

### Discussion of the Biological Analysis Underlying the Determinations

All of the submitted HGMPs are consistent with each of the ESA-listed species' recovery plans and designed to help conserve their populations across the Evolutionary Significant Units (ESU) and or Distinct Population Segment (DPS) range. NMFS, through its evaluation, has determined each of the programs are designed and operated to ensure that the impacts to ESA-listed natural-origin Chinook salmon, coho salmon, chum salmon, and steelhead populations will not appreciably reduce the survival and recovery of listed species. The programs use adaptive management procedures and the best available science to reduce adverse genetic effects and lessen competition and predation impacts typically associated with salmon and steelhead hatchery programs. Monitoring and evaluation will be implemented to assess each program's performance in meeting population conservation or harvest augmentation objectives and their effects on ESA-listed natural-origin Chinook salmon, coho salmon, chum salmon, and steelhead. The information gained through monitoring and evaluation will be used to assess whether the programs' impacts on listed fish are consistent with NMFS' determinations.

A review of monitoring and evaluation results by NMFS and the co-managers will occur annually to evaluate whether assumptions regarding the HGMP and joint plans' effects and analysis remain valid and whether the objectives are being accomplished. The HGMPs include provisions for annual reports that will assess compliance with performance standards established through the HGMPs. Reporting and inclusion of new information derived from HGMPs' research, monitoring, and evaluation activities provides NMFS with the information required to determine what performance standards have been met.

### Summary of Comments Received

*Duwamish-Green:* NMFS published a notice of its Proposed Evaluation and Pending Determination (PEPD) on the joint plans for public review and comment on April 2, 2019 (84 FR 12593), as required by the ESA Section 4(d) Rule. The PEPD was available for public review and comment for 30 days. NMFS received four comments relevant to the PEPD. Our responses to those comments are addressed in our Evaluation and Recommended Determination (ERD). Based on our ERD and considering the public comments,

NMFS issued its final determination for the Duwamish-Green River HGMP.

*Stillaguamish:* NMFS published a notice of its draft Environmental Assessment (EA) and PEPD on the proposed joint plans for public review and comment on June 28, 2019 (84 FR 31031), as required by the ESA 4(d) Rule. The EA and PEPD were available for public review and comment for 30 days. NMFS received two comments. Based on our ERD and considering the public comments, NMFS issued its final determination on the Stillaguamish River HGMPs.

*Yankee-Panther:* NMFS published a notice of its EA and PEPD on the joint plans for public review and comment on March 10, 2020 (85 FR 13876), as required by the ESA 4(d) Rule. The EA and PEPD were available for public review and comment for 30 days. NMFS received no comments. Based on our ERD, NMFS issued its final determination on the Yankee Fork and Panther Creek HGMPs.

*Elochoman/Beaver Creek:* NMFS published a notice of availability of the HGMP for public review and comment on October 4, 2019 (84 FR 53104), as required by the ESA Section 4(d) Rule. The HGMP was available for public review and comment for 30 days. NMFS received no comments. Based on our ERD, NMFS approved the Elochoman River HGMP.

### Determinations

*Duwamish:* The notice of the FEIS availability was published in the **Federal Register** on July 12, 2019 (84 FR 33256). NMFS has decided to select the agency's preferred alternative, Alternative 5, from the FEIS. Under the selected alternative, NMFS determined that the co-managers' joint plans met the requirements of limit 6 of the ESA 4(d) Rule. The 10 salmon and steelhead hatchery programs in the Duwamish-Green River Basin would be implemented as described in the submitted joint plans. The ROD documents NMFS's decision, identifies all alternatives considered in reaching the decision, specifies the alternative considered to be environmentally preferable, and identifies and discusses relevant factors balanced by NMFS in making its decision.

*Stillaguamish:* NMFS has decided to select the agency's preferred alternative, Alternative 2, from the final EA. Under the selected alternative, NMFS determined that the co-managers' joint plans met the requirements of limits 6 of the ESA 4(d) Rule. The four hatchery programs in the Stillaguamish River Basin would be implemented as described in the submitted joint plans.

The FONSI documents NMFS's decision that the proposed joint plans are not likely to significantly affect the human environment.

*Yankee-Panther Creek:* NMFS has decided to select the agency's preferred alternative in the EA, Alternative 2. Under the selected alternative, NMFS would determine that the co-managers' joint plans met the requirements of limit 6 of the ESA 4(d) Rule. The two hatchery programs in the Upper Salmon River Basin would be implemented as described in the submitted joint plans. The FONSI documents NMFS's decision that the proposed joint plans are not likely to significantly affect the human environment.

*Elochoman/Beaver Creek:* NMFS determined that the HGMP submitted by The Washington Dept. of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) met the requirements of limit 5 of the ESA 4(d) Rule. The proposed action does not differ from that analyzed in the existing NEPA analysis (2014 Mitchell Act FEIS). The Supplemental Information Report (SIR) adequately addresses the impacts of the proposed action on the human environment and evaluates new information available since the existing NEPA analysis. The hatchery program in the Elochoman River Basin would be implemented as described in the submitted HGMP.

### Authority

16 U.S.C. 1531–1543; subpart B, § 223.201–202 also issued under 16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*; 16 U.S.C. 5503(d) for § 223.206(d)(9).

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Bureau of Industry and Security

#### Sensors and Instrumentation Technical Advisory Committee; Notice of Partially Closed Meeting

The Sensors and Instrumentation Technical Advisory Committee (SITAC) will meet on March 2, 2021, at 1:00 p.m., Eastern Standard Time, via remote teleconference. The Committee advises the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Export Administration on technical questions that affect the level of export controls applicable to sensors and instrumentation equipment and technology.

**Agenda***Public Session*

1. Welcome and Introductions.
2. Remarks from the Bureau of Industry and Security Management.
3. Industry Presentations.
4. New Business.

*Closed Session*

5. Discussion of matters determined to be exempt from the provisions relating to public meetings found in 5 U.S.C. app. 2 §§ 10(a)(1) and 10(a)(3).

The open session will be accessible via teleconference on a first come, first serve basis. To join the conference, submit inquiries to Ms. Yvette Springer at [Yvette.Springer@bis.doc.gov](mailto:Yvette.Springer@bis.doc.gov) no later than February 23, 2021.

A limited number of seats will be available during the public session of the meeting. Reservations are not accepted. To the extent that time permits, members of the public may present oral statements to the Committee. The public may submit written statements at any time before or after the meeting. However, to facilitate distribution of public presentation materials to the Committee members, the Committee suggests that the materials be forwarded before the meeting to Ms. Springer.

The Assistant Secretary for Administration, with the concurrence of the delegate of the General Counsel, formally determined on February 9, 2021, pursuant to Section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended (5 U.S.C. app. 2 § 10(d)), that the portion of the meeting dealing with pre-decisional changes to the Commerce Control List and the U.S. export control policies shall be exempt from the provisions relating to public meetings found in 5 U.S.C. app. 2 §§ 10(a)(1) and 10(a)(3). The remaining portions of the meeting will be open to the public.

For more information contact Yvette Springer on (202) 482-2813.

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE****National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

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**Fisheries of the Gulf of Mexico; Southeast Data, Assessment, and Review (SEDAR); Public Meeting**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of SEDAR 72 Assessment Webinar I for Gulf of Mexico gag grouper.

**SUMMARY:** The SEDAR 72 stock assessment process for Gulf of Mexico gag grouper will consist of a series of data and assessment webinars. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION.**

**DATES:** The SEDAR 72 Assessment Webinar I will be held March 16, 2021, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Eastern Time.

**ADDRESSES:**

*Meeting address:* The meeting will be held via webinar. The webinar is open to members of the public. Those interested in participating should contact Julie A. Neer at SEDAR (see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**) to request an invitation providing webinar access information. Please request webinar invitations at least 24 hours in advance of each webinar.

*SEDAR address:* 4055 Faber Place Drive, Suite 201, North Charleston, SC 29405.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Julie A. Neer, SEDAR Coordinator; (843) 571-4366; email: [Julie.neer@safmc.net](mailto:Julie.neer@safmc.net).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Gulf of Mexico, South Atlantic, and Caribbean Fishery Management Councils, in conjunction with NOAA Fisheries and the Atlantic and Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commissions have implemented the Southeast Data, Assessment and Review (SEDAR) process, a multi-step method for determining the status of fish stocks in the Southeast Region. SEDAR is a multi-step process including: (1) Data Workshop, (2) A series of assessment webinars, and (3) A Review Workshop. The product of the Data Workshop is a report that compiles and evaluates potential datasets and recommends which datasets are appropriate for assessment analyses. The assessment webinars produce a report that describes the fisheries, evaluates the status of the stock, estimates biological benchmarks, projects future population conditions, and recommends research and monitoring needs. The product of the

Review Workshop is an Assessment Summary documenting panel opinions regarding the strengths and weaknesses of the stock assessment and input data. Participants for SEDAR Workshops are appointed by the Gulf of Mexico, South Atlantic, and Caribbean Fishery Management Councils and NOAA Fisheries Southeast Regional Office, HMS Management Division, and Southeast Fisheries Science Center. Participants include data collectors and database managers; stock assessment scientists, biologists, and researchers; constituency representatives including fishermen, environmentalists, and NGO's; International experts; and staff of Councils, Commissions, and state and federal agencies.

The items of discussion during the Assessment Webinar are as follows:

- Using datasets and initial assessment analysis recommended from the data webinars, panelists will employ assessment models to evaluate stock status, estimate population benchmarks and management criteria, and project future conditions.
- Participants will recommend the most appropriate methods and configurations for determining stock status and estimating population parameters.

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 webinar.

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

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

Dated: February 11, 2021.

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