

Wednesday, June 10, 2020, from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Eastern time. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss and review the role and responsibilities of the Judges Panel and information received from the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) in order to ensure the integrity of the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award (Award) selection process. The agenda will include: Judges Panel roles and processes; Baldrige Program updates; new business/public comment; lessons learned from the 2019 judging process; and the 2020 Award process. A portion of this meeting is closed to the public in order to protect the proprietary data to be examined and discussed.

**DATES:** The Judges Panel will meet on Wednesday, June 10, 2020 from 11:00 a.m. Eastern Time until 4:00 p.m. Eastern Time. The portion of the meeting that is closed to the public will take place on Wednesday, June 10, 2020 from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be a virtual meeting by webinar. Please note admittance instructions under the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of this notice.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Robert Fangmeyer, Director, Baldrige Performance Excellence Program, by email at [robert.fangmeyer@nist.gov](mailto:robert.fangmeyer@nist.gov), or Robyn Verner at [robyn.verner@nist.gov](mailto:robyn.verner@nist.gov) or 301-975-2361.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended, 5 U.S.C. App., notice is hereby given that the Judges Panel of the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award will meet on Wednesday, June 10, 2020 from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Eastern Time. The Judges Panel is composed of twelve members, appointed by the Secretary of Commerce, chosen for their familiarity with quality improvement operations and competitiveness issues of manufacturing companies, service companies, small businesses, nonprofits, health care providers, and educational institutions. The primary purpose of this meeting is to assemble to discuss and review the role and responsibilities of the Judges Panel and information received from NIST in order to ensure the integrity of the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award selection process. During the closed session on June 10, 2020 from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. the Judges Panel will discuss lessons learned from the 2019 judging process and the 2020 Award process. The agenda may change to accommodate Judges Panel business. The final agenda will be posted on the

NIST website at <https://www.nist.gov/baldrige/how-baldrige-works/baldrige-community/judges-panel>.

The open portion of the meeting from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Eastern Time will include discussions on the Judges Panel roles and processes and Baldrige program updates and is open to the public. Individuals and representatives of organizations who would like to offer comments and suggestions related to the Panel's business are invited to request a place on the agenda. Approximately 30 minutes will be reserved for public comments and speaking times will be assigned on a first-come, first-serve basis. The amount of time per speaker will be determined by the number of requests received but is likely to be about three minutes each. Questions from the public will not be considered during this period. Requests must be submitted by email to Robyn Verner at [robyn.verner@nist.gov](mailto:robyn.verner@nist.gov) and must be received by 4:00 p.m. Eastern Time, May 27, 2020 to be considered. Speakers who wish to expand upon their oral statements, those who had wished to speak but could not be accommodated on the agenda, and those who were unable to participate are invited to submit written statements by email to [robyn.verner@nist.gov](mailto:robyn.verner@nist.gov).

Admittance instructions: All participants will be attending via webinar. Please contact Ms. Verner by email at [robyn.verner@nist.gov](mailto:robyn.verner@nist.gov) for detailed instructions on how to join the webinar. All requests must be received by 4:00 p.m. Eastern Time, Wednesday, May 27, 2020.

The portion of the meeting from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Eastern Time will include discussions on lessons learned from the 2019 judging process and on the 2020 Award process, and is closed to the public in order to protect the proprietary data to be examined and discussed. The Chief Financial Officer and Assistant Secretary for Administration, with the concurrence of the Assistant General Counsel for Employment, Litigation and Information, formally determined on May 25, 2020, pursuant to Section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended by Section 5(c) of the Government in Sunshine Act, Public Law 94-409, that a portion of the meeting of the Judges Panel may be closed to the public in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(4) because the meeting is likely to disclose trade secrets and commercial or financial information obtained from a person which is privileged or confidential and 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(9)(B) because for a government agency the meeting is likely to disclose information that could significantly

frustrate implementation of a proposed agency action. Portions of the meeting involve examination of prior year Award applicant data. Award applicant data are directly related to the commercial activities and confidential information of the applicants.

Pursuant to 41 CFR 102-3.150(b), this **Federal Register** notice for this meeting is being published fewer than 15 calendar days prior to the meeting as exceptional circumstances exist due to COVID-19.

**Authority:** 15 U.S.C. 3711a(d)(1) as amended, and the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended, 5 U.S.C. App.

**Kevin A. Kimball,**  
*Chief of Staff.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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#### 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.

**SUMMARY:** The New England Fishery Management Council (Council) is scheduling a public meeting via webinar of its Groundfish Recreational Advisory Panel 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 Monday, June 15, 2020 at 9:30 a.m. Webinar registration URL information: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/7775705956742892560>.

**ADDRESSES:** *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 Recreational Advisory Panel will follow-up from the April Council meeting regarding the impact of COVID-19 on the recreational groundfish fishery, including a discussion of

revisiting possible recommendations for Gulf of Maine cod and Gulf of Maine haddock management measures for fishing year 2020. The Panel will receive an overview of groundfish specifications and management measures anticipated to be included in the action, which will be initiated at the June 2020 Council meeting as well as an overview from the Northeast Fisheries Science Center regarding the management track assessment plans and Assessment Oversight Panel results from their May 27 meeting. They will also receive an introduction of the Executive Order on Promoting Seafood Competitiveness and Economic Growth. The Panel will provide recommendations to the Groundfish Committee, as appropriate. Other business will be discussed, as necessary.

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 these meetings. Action will be restricted to those issues specifically listed in this notice and any issues arising after publication of this notice that require emergency action under section 305(c) of the Magnuson-Stevens Act, provided the public has been notified of the Council's intent to take final action to address the emergency.

### Special Accommodations

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Thomas A. Nies, Executive Director, at (978) 465-0492, at least 5 days prior to the meeting date. This meeting will be recorded. Consistent with 16 U.S.C. 1852, a copy of the recording is available upon request.

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

Dated: May 26, 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-XP012]

#### Permanent Advisory Committee to Advise the U.S. Commissioners to the Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission; Meeting Announcement

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

**ACTION:** Notice of public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** NMFS announces a public meeting of the Permanent Advisory Committee (PAC) to advise the U.S. Commissioners to the Commission for the Conservation and Management of Highly Migratory Fish Stocks in the Western and Central Pacific Ocean (WCPFC) on July 7, 2020. Meeting topics are provided under the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of this notice.

**DATES:** The meeting of the PAC will be held via conference call on July 7, 2020, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Hawaii Standard Time (HST) (or until business is concluded). Members of the public may submit written comments on meeting topics or materials; comments must be received by July 2, 2020.

**ADDRESSES:** The public meeting will be conducted via conference call. For details on how to call in to the conference line or to submit comments, please contact Emily Reynolds, NMFS Pacific Islands Regional Office; telephone: 808-725-5039; email: [emily.reynolds@noaa.gov](mailto:emily.reynolds@noaa.gov). Documents to be considered by the PAC will be sent out via email in advance of the conference call. Please submit contact information to Emily Reynolds (telephone: 808-725-5039; email: [emily.reynolds@noaa.gov](mailto:emily.reynolds@noaa.gov)) at least 3 days in advance of the call to receive documents via email.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Emily Reynolds, NMFS Pacific Islands Regional Office; 1845 Wasp Blvd., Bldg. 176, Honolulu, HI 96818; telephone: 808-725-5039; facsimile: 808-725-5215; email: [emily.reynolds@noaa.gov](mailto:emily.reynolds@noaa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In accordance with the Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Convention Implementation Act (16 U.S.C. 6901 *et seq.*), the PAC, has been formed to advise the U.S. Commissioners to the WCPFC. The PAC is composed of: (i) Not less than 15 nor more than 20 individuals appointed by the Secretary of Commerce in consultation with the

U.S. Commissioners to the WCPFC; (ii) the chair of the Western Pacific Fishery Management Council's Advisory Committee (or the chair's designee); and (iii) officials from the fisheries management authorities of American Samoa, Guam, and the Northern Mariana Islands (or their designees). The PAC supports the work of the U.S. National Section to the WCPFC in an advisory capacity. The U.S. National Section is made up of the U.S. Commissioners and the Department of State. NMFS Pacific Islands Regional Office provides administrative and technical support to the PAC in cooperation with the Department of State. More information on the WCPFC, established under the Convention on the Conservation and Management of Highly Migratory Fish Stocks in the Western and Central Pacific Ocean, can be found on the WCPFC website: <http://www.wcpfc.int>.

### Meeting Topics

The purpose of the July 7, 2020, conference call is to discuss U.S. priorities leading up to the 2020 regular session of the WCPFC (WCPFC17) and potential management measures for tropical tunas and other issues of interest.

### Special Accommodations

The conference call is accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Emily Reynolds at 808-725-5039 by June 23, 2020.

(Authority: 16 U.S.C. 6902 *et seq.*)

Dated: May 26, 2020.

**Hélène M.N. Scalliet,**

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

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

#### Intent To Prepare a Draft Environmental Impact Statement and Draft Management Plan for the Proposed Connecticut National Estuarine Research Reserve

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

**ACTION:** Notice of intent.