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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Groundfish of the Gulf of Alaska; Central Gulf of Alaska Rockfish Program

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

ACTION: Notification of standard prices and fee percentage.

SUMMARY: NMFS publishes the standard ex-vessel prices and fee percentage for cost recovery under the Central Gulf of Alaska (GOA) Rockfish Program (Rockfish Program). This action is intended to provide participants in a rockfish cooperative with the standard prices and fee percentage for the 2022 fishing year, which was authorized from May 1 through November 15. The fee percentage is 2.53 percent. The fee payments are due from each rockfish cooperative on or before February 15, 2023.

DATES: *Valid on:* January 27, 2023.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Charmaine Weeks, 907-586-7105.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The rockfish fisheries are conducted in Federal waters near Kodiak, Alaska by trawl and longline vessels. Regulations implementing the Rockfish Program are set forth at 50 CFR part 679. Exclusive harvesting privileges are allocated as quota share under the Rockfish Program for rockfish primary and secondary species. Each year, NMFS issues rockfish primary and secondary species cooperative quota (CQ) to rockfish quota shareholders to authorize harvest of these species. The rockfish primary species are northern rockfish, Pacific Ocean perch, and dusky rockfish. The rockfish secondary species include Pacific cod, rougheye rockfish, shortraker rockfish, sablefish, and thornyhead rockfish. Rockfish cooperatives began fishing under the Rockfish Program in 2012.

The Rockfish Program is a limited access privilege program established

under the provisions of section 303A of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (Magnuson-Stevens Act). Sections 303A and 304(d) of the Magnuson-Stevens Act require NMFS to collect fees to recover the actual costs directly related to the management, data collection and analysis, and enforcement of any limited access privilege program. Therefore, NMFS is required to collect fees for the Rockfish Program under sections 303A and 304(d)(2) of the Magnuson-Stevens Act. Section 304(d)(2) of the Magnuson-Stevens Act also limits the cost recovery fee so that it may not exceed 3 percent of the ex-vessel value of the fish harvested under the Rockfish Program.

Standard Prices

NMFS calculates cost recovery fees based on standard ex-vessel value prices, rather than actual price data provided by each rockfish CQ holder. Use of standard ex-vessel prices is allowed under sections 303A and 304(d)(2) of the Magnuson-Stevens Act. NMFS generates a standard ex-vessel price for each rockfish primary and secondary species on a monthly basis to determine the average price paid per pound for all shoreside processors receiving rockfish primary and secondary species CQ. Rockfish processors that receive and purchase landings of rockfish CQ groundfish must submit, on an annual basis, a volume and value report for the period May 1 to November 15 (50 CFR 679.5(r)(10)(ii)).

Regulations at 50 CFR 679.85(b)(2) require the Regional Administrator to publish rockfish standard ex-vessel values during the first quarter of each calendar year. The standard prices are described in U.S. dollars per pound for rockfish primary and secondary species CQ landings made during the previous year.

Fee Percentage

NMFS assesses a fee on the standard ex-vessel value of rockfish primary species and rockfish secondary species CQ harvested by rockfish cooperatives in the Central GOA and waters adjacent to the Central GOA when rockfish primary species caught by a cooperative are deducted from the Federal total allowable catch. The rockfish entry level longline fishery and trawl vessels that opt out of joining a cooperative are not subject to cost recovery fees because those participants do not receive rockfish CQ. Specific details on the Rockfish Program's cost recovery provision may be found in the

implementing regulations set forth at 50 CFR 679.85.

NMFS informs—by letter—each rockfish cooperative of the fee percentage applied to the previous year's landings and the total amount due. Fees are due on or before February 15 of each year. Failure to pay on time will result in the permit holder's rockfish quota share becoming non-transferable, and the person will be ineligible to receive any additional rockfish quota share by transfer. In addition, cooperative members will not receive any rockfish CQ the following year until full payment of the fee is received by NMFS.

NMFS calculates and publishes in the **Federal Register** the fee percentage in the first quarter of each year according to the factors and methods described in Federal regulations at 50 CFR 679.85(c)(2). NMFS determines the fee percentage that applies to landings made in the previous year by dividing the total Rockfish Program management, data collection and analysis, and enforcement costs (direct program costs) during the previous year by the total standard ex-vessel value of the rockfish primary species and rockfish secondary species for all rockfish CQ landings made during the previous year (fishery value). NMFS captures the direct program costs through an established accounting system that allows staff to track labor, travel, contracts, rent, and procurement. Fee collections in any given year may be less than or greater than the direct program costs and fishery value for that year, as the fee percentage is established by regulation in the first quarter of the calendar year based on the program costs and the fishery value of the previous calendar year.

Using the fee percentage formula described above, the estimated percentage of program costs to value for the 2022 calendar year is 2.53 percent of the standard ex-vessel value. Program costs for 2022 increased compared to 2021 costs; however, the fishery value increased approximately 18 percent resulting in a lower fee percentage. Similar to 2021, the majority of 2022 costs were a result of direct personnel and contract costs.

TABLE 1—STANDARD EX-VESSEL PRICES BY SPECIES FOR THE 2022 ROCKFISH PROGRAM SEASON IN KODIAK, ALASKA

Species	Month	Average price/lb.
Dusky Rockfish	May	0.13
	June	0.12
	July	0.13

TABLE 1—STANDARD EX-VESSEL PRICES BY SPECIES FOR THE 2022 ROCKFISH PROGRAM SEASON IN KODIAK, ALASKA—Continued

Species	Month	Average price/lb.
Northern Rockfish	Aug	0.14
	September	0.13
	October	0.12
	November	0.14
	May	0.13
	June	0.13
	July	0.11
Pacific Cod	Aug	0.13
	September	0.13
	October	0.13
	November	0.14
	May	0.45
	June	0.40
	July	0.41
Pacific Ocean Perch	Aug	0.35
	September	0.41
	October	0.39
	November	0.43
	May	0.15
	June	0.16
	July	0.16
Rougheye Rockfish	Aug	0.14
	September	0.16
	October	0.17
	November	0.15
	May	0.11
	June	0.12
	July	0.12
Sablefish	Aug	0.12
	September	0.12
	October	0.12
	November	0.12
	May	1.42
	June	1.39
	July	1.35
Shortraker Rockfish	Aug	1.35
	September	1.35
	October	1.19
	November	1.35
	May	0.20
	June	0.14
	July	0.16
Thornyhead Rockfish	Aug	0.16
	September	0.16
	October	0.16
	November	0.16
	May	0.40
	June	0.34
	July	0.37
	Aug	0.37
	September	0.37
	October	0.36
	November	0.37

Authority: 16 U.S.C. 773 et seq.; 1801 et seq.; 3631 et seq.; Pub. L. 108-447; Pub. L. 111-281.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Nominations to the Marine Fisheries Advisory Committee

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

ACTION: Notice; request for nominations.

SUMMARY: The Secretary of Commerce (Secretary) seeks nominations to fill vacancies on the Marine Fisheries Advisory Committee (MAFAC or Committee). MAFAC is responsible to advise the Secretary, NOAA, and NMFS on all matters concerning living marine resources that are the responsibility of the Department of Commerce. The Committee makes recommendations to assist in the development and implementation of Departmental regulations, policies, and programs critical to the mission and goals of NMFS. Nominations are encouraged from all individuals involved with or representing interests affected by NMFS actions in managing living marine resources. Nominees should possess demonstrable expertise in a field related to the management of living marine resources and be able to fulfill the time commitment required for two annual meetings and year-round subcommittee work. Individuals serve for a term of 3 years for no more than two consecutive terms if re-appointed. NMFS seeks qualified nominees to fill pending vacancies.

DATES: Nominations must be emailed on or before March 13, 2023.

ADDRESSES: Nominations should be sent to Katie Denman, MAFAC Assistant, NMFS Office of Policy, by email: katie.denman@noaa.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Katie Denman, MAFAC Assistant; (301) 427-8034; email: katie.denman@noaa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The MAFAC was approved by the Secretary on December 28, 1970, and subsequently chartered under the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. 2, on February 17, 1971. The Committee meets twice a year, and holds supplementary meetings when necessary, as determined by NMFS or the Committee Chair. MAFAC is comprised of 15 to 21 individuals. Members are highly qualified, diverse individuals with experience in commercial, recreational, aquaculture,

and non-commercial fisheries and businesses; seafood industry, including processing, marketing, restaurants and related industries; marine, ecosystems, or protected resources management and conservation; and human dimensions or social sciences associated with living marine resources and working waterfronts. Members may be from tribes or indigenous groups, environmental organizations, academia, consumer groups, and other living marine resource interest groups from all U.S. geographical regions, including the Western Pacific and Caribbean. The NMFS strives to ensure MAFAC members represent a diversity of individuals and interests.

A MAFAC member cannot be: a Federal employee; a state official, their designee, or an appointed member of a regional fishery management council; registered Federal lobbyist; or agent of a foreign principal. Selected candidates must pass a security check and submit a financial disclosure form. Membership is voluntary, and except for reimbursable travel and related expenses, service is without pay.

Each nomination must include the nominee's name, address, telephone number and email address; a cover letter describing the nominee's interest in serving on the Committee and qualifications; and their curriculum vitae or resume. Up to three letters of support may be submitted. Self-nominations will be accepted.

Nominations should be sent to Katie Denman (see ADDRESSES) and must be received by March 13, 2023. The full text of the Committee Charter and its current membership can be viewed at the NMFS' web page at <https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/national/partners/marine-fisheries-advisory-committee-charter>.

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Director for the Office of Policy, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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COMMITTEE FOR PURCHASE FROM PEOPLE WHO ARE BLIND OR SEVERELY DISABLED

Procurement List; Proposed Additions and Deletions

AGENCY: Committee for Purchase from People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled.

ACTION: Proposed additions to and deletions from the procurement list.