

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

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Notice of Availability of and Request for Public Comment on White Paper on Improving the Space Weather Forecasting Research to Operations (R2O)—Operations to Research (O2R) Capability

AGENCY: National Weather Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of Availability of White Paper on Improving the Space Weather Forecasting Research to Operations (R2O)—Operations to Research (O2R) Capability and request for public comment.

SUMMARY: The National Weather Service on behalf of the National Science and Technology Council; Committee on Environment, Natural Resources, and Sustainability; Space Weather Operations, Research, and Mitigation Subcommittee announces the availability of and requests public comments on the draft white paper on Improving the Space Weather Forecasting Research to Operations (R2O)—Operations to Research (O2R) Capability (Draft R2O—O2R white paper).

DATES: Comments must be received by March 20, 2017 to be considered.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments by any of the following methods:

- *Email:* swxo2rplan@noaa.gov.

Include [Improving Space Weather Forecasting R2O—O2R] in the subject line of the message.

- *Fax:* (301) 713-7144, Attn: Michael Bonadonna.

- *Mail:* Attn: Michael Bonadonna, Office of the Federal Coordinator for Meteorology, 1325 East-West Highway (SSMC2), Suite 7130, Silver Spring, MD 20910.

Instructions: The Draft R2O—O2R white paper is available for public comment at http://www.ofcm.gov/publications/spacewx/DRAFT_O2R_plan.pdf. Responses exceeding 2000 words will not be considered; please reference page and line numbers of the Draft R2O—O2R white paper in your response, as appropriate. Please be aware that your comments may be posted online. The NOAA National Weather Service therefore requests that no business proprietary information, copyrighted information, confidential,

or personally identifiable information be submitted in response to this request. Please note that the U.S. Government will not pay for response preparation or for the use of any information contained in the response.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For more information on the Draft R2O—O2R white paper, contact Michael Bonadonna, (301) 628-0058, michael.bonadonna@noaa.gov, Office of the Federal Coordinator for Meteorology.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Space weather refers to the dynamic conditions of the space environment that arise from interactions with emissions from the sun, including solar flares, solar energetic particles, and coronal mass ejections. These emissions can affect Earth and its surrounding space, potentially causing disruption to electric power transmission; satellite, aircraft, and spacecraft operations; telecommunications; position, navigation, and timing services; and other technology and infrastructure. Given the growing importance and reliance of the Nation on these services and infrastructures, it is critical that the Nation prepare for the effects of space weather events.

In October 2016, the Space Weather Operations, Research, and Mitigation (SWORM) Subcommittee was established by the National Science and Technology Council (NSTC) Committee on Environment, Natural Resources, and Sustainability, pursuant to Executive Order 13744 on Coordinating Efforts to Prepare the Nation for Space Weather Events. The Executive Order directed the SWORM Subcommittee to coordinate the implementation of the activities specified in the 2015 National Space Weather Action Plan (SWAP), among them the development of a plan that will ensure the improvement, testing, and maintenance of operational forecasting models. This plan is described in the draft white paper Improving the Space Weather Forecasting Research to Operations (R2O)—Operations to Research (O2R) Capability, and this notice solicits public inputs to inform its development.

Dated: January 17, 2017.

Louis Uccellini,

Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration****Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request**

The Department of Commerce will submit to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

Agency: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

Title: West Coast Saltwater Fishing Survey.

OMB Control Number: 0648-xxxx.

Form Number(s): None.

Type of Request: Regular (request for a new information collection)

Number of Respondents: 3,767.

Average Hours Per Response: Saltwater angler survey, 25 minutes; non-saltwater angler survey, 10 minutes; screening survey 3 minutes.

Burden Hours: 408.

Needs and Uses: This request is for a new information collection.

The Northwest Fisheries Science Center and Southwest Fisheries Science Center are undertaking an economics research project to assess the behavior of saltwater recreational anglers in response to catch rates, bag limits, and the timing and length of the season, and how these actions affect the value of saltwater recreational fishing. The West Coast Saltwater Fishing Survey (WCSFS) will provide critical economic data related to saltwater recreational fishing on the Pacific West Coast. More specifically, the WCSFS will collect data needed to (1) assess the socioeconomic characteristics of recreational saltwater fishing participants; (2) assess the economic value of saltwater recreational fishing trips through statistical estimation of models; and (3) assess the change in these values associated with possible changes in management policies related to catch rates, bag limits, season timing and length, time and area closures, and changes in economic or fishery conditions.

All of the protocols that will be used in the final survey will be tested prior to the full survey administration. If the survey needs revision based on this pretest, we will submit the revised instruments as part of a non-substantive change request.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Frequency: One time.

Respondent's Obligation: Voluntary.

This information collection request may be viewed at reginfo.gov. Follow the instructions to view Department of Commerce collections currently under review by OMB.

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to OIRA_Submission@omb.eop.gov or fax to (202) 395-5806.

Dated: January 13, 2017.

Sarah Brabson,

NOAA PRA Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Pacific Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice; public meeting.

SUMMARY: The Pacific Fishery Management Council's (Pacific Council) trawl catch share five-year review Community Advisory Board (CAB), will hold a webinar, which is open to the public.

DATES: The CAB webinar will be on Tuesday, February 7, 2017, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Pacific Time, or when business for the day is complete.

ADDRESSES: To attend the CAB webinar, visit this link: <http://www.gotomeeting.com/online/webinar/join-webinar>. Enter the Webinar ID: 363-170-539. Please enter your name and email address (required). After logging into the webinar, dial this TOLL number +1 (631) 992-3221 (not a toll-free number), enter the attendee phone audio access code 981-429-294, then enter your audio phone PIN (shown after joining the webinar). NOTE: We have disabled Mic/Speakers as an option and require all participants to use a telephone or cell phone to participate. You may send an email to Mr. Kris Kleinschmidt (kris.kleinschmidt@noaa.gov) or contact him at (503) 820-2280, extension 425 for technical assistance. A listening station will also be provided at the Pacific Council office.

Council address: Pacific Council, 7700 NE Ambassador Place, Suite 101, Portland, OR 97220-1384.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jim Seger, Pacific Council; telephone: (503) 820-2416.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The CAB will hold a webinar to review the Council actions from the November 2016 Pacific Council meeting, continue preliminary discussions of actions that might follow-on from the five year review of the trawl catch share program, and make plans for its May/June 2017 meeting.

Although nonemergency issues not contained in the meeting agenda may be discussed, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during this meeting. Action will be restricted to those issues specifically listed in this document and any issues arising after publication of this document 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.

Technical Information and System Requirements

PC-based attendees: Windows® 7, Vista, or XP operating system required. Mac®-based attendees: Mac OS® X 10.5 or newer required. Mobile attendees: iPhone®, iPad®, Android™ phone or Android tablet required (use GoToMeeting Webinar Apps).

Special Accommodations

The meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Mr. Kris Kleinschmidt at (503) 820-2280 at least 10 days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: January 13, 2017.

Jeffrey N. Lonergan,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

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Science Advisory Board (SAB); Notice of Public Meeting

AGENCY: Office of Oceanic and Atmospheric Research (OAR), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Department of Commerce (DOC).

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice sets forth the schedule and proposed agenda of a

forthcoming meeting of the NOAA Science Advisory Board. The members will discuss and provide advice on issues outlined in the section on Matters to be considered.

TIME AND DATE: The meeting is scheduled for February 10, 2017 from 4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Eastern Standard Time.

ADDRESSES: Conference call. Public access is available at: NOAA, SSMC 3, Room 11836, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD. Members of the public will not be able to dial in to this meeting.

Status: The meeting will be open to public participation with a 5-minute public comment period at 5:20 p.m. Eastern Standard Time. The SAB expects that public statements presented at its meetings will not be repetitive of previously submitted verbal or written statements. In general, each individual or group making a verbal presentation will be limited to a total time of one minute. Written comments should be received in the SAB Executive Director's Office by February 3 to provide sufficient time for SAB review. Written comments received by the SAB Executive Director after February 3, will be distributed to the SAB, but may not be reviewed prior to the meeting date.

Special Accommodations: These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for special accommodations may be directed no later than 12 p.m. on February 3, Dr. Cynthia Decker, SAB Executive Director, SSMC3, Room 11230, 1315 East-West Hwy., Silver Spring, MD 20910; Email: Cynthia.Decker@noaa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The NOAA Science Advisory Board (SAB) was established by a Decision Memorandum dated September 25, 1997, and is the only Federal Advisory Committee with responsibility to advise the Under Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere on strategies for research, education, and application of science to operations and information services. SAB activities and advice provide necessary input to ensure that National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) science programs are of the highest quality and provide optimal support to resource management.

Matters To Be Considered: The meeting will include the following topics: (1) NOAA Update; (2) Discussion of SAB Transition Activities; (3) Update on Final SAB Subcommittee Concept of Operations and Processes and (4) Framing the SAB Work Plan for the Future. For the latest agenda, please