

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

[RTID 0648–XD190]

New England Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: The New England Fishery Management Council (Council) is scheduling a public meeting of its Habitat Committee to consider actions affecting New England fisheries in the exclusive economic zone (EEZ). This meeting will be held in-person with a webinar option. Recommendations from this group will be brought to the full Council for formal consideration and action, if appropriate.

DATES: This webinar will be held on Thursday, August 24, 2023, at 9 a.m.

ADDRESSES:

Meeting address: This meeting will be held at the Four Points by Sheraton, One Audubon Road, Wakefield, MA 01880; telephone: (781) 245–9300.

Webinar registration URL information: <https://attendeegotowebinar.com/register/956484289127045982>.

Council address: New England Fishery Management Council, 50 Water Street, Mill 2, Newburyport, MA 01950.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Thomas A. Nies, Executive Director, New England Fishery Management Council; telephone: (978) 465–0492.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**Agenda**

The Committee will review draft alternatives for the Northern Edge Habitat Scallop Framework. They plan to discuss progress towards completion of the Council's 5-year EFH review. The committee will also receive updates from Council staff on recent coordination with BOEM and NOAA related to offshore wind leasing in the Gulf of Maine, and on other offshore wind issues. They also plan to develop a list of habitat work priorities for 2024. In addition to habitat actions, the Committee should identify offshore wind and aquaculture-related work items. Other business will be discussed, if necessary.

Although non-emergency issues not contained on the agenda may come before this Council for discussion, those issues may not be the subject of formal

action during this meeting. Council action will be restricted to those issues specifically listed in this notice and any issues arising after publication of this notice that require emergency action under section 305(c) of the Magnuson-Stevens Act, provided the public has been notified of the Council's intent to take final action to address the emergency. The public also should be aware that the meeting will be recorded. Consistent with 16 U.S.C. 1852, a copy of the recording is available upon request.

Special Accommodations

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Thomas A. Nies, Executive Director, at (978) 465–0492, at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

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

Dated: August 2, 2023.

Rey 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–XD219]

Endangered Species; File No. 23200

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

ACTION: Notice; receipt of application for a permit modification.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that Frederick Scharf, Ph.D., University of North Carolina Wilmington, 601 S. College Road, Wilmington, NC 28403, has requested a modification to scientific research Permit No. 23200–01.

DATES: Written comments must be received on or before September 6, 2023.

ADDRESSES: The modification request and related documents are available for review by selecting “Records Open for Public Comment” from the Features box on the Applications and Permits for Protected Species (APPS) home page, <https://apps.nmfs.noaa.gov>, and then selecting File No. 23200 Mod 6 from the list of available applications. These documents are also available upon written request via email to NMFS.Pr1Comments@noaa.gov.

Written comments on this application should be submitted via email to NMFS.Pr1Comments@noaa.gov. Please include File No. 23200 in the subject line of the email comment.

Those individuals requesting a public hearing should submit a written request via email to NMFS.Pr1Comments@noaa.gov. The request should set forth the specific reasons why a hearing on this application would be appropriate.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Erin Markin, Ph.D., or Malcolm Mohead, (301) 427–8401.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The subject modification to Permit No. 23200–01, issued on January 24, 2022 (87 FR 7820, February 10, 2022) is requested under the authority of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*) and the regulations governing the taking, importing, and exporting of endangered and threatened species (50 CFR parts 222–226).

Permit No. 23200–01 authorizes the permit holder to: conduct scientific research on adult, subadult, and juvenile Atlantic (*Acipenser oxyrinchus*) and shortnose (*A. brevirostrum*) sturgeon to determine their abundance, distribution, habitat use, and migration dynamics in the coastal rivers and estuaries of North Carolina basins (Cape Fear, Neuse, Tar/Pamlico, Roanoke/Chowan). Researchers may capture Atlantic and shortnose sturgeon using gill nets, trammel nets, or trawls, measure, weigh, mark (passive integrated transponder (PIT), Floy), biologically sample (tissue), anesthetize, acoustically tag, and photograph/video sturgeon prior to release. The permit holder requests authorization to: (1) increase the number of juvenile, subadult, and adult Atlantic sturgeon to receive an internal acoustic tag; (2) add external acoustic tagging of Atlantic sturgeon; and (3) conduct research on Atlantic sturgeon captured under other authority in the Frying Pan Shoals area. Up to 5 additional subadult/adult and up to 20 juvenile Atlantic sturgeon would receive an internal acoustic tagging annually in each location. Up to 75 subadult/adult and 50 juvenile Atlantic sturgeon may be captured under other authority during surveys in the Frying Pan Shoals area. Sturgeon captured under other authority may be marked (PIT, Floy), biologically sampled (tissue), measured, weighed, and photographed/videoed prior to release. A subset may receive either an external or internal acoustic tag prior to release. The permit is valid through January 31, 2025.

Dated: August 1, 2023.

Julia M. Harrison,

*Chief, Permits and Conservation Division,
Office of Protected Resources, National
Marine Fisheries Service.*

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Patent and Trademark Office

[Docket No.: PTO-C-2023-0029]

Performance Review Board

AGENCY: United States Patent and Trademark Office, Commerce.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In conformance with the Civil Service Reform Act of 1978, the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) announces the appointment of persons to serve as members of its Performance Review Board (PRB).

ADDRESSES: Office of Human Resources, USPTO, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lari B. Washington, Director, Human Capital Management, USPTO, at 571-272-5187.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The membership of the USPTO PRB is as follows:

Derrick Brent, Chair, Deputy Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property and Deputy Director of the USPTO
Frederick W. Steckler, Vice Chair, Chief Administrative Officer, USPTO
Vaishali Udupa, Commissioner for Patents, USPTO
David S. Gooder, Commissioner for Trademarks, USPTO
Dennis J. Hoffman, Chief Financial Officer, USPTO
Henry J. Holcombe, Chief Information Officer, USPTO
David L. Berdan, General Counsel, USPTO
Mary Critharis, Chief Policy Officer and Director for International Affairs, USPTO
Gerard F. Rogers, Chief Administrative Trademark Judge, USPTO
Scott R. Boalick, Chief Administrative Patent Judge, USPTO
Bismarck Myrick, Director of the Office of Equal Employment Opportunity and Diversity, USPTO
Cara Duckworth, Chief Corporate Communications Officer, USPTO
Shirin Bidel-Niyat, Chief of Staff, USPTO

Alternates:

Robin Evans, Deputy Commissioner for Patents, USPTO

Amy Cotton, Deputy Commissioner for Trademark Examination Policy, USPTO

Katherine K. Vidal,

Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property and Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

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CONSUMER FINANCIAL PROTECTION BUREAU

Supervisory Highlights, Issue 30, Summer 2023

AGENCY: Consumer Financial Protection Bureau.

ACTION: Supervisory Highlights.

SUMMARY: The Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB or Bureau) is issuing its thirtieth edition of Supervisory Highlights.

DATES: The Bureau released this edition of the Supervisory Highlights on its website on July 26, 2023. The findings included in this report cover examinations in the areas of auto origination, auto servicing, consumer reporting, debt collection, deposits, fair lending, information technology, mortgage origination, mortgage servicing, payday and small dollar lending, and remittances that were completed from July 1, 2022, to March 31, 2023.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jaclyn Sellers, Senior Counsel, at (202) 435-7449. If you require this document in an alternative electronic format, please contact CFPB_Accessibility@cfpb.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

1. Introduction

Since its inception, the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau's (CFPB's) Supervision program has assessed supervised institutions' compliance with Federal consumer financial law and taken supervisory action against institutions that have violated it.¹ This includes institutions engaged in unfair, deceptive, or abusive acts or practices (UDAAPs) prohibited by the Consumer Financial Protection Act of 2010 (CFPA).² In April 2023, the CFPB issued a policy statement on abusive acts or practices to summarize the existing precedent, provide an analytical framework for identifying abusive

¹ If a supervisory matter is referred to the Office of Enforcement, Enforcement may cite additional violations based on these facts or uncover additional information that could impact the conclusion as to what violations may exist.

² 12 U.S.C. 5531, 5536.

conduct, and to offer some guiding principles.³

This edition of *Supervisory Highlights* notes recent supervisory findings of abusive acts or practices supervised institutions engaged in across multiple product lines. Examiners also continue to find that supervised institutions are engaging in prohibited unfair and deceptive acts or practices. The CFPB will continue to supervise for, and enforce against, practices that may violate Federal consumer financial law, harm consumers, and impede competition.

Most supervised institutions rely on technology solutions to run their businesses and offer or provide consumer financial products or services. Supervision assesses information technology utilized by supervised entities, and information technology controls, that may impact compliance with Federal consumer financial law or risk to consumers. Examiners have identified several violations of Federal consumer financial law that were caused in whole or in part by insufficient information technology controls. This edition includes for the first time, findings from the CFPB's Supervision information technology program.

A key aspect of the CFPB supervision program is benefitting supervised institutions by identifying compliance issues before they become significant. The supervision process is confidential in nature. This confidentiality promotes candid communication between supervised institutions and CFPB supervisory personnel concerning compliance and related matters.

The findings included in this report cover examinations in the areas of auto origination, auto servicing, consumer reporting, debt collection, deposits, fair lending, information technology, mortgage origination, mortgage servicing, payday and small dollar lending, and remittances that were completed from July 1, 2022, to March 31, 2023. To maintain the anonymity of the supervised institutions discussed in *Supervisory Highlights*, references to institutions generally are in the plural and related findings may pertain to one or more institutions.

2. Supervisory Observations

2.1 Auto Origination

The CFPB assessed the auto finance origination operations of several

³ CFPB Policy Statement on Abusive Acts or Practices, available at <https://www.consumerfinance.gov/compliance/supervisory-guidance/policy-statement-on-abusiveness/>.