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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Committee was established by the NOAA Administrator as directed by section 12304(d) of the Integrated Coastal and Ocean Observation System Act (the Act) as amended by section 103 of the Coordinated Ocean Observations and Research Act of 2020 (COORA) (Pub. L. 116-271, title I). 33 U.S.C. 3603(d). The Committee advises the NOAA Administrator and the Interagency Ocean Observation Committee (IOOC) on matters related to the responsibilities and authorities set forth in the Act and other appropriate matters as the Administrator, the Ocean Policy Committee described at 33 U.S.C. 3603(c)(1), and IOOC may refer to the Committee for review and advice. The charter and summaries of prior meetings can be found online at <https://ioos.noaa.gov/community/u-s-ioos-advisory-committee/>.

#### Matters To Be Considered

The meeting will focus on: (1) onboarding new members, (2) developing a new work plan, including topics on IOOS Inflation Reduction Act projects, (3) updates on Committee governance, and (4) updates from NOAA and key partners. The latest version of the agenda will be posted at <https://ioos.noaa.gov/community/u-s-ioos-advisory-committee/>. The times and the agenda topics described here are subject to change.

#### Public Comment Instructions

The meeting will be open to public participation (check agenda on website to confirm time). The Committee expects that public statements presented at its meetings will not be repetitive of previously submitted verbal or written statements. In general, each individual or group making a verbal presentation will be limited to a total time of three (3) minutes. Written comments should be received by the Designated Federal Official by January 13, 2025, to provide sufficient time for Committee review. Written comments received after January 13, 2025, will be distributed to the Committee, but may not be reviewed prior to the meeting date. To submit written comments, please fill out the brief form at <https://forms.gle/cMxN1cG4tp7DL11c6> or email your comments and the organization/company affiliation you represent to Laura Gewain, [Laura.Gewain@noaa.gov](mailto:Laura.Gewain@noaa.gov).

All comments received are a part of the public record. All personally identifiable information (name, address, etc.), confidential business information, or otherwise sensitive information submitted voluntarily by the commenter will be publicly accessible. The written comment is considered the official comment and should include discussion of all points you wish to make. The Federal agencies will generally not consider comments or comment contents located outside of the primary submission (*i.e.*, on the web, cloud, or other file sharing system). Comments that are not responsive or contain profanity, vulgarity, threats, or other inappropriate language will not be considered. This NOAA public meeting will be recorded for use in preparation of minutes. If you have a public comment, you acknowledge that you will be recorded and are aware you can opt out of the meeting. Participation in the meeting constitutes consent to the recording.

#### Special Accommodations

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Krisa Arzayus, Designated Federal Official by phone (240-533-9455) or email ([Krisa.Arzayus@noaa.gov](mailto:Krisa.Arzayus@noaa.gov)) or to Laura Gewain ([Laura.Gewain@noaa.gov](mailto:Laura.Gewain@noaa.gov)) by January 7, 2025.

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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 On-Demand Fishing Gear Conflict Working Group 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 Wednesday, January 8, 2025 at 9 a.m.

**ADDRESSES:** Webinar registration URL information: <https://nefmc-org.zoom.us/j/9qzwvG9OrjYCLYDsKILZtezi59UUj>.

*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 On-Demand Fishing Gear Conflict Working Group (ODWG) will meet to review the status of Council action to revise gear marking regulations; receive updates from NOAA GARFO, NEFSC Gear Research Team, NOAA Office of Law Enforcement, and MA Division of Marine Fisheries on various on-demand gear related activities and other relevant topics; receive feedback from the Council's Enforcement Committee. They also plan to discuss the ODWG work plan for 2025. Other business will be discussed if 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 Cate O'Keefe, Executive Director, at (978) 465-0492, at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

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

Dated: December 16, 2024.

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