

Chum salmon (*O. keta*): threatened, naturally and artificially produced Hood Canal summer-run.

Bull trout (*Salvelinus confluentus*): threatened Puget Sound/Washington Coast.

### Background

On March 26, 2015 (80 FR 15985), NMFS announced the availability of a draft Environmental Assessment (EA) pursuant to NEPA (42 U.S.C. *et seq.*), for three HGMPs for early-returning (early winter) steelhead hatchery programs in the Dungeness, Nooksack, and Stillaguamish River basins, submitted to NMFS by the co-managers. A 30-day public comment period was extended to May 4, 2015 for a total comment period of 37 days (80 FR 22973, April 24, 2015). NMFS received and considered comments on the EA and, has subsequently decided to prepare an EIS to evaluate effects on the human environment of the three early winter steelhead hatchery programs in the Dungeness, Nooksack, and Stillaguamish River watersheds in Washington State. In the EIS, NMFS will also evaluate three additional early winter steelhead HGMPs for hatchery programs in the Skykomish and Snoqualmie Rivers in the Snohomish River watershed in Puget Sound. All of the programs would release early winter steelhead that are not included as part of the ESA-listed Puget Sound Steelhead Distinct Population Segment, and that are not native to the watersheds in which they would be released.

NEPA requires Federal agencies to conduct environmental analyses of proposed actions to determine if the actions may affect the human environment. NMFS's action of evaluating the co-managers' HGMPs, pursuant to the limitation on take prohibitions for actions conducted under Limit 6 of the 4(d) Rule for salmon and steelhead promulgated under the ESA, is a major Federal action subject to environmental review under NEPA. Therefore, NMFS is seeking public input on the scope of the required NEPA analysis, including the range of reasonable alternatives, recommendations for relevant analysis methods, and information associated with impacts of the alternatives to the resources listed below or other relevant resources.

NMFS will perform an environmental review of the HGMPs and prepare an EIS that will identify potentially significant direct, indirect, and cumulative impacts on the following resources identified to have a potential for effect from the proposed action:

- Listed and Non-listed Species and their habitats
- Water Quantity
- Socioeconomics
- Environmental Justice
- Cumulative Impacts

NMFS will rigorously explore and objectively evaluate a full range of reasonable alternatives in the EIS, including the proposed action (implementation of the co-managers' HGMPs) and a no-action alternative. Additional alternatives could include the following: (1) A decrease in artificial production of 50 percent, and (2) a change in program type from isolated (*i.e.*, producing hatchery-origin fish that are intended to be reproductively segregated and different from the natural-origin population) to integrated (*i.e.*, producing hatchery-origin fish that are intended to be similar to and part of the natural-origin population) programs that would use native steelhead for broodstock.

For all potentially significant impacts, the EIS will identify measures to avoid, minimize, and mitigate the impacts, where feasible, to a level below significance.

### Request for Comments

NMFS provides this notice to: (1) Advise other agencies and the public of its plans to analyze effects related to the action, and (2) obtain suggestions and information that may be useful to the scope of issues and the full range of alternatives to include in the EIS. In addition to considering comments received in response to this notice in developing an EIS, relevant comments received on the 2015 draft EA for three early winter steelhead hatchery programs (80 FR 15985, March 26, 2015), and on the 2014 draft EIS for Puget Sound salmon and steelhead hatcheries (80 FR 15986, March 26, 2015) will also be considered in developing the EIS.

NMFS invites comment from all interested parties to ensure that the full range of issues related to the early winter steelhead HGMPs is identified. Comments should be as specific as possible.

Written comments concerning the proposed action and the environmental review should be directed to NMFS as described above (see **ADDRESSES**). All comments and materials received, including names and addresses, will become part of the administrative record and may be released to the public.

### Public Workshops

Two public workshops will be offered to assist in gathering information on development of the EIS. Those

workshops will be held as follows; further information regarding the workshops may be found at [http://www.westcoast.fisheries.noaa.gov/hatcheries/salmon\\_and\\_steelhead\\_hatcheries.html](http://www.westcoast.fisheries.noaa.gov/hatcheries/salmon_and_steelhead_hatcheries.html).

*Monday, July 20, 2015*

6 to 8 p.m., Skagit Public Utilities District, Aqua Room, 1415 Freeway Drive, Mt Vernon, Washington

*Tuesday, July 21, 2015*

6 to 8 p.m., Lynnwood Convention Center, 3711 196th St SW., Lynnwood, Washington

### Authority

The environmental review of the early winter steelhead HGMPs will be conducted in accordance with requirements of the NEPA of 1969 as amended (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), NEPA Regulations (40 CFR parts 1500–1508), other appropriate Federal laws and regulations, and policies and procedures of NMFS for compliance with those regulations. This notice is being furnished in accordance with 40 CFR 1501.7 to obtain suggestions and information from other agencies and the public on the scope of issues and alternatives to be addressed in the EIS.

Dated: July 8, 2015.

**Angela Somma,**

*Chief, Endangered Species Division, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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### Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council (MAFMC); Public Meeting

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

**ACTION:** Notice of public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council's (Council) Atlantic Bluefish Advisory Panel will hold a public meeting.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on July 28, 2015, from 10 a.m. until noon.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held via webinar with a telephone-only connection option. Details on webinar registration and telephone-only connection details are available at: <http://www.mafmc.org>.

*Council address:* Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council, 800 North State Street, Suite 201, Dover, DE 19901; telephone: (302) 674-2331.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Christopher M. Moore Ph.D., Executive Director, Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council, 800 N. State Street, Suite 201, Dover, DE 19901; telephone: (302) 526-5255.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Mid-Atlantic Fisheries Management Council's (MAFMC) Atlantic Bluefish Advisory Panel (AP) will meet jointly with the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission's (ASMFC) Atlantic Bluefish AP. The purpose of this meeting is to review and comment on the reports of the MAFMC's Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) and the Bluefish Monitoring Committee meetings held in July 2015. The MAFMC and the ASMFC will consider the input from the Bluefish AP in August when setting fishery specifications (*i.e.* catch and landings limits and management measures) for 2016-2018.

#### Special Accommodations

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aid should be directed to M. Jan Saunders, (302) 526-5251, at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: July 9, 2015.

**Tracey L. Thompson,**

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

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

#### Release of the Draft 2015 Edition of the U.S. Arctic Nautical Charting Plan

**AGENCY:** Office of Coast Survey, National Ocean Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Department of Commerce.

**ACTION:** Request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The NOAA Office of Coast Survey has released a draft of the 2015 edition of the U.S. Arctic Nautical Charting Plan. The plan provides information about three topics: NOAA electronic navigational chart (NOAA ENC®) coverage in U.S. Arctic waters, progress on publishing new Arctic charts, and specifications for eleven

proposed new charts. The primary purpose of the plan is to propose new chart coverage in the U.S. Arctic and to encourage feedback from stakeholders on the extent, scale, and other aspects of the proposed new coverage. Coast Survey invites written comments about this latest edition which is available from <http://nauticalcharts.noaa.gov/arcticplan>.

**DATES:** Comments are due by midnight, October 1, 2015.

**ADDRESSES:** Mail written comments to National Ocean Service, NOAA (N/CS2), Attention: U.S. Arctic Nautical Charting Plan, 1315 East-West Highway Silver Spring, MD 20910-3282. See

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section for how to comment electronically.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Colby Harmon, telephone 301-713-2737, ext.187; email: [colby.harmon@noaa.gov](mailto:colby.harmon@noaa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** You are invited to comment on the U.S. Arctic Nautical Charting Plan through NOAA's Nautical Discrepancy Report System at <http://ocsdata.ncd.noaa.gov/idrs/discrepancy.aspx>. In the "OTHER PRODUCTS" box, enter "U.S. Arctic Nautical Charting Plan." Enter your comments, suggestions, or questions in the "DESCRIPTION OF DISCREPANCY" box.

For the first time, the U.S. Arctic Nautical Charting Plan provides information about existing, recently added, and proposed new electronic navigational chart (ENC) coverage in U.S. Arctic waters. A series of graphics depicts the existing extent of different usage (or scale) bands of ENC coverage. Recently added and proposed new ENC coverage is based on existing or proposed raster (traditional paper) chart footprints, although the final extent and display scale of the ENCs may vary slightly from their corresponding raster chart counterparts. NOAA will soon close a significant gap in small-scale ENC coverage and is adding new large-scale Arctic ENC cells.

Coast Survey released the first edition of the U.S. Arctic Nautical Charting Plan in 2011. Three of the raster charts identified in the original plan have now been published. Two of these have large-scale insets. The "Progress Report" section of the plan details these charts and provides links to an online viewer for these charts.

Coast Survey's plan recommends making 11 new charts in the Arctic to complement existing chart coverage. Seven of the charts will fill gaps in medium-scale chart coverage from the Alaska Peninsula to Cape Lisburne at

the edge of the North Slope. Other larger scale charts will provide for safer passage through the Etolin and Bering Straits and for entry into harbors such as Barrow, the northernmost town in the United States. The "Proposed New Raster Charts" section of the plan provides detailed specifications for each of the proposed new charts. The specifications include scale, geographic extent, an image of the chart footprint, and other information.

**Authority:** 33 U.S.C. Chapter 17, Coast and Geodetic Survey Act of 1947.

Dated: June 22, 2015.

**Rear Admiral Gerd Glang,**

*Director, Office of Coast Survey, National Ocean Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Telecommunications and Information Administration

#### Multistakeholder Process To Develop Best Practices for Privacy, Transparency, and Accountability Regarding Commercial and Private Use of Unmanned Aircraft Systems

**AGENCY:** National Telecommunications and Information Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of open meetings.

**SUMMARY:** The National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) will convene meetings of a multistakeholder process concerning privacy, transparency, and accountability issues regarding commercial and private use of unmanned aircraft systems. This Notice announces the meetings to be held in August, September, October, and November 2015. The first meeting is scheduled for August 3, 2015.

**DATES:** The meetings will be held on August 3, 2015; September 24, 2015; October 21, 2015; and November 20, 2015 from 1 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., Eastern Time. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for details.

**ADDRESSES:** The meetings will be held in the Boardroom at the American Institute of Architects, 1735 New York Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20006.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** John Verdi, National Telecommunications and Information Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW., Room 4725, Washington, DC 20230; telephone (202) 482-8238; email [jverdi@ntia.doc.gov](mailto:jverdi@ntia.doc.gov).