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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Institute of Standards and Technology

[Docket No. 160927891-6891-01]

Request for Comments on U.S. Technical Participation in the 15th Conference of the International Organization of Legal Metrology (OIML)

AGENCY: National Institute of Standards and Technology, Commerce.

ACTION: Notice; request for comments.

SUMMARY: The National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) seeks comments concerning U.S. technical participation in the 15th Conference of the International Organization of Legal Metrology (OIML) held in Strasbourg, France, Wednesday, October 19 through Thursday, October 20, 2016. This conference is held once every four years and was last held in 2012. Interested parties are requested to review and submit comments on the 16 OIML Recommendations and Documents on legal measuring instruments that will be presented for ratification by the Conference. Comments may also be submitted on other issues relevant to the Conference.

DATES: Written comments should be submitted to the NIST International Legal Metrology Program no later than Wednesday, October 12, 2016, at 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time. The 15th OIML International Conference of Legal Metrology will be held in Strasbourg, France, Wednesday, October 19 through Thursday, October 20, 2016.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be submitted via email to ralph.richter@nist.gov or be mailed to the International Legal Metrology Program, Office of Weights and Measures, National Institute of Standards and Technology, 100 Bureau Drive, Mail Stop 2600, Gaithersburg, MD 20899-2600.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Ralph Richter, International Legal Metrology Program, Office of Weights and Measures, National Institute of Standards and Technology, 100 Bureau Drive, Mail Stop 2600, Gaithersburg, MD 20899-2600; telephone: 301-975-3997; fax: 301-975-8091; email: ralph.richter@nist.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The International Organization of Legal Metrology (OIML) is an intergovernmental treaty organization in which the United States and 60 other nations are members. Its principal purpose is to harmonize national laws and regulations pertaining to testing and verifying the performance of legal measuring instruments used for equity in commerce, for public and worker health and safety, and for monitoring and protecting the environment. The harmonized results promote the international trade of measuring instruments and products affected by measurement.

The U.S. Department of State has delegated technical participation in OIML to NIST. NIST coordinates participation of U.S. manufacturers, users of weighing and measuring instruments, legal metrology officials and other U.S. stakeholders in the technical work of OIML by circulating draft voluntary standards (called Recommendations) and other OIML publications for comment. NIST also leads U.S. delegations to OIML Technical Meetings.

Additional Information

All parties with an interest in the work of the OIML are requested to review and submit comments on any or all of the 16 Recommendations and Documents that will be presented for ratification by the Conference. Any submitted comments will be reviewed and considered by NIST staff in the development of U.S. positions that will be put forward at the 15th Conference of OIML. NIST will consider all feedback and will implement it into the Conference as appropriate.

Each of the 16 Recommendations and Documents that will be presented for ratification by the Conference has already gone through a multi-year development and review process involving technical experts and legal metrology experts from the United States and around the world. Ratification by the Conference is the final step in this process. The Recommendations and Documents have been divided into two categories—Category 1: Those already approved by

the International Committee of Legal Metrology (CIML) between 2013 and 2015, and Category 2: Those that are expected to be submitted directly to the Conference for ratification. Because the Recommendations and Documents in Category 2 have not yet received CIML approval, the comments received on these Recommendations and Documents are of additional importance to NIST staff. The 16 Recommendations and Documents and the OIML-member nations that held the convenership of the project group responsible for their development are listed below:

Category 1

- D11, “General requirements for measuring instruments—Environmental conditions” (Netherlands);
- R46-3, “Active electrical energy meters—Part 3: Test report format” (Australia);
- R49, “Water meters for cold potable water and hot water—Part 1: Metrological and technical requirements, Part 2: Test methods, and Part 3: Test report format” (United Kingdom);
- R50, “Continuous totalizing automatic weighing instruments (belt weighers)—Part 1: Metrological and technical requirements, Part 2: Test procedures, Part 3: Test report format (United Kingdom);
- R79, “Labeling requirements for prepackages” (South Africa);
- R100, “Atomic absorption spectrometer systems for measuring metal pollutants” (United States);
- R117, “Dynamic measuring systems for liquids other than water—Part 2: Metrological controls and performance tests, and Part 3: Test report format” (United States and Germany);
- R137-3, “Gas meters—Part 3: Test report format (Netherlands);
- R139, “Compressed gaseous fuels measuring systems for vehicles—Part 1: Metrological and technical requirements, Part 2: Metrological controls and performance tests, and Part 3: Test report format” (Netherlands);
- R144, “Instruments for continuous measuring CO and NO_x in stationary source emissions” (Netherlands);
- R145, “Ophthalmic instruments—Impression and applanation tonometers” (Germany); and
- V1, “International vocabulary of terms in legal metrology (VIML)” (Poland).

Category 2

- R59, “Moisture meters for cereal grains and oilseeds” (United States and P.R. China);
- R87 “Quantity of product in prepackages” (South Africa);

- New Recommendation (not yet numbered) “Protein measuring instruments for cereal grains and oilseeds” (Australia); and
- New Recommendation (not yet numbered) “Standard blackbody radiator for the temperature range from –50 °C to 2500 °C” (Russian Federation).

Parties with an expressed interest in particular topics may obtain copies of the OIML Conference technical agenda, including copies of the Recommendations to be ratified, from the OIML International Conference Web site at <http://strasbourg.oiml.org>, at the OIML Web site at www.oiml.org, or from the NIST International Legal Metrology Program.

Authority: 15 U.S.C. 272(b).

Kevin Kimball,
NIST Chief of Staff.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Stock Status Determination for Atlantic Dusky Sharks

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

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This action serves as a notice that NMFS, on behalf of the Secretary of Commerce (Secretary), has determined that Atlantic dusky sharks (*Carcharhinus obscurus*) are still overfished and subject to overfishing.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Tobey Curtis by phone at 978–281–9273 or Karyl Brewster-Geisz by phone at 301–427–8503.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

Atlantic dusky sharks are managed under the 2006 Consolidated Atlantic Highly Migratory Species (HMS) Fishery Management Plan (FMP) and its amendments. Dusky sharks have been a prohibited species since 2000 and may not be landed or retained in any fisheries. However, multiple commercial and recreational fisheries sometimes interact with the species as bycatch during the course of normal operations. The 2016 assessment was an update to the 2011 stock assessment for dusky sharks. Thus, no new

methodology was introduced, though all model inputs were updated with more recent data (*i.e.* effort, and 2010–2015 for all the indices of relative abundance, which included observer and survey data).

Dusky sharks were first assessed in 2006, and all model results indicated that the stock had been heavily exploited, with depletion estimates between 62 and 80 percent from virgin biomass, and a rebuilding timeframe of 100 to 400 years. Dusky sharks were again assessed in 2011 through the Southeast Data, Assessment, and Review (SEDAR) process in SEDAR 21. The SEDAR 21 dusky shark assessment indicated that the species was overfished (spawning stock biomass [SSB]₂₀₀₉/SSB_{MSY} = 0.41–0.50) and was experiencing overfishing (F₂₀₀₉/F_{MSY} = 1.39–4.35).

All documents and information regarding the 2010 SEDAR 21 benchmark assessment and 2016 update can be found on the SEDAR Web page at <http://sedarweb.org/sedar-21>.

2016 Dusky Shark Stock Assessment Update Results

The 2016 dusky shark stock assessment update used an age-structured catch-free production model since the species' prohibited status made the use of catch as an input largely impractical.

In the 2011 SEDAR 21 assessment, the reviewers determined that there were five scenarios analyzed in the assessment that were plausible. Thus, in the 2016 update, the five scenarios reflective of plausible states of nature were analyzed and projections for each scenario were conducted. The five scenarios were: (1) The base scenario; (2) a high natural mortality scenario; (3) a U-shaped natural mortality curve allowing senescence; (4) a high productivity scenario; and (5) a low productivity scenario. Under all scenarios, the 2016 update found the stock is still overfished (spawning stock fecundity [SSF]₂₀₁₅/SSF_{MSST} = 0.44–0.69). Under all scenarios, the 2016 update found the stock was also still subject to overfishing (F₂₀₁₅/F_{MSY} = 1.08–2.92).

The assessment was peer reviewed by two reviewers. Overall, the peer reviewers determined the stock assessment to be based on the best scientific information available. Based on these results, NMFS has determined that the status of dusky sharks is overfished and overfishing is occurring.

Dated: September 30, 2016.

Emily H. Menashes,
Acting 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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Fisheries of the South Atlantic; Southeast Data, Assessment, and Review (SEDAR); Stock Identification Work Group Post-Meeting Webinar for Atlantic Blueline Tilefish

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

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Atlantic stock(s) of *blueline tilefish* will be assessed through SEDAR 50. This webinar meeting is being held to provide representatives of the Scientific and Statistical Committees (SSC) of the Gulf of Mexico, South Atlantic and Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Councils an opportunity to review *blueline tilefish* stock identification recommendations and provide guidance on addressing overlap between the biological stock and Council management boundaries.

DATES: The SEDAR 50 Stock Identification SSC Webinar Review will be held on Friday, October 28, 2016, from 12 p.m. to 3 p.m., to view the agenda see **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

ADDRESSES: The Webinar is open to the public. Those interested in participating should contact Julia Byrd at SEDAR (see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**) to request an invitation providing Webinar access information. Please request Webinar invitations at least 24 hours in advance of the Webinar.

SEDAR Address: South Atlantic Fishery Management Council, 4055 Faber Place Drive, Suite 201, N. Charleston, SC 29405 or at their Web site, at www.sedarweb.org.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Julia Byrd, SEDAR Coordinator, 4055 Faber Place Drive, Suite 201, North Charleston, SC 29405; phone (843) 571–4366; email: julia.byrd@safmc.net.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Agenda

The Gulf of Mexico, South Atlantic, and Caribbean Fishery Management Councils, in conjunction with NOAA