

on March 24, 2014 (79 FR 15959). The initial public review/submission period ended on May 23, 2014. The Draft Atlantic HMS EFH 5-Year Review was made available on March 5, 2015 (80 FR 11981), and the public comment period ended on April 6, 2015. NMFS analyzed the information gathered through the EFH review process, and the Notice of Availability for the Final Atlantic HMS EFH 5-Year Review was published on July 1, 2015 (80 FR 37598). As a result of this review, NMFS determined that a revision of HMS EFH was warranted, and that an amendment to the 2006

Consolidated Atlantic HMS FMP would be developed as Amendment 10. On September 8, 2016 (81 FR 62100), NMFS published a notice of availability of the Draft Environmental Assessment for Amendment 10 to the 2006 Consolidated Atlantic HMS FMP. Specific actions analyzed included the update and revision of existing HMS EFH, as warranted; modification of existing HAPCs or designation of new HAPCs for bluefin tuna and sandbar, lemon, and sand tiger sharks, as warranted; and analysis of fishing and non-fishing impacts on EFH by

considering environmental and management changes and new information since 2009.

Public Hearing Conference Calls/ Webinars

NMFS will conduct two public hearing conference calls/webinars to allow members of the public from all geographic areas to submit verbal comments on Draft Amendment 10. To participate in those calls, use the following information:

TABLE 1—DATE, TIME, AND ACCESS INFORMATION FOR PUBLIC CONFERENCE CALLS/WEBINARS

Date and time	Access information
November 10, 2016, 3–5 p.m. EST	To participate in the conference call, call: (888) 455–5378 Passcode: 6522610. To participate in the webinar, go to: https://noaaevents3.webex.com/noaaevents3/onstage/g.php?MTID=e767babe686fc6fae2441d750ab3338c . Meeting Number: 396 375 761. Meeting Password: NOAA.
November 18, 2016, 10 a.m.–12 p.m. EST	To participate in the conference call, call: (888) 455–5378 Passcode: 6522610. To participate in the webinar, go to: https://noaaevents3.webex.com/noaaevents3/onstage/g.php?MTID=ecebbb5a35ab25a56d9ef800370c24af6 . Meeting Number: 392 481 985. Meeting Password: NOAA.

Participants are strongly encouraged to log/dial in 15 minutes prior to the meeting to allow time to address any technical issues. NMFS will show a brief presentation via webinar followed by public comment. To participate in the webinars online, enter your name and email address, and click the “JOIN” button. Participants that have not used WebEx before will be prompted to download and run a plug-in program that will enable them to view the webinar. Presentation materials and other supporting information will be posted on the HMS Web site at www.nmfs.noaa.gov/sfa/hms.

The public is reminded that participants at public hearings and on conference calls must conduct themselves appropriately. At the beginning of the conference call, a representative of NMFS will explain the ground rules (all comments are to be directed to the agency on the proposed action; attendees will be called to give their comments in the order in which they registered to speak; each attendee will have an equal amount of time to speak; and attendees should not interrupt one another). The NMFS representative will attempt to structure the meeting so that all attending members of the public will be able to comment, if they so choose, regardless of the controversial nature of the subject matter. If attendees do not respect the ground rules, they will be asked to leave the conference call.

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National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Atlantic Surfclam and Ocean Quahog Fisheries; Notice That Vendor Will Provide 2017 Cage Tags

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

ACTION: Notice of vendor to provide fishing year 2017 cage tags.

SUMMARY: NMFS informs surfclam and ocean quahog individual transferable quota (ITQ) allocation holders that they will be required to purchase their fishing year 2017 (January 1, 2017–December 31, 2017) cage tags from the National Band and Tag Company. The intent of this notice is to comply with regulations for the Atlantic surfclam and ocean quahog fisheries and to promote efficient distribution of cage tags.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Federal Atlantic surfclam and ocean quahog fishery regulations at 50 CFR 648.77(b) authorize the Regional Administrator of the Greater Atlantic Region, NMFS, to specify in the **Federal Register** a vendor from whom cage tags, required under the Atlantic Surfclam and Ocean Quahog Fishery Management Plan (FMP), shall be purchased. Notice is hereby given that National Band and Tag Company of Newport, Kentucky, is the authorized vendor of cage tags required for the fishing year 2017 Federal surfclam and ocean quahog fisheries. Detailed instructions for purchasing these cage tags will be provided in a letter to ITQ allocation holders in these fisheries from NMFS within the next several weeks.

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

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