

Register on December 5, 2025 (90 FR 56134).

Each landing made under the PCTC Program is multiplied by the standard price to arrive at an ex-vessel value for each landing. These values are summed together to arrive at the ex-vessel value of Pacific cod (*i.e.*, fishery value).

Fee Percentage

Annually, NMFS calculates the total costs directly related to the management, data collection, and enforcement of the program (direct program costs). NMFS captures direct PCTC program costs through an established accounting system that allows NMFS staff to track labor, travel, contracts, and procurement costs. For 2026, the direct program costs for the PCTC Program were tracked from July 1, 2025, to June 30, 2026. A more detailed explanation will be provided in the annual Cost Recovery Report, which will be published in May of 2027.

NMFS then calculates the applicable fee percentage according to the factors and methods described at § 679.135 for the PCTC Program. NMFS used the standard price of \$0.34 to calculate the fee percentage applied to landings made in 2026. NMFS determined the fee percentage that applies to landings made in the A and B seasons, which extend from January 20 to June 10, 2025, by dividing the direct program costs by the value of the catch subject to the cost recovery fee.

Using the fee percentage formula described generally above, the estimated percentage of direct program costs to fishery value for the 2026 calendar year is 2.09. For 2026, NMFS applied the fee percentage to each PCTC landing that was debited from a CQ allocation between January 20 and June 10 to calculate the fee liability for each cooperative. A PCTC Program cooperative's 2026 fee payments must be submitted to NMFS on or before August 31, 2026. Payment must be made in accordance with the payment methods set forth in § 679.135(a)(3).

The 2026 fee percentage of 2.09 percent is lower than the 2025 fee percentage of 3.00 percent. Net fishery management costs for 2026 decreased by approximately 17 percent when compared to 2025 and total fishery value increased by approximately 42 percent.

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

Dated: August 3, 2026.

Shannon Bettridge,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[RTID 0648-XF927]

Western Pacific Fishery Management Council; Public Meetings

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

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: The Western Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) will hold its Mariana Archipelago Fishery Ecosystem Plan (FEP) Guam Advisory Panel (AP) to discuss and make recommendations on fishery management issues in the Western Pacific Region.

DATES: The meetings will be held on August 8, 2026. For specific times and agendas, see **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

ADDRESSES: The Council will hold its Mariana Archipelago FEP Guam AP meeting in a hybrid format with in-person and remote participation (Webex) options available for the members and the public. In-person attendance for the Mariana Archipelago FEP Guam AP and public will be hosted at Cliff Pointe, 304 W O'Brien Drive, Hagatña, GU, 96910. Instructions for connecting to the web conference and providing oral public comments will be posted on the Council website at www.wpcouncil.org. For assistance with the web conference connection, contact the Council office at (808) 522-8220.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Contact Kitty M. Simonds, Executive Director, Western Pacific Fishery Management Council; phone: (808) 522-8220.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Mariana Archipelago FEP Guam AP will be held between 6 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. (Chamorro Standard Time [ChST]) on Saturday, August 8, 2026.

Public Comment periods will be provided in the agendas. The order in which agenda items are addressed may change. The meetings will run as late as necessary to complete scheduled business.

Schedule and Agenda for the Mariana Archipelago FEP Guam AP Meeting

Saturday, August 8, 2026, 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. (ChST)

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Review of the Last AP Recommendation and Meeting

3. Council Fisheries Issues
 - A. Options for Management of Commercial Fishing in waters of the Islands Unit of the Marianas Trench Marine National Monument (MNM)
 - B. Social, Economic, Ecological and Management (SEEM) Process Review
4. Council Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) Community Consultation Project Update
 - A. Guam Fisher Community Meeting
 - B. Malesso Community Based Fishery Management Plan Meeting
5. AP Strategic Planning for 2026
6. Other Business
7. Public Comment
8. Discussion and Recommendations

Special Accommodations

These meetings are accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Kitty M. Simonds, (808) 522-8220 (voice) or (808) 522-8226 (fax), at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

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

Dated: August 3, 2026.

Anna Michelle Harrison,

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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Magnuson-Stevens Act Provisions; General Provisions for Domestic Fisheries; Application for Exempted Fishing Permits

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

ACTION: Notice; request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Assistant Regional Administrator for Sustainable Fisheries, Greater Atlantic Region, NMFS, has made a preliminary determination that an Exempted Fishing Permit (EFP) application contains all of the required information and warrants further consideration. The EFP would allow federally permitted fishing vessels to fish outside fishery regulations in support of exempted fishing activities proposed by Atlantic Capes Fisheries, Inc. Regulations under the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act require publication of

this notification to provide interested parties the opportunity to comment on applications for proposed EFPs.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before August 20, 2026.

ADDRESSES: You may submit written comments by email: nmfs.gar.efp@noaa.gov. Include in the subject line “Atlantic Capes SCOQ EFP.” All comments received are a part of the public record and may be posted for public viewing without change. All

personal identifying information (e.g., name, address), confidential business information, or otherwise sensitive information submitted voluntarily by the sender will be publicly accessible. NMFS will accept anonymous comments (enter “anonymous” as the signature if you wish to remain anonymous).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
Christine Ford, Fishery 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 648.14(j)(1)(iii)	Prohibition against fishing for, retaining, or landing both surfclams and ocean quahogs in or from the EEZ on the same trip.	Retaining and landing both species on the same trip is needed to calculate the amount of mixing in the fishery, to develop protocols for future estimation of discards and mixing at sea, and for shoreside processing.
50 CFR 648.14(j)(1)(iv)	Prohibition against fishing for, retaining, or landing ocean quahogs in or from the EEZ on a trip designated as a surfclam fishing trip under 648.15(b); or fishing for, retaining, or landing surfclams in or from the EEZ on a trip designated as an ocean quahog fishing trip under 648.15(b).	Retaining and landing ocean quahogs on a designated surfclam trip or surfclams on a designated ocean quahog trip is needed to calculate the amount of mixing in the fishery, to develop protocols for future estimation of discards and mixing at sea and for shore-side processing.

TABLE 2—PROJECT SUMMARY

Project title	SCOQ mixing Amendment Accounting Protocols Study.
Project start	09/01/2026.
Project end	08/31/2027.
Project objectives	To conduct industry-funded research to determine best practices and protocols for: (1) Estimating discards of non-target clam species for eVTR reporting; (2) estimating pre-landing bushel volumes of surfclam/ocean quahogs that are mixed in cages; and (3) fully accounting for the volume of bushels separated from mixed cages to be reported to NMFS via vessel trip reports.
Project location	Southern New England and Mid-Atlantic.
Number of vessels	Up to 15.
Number of trips	Up to 1,200.
Trip duration (days)	Up to 2.
Total number of days	Up to 2,400.
Gear type(s)	Dredge.
Number of tows or sets	25 per trip.
Duration of tows or sets	1 hour.

Project Narrative

The purpose of this project is to continue to collect data in support of determining best practices and protocols for estimating discards of non-target clam species, estimating pre-landing bushel volumes of surfclams/ocean quahogs that are in mixed cages, and fully accounting for the volume of bushels separated from mixed cages, to be reported to NMFS via vessel trip reports. This project was issued a previous EFP (24080), under which 255 trips were taken. During each of those trips, volumetric data was collected by the captain/crew on target clam species, non-target clam species, bycatch, and trash/broken shells. Partner organization Rutgers University had scientists aboard 13 EFP trips and collected volumetric data on one of the same tows as the

captain/crew, as well as additional tows. The processor provided data on the number of cages, the volume of non-target clams sorted from the total catch, and the volume of trash and bycatch sorted from the total catch. The data collected so far allowed for preliminary progress toward determining best practices and protocols for estimates of catch composition on mixed-catch trips. Specifically, the catch estimate collected by the captain appears to be a fair representation of the mix of target and non-target clams caught. The catch mix determined at the plants represents the mix of clams in the landed catch. This EFP would continue the data collection under the previous EFP, in support of determining the best practices and protocols for estimating catch composition on mixed-catch trips.

Under this EFP, up to 15 vessels would be authorized to fish for, retain, and land both surfclams and ocean quahogs on the same trip, either in mixed or separate cages, regardless of which species the trip was designated for. On each trip, the captain/crew would make independent estimates of mixing using protocols co-developed by scientists, industry, and the Northeast Fisheries Science Center (NEFSC). Processors would independently sort and document catch at the plant. A subset of trips (approximately two per month) would carry a project scientist to collect independent estimates using scientifically derived protocols, taking into consideration methods provided by the Northeast Fisheries Observer Program. Project scientists would also collect estimates at the processing plant,

though not from the same trips on which they collected at-sea estimates.

Vessels would be required to indicate each EFP trip when making the Vessel Monitoring System (VMS) declaration in order to land both surfclams and ocean quahogs on that trip and must submit the appropriate VMS trip-start and trip-end haul forms. Individual Transferable Quota (ITQ) would be used to account for all surfclams and ocean quahogs landed during this project. Vessels would use ITQ cage tags for the target species, and those tag numbers would be reported by the vessel and the processor as usual. The project PI would submit to the Greater Atlantic Regional Fisheries Office (GARFO) processor-sort data for all EFP trips and, on a quarterly basis, ITQ cage tags to fully cover the total number of bushels of non-target clams that are sorted out of landings by the participating processors.

All independent estimates would be submitted to Rutgers University for comparison. Project results would be summarized in a report made available to the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council, NEFSC assessment scientists, and GARFO.

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.*)

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Shannon Bettridge,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

[Docket ID: DOD-2026-OS-1651]

Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Research and Engineering (OUSD(R&E)), Department of Defense (DoD).

ACTION: 60-day information collection notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the *Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995*, the OUSD(R&E) announces proposed public information collection and seeks public comment on the provisions thereof. Comments are invited on: whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection; ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and ways to minimize the burden of the information collection on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

DATES: Consideration will be given to all comments received by October 5, 2026.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments, identified by docket number and title, by any of the following methods:

Federal eRulemaking Portal: <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.

Mail: Department of Defense, Office of the Director of Administration and Management, Oversight and Compliance Directorate, Regulatory Division, 4800 Mark Center Drive, Mailbox #24, Suite 05F16, Alexandria, VA 22350-1700.

Instructions: All submissions received must include the agency name, docket number and title for this **Federal Register** document. The general policy for comments and other submissions from members of the public is to make these submissions available for public viewing on the internet at <http://www.regulations.gov> as they are received without change, including any personal identifiers or contact information.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To request more information on this proposed information collection or to obtain a copy of the proposal and associated collection instruments, please write to Technology Transfer, Transition and Commercial Partnerships (T3CP), Barry Datloff, 301-332-2548, 4800 Mark Center Drive, Alexandria, VA 22311.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title; Associated Form; and OMB Number: Report of Inventions and Subcontracts; Unclassified: DD Form 882-R and Classified: DD Form 882-R; OMB Control Number 0704-RCIS.

Needs and Uses: This information collection is mandated by the Bayh-Dole Act to govern rights allocation for inventions made with federal funding, requiring contractors to disclose inventions and subcontracts and report

on their utilization. The DoD replaces the legacy DD Form 882 with two specialized forms: DD Form 882-R for unclassified inventions, submitted annually or at contract closeout to certify disclosures in the iEdison database, and DD Form 882-C for classified inventions, submitted securely due to national security concerns. These processes ensure government contractors comply with reporting requirements, enable the government to secure royalty-free licenses, assume ownership of abandoned inventions, and verify subcontract compliance. Additionally, the data supports enterprise-level analysis of federally funded intellectual property, enhancing contract administration and technology management. Without these collections, the government would lose critical mechanisms to protect and exercise its rights over innovations developed under its funding.

Affected Public: Business or other for profit.

Annual Burden Hours: 4,942.

Number of Respondents: 3,150.

Responses Per Respondent: 1.48.

Annual Responses: 4,662.

Average Burden Per Response: 1.06 hours.

Frequency: Annually.

Dated: August 3, 2026.

Aaron T. Siegel,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board, Savannah River Site

AGENCY: Office of Environmental Management, Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces an in-person/livestreamed meeting of the Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board (EM SSAB), Savannah River Site. The Federal Advisory Committee Act requires that public notice of this meeting be announced in the **Federal Register**.

DATES: Tuesday, September 22, 2026; 9 a.m.–4 p.m. EDT.

ADDRESSES: Advanced Manufacturing Collaborative, 4345 Trolley Line Road, Aiken, South Carolina 29801. This meeting will be held in-person at the Advanced Manufacturing Collaborative and streamed on YouTube, no