

have agreed that NMFS will serve as the lead agency for this 5-year review. Section 4(c)(2)(A) of the ESA requires that we conduct a review of listed species at least once every five years. On the basis of such reviews, under section 4(c)(2)(B) we determine whether a species should be delisted or reclassified from endangered or threatened or from threatened to endangered. Delisting a species must be supported by the best scientific and commercial data available and only considered if such data substantiates that the species is neither endangered nor threatened for one or more of the following reasons: (1) The species is considered extinct; (2) the species is considered to be recovered; or (3) the original data available when the species was listed, or the interpretation of such data, were in error (see 50 CFR 424.11(d)). The ESA implementing regulations at 50 CFR 424.21 require that we publish a notice in the **Federal Register** announcing those species currently under active review. This notice announces our active review of the Gulf of Maine DPS of Atlantic salmon, currently listed as endangered.

Background information about this species, including the endangered listing, is available on the NMFS Greater Atlantic Regional Fisheries Office Web site: <https://www.greateratlantic.fisheries.noaa.gov/protected/atlsalmon/>.

Determining if a Species Is Threatened or Endangered

Section 4(a)(1) of the ESA requires that we determine whether a species is endangered or threatened based on one or more of the five following factors: (1) The present or threatened destruction, modification, or curtailment of its habitat or range; (2) overutilization for commercial, recreational, scientific, or educational purposes; (3) disease or predation; (4) the inadequacy of existing regulatory mechanisms; or (5) other natural or manmade factors affecting its continued existence. Section 4(b) also requires that our determination be made on the basis of the best scientific and commercial data available after taking into account those efforts, if any, being made by any State or foreign nation, to protect such species.

Application of the DPS Policy

In the application of the DPS Policy, we are responsible for determining whether species, subspecies, or DPSs of marine and anadromous species are threatened or endangered under the ESA. For Atlantic salmon, we use the joint U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service-NMFS DPS policy (61 FR 4722;

February 7, 1996) in identifying the appropriate taxonomic unit for listing consideration. Under this policy, a DPS must be discrete from other conspecific populations, and it must be significant to its taxon. A group of organisms is discrete if physical, physiological, ecological or behavioral factors make it markedly separate from other populations of the same taxon. Under the DPS policy, if a population group is determined to be discrete, the agency must then consider whether it is significant to the taxon to which it belongs. Considerations in evaluating the significance of a discrete population include: (1) Persistence of the discrete population in an unusual or unique ecological setting for the taxon; (2) evidence that the loss of the discrete population segment would cause a significant gap in the taxon's range; (3) evidence that the discrete population segment represents the only surviving natural occurrence of a taxon that may be more abundant elsewhere outside its historical geographic range; or (4) evidence that the discrete population has marked genetic differences from other populations of the species.

Public Solicitation of New Information

To ensure that the 5-year review is complete and based on the best scientific and commercial data, we are soliciting new information from the public, governmental agencies, Tribes, the scientific community, industry, environmental entities, and any other interested parties concerning the status of the Gulf of Maine DPS. The 5-year review will consider the best scientific and commercial data that has become available since the listing determination for the Gulf of Maine DPS in June 2009. Our Northeast Fisheries Science Center will assist the Greater Atlantic Regional Fisheries Office in gathering and analyzing this information. Categories of requested information include: (1) Population abundance; (2) population productivity; (3) changes in species distribution or population spatial structure; (4) genetics or other indicators of diversity; (5) changes in habitat conditions and associated limiting factors and threats; (6) conservation measures that have been implemented that benefit the species, including monitoring data demonstrating the effectiveness of such measures in addressing identified limiting factors or threats; (7) data concerning the status and trends of identified limiting factors or threats; (8) information that may affect determinations regarding the composition of the DPS; (9) other new information, data, or corrections including, but not limited to, taxonomic

or nomenclatural changes, identification of erroneous information in the previous listing determination, and improved analytical methods for evaluating extinction risk.

If you wish to provide information for this 5-year review, you may submit your information and materials electronically via email (see **ADDRESSES** section). We request that all information be accompanied by supporting documentation such as maps, bibliographic references, or reprints of pertinent publications. We also would appreciate

the submitter's name, address, and any association, institution, or business that the person represents; however, anonymous submissions will be accepted.

Authority: 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*

Dated: June 15, 2017.

Angela Somma,

Chief, Endangered Species Division, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION

Agency Information Collection Activities: Comment Request—Notice of Intent To Amend Collection 3038-0079: Conflicts of Interest Policies and Procedures by Swap Dealers and Major Swap Participants

AGENCY: Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Commodity Futures Trading Commission (CFTC or Commission) is announcing an opportunity for public comment on a proposed amendment to the collection of certain information by the agency. Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), Federal agencies are required to publish notice in the **Federal Register** concerning each proposed collection of information, including each proposed extension of an existing collection of information, and to allow 60 days for public comment in response to the notice. This notice solicits comment on an amendment to the collection of information under OMB Control No. 3038-0079 (Conflicts of Interest Policies and Procedures by Swap Dealers and Major Swap Participants).

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before August 21, 2017.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments, identified by “OMB Control No. 3038–0079; Conflicts of Interest Policies and Procedures by Swap Dealers and Major Swap Participants,” by any of the following methods:

- The Commission’s Web site, via its Comments Online process at <http://comments.cftc.gov/>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments through the Web site.

- *Mail:* Christopher Kirkpatrick, Secretary of the Commission, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, Three Lafayette Centre, 1155 21st Street NW., Washington, DC 20581.

- *Hand Delivery/Courier:* Same as Mail above.

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* <http://www.regulations.gov/search/index.jsp>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments through the Portal.

- Please submit your comments using only one method.

All comments must be submitted in English, or if not, accompanied by an English translation. Comments will be posted as received to <http://www.cftc.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Katherine Driscoll, Associate Chief Counsel, (202) 418–5544, kdriscoll@cftc.gov; or Adam Kezsbom, Special Counsel, (202) 418–5372, akezsbom@cftc.gov, Division of Swap Dealer and Intermediary Oversight, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, 1155 21st Street NW., Washington, DC 20581.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the PRA, Federal agencies must obtain approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for each collection of information they conduct or sponsor. “Collection of Information” is defined in 44 U.S.C. 3502(3) and 5 CFR 1320.3 and includes agency requests or requirements that members of the public submit reports, keep records, or provide information to a third party. Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the PRA, 44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A), requires Federal agencies to provide a 60-day notice in the **Federal Register** concerning each proposed collection of information, including each proposed amendment to an existing collection of information, before submitting the collection to OMB for approval. To comply with this requirement, the CFTC is publishing notice of the proposed amendment to the collection of information listed below. An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

Title: Conflicts of Interest Policies and Procedures by Swap Dealers and Major Swap Participants (OMB Control No. 3038–0079). This is a request for an amendment to a currently approved information collection.

Abstract: In 2012, the Commission promulgated Business Conduct Standards for Swap Dealers and Major Swap Participants with Counterparties (External Business Conduct Standards Final Rulemaking)¹ which include all of Subpart H of Part 23 of the Commission’s regulations (EBCS Rules).² In the External Business Conduct Standards Final Rulemaking, the Commission stated that the information collections associated with the EBCS Rules were part of the overall supervision, compliance and recordkeeping requirements imposed by the Commission in certain other rulemakings including, among others, the collection of information for rules on Conflicts of Interest Policies and Procedures by Swap Dealers and Major Swap Participants under § 23.605 under OMB Collection No. 3038–79. While the collections associated with the EBCS Rules do overlap with the requirements in certain other Commission regulations, the OMB collections associated with those other Commission regulations do not accurately reflect the burdens imposed by the EBCS Rules.

The Commission is proposing to amend the information collection under OMB Control No. 3038–0079 to clearly reflect the paperwork burden imposed by the EBCS Rules under §§ 23.401–450 and ensure that the paperwork burden of the EBCS Rules is centrally located under OMB Control No. 3038–0079. In addition, the Commission will be retitling the collection under OMB Control No. 3038–0079 “Swap Dealer and Major Swap Participant Conflicts of Interest and Business Conduct Standards with Counterparties” to more accurately reflect its coverage. The collections of information contained in

¹ Business Conduct Standards for Swap Dealers and Major Swap Participants with Counterparties, 77 FR 9734, Feb. 17, 2012.

² Subpart H of Part 23 is titled “Business Conduct Standards for Swap Dealers and Major Swap Participants Dealing with Counterparties, Including Special Entities.” Subpart H includes the following provisions: § 23.400 (Scope); § 23.402 (Definitions); § 23.402 (General Provisions); § 23.410 (Prohibition on fraud, manipulation and other abusive practices); § 23.430 (Verification of counterparty eligibility); § 23.431 (Disclosures of material information); § 23.432 (Clearing disclosures); § 23.433 (Communications—fair dealing); § 23.434 (Recommendations to counterparties—institutional suitability); § 23.440 (Requirements for swap dealers acting as advisors to Special Entities); § 23.450 (Requirements for swap dealers and major swap participants acting counterparties to Special Entities); and § 23.451 (Political contributions by certain swap dealers).

the EBCS rules are necessary to implement requirements set forth in the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act³ and for the protection of investors and market participants.

With respect to the collection of information, the CFTC invites comments on:

- Whether the proposed revision to the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Commission, including whether the information will have a practical use;
- The accuracy of the Commission’s estimate of the burden of the proposed revision to the collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
- Ways to enhance the quality, usefulness, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
- Ways to minimize the burden of collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology; *e.g.*, permitting electronic submission of responses.

All comments must be submitted in English, or if not, accompanied by an English translation. Comments will be posted as received to <http://www.cftc.gov>. You should submit only information that you wish to make available publicly. If you wish the Commission to consider information that you believe is exempt from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act, a petition for confidential treatment of the exempt information may be submitted according to the procedures established in Regulation 145.9.⁴

The Commission reserves the right, but shall have no obligation, to review, pre-screen, filter, redact, refuse or remove any or all of your submission from <http://www.cftc.gov> that it may deem to be inappropriate for publication, such as obscene language. All submissions that have been redacted or removed that contain comments on the merits of the information collection request will be retained in the public comment file and will be considered as required under the Administrative Procedure Act and other applicable laws, and may be accessible under the Freedom of Information Act.

³ See Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act, Public Law 111–203, 124 Stat. 1376 (2010). The text of the Dodd-Frank Act may be accessed at http://www.cftc.gov/ucm/groups/public/@swaps/documents/file/hr4173_enrolledbill.pdf.

⁴ 17 CFR 145.9.

Burden Statement: The respondent burden for this collection is detailed below and includes the burden currently associated with OMB Collection No. 3038-0079 in connection with § 23.605 (Conflicts of Interest Policies and Procedures for Swap Dealers and Major Swap Participants) and the EBCS Rules.

The Commission estimates the burden of this collection of information as follows:

Respondents/Affected Entities: Swap Dealers and Major Swap Participants.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 102.

Estimated Average Burden Hours per Respondent: 2,352.9 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 240,000 hours.

Frequency of Collection: Ongoing.

Authority: 44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*

Dated: June 14, 2017.

Robert N. Sidman,

Deputy Secretary of the Commission.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Notice of Three-Year Extension of Defense Health Agency Evaluation of Non-United States Food and Drug Administration Approved Laboratory Developed Tests Demonstration Project

AGENCY: Department of Defense.

ACTION: Notice of three-year extension of Defense Health Agency Evaluation of Non-United States Food and Drug Administration Approved Laboratory Developed Tests Demonstration Project.

SUMMARY: This notice is to advise interested parties of a three-year extension of a demonstration project entitled Defense Health Agency (DHA) Evaluation of Non-United States Food and Drug Administration (FDA) Approved Laboratory Developed Tests (LDTs) Demonstration Project. The original notice was published on June 18, 2014 (79 FR 34726-34729).

DATES: Effective July 19, 2017.

ADDRESSES: Defense Health Agency (DHA), Attn: Clinical Support Division, 16401 East Centretech Parkway, Aurora, CO 80011-9066.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jim Black, Clinical Support Division, Defense Health Agency, Telephone (303) 676-3487.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: For additional information on the DHA

Evaluation of Non-United States FDA Approved LDTs Demonstration Project, please see 79 FR 34726-34729.

According to 32 CFR 199.4(g)(15)(i)(A), TRICARE may not cost-share medical devices, including LDTs, that have not received FDA medical device 510(k) clearance or premarket approval.

The purpose of this demonstration is to improve the quality of health care services for TRICARE beneficiaries. Under this demonstration, the Department of Defense reviews non-FDA approved LDTs to determine if they meet TRICARE's requirements for safety and effectiveness, and allows those that do to be covered as a benefit under the demonstration. This demonstration also extends coverage for prenatal and preconception cystic fibrosis (CF) carrier screening, when provided in accordance with the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists guidelines.

The Department has determined that continuation of the demonstration project for an additional three years is necessary to provide the Secretary with sufficient information to fully evaluate the project while continuing to provide TRICARE beneficiaries and their health care providers with seamless access to safe and effective, medically necessary tests to support health care decisions and treatment. During the next three years, the DHA will continue to evaluate the LDT examination and recommendation process to assess feasibility, resource requirements, and the cost-effectiveness of establishing an internal safety and efficacy review process to permit TRICARE cost-sharing for an ever-expanding pool of non-FDA approved LDTs, including tests for cancer risk, diagnosis and treatment, blood and clotting disorders, a variety of genetic diseases and syndromes, and neurological conditions. The results of the evaluation will provide an assessment of the potential improvement of the quality of health care services for beneficiaries who would not otherwise have access to these safe and effective tests and to support future regulatory revisions which will enhance the flexibility of the Military Health System in responding to emerging technologies. The demonstration project continues to be authorized by 10 U.S.C. 1092.

Dated: June 15, 2017.

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Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Navy

Notice of Availability of Government-Owned Inventions; Available for Licensing

AGENCY: Department of the Navy; DoD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The inventions listed below are assigned to the United States Government as represented by the Secretary of the Navy and are available for domestic and foreign licensing by the Department of the Navy.

The following patents are available for licensing: U.S. Patent No. 9,180,933: INTEGRATED STERN BULB AND FLAP//U.S. Patent No. 9,228,805: CORRUGATED BLAST FREQUENCY CONTROL PANEL AND METHOD//U.S. Patent No. 9,230,717: UNIVERSAL CABLE JACKET REMOVAL TOOL//U.S. Patent No. 9,238,501: BILGE KEEL WITH POROUS LEADING EDGE//U.S. Patent No. 9,306,360: TORSION ELIMINATING COMPRESSION DEVICE AND METHOD//U.S. Patent No. 9,307,156: LONGWAVE INFRARED IMAGING OF A HIGH TEMPERATURE HIGH INTENSITY LIGHT SOURCE// U.S. Patent No. 9,340,284: CARGO SUSPENSION FRAME FOR AIRCRAFT//U.S. Patent No. 9,365,262: WIGGLE HULL DESIGN HAVING A CONCAVE AND CONVEX PLANING HULL//U.S. Patent No. 9,376,171: MOORING CLEAT WITH OPEN DESIGN FOR NON THREAD ENTRY// U.S. Patent No. 9,376,175: WATER VESSEL WITH INTEGRATED BUOYANCY BULB AND STERN RAMP//U.S. Patent No. 9,381,979: PORTABLE LIGHTWEIGHT APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR TRANSFERRING HEAVY LOADS//U.S. Patent No. 9,417,155: CALCAREOUS DEPOSIT WIPE TEST APPARATUS AND METHOD//U.S. Patent No. 9,421,618: CLAMPING DEVICE FOR SECURING CABLES TO SUBMERGED FERROUS HULL SURFACE.//

ADDRESSES: Requests for copies of the patents cited should be directed to Office of Counsel, Naval Surface Warfare Center Carderock Division, 9500 MacArthur Blvd., West Bethesda, MD 20817-5700.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Joseph Teter, Director, Technology Transfer Office, Naval Surface Warfare Center Carderock Division, Code 0120, 9500 MacArthur Blvd., West Bethesda, MD 20817-5700, telephone 301-227-4299.

Authority: 35 U.S.C. 207, 37 CFR part 404.