

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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## 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](http://www.weather.gov/swag) or contact Jennifer Meehan, National Weather Service; telephone: 301-427-9798; email: [jennifer.meehan@noaa.gov](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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

advance written comments, please email them to [jennifer.meehan@noaa.gov](mailto:jennifer.meehan@noaa.gov) by March 11, 2022 to provide sufficient time for SWAG review. Written comments received after these dates will be distributed to the SWAG but may not be reviewed prior to the meeting date. As time allows, public comments will be read into the public record during the meeting. Advance comments will be collated and posted to the meeting website.

Dated: February 24, 2022.

**Michael Farrar,**

*Director, National Centers for Environmental Prediction, National Weather Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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### Fisheries of the Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico, and South Atlantic; Exempted Fishing Permit

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

**ACTION:** Notice of receipt of an application for an exempted fishing permit; request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** NMFS announces the receipt of an application for an exempted fishing permit (EFP) from the South Carolina Aquarium. If granted, the EFP would authorize the South Carolina Aquarium to collect, with certain conditions, various species of snapper-grouper, Spanish mackerel, king mackerel, golden crab, dolphin, wahoo, Atlantic cobia, spiny lobster, and shrimp in the Federal waters off South Carolina and North Carolina in the South Atlantic. The specimens would be used in educational exhibits displaying native marine species at the South Carolina Aquarium located in Charleston, SC.

**DATES:** Written comments must be received on or before April 1, 2022.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments, identified by “NOAA-NMFS-2021-0131”, by any of the following methods:

- **Electronic Submission:** Submit all electronic public comments via the Federal e-Rulemaking Portal. Go to <https://www.regulations.gov> and enter “NOAA-NMFS-2021-0131” in the Search box. Click the “Comment” icon,

complete the required fields, and enter or attach your comments.

- **Mail:** Submit written comments to Nikhil Mehta, Southeast Regional Office, NMFS, 263 13th Avenue South, St. Petersburg, FL 33701.

**Instructions:** Comments sent by any other method (including email), to any other address or individual, or received after the end of the comment period, may not be considered by NMFS. All comments received are a part of the public record and will generally be posted for public viewing on [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) without change. All personal identifying information (e.g., name, address, etc.), confidential business information, or otherwise sensitive information submitted voluntarily by the sender will be publicly accessible. NMFS will accept anonymous comments (enter “N/A” in the required fields if you wish to remain anonymous).

Electronic copies of the EFP application and related documents are available from the website at <https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/southeast/south-carolina-aquarium-exempted-fishing-permit-application>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Nikhil Mehta, 727-824-5305; email [nikhil.mehta@noaa.gov](mailto:nikhil.mehta@noaa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The EFP is requested under the authority of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (Magnuson-Stevens Act), 16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*, and regulations at 50 CFR 600.745(b) concerning exempted fishing.

The proposed specimen collection involves activities otherwise prohibited under the Magnuson-Stevens Act by regulations at 50 CFR part 622, subparts I, J, L, M, Q, and R, as they pertain to species managed by the South Atlantic Fishery Management Council (Council) under the Fishery Management Plans for Snapper-Grouper, Coastal Migratory Pelagics, Dolphin and Wahoo, Golden Crab, Spiny Lobster, and Shrimp. The EFP would also exempt the described activities from certain Atlantic cobia regulations under the Atlantic Coastal Fisheries Cooperative Management Act at 50 CFR part 697. The South Carolina Aquarium is a not-for-profit public institution dedicated to the understanding and conservation of South Carolina’s natural habitats and resources. The overall intent of the project is to incorporate native species into educational exhibits at the South Carolina Aquarium. The aquarium uses these displays of native South Carolina species to teach the public about stewardship and habitat preservation.

To accomplish their request for species collection, the applicant seeks exemption from regulations at 50 CFR 622.9(c) (Fish traps); 50 CFR 622.177(a) (Gear Identification); 50 CFR 622.181(b)(1), (b)(3), and (c) (Prohibited and limited-harvest species); 50 CFR 622.183(b)(1) through (5) and (b)(7) and (8) (Area and seasonal closures); 50 CFR 622.184(a) (Seasonal harvest limitations); 50 CFR 622.185 (Size limits); 50 CFR 622.187(b), except for Nassau grouper at (b)(2)(v) (Bag and possession limits); 50 CFR 622.188(a)(2) (Required gear, authorized gear, and unauthorized gear); 50 CFR 622.200(a)(2)(i) (Permits); 50 CFR 622.240(a) (Permits); 50 CFR 622.245(c) (Prohibited species); 50 CFR 622.275 (Size limits); 622.277(a)(1)(i) and (a)(2)(i) (Bag and possession limits); 622.380(b) and (c) (Size limits); 50 CFR 622.382(a)(1)(i) and (iii) (Bag and possession limits); 50 CFR 622.402(b) (Permits); 50 CFR 622.404(d) (Prohibited gears and methods); 50 CFR 622.407(a) (Minimum size limits and other harvest limitations); 50 CFR 622.408(a) (Bag/possession limits); 50 CFR 697.28(c) (Size limits); and 50 CFR 697.28(e) (Bag and possession limits).

The applicant requires authorization to collect (live) 1,436 fish and 455 invertebrates (crabs, lobsters, and shrimp) per year in the Federal waters off South Carolina, and sporadically in the Federal waters off North Carolina. The federally-managed species to be collected by the applicant per year, over a 5-year period, listed by common name with the collection total, are: Groupers (50 total) (*Epinephelus spp.* including rock hind, graysby, speckled hind (no more than 2), yellowedge, coney, red hind, goliath (no more than 2), red, misty, warsaw (no more than 2), and snowy); groupers (50 total) (*Mycteroperca spp.* including gag, black, yellowmouth, scamp, and yellowfin); grunts (250 total) (*Haemulon spp.* including margate, tomtate, cottonwick, sailors choice, and white); jacks (75 total) (*Caranx spp.* including bar jack); jacks (125 total) (*Seriola spp.* including greater amberjack, lesser amberjack, almaco jack, and banded rudderfish); Atlantic spadefish (50); hogfish (8); wreckfish (2); porgies (65 total) (*Calamus spp.* including jolthead, saucereye, whitebone, and knobbed); red porgy (25); longspine porgy (50); scup (50); sea basses (100 total) (*Centropomus spp.* including bank, rock, and black); snappers (175 total) (including blackfin, queen (no more than 2), mutton, red (no more than 25), cubera, gray, lane, yellowtail, vermilion (no more than 75)); blueline tilefish (5);