

- The request for renewal must include the following:

1. An explanation that the activities to be conducted under the requested renewal IHA are identical to the activities analyzed under the initial IHA, are a subset of the activities, or include changes so minor (*e.g.*, reduction in pile size) that the changes do not affect the previous analyses, mitigation and monitoring requirements, or take estimates (with the exception of reducing the type or amount of take).

2. A preliminary monitoring report showing the results of the required monitoring to date and an explanation showing that the monitoring results do not indicate impacts of a scale or nature not previously analyzed or authorized.

- Upon review of the request for renewal, the status of the affected species or stocks, and any other pertinent information, NMFS determines that there are no more than minor changes in the activities, the mitigation and monitoring measures will remain the same and appropriate, and the findings in the initial IHA remain valid.

Dated: April 23, 2026.

Kimberly Damon-Randall,

*Director, Office of Protected Resources,
National Marine Fisheries Service.*

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[RTID 0648-XF653]

New England Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting; Correction

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

ACTION: Notice; correction.

SUMMARY: The New England Fishery Management Council (Council) published a document in the **Federal Register** of April 13, 2026, concerning the language of holding Scoping Meetings vs a Listening Session. These changes are made.

DATES: These public meetings and the webinar will be held between Monday, April 27, 2026 and Monday, May 11, 2026. See supplementary information in the April 13, 2026 publication (91 FR 18835) for more details on specific dates and times.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Cate O'Keefe, Executive Director, New

England Fishery Management Council; telephone: (978) 465-0492.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Correction

In the **Federal Register** of April 13, 2026 (91 FR 18835), in the first column change the word “scoping” to “listening session.” In the second column, change “scoping summary” to “listening session summary” and change “Scoping Comments” to “Listening Session Comments.” In the third column, change the word “scoping” to “listening session.”

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

Dated: April 23, 2026.

Rey 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

[RTID 0648-XF704]

North Pacific Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice of hybrid meeting.

SUMMARY: The North Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) Fishery Monitoring Advisory Committee (FMAC) will meet May 18, 2026.

DATES: The meeting will be held on Monday, May 18, 2026, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Alaska Time.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be a hybrid meeting. On Monday, May 18, attend in-person at North Pacific Fishery Management Council office, 1007 W 3rd Ave., Anchorage, Alaska, Suite 400 or join online through the link <https://meetings.npfmc.org/Meeting/Details/5134>.

Council address: North Pacific Fishery Management Council, 1007 W 3rd Ave., Anchorage, Suite 400, Alaska 99501-2252; telephone (907) 271-2809. Instructions for attending the meeting are given under **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** below.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sara Cleaver, Council staff; email: scleaver@npfmc.org. For technical support please contact Council administrative staff, email: support@npfmc.org; telephone (907) 271-2809.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Agenda

Monday, May 18, 2026

The May 2026 FMAC agenda will include review of the 2025 Observer Annual Report; NMFS updates, including budget, and other business.

The agenda is subject to change, and the latest version will be posted at <https://meetings.npfmc.org/Meeting/Details/5134> prior to the meeting, along with meeting materials.

Connection Information

You can attend the meeting online using a computer, tablet, or smartphone; or by phone only. Connection information will be posted online at: <https://meetings.npfmc.org/Meeting/Details/5134>.

Public Comment

Public comment letters will be accepted and should be submitted electronically to <https://meetings.npfmc.org/Meeting/Details/5134>.

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

Dated: April 23, 2026.

Rey 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

[RTID 0648-XF659]

Fisheries of the Caribbean; Southeast Data, Assessment, and Review; Public Meeting

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of webinar.

SUMMARY: The Southeast Data Assessment and Review (SEDAR) 103 assessment process of Caribbean Alternate Assessment Methods will consist of a Development Workshop, a series of Assessment Webinars, and a Review Workshop. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

DATES: The SEDAR 103 Data Webinar 4 will be held from 1 p.m. until 4 p.m. EST May 20, 2026.

ADDRESSES:

SEDAR address: 4055 Faber Place Drive, Suite 201, North Charleston, SC 29405. www.sedarweb.org.

Meeting address: The SEDAR 103 Data Webinar 4 will be held via

webinar. The webinar is open to members of the public. The established times may be adjusted as necessary to accommodate the timely completion of discussion relevant to the assessment process. Such adjustments may result in the meeting being extended from or completed prior to the time established by this notice.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Emily Ott, SEDAR Coordinator; (843) 302-8434. Email: Emily.Ott@safmc.net

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Gulf, South Atlantic, and Caribbean Fishery Management Councils, in conjunction with the National Marine Fisheries Service and the Atlantic and Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commissions have implemented the SEDAR process. SEDAR is a participatory process for developing, evaluating and reviewing information used for fisheries management advice. This multi-step process for determining the status of fish stocks in the Southeast Region may include (1) a Data stage, and (2) an Assessment stage, and (3) a Review stage. Each stage produces a report summarizing decisions made during that stage. A final stock assessment report is produced at the end of a SEDAR process documenting data sets used, model configurations and the opinions from the independent peer review. Participants for SEDAR projects are appointed by the Gulf, South Atlantic, and Caribbean Fishery Management Councils and National Marine Fisheries Service Southeast Regional Office, Highly Migratory Species Management Division, and Southeast Fisheries Science Center. Participants may include data collectors and database managers; stock assessment scientists, biologists, and researchers; constituency representatives including fishermen, environmentalists, and non-governmental organizations; International experts; and staff of Councils, Commissions, and state and Federal agencies.

The items of discussion in the SEDAR 103 Data Webinar 4 are as follows: Review of socioeconomic data, fishery characterization and Pacific Islands. 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 this meeting. Action 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 Fishery Conservation and Management Act, provided the public has been

notified of the 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 the Council office (see **ADDRESSES**) at least 5 business days prior to each workshop.

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

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

Dated: April 23, 2026.

Rey Israel Marquez,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Patent and Trademark Office

Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget for Review and Approval; Comment Request; DOCX Submission Requirements

AGENCY: United States Patent and Trademark Office, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of information collection; request for comments.

SUMMARY: The United States Patent and Trademark Office (hereafter “USPTO” or “Agency”), as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, invites comments on the extension and revision of an existing information collection: 0651-0089 (DOCX Submission Requirements). The purpose of this notice is to allow 60 days for public comments preceding submission of the information collection to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB).

DATES: To ensure consideration, you must submit comments regarding this information collection on or before June 26, 2026.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit written comments by any of the following methods. Do not submit Confidential Business Information or otherwise sensitive or protected information.

- *Email:* InformationCollection@uspto.gov. Include “0651-0089 comment” in the subject line of the message.

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* <https://www.regulations.gov>.

- *Mail:* Justin Isaac, Office of the Chief Administrative Officer, United States Patent and Trademark Office, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

- *Telephone:* Raul Tamayo, Senior Legal Advisor, 571-272-7728.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Requests for additional information should be directed to Raul Tamayo, Senior Legal Advisor at: United States Patent and Trademark Office, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450; 571-272-7728; or raul.tamayo@uspto.gov with “0651-0089 comment” in the subject line. Additional information about this information collection is also available at <https://www.reginfo.gov> under “Information Collection Review.”

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

The fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(u) took effect January 17, 2024, and is due for any application filed under 35 U.S.C. 111 for an original patent—except design, plant, or provisional applications—where the specification, claims, and/or abstract do not conform to the USPTO requirements for submission in the DOCX format. Therefore, the fee is due for nonprovisional utility applications filed under 35 U.S.C. 111, including continuing applications, that are not filed in the DOCX format. See *Setting and Adjusting Patent Fees During Fiscal Year 2020*, 85 FR 46932 (August 3, 2020).¹

To provide a fair and reasonable transition to the DOCX format, the USPTO has, since April 2022, provided patent applicants with the option to submit a back-up applicant-generated PDF version of the application along with the DOCX file(s) when filing an application in Patent Center. See *Extension of the Option for Submission of a PDF With a Patent Application Filed in DOCX Format*, 88 FR 37036 (Jun. 6, 2023).² The USPTO also continues to offer DOCX training sessions for stakeholders. See www.uspto.gov/about-us/events/patents-docx-filing.

The items in this information collection relate solely to the impacts of the 37 CFR 1.16(u) non-DOCX filing surcharge fee on the filing of nonprovisional utility applications under 35 U.S.C. 111, including continuing applications. In particular, this information collection accounts for the 37 CFR 1.16(u) non-DOCX filing

¹ <https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2020-08-03/pdf/2020-16559.pdf>.

² <https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2023-06-06/pdf/2023-11910.pdf>.