

6, 2024, from 10:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m., Eastern Time and Thursday, November 7, 2024, from 10:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m., Eastern Time.

DATES: The ISPAB will meet on Wednesday, November 6, 2024, from 10:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m., Eastern Time and Thursday, November 7, 2024, from 10:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m., Eastern Time.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held virtually via webinar. Please note participation instructions under the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of this notice.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jeff Brewer, ISPAB Designated Federal Official, National Institute of Standards and Technology, Telephone (301) 975-2489. Mr. Brewer's email address is jeffrey.brewer@nist.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Authority: The ISPAB was established to function solely as an advisory body, in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended, 5 U.S.C. 1001 *et seq.* The Board reports to the Director of NIST, and reports annually to the Secretary of Commerce, the Secretary of Homeland Security, the Director of the Office of Management and Budget, the Director of the National Security Agency, and appropriate committees of Congress. The Board is authorized under 15 U.S.C. 278g-4 and tasked with identifying emerging managerial, technical, administrative, and physical safeguard issues relative to information security and privacy.

Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended, 5 U.S.C. 1001 *et seq.*, notice is hereby given that the ISPAB will hold an open meeting on the date and time in the **DATES** section and will be open to the public. Primary purpose of this meeting is to discuss and deliberate potential recommendations. The agenda may change to accommodate ISPAB business. The final agenda will be posted on the NIST website at <https://csrc.nist.gov/Events/2024/ispab-november-2024-meeting>, and is expected to include the following items:

- Board Introductions and Member Activities,
- Update on NIST's Information Technology Laboratory (ITL) Activities,
- Briefing from NIST on the NIST Security and Privacy Frameworks,
- Discussion on Cybersecurity Metrics and Measurements,
- Presentation and Discussion on Vulnerability Markets as a Metric,
- Briefing on Breach and Incident Response Notification,

- Presentation from NIST on Small Business Corner Project,
- Presentation by Industry on Common Weakness Enumerations (CWEs) and their Use,
- Update on the NIST Cybersecurity and Privacy Program,
- Update on the Request for Information on Privacy Impact Assessments,
- Public comments,
- Board Discussions and Recommendations.

Individuals and representatives of organizations who would like to offer comments and suggestions related to the Board's business are invited to request a place on the agenda. Approximately thirty minutes will be reserved for public comments and speaking times will be assigned on a first-come, first-serve basis. The amount of time per speaker will be determined by the number of requests received but is likely to be about five minutes each. Questions from the public will not be considered during this period. Speakers who wish to expand upon their oral statements, those who had wished to speak but could not be accommodated on the agenda, and those who were unable to participate are invited to submit written statements by email to jeffrey.brewer@nist.gov.

All participants will be attending via webinar and are required to pre-register to be admitted to the meeting. To register and receive detailed instruction on how to join the meeting, please submit your first and last name, email address, and company name via the registration link at <https://csrc.nist.gov/Events/2024/ispab-november-2024-meeting>, by 5 p.m. Eastern Time, November 5, 2024.

Alicia Chambers,
NIST Executive Secretariat.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone off Alaska; Application for an Exempted Fishing Permit

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

ACTION: Notice; receipt of application for exempted fishing permit.

SUMMARY: This notice announces NMFS' receipt of an application and the public comment period for an exempted fishing permit (EFP) from Trident Seafoods. If issued, this permit would allow the applicant to develop and test modifications to the footrope of pelagic trawl gear. The purpose and goal of this EFP, if issued, would be to exempt participating vessels from complying with the regulation defining the footrope for pelagic trawl gear. Field testing would be conducted between January 20, 2025 and December 31, 2027, and the EFP would expire at the end of that period. This experiment would test trawl gear design that aims to minimize seafloor contact by the footrope when targeting pollock that are on or near the seafloor and thus promote the objective of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (Magnuson-Stevens Act) to protecting habitat that fish need to spawn, breed, feed, and grow to maturity.

DATES: Comments on this EFP application must be submitted to NMFS on or before October 15, 2024. The North Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) will consider the application at its meeting from September 30, 2024 through October 8, 2024.

ADDRESSES: The Council meeting will be held virtually and in person in Anchorage, AK. The agenda for the Council meeting is available at <https://www.npfmc.org>. In addition to submitting public comments during the Council meeting through the Council website, you may submit your comments, identified by NOAA-NMFS-2024-0106, by either of the following methods:

- *Electronic Submission:* Submit all electronic public comments via the Federal e Rulemaking Portal. Go to <https://www.regulations.gov> and enter [NOAA-NMFS-2024-0106] in the Search box (note: copying and pasting the FDMS Docket Number directly from this document may not yield search results). Click on the "Comment" icon, complete the required fields, and enter or attach your comments.

- *Mail:* Submit written comments to Gretchen Harrington, Assistant Regional Administrator, Sustainable Fisheries Division, Alaska Region NMFS, Attn: Records Office. Mail comments to P.O. Box 21668, Juneau, AK 99802-1668.

- *Instructions:* Comments sent by any other method, to any other address or individual, or received after the end of the comment period, may not be considered by NMFS. All comments received are a part of the public record

and will generally be posted for public viewing on <https://www.regulations.gov> without change. All personal identifying information (e.g., name, address), confidential business information, or otherwise sensitive information submitted voluntarily by the sender will be publicly accessible. NMFS will accept anonymous comments (enter "N/A" in the required fields if you wish to remain anonymous).

Electronic copies of the EFP application and the basis for a categorical exclusion under the National Environmental Policy Act are available from <https://www.regulations.gov> or from the NMFS Alaska Region website at <https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/region/alaska>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Maggie Chan, 907-586-7228.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: NMFS manages the groundfish fisheries in the exclusive economic zone of the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands (BSAI) under the Fishery Management Plan (FMP) for Groundfish of the BSAI Management Area (BSAI FMP). The Council prepared the BSAI FMP under the authority of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, 16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.* Regulations governing the BSAI groundfish fisheries appear at 50 CFR parts 600 and 679. The FMP and the EFP-implementing regulations at § 600.745(b) and § 679.6 allow the NMFS Regional Administrator to authorize, for limited experimental purposes, fishing that would otherwise be prohibited. Procedures for issuing EFPs are contained in the implementing regulations.

Background and Need for Exempted Fishing Permit

As described further below, NMFS has regulatory definitions for a pelagic trawl that specify the allowable numbers of fishing line, footrope, and weighted lines. This regulatory definition limits the ability to test trawl gear redesigns on the footrope and weighted lines.

In 2023, Trident Seafoods began a pilot project aimed at designing modified footrope concepts after consulting with NMFS. This pilot project occurred during the 2023 pollock fishery and underscored the need to expand the pilot project into an EFP. This EFP would help facilitate innovation to reduce impacts to the environment from pelagic trawl fishing and provide transparency in the development of new gear designs. This EFP would build on the 2023 pilot project by expanding testing modified footrope designs during commercial

fishing operations. The primary gear modification involves altering the length and orientation of the existing footrope components in a way that maintains sufficient weight to ensure the proper opening (*i.e.*, shape) of the net, while also resulting in less bottom contact. The re-design of the gear results in having more than two weighted lines, but, due to the design of the modified footrope, results in less total bottom contact. The EFP would assess changes to bottom contact and catch (composition and efficiency), gear performance, and fishing operations and safety.

This requested EFP would temporarily exempt fishers from the regulation at § 679.2 "Authorized fishing gear", paragraph (14)(vii) that states pelagic trawl gear "Has no more than one fishing line and one footrope for a total of no more than two weighted lines on the bottom of the trawl between the wing tip and the fishing circle." If approved, this EFP would allow testing of trawl gear design concepts that aim to minimize seafloor contact by the trawl gear when targeting pollock that are on or near the seafloor. The EFP would expire on December 31, 2027.

Exempted Fishing Permit

On September 6, 2024, Dr. Noëlle Yochum and Shannon Carroll of Trident Seafoods submitted an application for an EFP to develop and test modifications to the footrope of pelagic trawl gear. The purpose and goal of this proposed EFP is to assess changes to gear performance, catch composition, fishing operations, safety, and costs.

Vessel operators participating in this project would include trawl vessels that deliver catch to shoreside plants or motherships. All vessels will be equipped for pollock fishing in Alaska and will use pelagic pollock trawls. Gear and fishing operations will be conducted in compliance with current management regulations with the exception of the modifications exempted under the EFP.

Vessel operators would continue to adhere to required monitoring and fishery observer requirements. Vessel operators fishing under the EFP will be responsible for providing information to the EFP applicant about gear performance and use, including areas fished and catch information. Fishing under this EFP will not be conducted within any protected or restricted areas that are otherwise closed to pollock fishing under the American Fisheries Act and Community Development Quota programs under current regulations. This project aims to minimize seafloor contact by the trawl

gear when targeting pollock that are on or near the seafloor.

Exemptions

One exemption is necessary to conduct this project. An exemption would be necessary from the regulation at § 679.2 "Authorized fishing gear", paragraph (14)(vii) that states pelagic trawl gear "Has no more than one fishing line and one footrope for a total of no more than two weighted lines on the bottom of the trawl between the wing tip and the fishing circle."

Permit Conditions, Review, and Effects

If issued, the exempted fishing permit would contain several conditions. Among them, the applicant would be required to submit to NMFS an annual report that includes a summary of the vessels participating, any problems and successes, and how well EFP objectives were accomplished. Within 6 months of the end of EFP fishing, a final report would be submitted to NMFS that updates the interim reports and describes how well EFP objectives were accomplished. The Alaska Fisheries Science Center found no concern with the objectives, scope, or methods described in the EFP. The activities that would be conducted under this EFP involve the development and testing of new and modified trawl fishing gear and technology in order to reduce adverse effects from trawl fishing gear on non-target species, and is limited in size, magnitude, and duration with no potential for significant individual or cumulative impacts, as detailed in the draft categorical exclusion for this action (see **ADDRESSES**).

In accordance with §§ 679.6 and 600.745, NMFS has determined that the application warrants further consideration and has forwarded the application to the Council to initiate consultation. The Council is scheduled to consider the EFP application during its October 2024 meeting, which will be held in person in Anchorage, AK with an option to participate virtually. The applicant has been invited to speak in support of the application.

Public Comments

Interested persons may comment on the application during the October 2024 Council meeting during public testimony or the Federal eRulemaking Portal (see **ADDRESSES**) until October 15, 2024, when the comment period ends. Information regarding the meeting is available at the Council's website at <https://www.npfmc.org>. Copies of the application and categorical exclusion are available for review from NMFS (see **ADDRESSES**). Comments may also be

submitted directly to NMFS (see **ADDRESSES**) by the end of the comment period (see **DATES**).

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

Dated: September 24, 2024.

Karen H. Abrams,

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

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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; Conflict of Interest Disclosure for Non-Federal Government Individuals Who Are Candidates To Conduct Peer Reviews Required by the OMB Peer Review Bulletin

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 July 26, 2024, during a 60-day comment period. This notice allows for an additional 30 days for public comments.

Agency: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Commerce.

Title: Conflict of Interest Disclosure for Non-Federal Government Individuals Who are Candidates to Conduct Peer Reviews Required by the OMB Peer Review Bulletin.

OMB Control Number: 0648–0567.

Form Number(s): None.

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

Number of Respondents: 321.

Average Hours per Response: 30 minutes each: Conflict of Interest Disclosure For General Scientific and Technical Studies and Assistance; and Conflict of Interest Disclosure For Studies Related to Government Regulation.

Total Annual Burden Hours: 161.

Needs and Uses: This request is for extension of a currently approved collection.

The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) issued government-wide guidance to enhance the practice of peer review of government science documents. OMB's Final Information Quality Bulletin for Peer Review ("Peer Review Bulletin" or PRB) (available at https://obamawhitehouse.archives.gov/omb/memoranda_fy2005_m05-03/) establishes minimum peer review standards for influential scientific information that Federal agencies intend to disseminate.

The Peer Review Bulletin also directs Federal agencies to adopt or adapt the National Academy of Sciences (NAS) policy for evaluating conflicts of interest when selecting peer reviewers who are not Federal government employees (federal employees are subject to Federal ethics requirements). For peer review purposes, the term "conflicts of interest" means any financial or other interest which conflicts with the service of the individual because it could: (1) significantly impair the individual's objectivity; or (2) create an unfair competitive advantage for any person or organization. NOAA has adapted the NAS policy and developed two confidential conflict disclosure forms which the agency will use to examine prospective reviewers' potential financial conflicts and other interests that could impair objectivity or create an unfair advantage. One form is for peer reviewers of studies related to government regulation and the other form is for all other influential scientific information subject to the Peer Review Bulletin. In addition, the latter form has been adapted by NOAA's Office of Oceanic and Atmospheric Research for potential reviewers of scientific laboratories.

The forms include questions about employment as well as investment and property interests and research funding. Both forms also require the submission of curriculum vitae. NOAA is seeking to collect this information from potential peer reviewers who are not government employees when conducting a peer review pursuant to the PRB. The information collected in the conflict of interest disclosure is essential to NOAA's compliance with the OMB PRB, and helps to ensure that government studies are reviewed by independent, impartial peer reviewers.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Frequency: On occasion.

Respondent's Obligation: Voluntary.

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 0648–0567.

Sheleen Dumas,

Departmental 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

Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for Review and Approval; Comment Request; Submission of Conservation Efforts To Make Listings Unnecessary Under the Endangered Species Act

AGENCY: National Oceanic and 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 a request for extension of a currently approved information collection to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB).

DATES: To ensure consideration, comments regarding this proposed extension of an information collection must be received on or before November 29, 2024.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit written comments to Adrienne Thomas, NOAA PRA Officer, at Adrienne.thomas@noaa.gov. Please reference OMB Control Number 0648–