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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The following items are on the agenda, although agenda items may be addressed out of order (changes will be noted on the Council's website when possible).

**Tuesday, October 3rd**

*Executive Committee—Open Session*

Review progress on 2023 Implementation Plan  
Review and approve draft 2024 deliverables

*Council Convenes*

*Monkfish and Dogfish Joint Framework To Reduce the Bycatch of Atlantic Sturgeon*

Review joint Dogfish and Monkfish Committee recommendations  
Review and approve range of Dogfish and Monkfish alternatives

*Illex Hold Framework #2: Final Action*

Review recommendations from the Committee and Advisory Panel  
Select preferred alternatives and take final action

**Wednesday, October 4th**

*Northeast Fishery Science Center (NEFSC) Federal Surveys: Survey Performance, Issues, and Planning for the Future—Dr. Kathryn Ford and Peter Chase, NEFSC*

Overview of NOAA Ship Henry B. Bigelow bottom trawl survey, R/V Hugh R. Sharp Scallops Survey, and other NEFSC surveys  
Past survey performance, 2023 survey issues, contingency plans, and future scheduling

*Policy/Process for Reviewing Exempted Fishing Permit Applications for Unmanaged Forage Amendment Ecosystem Component Species*

Review draft policy/process document  
Review recommendations from EOP Committee and Advisory Panel  
Approve policy/process

*Offshore Wind Energy Development*

Updates from the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management  
Updates from the New York State Energy Research and Development

Authority (NYSERDA)—Offshore Wind Master Plan 2.0 (Deepwater)

— Lunch —

*Ecosystem Approach to Fisheries Management (EAFM) Risk Assessment Review*

Review recommendations from EOP Committee and Advisory Panel  
Approve modifications to EAFM risk assessment

*Private Recreational Tilefish Permitting and Reporting*

Receive update from GARFO on recreational tilefish permitting and reporting  
Discuss communication and outreach efforts

*Habitat Activities Update—Karen Greene, Greater Atlantic Regional Fisheries Office Habitat and Ecosystem Services Division*

Presentation on activities of interest (aquaculture, wind, and other projects) in the region

*NEFSC Observer Program Update—Katherine McArdle, NEFSC*

Review recent program performance and modifications  
Review recent changes in tasked seadays resulting from the first Standardized Bycatch Reduction Methodology (SBRM) discard analysis conducted since COVID-19 disruptions

Review planned outreach

*NEFSC Cooperative Research Update—Dr. Anna Mercer, NEFSC*

Review the Cooperative Research Branch's portfolio, focusing on new research and outreach initiatives

*Assessment and Peer Review Overviews—Spiny Dogfish and Atlantic Mackerel*

Review recent developments that will inform Council actions in December 2023

*NEFSC Presentation on Maternal Effects (i.e. the potential importance of larger females for resilient fisheries)—Mark Wuenschel and Richard McBride, NEFSC*

Review relevant NEFSC research activities  
Consider potential implications for assessment and management

**Thursday, October 5th**

*Business Session*

Committee Reports (SSC, Monkfish); Executive Director's Report; Organization Reports; and Liaison Reports

*Other Business and General Public Comment*

Although non-emergency issues not contained in this agenda may come before this group for discussion, in accordance with the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (Magnuson-Stevens Act), those issues may not be the subject of formal action during these meetings. Actions will be restricted to those issues specifically identified in this notice and any issues arising after publication of this notice that require emergency action under section 305(c).

**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.

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

Dated: September 12, 2023.

**Diane M. DeJames-Daly,**

*Acting Deputy 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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**Fisheries of the South Atlantic, Gulf of Mexico, and Caribbean; Southeast Data, Assessment, and Review (SEDAR) Public Meeting**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of the SEDAR steering committee meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The SEDAR Steering Committee will meet to discuss the SEDAR stock assessment process and assessment schedule. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION.**

**DATES:** The SEDAR Steering Committee will meet Tuesday, October 3, 2023, from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m., Eastern, via webinar. The established times may be adjusted as necessary to accommodate the timely completion of discussion relevant to the SEDAR process. Such adjustments may result in the meeting being extended from or completed prior to the time established by this notice.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held via webinar. The webinar is open to

members of the public. Those interested in participating should contact Julie Neer (see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**) to request an invitation providing webinar access information. Please request webinar invitations at least 24 hours in advance of each webinar.

*SEDAR address:* 4055 Faber Place Drive, Suite 201, N Charleston, SC 29405; *www.sedarweb.org*.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Julie A. Neer, SEDAR Program Manager, 4055 Faber Place Drive, Suite 201, North Charleston, SC 29405; phone: (843) 571-4366 or toll free: (866) SAFMC-10; fax: (843) 769-4520; email: *Julie.neer@safmc.net*.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The SEDAR Steering Committee provides guidance and oversight of the SEDAR stock assessment program and manages assessment scheduling. The items of discussion for this meeting are as follows: SEDAR projects update; SEDAR projects schedule; SEDAR process review and discussions; and other business.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in this agenda may come before this group for discussion, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during this meeting. Action will be restricted to those issues specifically identified in this notice and any issues arising after publication of this notice that require emergency action under section 305(c) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, provided the public has been notified of the intent to take final action to address the emergency.

### Special Accommodations

This meeting is accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for auxiliary aids should be directed to the SEDAR office (see **ADDRESSES**) at least 5 business days prior to the meeting.

**Note:** The times and sequence specified in this agenda are subject to change.

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

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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#### North Pacific Fishery Management Council; Public Meetings

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

**ACTION:** Notice of public meetings of the North Pacific Fishery Management Council and its advisory committees. The meetings will be held via hybrid conference.

**SUMMARY:** The North Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) and its advisory committees will meet October 2, 2023, through October 10, 2023.

**DATES:** The Council's Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) will begin at 8 a.m. in the Aleutian room on Monday, October 2, 2023, and continue through Wednesday, October 4, 2023. The Council's Advisory Panel (AP) will begin at 8 a.m. in the Dillingham/Katmai room on Tuesday, October 3, 2023, and continue through Saturday, October 7, 2023. The Council will begin at 8 a.m. in the Aleutian room on Thursday, October 5, 2023, and continue through Tuesday, October 10, 2023. The Enforcement Trawl Performance Workshop will meet Monday, October 2, 2023, from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the North Pacific Fishery Management Council's Conference Room; 1007 W 3rd Ave., Suite 400, Anchorage, AK 99501-2252. All times listed are Alaska time.

**ADDRESSES:** The meetings will be a hybrid conference. The in-person component of the meeting will be held at the Hilton Hotel, 500 W 3rd Ave., Anchorage, AK 99501, or join the meeting online through the links at <https://www.npfmc.org/current-or-next-council-meeting/>.

*Council address:* North Pacific Fishery Management Council, 1007 W 3rd Ave., Suite 400, Anchorage, AK 99501-2252; telephone: (907) 271-2809. Instructions for attending the meeting via web conference are given under Connection Information, below.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Diana Evans, Council staff; email: *diana.evans@noaa.gov*; telephone: (907) 271-2809. For technical support, please contact our Council administrative staff, email: *npfmc.admin@noaa.gov*.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

### Agenda

*Monday, October 2, 2023, Through Wednesday, October 4, 2023*

The SSC agenda will include the following issues:

- (1) Administrative Issues including Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) funding proposal.
- (2) BSAI Crab Specifications—review Stock Assessment and Fishery Evaluation (SAFE) report; adopt Acceptable Biological Catch (ABC)/Over Fishing Limits (OFLs) for Bristol Bay red king crab (BBRKC), Tanner crab, snow crab, Pribilof Island blue king crab (PIBKC); Ecosystem Status Report; BSAI Crab Plan Team Report.
- (3) BSAI/Gulf of Alaska (GOA) Groundfish—Proposed specifications; Plan Team reports.

(4) Chum Salmon bycatch—preliminary review.

(5) BSAI Crab Program Review—review workplan.

(6) Individual Fishing Quota (IFQ) Program Review—review workplan.

The agenda is subject to change, and the latest version will be posted at <https://meetings.npfmc.org/Meeting/Details/3004> prior to the meeting, along with meeting materials.

In addition to providing ongoing scientific advice for fishery management decisions, the SSC functions as the Council's primary peer review panel for scientific information, as described by the Magnuson-Stevens Act section 302(g)(1)(e), and the National Standard 2 guidelines (78 FR 43066). The peer-review process is also deemed to satisfy the requirements of the Information Quality Act, including the OMB Peer Review Bulletin guidelines.

*Monday, October 2, 2023*

Trawl Gear Performance Standard Workshop agenda:

The NPFMC will host a workshop to engage with stakeholders and fishery participants on ways to revise the trawl gear performance standard so that it is clear, enforceable, and meets Council objectives. The trawl performance standard regulation prohibits the presence of 20 or more crab above a threshold size limit, at any time, while directed fishing for pollock using pelagic trawl gear. Variations of the performance standard apply in both the BSAI and GOA. The agenda is subject to change, and the latest version will be posted at <https://meetings.npfmc.org/Meeting/Details/1885> prior to the meeting, along with meeting materials.

*Tuesday, October 3, 2023, Through Saturday, October 7, 2023*

The Advisory Panel agenda will include the following issues: