Needs and Uses: This request is for an extension of a currently approved information collection. The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) Greater Atlantic Region manages the Atlantic sea scallop (scallop) fishery of the Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) off the East Coast under the Atlantic Sea Scallop Fishery Management Plan (FMP). The regulations implementing the FMP are at 50 CFR part 648. To successfully implement and administer components of the FMP, OMB Control No. 0648–0491 includes the following information collections for scallop vessel owners, operators, and fishery participants: Vessel monitoring system (VMS) trip declarations for all scallop vessels, including powerdown declarations; notification of access area trip termination for limited access scallop vessels; submission of access area compensation trip identification; submission of access area trip exchange forms; VMS purchase and installation for individuals that purchase a federally permitted scallop vessel; VMS daily catch reports; submission of ownership cap forms for individual fishing quota (IFQ) scallop vessels; submission of vessel replacement, upgrade and permit history applications for IFQ, Northern Gulf of Maine (NGOM), and Incidental Catch (IC) scallop vessels; submission of VMS pre-landing notification form by IFQ vessels and limited access vessels for access areas; enrollment into the state waters exemption program; submission of requests for IFQ transfers; payment of cost recovery bills for IFQ vessels; sector proposals for IFQ vessels and industry participants; and sector operations plans for approved sector proposals. Data collected through these programs are incorporated into the NMFS database and are used to track and confirm vessel permit status and eligibility, scallop landings, and scallop vessel allocations. Aggregated summaries of the collected information will be used to evaluate the management program and future management proposals. Affected Public: Business or other for-profit organizations.

Frequency: Annually, monthly and on occasion.

Respondent’s Obligation: Mandatory. This information collection request may be viewed at reginfo.gov. Follow the instructions to view Department of Commerce collections currently under review by OMB.

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to OIRA_Submission@omb.eop.gov or fax to (202) 395–5806.


Sarah Brabson,
NOAA PRA Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

RIN 0648–XF391

New England Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting; Correction

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

ACTION: Notice of a correction of a public meeting.

SUMMARY: The New England Fishery Management Council (Council) is scheduling a public meeting of its Groundfish Advisory Panel 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 meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 24, 2017 at 9 a.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Sheraton Harborside, 250 Market Street, Portsmouth, NH 03801; phone: (603) 431–2300.

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: The original notice published in the Federal Register on May 8, 2017 (82 FR 21372). An additional agenda item has been added to the original agenda. The entire new agenda is listed below. All other previously published information remains the same.

Agenda

The Advisory Panel will discuss Amendment 23/Groundfish Monitoring. They will receive a report from the Groundfish Plan Development Team (PDT), review public scoping comments and Discuss and make recommendations to the Groundfish Committee on the scope, purpose and need, and range of alternatives for Amendment 23. The Panel will also review 2017 Council Priorities with a discussion of Atlantic halibut management, receive a report from the PDT and make recommendations to the Groundfish Committee. They will also discuss a possible reclassification of windowpane flounder stocks with a report from the PDT and make recommendations to the Groundfish Committee. The advisory panel will consider comments on the Interim Final Rule for 2017 and 2018 Sector Operations Plans, including whether additional measures or restrictions should be recommended for Sector IX as a result of misreporting by sector vessels. Other business will be discussed as necessary.

Authority: 16 U.S.C. 1601 et seq.


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

RIN 0648–XF441

Pacific Fishery Management Council; Public Meetings


ACTION: Notice of public meetings.

SUMMARY: The Pacific Fishery Management Council (Pacific Council) and its advisory entities will hold public meetings.

DATES: The Pacific Council and its advisory entities will meet June 7–14, 2017. The Pacific Council meeting will begin on Friday, June 9, 2017 at 9 a.m. Pacific Daylight Time (PDT), reconvening at 8 a.m. each day through Wednesday, June 14, 2017. All meetings are open to the public, except a closed session will be held from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m., Friday, June 9 to address litigation and personnel matters. The Pacific Council will meet as late as necessary each day to complete its scheduled business.

ADDRESSES: Meetings of the Pacific Council and its advisory entities will be held at the Doubletree by Hilton Spokane City Center, 322 N. Spokane Falls Court, Spokane, Washington; telephone: (509) 455–9600.

Council address: Pacific Fishery Management Council, 7700 NE Ambassador Place, Suite 101, Portland,
OR 97220. Instructions for attending the meeting via live stream broadcast are given under SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION, below.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Chuck Tracy, Executive Director; telephone: (503) 820–2280 or (866) 806–7204 toll-free; or access the Pacific Council Web site, http://www.pacouncil.org for the current meeting location, proposed agenda, and meeting briefing materials.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The June 7–14, 2017 meeting of the Pacific Council will be streamed live on the internet. The broadcasts begin initially at 9 a.m. PT Friday, June 9, 2017 and continue at 8 a.m. daily through Wednesday, June 14, 2017. Broadcasts end daily at 6 p.m. PT or when business for the day is complete. Only the audio portion and presentations displayed on the screen at the Pacific Council meeting will be broadcast. The audio portion is listen-only; you will be unable to speak to the Pacific Council via the broadcast. To access the meeting online please use the following link: http://www.gotomeeting.com/online/webinar/join-webinar and enter the June Webinar ID, 897–986–459, and your email address. You can attend the webinar online using a computer, tablet, or smart phone, using the GoToMeeting application. It is recommended that you use a computer headset to listen to the meeting, but you may use your telephone for the audio portion only of the meeting. The audio portion may be attended using a telephone by dialing the toll number 1–562–247–8422 (not a toll-free number), audio access code 862–846–290, and enter the audio pin shown after joining the webinar.

The following items are on the Pacific Council agenda, but not necessarily in this order. Agenda items noted as “Final Action” refer to actions requiring the Council to transmit a proposed fishery management plan, proposed plan amendment, or proposed regulations to the U.S. Secretary of Commerce, under sections 304 or 305 of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act. Additional detail on agenda items, Council action, advisory entity meeting times, and meeting rooms are described in Agenda Item A.4. Proposed Council Meeting Agenda, and will be in the advance June 2017 briefing materials and posted on the Pacific Council Web site at www.pacouncil.org no later than May 19, 2017.

A. Call to Order
1. Opening Remarks
2. Roll Call
3. Executive Director’s Report
4. Approve Agenda

B. Open Comment Period
C. Administrative Matters
1. Council Coordination Committee Meeting Report
2. Fiscal Matters
3. Legislative Matters
4. Approval of Council Meeting Records
5. Stock Assessment Improvement Plan Comments
7. Membership Appointments and Council Operating Procedures
8. Future Council Meeting Agenda and Workload Planning
D. Coastal Pelagic Species Management
1. Final Pacific Mackerel Stock Assessment and Management Measures
2. Final Approval of Aerial Survey Methodology
E. Habitat
1. Current Habitat Issues
F. Groundfish Management
3. Scoping of Trawl Catch Shares Discard Survival Credits for Sablefish and Lingcod
4. Final Stock Assessments and Catch Reports
5. Scoping of Multi-year Average Catch Policy
6. Electronic Ticket Reporting Timeline Requirements
7. Specifications and Management Measures Process for 2019–20 Fisheries
8. Coastwide Non-whiting Midwater and Gear Modification Exempted Fishing Permit Progress Reports
9. Final Action on Updated Coordinates for the 125 Fathom Rockfish Conservation Area Line in California
10. Final Action on Inseason Adjustments
G. Pacific Halibut Management
H. Highly Migratory Species Management
2. Amendment 4 to the Fishery Management Plan for West Coast Fisheries for Highly Migratory Species (HMS FMP)
4. Proposed Deep-Set Buoy Gear Exempted Fishing Permits
5. Recommendations for International Management Activities
I. Enforcement Issues
1. National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) Office of Law Enforcement (OLE) Strategic Review

Advisory Body Agendas

Advisory body agendas will include discussions of relevant issues that are on the Pacific Council agenda for this meeting, and may also include issues that may be relevant to future Council meetings. Proposed advisory body agendas for this meeting will be available on the Pacific Council Web site http://www.pacouncil.org/council-operations/council-meetings/current-briefing-book/ no later than Friday, May 19, 2017.

Schedule of Ancillary Meetings

Day 1—Wednesday, June 7, 2017
Scientific and Statistical Committee Groundfish Subcommittee, 8 a.m.

Day 2—Thursday, June 8, 2017
Habitat Committee, 8 a.m.
Groundfish Advisory Subpanel, 8 a.m.
Groundfish Management Team, 8 a.m.
Scientific and Statistical Committee, 8 a.m.
Budget Committee, 10:30 a.m.
Legislative Committee, 1 p.m.

Day 3—Friday, June 9, 2017
California State Delegation, 7 a.m.
Oregon State Delegation, 7 a.m.
Washington State Delegation, 7 a.m.
Groundfish Advisory Subpanel, 8 a.m.
Groundfish Management Team, 8 a.m.
Scientific and Statistical Committee, 8 a.m.
Enforcement Consultants, 3 p.m.

Day 4—Saturday, June 10, 2017
California State Delegation, 7 a.m.
Oregon State Delegation, 7 a.m.
Washington State Delegation, 7 a.m.
Groundfish Advisory Subpanel, 8 a.m.
Groundfish Management Team, 8 a.m.
Highly Migratory Species Advisory Subpanel, 8 a.m.
Highly Migratory Species Management Team, 8 a.m.
Enforcement Consultants, Ad Hoc

Day 5—Sunday, June 11, 2017
California State Delegation, 7 a.m.
Oregon State Delegation, 7 a.m.
Washington State Delegation, 7 a.m.
Groundfish Advisory Subpanel, 8 a.m.
Groundfish Management Team, 8 a.m.
Highly Migratory Species Advisory Subpanel, 8 a.m.
Highly Migratory Species Management Team, 8 a.m.
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

The Department of Commerce will submit to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).


Title: Foreign Fishing Vessel Permits, Vessel, and Gear Identification, and Reporting Requirements.

OMB Control Number: 0648–0075.

Form Number(s): None.

Type of Request: Regular (extension of a currently approved information collection).

Number of Respondents: 7.

Average Hours per Response: For permit applications: One and one half hours for an application for a directed fishery; two hours for a joint venture application, and 45 minutes for a transshipment permit; for fishing activity reporting: 6 minutes for a joint venture report; 30 minutes per day for joint venture record-keeping; and 7.5 minutes per day for record-keeping by transport vessels; for weekly reports, 30 minutes per response; for foreign vessel and gear identification marking: 15 minutes per marking.

Burden Hours: 82.

Needs and Uses: This request is for extension of a currently approved information collection.

The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) issues permits, under the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (16 U.S.C. 1801 et seq.; MSA), to foreign fishing vessels fishing or operating in United States’ (U.S.) waters. MSA and associated regulations at 50 CFR part 600 require that vessels apply for fishing permits, that vessels and certain gear be marked for identification purposes, that observers be embarked on selected vessels, and that permit holders report their fishing effort and catch or, when processing fish under joint ventures, the amount and locations of fish received from U.S. vessels. These requirements apply to all foreign vessels fishing, transshipping, or processing fish in U.S. waters.

Information is collected from persons who operate a foreign fishing vessel in U.S. waters to participate in a directed fishery or joint venture operation, transship fish harvested by a U.S. vessel to a location outside the U.S., or process fish in internal waters. Each person operating a foreign fishing vessel under MSA authority may be required to submit information for a permit, mark their vessels and gear, or submit information about their fishing activities. To facilitate observer coverage, foreign fishing vessel operators must provide a quarterly schedule of fishing effort and upon request must also provide observers with copies of any required records. For foreign fishing vessels that process fish in internal waters, the information collected varies somewhat from other foreign fishing vessels that participate in a directed fishery or a joint venture operation. In particular, these vessels may not be required to provide a permit application or mark their vessels. The information submitted in applications is used to determine whether permits should be used to authorize directed foreign fishing, participation in joint ventures with U.S. vessels, or transshipments of fish or fish products within U.S. waters. The display of identifying numbers on vessels and gear aid in fishery law enforcement and allows other fishermen to report suspicious activity. Reporting of fishing activities allows monitoring of fish received by foreign vessels.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit organizations.

Frequency: Annually, weekly and on occasion.

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

This information collection request may be viewed at reginfo.gov. Follow the instructions to view Department of Commerce collections currently under review by OMB.

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to OIRA_Submission@omb.eop.gov or fax to (202) 395–5806.


Sarah Brabson,
NOAA PRA Clearance Officer.

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

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and