

J. Council Discussion and Action  
*Wednesday, September 21, 2022, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.*

10. Program Planning and Research
  - A. National Legislative Report
1. Inflation Reduction Act of 2022
2. American Fisheries Advisory Committee Nominations
  - B. Alternatives for an Aquaculture Management Framework in the Western Pacific (Final Action)
  - C. Status Update on Territorial BMUS Revision
  - D. Update on the National Saltwater Recreational Fishing Policy
  - E. Improving the Collection of Hawaii Recreational Catch and Effort Data
  - F. Report of the 7th National Scientific Coordination Subcommittee Meeting
  - G. Preparations for the Ecosystem-based Fisheries Management Workshop
  - H. Regional Communications & Outreach Report
  - I. Advisory Group Report and Recommendations
1. Advisory Panel
2. Fishing Industry Advisory Committee
3. Non-Commercial Fishing Advisory Committee
4. Scientific & Statistical Committee
5. Fishing Rights of Indigenous Peoples Standing Committee
  - J. Public Comment
  - K. Council Discussion and Action
11. Pelagic & International Fisheries
  - A. PacIOOS Updates
  - B. Hawaii Longline Semi-Annual Report
  - C. American Samoa Longline Semi-Annual Report
  - D. American Samoa LVPA Performance Review
  - E. International Fisheries Issues
1. Increasing Influence of China in Pacific Islands
2. UN Ocean Conference and BBNJ
3. ISC22 Working Groups and Plenary
4. WCPFC 18th Science Committee
5. U.S. PAC to WCPFC
  - F. Advisory Group Report and Recommendations
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5. Pelagic and International Standing Committee
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12. American Samoa Archipelago
  - A. Motu Lipoti
  - B. Department of Marine and Wildlife Resources Report
  - C. Advisory Group Report and Recommendations

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*Wednesday, September 21, 2022, 4:30 p.m. to 5 p.m.*

Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items

*Thursday, September 22, 2022, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.*

13. Mariana Archipelago
    - A. Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands
      1. Arongol Falú
      2. Department of Land and Natural Resources/Division of Fish and Wildlife Report
        - B. Guam
          1. Department of Agriculture/Division of Aquatic and Wildlife Resources Report
          2. Isla Informe
            - C. Advisory Group Report and Recommendations
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    - D. Public Comment
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  14. Administrative Matters
    - A. Financial Reports
    - B. Administrative Reports
    - C. Council Program Planning Update
    - D. Council Family Changes
  1. Advisory Panel Solicitation Review
  - E. Meetings and Workshops
  - F. Standing Committee Reports
    1. Fishing Rights of Indigenous Peoples Standing Committee
    2. Executive and Budget Standing Committee
      - G. Public Comment
      - H. Council Discussion and Action
  15. Other Business
 

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- Special Accommodations**
- These meetings are accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for

sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Kitty M. Simonds, (808) 522-8220 (voice) or (808) 522-8226 (fax), at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[RTID 0648-XC327]

#### East Coast Fishery Management Councils; Public Meetings

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

**ACTION:** Notice; public meetings.

**SUMMARY:** Several fishery management bodies on the East Coast of the U.S. are convening three webinar meetings of fishery management representatives to continue work on the East Coast Climate Change Scenario Planning initiative. This is a joint effort of the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission, the New England Fishery Management Council, the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council, the South Atlantic Fishery Management Council, and NOAA Fisheries. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for agenda details.

**DATES:** These webinars will be held on Monday, September 19, 2022, from 1 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., on Tuesday, September 20, 2022, from 1 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., and on Monday, October 3, 2022, from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The meetings will be held via webinar. Connection information will be posted to the calendar prior to the meeting at [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:**

*Background:* Over the past year, East Coast fishery management bodies have been collaborating on a climate change scenario planning initiative designed to prepare fishing communities and fishery managers for an era of climate change. The goals of this project are to assess how climate change might affect stock

distribution and availability of East Coast marine fisheries over the next 20 years and to identify the implications for fishery management and governance.

In June 2022, a group of about 70 stakeholders attended a workshop to develop an initial set of scenarios, describing several different possible futures facing East Coast fisheries out to 2042. These scenarios are currently being refined and finalized with feedback received from a set of “scenario deepening” webinars. The next step in this process is to hold a series of virtual meetings of small groups of fishery management representatives from participating organizations. The purpose of these webinars is for these groups to brainstorm issues, ideas, and options that should be discussed at scenario planning conversations at meetings of the East Coast Fishery Management Councils and the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission in late 2022, and subsequently at a Summit Meeting in early 2023. These upcoming small group manager conversations will be focused around applications of the scenarios, discussing which aspects of governance and management may need to change, and how, given the possible conditions described in the scenarios.

These meetings will be open to the public and public comment may be taken at designated times during the webinars. The final scenarios to be discussed, as well as additional information about potential applications, will be made available at: <https://www.mafmc.org/climate-change-scenario-planning>.

### Special Accommodations

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

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Patent and Trademark Office

[Docket No. PTO-P-2022-0026]

### Submission of Comments Regarding the Patent Subject Matter Eligibility Guidance

**AGENCY:** Patent and Trademark Office, Department of Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) is seeking public feedback on its existing patent subject matter eligibility guidance. The existing guidance, put in place in 2019, has contributed to more consistent examination. But there is more work to be done to impart clarity and certainty into patent eligibility. In addition to working with Congress on potential changes to the law and looking for opportunities in the courts, the USPTO is updating its guidance and has been seeking public input on the same. Given the overwhelming interest in the guidance, the USPTO will now accept feedback via the Federal eRulemaking Portal until October 15, 2022.

**DATES:** Comments on the USPTO’s patent subject matter eligibility guidance must be received by October 15, 2022, to ensure consideration.

**ADDRESSES:** For reasons of government efficiency, comments on the USPTO’s patent subject matter eligibility guidance must be submitted through the Federal eRulemaking Portal at [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov). To submit comments via the portal, enter docket number PTO-P-2022-0026 on the homepage and click “Search.” The site will provide a search results page listing all documents associated with this docket. Find a reference to this document and click on the “Comment Now!” icon, complete the required fields, and enter or attach your comments. Attachments to electronic comments will be accepted in Adobe® portable document format or Microsoft Word® format. Because comments will be made available for public inspection, information that the submitter does not desire to make public, such as an address, a phone number, or other personally identifiable information (PII), should not be included in the comments.

Visit the Federal eRulemaking Portal for additional instructions on providing comments via the portal. If electronic submission of comments is not feasible due to a lack of access to a computer and/or the internet, please contact the USPTO using the contact information

below (at **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**) for special instructions.

Comments already submitted to the USPTO mailbox designated in the blog should be resubmitted through the Federal eRulemaking Portal at [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Raul Tamayo, Senior Legal Advisor, Office of Patent Legal Administration, Office of the Deputy Commissioner for Patents, at 571-272-7728.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On July 25, 2022, the USPTO published a blog titled “Providing clear guidance on patent subject matter eligibility” at [www.uspto.gov/blog/director/entry/providing-clear-guidance-on-patent](http://www.uspto.gov/blog/director/entry/providing-clear-guidance-on-patent). As noted in the blog, the 2019 revisions to the USPTO’s eligibility guidance resulted in a 25% decrease in the likelihood of *Alice*-affected technologies receiving a first office action with a rejection for patent ineligible subject matter. See *Alice Corp. Pty. Ltd. v. CLS Bank Int’l*, 573 U.S. 208 (2014). Uncertainty about determinations of patent subject matter eligibility for the relevant technologies also decreased by a remarkable 44% as compared to the previous year. Despite this progress to achieve more consistent examination under section 101, there is more work to be done. As part of its multi-pronged approach to imparting more clarity and certainty into patent eligibility, in addition to working with Congress and looking for opportunities in the courts, the USPTO is revising its subject matter eligibility guidance.

In the July 25 blog post, the USPTO initially encouraged the public to email thoughts or comments on the guidance specified in Manual of Patent Examining Procedure 2106 to a [uspto.gov](mailto:uspto.gov) mailbox by September 15, 2022. However, given the overwhelming interest in this subject matter, the USPTO is extending the deadline, and the public may now submit feedback until the new deadline of October 15, 2022. In addition, comments may now be submitted through the Federal eRulemaking Portal at [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov). Comments are no longer being received at the [uspto.gov](mailto:uspto.gov) mailbox, though any previously-submitted comments through the mailbox will be given equal consideration. Please see the information provided earlier in this notice (at **ADDRESSES**) for instructions on submitting feedback via the portal. This new method of submitting feedback will facilitate making comments publicly