

and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of open meeting; opportunity for public comment.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given of a virtual meeting of the U.S. IOOS® Advisory Committee (Committee). The meeting is open to the public and an opportunity for oral and written comments will be provided.

DATES: The meeting will be held virtually on June 16, 2026 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time (EDT) and June 17, 2026 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. EDT. Registration is required; please register online at <https://forms.gle/PsJiZmTZhAERVv9U7> or email laura.gewain@noaa.gov. Registration is required by 5 p.m. EDT on June 15, 2026.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held virtually. To register for the meeting and/or submit public comments, use this link <https://forms.gle/PsJiZmTZhAERVv9U7> or email laura.gewain@noaa.gov. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for instructions and other information about public participation and special accommodations.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Krisa Arzayus, Designated Federal Official, U.S. IOOS Advisory Committee, U.S. IOOS Program, 240–533–9455, krisa.arzayus@noaa.gov or visit the Committee's website at <https://ioos.noaa.gov/community/u-s-ioos-advisory-committee/>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

The Committee was established by the NOAA Administrator as directed by section 12304(d) of the Integrated Coastal and Ocean Observation System Act (the Act) as amended by Section 103 of the Coordinated Ocean Observations and Research Act of 2020 (COORA) (Pub. L. 116–271, Title I). 33 U.S.C. 3603(d). The Committee advises the NOAA Administrator and the Interagency Ocean Observation Committee (IOOC) on matters related to the responsibilities and authorities set forth in the Act and other appropriate matters as the Administrator, the Ocean Policy Committee described at 33 U.S.C. 3603(c)(1), and IOOC may refer to the Committee for review and advice. The charter and summaries of prior meetings can be found online at <https://ioos.noaa.gov/community/u-s-ioos-advisory-committee/>.

II. Matters To Be Considered

The meeting will focus on: (1) updates from NOAA and key NOAA partners,

and (2) finalizing recommendations from the current work plan. The latest version of the agenda will be posted at <https://ioos.noaa.gov/community/u-s-ioos-advisory-committee/>. The times and the agenda topics described here are subject to change.

III. Public Comment Instructions

The meeting will be open to public participation (check agenda on website to confirm time). The Committee expects that public statements presented 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 a total time of three (3) minutes. Written comments should be received by June 8, 2026 11:59 p.m. EDT, to provide sufficient time for Committee review. Written comments received after June 8, 2026 11:59 p.m. EDT, will be distributed to the Committee, but may not be reviewed prior to the meeting date. To submit written comments, please fill out the brief form at <https://forms.gle/PsJiZmTZhAERVv9U7> or email your comments and your organization/company affiliation to laura.gewain@noaa.gov. All comments received are a part of the public record. All personally identifiable information (name, address, etc.), confidential business information, or otherwise sensitive information submitted voluntarily by the commenter will be publicly accessible. The written comment is considered the official comment and should include discussion of all points you wish to make. The Federal agencies will generally not consider comments or comment contents located outside of the primary submission (*i.e.*, on the web, cloud, or other file sharing system). Comments that are not responsive or contain profanity, vulgarity, threats, or other inappropriate language will not be considered. This NOAA public meeting will be recorded for use in preparation of minutes. If you have a public comment, you acknowledge that you will be recorded and are aware you can opt out of the meeting. Participation in the meeting constitutes consent to the recording.

IV. Special Accommodations

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Krisa Arzayus, Designated Federal Official by phone (240–533–9455) or email (krisa.arzayus@noaa.gov) or to Laura Gewain (laura.gewain@noaa.gov) by June 9, 2026 11:59 p.m.

Authority: Integrated Coastal and Ocean Observation System Act, part of the Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009 (Pub. L. 111–11), and the Coordinated Ocean Observations and Research Act of 2020 (Pub. L. 116–271)

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Prohibited Species Donation Program

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

ACTION: Notice; selection of an authorized distributor.

SUMMARY: NMFS announces the renewal of two prohibited species donation (PSD) permits to SeaShare, a non-profit and tax-exempt organization, authorizing this organization to distribute Pacific salmon (salmon) and Pacific halibut (halibut) to hunger relief agencies, food bank networks, or food bank distributors under the PSD program. Salmon and halibut are caught incidentally during directed fishing in the exclusive economic zone off Alaska for groundfish with trawl gear. This action is necessary to comply with provisions of the PSD program.

DATES: May 20, 2026 through May 21, 2029.

ADDRESSES: Electronic copies of the PSD permits for salmon and halibut prepared for this action may be obtained from the NMFS Alaska Region website at <https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/alaska/commercial-fishing/permits-and-licenses-issued-alaska>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Maggie Chan, 907–586–7228.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

Fishing for groundfish by U.S. vessels in the exclusive economic zone of the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands management area and Gulf of Alaska is managed by NMFS in accordance with the Fishery Management Plan for Groundfish of the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area

(BSAI FMP) and the Fishery Management Plan for Groundfish of the Gulf of Alaska (GOA FMP). These fishery management plans (FMPs) were prepared and recommended by the North Pacific Fishery Management Council under the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*). Regulations governing the federal groundfish fisheries and implementing the FMPs appear at 50 CFR parts 600 and 679. Fishing for halibut in waters in and off Alaska is governed by the Convention between the United States and Canada for the Preservation of the Halibut Fishery of the North Pacific Ocean and Bering Sea (Convention). The International Pacific Halibut Commission (IPHC) promulgates regulations pursuant to the Convention. The IPHC's regulations are subject to approval by the Secretary of State with concurrence from the Secretary of Commerce. After approval by the Secretary of State and the Secretary of Commerce, the IPHC regulations are published in the **Federal Register** as annual management measures pursuant to 50 CFR 300.62.

Amendments 26 and 29 to the BSAI and GOA FMPs, respectively, authorize a salmon donation program and were approved by NMFS on July 10, 1996; a final rule implementing this program was published in the **Federal Register** on July 24, 1996 (61 FR 38358). The salmon donation program was expanded to include halibut as part of the PSD program under amendments 50 to both FMPs that were approved by NMFS on May 6, 1998. A final rule implementing these amendments was published in the **Federal Register** on June 12, 1998 (63 FR 32144). Although that final rule contained a sunset provision for the halibut PSD program of December 31, 2000, the halibut PSD program was permanently extended under a final rule published in the **Federal Register** on December 14, 2000 (65 FR 78119). A full description of, and background information on, the PSD program may be found in the preambles of the associated proposed rules (61 FR 24750, May 16, 1996, and 63 FR 10583, March 4, 1998).

Section 679.26 authorizes the voluntary distribution of salmon and halibut taken incidentally in the groundfish trawl fisheries in the exclusive economic zone off Alaska to hunger relief agencies, food bank networks, or food bank distributors by tax-exempt organizations through an authorized distributor. The NMFS Administrator for the Alaska Region (Regional Administrator) may select one or more tax-exempt organizations to be

authorized distributors, as defined at § 679.2, based on the information submitted by applicants under § 679.26. An applicant seeking to become an authorized distributor must submit to the Regional Administrator all of the information required by § 679.26(b)(1) and must submit a separate application for each species (salmon or halibut) that the applicant seeks to distribute. After reviewing qualified applicants, NMFS must announce the selection of each authorized distributor in the **Federal Register** and issue one or more PSD permits to each selected distributor (§ 679.26(b)(3)(i)).

Renewal of Permits to SeaShare

Currently, SeaShare, a tax-exempt organization founded to help the seafood industry donate to U.S. hunger relief efforts, is the sole authorized distributor of salmon and halibut taken incidentally in the groundfish trawl fisheries off Alaska. SeaShare's current salmon and halibut PSD permits became effective May 18, 2023 and authorize SeaShare to participate in the PSD program through May 25, 2026 (88 FR 31701, May 18, 2023).

On March 20, 2026, the Regional Administrator received applications from SeaShare to renew its salmon and halibut PSD permits. The Regional Administrator reviewed the applications and determined that both applications are complete and include all of the information required by § 679.26(b)(1), and that SeaShare continues to meet the requirements for an authorized distributor of salmon and halibut under the PSD program. Because SeaShare is the only applicant for PSD permits at this time, the Regional Administrator does not need to determine how many total authorized distributors to select using the criteria at § 679.26(b)(2).

These permits may be suspended, modified, or revoked under 15 CFR part 904 for violation of § 679.26 or other regulations in 50 CFR part 679.

This action is taken under § 679.26.

Authority: 16 U.S.C. 773 *et seq.*; 1801 *et seq.*; 3631 *et seq.*; Pub. L. 108–447; Pub. L. 111–281.

Dated: May 13, 2026.

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Acting 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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Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Full Coverage Trawl Electronic Monitoring Fee Notice

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

ACTION: Notification of fee percentage for vessels participating in the full coverage category of the Trawl Electronic Monitoring Program.

SUMMARY: NMFS publishes this notice to announce the 2025 fee percentage of 0.12 percent applicable to participants in the full coverage category of the Trawl Electronic Monitoring Program (Trawl EM Program). NMFS used this fee percentage to calculate fee liabilities for the 2025 fishing season. Annually, NMFS issues invoices to vessel owners subject to the fee. Fees for the 2025 fishing season are due to NMFS on or before May 31, 2026.

DATES: The fee percentage is valid on May 20, 2026.

ADDRESSES: Additional information about the Trawl EM Program is available on NMFS Alaska Region's website at <https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/alaska/resources-fishing/electronic-Monitoring-alaska>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For general questions about this fee, contact Amy Hadfield at (907) 586–7376. For questions about the fee billing process, contact Tristan Mandeville at (907) 586–7231.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On July 29, 2024, NMFS published a final rule to implement the Trawl EM Program for pelagic trawl pollock catcher vessels and tender vessels delivering to shoreside processors and stationary floating processors in the Bering Sea, Aleutian Islands, and Gulf of Alaska (89 FR 60796). Under the Trawl EM Program regulations at 50 CFR 679.51(g), a vessel owner or operator of a catcher vessel or tender vessel can request to be placed in the Trawl EM Program each year and, therein, to use an EM system in place of an observer in most cases. Placement in the Trawl EM Program reduces overall monitoring costs for fishery participants and increases data quality necessary for fishery management. A vessel placed in the Trawl EM Program remains in the