

This notice allows for an additional 30 days for public comments.

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

Title: Atlantic Highly Migratory Species Vessel and Gear Marking.
OMB Control Number: 0648–0373.
Form Number(s): None.

Type of Request: Regular submission [extension of a current information collection].

Number of Respondents: 6,556.
Average Hours per Response: 45 minutes to mark the vessel; 15 minutes each to mark high-flyers, buoys, and floats.

Total Annual Burden Hours: 6,437.
Needs and Uses: This request is for an extension of a current information collection.

These requirements apply to vessel owners in the Atlantic highly migratory species (HMS) Fishery.

Under current regulations at 50 CFR 635.6, fishing vessels permitted for Atlantic HMS fisheries must display their official vessel numbers on their vessels. Flotation devices and high-flyers attached to certain fishing gears must also be marked with the vessel's official number to identify the vessel to which the gear belongs. These requirements are necessary for identification, law enforcement, and monitoring purposes.

Specifically, all vessel owners that hold a valid Atlantic HMS permit under 50 CFR 635.4, other than an Atlantic HMS Angling permit, are required to display their official vessel identification number. Numbers must be permanently affixed to, or painted on, the port and starboard sides of the deckhouse or hull and on an appropriate weather deck, so as to be clearly visible from an enforcement vessel or aircraft. In block Arabic numerals permanently affixed to or painted on the vessel in contrasting color to the background. At least 18 inches (45.7 cm) in height for vessels over 65 ft (19.8 m) in length; at least 10 inches (25.4 cm) in height for all other vessels over 25 ft (7.6 m) in length; and at least 3 inches (7.6 cm) in height for vessels 25 ft (7.6 m) in length or less.

Furthermore, the owner or operator of a vessel for which a permit has been issued under § 635.4 and that uses handline, buoy gear, harpoon, longline, or gillnet, must display the vessel's name, registration number or Atlantic Tunas, Atlantic HMS Angling, or Atlantic HMS Charter/Headboat permit number on each float attached to a handline, buoy gear, or harpoon, and on the terminal floats and high-flyers (if applicable) on a longline or gillnet used

by the vessel. The vessel's name or number must be at least 1 inch (2.5 cm) in height in block letters or arabic numerals in a color that contrasts with the background color of the float or high-flyer.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit organizations (vessel owners).

Frequency: Annually for each vessel or piece of gear required to be marked. The estimated number of gear items that require marking per vessel owner range from 2 buoys for bottom longline vessels, up to 35 buoys for swordfish buoy gear and Caribbean Small Boat vessels.

Respondent's Obligation: Mandatory.
Legal Authority: Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*), and the Atlantic Tunas Convention Act of 1975 (16 U.S.C. 971 *et seq.*)

This information collection request may be viewed at 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 www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain. Find this 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 0648–0373.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[RTID 0648–XE134]

New England Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice of a public meeting.

SUMMARY: The New England Fishery Management Council (Council) is scheduling a public webinar of its Risk Policy Working Group to consider actions affecting New England fisheries in the exclusive economic zone (EEZ).

Recommendations from this group will be brought to the full Council for formal consideration and action, if appropriate.

DATES: This webinar will be held on Friday, August 2, 2024, at 9 a.m.

ADDRESSES: Webinar registration URL information: <https://nefmc-org.zoom.us/j/9123456789>

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

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Cate O'Keefe, Executive Director, New England Fishery Management Council; telephone: (978) 465–0492.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Agenda

The Risk Policy Working Group (RPWG) will meet to address Term of Reference 2 by continuing to develop a revised Risk Policy Concept. The RPWG will discuss and respond to input provided by the Council and the Council's Science and Statistical Committee. Specifically, the RPWG will continue to develop the overall process for implementing a revised concept, including a weightings approach, data use and availability for each factor. The group will also identify examples to fully develop for the September Council, and work to update the concept document. Other business will be discussed, if necessary.

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 this meeting. 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. Consistent with 16 U.S.C. 1852, a copy of the recording is available upon request.

Special Accommodations

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Cate O'Keefe, Executive Director, at (978) 465–0492, at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

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

Dated: July 18, 2024.

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Acting Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Establishing an Advisory Council Pursuant to the National Marine Sanctuaries Act and Solicitation for Applications for the Lake Ontario National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council

AGENCY: Office of National Marine Sanctuaries (ONMS), National Ocean Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of solicitation.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that NOAA is establishing a national marine sanctuary advisory council for the Lake Ontario National Marine Sanctuary (LONMS). The new advisory council (council) will replace the pre-designation advisory council which was established September 17, 2019 and which expired upon the designation of LONMS. The council will provide advice and recommendations to ONMS regarding the sanctuary management plan and will serve as liaisons between the sanctuary and constituents and community groups. As a result, ONMS is adding the council to the list of established national marine sanctuary advisory councils. ONMS solicits applications to fill council seats on an as needed basis and is currently seeking applicants for seats on the LONMS Advisory Council. This notice contains web page links and contact information for LONMS and application materials to apply for the council.

DATES: Applications for membership on the LONMS Advisory Council must be postmarked or received by September 17, 2024.

ADDRESSES: For further information contact: Ellen Brody, Regional Coordinator, Eastern Region, Lake Ontario National Marine Sanctuary, 4840 South State Road, Ann Arbor, MI 48108; 734-276-6387; ellen.brody@noaa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

Section 315 of the National Marine Sanctuaries Act (NMSA) (16 U.S.C. 1445a) authorizes the Secretary of

Commerce to establish advisory councils to advise and make recommendations regarding the designation and management of national marine sanctuaries. ONMS is establishing a sanctuary advisory council for the LONMS to serve as a liaison with the local community and to provide guidance and advice to ONMS regarding the sanctuary management plan. The new advisory council will replace the pre-designation advisory council, which was established September 17, 2019. The pre-designation sanctuary advisory council expired, and the new advisory council took effect, when the designation of LONMS became effective on July 22, 2024. The advisory council for LONMS was not established on May 24, 2024 when ONMS published its annual announcement advertising to fill vacant seats on the other 17 sanctuary advisory councils (89 FR 45854). Therefore, ONMS is adding the LONMS Advisory Council to the list of sites with open council vacancies and announcing that it is soliciting applications to fill the seats of the LONMS Advisory Council. Applications are due September 17, 2024.

In the following **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section, NOAA provides details regarding ONMS, the role of advisory councils, and contact information for LONMS.

II. Office of National Marine Sanctuaries (ONMS)

ONMS serves as the trustee for a network of underwater parks encompassing more than 625,000 square miles of marine and Great Lakes waters from Washington state to the Florida Keys, and from Lake Huron to American Samoa. The network includes a system of 16 national marine sanctuaries and the Papahānaumokuākea and Rose Atoll marine national monuments. National marine sanctuaries protect our nation's most vital coastal and marine natural and cultural resources, and through active research, management, and public engagement, sustain healthy environments that are the foundation for thriving communities and stable economies.

One of the many ways ONMS ensures public participation in the designation and management of national marine sanctuaries is through the formation of advisory councils. Advisory councils are community-based groups established to provide advice and recommendations to ONMS on issues including management, science, service, and stewardship, as well as to serve as liaisons between their constituents in the community and the site. Pursuant to

Section 315(a) of the NMSA, advisory councils are exempt from the requirements of the Federal Advisory Committee Act. Additional information on ONMS and its advisory councils can be found at <http://sanctuaries.noaa.gov>.

III. Advisory Council Membership

Under section 315 of the NMSA, advisory council members may be appointed from among: (1) Persons employed by federal or state agencies with expertise in natural resources management; (2) members of relevant regional fishery management councils; and (3) representatives of local user groups, conservation and other public interest organizations, scientific organizations, educational organizations, or others interested in the protection and multiple use management of sanctuary resources (16 U.S.C. 1445a(b)).

The charter for each advisory council defines the number and type of seats and positions on the council. The advisory council charter for LONMS identifies the following non-governmental voting seat types: Citizen-at-Large; Business, Marketing and Economic Development; Divers, Dive Clubs and Archaeology; Education (K-12); Higher Education; Fishing; History, Heritage and Public Interpretation; Recreation; Research, Science and Technology; and Tourism. The council will also have non-voting seats for: New York Department of State; New York Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation; United States Coast Guard; Port of Oswego Authority; City of Oswego; Oswego County; Cayuga County; Jefferson County; Wayne County; and New York Sea Grant. Additionally, the council will have two Youth (14-17) non-voting seats.

Recognizing the cultural significance of this area to federally-recognized Indigenous Nations and Tribes, NOAA welcomes the participation of such interested Nations and Tribes on the council. This could involve multiple Nations and Tribes. This process can be initiated by contacting the sanctuary superintendent. Participation on the council does not take the place of government-to-government consultation nor does it serve as the only opportunity for engagement between NOAA and federally-recognized Indigenous Nations and Tribes.

For the LONMS Advisory Council, applicants will be chosen based upon their particular expertise and experience in relation to the seat for which they are applying; community and professional affiliations; views regarding the protection and management of marine or Great Lakes resources; and possibly