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

Dated: February 3, 2023.

**Key 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-XC743]

#### Whaling Provisions; Aboriginal Subsistence Whaling Quotas

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

**ACTION:** Notice; notification of quota for bowhead whales.

**SUMMARY:** NMFS notifies the public of the aboriginal subsistence whaling quota for bowhead whales assigned to the Alaska Eskimo Whaling Commission (AEWC), and of limitations on the use of the quota deriving from regulations of the International Whaling Commission (IWC). For 2023, the quota is 93 bowhead whales struck. This quota and other applicable limitations govern the harvest of bowhead whales by whaling captains of the AEWC.

**DATES:** Applicable February 8, 2023.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mi Ae Kim, (301) 427-8365.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Aboriginal subsistence whaling in the United States is governed by the Whaling Convention Act (WCA) (16 U.S.C. 916 *et seq.*). Under the WCA, IWC regulations shall generally become effective with respect to all persons and vessels subject to the jurisdiction of the United States within 90 days of notification from the IWC Secretariat of an amendment to the IWC Schedule (16 U.S.C. 916k). Regulations that implement the WCA, found at 50 CFR part 230, require the Secretary of Commerce (Secretary) to publish, at least annually, aboriginal subsistence whaling quotas and any other limitations on aboriginal subsistence whaling deriving from regulations of the IWC.

At the 67th Meeting of the IWC, the Commission set catch limits for aboriginal subsistence use of bowhead whales from the Bering-Chukchi-Beaufort Seas stock. The bowhead and other aboriginal subsistence whaling

catch limits were based on a joint request by Denmark on behalf of Greenland, the Russian Federation, St. Vincent and the Grenadines, and the United States, accompanied by documentation concerning the needs of the Native groups.

The IWC set a 7-year block catch limit of 392 bowhead whales landed. For each of the years 2019 through 2025, the number of bowhead whales struck may not exceed 67, with unused strikes from the 3 prior quota blocks carried forward and added to the annual strike quota of subsequent years, provided that no more than 50 percent of the annual strike limit is added to the strike quota for any one year. For the 2023 harvest, there are 33 strikes available for carry-forward, so the combined strike quota set by the IWC for 2023 is 100 (67 + 33).

An arrangement between the United States and the Russian Federation ensures that the total quota of bowhead whales landed and struck in 2023 will not exceed the limits set by the IWC. Under this arrangement, the Russian natives may use no more than 7 strikes, and the Alaska natives may use no more than 93 strikes.

Through its cooperative agreement with the AEWC, NOAA has assigned 93 strikes to the Alaska Eskimo Whaling Commission. The AEWC will in turn allocate these strikes among the 11 villages whose cultural and subsistence needs have been documented, and will ensure that AEWC whaling captains use no more than 93 strikes.

At its 67th Meeting, the IWC also provided for automatic renewal of aboriginal subsistence whaling catch limits under certain circumstances. Commencing in 2026, bowhead whale catch limits shall be extended every 6 years provided: (a) the IWC Scientific Committee advises in 2024, and every 6 years thereafter, that such limits will not harm the stock; (b) the Commission does not receive a request from the United States or the Russian Federation for a change in the bowhead whale catch limits based on need; and (c) the Commission determines that the United States and the Russian Federation have complied with the IWC's approved timeline and that the information provided represents a status quo continuation of the hunts.

#### Other Limitations

The IWC regulations, as well as the NOAA regulation at 50 CFR 230.4(c), forbid the taking of calves or any whale accompanied by a calf.

NOAA regulations (at 50 CFR 230.4) also contain other prohibitions relating to aboriginal subsistence whaling, some of which are summarized here:

- No person, other than licensed whaling captains or crew under the control of those captains, may engage in aboriginal subsistence whaling.

- No AEWC whaling captain shall engage in whaling that is not in accordance with the regulations of the IWC, NOAA, and the cooperative agreement between NOAA and the AEWC.

- No whaling captain shall engage in whaling without an adequate crew or without adequate supplies and equipment.

- Crew may not receive money for participating in the hunt.

- No person may sell or offer for sale whale products from whales taken in the hunt, except for authentic articles of Native American handicrafts.

- Captains may not continue to whale after the relevant quota is taken, after the season has been closed, or if their licenses have been suspended.

- They may not engage in whaling in a wasteful manner.

Dated: February 3, 2023.

**Alexa Cole,**

*Director, Office of International Affairs, Trade, and Commerce, 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 Mackerel, Squid, and Butterfish Advisory Panel will hold a public meeting. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for agenda details.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on Friday, February 24, 2023, from 10 a.m. until 12 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting 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).

*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 purpose of the meeting is for the Advisory Panel to create a Fishery Performance Report that includes advisor input on related specifications and management measures (primarily focused on the *Illex* fishery).

#### Special Accommodations

The meeting is 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.

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

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#### Key Israel Marquez,

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

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## COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION

### Sunshine Act Meetings

**TIME AND DATE:** 1:00 p.m. EST, Wednesday, February 15, 2023.

**PLACE:** CFTC headquarters office, Washington, DC.

**STATUS:** Closed.

#### MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:

Enforcement matters. In the event that the time, date, or location of this meeting changes, an announcement of the change, along with the new time, date, and/or place of the meeting will be posted on the Commission's website at <https://www.cftc.gov/>.

**CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION:** Christopher Kirkpatrick, 202-418-5964.  
*Authority:* 5 U.S.C. 552b.

Dated: February 6, 2023.

#### Christopher Kirkpatrick,

*Secretary of the Commission.*

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## BUREAU OF CONSUMER FINANCIAL PROTECTION

[Docket No. CFPB-2023-0013]

### Agency Information Collection Activities; Comment Request

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection.

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comment.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (Bureau or CFPB) is requesting to extend the Office of Management and Budget's (OMB's) approval for an existing information collection titled "Real Estate Settlement Procedures Act (Regulation X)" approved under OMB Control Number 3170-0016.

**DATES:** Written comments are encouraged and must be received on or before April 10, 2023 to be assured of consideration.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments, identified by the title of the information collection, OMB Control Number (see below), and docket number (see above), by any of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* <https://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.
- *Email:* [PRA\\_Comments@cfpb.gov](mailto:PRA_Comments@cfpb.gov). Include Docket No. CFPB-2023-0013 in the subject line of the email.
- *Mail/Hand Delivery/Courier:* Comment Intake, Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (Attention: PRA Office), 1700 G Street NW, Washington, DC 20552. Because paper mail in the Washington, DC area and at the Bureau is subject to delay, commenters are encouraged to submit comments electronically.

Please note that comments submitted after the comment period will not be accepted. In general, all comments received will become public records, including any personal information provided. Sensitive personal information, such as account numbers or Social Security numbers, should not be included.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Requests for additional information should be directed to Anthony May, PRA Officer, at (202) 435-7278, or email: [CFPB\\_PRA@cfpb.gov](mailto:CFPB_PRA@cfpb.gov). If you require this document in an alternative electronic format, please contact [CFPB\\_Accessibility@cfpb.gov](mailto:CFPB_Accessibility@cfpb.gov). Please do not submit comments to these email boxes.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*Title of Collection:* Real Estate Settlement Procedures Act (Regulation X).  
*OMB Control Number:* 3170-0016.  
*Type of Review:* Extension without change of a currently approved collection.  
*Affected Public:* Private sector: business or other for-profits, not-for-profit institutions.  
*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 12,506.  
*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 1,087,981.

*Abstract:* Regulation X<sup>1</sup> implements the Real Estate Settlement Procedures Act (RESPA).<sup>2</sup> Regulation X contains information collections in the form of various disclosure and recordkeeping requirements. The disclosures in this collection are required by the statute and implementing regulations. Consumers use the disclosures required by RESPA and Regulation X to inform their choice of settlement service providers, review the final terms of a settlement, understand whom to contact about questions concerning their mortgage loan, and identify/protect themselves against inaccurate or questionable loan servicing practices.

Regulation X requires these information collections. However, to the extent that compliance with requirements in Regulation Z<sup>3</sup> provides an exemption from compliance with similar requirements in Regulation X, any relevant information collection burden is accounted for in OMB Control Number 3170-0015.

*Request for Comments:* Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Bureau, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) The accuracy of the Bureau's estimate of the burden of the collection of information, including the validity of the methods and the assumptions used; (c) Ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) Ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB's approval. All comments will become a matter of public record.

#### Anthony May,

*Paperwork Reduction Act Officer, Consumer Financial Protection Bureau.*

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<sup>1</sup> 12 CFR parts 1024.1-41.

<sup>2</sup> 12 U.S.C. 2601 *et seq.*

<sup>3</sup> 12 CFR 1026.