

## VII. Timeframe for Recruitment and Applications

Mission recruitment will be conducted in an open and public manner, including publication in the **Federal Register** and posting on the Commerce Department trade missions calendar—<http://export.gov/trademissions/>— and other Internet Web sites, publication in domestic trade

publications and association newsletters, mailings from internal mailing lists, faxes to internal aerospace clients, emails to aerospace distribution lists, and promotion at industry meetings, symposia, conferences, trade shows, and other events. The ITA Aerospace and Defense Technology Team members in U.S. Export Assistance Centers will have the lead in recruiting the AESTM.

Recruitment for the mission will begin immediately and conclude no later than November 30, 2013. The mission will open on a first-come, first-served basis, as outlined above in the Participation Requirements section. Applications received after November 30, 2013, will be considered only if space and scheduling constraints permit.

## CONTACTS

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

RIN 0648-XC719

### Magnuson-Stevens Act Provisions; General Provisions for Domestic Fisheries; Application for Exempted Fishing Permits

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

**ACTION:** Notice; request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The Assistant Regional Administrator for Sustainable Fisheries, Northeast Region, NMFS (Assistant Regional Administrator), has made a preliminary determination that an Exempted Fishing Permit application contains all of the required information and warrants further consideration and that the activities authorized under this Exempted Fishing Permit would be consistent with the goals and objectives of the Monkfish Fishery Management Plan. However, further review and consultation may be necessary before a final determination is made to issue an Exempted Fishing Permit. The Exempted Fishing Permit would grant exemptions from monkfish days-at-sea possession limits. The primary goal of this study, by the University of Maryland Eastern Shore, is to investigate the influence of temperature on monkfish distribution and abundance.

Regulations under the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act require publication of this notification to provide interested parties the opportunity to comment on applications for proposed Exempted Fishing Permits.

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before July 12, 2013.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit written comments by any of the following methods:

- *Email:* [nero.efp@noaa.gov](mailto:nero.efp@noaa.gov). Include in the subject line "Comments on UMES Monkfish RSA EFP."
- *Mail:* John K. Bullard, Regional Administrator, NMFS, NE Regional Office, 55 Great Republic Drive, Gloucester, MA 01930. Mark the outside of the envelope "Comments on UMES monkfish RSA EFP."
- *Fax:* (978) 281-9135.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jason Berthiaume, Fishery Management Specialist, 978-281-9177.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The University of Maryland Eastern Shore (UMES) submitted a complete application for an Exempted Fishing Permit (EFP) on May 20, 2013, to conduct fishing activities that the regulations would otherwise prohibit. The EFP would exempt vessels from monkfish days-at-sea (DAS) possession limits in the Northern and Southern Monkfish Fishery Management Areas (SFMA). The applicants have identified eight vessels that would conduct monkfish compensation fishing under the requested EFP. Compensation fishing may occur through April 2014, with a possible extension through April 2015.

This study was awarded 99 DAS under the 2013 Monkfish Research Set-Aside (RSA) Program. The primary goal of this study is to investigate the

influence of temperature on monkfish distribution and abundance. This study is intended to provide information on the biology of monkfish that could be used to enhance the management of this species. Participating vessels will receive temperature and depth loggers to attach to their gillnets during RSA compensation fishing trips. The loggers would collect temperature and depth at intervals of 1 hour, and would be downloaded approximately every 2 months. Catch data (number and size of monkfish) from panels with probes would be recorded by collaborating fishermen, along with information on location, depth fished, water currents, and lunar cycle. UMES plans to collect histological samples on board the fishing vessels from a subset of trips for analysis of reproductive condition. Weights and length measurements would be taken each trip from a minimum of 25 randomly selected monkfish from the nets with attached temperature probes to gain information about fish distribution. Fishing activity would otherwise be conducted under normal monkfish commercial fishing practices. The vessels would use standard commercial gear and land monkfish for sale.

Monkfish EFPs that waive possession limits were first issued in 2007, and each year thereafter through 2011. The EFPs were approved to increase operational efficiency and to optimize research funds generated from RSA DAS. To ensure that the amount of monkfish harvested by vessels operating under the EFPs was similar to the amount of monkfish that was anticipated to be harvested under the 500 RSA DAS set-aside by the New England and Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Councils, NOAA's National Marine Fisheries Service associates 3,200 lb (1,451 kg) of whole

monkfish per RSA DAS. This amount is double the possession limit of Permit Category A and C vessels fishing in the SFMA. This was deemed a reasonable approximation because it is reflective of how the standard monkfish commercial fishery operates. It is likely that RSA grant recipients would optimize their RSA DAS award by utilizing this possession limit. Therefore, if approved, participating vessels could use up to 99 DAS, or up to 316,800 lb (143,698 kg) of whole monkfish, under the EFP, whichever comes first.

The applicant may request minor modifications and extensions to the EFP throughout the year. EFP modifications and extensions may be granted without further notice if they are deemed essential to facilitate completion of the proposed research and have minimal impacts that do not change the scope or impact of the initially approved EFP request. Any fishing activity conducted outside the scope of the exempted fishing activity would be prohibited.

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

Dated: June 24, 2013.

**Kelly Denit,**

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

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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#### Magnuson-Stevens Act Provisions; General Provisions for Domestic Fisheries; Application for Exempted Fishing Permits

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

**ACTION:** Notice; request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The Assistant Regional Administrator for Sustainable Fisheries, Northeast Region, NMFS (Assistant Regional Administrator), has made a preliminary determination that an exempted fishing permit application contains all of the required information and warrants further consideration. This exempted fishing permit would facilitate compensation fishing under the monkfish Research Set-Aside Program by exempting vessels from monkfish days-at-sea possession limits. The compensation fishing is in support of a 2013 Monkfish Research Set-Aside project that is attempting to validate

monkfish aging methods. The project is being conducted by the University of Massachusetts, Dartmouth, School for Marine Science and Technology.

Regulations under the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act require publication of this notification to provide interested parties the opportunity to comment on applications for proposed exempted fishing permits.

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before July 12, 2013.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit written comments by any of the following methods:

- *Email:* [nero.efp@noaa.gov](mailto:nero.efp@noaa.gov). Include in the subject line "Comments on SMAST Monkfish RSA EFP."

- *Mail:* John K. Bullard, Regional Administrator, NMFS, Northeast Regional Office, 55 Great Republic Drive, Gloucester, MA 01930. Mark the outside of the envelope "Comments on SMAST Monkfish RSA EFP."

- *Fax:* (978) 281-9135.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Jason Berthiaume, Fishery Management Specialist, 978-281-9177.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The University of Massachusetts, Dartmouth, School for Marine Science and Technology (SMAST) submitted an application for an Exempted Fishing Permit (EFP) on May 14, 2013, requesting exemptions from the monkfish days-at-sea (DAS) possession limits to facilitate research that proposes to investigate monkfish large-scale movement patterns using data storage tags and to validate monkfish aging. The study was awarded 327 DAS under the 2013 Monkfish Research Set-Aside (RSA) Program.

The EFP would exempt vessels from the monkfish possession limits in the Southern (SFMA) and Northern Monkfish Fishery Management Areas. Up to 50 vessels could conduct monkfish compensation fishing under the requested EFP. Fishing activity would otherwise be conducted under normal monkfish commercial fishing practices. The vessels would use standard commercial gear and land monkfish for sale. Compensation fishing may occur through April 2014, with a possible extension through April 2015.

Monkfish EFPs that waive possession limits were first issued in 2007, and each year thereafter through 2011. The EFPs were approved to increase operational efficiency and to optimize research funds generated from RSA DAS. To ensure that the amount of monkfish harvested by vessels operating under the EFPs was similar to the amount of monkfish that was

anticipated to be harvested under the 500 RSA DAS set-aside by the New England and Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Councils, NOAA's National Marine Fisheries Service associates 3,200 lb (1,451 kg) of whole monkfish per RSA DAS. This amount is double the possession limit of Permit Category A and C vessels fishing in the SFMA. This was deemed a reasonable approximation because it is reflective of how the standard monkfish commercial fishery operates. It is likely that RSA grant recipients would optimize their RSA DAS award by utilizing this possession limit. Therefore, if approved, participating vessels could use up to 327 DAS, or up to 1,046,400 lb (474,639 kg) of whole monkfish, under the EFP, whichever comes first.

If approved, the applicant may request minor modifications and extensions to the EFP throughout the year. EFP modifications and extensions may be granted without further notice if they are deemed essential to facilitate completion of the proposed research and have minimal impacts that do not change the scope or impact of the initially approved EFP request. Any fishing activity conducted outside the scope of the exempted fishing activity would be prohibited.

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

Dated: June 24, 2013.

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Office of the Secretary

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#### Submission for OMB review; comment request

**ACTION:** Notice.

The Department of Defense has submitted to OMB for clearance, the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

**DATES:** Consideration will be given to all comments received by July 29, 2013.

*Title, Associated Form and OMB Number:* Data Item Descriptions in ASSIST (formally AMSDL); Numerous forms; OMB Control Number 0704-0188.

*Type of Request:* Extension.  
*Number of Respondents:* 1140.  
*Responses Per Respondent:* 432.