group for discussion, in accordance with the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during this meeting. Actions will be restricted to those issues specifically identified in the agenda and any issues arising after publication of this notice that require emergency action under Section 305(c) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, provided the public has been notified of the Council’s intent to take 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 Kathy Pereira at the Gulf Council Office (see ADDRESSES), at least 5 working days prior to the meeting.

Dated: February 24, 2016.

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
RIN 0648–XE466
International Affairs; U.S. Fishing Opportunities in the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Organization Regulatory Area

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

ACTION: Notification of U.S. fishing opportunities.

SUMMARY: We are announcing 2016 fishing opportunities in the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Organization (NAFO) Regulatory Area. This action is necessary to make fishing privileges available on an equitable basis. The intended effect of this notice is to alert U.S. fishing vessels of the NAFO fishing opportunities, to relay the available quotas available to U.S. participants, and to outline the process and requirements for vessels to apply to participate in the 2016 NAFO fishery.

DATES: Effective January 1, 2016, through December 31, 2016. Expressions of interest regarding fishing opportunities in NAFO will be accepted through March 15, 2016.

ADDRESSES: Expressions of interest regarding U.S. fishing opportunities in NAFO should be made in writing to John K. Bullard, U.S. Commissioner to NAFO, NMFS Greater Atlantic Regional Fisheries Office at 55 Great Republic Drive, Gloucester, MA 01930 (phone: 978–281–9315, email: John.Bullard@noaa.gov).

Information relating to chartering vessels of another NAFO Contracting Party, transferring NAFO fishing opportunities to or from another NAFO Contracting Party, or U.S. participation in NAFO is available from Patrick E. Moran in the NMFS Office of International Affairs and Seafood Inspection at 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910 (phone: 301–427–8370, fax: 301–713–2313, email: Pat.Moran@noaa.gov).

Additional information about NAFO fishing opportunities, NAFO Conservation and Enforcement Measures (CEM), and the High Seas Fishing Compliance Act (HSFCA) Permit required for NAFO participation is available from Michael Ruccio, in the NMFS Greater Atlantic Regional Fisheries Office at 55 Great Republic Drive, Gloucester, MA 01930 (phone: 978–281–9104, fax: 978–281–9135, email: Michael.Ruccio@noaa.gov) and online from NAFO at http://www.nafo.int.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Michael Ruccio, (978) 281–9104.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

General NAFO Background

The United States is a Contracting Party to the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Organization or NAFO. NAFO is an intergovernmental fisheries science and management body whose convention on Northwest Atlantic Fisheries applies to most fishery resources in international waters of the Northwest Atlantic except salmon, tunas/marlins, whales, and sedentary species such as shellfish. Currently, NAFO has 12 Members from North America, Europe, Asia and the Caribbean. In addition to the United States, the remaining three coastal states bordering the Convention Area are members: Canada, France (in respect of St. Pierre et Miquelon), and Denmark (in respect of Faroe Islands and Greenland). NAFO’s Fisheries Commission is responsible for the management and conservation of the fishery resources of the Regulatory Area (waters outside the Exclusive Economic Zones (EEZs)). Figure 1 shows the NAFO Regulatory Area.
As a Contracting Party within NAFO, the United States may be allocated specific catch quotas or effort allocations for certain species in specific areas within the NAFO Regulatory Area and may participate in fisheries for other species for which we have not received a specific quota. Stocks for which the United States does not receive an allocation, known as the “Others” allocation under the Convention, are shared access between all NAFO Contracting Parties.

Additional information on NAFO can be found online at: [http://www.nafo.int/about/frames/about.html](http://www.nafo.int/about/frames/about.html). The 2016 NAFO Conservation and Enforcement Measures (CEM) that outline the fishery regulations, Total Allowable Catches (TACs or “quotas”) and other information about the fishery program are available online at: [http://www.nafo.int/fisheries/frames/fishery.html](http://www.nafo.int/fisheries/frames/fishery.html).

This notice is intended to announce the specific 2016 stocks for which the United States has an allocation under NAFO, describe the fishing opportunities under the ‘other’ NAFO allocation available for U.S. vessels, and to outline the application process and other requirements for U.S. vessels that wish to participate in the 2016 NAFO fisheries.

What NAFO fishing opportunities are available to U.S. fishing vessels?

The principal species managed by NAFO are Atlantic cod, yellowtail and witch flounders, Acadian redfish, American plaice, Greenland halibut, white hake, capelin, shrimp, skates, and Illex squid. NAFO maintains conservation measures for fisheries on these species occurring in its Regulatory Area, including TACs for these managed species that are allocated among NAFO Contracting Parties. The United States received quota allocations at the 2015 NAFO Annual Meeting for two stocks to be fished during 2016. The species, location by NAFO subarea, and allocation (in metric tons (mt)) of these 2016 U.S. fishing opportunities are as follows:

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<td>Redfish</td>
<td>Division 3M</td>
<td>69</td>
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<td>Squid (Illex)</td>
<td>Subareas 3 &amp; 4</td>
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In addition, the United States has been transferred 1,000 mt of NAFO Division 3LNO yellowtail flounder from Canada’s 2016 quota allocation consistent with a bilateral arrangement between the two countries.

The TACs which may be available to U.S. vessels for stocks where the United States has not been allocated quota (i.e.,
the “Others” allocation in Annex I.A of the CEM) are as follows:

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<td>Yellowtail Flounder</td>
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<td>Witch Flounder</td>
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<td>Skates</td>
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For all other Annex I.A stocks where the U.S. has no specific quota the bycatch limit is, 2,500 kg or 10 percent unless a ban on fishing applies or the quota for the stock has been fully utilized. If the fishery for the stock is closed or a retention ban applies, the permitted bycatch limit is 1,250 kg or 5 percent.

For the directed yellowtail flounder fishery in Divisions 3LNO (where the United States has a 1,000 mt yellowtail flounder allocation in 2016) vessels may retain 15 percent of American plaice.

Opportunities to fish for species not listed above (i.e., species listed in Annex I.A of the 2016 NAFO CEM) but occurring within the NAFO Regulatory Area may also be available. U.S. fishermen interested in fishing for these other species should contact the NMFS Greater Atlantic Regional Fisheries Office (see ADDRESSES) for additional information. Authorization to fish for such species will include permit-related conditions or restrictions, including but not limited to, minimum size requirements, bycatch-related measures, and catch limits. Any such conditions or restrictions will be designed to ensure the optimum utilization, long-term sustainability, and rational management and conservation of fishery resources in the NAFO Regulatory Area, consistent with the Convention on Future Multilateral Cooperation in the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries, as well as the Amendment to the Convention on Future Multilateral Cooperation in the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries, which has been adopted by all NAFO Contracting Parties.

Who can apply for these fishing opportunities?

Expressions of interest to fish for any or all of the 2016 U.S. fishing opportunities in NAFO described above will be considered from all U.S. fishing interests (e.g., vessel owners, processors, agents, others). Applicants are urged to carefully review and thoroughly address the selection criteria as detailed below. Expressions of interest should be directed in writing to Regional Administrator John Bullard (see ADDRESSES).

What information is required in an application letter?

Expressions of interest should include a detailed description of anticipated fishing operations in 2016. Descriptions should include, at a minimum:

- Intended target species;
- Proposed dates of fishing operations;
- Vessels to be used to harvest fish, including the name, registration, and home port of the intended harvesting vessel(s);
- The number of fishing personnel and their nationality involved in vessel operations;
- Intended landing port or ports; including for ports outside of the United States, whether or not the product will be shipped to the United States for processing;
- Processing facilities to be used;
- Target market for harvested fish; and
- Evidence demonstrating the ability of the applicant to successfully prosecute fishing operations in the

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<td>Illex squid</td>
<td>Squid 3 4</td>
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<td>(Sub-Areas 3-4)</td>
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Note that the United States shares these allocations with other NAFO Contracting Parties, and access is on a first-come, first-served basis. Directed fishing is stopped by NAFO when the “Others” TAC for a particular stock has been fully harvested.

Additional directed quota for these and other stocks managed within the NAFO Regulatory Area could be made available to U.S. vessels through industry-initiated chartering arrangements or transfers of quota from other NAFO Contracting Parties.

U.S. vessels participating in NAFO may also retain bycatch of NAFO managed species to the following maximum amounts as outlined in Article 6 of the 2016 CEM. The percentage, by weight, is calculated as a percent for each stock of the total catch of species listed in Annex I.A (i.e., the NAFO managed stocks previously listed) retained on board from the applicable division at the time of inspection, on the basis of logbook information:

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For all other Annex I.A stocks where the United States has a specific allocation the bycatch limit is, 1,000 kg or 4 percent, whichever is more.

U.S. applicants wishing to harvest U.S. allocations using a vessel from another NAFO Contracting Party, or hoping to enter a chartering arrangement with a vessel from another NAFO Contracting Party, should see below for details on U.S. and NAFO requirements for such activities. If you have further questions regarding what information is required in an expression of interest, please contact Patrick Moran (see ADDRESSES).

What criteria will be used in identifying successful applicants?

Applicants demonstrating the greatest benefits to the United States through their intended operations will be most successful. Such benefits may include:

- The use of U.S vessels to harvest fish in the NAFO Regulatory Area;
- Detailed, positive impacts on U.S. employment as a result of the fishing, transport, or processing operations;
- Use of U.S. processing facilities;
- Transport, marketing, and sales of product within the United States;
The United States may receive transfers of fishing opportunities from another NAFO Contracting Party. We are required to provide a letter consenting to such a transfer and must provide notice to the NAFO Executive Secretary. In the event that an applicant is able to arrange for the transfer of additional fishing opportunities from another NAFO Contracting Party to the United States, the U.S. may agree to facilitate such a transfer. However, there is no guarantee that an applicant has facilitated the transfer of quota from another NAFO Contracting Party to the United States, such applicant will receive authorization to fish for such quota. If quota is transferred to the United States, we may need to solicit new applications for the use of such quota. All applicable NAFO requirements for transfers must be met. As in the case of chartering operations, the United States may also consider a NAFO Contracting Party’s previous compliance with NAFO bycatch, reporting, and other provisions, as outlined in the NAFO CEM, before entering into a transfer. More details on NAFO requirements for transferring NAFO allocations are available from Patrick Moran (see ADDRESSES).

What if I want to arrange to receive a transfer of NAFO quota allocations from another NAFO party?

Under NAFO rules in effect for 2016, the United States may receive transfers of additional fishing opportunities from other NAFO Contracting Parties. We are required to provide a letter consenting to such a transfer and must provide notice to the NAFO Executive Secretary. In the event that an applicant is able to arrange for the transfer of additional fishing opportunities from another NAFO Contracting Party to the United States, the U.S. may agree to facilitate such a transfer. However, there is no guarantee that an applicant has facilitated the transfer of quota from another NAFO Contracting Party to the United States, such applicant will receive authorization to fish for such quota. If quota is transferred to the United States, we may need to solicit new applications for the use of such quota. All applicable NAFO requirements for transfers must be met. As in the case of chartering operations, the United States may also consider a NAFO Contracting Party’s previous compliance with NAFO bycatch, reporting, and other provisions, as outlined in the NAFO CEM, before entering into a transfer. More details on NAFO requirements for transferring NAFO allocations are available from Patrick Moran (see ADDRESSES).
What rules must I follow while fishing in the NAFO regulatory area?

U.S. applicant vessels must be in possession of, or obtain, a valid HSFCA permit, which is available from the NMFS Greater Atlantic Regional Fisheries Office. All permitted vessels must comply with all applicable provisions of the Convention on Future Multilateral Cooperation in the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries and the CEM. We reserve the right to impose additional permit conditions that ensure compliance with the NAFO Convention and the CEM, the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act and any other applicable law.

The CEM provisions include, but are not limited to:

- Maintaining a fishing logbook with NAFO-designated entries (Annex II.A and Article 28);
- Adhere to NAFO hail system requirements (Annexes ILD and ILF; Article 28; Article 30 part B);
- Carry an approved on-board observer consistent with requirements of Article 30 part A;
- Maintain and use a functioning, autonomous vessel monitoring system authorized by issuance of the HSFCA permit as required by Articles 29 and 30;
- All relevant NAFO CEM requirements including minimum fish sizes, gear, bycatch retention and tow move on provisions for exceeding bycatch limits in any one haul/set.

Further details regarding U.S. and NAFO requirements are available from the NMFS Greater Atlantic Regional Fisheries Office, and can also be found in the 2016 NAFO CEM on the Internet (http://www.nafo.int/fisheries/frames/cem.html).

Note that vessels issued valid HSFCA permits under 50 CFR part 30 are exempt from certain domestic fisheries regulations governing fisheries in the Northeast United States found in 50 CFR part 648: Northeast multispecies and monkfish permit, mesh size, effort-control, and possession limit restrictions (§§ 648.4, 648.80, 648.82, 648.86, 648.87, 648.91, 648.92, and 648.94) while transiting the U.S. exclusive economic zone (EEZ) with multispecies and/or monkfish on board the vessel, or landing multispecies and/or monkfish in U.S. ports that were caught while fishing in the NAFO Regulatory Area, provided:

1. The vessel operator has a letter of authorization issued by the Regional Administrator on board the vessel;
2. For the duration of the trip, the vessel fishes, except for transiting purposes, exclusively in the NAFO Regulatory Area and does not harvest fish in, or possess fish harvested in, or from, the U.S. EEZ;
3. When transiting the U.S. EEZ, all gear is properly stowed and not available for immediate use as defined under § 648.2; and
4. The vessel operator complies with the provisions, conditions, and restrictions specified on the HSFCA permit and all NAFO CEM while fishing in the NAFO Regulatory Area.

Dated: February 24, 2016.

John H. Henderschedt,
Director, NOAA Fisheries Office of International, Affairs and Seafood Inspection.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Air Force

U.S. Air Force Scientific Advisory Board Notice of Meeting

AGENCY: Department of the Air Force, Air Force Scientific Advisory Board.

ACTION: Meeting notice.

SUMMARY: Under the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972 (5 U.S.C., Appendix, as amended), the Government in the Sunshine Act of 1976 (5 U.S.C. 552b, as amended), and 41 CFR 102–3.150, the Department of Defense announces that the United States Air Force (USAF) Scientific Advisory Board (SAB) Spring Board meeting will take place on 19 April 2016 at the 612th Air Operations Center, located at 2915 S Twelfth AF Drive, Davis-Monthan AFB, AZ, 85707–4100. The meeting will occur from 7:30 a.m.–12:00 p.m. on Tuesday, 19 April 2016. The session open to the general public will be held from 7:30 a.m. to 8:00 a.m. on 19 April 2016. The purpose of this Air Force Scientific Advisory Board quarterly meeting is to conduct a midterm review of FY16 SAB studies, which consist of: (1) Directed Energy Maturity for Airborne Self-Defense Applications, (2) Data Analytics to Support Operational Decision Making, (3) Responding to Uncertain or Adaptive Threats in Electronic Warfare, and (4) Airspace Surveillance to Support A2/AD Operations. In accordance with 5 U.S.C. 552b, as amended, and 41 CFR 102–3.155, a number of sessions of the USAF SAB Spring Board meeting will be closed to the public because they will discuss classified information and matters covered by Section 552b of Title 5, United States Code, subsection (c), subparagraph (1).

Any member of the public that wishes to attend this meeting or provide input to the USAF SAB must contact the USAF SAB meeting organizer at the phone number or email address listed below at least ten working days prior to the meeting date. Please ensure that you submit your written statement in accordance with 41 CFR 102–3.140(c) and section 10(a)(3) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act. Statements being submitted in response to the agenda mentioned in this notice must be received by the USAF SAB meeting organizer at the address listed below at least five calendar days prior to the meeting commencement date. The USAF SAB meeting organizer will review all timely submissions and respond to them prior to the start of the meeting identified in this notice. Written statements received after this date may not be considered by the USAF SAB until the next scheduled meeting.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: The USAF SAB meeting organizer, Major Mike Rigoni at, michael.j.rigoni.mil@mail.mil or 240–612–5504, United States Air Force Scientific Advisory Board, 1500 West Perimeter Road, Ste. #3300, Joint Base Andrews, MD 20762.

Henry Williams,
Civ, DAF, Acting Air Force Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

[Docket ID: DoD–2015–HA–0132]

Submission for OMB Review;
Comment Request

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Defense has submitted to OMB for clearance, the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act.

DATES: Consideration will be given to all comments received by March 30, 2016.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Fred Licari, 571–372–0493.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title, Associated Form and OMB Number: DD Form 2876, TRICARE Prime Enrollment, Disenrollment, and Primary Care Manager (PCM) Change Form, OMB Control Number 0720–0008. Type of Request: Revision.

Number of Respondents: 148,033. Responses per Respondent: 1.

Annual Responses: 148,033.