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CET covered under the USG NSSCET include, but are not limited to:

- Communication and Networking Technologies
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- Semiconductors and Microelectronics, including Computing, Memory, and Storage Technologies
- Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning
- Biotechnologies
- Positioning, Navigation, and Timing Services
- Digital Identity Infrastructure and Distributed Ledger Technologies
- Clean Energy Generation and Storage
- Quantum Information Technologies

There are also specific applications of CET that departments and agencies have determined will impact our global economy and national security. These include, but are not limited to:

- Automated and Connected Infrastructure
- Biobanking
- Automated, Connected, and Electrified Transportation
- Critical Minerals Supply Chains
- Cybersecurity and Privacy

- Carbon Capture, Removal, Utilization, and Storage

A full list of CETs identified by the National Science and Technology Council (NSTC) can be found <https://www.whitehouse.gov/wp-content/uploads/2022/02/02-2022-Critical-and-Emerging-Technologies-List-Update.pdf>.

The national interest in CET and associated areas of standardization demands a new and urgent level of coordination and effort. National policy priorities, as expressed in legislation and other statements of policy, will require new ways for public sector and private sector (*i.e.*, industry, including start-ups and small- and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs), academic community, and civil society organizations) stakeholders to cooperate in order to advance U.S. economic competitiveness and national security.

NIST is extending the comment period announced in the September 7, 2023 RFI from November 6, 2023 to December 15, 2023 in response to stakeholder requests for more time to respond to this important issue.

For Public Meetings/Webcast: NIST may hold a series of "Listening Sessions" or "Stakeholder Events" in support of the USG NSSCET implementation. Information on these and any other NIST-sponsored events in connection with the USG NSSCET implementation will be announced at www.standards.gov.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Determination of Overfishing or an Overfished Condition

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

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This action serves as a notice that NMFS, on behalf of the Secretary of Commerce (Secretary), has found that summer flounder is now subject to overfishing and thorny skate remains overfished. NMFS, on behalf of the Secretary, is required to provide this notice whenever it determines that a stock or stock complex is subject to

overfishing, overfished, or approaching an overfished condition.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Caroline Potter, (301) 427-8522.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to section 304(e)(2) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, 16 U.S.C. 1854(e)(2), NMFS, on behalf of the Secretary, must publish a notice in the **Federal Register** whenever it determines that a stock or stock complex is subject to overfishing, overfished, or approaching an overfished condition.

NMFS has determined that summer flounder is now subject to overfishing. The summer flounder determination is based on the most recent assessment, completed in 2023, using data through 2022, which indicates that the stock is subject to overfishing because the fishing mortality rate is greater than the maximum fishing mortality threshold. NMFS has notified the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council of the requirement to end overfishing of summer flounder.

NMFS has determined that thorny skate remains overfished. The thorny skate determination is based on an update assessment completed in 2022, using data through 2021, which indicates that the stock remains overfished because the 2-year average biomass index is less than the minimum stock size threshold. NMFS continues to work with the New England Fishery Management Council to rebuild thorny skate.

Dated: October 31, 2023.

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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; Large Pelagic Fishing Survey

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