

NOAA Ship *Henry B. Bigelow* contingency plans; and (2) industry-based surveys. The Council then will receive comments from a subpanel of its SSC regarding a peer review of NEFSC's draft survey mitigation plans relative to offshore wind. An opportunity for Council questions and comments will follow. The Habitat Committee then will provide an offshore wind update, which will cover the proposed lease sale in the Gulf of Maine Wind Energy Area and other offshore wind developments. The committee also will provide other habitat updates, including a brief status report on the Essential Fish Habitat Review.

Following the lunch break, members of the public will have the opportunity to speak during an open comment period on issues that relate to Council business but are not included on the published agenda for this meeting. The Council asks the public to limit remarks to 3–5 minutes. These comments will be received both in person and through the webinar. A guide for how to publicly comment through the webinar is available on the Council website at https://s3.amazonaws.com/nefmc.org/NEFMC-meeting-remote-participation_generic.pdf. The Council then will receive a presentation on: (1) adopted changes to the U.S./Canada Transboundary Resources Assessment Committee and Transboundary Management Guidance Committee process—known as the TRAC/TMGC process; and (2) next steps for addressing assessment updates for shared U.S./Canada fishery resources on Georges Bank. The Council then will hear from NOAA General Counsel on Council and National Marine Fisheries Service procedural differences for fishery management plans, amendments, framework adjustments, and specifications. The Groundfish Committee will be up next. The Council will review public input and a draft report from three public workshops conducted this spring on the Atlantic Cod Management Transition Plan. A discussion on next steps will follow. The Council also will receive a progress report on Amendment 25, which is an action to incorporate four new Atlantic cod stock units into the Northeast Multispecies (Groundfish) Fishery Management Plan. Finally, the Council will initiate Framework Adjustment 69 to set specifications for several groundfish stocks for fishing years 2025–27, U.S./Canada total allowable catches (TACs) for 2025–26, and incorporate revisions to flatfish sub-annual catch limits (sub-ACLs) and

accountability measures (AMs). The Council then will adjourn for the day.

Thursday, June 27, 2024

The Council will lead off the final day of its meeting with the Scallop Committee report. First, the Council will discuss and act on three items related to the Scallop Research Set-Aside (RSA) Program. These are: (1) RSA updates for inclusion in Council Operations Handbook; (2) shifting to a two-year RSA priority-setting schedule versus annual priority-setting; and (3) 2025 and 2026 scallop RSA priorities. The Council then will receive several other scallop-related updates, including: (1) a progress report on changes to flatfish accountability measures for the scallop fishery; (2) a brief update on the five-year review of the Limited Access General Category Individual Fishing Quota Program; and (3) an overview of ongoing scallop survey work. The Council also will initiate Framework Adjustment 39 to the Atlantic Sea Scallop Fishery Management Plan. This framework will include 2025 fishery specifications, 2026 defaults, flatfish AM changes, and other measures. Next, the Council will discuss developments to an omnibus framework adjustment to potentially authorize scallop fishery access to the Closed Area II Habitat Management Area on the Northern Edge of Georges Bank. The Council will take action or provide further direction on the preparation of management alternatives for the omnibus framework. Following this discussion, the Council may receive a presentation from NOAA Fisheries on a proposed rule for updating National Standard Guidelines 4, 8, and 9. If so, the Council will have an opportunity to ask questions and provide comments. This agenda item is dependent on publication of the proposed rule prior to the meeting and may be postponed to a later date if the proposed rule is not available. The Council then will close out the meeting with other business.

Although non-emergency issues not contained on this agenda may come before the 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 Fishery Conservation and Management Act, provided the public has been notified of the Council's intent to take final action to address the emergency. The public also should be aware that the meeting will be recorded. Consistent with 16 U.S.C. 1852, a copy

of the recording is available upon request.

Special Accommodations

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Executive Director Cate O'Keefe (see **ADDRESSES**) at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

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

Dated: June 3, 2024.

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

Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for Review and Approval; Comment Request; Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Convention Vessel Information Family of Forms

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 August 5, 2024.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit written comments to Adrienne Thomas, NOAA PRA Officer, at NOAA.PRA@noaa.gov. Please reference NOAA OMB Control Number 0648-0595 in the subject line of your comments. All comments received are part of the public record and will generally be posted on <https://www.regulations.gov> without change. 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 Katrina Poremba, Fishery Policy Analyst, NOAA Fisheries, 1845 Wasp Blvd., Bldg. #176 Honolulu, HI 96818, (808) 725-5096, katrina.poremba@noaa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**I. Abstract**

This request is for an extension of a currently approved information collection. National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) has issued regulations under authority of the Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Convention Implementation Act (WCPFCIA; 16 U.S.C. 6901 *et seq.*) to carry out the obligations of the United States under the Convention on the Conservation and Management of Highly Migratory Fish Stocks in the Western and Central Pacific Ocean (Convention), including implementing the decisions of the Commission for the Conservation and Management of Highly Migratory Fish Stocks in the Western and Central Pacific Ocean (WCPFC or Commission). The regulations include requirements for the owners or operators of U.S. vessels to: (1) apply for and obtain a WCPFC Area Endorsement if the vessel is used for fishing for highly migratory species on the high seas in the Convention Area (50 CFR 300.212), (2) complete and submit a Foreign Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) Form if the vessel is used for fishing for highly migratory species in the Convention Area in areas under the jurisdiction of any nation other than the United States (50 CFR 300.213), and (3) request and obtain an IMO number if the vessel is used for fishing for highly migratory species on the high seas or in areas under the jurisdiction of any nation other than the United States (50 CFR 300.217(c)). An IMO number is the unique number issued for a vessel under the ship identification number scheme established by the International Maritime Organization or, for vessels that are not strictly subject to that scheme, the unique number issued by the administrator of that scheme using the scheme's numbering format, sometimes known as a Lloyd's Register number or LR number.

The application for WCPFC Area Endorsements calls for specified information about the vessel and its operator that is not already collected via the application for high seas fishing permits issued under 50 CFR 300.333. The Foreign EEZ Form calls for specified information about the vessel, its owners and operators and any fishing

authorizations issued by other nations. The information required to obtain an IMO number is not submitted to NMFS directly, but to a third party and serves to ensure that IMO numbers are issued for certain categories of vessels. This information collected under the three requirements is used by NOAA, the U.S. Coast Guard, and the Commission to monitor the size and composition of the HMS fleets in the Convention Area for compliance-related and scientific purposes and to ensure that IMO numbers are issued for certain categories of vessels.

II. Method of Collection

All information is to be submitted in hard copy via mail or through electronic reporting.

III. Data

OMB Control Number: 0648-0595.

Form Number(s): None.

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

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit organizations; individuals or households.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 44.

Estimated Time per response: WCPFC Area Endorsement Application: 60 minutes; Foreign EEZ Form: 90 minutes; IMO number application: 30 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 43

Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public: \$3,048.60

Respondent's Obligation: Mandatory.

Legal Authority: WCPFCIA; 16 U.S.C. 6901 *et seq.*

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 ICR. 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 Under Secretary for Economic Affairs, Commerce Department.

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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; Permits for Incidental Taking of Endangered or Threatened Species

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

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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or