

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.

Special Accommodations

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Thomas A. Nies, Executive Director, at (978) 465-0492, at least 5 days prior to the meeting date. This meeting will be recorded. Consistent with 16 U.S.C. 1852, a copy of the recording is available upon request.

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

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

RIN 0648-XF804

Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council (MAFMC); Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice; public meeting.

SUMMARY: The Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council's (MAFMC) Ecosystem and Ocean Planning Committee will hold a public meeting.

DATES: The meeting will be held on Friday, December 1, 2017, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. For agenda details, see

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Hilton Garden Inn BWI Airport, 1516 Aero Drive, Linthicum, MD 21090; telephone: (410)-691-0500.

Council address: Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council, 800 N. State Street, Suite 201, Dover, DE 19901; telephone: (302) 674-2331 or on their Web site at www.mafmc.org.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Christopher M. Moore, Ph.D., Executive Director, Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council; telephone: (302) 526-5255.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of the meeting is to review and approve the EAFM based risk assessment for the Mid-Atlantic fishery resources which has been under

development since early 2017. The Committee will review the final list of elements and the evaluation of risk posed by each element as recommended by Council staff. The Committee will make recommendations to the full Council for consideration at its December meeting in Annapolis, MD.

Special Accommodations

The meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aid should be directed to M. Jan Saunders, (302) 526-5251, 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

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Endangered Species; File Nos. 20590 and 20610

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

ACTION: Notice; receipt of applications.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that Nicole Phillips, Ph.D., The University of Southern Mississippi, Department of Biological Sciences, 118 College Drive #5018, Hattiesburg, MS 39406 (File No. 20590) and David Portnoy, Ph.D., Texas A&M University, Corpus Christi, TX 78412 (File No. 20610), have applied in due form for permits to receive and import sawfish and scalloped hammerhead shark samples for purposes of scientific research.

DATES: Written, telefaxed, or email comments must be received on or before December 18, 2017.

ADDRESSES: The application and related documents are available for review by selecting "Records Open for Public Comment" from the "Features" box on the Applications and Permits for Protected Species (APPS) home page, <https://apps.nmfs.noaa.gov>, and then selecting File Nos. 20590 or 20610 from the list of available applications.

These documents are also available upon written request or by appointment in the Permits and Conservation Division, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room

13705, Silver Spring, MD 20910; phone (301) 427-8401; fax (301) 713-0376.

Written comments on this application should be submitted to the Chief, Permits and Conservation Division, at the address listed above. Comments may also be submitted by facsimile to (301) 713-0376, or by email to NMFS.Pr1Comments@noaa.gov. Please include the File No. in the subject line of the email comment.

Those individuals requesting a public hearing should submit a written request to the Chief, Permits and Conservation Division at the address listed above. The request should set forth the specific reasons why a hearing on this application would be appropriate.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Jennifer Skidmore (File Nos. 20590 or 20610), Malcolm Mohead (File No. 20590), or Erin Markin (File No. 20610), (301) 427-8401.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

The subject permit is requested under the authority of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (ESA; 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*) and the regulations governing the taking, importing, and exporting of endangered and threatened species (50 CFR parts 222-226).

File No. 20590: The applicant (Dr. Phillips) is requesting authorization to import tissue samples from 5 species of listed sawfish including the smalltooth sawfish (*Pristis pectinata*), largetooth sawfish (*P. pristis*), green sawfish (*P. zijsron*), dwarf sawfish (*P. clavata*), and narrow sawfish (*Anoxypristis cuspidate*) to assess the impact of population decline through genetic diversity. This study will use tissue samples obtained opportunistically from saws with known location data held in museums, educational and private collections to: (1) Assess whether there has been a recent loss of genetic diversity in sawfishes globally, and (2) evaluate the long-term survival outlook for sawfishes. The applicant proposes to import tissue samples from up to a total of 500 sawfish specimens, from all species, annually from at least Mexico, Belize, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom, and Australia to The University of Southern Mississippi for analysis. The requested duration of the permit is five years.

File No. 20610: The applicant (Dr. Portnoy) is requesting authorization to import scalloped hammerhead (*Sphyrna lewini*) tissue in the form of fin clips or small muscle biopsies from Belize (Central & SW Atlantic DPS, up to 50 samples), Trinidad (Central & SW Atlantic DPS, up to 50 samples), Mexico (Eastern Pacific DPS, up to 100 samples; NW Atlantic & GOM DPS, up to 50

samples), Cuba (Central & SW Atlantic DPS, up to 50 samples), and Sierra Leone (Eastern Atlantic DPS, up to 50 samples) for genetic analysis at Texas A&M University in Corpus Christi. These samples would be used as part of a larger project to characterize the stock structure of *S. lewini* populations within the western Atlantic, as well as between the western Pacific and Atlantic, using next generation sequencing techniques. Tissue samples would be from animals that have been previously collected, or will be taken opportunistically as scalloped hammerheads are encountered in fish markets. The requested duration of the permit is five years.

Dated: November 14, 2017.

Julia Harrison,

Chief, Permits and Conservation Division,
Office of Protected Resources, National
Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

**National Oceanic and Atmospheric
Administration**

**Proposed Information Collection;
Comment Request; Alaska Commercial
Operator's Annual Report (COAR)**

AGENCY: National Oceanic and
Atmospheric Administration (NOAA),
Commerce.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of
Commerce, as part of its continuing
effort to reduce paperwork and
respondent burden, invites the general
public and other Federal agencies to
take this opportunity to comment on
proposed and/or continuing information
collections, as required by the
Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: Written comments must be
submitted on or before January 16, 2018.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments
to Jennifer Jessup, Departmental
Paperwork Clearance Officer,
Department of Commerce, Room 6616,
14th and Constitution Avenue NW.,
Washington, DC 20230 (or via the
Internet at pracomments@doc.gov).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
Requests for additional information or
copies of the information collection
instrument and instructions should be
directed to Suja Hall, (907) 586-7462.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

This request is for extension of a
currently approved information
collection.

The Alaska Commercial Operator's
Annual Report (COAR) is a report that
collects harvest and production
information broken out by specific
criteria such as gear type, area, delivery
and product type, and pounds and
value. The COAR is due by April 1 of
the year following any buying or
processing activity.

Any person or company who received
a Fisheries Business License from the
Alaska Department of Revenue and an
Intent to Operate Permit by Alaska
Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G)
is required to annually submit the
COAR to the ADF&G, under Alaska
Administrative Code (AAC), chapter 5
AAC 39.130. In addition, any person or
company who receives an Exclusive
Economic Zone (EEZ)-only permit from
ADF&G annually must submit a COAR
to ADF&G. Any owner of a catcher/
processor or mothership with a Federal
permit operating in the EEZ off Alaska
is required to annually submit a COAR
to ADF&G under 50 CFR 679.5(p).

The COAR contains data on seafood
purchasing, production, ex-vessel
values, and first wholesale values for
seafood products. Containing
information from shoreside processors,
stationary floating processors,
motherships, and catcher/processors,
this data collection yields equivalent
annual product value information for all
respective processing sectors and
provides a consistent time series
according to which groundfish
resources may be managed more
efficiently. Use of the information
generated by the COAR is coordinated
between NMFS and the ADF&G.

II. Method of Collection

The COAR is available in pdf and
Microsoft Word formats on the ADF&G
Web site at [http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/
index.cfm?adfg=fishlicense.coar](http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=fishlicense.coar).
Respondents complete either a paper
form or the fillable file available online
and submit the form by mail to the
ADF&G.

III. Data

OMB Control Number: 0648-0428.

Form Number(s): None.

Type of Review: Regular submission
(extension of a current information
collection).

Affected Public: Business or other for-
profit organizations.

Estimated Number of Respondents:
179.

Estimated Time per Response: 8 hr.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden
Hours:* 1,432.

*Estimated Total Annual Cost to
Public:* \$716 in recordkeeping/reporting
costs.

IV. Request for Comments

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether
the proposed collection of information
is necessary for the proper performance
of the functions of the agency, including
whether the information shall have
practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the
agency's estimate of the burden
(including hours and cost) of the
proposed collection of information; (c)
ways to enhance the quality, utility, and
clarity of the information to be
collected; and (d) ways to minimize the
burden of the collection of information
on respondents, including through the
use of automated collection techniques
or other forms of information
technology.

Comments submitted in response to
this notice will be summarized and/or
included in the request for OMB
approval of this information collection;
they also will become a matter of public
record.

Dated: November 14, 2017.

Sarah Brabson,

NOAA PRA Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

[Docket No.: ED-2017-ICCD-0116]

**Agency Information Collection
Activities; Submission to the Office of
Management and Budget for Review
and Approval; Comment Request;
Gainful Employment Programs—
Subpart Q**

AGENCY: Federal Student Aid (FSA),
Department of Education (ED).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the
Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, ED is
proposing a revision of an existing
information collection.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to
submit comments on or before
December 18, 2017.

ADDRESSES: To access and review all the
documents related to the information
collection listed in this notice, please
use <http://www.regulations.gov> by
searching the Docket ID number ED-
2017-ICCD-0116. Comments submitted
in response to this notice should be
submitted electronically through the
Federal eRulemaking Portal at [http://
www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) by selecting the