

Lanka, and the Philippines were not comparable in effectiveness to the U.S. regulatory program and imposed an import ban on swimming crab fish and fish products effective January 1, 2026. A lawsuit was filed by the National Fisheries Institute and others challenging NMFS' findings. The parties ultimately executed a settlement agreement and filed a joint stipulation of dismissal, whereby NMFS agreed to consult with the harvesting nations, permit them to provide additional information related to the swimming crab fisheries subject to the lawsuit, review any new information provided by the harvesting nations, and reconsider its prior decisions and issue new comparability findings for the harvesting nations' swimming crab fisheries on or before May 11, 2026. (*National Fisheries Institute et al. v. United States et al.*, Case No. 1:25-cv-00223).

NMFS consulted with Vietnam, Indonesia, Sri Lanka, and the Philippines and permitted each nation to submit additional information pertaining to the five swimming crab fisheries identified in the *National Fisheries Institute et al. v. NMFS et al.* lawsuit. In some cases, the harvesting nations provided more detailed descriptions of information previously provided for the comparability finding applications, or in other cases, they provided evidence indicating that new laws, regulations, or initiatives related to the swimming crab fisheries and marine mammal interactions were enacted after the September 2025 comparability findings determinations. NMFS engaged directly with each nation to request additional details and clarification concerning the information provided. NMFS also received information from industry associations and non-governmental organizations and considered all of the information provided. NMFS also conducted its own research to ensure it had the most recent and best available data to inform its analyses.

NMFS took into account the four nations' current efforts and programs to address the problem of marine mammal bycatch in their respective swimming crab fisheries, the practical challenges of doing so and any improvements they may have made to their regulatory programs since the September 2025 denial of comparability findings. Additionally, in January 2026, Vietnam divided Fishery ID 2988 into four individual swimming crab fisheries based on target species and gear type. The red and blue swimming crab fisheries, previously under Fishery ID 2988 are now identified as: Fishery ID

13164 (blue swimming crab, bottom gillnet gear); Fishery ID 13206 (blue swimming crab, pots/traps gear); Fishery ID 13204 (red swimming crab, bottom gillnet gear); and Fishery ID 13205 (red swimming crab, pots/traps gear).

NMFS has, based on its review of all of the available information, determined that the swimming crab fisheries in Vietnam (Fishery IDs 13164, 13206, 13204, and 13205), Indonesia (Fishery ID 12391), and Sri Lanka (Fishery ID 2705) are comparable in effectiveness to the U.S. regulatory program, and determined that the swimming crab fisheries in the Philippines (Fishery IDs 2129 and 2130) remain not comparable in effectiveness to the U.S. regulatory program.

All of the other comparability finding determinations for Vietnam, Indonesia, Sri Lanka, and Philippines identified in the September 2, 2025, **Federal Register** notification and accompanying reports for these nations' fisheries are unaffected by NMFS' reconsideration of the Export fisheries identified in this notification and remain valid.

NMFS announces the issuance of comparability findings, which allows the continued importation into the United States of fish and fish products harvested by swimming crab fisheries in Vietnam (Fishery IDs 13164, 13206, 13204, and 13205), Indonesia (Fishery ID 12391), and Sri Lanka (Fishery ID 2705). Fish and fish products harvested in the swimming crab fisheries in the Philippines (Fishery IDs 2129 and 2130) may no longer be imported into the United States as of June 11, 2026.

A more detailed analysis of NMFS' comparability findings for the swimming crab fisheries is contained in NMFS' Decision Memorandum dated April 8, 2026. Links to the Decision Memorandum and detailed analysis of NMFS' comparability findings for Vietnam, Indonesia, Sri Lanka, and the Philippines can be found at: <https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/international-affairs/2025-marine-mammal-protection-act-comparability-finding-determinations>.

Dated: May 7, 2026.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[RTID 0648-XF757]

Pacific 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 Pacific Fishery Management Council (Pacific Council) will convene an online meeting of its Advisory Bodies to discuss the Pacific Council's Special Project 2: Decision Making for Stronger Fishing Communities; this meeting is open to the public.

DATES: The online meeting will be held on Friday, June 5, 2026, from 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Pacific Time, or until business for the day is completed.

ADDRESSES: This meeting will be held online. Specific meeting information, including directions on how to join the meeting and system requirements, will be provided in the meeting announcement on the Pacific Council's website (see www.pcouncil.org). You may send an email to Mr. Hayden York (Hayden.York@pcouncil.org) or contact him at (503) 820-2424 for technical assistance.

Council address: Pacific Fishery Management Council, 7700 NE Ambassador Place, Suite 101, Portland, OR 97220-1384.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Gilly Lyons, Staff Officer, Pacific Council; telephone: (503) 820-2427.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Pacific Council will hold an online meeting of its Advisory Bodies to receive a briefing on and review materials related to Special Project 2: Decision Making for Stronger Fishing Communities, which will be on the Pacific Council's agenda at its June 10-15, 2026, meeting. Special Project 2 is focused on improving the Pacific Council's ability to measure and understand the impacts of its decisions on fishing community resilience. No management actions will be decided at this meeting, but recommendations may be brought forward for consideration by the Pacific Council at the June meeting. A detailed meeting agenda will be available on the Pacific Council's website prior to the meeting.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in the meeting agenda may be discussed, those issues may not be the

subject of formal action during this meeting. Action will be restricted to those issues specifically listed in this document and any issues arising after publication of this document 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

Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Mr. Hayden York (Hayden.York@pcouncil.org; (503) 820-2424) at least 10 days prior to the meeting date.

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

Dated: May 7, 2026.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

[Docket No.: ED-2026-SCC-1552]

Agency Information Collection Activities; Comment Request; Build America, Buy America Act (BABAA) Domestic Sourcing Requirements Waiver—United States Department of Education BABAA Waiver Request Form

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary (OS), Department of Education (ED).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, the Department is proposing a reinstatement without change of a previously approved information collection request (ICR).

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before July 13, 2026.

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-2026-SCC-1552. 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. If the www.regulations.gov site is not available to the public for any reason, the Department will temporarily accept comments at ICDocketMgr@ed.gov.

Please include the docket ID number and the title of the information collection request when requesting documents or submitting comments. Please note that comments 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 Grant Policy Office, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Ave. SW, LBJ, Room 4B274, Washington, DC 20202.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For specific questions related to collection activities, please contact John English, john.english@ed.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Department, 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. The Department is soliciting comments on the proposed information collection request (ICR) that is described below. The Department 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.

Title of Collection: Build America, Buy America Act (BABAA) Domestic Sourcing Requirements Waiver—United States Department of Education BABAA Waiver Request Form.

OMB Control Number: 1894-0018.

Type of Review: A reinstatement without change of a previously approved ICR.

Respondents/Affected Public: State, Local, and Tribal Governments; Private Sector.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses: 47.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours: 470.

Abstract: In accordance with section 70914 of the Build America Buy America Act (Pub. L. 117-58 §§ 70901-70953) (BABAA), grantees funded under Department of Education (the Department) programs that allow funds to be used for infrastructure projects (infrastructure programs), *i.e.*, construction and broadband infrastructure, may not use their grant funds for these infrastructure projects or activities unless they comply with the following BABAA sourcing requirements: (1) All iron and steel used in the infrastructure project or activity are produced in the United States, (2) All manufactured products used in the infrastructure project or activity are produced in the United States, and (3) All construction materials are manufactured in the United States.

The Department may, in accordance with sections 70914(b) and (d), 70921(b), 70935, and 70937 of BABAA, and the Office of Management and Budget Memorandum M 22-11, Initial Implementation Guidance on Application of Buy America Preference in Federal Financial Assistance Programs for Infrastructure, approve waivers to BABAA sourcing requirements submitted by grantees under programs it has identified as infrastructure programs when it determines that exceptions to these requirements apply. The Department may approve, subject to notice and comment requirements and the Office of Management and Budget Made in America Office (MIAO) review, the types of waivers listed below when one or more of the following conditions are met: (1) Public Interest Waiver—Applying the BABAA sourcing requirement would be inconsistent with the public interest, (2) Non-availability Waiver—The types of iron, steel, manufactured products, or construction materials are not produced in the United States in sufficient and reasonably available quantities or of a satisfactory quality, and (3) Unreasonable Cost Waiver—The inclusion of iron, steel, manufactured products, or construction materials produced in the United States will increase the cost of the overall project by more than 25 percent.

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