

Zone and the Great Lakes. Coast Survey also writes and publishes the *United States Coast Pilot*<sup>®</sup>, a series of nine nautical books that supplement nautical charts with essential marine information that cannot be shown graphically on the charts and are not readily available elsewhere.

Coast Survey solicits information through the online Nautical Discrepancy Reporting System (<http://ocsddata.ncd.noaa.gov/idrs/discrepancy.aspx>).

Data obtained through this system is used to update U.S. nautical charts and the *United States Coast Pilot*.

## II. Method of Collection

Respondents can submit discrepancy reports electronically or by telephone (888-990-6622).

## III. Data

OMB Control Number: 0648-0007.

Form Number: None.

Type of Review: Regular submission (extension of a current information collection).

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit; individuals or households; not-for-profit institutions; federal government; state, local or tribal government.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 300.

Estimated Time per Response: 30 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 150 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public: \$0 in recordkeeping/reporting costs.

## IV. Request for Comments

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden (including hours and cost) of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval of this information collection; they also will become a matter of public record.

Dated: December 23, 2016.

**Sarah Brabson,**

*NOAA PRA Clearance Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

#### National Estuarine Research Reserve System

**AGENCY:** Stewardship Division, Office for Coastal Management, National Ocean Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of Public Comment Period for the Weeks Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve Management Plan revision.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that the Stewardship Division, Office for Coastal Management, National Ocean Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce is announcing a thirty-day public comment period for the Weeks Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve Management Plan revision. Pursuant to 15 CFR Section 921.33(c), the revised plan will bring the reserve into compliance. The Weeks Bay Reserve revised plan will replace the plan approved in 2007.

The revised management plan outlines the administrative structure; the research/monitoring, stewardship, education, and training programs of the reserve; and the plans for future land acquisition and facility development to support reserve operations.

The Weeks Bay Reserve takes an integrated approach to management, linking research, education, coastal training, and stewardship functions. The Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources has outlined how it will administer the Reserve and its core programs by providing detailed actions that will enable it to accomplish specific goals and objectives. Since the last management plan, the Reserve has built out its core programs and monitoring infrastructure; constructed several facilities including a Resource Center that supports education, training, and outreach events; participated in more than 35 research projects and conducted over 100 coastal training program events; convened a permanent Restoration Advisory Board; and built new partnerships with organizations within the Mobile Bay of Alabama.

With the approval of this management plan, the Weeks Bay Reserve will increase their total acreage from 6,594 acres to 9,317. The change is attributable to the recent acquisitions of several parcels by the Reserve, totaling 933 acres, as well as the incorporation of 1,790 acres of water bottoms adjacent to the newly acquired land. These parcels have high ecological value and will enhance the Reserve's ability to provide increased opportunities for research, education, and stewardship. The revised management plan will serve as the guiding document for the expanded 9,317 acre Weeks Bay Reserve for the next five years.

View the Weeks Bay Reserve Management Plan revision at (<http://www.weeksbayreserve.com>) and provide comments to the Reserve's Manager, LG Adams ([LG.Adams@dcnr.alabama.gov](mailto:LG.Adams@dcnr.alabama.gov)).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Hank Hodde at (251) 544-5016 or Erica Seiden at (240) 533-0781 of NOAA's National Ocean Service, Stewardship Division, Office for Coastal Management, 1305 East-West Highway, N/ORM5, 10th floor, Silver Spring, MD 20910.

Dated: December 16, 2016.

**John King,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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#### 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 public meeting of its Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) 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 Tuesday, January 17, 2017, beginning at 9 a.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the Courtyard Marriott, Boston Logan, 225 McClellan Highway, Boston, MA 02128; phone: (617) 561-0971.

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

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Thomas A. Nies, Executive Director, New England Fishery Management Council; telephone: (978) 465-0492.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Agenda**

The SSC Committee will review information provided by the Council's Groundfish Plan Development Team (PDT) and recommend the overfishing levels (OFLs) and acceptable biological catches (ABCs) for witch flounder for fishing years 2017 and 2018. They will receive a presentation on the revisions to the Magnuson Stevens Fishery Management and Conservation Act (MSA) National Standard 1 guidelines. Also on the agenda will be an update from the Council staff on the Council's efforts to develop a worked example of an Ecosystem-Based Fishery Management approach to fisheries management for Georges Bank. Other business will be discussed as needed.

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 Thomas A. Nies, Executive Director, at (978) 465-0492, at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

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

Dated: December 23, 2016.

**Tracey L. Thompson,**

*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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**SAW-SARC 63 Public Meeting**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** NMFS and the Northeast Regional Stock Assessment Workshop (SAW) will convene the 63rd SAW Stock Assessment Review Committee for the purpose of reviewing the stock assessment of Ocean Quahog. The Northeast Regional SAW is a formal scientific peer-review process for evaluating and presenting stock

assessment results to managers for fish stocks in the offshore U.S. waters of the northwest Atlantic. Assessments are prepared by SAW working groups and reviewed by an independent panel of stock assessment experts called the Stock Assessment Review Committee, or SARC. The public is invited to attend the presentations and discussions between the review panel and the scientists who have participated in the stock assessment process.

**DATES:** The public portion of the Stock Assessment Review Committee Meeting will be held from February 21, 2017–February 23, 2017. The meeting will commence on February 21, 2017 at 10 a.m. Eastern Standard Time. Please see **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for the daily meeting agenda.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held in the S.H. Clark Conference Room in the Aquarium Building of the National Marine Fisheries Service, Northeast Fisheries Science Center (NEFSC), 166 Water Street, Woods Hole, MA 02543.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Sheena Steiner, 508-495-2177; email: [sheena.steiner@noaa.gov](mailto:sheena.steiner@noaa.gov); or, James Weinberg, 508-495-2352; email: [james.weinberg@noaa.gov](mailto:james.weinberg@noaa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** For further information, please visit the NEFSC Web site at <http://www.nefsc.noaa.gov>. For additional information about the SARC meeting and the stock assessment review of Ocean Quahog, please visit the NMFS/NEFSC SAW Web page at <http://www.nefsc.noaa.gov/saw/>.

**DAILY MEETING AGENDA—SAW/SARC 63 BENCHMARK STOCK ASSESSMENT FOR OCEAN QUAHOG**

[Subject to change; all times are approximate and may be changed at the discretion of the SARC Chair]

Tuesday, February 21, 2017:		
10 a.m.–10:30 a.m .....	Welcome Introductions .....	James Weinberg, SAW Chair.
10:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m .....	Ocean Quahog (OQ) Assessment Presentation .....	Dan Hennen.
12:30 p.m.–1:30 p.m .....	Lunch.	
1:30 p.m.–3:30 p.m .....	OQ Presentation (cont.) .....	Dan Hennen.
3:30 p.m.–3:45 p.m .....	Break.	
3:45 p.m.–5:45 p.m .....	OQ SARC Discussion .....	Ed Houde, SARC Chair.
5:45 p.m.–6 p.m .....	Public Comment Period.	
Wednesday, February 22, 2017:		
9:00 a.m.–10:45 a.m .....	Revisit with OQ presenters .....	Ed Houde.
10:45 a.m.–11:00 a.m .....	Break.	
11:00 a.m.–11:45 a.m .....	OQ presentation (cont.) .....	Ed Houde.
11:45 a.m.–12:00 p.m .....	Public Comment.	
12:00–1:15 p.m .....	Lunch.	
1:15–4:00 p.m .....	Review/Edit Assessment Summary Report .....	Ed Houde.
4:00 p.m.–4:15 p.m .....	Break.	
4:15 p.m.–5:00 p.m .....	SARC Report Writing.	
Thursday, February 23, 2017:		
9 a.m.–5 p.m .....	SARC Report Writing.	