

notice, provided all of the following conditions are met:

- A request for renewal is received no later than 60 days prior to the needed Renewal IHA effective date (recognizing that the Renewal IHA expiration date cannot extend beyond one year from expiration of the initial IHA).

- The request for renewal must include the following:

(1) An explanation that the activities to be conducted under the requested Renewal IHA are identical to the activities analyzed under the initial IHA, are a subset of the activities, or include changes so minor (*e.g.*, reduction in pile size) that the changes do not affect the previous analyses, mitigation and monitoring requirements, or take estimates (with the exception of reducing the type or amount of take).

(2) A preliminary monitoring report showing the results of the required monitoring to date and an explanation showing that the monitoring results do not indicate impacts of a scale or nature not previously analyzed or authorized.

- Upon review of the request for Renewal, the status of the affected species or stocks, and any other pertinent information, NMFS determines that there are no more than minor changes in the activities, the mitigation and monitoring measures will remain the same and appropriate, and the findings in the initial IHA remain valid.

Dated: March 10, 2020.

**Donna S. Wieting,**

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

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

#### Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; Economic Surveys of American Samoa, Guam, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI) Small Boat- Based Fisheries

**AGENCY:** National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Commerce, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

**DATES:** To ensure consideration, written or on-line comments must be submitted on or before May 15, 2020.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all written comments to Adrienne Thomas, PRA Officer, NOAA, 151 Patton Avenue, Room 159, Asheville, NC 28801 (or via the internet at [PRAComments@doc.gov](mailto:PRAComments@doc.gov)). All comments received are part of the public record. Comments will generally be posted without change. All Personally Identifiable Information (for example, name and address) voluntarily submitted by the commenter may be publicly accessible. Do not submit Confidential Business Information or otherwise sensitive or protected information.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument and instructions should be directed to Minling Pan, Pacific Islands Fisheries Science Center, 1845 Wasp Blvd., Building 176, Honolulu, HI 96818, (808) 725-5349 or [Minling.Pan@noaa.gov](mailto:Minling.Pan@noaa.gov).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### I. Abstract

This request is for the extension of a currently approved information collection. The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) collects information about fishing trip expenses in the American Samoa, Guam, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI) boat-based reef fish, bottomfish, and pelagics fisheries with which to conduct economic analyses that will improve fishery management in those fisheries; satisfy NMFS' legal mandates under Executive Order 12866, the Magnuson-Steven Fishery Conservation and Management Act (U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*), the Regulatory Flexibility Act, the Endangered Species Act, and the National Environmental Policy Act; and quantify achievement of the performance measures in the NMFS Strategic Operating Plans. An example of these performance measures is the fishing cost trend that is one of the economic performance indicators reported in the Annual Stock Assessment and Fishery Evaluation Reports of each Fishery Ecosystem Plan (<http://www.wpcouncil.org/annual-reports/>). In addition, the economic data collected will allow quantitative assessment of the fisheries sector's social and economic contribution, as well as show linkages and impacts of the fisheries sector to the overall economy through Input-output (I-O) models analyses. Results from I-O analyses will not only provide indicators of social-economic benefits of the marine ecosystem, a performance measure in the NMFS Strategic Operating Plans, but will also be used

to assess how fishermen and the economy will be impacted by and respond to regulations likely to be considered by fishery managers. These data are collected in conjunction with catch and effort data already being collected in this fishery as part of its creel survey program. The creel survey program is one of the major data collection systems to monitor fisheries resources in these three geographic areas. The survey monitors the islands' fishing activities and interviews returning fishermen at the most active launching ramps/docks during selected time periods on the islands. Participation in this economic data collection is voluntary.

##### II. Method of Collection

The economic surveys are conducted via in-person interviews when a fishing trip is completed. Captains of selected vessels by the creel survey are interviewed to report information about trip costs, input usage, and input prices.

##### III. Data

*OMB Control Number:* 0648-0635.

*Form Number(s):* None.

*Type of Review:* Regular submission [extension of a current information collection].

*Affected Public:* Business or other for-profit organizations.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 480.

*Estimated Time per Response:* 10 minutes per trip survey.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 80.

*Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public:* \$0 in recordkeeping/reporting costs.

##### IV. Request for Comments

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden (including hours and cost) of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval of this information collection;

they also will become a matter of public record.

**Sheleen Dumas,**

*Department PRA Clearance Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer, Commerce Department.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[RTID 0648-XA076]

#### New England Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

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

**ACTION:** Notice; public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The New England Fishery Management Council (Council) is scheduling a joint public meeting of its Ecosystem-Based Fishery Management (EBFM) Committee and Plan Development Team 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 Tuesday, March 31, 2020 at 9:30 a.m.

**ADDRESSES:**

*Meeting address:* The meeting will be held at the Fairfield Inn, 185 MacArthur Drive, New Bedford, MA 02740; telephone: (774) 634-2000.

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

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Thomas A. Nies, Executive Director, New England Fishery Management Council; telephone: (978) 465-0492.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Agenda**

The Committee and Plan Development Team will meet with a Science Communicator to discuss development of Public Outreach material based on the Council's example Fishery Ecosystem Plan for Georges Bank and the CIE peer review of a previous "worked example". They will also identify characteristics of a more tangible "worked example" to be developed by the Plan Development Team for use in Public Outreach. The Committee and Plan Development Team will give a preliminary update of the Ecosystem Status Report to be presented

to the Council in April. Other business will be discussed as necessary.

Although non-emergency issues not contained on this 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.

**Special Accommodations**

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. This meeting will be recorded. Consistent with 16 U.S.C. 1852, a copy of the recording is available upon request. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Thomas A. Nies, Executive Director, at (978) 465-0492, at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

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

Dated: March 11, 2020.

**Tracey L. Thompson,**

*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-XA079]

#### Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council (MAFMC); Public Hearings

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

**ACTION:** Notice of public hearings and comment period.

**SUMMARY:** The Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council (Council) will hold five public hearings in March and April 2020 to solicit public input on an amendment to the Council's Mackerel, Squid, and Butterfish (MSB) Fishery Management Plan (FMP). The amendment focuses on the FMP's goals and objectives as well as permitting in the *Illex* squid fishery. The Council is soliciting written comments on the amendment through April 20, 2020.

**DATES:** March 2020 and April 2020 public hearings. Comments are due on

April 20, 2020. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for specific hearing dates.

**ADDRESSES:** See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for hearing addresses.

*Council address:* Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council, 800 N. State St., Suite 201, Dover, DE 19901; telephone: (302) 674-2331.

*Comments:* Comments will be taken at all hearings. Written comments may also be submitted via the following methods with the subject "MSB Goals and *Illex* Permits":

—Email to [jdidden@mafmc.org](mailto:jdidden@mafmc.org)

—Via webform at: <http://www.mafmc.org/comments/illex-permitting-msb-goals-amendment>

—Mail to Dr. Chris Moore, Executive Director, Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council, 800 North State Street, Suite 201, Dover, DE 19901

—Fax to Dr. Chris Moore, Executive Director, Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council at (302) 674-5399

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Christopher M. Moore, Ph.D. Executive Director, Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council; telephone: (302) 526-5255. The Council's website, [www.mafmc.org](http://www.mafmc.org) also has details on the meetings and background materials.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

Hearing Locations—The Council will hold five public hearings:

1. *Monday, March 30, 2020, 6 p.m.;* Mass. Dept. Marine Fisheries; Annisquam River Marine Fisheries Field Station; 30 Emerson Ave., Gloucester, MA 01930; phone: (978) 282-0308.

2. *Tuesday, March 31, 2020, 6 p.m.;* Corless Auditorium, University of Rhode Island Bay Campus; 215 South Ferry Road; Narragansett, RI 02882; phone: (401) 874-6440.

3. *Wednesday, April 1, 2020, 6 p.m.;* Gurney's Inn; 290 Old Montauk Highway; Montauk, NY 11954; phone: (631) 668-2345.

4. *Thursday, April 2, 2020, 6 p.m.;* Grand Hotel of Cape May; 1045 Beach Ave; Cape May, NJ 08204; 800-257-8550.

5. *Monday, April 13, 2020, 6 p.m.;* This meeting will be conducted via webinar accessible via the internet from the Council's website, <http://www.mafmc.org/actions/illex-permitting-msb-goals-amendment>. The Virginia Marine Resources Commission will also provide in-person access to the webinar at its office at: 380 Fenwick Road, Ft. Monroe, VA 23651; phone: (757) 247-2200.

**Background**

This amendment considers (A) revisions to the MSB FMP goals and