

2. Participants will evaluate proposed data and select appropriate sources for providing information on life history characteristics, catch statistics, discard estimates, length and age composition, and fishery dependent and fishery independent measures of stock abundance.

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 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

The meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to the Council office (see **ADDRESSES**) at least 5 business days prior to each workshop.

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

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

Dated: May 14, 2020.

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

[RTID 0648-XP011]

Pacific Island Fisheries; Marine Conservation Plan for the Pacific Insular Area for the Northern Mariana Islands; Western Pacific Sustainable Fisheries Fund

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

ACTION: Notice of agency decision.

SUMMARY: NMFS announces approval of a Marine Conservation Plan (MCP) for the Northern Mariana Islands.

DATES: This agency decision is effective from August 4, 2020, through August 3, 2023.

ADDRESSES: You may obtain a copy of the MCP, identified by NOAA-NMFS-

2020-0068, from the Federal e-Rulemaking Portal, <http://www.regulations.gov#!/docketDetail;D=NOAA-NMFS-2020-0068>, or from the Western Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council), 1164 Bishop St., Suite 1400, Honolulu, HI 96813, tel 808-522-8220, www.wpcouncil.org.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Lynn Rassel, Sustainable Fisheries, NMFS Pacific Islands Regional Office, 808-725-5184.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 204(e) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (Magnuson-Stevens Act) authorizes the Secretary of State, with the concurrence of the Secretary of Commerce (Secretary), and in consultation with the Council, to negotiate and enter into a Pacific Insular Area fishery agreement (PIAFA). A PIAFA would allow foreign fishing within the U.S. Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) adjacent to American Samoa, Guam, or the Northern Mariana Islands. The Governor of the Pacific Insular Area to which the PIAFA applies must request the PIAFA. The Secretary of State may negotiate and enter the PIAFA after consultation with, and concurrence of, the applicable Governor.

Before entering into a PIAFA, the applicable Governor, with concurrence of the Council, must develop and submit to the Secretary a 3-year MCP providing details on uses for any funds collected by the Secretary under the PIAFA. NMFS is the designee of the Secretary for MCP review and approval. The Magnuson-Stevens Act requires payments received under a PIAFA to be deposited into the United States Treasury and then conveyed to the Treasury of the Pacific Insular Area for which funds were collected.

In the case of violations by foreign fishing vessels in the EEZ around any Pacific Insular Area, amounts received by the Secretary attributable to fines and penalties imposed under the Magnuson-Stevens Act, including sums collected from the forfeiture and disposition or sale of property seized subject to its authority, shall be deposited into the Treasury of the Pacific Insular Area adjacent to the EEZ in which the violation occurred, after direct costs of the enforcement action are subtracted. The Pacific Insular Area government may use funds deposited into the Treasury of the Pacific Insular Area for fisheries enforcement and for implementation of an MCP.

Federal regulations at 50 CFR 665.819 authorize NMFS to specify catch limits for longline-caught bigeye tuna for U.S. territories. NMFS may also authorize

each territory to allocate a portion of that limit to U.S. longline fishing vessels that are permitted to fish under the Fishery Ecosystem Plan for Pelagic Fisheries of the Western Pacific (FEP). Payments collected under specified fishing agreements are deposited into the Western Pacific Sustainable Fisheries Fund, and any funds attributable to a particular territory may be used only for implementation of that territory's MCP. An MCP must be consistent with the Council's FEPs, must identify conservation and management objectives (including criteria for determining when such objectives have been met), and must prioritize planned marine conservation projects.

At its 181st meeting held March 9-12, 2020, the Council reviewed and concurred with the MCP. On March 25, 2020, the Governor of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands submitted the MCP to NMFS for review and approval. The MCP contains the following seven conservation and management objectives:

1. Improve fisheries data collection and reporting;
2. Conduct resource assessment, monitoring, and research to gain a better understanding of marine resources and fisheries;
3. Conduct enforcement training and monitoring activities to promote compliance with Federal and local mandates;
4. Promote responsible domestic fisheries development to provide long-term economic growth, stability, and local food production;
5. Conduct education and outreach, enhance public participation, and build local capacity;
6. Promote an ecosystem approach to fisheries management, climate change adaptation and mitigation, and regional cooperation; and
7. Recognize the importance of island cultures and traditional fishing practices in managing fishery resources, and foster opportunities for participation.

Please refer to the MCP for projects and activities designed to meet each objective, the evaluative criteria, and priority rankings.

This notice announces that NMFS has reviewed the MCP, and has determined that it satisfies the requirements of the Magnuson-Stevens Act. Accordingly, NMFS has approved the MCP for the 3-year period from August 4, 2020, through August 3, 2023. This MCP supersedes the one approved previously for August 4, 2017, through August 3, 2020 (82 FR 37198, August 9, 2017).

Dated: May 14, 2020.

Hélène M.N. Scalliet,

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

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COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION

CFTC 2020–2024 Strategic Plan

AGENCY: Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

ACTION: Request for public comment.

SUMMARY: The Commodity Futures Trading Commission (CFTC or Commission) is providing notice that it is seeking public comments on its draft 2020–2024 Strategic Plan. This Commission approved version of the Strategic Plan includes the CFTC’s mission, vision, core values, strategic goals, and strategic objectives.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before June 18, 2020.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be submitted by any of the following methods:

- *Electronic Comments*

Send an email to: StrategicPlan@CFTC.gov.

- *Paper Comments*

Send paper comments to: David Frederickson, Manager, Strategic and Operational Planning, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, Three Lafayette Centre, 1155 21st Street NW, Washington, DC 20581.

- *Instructions*

All submissions must include CFTC’s agency name and the words “CFTC 2020–2024 Strategic Plan.” All comments, including attachments and other supporting materials, will become part of the public record and subject to public disclosure. Comments may be posted on CFTC’s website, <https://comments.cftc.gov>. Sensitive personal information, such as account numbers or Social Security numbers, should not be included. You should submit only information that you wish to make available publicly. 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 that it may deem to be inappropriate for publication, such as obscene language or any identifying or contact information.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: David Frederickson, Manager, Strategic

and Operational Planning, at (202)–597–2584, or email: DFrederickson@cftc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The draft strategic plan is available at the Commission’s website at https://www.cftc.gov/media/3871/CFTC2020_2024StrategicPlan/download.

Dated: May 13, 2020.

Robert Sidman,

Deputy Secretary of the Commission.

Note: The following appendix will not appear in the Code of Federal Regulations.

Appendix to CFTC 2020–2024 Strategic Plan—Commission Voting Summary

On this matter, Chairman Tarbert, and Commissioners Quintenz, Behnam, Stump, and Berkovitz voted in the affirmative. No Commissioner voted in negative.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Notice of Waivers Granted Under Section 8401 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESEA)

AGENCY: Office of Elementary and Secondary Education, Department of Education.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In this notice, we announce waivers related to assessments, accountability and school identification, and related reporting requirements that the U.S. Department of Education (Department) granted under section 8401 of the ESEA because of widespread school closures due to the novel Coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Patrick Rooney, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue SW, Room 3W202, Washington, DC 20202. Telephone: (202) 453-5514. Email: Patrick.Rooney@ed.gov.

If you use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) or a text telephone (TTY), call the Federal Relay Service (FRS), toll free, at 1-800-877-8339.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 8401(g) of the ESEA requires the Secretary to publish, in the **Federal Register**, and disseminate to interested parties, a notice of the Secretary’s decision to grant a waiver under section 8401(a) of the ESEA. Moreover, we recognize the significant public interest in waivers related to the widespread school closures due to COVID-19. This notice fulfills the Department’s obligation to provide notice to the

public under section 8401(g) of the ESEA.

Waiver Data

The Department waived, for State educational agencies (SEAs) from each of the 50 States, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, and the District of Columbia, and for the Bureau of Indian Education (BIE), the following requirements related to State assessments, accountability and school identification, and related reporting requirements:

- Assessment requirements in ESEA section 1111(b)(2): The requirements to administer all required assessments in school year 2019–2020.
 - Accountability and school identification requirements in ESEA section 1111(c)(4) and (d)(2)(C)–(D): The requirements that a State annually meaningfully differentiate all public schools and the requirements to identify schools for comprehensive and targeted support and improvement and additional targeted support and improvement based on data from the 2019–2020 school year.
 - Report card provisions related to assessments and accountability in ESEA section 1111(h) based on data from the 2019–2020 school year, namely:
 - Section 1111(h)(1)(C)(i): Accountability system description.
 - Section 1111(h)(1)(C)(ii): Assessment results.
 - Section 1111(h)(1)(C)(iii)(I): Other academic indicator results.
 - Section 1111(h)(1)(C)(iv): English language proficiency assessment results.
 - Section 1111(h)(1)(C)(v): School quality or student success indicator results.
 - Section 1111(h)(1)(C)(vi): Progress toward meeting long-term goals and measurements of interim progress.
 - Section 1111(h)(1)(C)(vii): Percentage of students assessed and not assessed.
 - Section 1111(h)(1)(C)(xi): Number and percentage of students with the most significant cognitive disabilities taking an alternate assessment.
 - Section 1111(h)(2)(C): With respect to all waived requirements in section 1111(h)(1)(C) as well as 1111(h)(2)(C)(i)–(ii) information showing how students in a local educational agency (LEA) and each school, respectively, achieved on the academic assessments compared to students in the State and LEA.
- Reasons:* Due to the extraordinary circumstances created by the COVID-19 pandemic and resulting school closures, the Department provided flexibility to all SEAs and the BIE regarding the assessment and accountability requirements and related reporting