

former could have resulted in repeal and termination of the WCZMP, and the latter would not have allowed for the best review of environmental concerns informed by public comment.

Termination of the WCZMP would potentially lead to negative physical and socio-economic impacts to coastal resources associated with (1) Lack of application of Federal consistency requirements available only through participation in the national coastal zone management program; and (2) loss of federal funding for implementation of the WCZMP. The ROD did not identify any mitigation or monitoring measures since the final EIS found that many of the variables used to determine the effects were unforeseeable and based on decisions peripherally related to the Guidelines themselves.

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Dated: April 24, 2011.

David M. Kennedy,

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

RIN 0658-XA461

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's (Council) VMS/Enforcement Committee and Advisory Panel will meet to consider actions affecting New England fisheries in the exclusive economic zone (EEZ).

DATES: The meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 15, 2011 at 9:30 a.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Fairfield Inn & Suites, 185 MacArthur Drive, New Bedford, MA 02740, *telephone:* (774) 634-2000; *fax:* (774) 634-2001.

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

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Paul J. Howard, Executive Director, New England Fishery Management Council; *telephone:* (978) 465-0492.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The items of discussion in the committee's agenda are as follows:

The Committee and Advisory Panel will discuss draft revisions to the Magnuson-Stevens Act's National Standard 10 guidelines to promote safety at sea, and NOAA's draft enforcement priority-setting process; if applicable, the Coast Guard may report on comments it has received as part of its initiative to improve the overall compliance with and effectiveness of the Northeast Multispecies (Groundfish) Fishery Management Plan (FMP) regulations; the committee also may forward recommendations concerning several alternatives being considered for inclusion in Framework Adjustment 23 to the Scallop Fishery Management Plan (FMP). Other business may also be discussed.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in this agenda may come before this group for discussion, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during this meeting. Action will be restricted to those issues specifically identified 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.

Special Accommodations

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Paul J. Howard (see **ADDRESSES**) at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

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

Dated: May 24, 2011.

Tracey L. Thompson,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

RIN: 0648-XA462

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 Skate Committee and Advisory Panel, in June, 2011, 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 Thursday, June 16, 2011 at 10 a.m.

ADDRESSES: This meeting will be held at the SpringHill Suites, 43 Newbury Street, US 1 North, Peabody, MA 01960; *telephone:* (978) 535-5000; *fax:* (978) 535-9610.

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

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Paul J. Howard, Executive Director, New England Fishery Management Council; *telephone:* (978) 465-0492.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Advisory Panel and Skate Oversight Committee will discuss and recommend management measures to include in a 2012-13 skate specifications package, based on ABC specifications approved by the Scientific and Statistical Committee and recent fishery data. The Oversight Committee recommendations will be approved at the June 2011 Council meeting for a specification package or framework adjustment that will be finalized at the September 2011 Council meeting. The committee will also discuss and recommend modifications to the Council's fishery research strategic plan.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in this agenda may come before this group for discussion, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during this meeting. 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. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Paul J. Howard, Executive Director, at (978) 465-0492, at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

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

Dated: May 24, 2011.

Tracey L. Thompson,

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

RIN 0648-XA451

Pacific Whiting; Advisory Panel and Joint Management Committee

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

ACTION: Notice; call for nominations.

SUMMARY: NMFS solicits nominations for the Advisory Panel (AP) and the Joint Management Committee (JMC) on Pacific Whiting called for in the Agreement between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of Canada on Pacific Hake/Whiting. Nominations are being sought for at least 6, but not more than 12 individuals on the AP and 1 individual on the JMC to serve as United States representatives.

DATES: Nominations must be received by June 30, 2011.

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

- *E-mail:*

whiting.nominations.nwr@noaa.gov

Include 0648-XA451 in the subject line of the message.

- *Fax:* 206-526-6736, *Attn:* Frank Lockhart.

- *Mail:* William W. Stelle, Jr., Regional Administrator, Northwest Region, NMFS, 7600 Sand Point Way, NE., Seattle, WA 98115-0070.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Frank Lockhart at 206-526-6142.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Title VI of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Reauthorization Act of 2006 (MSRA) entitled "The Pacific Whiting Act of 2006," (Whiting Act) implements the 2006 "Agreement between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of Canada on Pacific Hake/Whiting." Among other provisions, the Whiting Act provides for the establishment of an AP to advise the JMC on bilateral whiting management issues. An initial solicitation was published in the **Federal Register** on October 24, 2007 (72 FR 60317) and

resulted in insufficient nominations to meet the requirements of the Act. Nominations are being sought to fill at least 6, but no more than 12 positions on the Pacific Whiting AP for terms of 4 years. The Whiting Act requires that appointments to the AP be selected from among individuals who are "(A) knowledgeable or experienced in the harvesting, processing, marketing, management, conservation, or research of the offshore whiting resource; and (B) not employees of the United States." Nominations are sought for any persons meeting these requirements.

Nominations are also being sought for a representative from the commercial sector of the offshore whiting fishery to serve on the JMC for a term not to exceed 4 years. The Whiting Act requires that appointments to the JMC be "representatives from among individuals who are knowledgeable or experienced concerning the offshore whiting resource." Nominations are sought for any persons meeting these requirements. Separate from the JMC representative for which nominations are sought through this notice, the JMC will also include one official from NOAA, one member from the Pacific Fishery Management Council, and one member appointed from a list submitted by the treaty Indian tribes with treaty fishing rights to the offshore whiting resource. Nomination packages for appointment to the AP or the JMC should include:

1. The name of the applicant or nominee and a description of his/her interest in Pacific whiting; and,
2. A statement of background and/or description of how the above qualifications are met.

The term of office for the Pacific Whiting AP members is not to exceed 4 years (48 months). The term of office for the Pacific Whiting JMC members is not to exceed 4 years (48 months), except that initial appointments may be 2 years. Members appointed to the AP and JMC will be reimbursed for necessary travel expenses in accordance with Federal Travel Regulations and sections 5701, 5702, 5704 through 5708, and 5731 of Title 5. In the initial year of implementation, NMFS anticipates that up to 3 meetings of the AP and JMC will be required. In subsequent years, 1-2 meetings of the AP and JMC will be held annually. Meetings of the AP and JMC will be held in the United States or Canada. JMC and AP members will need a valid U.S. passport. The Pacific Whiting Act of 2006 also states that while performing their appointed duties as JMC or AP members, members "other than officers or employees of the United States Government, shall not be

considered to be Federal employees while performing such service, except for purposes of injury compensation or tort claims liability as provided in chapter 81 of Title 5 and chapter 171 of Title 28."

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

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Margo Schulze-Haugen,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

United States Patent and Trademark Office

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

The United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) 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: United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO).

Title: Certain Patent Petitions Requiring a Fee (formerly Patent Petitions Corresponding to the Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(f)).

Form Number(s): PTO/SB/17P, PTO/SB/23, PTO/SB/24a, PTO/SB/28 (EFS-Web only), and PTO/SB/140 (EFS-Web only).

Agency Approval Number: 0651-0059.

Type of Request: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Burden: 41,907 hours annually.

Number of Respondents: 39,015 responses per year.

Avg. Hours Per Response: The USPTO estimates that it takes the public approximately 5 minutes (0.08 hours) to complete the petition fee transmittals and 12 minutes (0.20 hours) to 12 hours to complete the petitions in this collection, depending on the nature of the information. This includes the time to gather the necessary information, prepare the petitions and petition fee transmittals, and submit them to the USPTO. The USPTO estimates that it takes the same amount of time (and possibly less time) to gather the necessary information, prepare the submission, and submit it electronically as it does to submit the information in paper form.

Needs and Uses: The public uses the information in this collection to petition for various actions under 37 CFR 1.17(f), (g), and (h), such as petitioning for a