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Dated: February 13, 2019.

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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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Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Atlantic Mackerel, Squid, and Butterfish Fisheries; Scoping Process

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

ACTION: Notice of intent to prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS); notice of initiation of scoping process; notice of public scoping meetings; request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council announces its intent to prepare, in cooperation with NMFS, an amendment to the Atlantic Mackerel, Squid, and Butterfish Fishery Management Plan. An environmental impact statement may be necessary for the amendment to analyze the impacts of potential management measures in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act. The Council has initiated this amendment to review and consider modifications to both the permitting system for *Illex* squid and the fishery management plan goals and objectives. This notice announces a public process for determining the scope of issues to be addressed, and for identifying the significant issues related to this action. This notice alerts the interested public of the scoping process, the potential development of a draft environmental impact statement, and to provide for public participation in that process.

DATES: Written comments must be received on or before 11:59 p.m., EST, on April 12, 2019. Public scoping meetings will be held during this comment period. See **SUPPLEMENTARY**

INFORMATION for dates, times, and locations.

ADDRESSES: Written comments may be sent by any of the following methods:

- *Email* to the following address: nmfs.gar.illexpermitandgoals@noaa.gov.

Include “*Illex* Permits and FMP Goals Amendment Scoping Comments” in the subject line;

- *Mail* or hand deliver to Dr. Christopher M. Moore, Executive Director, Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council, 800 North State Street, Suite 201, Dover, Delaware 19901. Mark the outside of the envelope “*Illex* Permits and FMP Goals Amendment Scoping Comments”; or

- *Fax* to (302) 674-5399.

Comments may also be provided at the April 2019 Council meeting. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for the meeting date, time, and location.

The scoping document may be obtained from the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council office at the previously provided address, by request to the Council by telephone (302) 674-2331, or at <http://www.mafmc.org/msb/>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Christopher M. Moore, Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council, 800 North State Street, Suite 201, Dover, DE 19901; telephone (302) 674-2331.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The Council initiated this action to review and consider modifications to both the permitting system for *Illex* squid and the goals and objectives of the entire Atlantic Mackerel, Squid, and Butterfish Fishery Management Plan (FMP). In June 2017, the Council considered, but did not adopt, revisions to *Illex* squid permits as part of Amendment 20 to the FMP (December 14, 2018; 83 FR 64257). Since then, effort has increased and the fishery has been closed in both 2017 and 2018 after fully harvesting available *Illex* squid quota. Given recent fishery performance, the Council is evaluating if permitted access to the *Illex* fishery should be modified based on recent and historical participation. Existing FMP goals and objectives have not been revised since they were originally established in 1983. The Council is seeking input whether these goals and objectives are still appropriate for managing the Atlantic mackerel, squid, and butterfish fisheries or if they should be modified. More details may be found

in the Scoping Document (see **ADDRESSES** for how to obtain scoping document) and on the Atlantic Mackerel, Squid, and Butterfish page of the Council’s website at <http://www.mafmc.org/msb/>.

The scoping period is an important opportunity for members of the public to raise concerns related to the scope of issues that will be considered in the amendment. The Council needs public input to identify management issues, develop effective alternatives, and identify possible impacts to be considered. Public comments early in the amendment development process will help the Council address issues of public concern in a thorough and appropriate manner. Comments can be made during the scoping hearings or as described above (see **ADDRESSES**).

After this initial phase of information gathering, if the Council decides to proceed with the amendment the Council will evaluate potential management alternatives. The Council will then develop a draft amendment, incorporating the identified management alternatives, for public review. The Council will also prepare draft environmental analyses, as required by the National Environmental Policy Act, and provide those analyses for review and comment by the public as appropriate. Finally, the Council will choose preferred management measures for submission with the appropriate environmental analyses to the Secretary of Commerce to publish a proposed and then final rule, both of which have additional comment periods. While there are many opportunities for public comment in the process, this initial scoping comment opportunity is particularly important for assisting the Council in establishing the overall focus and direction of the amendment.

Scoping Hearings

Although the Council did not ultimately revise *Illex* squid permits as part of Amendment 20 to the FMP, the public provided scoping comments during the development of that action in response to a Notice of Intent published in the **Federal Register** on March 26, 2015 (80 FR 15991), which the Council considered as part of that action. To solicit further public comment on *Illex* squid permits and potential updates to the FMP objectives, the Council accepted additional comments at the following four meetings:

Date	Address
Monday, February 4, 2019, at 6:00 p.m	Corless Auditorium, University of Rhode Island Bay Campus, 215 South Ferry Road, Narragansett, RI 02882, 401-874-6440.
Tuesday, February 5, 2019, at 5:30 p.m	Gurney's Inn, 290 Old Montauk Road, Montauk, NY 11954, 631-668-2345.
Wednesday, February 6, 2019, at 5:30 p.m	Congress Hall Hotel, 200 Congress Place, Cape May, NJ 08204, 609-884-8421.
Thursday, February 7, 2019, at 6:00 p.m	Internet webinar: http://mafmc.adobeconnect.com/msb-scoping-2019/ , Webinar help: 302-397-1131, With a listening station at the new Virginia Marine Resources Commission location:, 380 Fenwick Road, Ft. Monroe, VA 23651, 757-247-2200.

Due to the late 2018/early 2019 government shutdown, prior notice of these meetings was not published in the **Federal Register** and NMFS was not able to publish this Notice of Intent before the above hearings. To facilitate comments within the comment period for this notice, an additional internet webinar scoping hearing will be conducted on Wednesday, March 13, 2019, at 7:00 p.m. via this link: <http://mafmc.adobeconnect.com/msb-scoping-2019/>. The Council will also accept additional in-person scoping comments provided at its April 9-11, 2019, meeting at the Iona Golden Inn, 7849 Dune Drive, Avalon, NJ 08202 (telephone number: 609-368-5155). The date and time for the scoping hearing during the April Council meeting will be published in a future separate **Federal Register** notice specific to that meeting. When further developing this action, the Council will consider all relevant public comments received during previously scheduled 2019 hearings even though they occurred prior to the official comment period defined in this Notice of Intent.

Special Accommodations

The scoping hearings are accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aid should be directed to M. Jan Saunders (302-674-2331, ext 251) at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

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

Dated: February 13, 2019.

Karen H. Abrams,

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

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CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION

Sunshine Act Meeting Notice

TIME AND DATE: Wednesday, February 20, 2019; 10:00 a.m.*

PLACE: Hearing Room 420, Bethesda Towers, 4330 East-West Highway, Bethesda, MD 20814.

STATUS: Commission Meeting—Closed to the Public.

MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: Compliance Matters: Staff will brief the Commission on the status of two compliance matters.

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION: Alberta E. Mills, Secretary, Division of the Secretariat, Office of the General Counsel, U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, 4330 East-West Highway, Bethesda, MD 20814, (301) 504-7479.

* For Compliance Matter No. 1, the Commission determined by recorded vote (4-0-1) that Agency business requires calling the meeting without seven calendar days advance public notice. For Compliance Matter No. 2, the Commission unanimously determined by recorded vote that Agency business requires calling the meeting without seven calendar days advance public notice.

Dated: February 14, 2019.

Alberta E. Mills,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

[Docket No.: ED-2019-ICCD-0015]

Agency Information Collection Activities; Comment Request; William D. Ford Federal Direct Loan Program (Direct Loan Program) Promissory Notes

AGENCY: Federal Student Aid (FSA), Department of Education (ED).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, ED is proposing a revision of an existing information collection.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before April 22, 2019.

ADDRESSES: To access and review all the documents related to the information

collection listed in this notice, please use <http://www.regulations.gov> by searching the Docket ID number ED-2019-ICCD-0015. Comments submitted in response to this notice should be submitted electronically through the Federal eRulemaking Portal at <http://www.regulations.gov> by selecting the Docket ID number or via postal mail, commercial delivery, or hand delivery. *Please note that comments submitted by fax or email and those submitted after the comment period will not be accepted.* Written requests for information or comments submitted by postal mail or delivery should be addressed to the Director of the Information Collection Clearance Division, U.S. Department of Education, 550 12th Street SW, PCP, Room 9086, Washington, DC 20202-0023.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For specific questions related to collection activities, please contact Beth Grebeldinger, 202-377-4018.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Department of Education (ED), in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA) (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)), provides the general public and Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on proposed, revised, and continuing collections of information. This helps the Department assess the impact of its information collection requirements and minimize the public's reporting burden. It also helps the public understand the Department's information collection requirements and provide the requested data in the desired format. ED is soliciting comments on the proposed information collection request (ICR) that is described below. The Department of Education is especially interested in public comment addressing the following issues: (1) Is this collection necessary to the proper functions of the Department; (2) will this information be processed and used in a timely manner; (3) is the estimate of burden accurate; (4) how might the Department enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (5) how might the Department minimize the