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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

#### Request for Public Comment on the Alaska Coastal Mapping Strategy Implementation Plan

**AGENCY:** Office of Coast Survey (OCS), National Ocean Service (NOS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Department of Commerce (DOC).

**ACTION:** Notice of public comment.

**SUMMARY:** On behalf of the Alaska Mapping Executive Committee (AMEC), a Federal-state partnership to coordinate the modernization of critical Alaska map layers, NOAA requests review of the draft *Alaska Coastal Mapping Strategy (ACMS) Implementation Plan* from all interested parties. Through this request for information (RFI), AMEC's Coastal Subcommittee seeks input from the public on the Implementation Plan and its milestones targeted at improving the coordination and collection of coastal mapping in Alaska. AMEC seeks to ensure that program implementation is informed by and responsive to all sectors through sustained engagement and effective partnerships.

**DATES:** Comments must be received via email by 5 p.m. ET on January 31, 2022.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments can be submitted by email to [iwgocm.staff@noaa.gov](mailto:iwgocm.staff@noaa.gov) by the January 31, 2022, deadline.

**Instructions:** The draft ACMS Implementation Plan can be found at <https://iocm.noaa.gov/about/strategic-plans.html>. Response to this RFI is voluntary. Respondents need not reply to all questions listed. For all submissions, clearly indicate which questions are being answered. Email attachments will be accepted in plain text, Microsoft Word, or Adobe PDF formats only. Each individual or institution is requested to submit only one response. NOAA requests that no

business proprietary information, copyrighted information, or personally identifiable information be submitted in response to this RFI. Please note that the U.S. Government will not pay for response preparation, or for the use of any information contained in the response.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Requests for additional information should be directed to Ashley Chappell, NOAA Integrated Ocean and Coastal Mapping Coordinator, 240–429–0293, or [ashley.chappell@noaa.gov](mailto:ashley.chappell@noaa.gov).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Background

The ACMS was completed in June 2020, in conjunction with the National Ocean Mapping, Exploration and Characterization Strategy (NOMECS). The ACMS envisions an Alaska that in 2030 possesses seamless coastal mapping data. This vision translates into near-term goals for action, including acquiring priority coastal mapping datasets over the next 5 years, and the remainder of Alaskan shoreline datasets by 2030. Primarily focused on airborne and satellite technologies, the four ACMS goals are to:

- (1) Build on existing mapping partnerships to meet Alaska's coastal mapping needs.
- (2) Expand coastal data collection to deliver the priority geospatial products stakeholders require.
- (3) Leverage innovation in mapping technology development.
- (4) Conduct strategic communications to promote widespread stakeholder engagement.

The draft ACMS Implementation Plan, now available for review, adds detail to the goals and objectives in the strategy. The NOMECS implementation plan, published January 2021, describes milestones and objectives aimed at the completion of mapping Alaska's waters deeper than 40m by 2030 and those shallower than 40m by 2040. While the boundary line between the ACMS and NOMECS is not exact due to varying extinction depths of airborne technologies, the two strategies combined are intended to fill the mapping gaps in Alaskan coastal and ocean waters.

#### Request for Comment

This notice requests comment on the draft ACMS Implementation Plan at <https://iocm.noaa.gov/about/strategic-plans.html>. Reviewer comments are not limited, but questions that might be considered while reviewing the plan include:

- (1) What does successful implementation look like to your

organization, sector, or interest group? How do you anticipate your organization or sector will participate in the ACMS implementation?

(2) What specific implementation actions would be of value to your organization/sector?

(3) How should the AMEC Coastal Subcommittee appropriately engage your organization to get ongoing feedback throughout implementation?

(4) What activities is your organization currently undertaking, has recently undertaken, or is planning that may support or benefit from ACMS implementation? What processes and connections would be required to realize those opportunities?

(5) What publicly accessible databases and archives does your organization offer that may house data relevant to ACMS?

(6) Who are the additional partners that are needed to effectively plan and execute a successful ACMS program in the future, as well as those that can help disseminate information from this work to various audiences? How could Federal agencies more effectively engage these partners? If there are barriers to this cooperation, please describe. Please do not only limit your responses to organizations that are traditionally involved in this work, but also think how we can engage other groups that can make important contributions.

(7) How can ACMS and NOMECS implementation plan activities and milestones be aligned to most efficiently advance the goals of both strategies?

The Coast and Geodetic Survey Act of 1947, 33 U.S.C. 883e.

**Kathryn Ries,**

*Performing the Duties of Director, Office of Coast Survey, National Ocean Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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#### Magnuson-Stevens Act Provisions; General Provisions for Domestic Fisheries; Application for Exempted Fishing Permits

**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 (EFP) application contains all of the required information and warrants further consideration. The EFP would allow commercial fishing vessels to fish outside of fishery regulations in support of research conducted by the applicant. Regulations under the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and

Management Act require publication of this notification to provide interested parties the opportunity to comment on applications for proposed EFPs.

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before November 17, 2021.

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

- Email: [nmfs.gar.efp@noaa.gov](mailto:nmfs.gar.efp@noaa.gov).

Include in the subject line “CFF Seasonal Scallop Survey EFP.”

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Louis Forristall, Marine Resource Management Specialist, [louis.forristall@noaa.gov](mailto:louis.forristall@noaa.gov), (978) 281–9321.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The applicant submitted a complete application for an EFP to conduct commercial fishing activities that the regulations would otherwise restrict. This EFP would exempt the participating vessels from the following Federal regulations:

TABLE 1—REQUESTED EXEMPTIONS

Citation	Regulation	Need for exemption
50 CFR 648.53(b) .....	Days-at-Sea (DAS) .....	Exempt participating vessels from DAS while testing experimental gears.
§ 648.51(c) .....	Crew Size Restrictions .....	Allow for researchers to be present on vessel.
§ 648.11(g) .....	Observer Program Requirements .....	Research activities are not consistent with normal fishing operations.
§ 648.51(b)(4)(iii) .....	Dredge Obstructions .....	Allow for testing of gear modifications—only additional depressor plate or large disc cookie sweep.
§ 648.60(e) .....	Nantucket Lightship South-Deep Scallop Rotational Area.	Allow for experimental fishing activities in closed rotational management area.
§ 648.60(g) .....	Nantucket Lightship North Scallop Rotational Area.	See above.
§ 648.60(h) .....	Nantucket Lightship Triangle Scallop Rotational Area.	See above.
§ 648.60(b) .....	Closed Area II Scallop Rotational Area .....	See above.
§ 648.60(b)(2) .....	Closed Area II Closure Area restrictions .....	See above.
§ 648.60(d) .....	Closed Area II East Scallop Rotational Area restrictions.	See above.
§ 648.81(b) .....	Closed Area II scallop gear restrictions .....	See above.
§ 648.81(a)(5)(i) .....	Closed Area II Closure area restrictions .....	See above.
§ 648.59(a)(1)–(3), (b)(2), (b)(4) .....	Access area program requirements .....	See above.
§ 648.14(i)(1)(vi)(B) .....	Scallop closed area requirement for scallop rotational areas.	See above.
Part 648 Subparts B and D through O .....	Fish size and Possession limits .....	Onboard sampling activities.

TABLE 2—PROJECT SUMMARY

Applicant .....	Coonamessett Farm Foundation (CFF).
Project objectives .....	Test the capability of a dredge modification to reduce flounder bycatch.
Application date .....	August 5, 2021.
Project period .....	December 1, 2021—April 20, 2022.
Project location .....	Closed Area II & Nantucket Lightship Access Areas, Open Area of Great South Channel, Stellwagen Bank, and Long Island.
Number of vessels .....	2.
Number of trips .....	2.
Trip duration (days) .....	5 (3 fishing, 2 transit).
Total number of days .....	10.
Gear type(s) .....	Paired Turtle Deflector Dredges.
Number of tows or sets .....	60.
Duration of tows or sets .....	30 minutes.

**Project Narrative**

Coonamessett Farm Foundation (CFF) applied for an EFP on August 5, 2021, to conduct a field trial of scallop dredge cutting bar modifications. This EFP would allow CFF to conduct 60 tows over 10 days at sea on commercial scallop vessels. The gear modifications used in the field trials would either be: (1) A rigid steel plate ahead of the depressor plate, parallel to the cutting bar or (2) a large disc cookie sweep.

Computational fluid dynamics testing and expert opinion would be used to assess variations of these modifications and the selected modifications would be tested in field trials.

Tow locations would be based on flatfish bycatch hotspots reported by CFF’s industry partners. Participating vessels would use two, 15-foot turtle deflector dredges towed side-by-side. The dredges would have 10-inch twine tops and 4-inch rings. One dredge

would feature the selected gear modification. A tow speed of 4.5 to 5.5 knots and tow time of 30 minutes would be targeted throughout the field trials.

CFF researchers would accompany vessels at all times and would direct sampling activities. Scallop catch would be sorted into baskets and weighed. A one-basket sub-sample from each dredge would be measured to the nearest millimeter and shucked to evaluate meat yield. Fish catch would be

weighed and measured. Other bycatch species would be counted and weighed. With the exception of catch sacrificed for biological sampling, catch would be returned to the water as quickly as possible after sampling.

If approved, the applicant may request minor modifications and extensions to the EFP throughout the year. EFP modifications and extensions may be granted without further notice if they are deemed essential to facilitate completion of the proposed research and have minimal impacts that do not change the scope or impact of the initially approved EFP request. Any fishing activity conducted outside the scope of the exempted fishing activity would be prohibited.

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

Dated: October 28, 2021.

**Jennifer M. Wallace,**

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

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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

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

**ACTION:** Notice; public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council's Ecosystem and Ocean Planning Advisory Panel will hold a public meeting.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on Thursday, November 18, 2021, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. For agenda details, see **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held via webinar. Connection information will be posted to the Council's calendar prior to the meeting at [www.mafmc.org](http://www.mafmc.org).

*Council address:* Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council, 800 N State Street, Suite 201, Dover, DE 19901; telephone: (302) 674-2331; [www.mafmc.org](http://www.mafmc.org).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Christopher M. Moore, Ph.D., Executive Director, Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council, telephone: (302) 526-5255.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Ecosystem and Ocean Planning Advisory Panel will meet to consider

recommendations for revisions to the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council's Policy on Offshore Wind Energy Development. These recommendations will be considered by the Ecosystem and Ocean Planning Committee.

#### Special Accommodations

The meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Shelley Spedden, (302) 526-5251 at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

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

Dated: October 28, 2021.

**Tracey L. Thompson,**

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

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## COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION

### Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Revised Collection, Comment Request: Swap Execution Facilities Final Rule; Notice of Intent To Revise Collection 3038-0074: Core Principles and Other Requirements for Swap Execution Facilities

**AGENCY:** Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Commodity Futures Trading Commission (CFTC) is announcing an opportunity for public comment on the revision of a collection of certain information by the agency. Under the Paperwork Reduction Act ("PRA"), Federal agencies are required to publish notice in the **Federal Register** concerning each proposed collection of information, including proposed extension of an existing collection of information, and to allow 60 days for public comment. The Commission recently adopted a final rule amending requirements for swap execution facilities. This notice republishes the burden in the final rule, and solicits any additional comments on the burden associated with the previously published final rule.

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted on or before January 3, 2022.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments, and "OMB Control No. 3038-0074" by any of the following methods:

- The Agency's website, at <http://comments.cftc.gov/>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments through the website.

- *Mail:* Christopher Kirkpatrick, Secretary of the Commission, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, Three Lafayette Centre, 1155 21st Street NW, Washington, DC 20581.

- *Delivery/Courier:* Same as Mail above.

Please submit your comments using only one method.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Gail Scott, Assistant General Counsel, Office of the General Counsel, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, (202) 418-5139; email: [gscott@cftc.gov](mailto:gscott@cftc.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Under the PRA, 44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*, Federal agencies must obtain approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for each collection of information they conduct or sponsor. "Collection of Information" is defined in 44 U.S.C. 3502(3) and 5 CFR 1320.3 and includes agency requests or requirements that members of the public submit reports, keep records, or provide information to a third party. Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the PRA, 44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A), requires Federal agencies to provide a 60-day notice in the **Federal Register** concerning each proposed collection of information, including each proposed extension of an existing collection of information, before submitting the collection to OMB for approval. To comply with this requirement, the CFTC is publishing notice of the proposed amendment to the collection listed below. An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

*Title:* Core Principles and Other Requirements for Swap Execution Facilities (OMB Control No. 3038-0074). This is a request for an amendment to a currently approved information collection.

*Abstract:* Title VII of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act ("Dodd-Frank Act") added new section 5h to the Commodity Exchange Act ("CEA") to impose requirements concerning the registration and operation of swap execution facilities ("SEFs"), which the Commission has incorporated in part 37 of its regulations as well as other parts of the Commission's regulations. The information collections under this Control Number are necessary for the Commission to evaluate whether SEFs, or entities applying to become SEFs, comply with the CEA's statutory core principle requirements and part 37 of the Commission regulations.