In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), a final determination has been made that the activities proposed are categorically excluded from the requirement to prepare an environmental assessment or environmental impact statement.

As required by the ESA, as applicable, issuance was based on a finding that such permits: (1) were applied for in good faith; (2) will not operate to the disadvantage of such endangered species; and (3) are consistent with the purposes and policies set forth in section 2 of the ESA.

Dated: November 10, 2026.

Larissa Plants,

Deputy Director, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Determination of Overfishing or an Overfished Condition

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

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This action serves as a notice that NMFS has found that Eastern Gulf of Maine Atlantic cod, Western Gulf of Maine Atlantic cod, Georges Bank Atlantic cod, and Southern New England Atlantic cod are overfished; and Western Gulf of Maine Atlantic cod and Southern New England Atlantic cod are also subject to overfishing.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Malloree Hagerty, (301) 427–2543.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to section 304(e)(2) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, 16 U.S.C. 1854(e)(2), NMFS must notify the appropriate Fishery Management Council, and publish a notice in the **Federal Register**, whenever it determines that a stock or stock complex is subject to overfishing, overfished, or approaching an overfished condition.

NMFS has determined that Eastern Gulf of Maine Atlantic cod, Western Gulf of Maine Atlantic cod, Georges Bank Atlantic cod, and Southern New England Atlantic cod are overfished. These determinations are based on the most recent stock assessments completed in 2024, using data through 2023, that found the spawning stock biomass for each stock is less than their minimum stock size thresholds, which supports the determination that the stocks are overfished. NMFS has informed the New England Fishery Management Council that it must prepare rebuilding plans for these stocks.

NMFS has determined that Western Gulf of Maine Atlantic cod and Southern New England Atlantic cod are also subject to overfishing. These determinations are based on the most recent stock assessments completed in 2024, using data through 2023, that found the fishing mortality for both stocks is greater than their maximum fishing mortality thresholds, which supports the determination that the stocks are subject to overfishing. NMFS has informed the New England Fishery Management Council that it must end overfishing for these stocks.

Dated: November 12, 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

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Western Pacific Fishery Management Council; Public Meetings

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

ACTION: Notice of public meetings.

SUMMARY: The Western Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) will hold its 162nd Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) and Fishing Industry Advisory Committee (FIAC) meetings to discuss and make recommendations on fishery management issues in the Western Pacific Region.

DATES: The meetings will be held between December 8 and December 10, 2026. For specific times and agendas, see **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

ADDRESSES: The 162nd SSC and FIAC meetings will be held by web conference via Webex. Specific information for connecting to the web conference and providing oral public comments will be posted on the Council website at *https://www.wpcouncil.org.* For assistance with the web conference connection, contact the Council office at (808) 522–8220.

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

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The 162nd SSC meeting will be held between 11 a.m. and 5 p.m. Hawaii Standard Time (HST) on December 8–9, 2026, and between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. HST on December 10, 2026. The FIAC meeting will be held between 2 p.m. and 5 p.m. HST on December 10, 2026.

The order in which agenda items are addressed may change and will be announced as soon as practicable before the listed agenda item during the meetings. The meetings will run as late as necessary to complete scheduled business.

Agenda for the 162nd SSC Meeting

Tuesday, December 8, 2026, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. HST

1. Introductions
2. Approval of Draft Agenda and Assignment of Rapporteurs
3. Status of the 161st SSC Meeting Recommendations
4. Pacific Islands Fisheries Science Center Director's Report
5. Pelagic & International Fisheries
   - A. Revising the Hawaii Shallow-set Longline Fishery Sea Turtle Measures
   - A.1. Draft Alternatives and Overview of Analyses
   - A.2. Estimating Anticipated Turtle Interactions without Interaction Limits & SSC Working Group (WG) Review
   - A.3. Assessment of Population Level Impacts of North Pacific (NP) Loggerhead and Western Pacific (WP) Leatherback Turtles in the Hawaii Shallow-set Longline Fishery
   - B. Revising the American Samoa Longline Fishery Sea Turtle Measures
   - B.1. Draft Alternatives and Overview of Analyses
   - B.2. Effects of Amendment 5 on Target and Non-target Catch, and Sea Turtle Interactions
   - C. Revising the Swordfish Retention Limit in the Hawaii Deep-set Longline Fishery
   - D. Electronic Monitoring (EM) Sampling and Footage Review Approach
   - E. Stock Assessment Feasibility and Data Evaluation for Hawai'i's Secondary Pelagics
   - F. Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission (WCPFC) Outcomes and Discussion