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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Requests for additional information or specific questions related to collection activities should be directed to Robyn Heffernan, National Fire Weather Services Senior Advisor, NOAA National Weather Service, 3833 S Development Ave., Boise, ID 83705, (208) 387-5089, robyn.heffernan@noaa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

This is a request for a new collection of information.

The data collection is sponsored by DOC/NOAA/National Weather Service (NWS)/Analyze, Forecast, and Support Office (AFS), National Fire Weather Program. Under the Disaster Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act of 2022, Congress charged NOAA/NWS to improve (a) Hurricane intensity and track forecasting, including through deployment of unmanned ocean observing platforms and enhanced data assimilation; (b) precipitation and flood prediction, forecasting, and mitigation capabilities; and (c) wildfire research, prediction, detection, forecasting, monitoring, data management, and communication and engagement. Based on this directive, the NWS is conducting this project to improve decision support services for fire weather products and services. By using social science methods and risk communication expertise, the NWS seeks to identify how probabilistic weather information can most effectively influence fire-related decision-making to protect lives and property and enhance the economy. This data collection will include an online survey and virtual focus groups. The survey sample will be a non-representative panel that will draw primarily from the Western, Southern Plains, and Southeastern portions of the United States. The focus groups will be conducted with Public Information Officers and Fire Weather Practitioners at the national, regional, state, and local levels based on contacts known to the NWS. The insights and findings derived from this data collection will be used to develop Impact Decision Support Services' products and messages.

II. Method of Collection

Both the survey and the focus groups will be conducted electronically via video conferencing technology based on schedules and participant preference.

III. Data

OMB Control Number: 0648-XXXX.

Form Number(s): None.

Type of Review: Regular submission new information collection.

Affected Public: Individuals, State, local, or Tribal government.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 2,140.

Estimated Time per Response: Focus group: 2 hours; Survey: 15 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 605 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public: None.

Respondent's Obligation: Voluntary.

Legal Authority: Disaster Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act of 2022.

IV. Request for Comments

We are soliciting public comments to permit the Department/Bureau to: (a) Evaluate whether the proposed information collection is necessary for the proper functions of the Department, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) Evaluate the accuracy of our estimate of the time and cost burden for this proposed collection, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) Evaluate ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) Minimize the reporting burden on those who are to respond, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments that you submit in response to this notice are a matter of public record. We will include or summarize each comment in our request to OMB to approve this ICR. Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you may ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

Sheleen Dumas,

Department PRA Clearance Officer, Office of the Under Secretary for Economic Affairs, Commerce Department.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Space Weather Advisory Group Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: The Space Weather Advisory Group (SWAG) will meet for a full day on March 26, 2024.

DATES: The meeting is scheduled as follows: March 26, 2024 from 10 a.m.–5 p.m. Eastern Daylight Saving Time (EDT).

ADDRESSES: The public meeting will be a virtual event. For details on how to connect to the webinar or to submit comments, please visit <https://www.weather.gov/swag> or contact Amy Macpherson, National Weather Service; telephone: 816-287-1344; email: amy.macpherson@noaa.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Amy Macpherson, National Weather Service, NOAA, 7211 NW 101st Terrace, Kansas City, MO 64153; 816-287-1344 or amy.macpherson@noaa.gov; or visit the SWAG website: <https://www.weather.gov/swag>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to the Promoting Research and Observations of Space Weather to Improve the Forecasting of Tomorrow (PROSWIFT) Act, 51 U.S.C. 60601 *et seq.*, the Administrator of NOAA and the National Science and Technology Council's Space Weather Operations, Research, and Mitigation (SWORM) Subcommittee established the SWAG on April 21, 2021. The SWAG is the only Federal Advisory SWAG that advises and informs the interest and work of the SWORM. The SWAG is to receive advice from the academic community, the commercial space weather sector, and nongovernmental space weather end users to carry out the responsibilities of the SWAG set forth in the PROSWIFT Act, 51 U.S.C. 60601 *et seq.*

The SWAG is directed to advise the SWORM on the following: facilitating advances in the space weather enterprise of the United States; improving the ability of the United States to prepare for, mitigate, respond to, and recover from space weather phenomena; enabling the coordination and facilitation of research to operations and operations to research, as described in 51 U.S.C. 60604(d); and developing

and implementing the integrated strategy under 51 U.S.C. 60601(c), including subsequent updates and reevaluations. The SWAG shall also conduct a comprehensive survey of the needs of users of space weather products to identify the space weather research, observations, forecasting, prediction, and modeling advances required to improve space weather products, as required by 51 U.S.C. 60601(d)(3).

Matters To Be Considered

The meeting will be open to the public. During the meeting, the SWAG will discuss the PROSWIFT Act, 51 U.S.C. 60601 *et seq.*, directed duties of the SWAG including the required 51 U.S.C. 60601(d)(3) user survey. The full agenda and meeting materials will be published on the SWAG website: <https://www.weather.gov/swag>.

Additional Information and Public Comments

The meeting will be held over one full day and will be conducted in a virtual manner (for meeting details see **ADDRESSES**). Please register for the meeting through the website: <https://www.weather.gov/swag>.

This event is accessible to individuals with disabilities. For all other special accommodation requests, please contact amy.macpherson@noaa.gov. This webinar is a NOAA public meeting and will be recorded and transcribed. If you have a public comment, you acknowledge you will be recorded and are aware you can opt out of the meeting. Participation in the meeting constitutes consent to the recording. Both the meeting minutes and presentations will be posted to the SWAG website <https://www.weather.gov/swag>. The agenda, speakers and times are subject to change. For updates, please check the SWAG website <https://www.weather.gov/swag>.

Public comments directed to the SWAG members and SWAG related topics are encouraged. For other written public comments, please email amy.macpherson@noaa.gov by March 22, 2024. Written comments received after this date will be distributed to the SWAG but may not be reviewed prior to the meeting date. As time allows, public comments will be read into the public record during the meeting. Advance comments will be collated and posted to the meeting website.

Dated: February 9, 2024.

Michael Farrar,

Director, National Centers for Environmental Prediction, National Weather Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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New England Fishery Management Council; Public Meetings

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

ACTION: Notice of public meetings.

SUMMARY: The New England Fishery Management Council (Council) is conducting six scoping meetings to solicit comments regarding the range of alternatives to consider in Amendment 10 (A10) to the Atlantic Herring Fishery Management Plan to consider actions affecting New England fisheries in the exclusive economic zone (EEZ). The Council is proposing to take action through A10 to address spatial and temporal allocation and management of Atlantic herring at the management unit level to minimize user conflicts, contribute to optimum yield and support rebuilding of the resource. The Council is also proposing to take action to enhance river herring (alewife and blueback herring) and shad (American shad and hickory shad) avoidance and other catch reduction measures to better support ongoing coastwide restoration efforts for those species. The Council is scheduling the scoping meetings in accordance with the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act and the National Environmental Policy Act. A summary of public comments received will be provided to the Council for formal consideration and action, if appropriate.

DATES: These meetings and webinars will be held between the dates of Friday, March 1, 2024 and Monday, April 22, 2024. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for more details on specific dates and times.

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

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Cate O'Keefe, Ph.D., Executive Director, New

England Fishery Management Council; telephone: (978) 465-0492.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

1. Friday, March 1, 2024, 1–2:30 p.m., Samoset Resort Hotel, 220 Warrenton Street, Rockport, ME 04856;
2. Monday, March 4, 2024, 6–8 p.m., Urban Forestry Center, 45 Elwyn Road, Portsmouth, NH 03801;
3. Tuesday, March 19, 2024, 6–8 p.m., Hampton Inn, 20 Hotel Drive, South Kingstown, RI 02879;
4. Wednesday, March 27, 2024, 6–8 p.m., Hampton Inn, 12 Kendall Rae Place, Buzzards Bay, MA 02532;
5. Wednesday, April 17, 2024, 6–8 p.m., Hilton Hotel, 20 Coogan Boulevard, Mystic, CT 06355, also via webinar. Please register for the webinar here: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/3372208096915656544>.
6. Monday, April 22, 2024, from 6–8 p.m. via webinar. Please register for the webinar here: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/3923008446850127706>.

Public comments: The public comment deadline is 8 a.m. EST on Tuesday, April 30, 2024. Mail to Cate O'Keefe, Executive Director, New England Fishery Management Council, 50 Water Street, Mill #2, Newburyport, MA 01950. Mark the outside of the envelope "Atlantic Herring Amendment 10 Scoping Comments". Comments may also be sent via email to comments@nefmc.org—with "Atlantic Herring Amendment 10 Scoping Comments" in the subject line.

Agenda

Council staff will brief the public on the A10 scoping document before receiving comments. These meetings will begin promptly at the time indicated above. If all attendees who wish to do so have provided their comments prior to the end time indicated, the meeting may conclude early. To the extent possible, the Council may extend scoping meetings beyond the end time indicated above to accommodate all attendees who wish to speak.

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 these meetings. 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.