Council for discussion, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during this meeting. Council action 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 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.

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

Dated: August 18, 2025.

Rey Israel Marquez,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

[Docket ID: DoD-2025-OS-0474]

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces Proposed Rules Changes

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, Department of Defense (DoD).

ACTION: Notice of proposed changes to the Rules of Practice and Procedure of the United States Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces.

SUMMARY: This notice announces proposed redrafting of the Rules of Practice and Procedure, United States Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces.

Although these rules of practice and procedure fall within the Administrative Procedure Act's exemptions for notice and comment, the Department, as a matter of policy, has decided to make these changes available for public review and comment before they are implemented.

DATES: Comments on the proposed changes must be received by September 19, 2025.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments, identified by docket number and title by any of the following methods:

• Federal eRulemaking Portal: http://www.regulations.gov.

• Mail: Department of Defense, Office of the Assistant to the Secretary of Defense for Privacy, Civil Liberties, and Transparency, Regulatory Directorate, 4800 Mark Center Drive, Attn: Mailbox 24, Suite 05F16, Alexandria, VA 22350– 1700

Instructions: All submissions received must include the agency name and docket number for this Federal Register document. The general policy for comments and other submissions from members of the public is to make these submissions available for public viewing on the internet at http://www.regulations.gov as they are received without change, including personal identifiers or contact information.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Malcolm H. Squires, Jr., Clerk of the Court, telephone (202) 761–1448.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice announces the following proposed changes to Rules 22 and 26 of the Rules of Practice and Procedure, United States Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces.

Dated: August 18, 2025.

Aaron T. Siegel,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

Rule 22

Rule 22—Certificate for Review—currently reads:

(a) A certificate for review under Rule 18(b) will be substantially in the following form:

3. It is requested that action be taken with respect to the following issue(s): [Set out issue(s) here]

The Judge Advocate General
Received a copy of the foregoing
Certificate for Review this ____ day of

Appellate Government Counsel