

that date will be distributed to the members but may not be considered at the meeting.

Copies of REEEAC meeting minutes will be available within 30 days following the meeting.

Dated: April 1, 2019.

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Deputy Director, Office of Energy and Environmental Industries.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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U.S. Stakeholder Meeting on Pacific Bluefin Tuna Long-Term Management Framework; Meeting Announcement

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

ACTION: Notice of public meeting; reschedule meeting.

SUMMARY: NMFS is holding a meeting to discuss the future of the U.S. West Coast Pacific bluefin tuna (PBF) fishery, including objectives and a management framework. NMFS initially scheduled this meeting for January 9, 2019, but due to the partial lapse in appropriations was unable to hold the meeting on that date. NMFS is announcing that the meeting has been rescheduled for May 2, 2019.

DATES: The meeting will be held May 2, 2019, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. PST, or until business concludes.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held in Room 3300 at the Glenn M. Anderson Federal Building, 501 W Ocean Blvd., Long Beach, California 90802. Please notify Celia Barroso, at Celia.Barroso@noaa.gov or (562) 432-1850, by April 25, 2019, if you plan to attend. NMFS will email instructions and background materials for the meeting participants.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Celia Barroso, West Coast Region, NMFS, at Celia.Barroso@noaa.gov, or at (562) 432-1850.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: NMFS intended to host a stakeholder meeting to discuss the future of the U.S. West Coast PBF fishery, including objectives and a management framework on January 9, 2019, (83 FR 65638, December 21, 2018) but due to the partial lapse in appropriations was unable to hold the meeting. This notice

announces that the meeting has been rescheduled to May 2, 2019.

Stakeholders have expressed an interest in developing management objectives and a long-term management framework for PBF. In September 2018, the Pacific Fishery Management Council (PFMC) recommended that its Highly Migratory Species Management Team develop a long-term management strategy for PBF (See the PFMC's "September 2018 Summary Decision" at https://www.pcouncil.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/09/0918_Decision_Summary_DocumentV2.pdf). During the stakeholder meeting rescheduled for May 2, 2019, NMFS will briefly review the current status of the stock and current management regime. NMFS will also solicit input from participants on potential management objectives, and strategies to achieve those objectives for the domestic PBF fishery.

PBF U.S. Stakeholder Meeting Topics

The PBF U.S. stakeholder meeting topics will include, but are not limited to, the following:

- (1) An overview of international management PBF and management of the U.S. PBF fishery;
- (2) Potential domestic management objectives; and,
- (3) Potential domestic management strategies.

Special Accommodations

The meeting location is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Celia Barroso, at Celia.Barroso@noaa.gov or (562) 432-1850, by April 22, 2019.

Authority: 16 U.S.C. 951 *et seq.*, 16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*, 16 U.S.C. 6901 *et seq.*

Dated: April 9, 2019.

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Magnuson-Stevens Act Provisions; General Provisions for Domestic Fisheries; Application for Exempted Fishing Permits

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

ACTION: Notice; request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Acting Assistant Regional Administrator for Sustainable Fisheries, Greater Atlantic Region, NMFS, has made a preliminary determination that an exempted fishing permit application submitted by the Cape Cod Commercial Fishermen's Alliance contains all of the required information and warrants further consideration. This exempted fishing permit would require participants to use electronic monitoring systems on 100 percent of sector trips for catch accounting in the Northeast multispecies fishery; additionally, vessels would be authorized to access portions of Northeast multispecies closed areas. Regulations under the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act require publication of this notification to provide interested parties the opportunity to comment on applications for proposed exempted fishing permits.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before April 29, 2019.

ADDRESSES: You may submit written comments by either of the following methods:

- *Email:* nmfs.gar.efp@noaa.gov. Include in the subject line "100 PERCENT EM EFP."
- *Mail:* Michael Pentony, Regional Administrator, NMFS, Greater Atlantic Regional Fisheries Office, 55 Great Republic Drive, Gloucester, MA 01930. Mark the outside of the envelope "100 PERCENT EM EFP."

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Spencer Talmage, Fishery Management Specialist, 978-281-9232.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Northeast multispecies (groundfish) sectors are required to implement and fund an at-sea monitoring (ASM) program. Sectors may use electronic monitoring (EM) to satisfy this monitoring requirement, provided that NMFS deems the technology sufficient for catch monitoring. NMFS has yet to approve EM as a suitable alternative to ASM. However, NMFS is working with industry and other stakeholders to test the operational feasibility of EM and resolve outstanding barriers to implementation. Project partners include the Cape Cod Commercial Fishermen's Alliance, The Nature Conservancy, the Maine Coast Fishermen's Association, the Gulf of Maine Research Institute, and fishermen.

In fishing year 2017, NMFS issued an exempted fishing permit (EFP) to these project partners to develop an audit-model EM program for the groundfish