

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Requests for additional information or specific questions related to collection activities should be directed to Keeley Kent, Branch Chief, NOAA, 7600 Sand Point Way NE, Seattle, WA 98115-6349, (206) 526-4655, keeley.kent@noaa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**I. Abstract**

This is a request for the renewal of an approved information collection. Under the authority of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Reauthorization Act (16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*), the Pacific coast groundfish fishery is managed under the Pacific Coast Groundfish Fishery Management Plan (FMP) by the National Marine Fisheries Service West Coast Region. One sector of the groundfish fishery has limited entry permits endorsed for trawl gear and is managed under a catch share program. The catch share program implemented requirements for 100-percent observer coverage at-sea and dockside to ensure full accountability for catch of allocated species and a level playing field for all participants. To provide a cost-effective alternative to human observer coverage, vessels may choose to use electronic monitoring (EM). EM uses video cameras and integrated sensors (e.g., GPS, motion sensor, hydraulic pressure sensor) to passively monitor fishing activity at-sea. The video and sensor data can be reviewed after the trip by an analyst onshore to collect information about location and amount of catch and fishing effort. EM has the potential to reduce monitoring costs because it does not require deploying a person on the vessel and the logistical and travel expenses that generates.

This information collection includes a permit application and associated documents for EM service provider companies, a permit application and associated documents for vessels participating in EM, and a logbook and video hard drive submissions for participating vessels. The information is used to allow vessels to utilize EM in lieu of the 100% human observer requirement and for fishery catch accounting to occur according to regulations in place at 50 CFR 660 subpart J.

II. Method of Collection

Paper format, electronic (internet), email, fax.

III. Data

OMB Control Number: 0648-0785.

Form Number(s): None.

Type of Review: Regular submission [extension of a current information collection].

Affected Public: Individuals or households; Business or other for-profit organizations; Not-for-profit institutions.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 200.

Estimated Time per Response: Vessel Owners: Initial Application 0.5 hr., Final Application 8 hrs., VMP 1 hr., Renewal 0.5 hr., EM System Maintenance 0 minutes, SE Agreement 3 hrs., and Appeal 1 hour. Vessel Operators: Captain Training 1.5 hrs., Logbooks 10 minutes, and Submission 10 minutes. EM Service Provider: Initial Application 15 hrs., Application Two 0.16 hr., Appeal 1.3 hrs., EMSP 2 hrs., Renewal 0.4 hr., Certification 30 minutes, Reports 0.25 hr., Debriefing 1.2 hrs.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 5,123 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public: \$1,036,067.

Respondent's Obligation: Required to Obtain or Retain Benefits.

Legal Authority: Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Reauthorization Act (16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*), 50 CFR part 660, subpart J.

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 information collection request. 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,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

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Applications for Membership to the American Fisheries Advisory Committee

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

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Applications are being sought for appointment by the Secretary of Commerce (Secretary) for 7 membership positions to serve on the 22-member American Fisheries Advisory Committee (AFAC or Committee). Individuals selected to serve on the Committee will serve a term of three years, unless otherwise stipulated.

DATES: Applications must have an email date stamp on or before June 20, 2025.

ADDRESSES: Applications should be submitted by email to: nmfs.afac.nominations@noaa.gov, or by mail to: Clifford Cosgrove, American Fisheries Advisory Committee Designated Staff Member, NMFS Office of Management and Budget, 1315 East-West Highway, Rm #14413, Silver Spring, MD 20910.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Cliff Cosgrove, American Fisheries Advisory Committee Designated Staff Member, NMFS Office of Management and Budget, by email, at nmfs.afac.nominations@noaa.gov; or by phone at (301) 427-8736. Please visit the Saltonstall-Kennedy (S-K) Research and Development Program web page at: <https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/national/funding-financial-services/saltonstall-kennedy-research-and-development-program>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Committee was created from Public Law (Pub. L.) 117-121 signed on May 12, 2022. The Committee currently meets no more than 3 times annually and membership is comprised of 22 individuals appointed by the Secretary with the following geographic representation:

- Region 1 consisting of Alaska, Hawaii, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and the Territories of Guam and American Samoa;
- Region 2 consisting of Maine, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, and Connecticut;
- Region 3 consisting of Texas, Alabama, Louisiana, Mississippi, Florida, Arkansas, Puerto Rico, and the Territory of the Virgin Islands of the United States;
- Region 4 consisting of California, Washington, Oregon, and Idaho;
- Region 5 consisting of New Jersey, New York, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Georgia; and
- Region 6 consisting of Michigan, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, and Pennsylvania.

Membership for each region will be composed of highly qualified, diverse individuals with experience in one or more of the following areas of expertise, and in as many seafood species as possible: seafood harvesting or processing; recreational or commercial fishing; growing seafood; fisheries science; and/or food distribution, marketing, retail, or food service.

Four at-large members shall also be appointed by the Secretary as follows: one individual with experience in food distribution, marketing, retail, or food service; one individual with experience in the recreational fishing industry supply chain, such as fishers, manufacturers, retailers, and distributors; one individual with experience in the commercial fishing industry supply chain, such as fishers, manufacturers, retailers, and distributors; and one individual who is an employee of NMFS with expertise in fisheries research.

The Committee is responsible for making recommendations to the Secretary for financial assistance awards under the S-K Grant Competition under the Department of Commerce. The Committee will also make recommendations to the Secretary to assist in the development of the annual Notice of Funding Opportunities (NOFO) for submission to the S-K Grant Competition. This may include identifying the needs of the fishing communities (program priorities), establishing individual award funding limits, specifying the application review criteria and selection processes, and other sections of the NOFO as appropriate and allowable. Applicants for these seven membership positions must have demonstrable experience listed below in as many seafood species

as possible from the specific AFAC fisheries regions as follows:

- Region 1, one individual with experience as a Recreational or Commercial Fisher and/or Experience Growing Seafood;
- Region 2, one individual with experience as a Seafood Harvester or Processor;
- Region 3, one individual with experience in the Fisheries Science Community or Relevant Fishery Management Council;
- Region 5, one individual with experience as a Seafood Harvester or Processor;
- Region 6, two positions, one individual with experience in the Fisheries Science Community or Relevant Fishery Management Council, one individual with experience as a Recreational or Commercial Fisher and/or Experience Growing Seafood;
- At-Large Region, one individual with experience in the recreational fishing industry supply chain such as fishermen, manufacturers, retailers, and distributors.

Members must be able to fulfill the time commitments required for up to two annual in-person meetings and one virtual meeting. The in-person meetings rotate between regions and last up to four business days, subject to the time needs of each meeting. The virtual meeting is one business day for approximately four hours.

Committee membership is voluntary and, except for reimbursable travel and related expenses per federal travel regulations, service is without compensation.

Each nominee must submit a cover letter and a resume/curriculum vitae (CV) in PDF format. The cover letter shall include a brief statement as to their interest in serving on the Committee and their qualifications. The resume/CV shall detail the applicant's contact information (address, telephone number, email address) and specific qualifications/experience/expertise as referenced in Public Law 117-121. Any applicants selected for Committee membership shall be required to complete a conflict of interest form. The first Committee meeting of members selected from this notice is scheduled for September 16 through September 19, 2025.

Applications must be submitted by email to nmfs.afac.nominations@noaa.gov, and must be received or email date stamped by June 20, to be considered. The full text of Public Law 117-121 and other relevant documents can be viewed on the Saltonstall-Kennedy web page at the following link: <https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/>

national/funding-financial-services/saltonstall-kennedy-research-and-development-program.

Dated: June 4, 2025.

Daniel A. Namur,

Financial Assistance Division Director, Management and Budget Office, 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, NEFMC) will hold a three-day hybrid meeting with both in-person and remote participation to consider actions affecting New England fisheries in the exclusive economic zone (EEZ).

DATES: The meeting will be held on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, June 24, 2025 through June 26, 2025, beginning at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday and 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday and Thursday.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will take place at the Hilton Garden Inn Freeport, 5 Park Street, Freeport, Maine 04032; telephone (207) 865-1433; online at <https://www.hilton.com/en/hotels/pwmfdgi-hilton-garden-inn-freeport-downtown>. Register for the webinar at https://nefmc-org.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_KK4uHyH1TCu-FLJBjKEQVw

Council address: New England Fishery Management Council, 50 Water Street, Mill 2, Newburyport, MA 01950; telephone (978) 465-0492; www.nefmc.org.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Cate O'Keefe, Executive Director, New England Fishery Management Council; telephone: (978) 465-0492, ext. 113.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Agenda

Tuesday, June 24, 2025

The Council will begin the day with a closed session of the Executive Committee to discuss sensitive information about Council resources in accordance with the Magnuson-Stevens