

**ACTION:** Notice of public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The review panel (Panel) for assessment methods for data-poor species will hold a work session that is open to the public.

**DATES:** The Review of Assessment Methods for Data-Poor Species will be held beginning at 8 a.m., Monday, April 25, 2011 and end at 5:30 p.m. or as necessary to complete business for the day. The Panel will reconvene on Tuesday, April 26 and will continue through Friday, April 29, 2011 beginning at 8 a.m. and ending at 5:30 p.m. each day, or as necessary to complete business. The Panel will adjourn on Friday, April 29, 2011.

**ADDRESSES:** The Review of Assessment Methods for Data-Poor Species will be held at the Santa Cruz Laboratory of the NMFS Southwest Fisheries Science Center, 110 Shaffer Road, Santa Cruz, CA 95060; telephone: (831) 420-3900.

*Council address:* Pacific Fishery Management Council (Pacific Council), 7700 NE Ambassador Place, Suite 101, Portland, OR 97220-1384.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Stacey Miller, NMFS Northwest Fisheries Science Center; telephone: (541) 961-8475; or Mr. John DeVore, Pacific Fishery Management Council; telephone: (503) 820-2280.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The purpose of the Review of Assessment Methods for Data-Poor Species is to review assessment methods for use on data-poor or data-limited stocks in the Pacific Council's Groundfish Fishery Management Plan (FMP) and provide a list of endorsed methods to the Pacific Fishery Management Council. Stock assessment methods including Depletion-Corrected Average Catch (DCAC) and Depletion-Based Stock Reduction Analysis (DB-SRA) will be reviewed at the meeting. Several developments of these methods have been proposed, which could raise stocks from Category 3 (catch-based only) to Category 2 in the Groundfish FMP tier system. Category 2 stocks are those where a basic assessment model is fit to trend information.

No management actions will be decided by the Panel. The Panel's role will be development of recommendations and reports for consideration by the Pacific Council at its June meeting in Spokane, WA.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in the meeting agenda may come before the Panel participants for discussion, those issues may not be the subject of formal Review Panel action during this meeting. Panel 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 Panel participants' intent to take final action to address the emergency.

#### Special Accommodations

This 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 5 days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: March 30, 2011.

**Tracey L. Thompson,**

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

[FR Doc. 2011-7913 Filed 4-1-11; 8:45 am]

**BILLING CODE 3510-22-P**

## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

**RIN 0648-XA332**

#### General Advisory Committee and Scientific Advisory Subcommittee to the U.S. Section to the Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission; Meeting Announcement

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

**ACTION:** Notice of public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** NMFS announces a meeting of the General Advisory Committee (GAC) to the U.S. Section to the Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission (IATTC) on May 26, 2011, and a meeting of the Scientific Advisory Subcommittee (SAS) on May 25, 2011. Meeting topics are provided under the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of this notice.

**DATES:** The meeting of the SAS will be held on May 25, 2011, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. PDT (or until business is concluded), and the meeting of the GAC will be held on May 26, 2011, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. PDT (or until business is concluded).

**ADDRESSES:** Both meetings will be held in the Large Conference Room (Room 370) at NMFS, Southwest Fisheries Science Center, 3333 North Torrey Pines Court, La Jolla, California, 92037-1023. Please notify Heidi Hermsmeyer prior to May 6, 2011, of your plans to attend either meeting, or interest in a teleconference option.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Heidi Hermsmeyer, Southwest Region, NMFS at [Heidi.Hermsmeyer@noaa.gov](mailto:Heidi.Hermsmeyer@noaa.gov), or at (562) 980-4036.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In accordance with the Tuna Conventions Act, as amended, the Department of State has appointed a General Advisory Committee (GAC) and a Scientific Advisory Subcommittee (SAS) to the U.S. Section to the IATTC. The U.S. Section consists of four U.S. Commissioners to the IATTC and a representative of the Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Oceans and Fisheries. The GAC and SAS support the U.S. Section to the IATTC in an advisory capacity; in particular, they provide advice on the development of U.S. policies, positions, and negotiating tactics. NOAA Fisheries Southwest Regional office administers the GAC and SAS in cooperation with the Department of State. The next annual meeting of the IATTC is scheduled for June 29-July 8, 2011, in La Jolla, CA. For more information on this meeting, please visit the IATTC's Web site: <http://www.iattc.org/HomeENG.htm>.

#### Meeting Topics

The SAS meeting topics will include, but are not limited to, the following: (1) Relevant stock status updates, including yellowfin, bigeye, skipjack, and albacore tunas; (2) updates on bycatch mitigation measures; (3) evaluation of the IATTC's recommended conservation measures, U.S. proposals, and proposals from other IATTC members; (4) input to the GAC; and (5) other issues as they arise.

The GAC meeting topics will include, but are not limited to, the following: (1) Relevant stock status updates, including yellowfin, bigeye, skipjack, and albacore tunas; (2) U.S. regulatory changes that could affect tuna fisheries in the eastern Pacific Ocean; (3) updates on international agreements that could affect the IATTC; (4) the upcoming meeting of the five tuna regional fishery management organizations (also known as Kobe III); (5) the status of U.S. legislation to implement the Antigua Convention; (6) outcomes of the IATTC Capacity Working Group meeting; (7) input from the SAS; (8) input and advice from the GAC on issues that may arise at the upcoming 2011 IATTC meetings, including the IATTC's recommended conservation measures, potential U.S. proposals, and potential proposals from other IATTC members; and (9) other issues as they arise.

#### Special Accommodations

The meeting location is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language

interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Heidi Hermsmeyer at (562) 980-4036 by May 6, 2011.

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

Dated: March 29, 2011.

**Emily H. Menashes,**

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

[FR Doc. 2011-7946 Filed 4-1-11; 8:45 am]

**BILLING CODE 3510-22-P**

## COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION

### Agency Information Collection Activities Under OMB Review

**AGENCY:** Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.* (PRA), this notice announces that the Information Collection Request (ICR) abstracted below has been forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and comment. The ICR describes the nature of the information collection and its expected costs and burden.

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted on or before May 4, 2011.

*For Further Information or a Copy Contact:* Susan Nathan, Senior Special Counsel, Division of Market Oversight, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, (202) 418-5133; e-mail: [snathan@cftc.gov](mailto:snathan@cftc.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Under the PRA, Federal agencies must obtain approval from OMB for each collection of information they collect or sponsor. "Collection of information" is defined in 44 U.S.C. 3502(3) and 5 CFR 1320.3 and includes agency requests or requirements that members of the public submit reports, keep records, or provide information to a third party. Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the PRA, 44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A), requires Federal agencies to provide a 60-day notice in the **Federal Register** for each proposed collection of information before submitting the collection to OMB for approval. Accordingly, on January 11, 2011 the Commodity Futures Trading Commission (Commission or CFTC) published such a notice in the **Federal Register**, in connection with a recently adopted interim final rule for reporting pre-enactment swap transactions.<sup>1</sup> The

<sup>1</sup> The **Federal Register** notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments on this collection of information was published on January 11, 2011. 76 FR 1603.

comment period closed on March 14, 2011; one comment was received.<sup>2</sup>

OMB regulations at 5 CFR 1320, which implement provisions of the PRA, further require that on or before the date of submission to OMB of an ICR, an agency shall publish in the **Federal Register** a notice stating that OMB approval is being sought and requesting that comments be submitted to OMB within 30 days of the notice's publication. An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number. Accordingly, the Commission has submitted a request to OMB for approval of a collection of information for 17 CFR part 44—Interim Final Rule for Reporting Pre-Enactment Swap Transactions. The Commission is requesting a 3-year term of approval for this information collection activity.

*Abstract:* Section 729 of the Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act (Dodd-Frank Act)<sup>3</sup> required the Commission to adopt, within 90 days of enactment of the Dodd-Frank Act, an interim final rule for the reporting of swap transactions entered into before July 21, 2010 whose terms had not expired as of that date ("pre-enactment unexpired swaps"). Pursuant to this mandate, the CFTC adopted an interim final rule requiring specified parties to pre-enactment unexpired swap transactions to report certain information related to those transactions to a swap data repository (SDR) or to the Commission by a compliance date to be established in reporting rules required under Section 2(h)(5) of the Commodity Exchange Act (CEA), or within 60 days after an appropriate SDR becomes registered under Section 21 of the CEA and commences operations, whichever occurs first. An interpretative note to the rule advises that, in order to comply with the reporting provisions of the rule, reporting parties that may be required to report to an SDR or to the CFTC will need to preserve information related to the terms of such swaps.

The Commission initially estimated that approximately 1,800 entities would be affected by this rule. That number was based on the current estimate of the number of swap dealers (250), major swap participants (50) and other

<sup>2</sup> Letter dated March 14, 2011, from trade associations comprising the "Not-for-Profit Electric End User Coalition" (Coalition). The Coalition challenged the CFTC's estimates with respect to the number and diversity of affected entities. In response to this comment, the Commission has revised its estimates; these revisions are reflected in the instant notice as well as in the ICR forwarded to OMB.

<sup>3</sup> Public Law 111-203, 124 Stat. 1376 (2010).

counterparties (1,500).<sup>4</sup> Because the Commission has not heretofore regulated the swap market, it has not previously collected data to support its estimate. In its comment letter, the Coalition correctly observed that this estimate did not take into account roughly 2,900 members of the Coalition. Moreover, the Commission has estimated that there are roughly 30,000 non-financial entities engaging in swap transactions<sup>5</sup> (including the Coalition members) which may be subject to the requirements of the interim final rule. Accordingly, the initial estimate of 1,800 affected entities has been revised to 32,000.

Because the interim final rule requires only that affected entities maintain data in its current form, and imposes no collection, manipulation, compilation or reporting of the data, the Commission initially estimated that the hourly burden would be *de minimis*.<sup>6</sup> The Coalition suggests that the burden to be measured is not the time it would take each affected entity to advise its employees to retain particular records, but would also include time spent in reviewing, interpreting and analyzing the CEA, the Commission's jurisdiction over pre-enactment unexpired swaps, and the relevance of the interim final rule to the particular industry. Finally, the Coalition notes that the burden to "collect and retain" records is only a first step; should the Commission require any manipulation, compilation or interpretation of the data the burden will be significantly higher. The Commission has considered these comments and for the following reasons has concluded that its estimate is not inconsistent with the burden imposed by the interim final rule. The rule requires merely that affected parties retain data related to swap transactions to the extent that and in whatever form they currently keep such data until such time as permanent rules governing data recordkeeping and reporting are proposed and adopted by the Commission. None of the activities cited by the Coalition are contemplated by the interim final rule.

*Burden Statement:* The respondent burden for this collection is estimated to average .5 hours per response. This

<sup>4</sup> 76 FR 1603, 1604.

<sup>5</sup> See CFTC NPRM: End-User Exception to Mandatory Clearing of Swaps, 75 FR 80747, 80756 (Dec. 23, 2010). The Commission estimates that there are approximately 30,000 end users who are counterparties to a swap in a given year. While it is possible that the number of end users having pre-enactment swap transactions to report will be significantly lower, the 30,000 figure is the more conservative estimate.

<sup>6</sup> 76 FR 1603, 1604. The estimated average hourly burden was estimated at .5 hours.