

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration****Evaluation of New Hampshire Coastal Management Program; Notice of Public Meeting; Request for Comments**

AGENCY: Office for Coastal Management, National Ocean Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting; request for comments.

SUMMARY: The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Office for Coastal Management, will hold a public meeting to solicit input on the performance evaluation of the New Hampshire Coastal Management Program. NOAA also invites the public to submit written comments.

DATES: A hybrid (*i.e.*, virtual and in-person) public meeting will be held on Monday, November 6, 2023, from 6 to 7 p.m. Eastern Standard Time (EST). NOAA may close the meeting 10 minutes after the conclusion of public testimony and after responding to any clarifying questions from participants. NOAA will consider all written comments received by Friday, November 17, 2023.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be submitted by one of the following methods:

Public Meeting: Provide oral comments during the virtual and in-person public meeting on Monday, November 6, 2023, from 6 to 7 p.m. EST. Both in-person and virtual participants should register if they wish to provide public comment. Virtual participants must register in order to receive an emailed link to the public meeting. The lineup of speakers will be based on the date and time of registration. As time allows, public comment will then be opened to all participants.

• *For virtual participation*, register as an attendee or speaker at <https://forms.gle/xfVFRSALXdMPSgfd6>. We request that participants register by Monday, November 6, 2023, at 4 p.m. EST. Please indicate on the registration form whether you intend to provide oral comments during the virtual public meeting by clicking “Yes” or “No” in the box that reads, “Do you plan to make oral comments during this meeting?” Upon registration, NOAA will send a confirmation email. One hour prior to the start of the virtual public meeting on November 6, 2023, NOAA will send an email to all registrants with a link to the public

meeting and information about participating. While advance registration is requested, registration will remain open until the meeting closes and any participant may provide oral comment after the registered speakers conclude. Meeting registrants may remain anonymous by typing “Anonymous” in the “First Name” and “Last Name” fields on the registration form.

• *For in-person participation*, you may attend the public meeting on-site on Monday, November 6, 2023, 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. EST at 222 International Drive #175, Portsmouth, NH 03801. Advance registration to attend on-site is not required. Sign-in registration for providing public comment in person will be available at the meeting venue.

To Submit Comments Via Email: Contact Carrie Hall, Evaluator, NOAA Office for Coastal Management, at czma.evaluations@noaa.gov. Include “Comments on Performance Evaluation of the New Hampshire Coastal Management Program” in the subject line of the message.

NOAA will accept anonymous comments; however, the written comments NOAA receives are considered part of the public record, and the entirety of the comment, including the name of the commenter, email address, attachments, and other supporting materials, will be publicly accessible. Sensitive personally identifiable information, such as account numbers and social security numbers, should not be included with the comment. Comments that are not related to the performance evaluation of the New Hampshire Coastal Management Program, or that contain profanity, vulgarity, threats, or other inappropriate language will not be considered.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Carrie Hall, Evaluator, NOAA Office for Coastal Management, by email at Carrie.Hall@noaa.gov or by phone at (240) 410-3422. Copies of the previous evaluation findings and assessment and strategies may be viewed and downloaded at <https://coast.noaa.gov/czm/evaluations/>. A copy of the evaluation notification letter and most recent progress report may be obtained upon request by contacting Carrie Hall.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 312 of the Coastal Zone Management Act (CZMA) requires NOAA to conduct periodic evaluations of federally approved coastal management programs. The evaluation process includes holding one or more public meetings, considering public comments, and consulting with interested Federal,

State, and local agencies and members of the public. During the evaluation, NOAA will consider the extent to which the State of New Hampshire has met the national objectives, adhered to the management program approved by the Secretary of Commerce, and adhered to the terms of financial assistance under the CZMA. When the evaluation is complete, NOAA’s Office for Coastal Management will place a notice in the **Federal Register** announcing the availability of the final evaluation findings.

(Authority: 16 U.S.C. 1458.)

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

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Takes of Marine Mammals Incidental to Specified Activities; Taking Marine Mammals Incidental to Columbia East Lateral XPRESS Project; Correction

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

ACTION: Notice; correction.

SUMMARY: NMFS published a notice in the **Federal Register** of September 7, 2023, concerning the proposed incidental harassment authorization (IHA) for take of marine mammals incidental to construction activities, including pile driving, to install a point of delivery metering station and a tie-in facility in Barataria Bay, Louisiana. That notice included an incorrect email address for submitting public comments. This notice provides a correction to that email address; all other information is unchanged.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Steve Tucker, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, (301) 427-8401.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Correction

In the **Federal Register** of September 7, 2023, in FR Doc. 2023-19310, on page 61530, in the third column, correct the **ADDRESSES** caption to read:

ADDRESSES: Comments should be addressed to Jolie Harrison, Chief, Permits and Conservation Division,

Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service and should be submitted via email to ITP.Tucker@noaa.gov.

Dated: September 14, 2023.

Kimberly Damon-Randall,

*Director, Office of Protected Resources,
National Marine Fisheries Service.*

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[RTID 0648-XD378]

Advisory Committee Open Session on Management Strategy Evaluation for North Atlantic Swordfish

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

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Advisory Committee to the U.S. Section to the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (ICCAT), supported by NMFS, is holding a public meeting via webinar session to receive an update and provide input on the development of a management strategy evaluation (MSE) for North Atlantic swordfish. The meeting is open to all interested stakeholders.

DATES: A virtual meeting that is open to the public will be held by webinar session on October 5, 2023, from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. EDT.

ADDRESSES: Please register to attend the meeting at: <https://forms.gle/2wkHbTstzFDkHpYu9>. Registration will close on October 3, 2023, at 5 p.m. EDT. Instructions for accessing the webinar session will be emailed to registered participants.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Bryan Keller, Office of International Affairs, Trade, and Commerce, (301) 427-7725, Bryan.Keller@noaa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: MSE is a process that allows fishery managers and stakeholders (e.g., industry, scientists, and non-governmental organizations) to assess how well different strategies achieve specified management objectives for a fishery. ICCAT expects to finalize its North Atlantic swordfish MSE in 2023 and anticipates adopting a management procedure in November 2023 to set the total allowable catch (TAC) for 2024 and future years for the stock. NMFS, and

the U.S. Government more broadly, has been fully engaged in the MSE development process, an important part of which involves considering stakeholder input, including through periodic consultations with the Advisory Committee to the U.S. Section to ICCAT. The United States is also participating in the development of the North Atlantic swordfish MSE through the active involvement of U.S. scientists in the work carried out by ICCAT's Standing Committee on Research and Statistics (SCRS).

The October 5 meeting is primarily informational in nature. It is intended to update U.S. stakeholders on the progress of the North Atlantic swordfish MSE process and increase awareness and understanding of that process. NMFS will provide information on the progress of the SCRS in developing initial candidate management procedures (CMPs) and testing them based on the input provided to-date by ICCAT's Panel 4 on management objectives and other relevant matters. CMPs illustrate tradeoffs associated with achieving identified management objectives related to stock status, stock safety, yield, and TAC stability over time. CMP testing assists ICCAT in refining management objectives and narrowing the number of viable CMPs for possible adoption by the Commission.

There will also be an opportunity for the Advisory Committee and other stakeholders to provide input on the North Atlantic swordfish MSE. Such input helps inform U.S. scientists who are participating in the MSE work of the SCRS as well as U.S. managers participating in North Atlantic swordfish MSE meetings at the Commission level later in 2023.

(Authority: 16 U.S.C. 971 *et seq.*; 16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*)

Dated: September 14, 2023.

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Trade, and Commerce, National Marine
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for Review and Approval; Comment Request; Alaska Region Crab Permits

AGENCY: National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of information collection, request for comment.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce, in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), invites the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on proposed, and continuing information collections, which helps us assess the impact of our information collection requirements and minimize the public's reporting burden. The purpose of this notice is to allow for 60 days of public comment preceding submission of the collection to OMB.

DATES: To ensure consideration, comments regarding this proposed information collection must be received on or before November 20, 2023.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit written comments to Adrienne Thomas, NOAA PRA Officer, at NOAA.PRA@noaa.gov. Please reference OMB Control Number 0648-0514 in the subject line of your comments. Do not submit Confidential Business Information or otherwise sensitive or protected information.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or specific questions related to collection activities should be directed to Gabrielle Aberle, 709 W 9th Street, Juneau, AK 9980, 907-586-7356, gabrielle.aberle@noaa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), Alaska Regional Office, is requesting extension of a currently approved information collection for the Crab Rationalization Program (CR Program).

This information collection is necessary for NMFS to manage the CR Program. The CR Program was implemented on April 1, 2005 (70 FR 10174, March 2, 2005). The CR Program is a limited access privilege program that allocates the harvest of crab fisheries managed under the Fishery Management Plan for Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands King and Tanner Crabs