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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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#### Endangered and Threatened Species; Notice of Initiation of a 5-Year Review of Five Foreign Sturgeon Species

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

**ACTION:** Notice; request for information.

**SUMMARY:** NMFS announces the initiation of a 5-year review for the following five foreign sturgeon species: Adriatic sturgeon (*Acipenser naccarii*), European sturgeon (*A. sturio*), Chinese sturgeon (*A. sinensis*), Sakhalin sturgeon (*A. mikadoi*), and Kaluga sturgeon (*Huso dauricus*). NMFS is required by the Endangered Species Act (ESA) to conduct 5-year reviews to ensure that the listing classifications of species are accurate. The 5-year review must be based on the best scientific and commercial data available at the time of the review. We request submission of any such information on these five sturgeon species, particularly information on the status, threats, and recovery of the species that has become available since their listing, effective July 2, 2014.

**DATES:** To allow us adequate time to conduct this review, we must receive your information no later than November 16, 2020.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit information on this document, identified by NOAA-NMFS-2020-0121, by either of the following methods:

- **Electronic Submission:** Submit electronic information via the Federal e-Rulemaking Portal. Go to [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) and enter NOAA-NMFS-2020-0121. Click on the "Comment Now!" icon and complete the required fields. Enter or attach your comments.

**Instructions:** Comments sent by any other method, to any other address or individual, or received after the end of the specified period, may not be considered. All comments received are a part of the public record and will generally be posted for public viewing on [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) without change. All personal identifying information (e.g., name, address, etc.), confidential business information, or otherwise sensitive or protected information

submitted voluntarily by the sender will be publicly accessible. NMFS will accept anonymous submissions (enter "N/A" in the required fields if you wish to remain anonymous).

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Adrienne Lohe, NMFS Office of Protected Resources, (301) 427-8442, [Adrienne.Lohe@noaa.gov](mailto:Adrienne.Lohe@noaa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This notice announces our review of the following foreign sturgeon species listed as endangered under the ESA: Adriatic Sturgeon (*Acipenser naccarii*), European sturgeon (*A. sturio*), Chinese sturgeon (*A. sinensis*), Sakhalin sturgeon (*A. mikadoi*), and Kaluga sturgeon (*Huso dauricus*). Section 4(c)(2)(A) of the ESA requires that we conduct a review of listed species at least once every 5 years. This will be the first review of these species since they were listed in 2014 (79 FR 31222; June 2, 2014). The regulations in 50 CFR 424.21 require that we publish a notice in the **Federal Register** announcing species currently under active review. On the basis of such reviews under section 4(c)(2)(B), we determine whether any species should be removed from the list (i.e., delisted) or reclassified from endangered to threatened or from threatened to endangered (16 U.S.C. 1533(c)(2)(B)). As described by the regulations in 50 CFR 424.11(e), the Secretary shall delist a species if the Secretary finds that, after conducting a status review based on the best scientific and commercial data available: (1) The species is extinct; (2) the species does not meet the definition of an endangered species or a threatened species; and/or (3) the listed entity does not meet the statutory definition of a species. Any change in Federal classification would require a separate rulemaking process.

Background information on each of the three species is available on the NMFS website at: <https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/fish-sharks>.

#### Public Solicitation of New Information

To ensure that the reviews are complete and based on the best available scientific and commercial information, we are soliciting new information from the public, governmental agencies, Tribes, the scientific community, industry, environmental entities, and any other interested parties concerning the status of *A. naccarii*, *A. sturio*, *A. sinensis*, *A. mikadoi*, and *H. dauricus*. Categories of requested information include: (1) Species biology including, but not limited to, population trends, distribution, abundance, demographics,

and genetics; (2) habitat conditions including, but not limited to, amount, distribution, and important features for conservation; (3) status and trends of threats to the species and its habitats; (4) conservation measures that have been implemented that benefit the species, including monitoring data demonstrating effectiveness of such measures; and (5) other new information, data, or corrections including, but not limited to, taxonomic or nomenclatural changes and improved analytical methods for evaluating extinction risk.

If you wish to provide information for the reviews, you may submit your information and materials electronically (see **ADDRESSES** section). We request that all information be accompanied by supporting documentation such as maps, bibliographic references, or reprints of pertinent publications. We also would appreciate the submitter's name, address, and any association, institution, or business that the person represents; however, anonymous submissions will also be accepted.

**Authority:** 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*

Dated: September 10, 2020.

**Angela Somma,**

Chief, Endangered Species Conservation Division, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[RTID 0648-XA484]

#### Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council (MAFMC); Public Meetings

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

**ACTION:** Notice of public meetings.

**SUMMARY:** The Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council (Council) will hold public meetings of the Council.

**DATES:** The meetings will be held Monday, October 5, 2020, from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.; Tuesday, October 6, 2020, from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; Wednesday, October 7, 2020, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; and, Thursday, October 8, 2020, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. For agenda details, see **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

**ADDRESSES:** Due to public health concerns related to the spread of COVID-19 (coronavirus), the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council's

October meeting will be conducted by webinar only. This webinar-based meeting replaces the in-person meeting previously scheduled to be held in Riverhead, NY. Please see the Council's website ([www.mafmc.org](http://www.mafmc.org)) for log-in procedures.

*Council address:* Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council, 800 N. State St., Suite 201, Dover, DE 19901; telephone: (302) 674-2331.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Christopher M. Moore, Ph.D. Executive Director, Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council; telephone: (302) 526-5255. The Council's website, [www.mafmc.org](http://www.mafmc.org) also has details on the meeting location, proposed agenda, webinar listen-in access, and briefing materials.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The following items are on the agenda, though agenda items may be addressed out of order (changes will be noted on the Council's website when possible).

**Monday, October 5, 2020**

*Executive Committee—2021 Implementation Plan*

Review progress on 2020 Implementation Plan, review staff recommendations for 2021 actions and deliverables, public comment opportunity, and develop draft recommendations for 2021 actions and deliverables

**Tuesday, October 6, 2020**

*Spiny Dogfish Committee, Meeting as a Committee of the Whole—Spiny Dogfish Specifications*

Review SSC, Advisory Panel, Monitoring Committee, and staff recommendations and adopt 2021-22 specifications

*Chub Mackerel Specifications*

Review SSC, Advisory Panel, Monitoring Committee, and staff recommendations for 2021 specifications and review previously implemented 2021 specifications and recommend changes if necessary

*Executive Order 13921 on Promoting American Seafood Competitiveness and Economic Growth*

Finalize prioritized list of recommendations for submission to NMFS

*Research Priorities Update*

Review approach and timeline for 2021 research priorities evaluation

*Ecosystem Approach to Fisheries Management Updates (EAFM)*

Summer flounder recreational discard management strategy evaluation and other EAFM activities

*Joint Council/SSC Meeting*

Direction for SSC Socioeconomic workgroup, science considerations due to missing 2020 data, and risk policy considerations for ocean quahog

**Wednesday, October 7, 2020**

*Bluefish Allocation and Rebuilding Amendment*

Approve a range of alternatives for inclusion into a public hearing document

*Recreational Reform Initiative*

Update on progress and consider initiating a management action

**Thursday, October 8, 2020**

*Update/Overview of the Proposed Rule for the Atlantic Large Whale Take Reduction Plan*

*Business Session*

Committee Reports (SSC and Executive Committee); Executive Director's Report; Organization Reports; and, Liaison Reports

*Continuing and New Business*

Although non-emergency issues not contained in this agenda may come before this group for discussion, in accordance with the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (Magnuson-Stevens Act), those issues may not be the subject of formal action during these meetings. Actions 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 Act, provided the public has been notified of the Council's intent to take final action to address the emergency.

**Special Accommodations**

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aid should be directed to M. Jan Saunders, (302) 526-5251, at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

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

Dated: September 11, 2020.

**Rey Israel Marquez,**

*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-XA460]

**Magnuson-Stevens Act Provisions; General Provisions for Domestic Fisheries; Application for Exempted Fishing Permit**

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

**ACTION:** Notice; request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The Assistant Regional Administrator for Sustainable Fisheries, Greater Atlantic Region, NMFS, has made a preliminary determination that an Exempted Fishing Permit application contains all of the required information and warrants further consideration. This Exempted Fishing Permit would allow eight commercial fishing vessels to participate in a beam trawl survey in and around the South Fork Wind Farm work area, under the direction of the Commercial Fisheries Research Foundation. Regulations under the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act require publication of this notice to provide interested parties the opportunity to comment on Exempted Fishing Permit applications.

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before October 1, 2020.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit written comments by either of the following methods:

- *Email:* [nmfs.gar.efp@noaa.gov](mailto:nmfs.gar.efp@noaa.gov). Include in the subject line "Comments on CFRF Beam Trawl Survey EFP."
- *Mail:* Michael Pentony, Regional Administrator, NMFS, Greater Atlantic Regional Fisheries Office, 55 Great Republic Drive, Gloucester, MA 01930. Mark the outside of the envelope "Comments on CFRF Beam Trawl Survey EFP."

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Maria Fenton, Fishery Management Specialist, 978-281-9196, [Maria.Fenton@noaa.gov](mailto:Maria.Fenton@noaa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Commercial Fisheries Research Foundation (CFRF) submitted a complete application for an Exempted Fishing Permit (EFP) in support of a South Fork Wind Farm Beam Trawl Monitoring Survey. The EFP would temporarily exempt eight commercial fishing vessels from minimum mesh size requirements for vessels using trawl gear at 50 CFR 648.80(b)(2)(i), possession limits and minimum size