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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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### Endangered Species; File No. 29910

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

**ACTION:** Notice; receipt of application.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection, 333 Ferry Road, Old Lyme, CT 06371 (Responsible Party: Jacqueline Benway Roberts), has applied in due form for a permit to take Atlantic sturgeon (*Acipenser oxyrinchus*) and shortnose sturgeon (*A. brevirostrum*) for purposes of scientific research.

**DATES:** Written comments must be received on or before December 28, 2026.

**ADDRESSES:** The application and related documents are available for review by selecting ''Records Open for Public Comment'' on the Authorizations and Permits for Protected Species home page, *https://www.webapps.nwfsc.noaa.gov/apex/ifq/r/ifqws/apps/home,* and then selecting File No. 29910 from the list of available applications. These documents are also available upon written request via email to *NMFS.Pr1Comments@noaa.gov.*

Written comments on this application should be submitted via email to *NMFS.Pr1Comments@noaa.gov.* Please include File No. 29910 in the subject line of the email comment.

Those individuals requesting a public hearing should submit a written request via email to *NMFS.Pr1Comments@noaa.gov.* The request should set forth the specific reasons why a hearing on this application would be appropriate.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Erin Markin, Ph.D., or Jennifer Skidmore, (301) 427–8401.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The subject permit is requested under the authority of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (ESA; 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*) and the regulations governing the taking, importing, and exporting of endangered and threatened species (50 CFR parts 222–226).

The applicant proposes to conduct research on adult, sub-adult, and juvenile Atlantic and shortnose sturgeon captured via gill nets and trawls in Connecticut rivers and the Long Island Sound to understand recruitment, habitat utilization, seasonal movements, and population size and structure. Up to 1,010 Atlantic sturgeon and 1,325 shortnose sturgeon would be marked (passive integrated transponder), measured, biologically sampled (fin clip), photographed/videoed, and weighed, annually, prior to release. A subset of sturgeon would be anesthetized, tagged (internal transmitter), biologically sampled (fin ray), and lavaged, prior to release. Early life stages of both species will be collected using egg mats. The applicant requests up to one unintentional mortality of an adult/subadult and a juvenile Atlantic and shortnose sturgeon annually. See application for detailed requested take numbers. The permit would be valid for up to 10 years from the date of issuance.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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### Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area; 2026 Cost Recovery Fee Notice for the Western Alaska Community Development Quota and Trawl Limited Access Privilege Programs

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

**ACTION:** Notification of standard prices and fee percentage.

**SUMMARY:** NMFS publishes the 2026 standard prices and fee percentages for cost recovery for the Amendment 80 Program, the American Fisheries Act (AFA) Program, the Aleutian Islands Pollock (AIP) Program, and the Western Alaska Community Development Quota (CDQ) Program in the Bering Sea Aleutian Islands (BSAI) management area. The fee percentages for 2026 are 0.94 percent for the Amendment 80 Program, 0.46 percent for the AFA inshore cooperatives, 0 percent for the AIP program, and 0.93 percent for the CDQ Program. This notice is intended to provide the 2026 standard prices and fee percentages to calculate the required payment for cost recovery fees due by December 31, 2026.

**DATES:** The standard prices and fee percentages are valid on November 27, 2026.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Tristan Mandeville, Fee Coordinator, 907–586–7231.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

#### Background

Section 304(d) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (Magnuson-Stevens Act) authorizes and requires that NMFS collect cost recovery fees for limited access privilege programs and the CDQ Program. Cost recovery fees include NMFS' actual costs directly related to its management, data collection, and enforcement of the programs. Section 304(d) of the Magnuson-Stevens Act mandates that cost recovery fees not exceed 3 percent of the annual ex-vessel value of fish harvested under any program subject to a cost recovery fee and that the fee be collected either at the time of landing, filing of a landing report, or sale of such fish during a fishing season or in the last quarter of the calendar year in which the fish is harvested.

NMFS manages the Amendment 80 Program, AFA Program, and AIP Program as limited access privilege programs. On January 5, 2016, NMFS published a final rule to implement cost recovery for these three limited access privilege programs and the CDQ program (81 FR 150, January 5, 2016). The designated representative (for the purposes of cost recovery) for each program is responsible for submitting the fee payment to NMFS on or before December 31 of the year in which the landings were made. The total dollar amount of the fee due is determined by multiplying the NMFS published fee percentage by the ex-vessel value of all landings under the program made during the fishing year. NMFS publishes this notice of the fee percentages for the Amendment 80, AFA, AIP, and CDQ programs in the **Federal Register** by December 1 each year.

#### Standard Prices

The fee liability is based on the ex-vessel value of fish harvested in each program. For purposes of calculating cost recovery fees, NMFS uses a