

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

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Pacific Whiting Treaty; Advisory Panel; Call for Nominations

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

ACTION: Notice; call for nominations.

SUMMARY: NMFS is soliciting nominations for appointments to the United States Advisory Panel (AP) established in the Agreement between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of Canada on Pacific Hake/Whiting. Nominations are being sought to fill at least one potential position on the AP. Term lengths are 4 years, and appointees will be eligible for reappointment at the expiration of the terms.

DATES: Nominations must be received by June 10, 2026.

ADDRESSES: You may submit nominations by the following method:

- Email: frank.lockhart@noaa.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Frank Lockhart, (206) 526–6142.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**Background***Pacific Whiting Treaty Committees*

The Pacific Whiting Act of 2006 (Pacific Whiting Act) (16 U.S.C. 7001 *et seq.*), implements the 2003 Agreement between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of Canada on Pacific Hake/Whiting (Pacific Whiting Treaty). The Pacific Whiting Treaty establishes the AP and among other provisions, the Pacific Whiting Act provides for United States representation on the AP.

The AP advises the Joint Management Committee on bilateral Pacific whiting management issues. Seven individuals currently represent the United States on the AP, and nominations for at least one individual are solicited through this notice.

Members appointed to the U.S. sections of the AP will be reimbursed for necessary travel expenses in accordance with Federal Travel Regulations and sections 5701, 5702, 5704 through 5708, and 5731 of Title 5 (16 U.S.C. 7008). NMFS anticipates that at least one meeting of the AP may be held annually. These meetings will be held virtually or in person in the United States or Canada. AP members will need a valid U.S. passport.

The Pacific Whiting Act also states that while performing their appointed duties, members “other than officers or employees of the United States Government, shall not be considered to be Federal employees while performing such service, except for purposes of injury compensation or tort claims liability as provided in chapter 81 of title 5 and chapter 171 of title 28” (16 U.S.C. 7008).

Information on the Pacific Whiting Treaty, including current committee members can be found at: <https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/west-coast/laws-and-policies/pacific-hake-whiting-treaty>.

Nominations

Nomination packages for appointments should include:

- (1) The name of the applicant or nominee, position they are being nominated for and a description of his/her interest in Pacific whiting; and
- (2) A statement of background and/or description of how the following qualifications are met.

Advisory Panel Qualifications

AP member nominees must be knowledgeable or experienced in the harvesting, processing, marketing, management, conservation, or research of the offshore Pacific whiting resource; and must not be employees of the United States government (16 U.S.C. 7005). Nominees currently active as vessel skippers are encouraged.

Authority: 16 U.S.C. 7001 *et seq.*

Dated: May 7, 2026.

Kelly Denit,

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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Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council (MAFMC); Public Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: The Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council’s Mackerel, Squid, and Butterfish Advisory Panel will hold a public meeting.

DATES: The meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 10, 2026, from 9 a.m.

to 3 p.m. For agenda details, see

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held via webinar. Connection information will be posted to the Council’s calendar prior to the meeting at <https://www.mafmc.org>.

Council address: Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council, 800 N State Street, Suite 201, Dover, DE 19901; telephone: (302) 674–2331; <https://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 Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council’s Mackerel, Squid, and Butterfish (MSB) Advisory Panel will meet via webinar on Wednesday, June 10, 2026, from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. The primary purpose of the meeting is for the Advisory Panel to develop fishery performance reports for all fisheries in the MSB Fishery Management Plan (chub mackerel, *Illex* squid, Atlantic mackerel, longfin squid, and butterfish). The Council uses the fishery performance reports to inform MSB specifications. The Council will be reviewing previously adopted 2027 specifications for chub mackerel, *Illex* squid, and Atlantic mackerel, and setting new 2027–2029 specifications (and possibly other management measures) for longfin squid and butterfish.

The meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Shelley Spedden, (302) 526–5251 at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

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

Dated: May 6, 2026.

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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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Takes of Marine Mammals Incidental to Specified Activities; Taking Marine Mammals Incidental to Mal Coombs Stairway Replacement Project in Shelter Cove, California

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