

In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), an initial determination has been made that the activity proposed is categorically excluded from the requirement to prepare an environmental assessment or environmental impact statement.

Concurrent with the publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**, NMFS is forwarding copies of the application to the Marine Mammal Commission and its Committee of Scientific Advisors.

Dated: August 3, 2012.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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New England Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice; public meeting.

SUMMARY: The New England Fishery Management Council (Council) is scheduling a public meeting of its Scientific and Statistical Committee 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 meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 4, 2012 at 9 a.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Seaport Hotel, One Seaport Lane, Boston, MA 02210; telephone: (617) 385-4000; fax: (617) 385-4001.

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

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Paul J. Howard, Executive Director, New England Fishery Management Council; telephone: (978) 465-0492.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) will meet to review the stock assessment for Atlantic sea herring completed by the 54th Northeast Regional Stock Assessment Workshop and to develop ABC recommendations

for fishing years 2013 through 2015. The Committee may not develop all the recommendations for this stock at this meeting. Other business may be discussed.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in this agenda may come before this group for discussion, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during this meeting. 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.

Special Accommodations

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

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

Dated: August 8, 2012.

Tracey L. Thompson,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army

Draft Finding of No Significant Impact and Programmatic Environmental Assessment for the Implementation of the Net Zero Program at Army Installations

AGENCY: Department of the Army, DoD.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Army announces the availability of the Draft Finding of No Significant Impact and the Final Programmatic Environmental Assessment (PEA) for Implementation of the Net Zero program at Army Installations. This PEA evaluates potential direct, indirect, and cumulative effects of the Net Zero Installation program at a programmatic (Army-wide) level; installation- or project-specific analysis will be performed and documented for proposed installation-level action.

The Net Zero program is comprised of changes in management practices and behavior as well as multiple possible projects and technologies to enhance resource efficiency with a broad focus on increased sustainability. It is based

on the following concepts: (1) Producing at least as much energy on the installation from renewable sources as it uses annually; (2) Limiting the consumption of freshwater resources and returning water back to the same watershed so as not to deplete the groundwater and surface water resources of that region in quantity or quality; and (3) Reducing, reusing, and recovering waste streams, converting them to resource value with zero solid waste disposed in landfills. The Army does not consider Net Zero as a stand-alone program and intends to leverage existing resources and collaborate with the private sector to strive toward the Net Zero program's energy, water, and waste reduction goals.

The PEA assesses the potential environmental impacts from the range of energy, water, and waste projects that could be implemented in support of Net Zero. The Army evaluated three alternatives: (1) No action; (2) Implement Net Zero Army-wide; and (3) Strategically Implement Net Zero based on mission needs, consumption, and resource constraints (the preferred alternative). The Army identified no significant environmental effects associated with implementation of Net Zero that cannot be mitigated to a level of insignificance with site-specific best management practices or other mitigation measures.

Native Americans, federal, state, and local agencies, organizations, and the public are invited to submit written comments. The document can be accessed at: <http://www.army.mil/asaiee>.

DATES: Submit comments on or before September 12, 2012.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be forwarded to: Office of the Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army (Energy and Sustainability), OASA(IE&E), 110 Army Pentagon, Room 3D453, Washington, DC 20310-0110.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Please call (703) 697-5433.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board, Hanford

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces a meeting of the Environmental