

the intent to take final action to address the emergency.

### Special Accommodations

Requests for auxiliary aids should be directed to Mr. Kris Kleinschmidt ([kris.kleinschmidt@noaa.gov](mailto:kris.kleinschmidt@noaa.gov); (503) 820-2412) at least 10 business days prior to the meeting date.

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

Dated: April 20, 2021.

**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

#### Science Advisory Board

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

**ACTION:** Notice of public meetings.

**SUMMARY:** This notice sets forth the schedule and proposed agenda for two meetings of the Science Advisory Board (SAB). The members will discuss issues outlined in the section on Matters to be considered.

**DATES:** There are two meetings: The first meeting is scheduled for April 30, 2021 from 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time (EDT). The second meeting is scheduled for July 20, 2021, from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time (EDT) and July 22, 2021, from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time (EDT). These times and the agenda topics described below are subject to change. For the latest agenda please refer to the SAB website: <http://sab.noaa.gov/SABMeetings.aspx>.

**ADDRESSES:** These are virtual meetings. The webinar registration links for the April 30, 2021 and July 20 and July 22, 2021 meetings may be found on the website at <http://sab.noaa.gov/SABMeetings.aspx>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dr. Cynthia Decker, Executive Director, SSMC3, Room 11230, 1315 East-West Hwy., Silver Spring, MD 20910; Phone Number: 301-734-1156; Email: [Cynthia.Decker@noaa.gov](mailto:Cynthia.Decker@noaa.gov); or visit the SAB website at <http://sab.noaa.gov/SABMeetings.aspx>.

**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.

**Status:** The April 30, 2021 meeting will be open to public participation with a 5-minute public comment period at 4:55 p.m. EDT. The July 20 and 22, 2021 meeting will be open to public participation with a 15-minute public comment period at 4:45 p.m. EDT on July 20. 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 three minutes. Written comments for the April 30, 2021 meeting should be received by in the SAB Executive Director's Office by April 23, 2021 to provide sufficient time for SAB review. Written comments for the July 20 and 22, 2021 meeting should be received in the SAB Executive Director's Office by July 1, 2021 to provide sufficient time for SAB review. Written comments received by the SAB Executive Director after these dates will be distributed to the SAB, but may not be reviewed prior to the meeting date.

**Special Accommodations:** This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for special accommodations may be directed to the Executive Director no later than 12 p.m. on April 23, 2021 for the April 30, 2021 meeting and by July 1, 2021 for the July 20 and 22, 2021 meeting.

**Matters to be Considered:** The meeting on April 30, 2021 will consider the Environmental Information Services Working Group's Statement on Ongoing National Weather Service Data Dissemination Challenges. The meeting on July 20 and 22, 2021 will include (1) NOAA updates; (2) Update from the Tsunami Science and Technology Advisory Panel; (3) Review of the Cooperative Institute for Great Lakes Research Review Report; (4) SAB Priorities for Weather Research Study update; (5) NOAA Response to the SAB review of the NOAA Precipitation Prediction Grand Challenge Plan; and (6) Environmental Information Services Working Group's report to Congress. The full agendas will be published on the SAB website. Meeting materials, including work products, will also be

available on the SAB website: <http://sab.noaa.gov/SABMeetings.aspx>.

Dated: April 19, 2021.

**David Holst,**

*Director Chief Financial Officer/CAO, Office of Oceanic and Atmospheric Research, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

#### Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for Review and Approval; Comment Request; Deep Seabed Mining Exploration Licenses

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

**ACTION:** Notice of information collection, request for comment.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Commerce, in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), invites the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on proposed, and continuing information collections, which helps us assess the impact of our information collection requirements and minimize the public's reporting burden. The purpose of this notice is to allow for 60 days of public comment preceding submission of the collection to OMB.

**DATES:** To ensure consideration, comments regarding this proposed information collection must be received on or before June 22, 2021.

**ADDRESSES:** Interested persons are invited to submit written comments to Adrienne Thomas, NOAA PRA Officer, at [Adrienne.thomas@noaa.gov](mailto:Adrienne.thomas@noaa.gov). Please reference OMB Control Number 0648-0145 in the subject line of your comments. Do not submit Confidential Business Information or otherwise sensitive or protected information.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Requests for additional information or specific questions related to collection activities should be directed to Kerry Kehoe, Federal Consistency Specialist, 1305 East-West Highway, 10th Floor, Silver Spring, MD 20910, 240-533-0782, [Kerry.Kehoe@noaa.gov](mailto:Kerry.Kehoe@noaa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

## I. Abstract

This request is for the extension of the currently approved information collection. No changes have been made to the collection requirements. NOAA's regulations at 15 CFR part 970 govern the issuing and monitoring of exploration and production licenses under the Deep Seabed Hard Mineral Resources Act. The NOAA Office for Coastal Management is responsible for approving and administering licenses. Any persons seeking a license must submit certain information that allows NOAA to ensure the applicant meets the standards of the Act. Licensees are required to conduct monitoring and make reports, and they may request revisions, transfers, or extensions of licenses. Information required for the issuance and extension of licenses is provided to fulfill statutory requirements to ensure that license applicants have identified areas of interest for deep seabed hard mineral exploration and production; developed plans for those activities; have the financial resources available to conduct proposed activity; and have considered the effects of the activity on the natural and human environment. This information is used to determine whether licenses should be granted or extended.

Exploration licenses and commercial recovery permits under the Deep Seabed Hard Mineral Resources Act are only for activities by U.S. citizens in international waters. No license or permit applications have been received since the early 1980s, and none are expected during this collection period. U.S. deep seabed exploration licenses and commercial recovery permits are not recognized by the International Seabed Authority and would not have security of tenure due to the lack of U.S. accession to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea Treaty. Two exploration licenses issued in the early 1980s are held by Lockheed Martin Corporation. The licenses are subject to annual reporting requirements and extension requests every five years. No at-sea exploration is authorized under the licenses without further authorization from NOAA. Such activities are not expected during the reporting period for the same reason as above.

## II. Method of Collection

Submission may be made on paper or by electronic transmission.

## III. Data

OMB Control Number: 0648-0145.  
Form Number(s): None.

*Type of Review:* Regular (Extension of a current information collection without change.)

*Affected Public:* Businesses.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 1.

*Estimated Time per Response:* Annual report: 20 hours; extension request: 250 hours.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 20 hours. For those years in which an extension request must be made the estimated total annual burden is 270 hours.

*Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public:* \$200 in record keeping/reporting costs.

*Respondent's Obligation:* Required to maintain licenses.

*Legal Authority:* 30 U.S.C. 1441 *et seq.*; 15 CFR part 970.

## IV. Request for Comments

We are soliciting public comments to permit the Department/Bureau to: (a) Evaluate whether the proposed information collection is necessary for the proper functions of the Department, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) Evaluate the accuracy of our estimate of the time and cost burden for this proposed collection, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) Evaluate ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) Minimize the reporting burden on those who are to respond, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments that you submit in response to this notice are a matter of public record. We will include or summarize each comment in our request to OMB to approve this information collection requirement. Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you may ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

### 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

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

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

**ACTION:** Notice; public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Science and Statistical Committee (SSC) of the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council (Council) will hold a meeting.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 11, 2021, from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and Wednesday, May 12, 2021, from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for agenda details.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will take place over webinar using the Webex platform with a telephone-only connection option. Details on how to connect to the webinar by computer and by telephone will be available at: <http://www.mafmc.org/ssc>.

*Council address:* Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council, 800 N. State Street, Suite 201, Dover, DE 19901; telephone: (302) 674-2331; website: [www.mafmc.org](http://www.mafmc.org).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Christopher M. Moore, Ph.D., Executive Director, Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council, telephone: (302) 526-5255.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The purpose of this meeting is to review updated analysis and work products developed by the Council's *Illex* Quota Work Group, tasked with developing approaches for possible in-year quota adjustments and help provide the basis for the research track assessment scheduled for later in 2021. Utilizing the information provided by the *Illex* Quota Work Group and other relevant data and information, the SSC will review and possibly modify the 2021 *Illex* acceptable biological catch (ABC) and make 2022 ABC recommendations for *Illex* fishery. The SSC will also review the most recent survey and fishery data and the previously recommended 2022 ABC for butterfish, longfin squid, surfclam, and ocean quahogs. The SSC will also continue discussions on ways to operationalize the Mid-Atlantic State of the Ecosystem report, including the formation of an SSC sub-group, and provide input on the 2026 research track stock assessment schedule. In addition,