total for all three vessels would increase the total number of traps in the fishery by 240 traps, a negligible number when compared to the current number of lobster traps deployed in the fishery.

Modifications to a conventional lobster trap would include a closed escape vent, a smaller mesh size, and a smaller entrance head. All lobsters retrieved from standard and modified traps would remain onboard for a short period of time to allow for sampling, after which they would be returned to the water.

Biological information would be collected on all lobsters, including: Carapace length; sexual determination; cull status; and presence of eggs, v-notches, and shell disease. Bycatch species would also be kept onboard for enumeration, weight collection, and measurement.

If approved, the applicant may request minor modifications and extensions to the EFP throughout the year. EFP modifications and extensions may be granted without further notice if they are deemed essential to facilitate completion of the proposed research and have minimal impacts that do not change the scope or impact of the initially approved EFP request. Any fishing activity conducted outside the scope of the exempted fishing activity would be prohibited.

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

Dated: July 30, 2013.
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

National Climate Assessment and Development Advisory Committee

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

ACTION: Notice of Charter Renewal.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce’s Chief Financial Officer and Assistant Secretary for Administration has renewed the charter for the National Climate Assessment and Development Advisory Committee (NCADAC) for a period of two years from the date of the filing of the charter with the appropriate U.S. Senate and House of Representatives oversight committees.

DATES: The NCADAC Charter is renewed for a period of two years from the date of the filing of the charter with the appropriate U.S. Senate and House of Representatives oversight committees.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The renewal of the charter for this time period is critical to the success of NOAA.

Only one amendment was made to the charter.

Under Section 9, Estimated Number and Frequency of Meetings, language has been revised to state “The SAB will meet approximately three times each year in person if possible.” This reflects the need for the Board members to regularly gather together for their meetings but also allows room for those meetings to be fewer than three per year and virtual, if necessary. The SAB will continue to have ad hoc virtual meetings in between the in-person meetings as necessary.

Dated: July 29, 2013.

Jason Donaldson, Chief Financial Officer/Chief Administrative Officer, Office of Oceanic and Atmospheric Research, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

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