by this notice. *https://www.sedarweb.org.*

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Emily Ott, SEDAR Coordinator; (843) 302–8434. Email: *Emily.Ott@safmc.net.*

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Gulf, South Atlantic, and Caribbean Fishery Management Councils, in conjunction with the NMFS and the Atlantic and Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commissions have implemented the SEDAR process. SEDAR is a participatory process for developing, evaluating and reviewing information used for fisheries management advice. This multi-step process for determining the status of fish stocks in the Southeast Region may include (1) a data stage, (2) an assessment stage, and (3) a review stage. Each stage produces a report summarizing decisions made during that stage. A final stock assessment report is produced at the end of a SEDAR process documenting data sets used, model configurations, and the opinions from the independent peer review. Participants for SEDAR projects are appointed by the Gulf, South Atlantic, and Caribbean Fishery Management Councils and National Marine Fisheries Service Southeast Regional Office, Highly Migratory Species Management Division, and Southeast Fisheries Science Center. Participants may include data collectors and database managers; stock assessment scientists, biologists, and researchers; constituency representatives including fishermen, environmentalists, and non-governmental organizations; International experts; and staff of Councils, Commissions, and State and Federal agencies.

The items of discussion in the SEDAR 90 Assessment Webinar 14 are as follows:

Participants will review recommendations made on Assessment Webinar 13 and continue discussion of new modeling topics. Although non-emergency issues not contained in this agenda may come before this group for discussion, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during this meeting. Action will be restricted to those issues specifically identified in this notice and any issues arising after publication of this notice that require emergency action under section 305(c) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, provided the public has been notified of the intent to take final action to address the emergency.

Special Accommodations

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Note: The times and sequence specified in this agenda are subject to change.

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

Dated: November 24, 2026.

Rey Israel Marquez,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[RTID 0648–XG208]

Endangered Species; File No. 29909

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 U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Maryland Fish and Wildlife Conservation Office, 177 Admiral Cochrane Drive, Annapolis, MD 21401 (Responsible Party: Michael Mangold), 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. 29909 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. 29909 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 Shasta McClenahan, Ph.D., (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 in tributaries of the Chesapeake Bay, specifically in the James, York, Nanticoke, Potomac, Rappahannock, Pocomoke, and Chester Rivers, to understand reproductive success, abundance, movement patterns, and habitat preference. Atlantic and shortnose sturgeon would be marked (dart and passive integrated transponder tags), measured, biologically sampled (fin clip), photographed/videoed, and weighed, prior to release. A subset of sturgeon would be anesthetized and tagged (internal or external acoustic). Early life stages would be collected using egg mats or D-frame nets. The applicant requests unintentional mortality of up to 1 adult or subadult Atlantic sturgeon, annually, and up to 2 juvenile Atlantic sturgeon annually, not to exceed 10 juvenile Atlantic sturgeon over the life of the permit. The permit would be valid for up to 10 years from the date of issuance.

Dated: November 24, 2026.

Nature McGinn,

Chief, Permits and Conservation Division, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[RTID 0648–XG214]

Fisheries of the Caribbean; Southeast Data, Assessment, and Review; Public Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice of webinar.

SUMMARY: The Southeast Data Assessment and Review (SEDAR) 103

assessment process of Caribbean Alternate Assessment Methods will consist of a Development Workshop, a series of Assessment Webinars, and a Review Workshop. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION.**

DATES: The SEDAR 103 Assessment Application Webinar 2 will be held from 3 p.m. until 5 p.m. EDT December 16, 2026.

ADDRESSES:

SEDAR address: 4055 Faber Place Drive, Suite 201, North Charleston, SC 29405. *www.sedarweb.org.*

Meeting address: The SEDAR 103 Assessment Application Webinar 2 will be held via webinar. The webinar is open to members of the public. The established times may be adjusted as necessary to accommodate the timely completion of discussion relevant to the assessment process. Such adjustments may result in the meeting being extended from or completed prior to the time established by this notice.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Emily Ott, SEDAR Coordinator; (843) 302–8434. Email: *Emily.Ott@safmc.net.*

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Gulf, South Atlantic, and Caribbean Fishery Management Councils, in conjunction with the NMFS and the Atlantic and Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commissions have implemented the SEDAR process, a multi-step method for determining the status of fish stocks in the Southeast Region SEDAR is a participatory process for developing, evaluating and reviewing information used for fisheries management advice. The process may include (1) a Data stage, and (2) an Assessment stage, and (3) a Review stage. The product of the Data stage is a report which compiles and evaluates potential datasets and recommends which datasets are appropriate for assessment analyses. The product of the Assessment stage is a report which compiles and evaluates recommended model configurations that describes the fisheries, evaluates the status of the stock, estimates biological benchmarks and projects future population conditions. The product of the Review Workshop is a Review Summary documenting panel opinions regarding the strengths and weaknesses of the products reviewed. Participants for SEDAR Workshops are appointed by the Gulf, South Atlantic, and Caribbean Fishery Management Councils and NMFS Southeast Regional Office, Highly Migratory Species Management Division, and Southeast Fisheries Science Center. Participants include data collectors and database managers; stock assessment scientists, biologists, and researchers; constituency representatives including fishermen, environmentalists, and non-governmental organizations; International experts; and staff of Councils, Commissions, and State and Federal agencies.

The items of discussion in the Assessment Application Webinar 2 are as follows:

Discuss application of alternate assessment methods. Although non-emergency issues not contained in this agenda may come before this group for discussion, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during this meeting. Action will be restricted to those issues specifically identified in this notice and any issues arising after publication of this notice that require emergency action under section 305(c) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, provided the public has been notified of the intent to take final action to address the emergency.

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

Dated: November 24, 2026.

Rey Israel Marquez,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[RTID 0648–XG167]

Permits; Foreign Fishing

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

ACTION: Notice of application for transshipment permit; request for comments.

SUMMARY: NMFS publishes for public review and comment information regarding a permit application for transshipment of farmed salmon from aquaculture operations in Maine waters to processing plants in Canada by Canadian flagged vessels. The application for a transshipment permit is submitted under provisions of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (Magnuson-Stevens Act). This action is necessary for NMFS to make a determination on whether to approve the permit application.

DATES: Written comments must be received by December 11, 2026.

ADDRESSES: Written comments on this action, identified by RTID 0648–XG167 should be sent to Michael Abbey in the NMFS Office of International Affairs, Trade, and Commerce by email at *michael.abbey@noaa.gov.*

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Michael Abbey by email at *michael.abbey@noaa.gov,* or by phone at 301–427–8019.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

Section 1824(d) of the Magnuson-Stevens Act (16 U.S.C. 1824(d)) authorizes the Secretary of Commerce (Secretary) to issue a transshipment permit for a vessel other than a vessel of the United States to engage in fishing consisting solely of transporting fish or fish products at sea from a point within the U.S. Exclusive Economic Zone or, with the concurrence of a state, within the boundaries of that state, to a point outside the United States.

Section 1824(d)(3)(D) of the Magnuson-Stevens Act provides that an application to transship from U.S. waters to another country using non-U.S. vessels may not be approved until the Secretary determines that no owner or operator of a vessel of the United States which has adequate capacity to perform the transportation for which the application is submitted has indicated an interest in performing the transportation at fair and reasonable rates. NMFS is publishing this notice as part of its effort to make such a determination with respect to the application described below.

Summary of Application

NMFS received an application from True North Salmon Limited Partnership, Kelly Cove Salmon Limited, and 697002 NB, Inc., requesting authorization to transfer salmon from United States farm pens in Maine waters to five Canadian vessels for the purpose of transporting the salmon to Blacks Harbour, Canada for processing. The transshipment operations will occur within the boundaries of the State of Maine, and within 12 nautical miles from Maine's seaward boundary. NMFS issued permits for the same vessels for use in