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**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Christine Ford, Fisheries Management Specialist, *christine.ford@noaa.gov*, 978–281–9185.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The applicant submitted a complete

application for an EFP to conduct commercial fishing activities that the regulations would otherwise restrict. This EFP would exempt the participating vessels from the following Federal regulations:

TABLE 1—REQUESTED EXEMPTIONS

CFR citation	Regulation	Need for exemption
50 CFR 648.370(h) ..	Habitat Management Areas prohibition on using bottom-tending mobile gear.	To conduct compensation fishing with hydraulic clam dredges.

TABLE 2—PROJECT SUMMARY

Project title .....	Compensation Fishing in Support of Great South Channel Habitat Management Area Study Phase II: An Acoustic Mapping Survey of Davis Bank East.
Project start .....	07/15/2026.
Project end .....	09/30/2026.
Project objectives .....	Compensation surfclam fishing to fund a habitat mapping project using multibeam sonar and drop cameras.
Project location .....	Great South Channel Habitat Management Area (GSC HMA): Davis Bank East (DBE), and Rose and Crown (RC).
Number of vessels .....	4.
Number of trips .....	Up to 64.
Trip duration (days) .....	1–2.
Total number of days .....	Up to 128.
Gear type(s) .....	Hydraulic clam dredge.
Number of tows or sets .....	30 per trip.
Duration of tows or sets .....	5–20 minutes.

**Project Narrative**

The original EFP in support of this project was issued May 24, 2024, authorizing 260 compensation fishing trips to harvest surfclams from the DBE for the purpose of generating funds for acoustic and visual DBE habitat surveys (Letter of Acknowledgement #24028 issued May 7, 2025). This was later expanded to include compensation fishing in the RC, and the EFP was extended through March 31, 2026, due to poor DBE harvest. On March 3, 2026, the applicant requested an additional 90 compensation fishing trips and another extension. The applicant stated that additional trips and time were needed to generate the funds needed to conduct the final acoustic survey (Letter of Acknowledgement #26040 issued April 17, 2026). On April 24, 2026, a minor EFP extension and expansion was issued, adding 26 trips (a 10-percent increase of the original 260 permitted trips) to the EFP, and extending the EFP out to July 15, 2026.

This EFP would authorize the harvest of surfclams from two areas closed to hydraulic clam dredges for the purpose of generating funds for the above-mentioned habitat survey and final project report. Four commercial surfclam vessels would take up to 64 total trips into either the eastern portion of DBE or into the RC, defined by these coordinates:

**DBE**

Latitude	Longitude
41.325° N	69.558° W
41.238° N	69.539° W
41.238° N	69.508° W
41.3° N	69.508° W
41.325° N	69.531° W

**RC**

Latitude	Longitude
41.19996° N	69.70669° W
41.22955° N	69.6906° W
41.27988° N	69.71163° W
41.27766° N	69.62776° W
41.23004° N	69.60022° W
41.21001° N	69.58873° W
41.19856° N	69.59788° W
41.19996° N	69.70669° W

The vessels would use 48-inch-wide hydraulic surfclam dredges that would be towed between 2 to 3 knots for 5–20 minutes per tow with a trip limit of 14 cages. Approximately 30 tows would be conducted per trip. A CFF scientist would be onboard 20 percent of trips to collect surfclam catch per unit effort and catch composition data. The vessel owners have committed 15 percent of the value of each trip to cover the full cost of the research trips and data analysis. At an estimated \$30 per bushel ex-vessel value, this will just cover the total research budget of roughly \$505,000. The participating vessel

owners have agreed to make up the difference if the price falls below \$30 per bushel.

If approved, the applicant may request minor modifications and extensions to the EFP throughout the year. EFP modifications and extensions may be granted without further notice if they are deemed essential to facilitate completion of the proposed research and have minimal impacts that do not change the scope or impact of the initially approved EFP request. Any fishing activity conducted outside the scope of the exempted fishing activity would be prohibited.

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

Dated: May 20, 2026.

**David R. Blankinship,**  
*Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.*

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**COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION**

**Agency Information Collection Activities Under OMB Review**

**AGENCY:** Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (“PRA”), this notice announces that the

Information Collection Request (“ICR”) abstracted below has been forwarded to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs (“OIRA”), of the Office of Management and Budget (“OMB”), for review and comment. The ICR describes the nature of the information collection and its expected costs and burden. A **Federal Register** Notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments on the ICR was published on March 5, 2026.

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted on or before June 22, 2026.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be submitted within 30 days of this notice’s publication to OIRA, at <https://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain>. Please find this particular information collection by selecting “Currently under 30-day Review—Open for Public Comments” or by using the website’s search function. Comments can be entered electronically by clicking on the “comment” button next to the information collection on the “OIRA Information Collections Under Review” page, or the “View ICR—Agency Submission” page. A copy of the supporting statement for the collection of information discussed herein may be obtained by visiting <https://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain>.

In addition to the submission of comments to <https://Reginfo.gov> as indicated above, a copy of all comments submitted to OIRA may also be submitted to the Commodity Futures Trading Commission (the “Commission” or “CFTC”) by any of the following methods:

- **Regulations.gov:** Go to <https://www.regulations.gov> and press the “Search” button, then proceed as follows:
  1. Under Refine Documents Results—check the box to “Only show documents open for comment”;
  2. Under Agency—select “See More” and check the box for “Commodity Futures Trading Commission,” then press the Apply button;
  3. Identify this notice in the list of CFTC documents open for comment, press the “Comment” button to open the submission form, and follow the instructions on the form.

Alternatively, if you are viewing this notice on [www.federalregister.gov](http://www.federalregister.gov), click the “Submit A Public Comment” button at the top of the page to open the comment form. Follow the instructions on the form to submit your comment to [Regulations.gov](http://Regulations.gov).

- **Mail:** Send to—Christopher Kirkpatrick, Secretary of the

Commission, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, Three Lafayette Centre, 1155 21st Street NW, Washington, DC 20581.

- **Hand Delivery/Courier:** Address to—CFTC Comment Submission, Attn: Christopher Kirkpatrick, Secretary of the Commission, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, Three Lafayette Centre, 1155 21st Street NW, Washington, DC 20581.

Please submit your comments using only one of these methods. To avoid possible delays with mail or in-person deliveries, submissions through [Regulations.gov](http://Regulations.gov) are encouraged.

All comments must be submitted in English or, if not, accompanied by an English translation. Do not include in your comment text or attachments any personal identifying information or business information that you do not want published online. Comments (regardless of submission method) will be published without review for, and without removal of, any personal identifying information or information your business may consider confidential.

If you wish to submit confidential information for the Commission’s consideration, please contact the CFTC personnel listed in this Notice under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** before making any submission. Please also carefully review the Commission’s procedures in 17 CFR 145.9 for requesting confidential treatment under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) of information submitted to the Commission.

The CFTC reserves the right, but shall have no obligation, to review, pre-screen, filter, or redact all or any part of your comment submission. The CFTC also reserves the right, without further notification, to refuse to publish or to remove from public view all or any part of your submission to the extent it contains content inappropriate for publication in a comment file, such as—without limitation—obscene language, threats of violence, solicitations for commercial sales or illegal activity, or obvious spam. If a submission that is refused for or withdrawn from publication because of inappropriate content also contains comments on the merits of this notice, such submission will be retained in the record for the matter and will be considered as required under the Administrative Procedure Act, the Paperwork Reduction Act, and other applicable laws, and may be accessible under the FOIA.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Michelle Ghim, Office of the General

Counsel, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, 202–418–5000. Three Lafayette Centre, 1155 21st Street NW, Washington, DC 20581; email: [faca@cftc.gov](mailto:faca@cftc.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Title:** Qualification Information for Candidates to Advisory Committees and Subcommittees. This is a request for an extension of a currently approved information collection.

**Abstract:** The CFTC’s advisory committees were created to provide input and make recommendations to the Commission on a variety of regulatory and market issues that affect the integrity and competitiveness of U.S. derivatives markets. The committees facilitate communication between the Commission and U.S. derivatives markets, trading firms, market participants, and end users. The CFTC currently has four advisory committees. The Energy and Environmental Markets Advisory Committee was established by the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act, Public Law 111–203, and subsequently codified in the Commodity Exchange Act, 7 U.S.C. 1 *et seq.*, at 7 U.S.C. 2(a)(15), and is not subject to the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), 5 U.S.C. 1001 *et seq.* The Agricultural Advisory Committee, Global Markets Advisory Committee, and the Innovation Advisory Committee are discretionary committees under the FACA. The Commission also establishes subcommittees that report to advisory committees as needed. Advisory committee and subcommittee members are generally representatives, but depending on the issues to be addressed, the Commission will appoint special government employees and officials from other federal agencies from time to time. Representatives provide the viewpoints of entities or recognizable groups, and they are expected to represent a particular and known bias. On the other hand, special government employees are expected to provide their own independent judgment in committee deliberations and are expected to discuss and deliberate in a manner that is free from conflicts of interest.<sup>1</sup> Advisory committee and subcommittee members generally serve 2, 3 or 4-year terms, and appointments are made following the establishment of a new subcommittee or as committee or subcommittee vacancies arise.

The CFTC identifies candidates for advisory committee and subcommittee membership through a variety of

<sup>1</sup> 18 U.S.C. 202(a).

methods, including public requests for nominations; recommendations from existing advisory committee members; consultations with knowledgeable persons outside the CFTC (industry, consumer groups, other state or federal government agencies, academia, etc.); requests to be represented received from individuals and organizations; and Commissioners' and CFTC staff's professional knowledge of those experienced in the derivatives and underlying commodities markets. Following the identification process, the CFTC develops a list of proposed members with the relevant points of view needed to ensure membership balance. The Commission then votes to appoint individuals, or specified organizations, to serve.

The collection of information is necessary to support the CFTC Advisory Committee Program which includes committees, most of which are governed by the FACA, and subcommittees that report directly to the advisory committees, as noted above. Pursuant to the FACA, an agency must ensure that a committee is balanced with respect to the viewpoints represented and the functions to be performed by that committee. Consistent with this, in order to select individuals for potential membership on an advisory committee, the CFTC must determine that potential members are qualified to serve on an advisory committee and that the viewpoints are properly balanced on the committee. The CFTC is also required to ensure that committee members are properly designated as special government employees or representatives.<sup>2</sup> While CFTC subcommittees are not subject to the FACA, the selection process for subcommittee members who are not already serving on the parent committee is similar to that of new committee members. Additionally, the agency follows similar member selection procedures for the agency's non-FACA committee.

CFTC staff would use the information collected to determine the experience and expertise of potential advisory committee and subcommittee members, ensure that the membership on a committee or subcommittee is balanced, and ensure that committee and subcommittee members are properly designated as representatives or special government employees.

The CFTC seeks to collect the following information: Information that supports an individual's experience and expertise to serve on an advisory

committee or subcommittee, including letters of interest, recommendation letters, nomination letters (including self-nominations), resumes, curriculum vitae or other similar biographical information document. Additionally, information that ensures membership balance (e.g., represented viewpoint category) and appropriate designation of an individual as either a representative or special government employee.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.<sup>3</sup> On March 5, 2026, the Commission published in the **Federal Register** a notice of a proposed information collection and provided 60 days for public comment on the proposed extension, 91 FR 10799 ("60-Day Notice").<sup>4</sup> The Commission did not receive any relevant comments on the 60-Day Notice.

**Burden Statement:** The respondent burden for this collection is estimated to be as follows:

**Estimated Number of Respondents:** 320.

**Estimated Average Burden Hours per Respondent:** 1.

**Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:** 320.

**Frequency of Collection:** As needed.

There are no capital costs or operating and maintenance costs associated with this collection.

(Authority: 44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*)

Dated: May 20, 2026.

**Robert Sidman,**

*Deputy Secretary of the Commission.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

[Docket ID ED-2025-OS-0745]

### Final Priority and Definitions— Secretary's Supplemental Priority and Definitions on Promoting Patriotic Education

**AGENCY:** U.S. Department of Education.

**ACTION:** Final priority and definitions.

<sup>3</sup> 44 U.S.C. 3512, 5 CFR 1320.5(b)(2)(i) and 1320.8(b)(3)(vi).

<sup>4</sup> In its 60-Day Notice, the Commission estimated that the annual burden associated with this collection totaled 400 annual burden hours. This estimate was based on an estimate of 400 annual respondents serving on five Commission advisory committees. Since the publication of the 60-Day Notice, the total number of Commission advisory committees has decreased from 5 to 4. As a result of this reduction and the associated reduction in total respondents, the Commission is adjusting its burden estimate to 320 hours annually.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Education (Department) announces a final priority and definitions for use in currently authorized discretionary grant programs or programs that may be authorized in the future. The Secretary may choose to use the entire priority for a grant program or a particular competition or use one or more of the priority's component parts. The final priority and definitions augment the initial set of three Secretary's Supplemental Priorities on Evidence-Based Literacy, Educational Choice, and Returning Education to the States published as final priorities on September 9, 2025 (90 FR 43514); the Secretary's Supplemental Priority on Meaningful Learning Opportunities, published as a final priority on February 12, 2026 (91 FR 6625); the Secretary's Supplemental Priority on Advancing Artificial Intelligence in Education, published as a final priority on April 13, 2026 (91 FR 18774); and the Secretary's Supplemental Priority and Definitions on Career Pathways and Workforce Readiness, published as a final priority on April 13, 2026 (91 FR 18780).

**DATES:** The final priority and definitions are effective June 22, 2026.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Zachary Rogers, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue SW, Room 7W213, Washington, DC 20202-6450. Telephone: (202) 260-1144. Email: [SSP@ed.gov](mailto:SSP@ed.gov).

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Purpose of this Regulatory Action:** On September 17, 2025, the Department published a notice of a proposed supplemental priority and definitions (NPP) in the **Federal Register** (90 FR 44788) on Promoting Patriotic Education. This notice of final priority and definitions (NFP) finalizes the priority and definitions on Promoting Patriotic Education for use across the Department's discretionary grant programs.

**Summary of the Major Provisions of This Regulatory Action:** Through this regulatory action, we establish one supplemental priority and associated definitions. Each major provision is discussed in the *Public Comment* section of this document.

The NPP contains background information and our reasons for proposing the priority and definitions. The Department describes the differences between the proposed priority and definitions and those established as final in this NFP in the

<sup>2</sup> See, OGE DO-04X9, DO-04-022, and DO-05-012.