

survey change and NOAA Fisheries' Southeast Fishery Science Center (SEFSC) post-processing.

a. Describe for a set of SAFMC managed species currently in the Southeast Data, Assessment, and Review (SEDAR) stock assessment process (Red Porgy, Greater Amberjack, King Mackerel, Golden Tilefish, and Gag) how the sources of disparity between CHTS and FES affect the FES catch estimate time series, with attention on trends, uncertainty, and potential outliers.

b. Review SEFSC post-survey processing and determine what portion of the difference in catch estimates is due to: (1) The change from CHTS to FES versus (2) the post-survey processing of the data by the SEFSC.

c. Identify a set of critical factors (*e.g.*, spatial/temporal coverage of the data that were used in analysis for extrapolation, decision to exclude outlier/abnormal data points, error structures/statistical distributions used in analyses, etc.) most likely to contribute to CHTS/FES disparities for species managed by the SAFMC.

i. Describe how the sources of disparity and data issues identified for the 5 species examined above may affect estimates for other SAFMC species.

ii. Review recreational catch estimates for species currently being assessed (Golden Tilefish, Greater Amberjack, Red Porgy).

2. Establish approaches for the use of FES estimates for unassessed species.

The SSC will provide guidance to staff and recommendations for SAFMC consideration as necessary. The meeting is open to the public and will also be available via webinar as it occurs. Webinar registration is required.

Information regarding webinar registration will be posted to the SAFMC website at: <http://safmc.net/safmc-meetings/scientific-and-statistical-committee-meetings/> as it becomes available. The meeting agenda, briefing book materials, and online comment form will be posted to the website two weeks prior to the meeting. Written comment on SSC agenda topics is to be distributed to the Committee through the SAFMC office, similar to all other briefing materials. Written comment to be considered by the SSC shall be provided to the SAFMC office no later than one week prior to an SSC meeting. For this meeting, the deadline for submission of written comment is 12 p.m., Monday, August 12, 2019.

Multiple opportunities for comment on agenda items will be provided during the SSC meeting. Open comment periods will be provided at the start of the meeting and near the conclusion.

Those interested in providing comment should indicate such in the manner requested by the SSC Chair, who will then recognize individuals to provide comment.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in the meeting 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 identified in this notice and any issues arising after publication of this notice that require emergency action under section 305(c) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, provided the public has been notified of the intent to take final action to address the emergency.

Special Accommodations

This meeting is accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for auxiliary aids should be directed to the SAFMC office (see **ADDRESSES**) at least 5 business days prior to the meeting.

Note: The times and sequence specified in this agenda are subject to change.

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Evaluation of Rookery Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve

AGENCY: Office for Coastal Management (OCM), National Ocean Service (NOS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Department of Commerce (DOC).

ACTION: Notice of public meeting and request for public comment.

SUMMARY: The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Office for Coastal Management will hold a public meeting and is soliciting comment for the performance evaluation of the Rookery Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve.

DATES: *Rookery Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve Evaluation:* The public meeting will be held on Wednesday September 25, 2019, and written comments must be received on or before Friday, October 4, 2019.

For the specific date, time, and location of the public meetings, see **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION.**

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments on the reserve by any of the following methods:

Public Meeting and Oral Comments: A public meeting will be held in Naples, Florida for the Rookery Bay Reserve. For the specific location, see

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION.

Written Comments: Please direct written comments to Ralph Cantral, Evaluator, NOAA Office for Coastal Management, 2234 S Hobson Avenue, Charleston, South Carolina or via email to Ralph.Cantral@noaa.gov. Comments that the Office for Coastal Management receives are considered part of the public record and may be publicly accessible. Any personal identifying information (*e.g.*, name, address) submitted voluntarily by the sender may also be publicly accessible. NOAA will accept anonymous comments.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Ralph Cantral, Evaluator, NOAA Office for Coastal Management, 2234 S Hobson Avenue, Charleston, South Carolina via email to Ralph.Cantral@noaa.gov, or by phone at (843) 740-1143. Copies of the previous evaluation findings, Management Plan, and Site Profile may be viewed and downloaded on the internet at <http://coast.noaa.gov/czm/evaluations>. A copy of the evaluation notification letter and most recent performance report may be obtained upon request by contacting Mr. Cantral via the contact information provided above.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Sections 312 and 315 of the Coastal Zone Management Act (CZMA) require NOAA to conduct periodic evaluations of federally-approved National Estuarine Research Reserves. The process includes a public meeting, consideration of written public comments, and consultations with interested Federal, state, and local agencies and members of the public. For the evaluation of National Estuarine Research Reserves, NOAA will consider the extent to which the state has met the national objectives, adhered to its management plan approved by the Secretary of Commerce, and adhered to the terms of financial assistance under the Coastal Zone Management Act. When the evaluation is completed, NOAA's Office for Coastal Management will place a notice in the **Federal Register** announcing the availability of the Final Evaluation Findings.

You may participate and submit oral comments at the public meeting scheduled as follows:

Date: Wednesday, September 25, 2019.

Time: 5:00 p.m., local time.

Location: Rookery Bay Environmental Learning Center, 300 Tower Road, Naples, Florida 34113.

Written comments must be received on or before Friday, October 4, 2019.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

The Department of Commerce will submit to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. chapter 35).

Agency: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

Title: West Coast Region U.S. Pacific Highly Migratory Species Logbook Family of Forms.

OMB Control Number: 0648-0223.

Form Number(s): NOAA Form 88-197.

Type of Request: Regular submission (extension of a currently approved collection).

Number of Respondents: 1,700.

Average Hours per Response: 1 hour.

Burden Hours: 3,400.

Needs and Uses: Under the Fishery Management Plan for United States (U.S.) West Coast Fisheries for Highly Migratory Species (HMS) U.S. fishermen, participating in the Pacific hook-and-line (also known as the albacore troll and poll-and-line), coastal purse seine (vessels less than 400 st carrying capacity), large-mesh drift gillnet, and swordfish harpoon fisheries, are required to obtain a Highly Migratory Species (HMS) permit. Permit holders are also required to complete and submit logbooks documenting their daily fishing activities, including catch and effort for each fishing trip. Logbook forms must be completed within 24 hours of the completion of each fishing day and submitted to the Southwest Fisheries Science Center (SWFSC) within 30 days of the end of each trip. Federal regulations allow the use of state logbooks to fulfill this requirement,

for example, California has fulfilled this requirement to date for HMS fisheries. These data and associated analyses help the SWFSC provide critical HMS fisheries information to researchers, fisheries managers, and the needed management advice to the U.S. in its negotiations with foreign fishing nations that fish for HMS.

At the November 2018 Pacific Fisheries Management Council meeting, the California Department of Fish and Wildlife submitted an informational report outlining proposed regulations to repeal the state logbook requirements for swordfish harpoon and large-mesh drift gillnet. In December 2018, the California Fish and Wildlife Commission adopted an amendment to the California Code of Regulations (CCR) to eliminate the use of California logbooks for these gear types. These regulations are expected to become effective on April 1, 2019.

As a result, NMFS has developed Federal logbooks to replace the California logbooks. In addition, the SWFSC developed a purse seine logbook for vessels under 400 st (362.8 mt) carrying capacity. This will replace their use of the Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission (IATTC) Seiner Record and Bridge Log designed for purse seine vessels over 400 st (362.8 mt) carrying capacity.

The SWFSC and representatives from each of the fisheries have reviewed the Federal logbooks. Representatives were chosen based on their experience with State logbooks and specific gear-types. The information collected from the public will remain consistent and information currently collected from California Fish and Wildlife logbooks. There will be no additional burden to the public.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit.

Frequency: Submission is required for each HMS fishing trip.

Respondent's Obligation: Keep an accurate and complete record of catch, effort, and other data on report forms. The original logbook form for each day of the fishing trip must be submitted to the Southwest Fisheries Science Center within 30 days of each landing of HMS.

This information collection request may be viewed at reginfo.gov. Follow the instructions to view Department of Commerce collections currently under review by OMB.

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this

notice to OIRA_Submission@omb.eop.gov or fax to (202) 395-5806.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Management Plan for National Estuarine Research Reserve Program

AGENCY: Office for Coastal Management (OCM), National Ocean Service (NOS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Department of Commerce (DOC).

ACTION: Notice of public comment period for the Wells 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 (30) day public comment period for the revised management plan for Wells National Estuarine Research Reserve management plan revision.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments on the draft management plan by any of the following methods:

Written Comments: Please submit written comments to Paul Dest, Reserve Manager, Wells Reserve, 342 Laudholm Farms Road, Wells, Maine 04090, or email comments to dest@wellsnerr.org. Comments that the Office for Coastal Management receives are considered part of the public record and may be publicly accessible. Any personal identifying information (e.g., name, address) submitted voluntarily by the sender may also be publicly accessible. NOAA will accept anonymous comments.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Adrienne Harrison at (603) 862-4272 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.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to 15 CFR 921.33(c), a state must update their management plan. The Wells Reserve revised plan will replace the plan previously approved in 2013.