

management. No management actions will be decided by the GMT.

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Special Accommodations

The public listening station is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Mr. Kris Kleinschmidt (503) 820-2411 at least 10 days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: March 8, 2019.

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

RIN 0648-XG868

New England Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice of public meeting via webinar.

SUMMARY: The New England Fishery Management Council is convening its Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) via webinar 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 webinar will be held on Friday, March 29, 2019 at 10 a.m.

ADDRESSES: Webinar registration URL information: <https://attendeegoto.webinar.com/register/1450520117069304323>. Call in information: +1 (562) 247-8422, Access Code: 121-407-301.

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 will review research priority updates suggested by Council's committees and Plan Development Teams (PDT) and provide the Council with any recommendations about revisions to the Council research priorities that were developed in 2018. They may possibly review updated OFL and ABC recommendations for Atlantic herring for 2019-21, only if necessary. This agenda item has been added in the event an updated projection and recommendation from the Herring PDT is completed in time for this meeting. Other business will be discussed as necessary.

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Special Accommodations

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

Dated: March 8, 2019.

Tracey L. Thompson,

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; Survey To Collect Economic Data From Recreational Anglers That Fish for Summer Flounder and Black Sea Bass in the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic States

AGENCY: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before May 13, 2019.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Jennifer Jessup, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 6616, 14th and Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20230 (or via the internet at PRAComments@doc.gov).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument and instructions should be directed to Scott Steinback, Economist, Northeast Fisheries Science Center, 166 Water St., Woods Hole, MA 02543. Tel: (508) 495-4701 or scott.steinback@noaa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

This request is for a new information collection. The title will be "Understanding Anglers' Preferences for Summer Flounder and Black Sea Bass."

The recreational fishing community and regional fisheries management councils along the Atlantic coast have requested more species-specific socio-economic and behavioral studies of recreational fishing that can be used in the analysis of fisheries policies. This survey will address that stated need for more species-specific studies by focusing on two very popular recreational species caught along the Atlantic coast from Massachusetts to North Carolina: Summer flounder and black sea bass. The objective of the survey will be to understand how anglers respond to changes in expected harvest distributions of summer flounder and black sea bass. This

information is important to fisheries managers because changes in recreational fishing regulations (e.g., bag limits, size limits, season lengths, etc.) affect anglers' harvest distributions. Anglers will be asked a series of questions designed to elicit their willingness to trade off lower/higher expected catch for reduced/increased catch variability, and whether those trade-offs depend on fishing mode, trip length, trip costs, and demographic characteristics. Responses to these questions will provide the data necessary to evaluate anglers' expected catch preferences for summer flounder and black sea bass. Additional data gathered will include questions that focus on anglers' recent recreational fishing experiences, such as how often they go fishing, species targeted, and primary mode of fishing. Ultimately, the data collected from the survey will allow fisheries managers to better evaluate the socio-economic effects of proposed changes in recreational fishing regulations for summer flounder and black sea bass.

A survey sample will be drawn from the National Saltwater Angler Registry, a database of licensed recreational anglers living in the U.S. The information comes primarily from state-based saltwater fishing license and registration programs. The survey will be conducted using both mail and email to contact anglers and invite them to take the survey online. Anglers not responding to the online survey may receive a paper survey in the mail. This survey is part of a series of planned surveys across the Atlantic and Gulf coasts to gather socio-economic data on saltwater recreational anglers' preferences for different fishery management options.

II. Method of Collection

The survey will be conducted using two modes: Paper via regular mail and electronically via internet.

III. Data

OMB Control Number: 0648–xxxx.

Form Number(s): None.

Type of Review: Regular (request for a new information collection).

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 2,000.

Estimated Time per Response: 15 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 500 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.

Sheleen Dumas,

Departmental Lead PRA Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer, Commerce Department.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

RIN 0648–XG830

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 Herring Committee 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 Thursday, March 28, 2019 at 9 a.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Holiday Inn, Mansfield, MA 02048; telephone: (508) 339–2200.

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 primary purpose of this meeting is to make progress on the development of herring fishery specifications for fishing years 2020 and 2021. The committee will review and provide input on the Science and Statistical Committee (SSC) recommendation for overfishing limits (OFL) and acceptable biological catch (ABC) limits for fishing years 2020 and 2021. The committee will provide input on the purpose and need for this action and identify a range of alternatives to be included for consideration. The committee will receive an update and have opportunity for input on actions under consideration by the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission (ASMFC). They will also give an update about the status of the Industry Funded Monitoring (IFM) Amendment. The committee will give an opportunity to provide input on the Council's five-year research priorities related to the herring resource and fishery. Other business will be discussed as necessary.

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

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