DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
Ocean Exploration Advisory Board (OEAB) Notice for the 11th OEAB Meeting

AGENCY: Office of Ocean Exploration and Research (OER), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Department of Commerce (DOC).

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice sets forth the schedule and proposed agenda of a forthcoming meeting of the Ocean Exploration Advisory Board (OEAB). OEAB members will discuss and provide advice on Federal ocean exploration programs, with a particular emphasis on National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Office of Ocean Exploration and Research (OER) activities. The OEAB will also discuss National Ocean Exploration Forums, the Atlantic Seafloor Partnership for Integrated Research and Exploration (ASPIRE) Campaign, and developments in technology related to ocean exploration, as well as review the Education Subcommittee recommendations and other matters as described in the agenda found on the OEAB website at http://oeab.noaa.gov.

DATES: The announced meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 25, 2018 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. EDT and Wednesday, September 26, 2018 from 9:00 to 5:00 p.m. EDT.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at: Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution, Clark Building, 360 Woods Hole Road, Falmouth, MA 02543.

Status: The meeting will be open to the public with a 15-minute public comment period on Tuesday, September 25, 2018 from 11:45 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. EDT (please check the final agenda on the website to confirm the time). The public may listen to the meeting and provide comments during the public comment period via teleconference. Dial-in information may be found on the meeting agenda posted to the OEAB website.

The OEAB expects that public statements 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 three minutes. The Designated Federal Officer must receive written comments by September 22, 2018 to provide sufficient time for OEAB review. Written comments received after September 22, 2018 will be distributed to the OEAB but may not be reviewed prior to the meeting date. Seats will be available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Special Accommodations: These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to David McKinnie, Designated Federal Officer (see below) by September 22, 2018.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. David McKinnie, Designated Federal Officer, Ocean Exploration Advisory Board, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, 7600 Sand Point Way NE, Seattle, WA 98115 (206) 526–4950.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: NOAA established the OEAB under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) and legislation that gives the agency statutory authority to operate an ocean exploration program and to coordinate a national program of ocean exploration. The OEAB advises NOAA leadership on strategic planning, exploration priorities, competitive ocean exploration grant programs and other matters as the NOAA Administrator requests.

OEAB members represent government agencies, the private sector, academic institutions, and not-for-profit institutions involved in all facets of ocean exploration—from advanced technology to citizen exploration.

In addition to advising NOAA leadership, NOAA expects the OEAB to help to define and develop a national program of ocean exploration—a network of stakeholders and partnerships advancing national priorities for ocean exploration.


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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 four-day meeting to consider actions affecting New England fisheries in the exclusive economic zone (EEZ).

DATES: The meeting will be held on Monday, September 24, 2018 through Thursday, September 27, 2018, beginning at 2 p.m. on September 24 and 8:30 a.m. on September 25, 26, and 27.

ADDRESSES: Meeting address: The meeting will be held at Hotel 1620 Plymouth Harbor, 180 Water Street, Plymouth, MA 02360; telephone: (508) 747–4900; online at www.hotel1620.com.


SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Agenda

Monday, September 24, 2018

After introductions and brief announcements, the meeting will begin with the swearing-in of reappointed Council members, followed by the annual election of officers. Next, the Council will hear reports from the Council Chairman and Executive Director, NMFS’s Regional Administrator for the Greater Atlantic Regional Fisheries Office (GARFO), liaisons from the Northeast Fisheries Science Center (NEFSC) and Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council, representatives from NOAA General Counsel and NOAA’s Office of Law Enforcement, and staff from the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission (ASMFC) and U.S. Coast Guard. The Council then will take up its Small-Mesh Multispecies (Whiting) Committee Report and cover three issues: (1)
Annual Monitoring Report for Fishing Year 2017; (2) Amendment 22, which will include a review of public hearing comments and Council action on whether or not to adopt a limited access program and related measures for smallmesh multispecies; and (3) Council approval of committee recommendations to streamline smallmesh multispecies regulations. Following these actions, the Council will adjourn for the day.

**Tuesday, September 25, 2018**

The Council will begin the day by providing input and recommendations to the panel conducting the Research Set-Aside (RSA) Program Review. Then, the Northeast Fisheries Science Center will present the findings of recent benchmark stock assessments for Atlantic herring and Atlantic sea scallops that were conducted during the 65th Stock Assessment Workshop/Stock Assessment Review Committee (SAW/ SARC 65). The Council next will take up several issues under its Scallop Committee Report, beginning with an update on Framework Adjustment 30, which includes specifications for fishing year 2019, default specifications for 2020, and several standard default measures. As part of this discussion, the Council will receive an overview of 2018 scallop surveys. The Council also will receive an update on the General Category Individual Fishing Quota (IFQ) trip limit analysis being conducted for the IFQ component of the scallop fishery. Finally, the Council will receive a progress report on work being done to address 2018 scallop priorities.

Following the lunch break, the Council will begin the Atlantic Herring Committee Report and take final action on Amendment 8 to the Atlantic Herring Fishery Management Plan (FMP). The amendment was developed to: (1) Establish an acceptable biological catch (ABC) control rule for Atlantic herring; and (2) address potential localized depletion and user conflicts in the fishery. The Council also will receive a progress report on the development of 2019–2021 Atlantic herring fishery specifications and discuss potential independent action by NMFS to set 2019 catch limits if needed. The Council then will adjourn for the day.

**Wednesday, September 26, 2018**

The third day of the meeting will begin with an update on the Northeast Regional Coordinating Council’s progress in revising the stock assessment process and assessment scheduling, followed by a brief report on the Northeast Travel Advisory Panel’s June 19, 2018 meeting. Then, the Council will begin addressing a series of U.S./Canada issues based on information from the Transboundary Resources Assessment Committee (TRAC), the Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC), and the Transboundary Management Guidance Committee (TMGCC). The TRAC report will be first with a summary of 2017 assessment results for three U.S./Canada shared stocks—Eastern Georges Bank cod, Eastern Georges Bank haddock, and Georges Bank yellowtail flounder. Next, the SSC will provide the Council with 2019–2020 overfishing limit (OFL) and ABC recommendations for Georges Bank yellowtail. The Council then will review and approve the TMGCC’s recommendations for 2019 total allowable catches (TACs) for shared U.S./Canada stocks. Next, the Council will hear Part 2 of the SSC’s report and receive the SSC’s comments on rebuilding strategies for several groundfish stocks. The Groundfish Committee Report will follow. The Council will approve the range of alternatives for Framework Adjustment 58 to the Northeast Multispecies FMP, which includes: (1) 2019 TACs for U.S./Canada stocks; (2) rebuilding plans for several groundfish stocks; (3) minimum size exemptions for vessels fishing in waters regulated by the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Organization (NAFO); and guidance on groundfish sector overfishing. The Groundfish Committee Report also will include an update on Groundfish Monitoring Amendment 23 and an update on work being conducted by the Fishery Dependent Data Working Group. Before its break, the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) will have a brief opportunity to invite Council members and the public to attend BOEM’s “open office” in the Plympton Room of the same hotel to provide input and speak to BOEM staff regarding the New York Bight Area Identification; the Vineyard Wind Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS); the South Fork Wind Farm Construction and Operations Plan (COP); and other issues of interest.

After the lunch break, the Groundfish Committee report will resume and continue until related business is concluded. Then, members of the public will have the opportunity to speak during an open comment period on issues that relate to Council business but are not included on the published agenda for this meeting. The Council asks the public to limit remarks to 3–5 minutes. The Council next will receive a progress report on steps being taken in response to recent recommendations made by the external Council Program Review Panel. The Highly Migratory Species (HMS) Advisory Panel (AP) report will follow, summarizing highlights from the HMS AP’s September 5–6 meeting. This report will be followed by a NMFS staff presentation and Council consultation on HMS Amendment 11 to address overfishing and rebuild North Atlantic shortfin mako sharks. NMFS staff from the Marine Recreational Information Program (MRIP) will be up next with a presentation on recent changes to the program. At the conclusion of this discussion, the Council will adjourn for the day.

**Thursday, September 27, 2018**

The fourth day of the meeting will begin with an initial discussion of 2019 Council priorities covering tasks and actions for all committees and Council responsibilities. The Council will not take final action on priorities until its December meeting. Next, the Council will hear from its Habitat Committee, starting with the Clam Dredge Framework. The Council will discuss the alternatives being developed to consider continued surfclam dredge fishery access to the Great South Channel Habitat Management Area (HMA) and possible consideration of a mussel dredge exemption in the HMA. The Council also will receive an update on ongoing offshore energy activities in the Northeast and receive an introduction to the Responsible Offshore Development Alliance. The Research Steering Committee then will report on: (a) Recommendations regarding the future of the Research Steering Committee; (b) updates on improving the communication of research priorities and data needs; and (c) other related issues.

Following a lunch break, the Council will receive an update on ongoing fisheries-related legislation on Capitol Hill, including reauthorization of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act. The Council will have an opportunity to discuss legislative activity. Next, the Council will shift to Ecosystem-Based Fishery Management (EBFM), starting with a presentation on the Center for Independent Experts EBFM Strategy Review final report. The Council also will: (1) Receive a short progress report on work being conducted to develop a Georges Bank example Fishery Ecosystem Plan (eFEP); (2) review and approve comments on NOAA’s regional implementation plan for the agency’s EBFM Roadmap. Then, the Council will receive the 2017 Annual Monitoring Report for the Northeast Skate Complex. This report
will be followed by a discussion of NMFS’s Fisheries Allocation Policy Directive. The Council will discuss the policy directive and associated procedural directives for reviewing fisheries allocations, which include identifying “triggers” to initiate an allocation review. Finally, the Council will close out the meeting with “other business.”

Although non-emergency issues not contained on this agenda may come before the 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 Fishery Conservation and Management 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 Thomas A. Nies (see ADDRESSES) at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.


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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Navy

Notice of Intent To Grant Exclusive Patent License; Duchak Ventures, LLC

AGENCY: Department of the Navy, DoD.

ACTION: Notice; correction.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Navy published a document in the Federal Register on August 23, 2018, announcing an intent to grant to Duchak Ventures, LLC, a revocable, nonassignable, exclusive license. The scope of the intent to license has been revised.

DATES: Anyone wishing to object to the grant of this license must file written objections along with supporting evidence, if any, not later than September 25, 2018.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:


Correction

In the Federal Register of August 23, 2018, 83 FR 42647, document number 2018–18210, make the following correction:

In the first column, on page 42647, correct the SUMMARY caption to read as follows:

SUMMARY: The Department of the Navy hereby gives notice of its intent to grant to Duchak Ventures, LLC, a revocable, nonassignable, exclusive license to practice in the field of use of filtering media within a respirator cartridge or respirator system and meant for human wear and the field of use of air filter media for safety and hygiene applications in public, residential, industrial, and commercial facilities and structures in the United States, the Government-owned invention described in U.S. Patent No. 7,749,438: Fluorophore Embedded/Incorporating/ Bridged Periodic Mesoporous Organosilicas as Recognition Elements for Optical Sensors, Navy Case No. 097,345. //U.S. Patent No, 7,754,145: Fluorophore Embedded/Incorporating/ Bridged Periodic Mesoporous Organosilicas as Recognition Photo-Decontamination Catalysts, Navy Case No. 097,346. //and any continuations, divisionals, or re-issues thereof.


Meredith Steingold Werner,
Lieutenant Commander, Judge Advocate General’s Corps, U.S. Navy, Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

[Docket No.: ED–2018–ICCD–0092]

Agency Information Collection Activities; Comment Request; Comprehensive Literacy Program Evaluation: Striving Readers Implementation Study

AGENCY: Institute of Education Sciences (IES), Department of Education (ED).

ACTION: Notice.

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

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before November 9, 2018.

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–2018–ICCD–0092. Comments submitted in response to this notice should be submitted electronically through the Federal eRulemaking Portal at http://www.regulations.gov by selecting the Docket ID number or via postal mail, commercial delivery, or hand delivery. Please note that comments submitted by fax or email and those submitted after the comment period will not be accepted. Written requests for information or comments submitted by postal mail or delivery should be addressed to the Director of the Information Collection Clearance Division, U.S. Department of Education, 550 12th Street SW, PCP, Room 9089, Washington, DC 20202–0023.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For specific questions related to collection activities, please contact Tracy Rimdzius, 202–245–7283.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Department of Education (ED), in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA) (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)), provides the general public and Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on proposed, revised, and continuing collections of information. This helps the Department assess the impact of its information collection requirements and minimize the public’s reporting burden. It also helps the public understand the Department’s information collection requirements and provide the requested data in the desired format. ED is soliciting comments on the proposed information collection request (ICR) that is described below. The Department of Education is especially interested in public comment addressing the following issues: (1) Is this collection necessary to the proper functions of the Department; (2) will this information be processed and used in a timely manner; (3) is the estimate of burden accurate; (4) how might the Department enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (5) how might the Department minimize the burden of this collection on the respondents, including through the use of information technology. Please note that written comments received in response to this notice will be considered public records.