

filed application from TMC USA seeking only an exploration license, which NOAA previously noticed in the **Federal Register** on December 23, 2025, and which was referred to in that **Federal Register** Notice as “Application A” (90 FR 60064). This consolidated application seeks the same area in the Clarion-Clipperton Zone as the original exploration license application. TMC USA’s “Application B,” for an exploration license, which was noticed as part of the same filing, was not affected by the filing of the consolidated application (90 FR 60064).

NOAA has determined that the consolidated application is fully compliant with the applicable information requirements of the Act and its implementing regulations. Under DSHMRA, NOAA shall publish notice of all applications and, subject to applicable public disclosure limitations, interested persons are afforded the opportunity to examine the relevant application materials and to submit written and oral comments to NOAA. NOAA has determined that the TMC USA consolidated application is the relevant material for examination during the notice of application (30 U.S.C. 1426(a)(1)). This application is electronically available at the location listed in the **ADDRESSES** section. Please note that the statements made in the application do not necessarily reflect the views of NOAA or the views of the U.S. Government.

(Authority: 30 U.S.C. 1426(a)(1).)

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[RTID 0648–XF931]

New England 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 New England Fishery Management Council (Council) is scheduling a public meeting of its Joint Herring Committee and Advisory Panel to consider actions affecting New

England fisheries in the exclusive economic zone (EEZ). Recommendations from this group will be brought to the full Council for formal consideration and action, if appropriate.

DATES: This meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 2, 2026 at 9:30 a.m. EDT Webinar registration URL information: <https://nefmc-org.zoom.us/j/9648492128>

ADDRESSES: This meeting will be held at the Hilton Garden Inn Boston Logan, 100 Boardman Street, Boston, MA 02128; Phone (617) 567–6789.

Council address: New England Fishery Management Council, 50 Water Street, Mill 2, Newburyport, MA 01950.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Cate O’Keefe, Executive Director, New England Fishery Management Council; telephone: (978) 465–0492.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Agenda

The Herring Committee and Advisory Panel will meet to discuss Atlantic herring specifications for 2027–2031. They will also make recommendations to the Committee or Council as appropriate. Other business will be discussed as necessary.

Although non-emergency issues not contained on the agenda may come before this Council for discussion, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during this meeting. Council action will be restricted to those issues specifically listed in this notice and any issues arising after publication of this notice that require emergency action under section 305(c) of the Magnuson-Stevens Act, provided the public has been notified of the Council’s intent to take final action to address the emergency. The public also should be aware that the meeting will be recorded. Consistent with 16 U.S.C. 1852, a copy of the recording is available upon request.

Special Accommodations

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Cate O’Keefe, Executive Director, at (978) 465–0492, at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

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

Dated: August 17, 2026.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Permanent Advisory Committee To Advise the U.S. Commissioners to the Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission; Meeting Announcement

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

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: NMFS announces a public meeting of the Permanent Advisory Committee (PAC) to advise the U.S. Commissioners to the Commission for the Conservation and Management of Highly Migratory Fish Stocks in the Western and Central Pacific Ocean (WCPFC) on October 5 and 6, 2026. Meeting topics are provided under the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of this notice.

DATES: The meeting of the PAC will be held on October 5 and 6, 2026 from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Hawaii Standard Time (or until business is concluded). Members of the public may submit written comments on meeting topics or materials, at least 2 weeks before the meeting (submission by September 20, 2026), to be part of meeting materials and to be reviewed by PAC members and U.S. Commissioners ahead of the meeting; public comment is also accepted during the meeting. An Executive Session, closed to the public, may be called during the PAC meeting if confidential subject matter arises or is requested by the PAC. Confidential matters can include U.S. negotiating positions, strategy, litigation, and internal operational issues related to international meetings. A placeholder for an Executive Session is on the agenda to accommodate this possibility.

ADDRESSES: The public meeting will be held in Honolulu, HI and will also be broadcasted via web conference. For details on how to attend the meeting in-person or virtually and how to submit comments, please contact Katrina Poremba, NMFS Pacific Islands Regional Office, email: pir.wcpfc@noaa.gov, at least 5 days in advance of the meeting to receive documents via email. This meeting may be audio recorded for the purposes of generating notes of the meeting. As public comments will be made publicly available, participants and public commenters are urged not to provide personally identifiable information at