

NMFS uses the information provided by an applicant to determine the organization's nonprofit status. In addition, the application provides information about the ability of the organization to arrange for and distribute donated salmon and halibut as a high quality food product.

II. Method of Collection

There is no form for this application. The application to become a PSD distributor, and any changes or updates to the application, are submitted to NMFS as an email attachment.

III. Data

OMB Control Number: 0648–0316.

Form Number(s): None.

Type of Review: Regular submission (extension of a current information collection).

Affected Public: Not-for-profit institutions.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 1.

Estimated Time per Response:

Application to be a NMFS Authorized Distributor, 17 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 17 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public: \$0 in recordkeeping and reporting costs.

Respondent's Obligation: Required to obtain or retain benefits.

Legal Authority: Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*).

IV. Request for Comments

We are soliciting public comments to permit the Department/Bureau to: (a) Evaluate whether the proposed information collection is necessary for the proper functions of the Department, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) Evaluate the accuracy of our estimate of the time and cost burden for this proposed collection, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) Evaluate ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) Minimize the

reporting burden on those who are to respond, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments that you submit in response to this notice are a matter of public record. We will include or summarize each comment in our request to OMB to approve this ICR. Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you may ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

Sheleen Dumas,

Department PRA Clearance Officer, Office of the Under Secretary for Economic Affairs, Commerce Department.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[RTID 0648–XD556]

Research Track Assessment for Black Sea Bass

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

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: NMFS will convene the Research Track Assessment Peer Review Meeting for the purpose of reviewing Black Sea Bass. The Research Track Assessment Peer Review is a formal scientific peer-review process for evaluating and presenting stock assessment results to managers for fish stocks in the offshore U.S. waters of the

northwest Atlantic. Assessments are prepared by the research track working group and reviewed by an independent panel of stock assessment experts from the Center of Independent Experts (CIE). The public is invited to attend the presentations and discussions between the review panel and the scientists who have participated in the stock assessment process.

DATES: The public portion of the Research Track Assessment Peer Review Meeting will be held from December 5, 2023–December 7, 2023. The meeting will conclude on December 7, 2023 at 4 p.m. eastern standard time. Please see **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for the daily meeting agenda.

ADDRESSES:

The meeting will be held via *WebEx*: <https://noaanmfs-meets.webex.com/noaanmfs-meets/j.php?MTID=m6913d2c21375690b5235caba3fbd2829>.

Meeting number (access code): 2760 957 5065.

Meeting password: HMzTG9qhd73.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: For further information, please visit the Northeast Fisheries Science Center (NEFSC) website at <https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/new-england-mid-atlantic/population-assessments/fishery-stock-assessments-new-england-and-mid-atlantic>. For additional information about research track assessment peer review, please visit the NEFSC web page at <https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/new-england-mid-atlantic/population-assessments/research-track-stock-assessments>.

Daily Meeting Agenda—Research Track Peer Review Meeting

The agenda is subject to change; all times are approximate and may be changed at the discretion of the Peer Review Chair.

Time	Topic	Presenter(s)	Notes
Tuesday, December 5, 2023			
9 a.m.–9:15 a.m	Welcome/Logistics Introductions/ Agenda/Conduct of Meeting.	Michele Traver, Assessment Process Lead; Larry Alade, Acting PopDy Branch Chief; Olaf Jensen, Panel Chair.	
9:15 a.m.–9:45 a.m	Introduction/Executive Summary	Anna Mercer (WG chair)/Kiersten Curti (assessment lead).	Biology, movement, management overview, flag areas of major progress in the Research Track (new data sources, indices, M exploration, discard mortality exploration, new model, etc.).

Time	Topic	Presenter(s)	Notes
9:45 a.m.–10:30 a.m	Term of Reference (TOR) #2	Kiersten Curti	Commercial catch, Commercial Fisheries Research Foundation Research Fleet data.
10:30 a.m.–10:45 a.m	Break.		
10:45 a.m.–11:30 a.m	TOR #2 cont	Kiersten Curti, Sam Truesdell, Julia Beaty.	Recreational catch Discard Mortality.
11:30 a.m.–12 p.m	Discussion/Summary	Review Panel.	
12 p.m.–12:15 p.m	Public Comment	Public.	
12:15 p.m.–1:15 p.m	Lunch.		
1:15 p.m.–2:45 p.m	TOR #3	Kiersten Curti, Sam Truesdell, Alex Hansell.	NEFSC Bottom Trawl Survey, North-East Area Monitoring and Assessment Program, State Surveys, Ventless Trap Survey, Vector Autoregressive Spatio Temporal indices.
2:45 p.m.–3 p.m	Break.		
3 p.m.–3:45 p.m	TOR #3	Jeff Brust, Andy Jones	Recreational CPA and Commercial Catch Per Unit Effort.
3:45 p.m.–4 p.m	Discussion/Summary	Review Panel.	
4 p.m.–4:15 p.m	Public Comment	Public.	
4:15 p.m	Adjourn.		

Wednesday, December 6, 2023

9 a.m.–9:05 a.m	Welcome/Logistics Introductions/ Agenda.	Michele Traver, Assessment Process Lead; Olaf Jensen, Panel Chair.	
9:05 a.m.–10:30 a.m	TOR #1	Scott Large, Kiersten Curti, Jason McNamee, Anna Mercer.	Time varying growth and maturity, Spatiotemporal modeling, Ecosystem indicators, Trophic ecology, Natural Mortality, Stakeholder engagement.
10:30 a.m.–10:45 a.m	Break.		
10:45 a.m.–12:45 p.m	TOR #4	Tim Miller, Kiersten Curti	Woods Hole Assessment Model.
12:45 p.m.–1:45 p.m	Lunch.		
1:45 p.m.–2:45 p.m	TOR #5	Tim Miller, Kiersten Curti	Reference Points.
2:45 p.m.–3:30 p.m	TOR #6	Tim Miller, Kiersten Curti	Projections.
3:30 p.m.–4 p.m	Discussion/Summary	Review Panel.	
4 p.m.–4:15 p.m	Public Comment	Public.	
4:15 p.m	Adjourn.		

Thursday, December 7, 2023

9 a.m.–9:05 a.m	Welcome/Logistics, Introductions/ Agenda.	Michele Traver, Assessment Process Lead; Olaf Jensen, Panel Chair.	
9:05 a.m.–10:15 a.m	TOR #4 cont'	Gavin Fay, Jason McNamee	Stock Structure.
10:15 a.m.–10:30 a.m	Break.		
10:30 a.m.–10:45 a.m	TOR #8	Kiersten Curti	Summarize Woods Hole Assessment Model recommended model; Alternative Assessment Approach.
10:45 a.m.–11:30 a.m	TOR #7	Julia Beaty	Research Recommendations.
11:30 a.m.–12 p.m	Discussion/Summary	Panel.	
12 p.m.–12:15 p.m	Public Comment	Public.	
12:15 p.m.–1:15 p.m	Lunch.		
1:15 p.m.–4 p.m	Report writing	Panel.	
4 p.m	Adjourn.		

The meeting is open to the public; however, during the 'Report Writing' session on Thursday, December 7th, the public should not engage in discussion with the Peer Review Panel.

Special Accommodations

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Special requests should be directed to Michele Traver, via email (see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**).

Dated: November 29, 2023.

Michael P. Ruccio,

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.