

fishing year. As an accountability measure, any overages would result in a reduction to the incidental quota in the following fishing year. Between 2020 and 2025, the golden tilefish incidental TAL was never exceeded, and the percent of quota landed ranged from 35 percent in 2023 to 93 percent in 2025. The golden tilefish incidental TAL for 2026 remains the same as in 2025 at 68,949 lb (31,275 kg). From 2020 to 2025, vessels with incidental tilefish permits took between 585 and 804 annual trips where golden tilefish were landed, with the number of annual trips tending to increase over time. The 33 trips that may be taken under this EFP would represent approximately 4 percent of this total fishing effort. Between the small scale of this permit (one participating vessel) and existing possession limits on golden tilefish, this EFP is not likely to result in substantially increased golden tilefish landings and a premature incidental closure.

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: July 15, 2026.

Shannon Bettridge,

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

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NATIONAL COMMISSION ON THE FUTURE OF THE NAVY

Public Hearing on Improving America's Maritime Seapower

AGENCY: National Commission on the Future of the Navy.

ACTION: Announcement of public hearing.

SUMMARY: The Commissioners of the National Commission on the Future of the Navy (FNC), in accordance with the National Defense Authorization Act of 2023, will hold a public hearing to hear from leaders in the Department of War and Department of Navy and better understand department actions to improve America's maritime seapower. Those wishing to attend, present at, or

submit a written statement to the Board prior to the public hearing must provide advance notice to the agency as detailed below.

DATES: The public hearing will be held at 10 a.m. EST, Wednesday, July 22, 2026.

ADDRESSES: The public hearing will take place in room 2118 of the Rayburn House Office Building. The hearing is open to the public.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Congress established the National Commission on the Future of the Navy in the Fiscal Year 2023 National Defense Authorization Act to provide an independent, bipartisan assessment of U.S. naval force structure, readiness, and long-term maritime requirements. The statute directs the Commission to conduct a comprehensive review of fleet size and force mix, naval aviation, shipbuilding capacity, personnel policies, and the force-generation model that sustains combat power at sea. It authorizes the Commission to hold public hearings, receive testimony, and obtain information from Federal departments and agencies to support recommendations to Congress. This hearing is the second in support of this effort.

The hearing is comprised of one panel that is open to the public. It will consist of leaders from the Department of War and Department of Navy; they will provide perspectives on what a future Navy looks like to include strategy, force structure and needs of the industrial base to meet such strategy and force structure.

For further information on the Commission, go to www.futurenavy.senate.gov.

Matthew Neumeyer,

Chief of Staff, National Commission on the Future of the Navy.

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COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION

Renewal of the Agricultural Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

ACTION: Notice of renewal.

SUMMARY: The Commodity Futures Trading Commission (CFTC or Commission) is publishing this notice to announce the renewal of the Agricultural Advisory Committee (AAC). The Commission has determined

that the renewal of the AAC is necessary and in the public's interest.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Emma Johnston, Senior Agricultural Advisor and AAC Designated Federal Officer, at 202–418–5172 or EJohnston@cftc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In accordance with section 9(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), 5 U.S.C. 1008, and 41 CFR 102–3.65, the CFTC is announcing the AAC's renewal and providing herein the Commission-approved public interest determination. The AAC's objectives and scope of activities are to provide the Commission with advice and recommendations on issues affecting agricultural producers; consumers; processors; lenders; other major market participants, including derivatives intermediaries, buy-side representatives, and exchanges; regulators; and others interested in or affected by the agricultural derivatives markets. The AAC will operate for two years from the date of renewal unless the Commission directs that the AAC terminate on an earlier date. A copy of the renewal charter will be posted on the CFTC's website at www.cftc.gov.

Public Interest Determination

Pursuant to 41 CFR 102–3.60(a), to establish, renew, reestablish, or merge a discretionary (agency discretion) advisory committee, an agency must first consult with the General Services Administration's Committee Management Secretariat (the Secretariat) and, as part of the consultation, provide a written public interest determination approved by the head of the agency to the Secretariat with a copy to the Office of Management and Budget. In addition, pursuant to 41 CFR 102–3.35, an agency shall follow the same consultation process and document in writing the same determination of need before creating a subcommittee under a discretionary committee that is not made up entirely of members of a parent advisory committee.

Information on the following factors for the committee is provided to the Secretariat to demonstrate that renewing the committee is in the public interest:

1. *Annual budget:* The estimated annual operating cost for supporting the AAC is \$56, 227.

a. *Federal personnel on a full-time equivalent (FTE) basis:* .10 FTE.

b. *Other Federal internal costs:* \$24,400.

c. *Proposed payments to members:* The CFTC does not compensate AAC members for their services. However, there are government costs (salary and

benefits) for Federal AAC members which are estimated at \$6,684.

d. *Proposed number of members:* Approximately 30–40.

e. *Reimbursable Costs:* \$0.

2. *If applicable, the total dollar value of grants expected to be recommended during the fiscal year:* N/A.

3. *Criteria for selecting members to ensure the committee has the necessary expertise and fairly balanced membership:* The AAC members are selected to represent a balance of viewpoints that reflect the groups and entities potentially affected by or interested in the AAC's recommendations and are necessary to effectively address the issues to be considered by the AAC. Members represent a wide range of perspectives and interests. The AAC requires members with deep expertise and experience in the following areas: risk management and hedging practices using futures, options, swaps, and other derivatives; trade execution associated with such practices; and the legal and regulatory regimes that govern hedging and risk management. Producers, end users, exchanges, and agribusiness and industry trade associations are among the primary sources of these forms of knowledge and experience, and these entities should be represented by individuals who share in this expertise and can represent their interests in a way that helps the Commission to understand and resolve highly technical issues. The AAC will also need to consider the intersection of these time-tested areas of expertise with the innovations currently in front of the Commission and derivatives industry namely digital assets, blockchain technology, artificial intelligence, and other evolving innovations. The Commission expects to hear from the AAC for policy recommendations that will enhance the U.S. role as a global derivatives leader.

4. *List of all other Federal advisory committees of the agency:* In addition to the AAC, the CFTC has one statutory committee that Congress has exempted from the FACA and two discretionary FACA committees:

- (a) Energy and Environmental Markets Advisory Committee (statutory)
- (b) Global Markets Advisory Committee (discretionary)
- (c) Innovation Advisory Committee (discretionary)

5. Justification that the information or advice provided by the Federal advisory committee or subcommittee is not available from another Federal advisory committee, another Federal Government source, or any other more cost-effective

and less burdensome source: The Commission is the Federal regulator of agricultural derivatives markets and the AAC is the most efficient and thorough means of obtaining advice on issues directly impacting those affected by the regulation of these markets, as well as indirectly affected by the market's price discovery function. Further, changes to agricultural market structure are ongoing and the issues arising from this change can only be addressed by an advisory committee comprised of representatives from agricultural and agriculture-related organizations—they cannot be properly addressed by the CFTC, or by ad hoc roundtables, public hearings, or other means of public engagement all of which are better suited to responding to specific, time-limited events and idiosyncratic concerns rather than ongoing, long-term issues. The nature of current market innovations such as digital assets, blockchain technologies, and artificial intelligence and their impact on price discovery emphasizes the importance of the Commission's engagement with agricultural derivatives practitioners. Through this engagement, the Commission endeavors to proactively formulate thoughtful policy that enables these innovations and technologies to solidify the preeminence of the U.S. derivatives markets. The AAC is the most cost-effective way to access input and information, particularly since the Commission does not compensate members and does not provide for members' travel expenses and accommodation for meetings.

6. *If the consultation is a committee renewal, a summary of the previous accomplishments of the committee and the reasons it needs to continue:* Historically, the AAC has served as a forum in which representatives of major agricultural and agriculture-related interests have provided the CFTC with their varying perspectives on agriculture-related issues within the agency's jurisdiction and where issues of mutual interest to the Commission and representatives can be aired. For example, in 2010, the AAC contributed to changes in business practices that addressed a significant pricing problem in the wheat futures market. In 2021, the AAC also made recommendations related to efficient and effective oversight of changes to agricultural futures contracts with open interest.

Additionally, at the April 2019 AAC meeting, the Committee heard from participants and exchange operators on "Cash Market Innovations" and "The Evolution of Electronic Trading in

Agricultural Markets."¹ At that time, there were significant evolutionary change in the industry that had particular impact to the agricultural sector and the forum for the meeting was Overland Park, Kansas, which enabled market users and producers to attend. As currently constructed, the current AAC expects to continue this integral outreach effort.

The Commission has determined that it is necessary to obtain advice on issues directly impacting those affected by the regulation of these markets, as well as indirectly affected by the market's price discovery function. The AAC provides a forum to facilitate interaction with and communications between the Commission and the diverse agricultural and agriculture-related organizations represented on the AAC.

7. *Explanation of why the committee/subcommittee is essential to the conduct of agency business:* The AAC was created in 1985 to advise the Commission on issues involving the trading of agricultural commodity derivatives and facilitate communications between the CFTC, the agricultural community, and agriculture-related organizations. As derivatives markets continuously evolve, it remains imperative that the Commission protect the price discovery and risk management functions provided by agricultural markets. Specifically, as the supply and demand for agricultural products is constantly fluctuating, the resultant changes in market structure have implications for the CFTC's mission of ensuring the integrity of the derivatives markets for agricultural products.

In order for the CFTC to carry out its mission, it must understand how market participants and the public—including agricultural producers; consumers; processors; lenders; other major market participants, including derivatives intermediaries, buy-side representatives, and exchanges; regulators; and others interested in or who are affected by these evolving markets—are impacted by exogenous factors such as changes in market structure or endogenous factors such as changes to the regulatory environment. Accordingly, the AAC is essential to the conduct of CFTC business because the committee provides advice on developments in the structure of the agricultural markets and the effects that such changes may have on producers, end users, and the public. The AAC also provides advice on appropriate regulatory responses to evolving market structure that supports

¹ <https://www.cftc.gov/PressRoom/Events/opaeventaac041119>.

the Commission's mission of ensuring the integrity of the price discovery and risk management functions of derivatives markets.

At the December 2022 meeting,² the AAC heard from agricultural leaders on "Domestic and International Shipping, Freight, and Storage Impacts on the Grain Trade." This presentation serves as an example of the intersection of CFTC policy, U.S. grain and oilseed markets, and international commerce and how the AAC serves as a true advisor to the Commission on practical matters that are at the core of the agricultural community.

In conclusion, this public interest determination documents that renewing the committee is in the public interest, essential to the conduct of agency business, and that the information to be obtained is not already available through another advisory committee or source within the Federal Government.

Dated: July 16, 2026.

Christopher Kirkpatrick,

Secretary of the Commission.

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CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

Agency Information Collection Activities; Comment Request; President's Volunteer Service Award

AGENCY: Corporation for National and Community Service.

ACTION: Notice of information collection; request for comment.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Corporation for National and Community Service (operating as AmeriCorps) is proposing to renew an information collection for the President's Volunteer Service Award.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted to the individual and office listed in the **ADDRESSES** section by September 18, 2026.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments, identified by the title of the information collection activity, by any of the following methods:

(1) Electronically through www.regulations.gov (preferred method).

(2) By mail sent to: AmeriCorps, Attention: Emily Stock, AmeriCorps, 250 E Street SW, Washington, DC 20525.

(3) By hand delivery or by courier to the AmeriCorps mailroom at the mail address given in paragraph (2) above, between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. Eastern Time, Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

Comments submitted in response to this notice may be made available to the public through regulations.gov. For this reason, please do not include in your comments information of a confidential nature, such as sensitive personal information or proprietary information. If you send an email comment, your email address will be automatically captured and included as part of the comment that is placed in the public docket and made available on the internet. Please note that responses to this public comment request containing any routine notice about the confidentiality of the communication will be treated as public comment that may be made available to the public, notwithstanding the inclusion of the routine notice.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Emily Stock, Project Manager for Volunteer Initiatives, 202-606-3836, or by email at estock@americorps.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title of Collection: President's Volunteer Service Award.

OMB Control Number: 3045-0086.

Type of Review: Renewal.

Respondents/Affected Public:

Businesses and organizations, and State, local, or Tribal governments, Individuals.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses: 200,000.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours: 66,666.

Abstract: AmeriCorps is soliciting comments concerning its proposed renewal of the President's Volunteer Service Awards (PVSA) application, parts A, B, C, D and E. The application form is used by organizations to review information on individuals' service contributions to determine eligibility and qualification for the President's Volunteer Service Award. AmeriCorps seeks to renew the current information collection without revisions. The information collection will be used in the same manner as the existing application. The currently approved information collection is due to expire on September 30, 2026.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval. Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have

practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology; and (e) estimates of capital or start-up costs and costs of operation, maintenance, and purchase of services to provide information. Burden means the total time, effort, or financial resources expended by persons to generate, maintain, retain, disclose or provide information to or for a Federal agency. This includes the time needed to review instructions; to develop, acquire, install and utilize technology and systems for the purpose of collecting, validating and verifying information, processing and maintaining information, and disclosing and providing information; to train personnel and to be able to respond to a collection of information, to search data sources, to complete and review the collection of information; and to transmit or otherwise disclose the information. All written comments will be available for public inspection on regulations.gov.

Robin Corindo,

Acting Director, AmeriCorps Seniors.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army, Corps of Engineers

Notice of Mississippi River Commission Public Meetings for Fall 2026

AGENCY: Corps of Engineers, Department of the Army, DoD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Mississippi River Commission will hold its fall of 2026 meetings at the below locations, dates, and times.

DATES: August 17, 2026, 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Caruthersville, Missouri; August 18, 2026, 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Memphis, Tennessee; August 19, 2026, 2:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., Vicksburg, MS; August 21, 2026, 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Morgan City, LA. Locations for the public meetings will take place on the Motor Vessel Mississippi. Additional details for the public meetings are

² <https://www.cftc.gov/PressRoom/Events/opaeventacc120722>.