

and gather ideas for other data sources. NOAA hopes to come out of the meetings with a strengthened relationship with the public and a list of best available data and data gaps.

### III. Specific Information Requested To Inform Marine Spatial Studies in Virginia, North Carolina, and South Carolina

NOAA seeks written public input to inform marine spatial studies in the Southeast U.S. NOAA is particularly interested in receiving input concerning the items listed below. Responses to this notice are voluntary, and respondents need not reply to items listed. When providing input, please specify if you are providing general feedback on marine spatial studies and/or if you are responding to one of the specific item number(s) below:

1. Specific datasets related to ocean sectors, natural resources, and/or human activities you recommend NOAA use in marine spatial studies.
2. Major concerns you have related to use of any specific datasets that may be used in marine spatial studies.
3. Major concerns you have related to gaps in scientific knowledge or data that could impact marine spatial planning efforts.
4. Specific data or information you recommend NOAA or other partners collect, if it is not currently available or has not been previously collected.
5. Ways in which NOAA can better engage and collaborate with the public and local communities to promote economic, social, and ecological resilience as well as protect trust resources.

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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; Pacific Islands Region Vessel and Gear Identification Requirements

The Department of Commerce will submit the following information collection request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and clearance in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of

1995, on or after the date of publication of this notice. We invite 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. Public comments were previously requested via the **Federal Register** on December 19, 2023 during a 60-day comment period. This notice allows for an additional 30 days for public comments.

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

**Title:** Pacific Islands Region Vessel and Gear Identification Requirement.

**OMB Control Number:** 0648-0360.

**Form Number(s):** None.

**Type of Request:** Regular submission, extension of a current information collection.

**Number of Respondents:** 417.

**Average Hours per Response:** Gear marking requirements approximately 1 minute. Vessel ID requirements between 20 minutes and 75 hours, depending on requirement.

**Total Annual Burden Hours:** 1,117.

**Needs and Uses:** Regulations at 50 CFR 665.16 require that all U.S. vessels with Federal permits fishing for western Pacific fishery management unit species display identification markings on the vessel. Each Vessel registered for use with a permit issued under Subparts B through E and Subparts G through I of 50 CFR 665, must have the vessel's official number displayed on both sides of the deckhouse or hull, and on an appropriate weather deck. Regulations at 50 CFR 300.35 require that each vessel fishing under the South Pacific Tuna Treaty must display its international radio call sign on the hull, the deck, and on the sides of auxiliary equipment, such as skiffs and helicopters. Vessels fishing for highly migratory species in the Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission (WCPFC) Convention Area and in international waters must comply with the regulations at 50 CFR 300.217 requiring the display of the vessel's international radio call sign on both sides of the deckhouse or hull, and on an appropriate weather deck, unless specifically exempted. In each case, the numbers must be a specific size and in specified locations. The display of the identifying numbers aids in fishery law enforcement.

The regulations at 50 CFR 665.128, 665.228, 665.428, 665.628, and 665.804 require that certain fishing gear must be marked. In the pelagic longline fisheries, the vessel operator must ensure that the official number of the

vessel is affixed to every longline buoy and float. In the coral reef ecosystem fisheries, the vessel number must be affixed to all fish and crab traps. The marking of gear links fishing or other activity to the vessel, aids law enforcement, and is valuable in actions concerning the damage to or loss of gear, and civil proceedings.

**Affected Public:** For-profit Businesses and Individuals.

**Frequency:** As required.

**Respondent's Obligation:** Mandatory.

**Legal Authority:** 50 CFR 300, 50 CFR 665.

This information collection request may be viewed at [www.reginfo.gov](http://www.reginfo.gov). Follow the instructions to view the Department of Commerce collections currently under review by OMB.

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be submitted within 30 days of the publication of this notice on the following website <https://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain> for the particular information collection by selecting "Currently under 30-day Review—Open for Public Comments" or by using the search function and entering either the title of the collection or the OMB Control Number 0648-0360.

**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

#### Solicitation for Members of the NOAA Science Advisory Board

**AGENCY:** National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Office of Oceanic and Atmospheric Research (OAR), Department of Commerce (DOC).

**ACTION:** Notice of solicitation for members of the NOAA Science Advisory Board.

**SUMMARY:** NOAA is soliciting nominations for members of the NOAA Science Advisory Board (SAB). The SAB is the only Federal Advisory Committee with the responsibility to advise the Under Secretary of Commerce for Oceans, Atmosphere, and NOAA Administrator on long- and short-range strategies for research, education, and application of science to resource management and

environmental assessment and prediction. The SAB consists of approximately twenty members reflecting the full breadth of NOAA's areas of responsibility and assists NOAA in maintaining a complete and accurate understanding of scientific issues critical to the agency's missions.

**DATES:** Nominations should be sent to the web address specified below and must be received by May 9, 2024.

**ADDRESSES:** Applications should be submitted electronically to [noaa.scienceadvisoryboard@noaa.gov](mailto:noaa.scienceadvisoryboard@noaa.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Casey Stewart, Executive Director, Science Advisory Board, NOAA, Rm. 11360, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, Maryland 20910. (Phone: 240-653-8297, Email: [casey.stewart@noaa.gov](mailto:casey.stewart@noaa.gov)); or visit the NOAA SAB website at <http://www.sab.noaa.gov>.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The NOAA Science Advisory Board (SAB) was established by a Decision Memorandum dated September 25, 1997, and is the only Federal Advisory Committee with responsibility to advise the Under Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere on strategies for research, education, and application of science to operations and information services. SAB activities and advice provide necessary input to ensure that National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) science programs are of the highest quality and provide optimal support to resource management. At this time, individuals are sought with expertise in artificial intelligence and machine learning; environmental remote sensing; social and behavioral sciences; storytelling. Individuals with expertise in other NOAA mission areas are also welcome to apply. NOAA is also interested in expanding the diversity of viewpoints represented on the SAB. The agency welcomes scientists in the listed areas of expertise and other relevant ones who come from diverse ethnic backgrounds and races, Native and Tribal communities, and gender as well as those who are differently abled.

**Composition and Points of View:** The Board will consist of approximately twenty members, including a Chair, designated by the Under Secretary in accordance with FACA requirements. Members will be appointed for three-year terms, renewable once, and serve at the discretion of the Under Secretary. Members will be appointed as special government employees (SGEs) and will be subject to the ethical standards applicable to SGEs. Members are reimbursed for actual and reasonable travel and per diem expenses incurred

in performing such duties but will not be reimbursed for their time. As a Federal Advisory Committee, the Board's membership is required to be balanced in terms of viewpoints represented and the functions to be performed as well as the interests of geographic regions of the country and the diverse sectors of U.S. society. The SAB meets in person three times each year, exclusive of teleconferences or subcommittee, task force, and working group meetings. Board members must be willing to serve as liaisons to SAB working groups and/or participate in periodic reviews of the NOAA Cooperative Institutes and overarching reviews of NOAA's research enterprise.

**Nominations:** Interested persons may nominate themselves or third parties.

**Applications:** An application is required to be considered for Board membership, regardless of whether a person is nominated by a third party or self-nominated. The application package must include: (1) the nominee's full name, title, institutional affiliation, and contact information, including mailing address; (2) the nominee's area(s) of expertise; (3) a short description of his/her qualifications relative to the kinds of advice being solicited by NOAA in this Notice; and (4) a current resume (maximum length four [4] pages).

**David Holst,**

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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 half day on April 12, 2024.

**DATES:** The meeting is scheduled as follows: April 12, 2024 from 10 a.m.–2 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](mailto:amy.macpherson@noaa.gov).

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Amy Macpherson, National Weather Service, NOAA, 7220 NW 101st Terrace, Kansas City, MO 64153; 816-287-1344 or [amy.macpherson@noaa.gov](mailto: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>.