

identified 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 intent to take final action to address the emergency.

### Special Accommodations

This meeting is accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for auxiliary aids should be directed to the South Atlantic Fishery Management Council office (see **ADDRESSES**) at least 10 business days prior to the meeting.

**Note:** The times and sequence specified in this agenda are subject to change.

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

Dated: February 26, 2024.

### Key Israel Marquez,

*Acting Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

#### Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for Review and Approval; Comment Request; Alaska Prohibited Species Donation Program

The Department of Commerce will submit the following information collection request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and clearance in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, on or after the date of publication of this notice. We invite the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on proposed, and continuing information collections, which helps us assess the impact of our information collection requirements and minimize the public's reporting burden. Public comments were previously requested via the **Federal Register** on December 4, 2023, during a 60-day comment period. This notice allows for an additional 30 days for public comments.

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

*Title:* Alaska Prohibited Species Donation Program.

*OMB Control Number:* 0648-0316.

*Form Number(s):* None.

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

*Number of Respondents:* One.

*Average Hours per Response:* Application to be a NMFS Authorized Distributor: 50 hours.

*Total Annual Burden Hours:* 17 hours.

*Needs and Uses:* The Prohibited Species Donation (PSD) Program for salmon and halibut has effectively reduced regulatory discard of salmon and halibut by allowing fish that would otherwise be discarded to be donated to needy individuals through tax-exempt organizations. Vessels and processing plants participating in the PSD Program voluntarily retain and process salmon and halibut bycatch. An authorized, tax exempt distributor, chosen by the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), is responsible for monitoring retention and processing of fish donated by vessels and processors. The authorized distributor also coordinates processing, storage, transportation, and distribution of salmon and halibut. The PSD Program requires an information collection so that NMFS can monitor the authorized distributors' ability to effectively supervise program participants and ensure that donated fish are properly processed, stored, and distributed.

*Affected Public:* Not-for-profit institutions.

*Frequency:* Every three years.

*Respondent's Obligation:* Required to obtain or retain benefits.

*Legal Authority:* Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act.

This information collection request may be viewed at [www.reginfo.gov](http://www.reginfo.gov). Follow the instructions to view the Department of Commerce collections currently under review by OMB.

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be submitted within 30 days of the publication of this notice on the following website [www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain](http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain). Find this particular information collection by selecting "Currently under 30-day Review—Open for Public Comments" or by using the search function and entering either the title of the collection or the OMB Control Number 0648-0316.

### Sheleen Dumas,

*Department PRA Clearance Officer, Office of the Under Secretary for Economic Affairs, Commerce Department.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[RTID 0648-XD745]

#### Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

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

**ACTION:** Notice of a public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council will hold a two day in-person meeting of its Shrimp Advisory Panel (AP).

**DATES:** The meeting will convene Tuesday, March 19, 2024, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Wednesday, March 20, 2024, from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., EDT. For agenda details, see **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will take place at the Gulf Council office. Registration information will be available on the Council's website by visiting [www.gulfcouncil.org](http://www.gulfcouncil.org) and clicking on the Shrimp AP meeting on the calendar.

*Council address:* Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council, 4107 W Spruce Street, Suite 200, Tampa, FL 33607; telephone: (813) 348-1630.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dr. Matt Freeman, Economist, Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council; [matt.freeman@gulfcouncil.org](mailto:matt.freeman@gulfcouncil.org), telephone: (813) 348-1630.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The following items are on the agenda, though agenda items may be addressed out of order (changes will be noted on the Council's website when possible.)

**Tuesday, March 19, 2024; 8:30 a.m.–5 p.m. EDT (7:30 a.m.–4 p.m. CST)**

Meeting will begin with Adoption of Agenda, Approval of Summary from the October 19, 2023 meeting, and Scope of Work. The AP will review and discuss Council Actions in Response to Motions from the October 2023 *Shrimp* AP Meeting, and then review Species-Specific *Shrimp* Effort Estimates and Status of Secure Digital (SD) Card Returns. The AP will receive an update on Wind Energy Areas in the Gulf of Mexico and hold a discussion on the Wind Energy Meeting in California.

The AP will receive updates on the following: Southeast Regional Office (SERO) Protected Resources, *Sea Turtle* Take and Turtle Excluder Devices (TED) Compliance; Smalltooth *Sawfish* Population Viability Analysis; NOAA Fisheries' National Seafood Strategy;

*Shrimp* Futures Project; and Reducing Juvenile *Sea Turtle* Bycatch through Development of Reduced Bar Spacing TEDs. The AP will receive public comment at the end of each day.

**Wednesday, March 20, 2024; 8:30 a.m.–3 p.m. EDT (7:30 a.m.–2 p.m. CST)**

The AP will review the 2022 Gulf *Shrimp* Fishery Landings, the Biological Review of the 2023 Texas Closure, and the 2022 *Royal Red* Landings. The AP will receive updates and discuss Early Adopter Program, Draft *Shrimp* Framework Action and Research Track on SEDAR 87; and, receive public comment at the end of each day.

Lastly, the AP will receive any public testimony and discuss other business items: Remainder of *Shrimp* AP applications.

Meeting Adjourns—

The in-person meeting will be broadcast via webinar. You may register by visiting [www.gulfcouncil.org](http://www.gulfcouncil.org) and clicking on the *Shrimp* Advisory Panel meeting on the calendar.

The Agenda is subject to change, and the latest version along with other meeting materials will be posted on [www.gulfcouncil.org](http://www.gulfcouncil.org) as they become available.

Although other non-emergency issues not on the agenda may come before the Advisory Panel for discussion, in accordance with the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (Magnuson-Stevens Act), those issues may not be the subject of formal action during this meeting. Actions will be restricted to those issues specifically identified 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 action to address the emergency at least 5 working days prior to the meeting.

### Special Accommodations

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aid or accommodations should be directed to Kathy Pereira, [kathy.pereira@gulfcouncil.org](mailto:kathy.pereira@gulfcouncil.org), at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

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Dated: February 26, 2024.

**Rey Israel Marquez,**

*Acting Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.*

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## NORTHERN BORDER REGIONAL COMMISSION

### Adoption of Categorical Exclusions Under the National Environmental Policy Act

**AGENCY:** Northern Border Regional Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice of adoption of categorical exclusions.

**SUMMARY:** The Northern Border Regional Commission (NBRC) is adopting categorical exclusions (CEs) established by the Denali Commission, which the NBRC will apply to similar NBRC categories of actions to comply with the National Environmental Policy Act. This notice identifies the Denali Commission CEs and NBRC's categories of proposed actions for which it intends to use the Denali Commission's CEs, and describes the consultation between the agencies.

**DATES:** The CEs identified below are available for the NBRC to use for its proposed actions effective upon publication.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Rich Grogan, NBRC Executive Director, telephone number: 603-369-3001, email: [rgrogan@nbrc.gov](mailto:rgrogan@nbrc.gov).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

#### I. Background

##### *National Environmental Policy Act and Categorical Exclusions*

Congress enacted the National Environmental Policy Act, 42 U.S.C. 4321-4347, (NEPA) in order to encourage productive and enjoyable harmony between humans and the environment, recognizing the profound impact of human activity and the critical importance of restoring and maintaining environmental quality to the overall welfare of humankind. 42 U.S.C. 4321, 4331. NEPA seeks to ensure that agencies consider the environmental effects of their proposed major actions in their decision-making processes and inform and involve the public in that process. NEPA created the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ), which promulgated NEPA implementing regulations, 40 CFR parts 1500 through 1508 (CEQ regulations).

To comply with NEPA, agencies determine the appropriate level of review of any major Federal action—an environmental impact statement (EIS), environmental assessment (EA), or CE. 40 CFR 1501.3. If a proposed action is likely to have significant environmental effects, the agency must prepare an EIS and document its decision in a record of decision. 40 CFR part 1502, 1505.2.

If the proposed action is not likely to have significant environmental effects or the effects are unknown, the agency may instead prepare an environmental assessment (EA), which involves a more concise analysis and process than an EIS. 40 CFR 1501.5. Following the EA, the agency may conclude that the action will have no significant effects and document that conclusion in a finding of no significant impact. 40 CFR 1501.6. If the analysis concludes that the action is likely to have significant effects, however, then an EIS is required.

Under NEPA and the CEQ regulations, a Federal agency also can establish CEs—categories of actions that the agency has determined normally do not significantly affect the quality of the human environment—in their agency NEPA procedures. 42 U.S.C. 4336e(1); 40 CFR 1501.4, 1507.3(e)(2)(ii), 1508.1(d). If an agency determines that a CE covers a proposed action, it then evaluates the proposed action for extraordinary circumstances in which a normally excluded action may have a significant effect. 40 CFR 1501.4(b). If no extraordinary circumstances are present or if further analysis determines that the extraordinary circumstances do not involve the potential for significant environmental effects, the agency may apply the CE to the proposed action without preparing an EA or EIS. 42 U.S.C. 4336(a)(2), 40 CFR 1501.4. If the extraordinary circumstances have the potential to result in significant effects, the agency is required to prepare an EA or EIS.

An agency may not segment an action to meet the definition of a CE. Agencies must evaluate, in a single review, proposals or parts of proposals that are related to each other closely enough to be, in effect, a single course of action, and must consider as part of the review any connected actions. Connected actions are ones that automatically trigger other actions, cannot or will not proceed unless other actions are taken, or are interdependent parts of a larger action and depend on the larger action for their justification.

Section 109 of NEPA, enacted as part of the Fiscal Responsibility Act of 2023, allows a Federal agency to “adopt” and use another Federal agency's CEs for proposed actions. 42 U.S.C. 4336c. To use another agency's CEs under section 109, the adopting agency must identify the relevant CEs listed in another agency's (“establishing agency”) NEPA procedures that covers the adopting agency's category of proposed actions or related actions; consult with the establishing agency to ensure that the proposed adoption of the CE for a category of actions is appropriate;