

- Criteria used to select indicator species
- How indicator species will be used to determine management reference points for stock complexes
- Action 3: Management Reference Points for Stocks/Stock complexes in each of the Puerto Rico, St. Thomas/ St. John and St Croix FMPs Tiered ABC Control Rule:*
- Review and finalize Tier assignments (4a or 4b):* Puerto Rico, St. Croix, St. Thomas/St. John
- Define process for determining the scalars used in Tiered ABC Control Rule
- Define process for determining the buffer from the overfishing limit (OFL) to ABC (scientific uncertainty buffer) used in the Tiered ABC Control Rule.
- Choice of scalar and scientific uncertainty buffer for Tiers 4a and 4b for the applicable stocks.
- Stocks/stock complexes to which the Tiered ABC CR cannot be applied:*
- Recommendations on time series of landings data (year sequences) to establish reference points for the applicable stocks/stock complexes.
- Recommendations on the establishment of the maximum sustainable yield proxy (e.g., mean, median, following the Caribbean Annual Catch Limit Amendments' approach) for the applicable stocks/ stock complexes.
- Recommendations on the scientific uncertainty buffer to determine the ABC for the applicable stocks/stock complexes.
- Recommendations to the Caribbean Fishery Management Council
- Other Business

The order of business may be adjusted as necessary to accommodate the completion of agenda items. The meeting will begin on December 4, 2017 at 9 a.m. Other than the start time, interested parties should be aware that discussions may start earlier or later than indicated. In addition, the meeting may be extended from, or completed prior to the date established in this notice.

Special Accommodations

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. For more information or request for sign language interpretation and other auxiliary aids, please contact Mr. Miguel A. Rolón, Executive Director, Caribbean Fishery Management Council, 270 Muñoz Rivera Avenue, Suite 401, San Juan, Puerto Rico 00918-1903, telephone: (787) 766-5926, at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: November 14, 2017.

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

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).

Agency: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

Title: Economic Value of the Research in the Olympic Coast and Stellwagen Bank National Marine Sanctuaries.

OMB Control Number: 0648-xxxx.

Form Number(s): None.

Type of Request: Regular (request for a new information collection).

Number of Respondents: 106.

Average Hours Per Response: 15 minutes.

Burden Hours: 27.

Needs and Uses: This request is for a new information collection.

NOAA is conducting research to: (1) Identify if the sanctuary helps to attract research or creates value-added to researchers; (2) estimate the economic impacts (jobs, income, output) supported by research that occurs in sanctuaries because of expenditures occurring within local region. Two sites, Olympic Coast National Marine Sanctuary (OCNMS) and Stellwagen Bank National Marine Sanctuary (SBNMS) will be evaluated. The information will aide in SBNMS and OCNMS condition reports. Further, the research will help to provide baseline data for economic impact and contribution of sanctuaries to local area economies.

The required information will involve surveys of researchers (from profit, non-profit and government agencies including local, state, federal and tribal). Information will be obtained on expenditures, sources of funds, non-market value, type of research, technologies used, use of NOAA equipment, reasons for the chosen location, and the researcher's involvement with sanctuary staff.

ONMS will work to identify all researchers who worked within the

sanctuary within the past ten years. This will be the population of interest. Sanctuary site staff, literature reviews and the research permit database will be used to identify the population of researchers for each site.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit; not-for-profit institutions; state, local or tribal government; federal government.

Frequency: Annually.

Respondent's Obligation: Voluntary.

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.

Dated: November 14, 2017.

Sarah Brabson,

NOAA PRA Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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North Pacific Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice of public meetings.

SUMMARY: The North Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) and its advisory committees will meet in December in Anchorage, AK.

DATES: The Council will hold meetings from Monday, December 4 through Tuesday, December 12, 2017. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for specific dates and times.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Anchorage Hilton Hotel, 500 W. 3rd Ave, Anchorage, AK 99501.

Council address: North Pacific Fishery Management Council, 605 W. 4th Ave., Suite 306, Anchorage, AK 99501-2252; telephone: (907) 271-2809.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Diana Evans, Council staff; telephone: (907) 271-2809.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Council will begin its plenary session at 8 a.m. in the Aleutian Room on Wednesday, December 6, continuing

through Tuesday, December 12, 2017. The Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) will begin at 8 a.m. in the King Salmon/Liamna Room on Monday, December 4 and continue through Wednesday, December 6, 2017. The Council's Advisory Panel (AP) will begin at 8 a.m. in the Dillingham/Katmai Room on Tuesday, December 5, and continue through Saturday, December 9, 2017. The Halibut Charter Management Committee will meet Monday, December 4, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. (Room TBD). The Legislative Committee will meet Tuesday, December 5, 2017, from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. (Room TBD).

Agenda

Monday, December 4, 2017 Through Tuesday, December 12, 2017

Council Plenary Session: The agenda for the Council's plenary session will include the following issues as well as an executive session. The Council may take appropriate action on any of the issues identified.

- (1) Executive Director's Report
- (2) Legislative Report
- (3) NMFS Management Report (including year-end inseason management report, Final 2018 Observer Annual Deployment Plan, Draft EM Policy Directive (T))
- (4) NOAA GC report (including conflict of interest report (T))
- (5) NOAA Enforcement Report
- (6) ADF&G Report
- (7) USCG Report
- (8) USFWS Report
- (9) Protected Species Report (including bowhead whale entanglement review)
- (10) IPHC Report (T)
- (11) 2018 Charter Halibut Management Measures
- (12) Charter Halibut Permits: Latent Capacity, RQE Ownership Caps
- (13) Self-guided Halibut Rental Boats
- (14) BSAI Groundfish Harvest Specifications—Final Specs
- (15) GOA Groundfish Harvest Specifications—Final Specs
- (16) Small Sideboards
- (17) Bering Sea Cod Trawl CV Participation
- (18) Western GOA Pcod A Season Halibut PSC Rates
- (19) Western GOA Pollock C/D Season Timing Chinook PSC
- (20) Western GOA Pollock Trip Limits
- (21) Stranded Cod in GOA Trawl B Season
- (22) Fixed Gear CV Rockfish Retention
- (23) Chinook Salmon Excluder EFP Consultation
- (24) Staff Tasking

The Advisory Panel will address most of the same agenda issues as the Council.

The SSC agenda will include the following issues:

- (1) BSAI Groundfish Harvest Specifications—Final Specifications
- (2) GOA Groundfish Harvest Specifications—Final Specifications
- (3) Small Sideboards
- (4) Chinook Salmon Excluder EFP

In addition to providing ongoing scientific advice for fishery management decisions, the SSC functions as the Council's primary peer review panel for scientific information as described by the Magnuson-Stevens Act section 302(g)(1)(e), and the National Standard 2 guidelines (78 FR 43066). The peer review process is also deemed to satisfy the requirements of the Information Quality Act, including the OMB Peer Review Bulletin guidelines.

The Agenda is subject to change, and the latest version will be posted at <http://www.npfmc.org/>.

Although other non-emergency issues not on the agenda may come before this group for discussion, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during these meetings. Actions 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 Fishery Conservation and Management Act, provided the public has been notified of the Council's intent to take final action to address the emergency.

Special Accommodations

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Shannon Gleason at (907) 271-2809 at least 7 working days prior to the meeting date.

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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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New England Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

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

Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Notice; 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 Tuesday, November 28, 2017 at 9 a.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Courtyard Marriott Boston Logan Airport, 225 McClellan Highway, Boston, MA; phone: (617) 569-5250.

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 Advisory Panel will review Framework Adjustment 57/ Specifications and Management Measures, review the draft alternatives under consideration, the Groundfish Plan Development Team's (PDT) impact analysis, and make recommendations on preferred alternatives to the Groundfish Committee. They will also discuss Amendment 23/Groundfish Monitoring and review an updated draft outline prepared by the PDT of the likely range of alternatives and make recommendations to the Committee. The Advisory Panel will also hold a discussion of possible groundfish priorities for 2018 and make recommendations to the Committee. They also plan to discuss several recent Executive Orders that have been issued about streamlining current regulations, and NOAA is seeking public input on the efficiency and effectiveness of current regulations and whether they can be improved. Discuss whether there are any regulations in the Northeast Multispecies fishery management plan that could be eliminated, improved, or streamlined. Other business will be discussed as necessary.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in this agenda may come before this group for discussion, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during these meetings. 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