

one–two meetings of the AP will be held annually, and these meetings will be held in the United States or Canada. AP members will need a valid U.S. passport.

The Pacific Whiting Act of 2006 also states that while performing their appointed duties, members other than officers or employees of the United States Government, shall not be considered to be Federal employees while performing such service, except for purposes of injury compensation or tort claims liability as provided in chapter 81 of title 5 and chapter 171 of title 28. (*Id.*)

Information on the Pacific Whiting Treaty, including current committee members can be found at: <https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/west-coast/laws-and-policies/pacific-hake-whiting-treaty>.

Nominations

Nomination packages for appointments should include:

- (1) The name of the applicant or nominee, position they are being nominated for and a description of his/her interest in Pacific whiting; and
- (2) A statement of background and/or description of how the following qualifications are met.

Advisory Panel Qualifications

AP member nominees must be knowledgeable or experienced in the harvesting, processing, marketing, management, conservation, or research of the offshore Pacific whiting resource; and must not be employees of the United States Government. Nominees currently active as vessel skippers are encouraged.

Authority: 16 U.S.C. 7001 *et seq.*

Dated: August 24, 2021.

Jennifer M. Wallace,
Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[RTID 0648–XB354]

Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council (MAFMC); Public Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice; public meeting.

SUMMARY: The Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council (Council) will convene a public peer review meeting consisting of members of the Council's Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC).

DATES: The meeting will be held on Monday, September 20, 2021, starting at 10 a.m. and continue through 4 p.m. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for agenda details.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will take place over webinar using the Webex platform with a telephone-only connection option. Details on how to connect to the webinar by computer and by telephone will be available at: <http://www.mafmc.org>.

Council address: Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council, 800 N. State Street, Suite 201, Dover, DE 19901; telephone: (302) 674–2331; website: www.mafmc.org.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Christopher M. Moore, Ph.D., Executive Director, Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council, telephone: (302) 526–5255.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Council will convene a peer review panel consisting of members of the Council's SSC to review potential two recreational management models. These two models, a recreational fleet dynamics model and an economic recreational demand model, are being considered for use by the Council's Fishery Management Action Team (FMAT) and the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission's (ASMFC) Plan Development Team (PDT) that are developing analyses, materials, and alternatives for the Council and ASMFC Recreational Reform Initiative. The potential use of these models would be part of the development of a Harvest Control Rule currently being considered as one component of the Recreational Reform action. The peer review will help identify potential benefits, uncertainties, and appropriate approaches and considerations of each model for use by the FMAT/PDT.

A detailed agenda and background documents will be made available on the Council's website (www.mafmc.org) prior to the meeting.

Special Accommodations

The meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aid should be directed to Shelley Spedden, (302) 526–5251, at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

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

Dated: August 24, 2021.

Tracey L. Thompson,

Acting Deputy 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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Endangered and Threatened Species; Take of Anadromous Fish

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

ACTION: Notice; availability of a draft environmental assessment and proposed evaluation.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that NMFS has received five plans for hatchery programs rearing and releasing Chinook salmon, coho salmon, and sockeye salmon in the Lake Washington basin. The plans describe hatchery programs operated by the Muckleshoot Indian Tribe and Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW). This document serves to notify the public of the availability and opportunity to comment on a draft Environmental Assessment and Proposed Evaluation and Determination document on the proposed hatchery plans.

DATES: Comments must be received at the appropriate address (see **ADDRESSES**) no later than 5:00 p.m. Pacific time on September 27, 2021. Comments received after this date may not be considered.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be submitted by email. The mailbox address for providing email comments is: Hatcheries.Public.Comment@noaa.gov. Include in the subject line of the email comment the following identifier: Comments on Lake Washington hatchery programs. The documents available for public comment can be found at: <https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/action/five-hatchery-programs-lake-washington-basin>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Chanté Davis at (503) 231–2307 or by email at chante.davis@noaa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Endangered Species Act (ESA) Listed Species Covered in This Notice

- Chinook salmon (*Oncorhynchus tshawytscha*): Threatened, naturally and artificially propagated;
- Steelhead (*O. mykiss*): Threatened, naturally and artificially propagated;

Background

The term “take” is defined under the ESA to mean harass, harm, pursue, hunt, shoot, wound, kill, trap, capture, or collect, or to attempt to engage in any such conduct. The ESA prohibits the take of endangered salmonids and, pursuant to ESA section 4(d), ESA regulations can be extended to prohibit the take of threatened salmonids. However, NMFS may make exceptions to the take prohibitions for hatchery programs that are approved by NMFS under the limits on the prohibitions outlined in 50 CFR 223.203(b). The Muckleshoot Indian Tribe and WDFW have submitted hatchery plans to NMFS pursuant to the ESA 4(d) rule for salmon and steelhead. The hatchery programs are intended to contribute to the survival and recovery of Puget Sound Chinook Salmon, provide information on exploitation rates, and support returns of coho salmon, Chinook salmon, and sockeye salmon to the Lake Washington basin.

Authority

16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*; 16 U.S.C. 742a *et seq.*

Dated: August 23, 2021.

Angela Somma,

Chief, Endangered Species Conservation Division, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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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 Skate 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 Thursday, September 16, 2021, at 1 p.m. Webinar registration URL information: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/9028477419981708811>.

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

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Thomas A. Nies, Executive Director, New England Fishery Management Council; telephone: (978) 465-0492.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Agenda

The Skate Committee will receive an update on progress and make final recommendations on preferred alternatives for the Skate 2022-23 Specifications. They will also receive an update on progress and make recommendations for measures for intermediate possession limits, at-sea monitoring, and other aspects of Amendment 5 to the Northeast Skate Complex Fishery Management Plan. The Committee will develop recommendations for 2022 Council work priorities regarding skates. Other business may be discussed, 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 Thomas A. Nies, Executive Director, at (978) 465-0492, at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council (MAFMC); Public Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice; public meeting.

SUMMARY: The Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council's Mackerel, Squid, and Butterfish Monitoring Committee will hold a public webinar meeting.

DATES: The meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 14, 2021, from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. For agenda details, see **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held via webinar. Information on how to connect to the webinar will be posted to <https://www.mafmc.org/council-events/>. Council address: Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council, 800 N State Street, Suite 201, Dover, DE 19901; telephone: (302) 674-2331; www.mafmc.org.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Christopher M. Moore, Ph.D., Executive Director, Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council, telephone: (302) 526-5255.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Mackerel, Squid, and Butterfish Monitoring Committee will meet via webinar to discuss catch and landings limits and other management measures for Atlantic chub mackerel in 2022. The objectives of this meeting are for the Monitoring Committee to: (1) Review recent fishery performance and management measure recommendations from the Advisory Panel, the Scientific and Statistical Committee, and Council staff; (2) Review, and if appropriate, recommend changes to the previously implemented 2022 annual catch limit, annual catch target, total allowable landings limit, and other management measures. Meeting materials will be posted to www.mafmc.org.

Special Accommodations

The meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for