

Habitat Committee, Tuesday, September 12, 2023, 10 a.m. Until 3 p.m.

The Committee will receive a report from the May 2023 meeting of the Habitat Advisory Panel addressing plans for the 5-year Essential Fish Habitat Review and revisions to Council's policies addressing Beach Renourishment and Offshore Wind Energy Development, receive comments from the Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) on a coral distribution model, and review and consider approval of the Council's Habitat Blueprint. The Committee will also review topics to be addressed at the next meeting of the Habitat Advisory Panel.

SEDAR Committee, Tuesday, September 12, 2023, 3 p.m. Until 5 p.m. (Partially Closed Session)

The Committee will receive a report from the April 2023 meeting of the SEDAR Steering Committee, an update on SEDAR projects, and approve the Statements of Work for 2026 Assessments. The Committee will then meet in Closed Session to address appointments of SSC members to SEDAR Panels.

Snapper Grouper Committee, Wednesday, September 13, 2023, 8:30 a.m. Until 3:45 p.m., and Thursday, September 14, 2023, 8:30 a.m. Until 12 p.m.

The Committee will review the following amendments that are under development to the Snapper Grouper Fishery Management Plan: Amendment 48 addressing wreckfish management; Amendment 44 addressing yellowtail snapper management; and Amendment 46 addressing recreational permits for the snapper grouper fishery, including recommendations from the Recreational Permitting and Reporting Technical Advisory Panel for Amendment 46. The Committee will review public scoping comments received on Amendment 55 addressing management measures for scamp and yellowmouth grouper, consider SSC recommendations, and discuss rebuilding timelines, ecosystem component designation, and application of the Allocations Decision Tool as it pertains to Amendment 55. The Committee will also discuss potential actions to include in Amendment 56 addressing Black Sea Bass management after receiving recommendations from the SSC on requested projections and catch levels, and a report from the On-Demand Gear Workshop. The Committee will receive updates from the System Management Plan (SMP) Workgroup and Best Fishing Practices

Outreach, and review topics for the next meeting of the Snapper Grouper Advisory Panel.

Formal Public Comment, Wednesday, June 13, 2023, 4 p.m.—Public comment will be accepted from individuals attending the meeting in person and via webinar on all items on the Council meeting agenda. The Council Chair will determine the amount of time provided to each commenter based on the number of individuals wishing to comment.

Council Session II, Thursday, September 14, 2023, 1:30 p.m. Until 5 p.m. and Friday, September 15, 2023, 8:30 a.m. Until 12 p.m.

The Council will present awards, receive a litigation brief if needed, and receive a staff report. The Council will review topics for upcoming meetings of the Dolphin Wahoo and Outreach and Education Advisory Panels; receive a report from NOAA Fisheries Southeast Regional Office, including a briefing on ongoing system issues at the NMFS' Southeast Permits Office and updates on Biological Opinions for Dolphin, Wahoo, and Shrimp; and a report from the Southeast Fisheries Science Center. The Council will receive Committee reports, review its workplan, review upcoming meetings, and take action as necessary. The Council will discuss any other business as needed.

Documents regarding these issues are available from the Council office (see **ADDRESSES**).

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 these meetings. 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 Council's intent to take final action to address the emergency.

Special Accommodations

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for auxiliary aids should be directed to the Council office (see **ADDRESSES**) 5 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: August 18, 2023.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[RTID 0648-XD267]

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's is convening its Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) 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 hybrid meeting will be held on Friday, September 8, 2023, beginning at 9:30 a.m.

ADDRESSES:

Meeting address: The meeting will be held at the Hilton Garden Inn, 100 Boardman Street, Boston, MA 02128; telephone: (617) 567-6789.

Webinar registration information: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/6781933288682361437>.

Call in information: +1 (415) 655-0052, Access Code: 211-296-770.

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 Scientific and Statistical Committee will meet to: review recent stock assessment information and additional information provided by the Council's Groundfish Plan Development Team and recommend the overfishing limits (OFLs) and acceptable biological catches (ABCs) for Georges Bank yellowtail flounder for fishing years 2024 and 2025; white hake for fishing years 2024 and 2025, including feedback on the white hake rebuilding plan options and Gulf of Maine haddock

for fishing years 2024 and 2025. They will discuss other business, to include giving feedback to the Council on expected SSC tasks for 2024 and discussing plans for the 8th meeting of the CCC Scientific Coordination Subcommittee.

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.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Telecommunications and Information Administration

Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for Review and Approval; Comment Request; Middle Mile Grant Program

AGENCY: National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA), Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of information collection, request for comment.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce, in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), invites 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. The purpose of this notice is to allow for 60 days of public comment preceding the submission of the collection to OMB.

DATES: To ensure consideration, comments regarding this proposed information collection must be received on or before October 23, 2023.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit written comments by mail to Arica Cox, Deputy Director, Grants Management, Administration, and Compliance, Office of Internet Connectivity and Growth, National Telecommunication and Information Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW, Room 4626, Washington, DC 20230, or by email to broadbandusa@ntia.gov. Please reference OMB Control 0660-0052 in the subject line of your comments. Do not submit Confidential Business Information or otherwise sensitive or protected information.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Requests for additional information or specific questions related to collection activities should be directed to Arica Cox, Deputy Director, Grants Management Administration, and Compliance, Office of Internet Connectivity and Growth, National Telecommunication and Information Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW, Room 4626, Washington, DC 20230, via telephone at (202) 209-3011, or email at acox@ntia.gov; broadbandusa@ntia.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

NTIA seeks approval under the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) to add 11 questions regarding equipment purchases to the Enabling Middle Mile Broadband Infrastructure Program (Middle Mile) Bi-Annual Performance Reports (OMB No. 0660-0052). This collection of questions will be added to the Middle Mile Bi-Annual Performance Reports as a supplement referred to as the Middle Mile Reports Addendum.

The Middle Mile Grant Program, authorized by Section 60401 of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act of 2021, Public Law 117-58, 135 Stat. 429 (November 15, 2021) (Infrastructure Act or Act), provides funding for the construction, improvement, or acquisition of middle mile infrastructure. The Middle Mile Grant Program will make up to \$980,000,000 available for federal assistance to the following eligible entities: a State, political subdivision of a State, Tribal government, technology company, electric utility, utility cooperative,

public utility district, telecommunications company, telecommunications cooperative, nonprofit foundation, nonprofit corporation, nonprofit institution, nonprofit association, regional planning council, Native entity, economic development authority, or any partnership of two (2) or more of these entities. The purpose of the grant program is to expand and extend middle mile infrastructure to reduce the cost of connecting areas that are unserved or underserved to the internet backbone.

On May 13, 2022, NTIA published the program's Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) on [internetforall.gov](https://www.internetforall.gov) to describe the requirements under which it will award grants for the Middle Mile Grant Program. See Enabling Middle Mile Broadband Infrastructure Program Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) (May 13, 2022), <https://www.internetforall.gov/program/enabling-middle-mile-broadband-infrastructure-program>. The NOFO requires award recipients to submit bi-annual performance reports, financial reports, and a final report as a part of the grant close-out process. Award recipients must follow the reporting requirements described in Sections A.01, Reporting Requirement, of the Department of Commerce Financial Assistance Standard Terms and Conditions (dated November 12, 2020). Additionally, in accordance with 2 CFR part 170, all recipients of a federal award made on or after October 1, 2010, must comply with reporting requirements under the Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act of 2006 (Pub. L. 109-282).

Modifying the Middle Mile Bi-Annual Performance Reports and Final Report to include NTIA's requested questions regarding equipment purchases on the Middle Mile Report Addendum will enable the Commerce Department and NTIA to ensure recipient compliance with the Build America, Buy America Act ("BABA") and facilitate NTIA's ability to collect data to comply with BABA reporting requirements. NTIA will also use the information collected to effectively administer and monitor the grant program to ensure the achievement of the Middle Mile Grant Program purposes and account for the expenditure of federal funds to deter waste, fraud, and abuse.

II. Method of Collection

Award recipients will submit the Middle Mile Reports Addendum as part of the Bi-Annual Performance Reports for the periods ending March 31st and September 30th of each year. NTIA will