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The group will also review the progress toward 2019 work items, make recommendations on 2020 scallop work priorities, and consider approaches for moving priorities forward (AP only). If time allows, review progress on Amendment 21 to the Scallop FMP. Other business may be discussed as necessary.

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Special Accommodations

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Thomas A. Nies, Executive Director, at (978) 465-0492, at least 5 days prior to the meeting date. This meeting will be recorded. Consistent with 16 U.S.C. 1852, a copy of the recording is available upon request.

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

Dated: October 1, 2019.

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

RIN 0648-XV093

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 Scallop 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 Thursday, October 24, 2019 at 8:30 a.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the New Bedford Harbor Hotel, 222 Union Street, New Bedford, MA 02740; phone: (508) 999-1292.

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

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Thomas A. Nies, Executive Director, New England Fishery Management Council; telephone: (978) 465-0492.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Agenda

The Scallop Committee will review Framework (FW) 32 alternatives and analyses. The primary focus of this meeting will be to provide input on the range of specification alternatives. FW 32 will set specifications including ABC/ACLs, days-at-sea, access area allocations, total allowable catch for the Northern Gulf of Maine (NGOM) management area, targets for General Category incidental catch, and set-asides for the observer and research programs for fishing year 2019 and default specifications for fishing year 2020. Management measures in FW 32 include: Measures to mitigate impacts on Georges Bank yellowtail flounder. The group will also review the progress toward 2019 work items, make recommendations on 2020 scallop work priorities, and consider approaches for moving priorities forward. If time allows, review progress on Amendment 21 to the Scallop FMP. Other business may be discussed as necessary.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[Docket No. 170718681-9471-01]

RIN 0648-XF575

Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Endangered Species Act Listing Determination for Alewife and Blueback Herring; Correction

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

ACTION: Notice; correction.

SUMMARY: We, NMFS, published in the *Federal Register* of June 19, 2019, a "not warranted" 12-month finding under the Endangered Species Act (ESA) for alewife (*Alosa pseudoharengus*), four alewife distinct population segments (DPS), blueback herring (*Alosa aestivalis*), and three blueback herring DPSs. This document corrects our significant portion of its range (SPR) analyses for blueback herring.

DATES: This finding was made on June 19, 2019.

ADDRESSES: The status review document for alewife and blueback herring is available electronically at: <https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/action/not-warranted-listing-determination-alewife-and-blueback-herring>. You may also obtain a copy by submitting a request to the Protected Resources Division, NMFS GARFO, 55 Great Republic Drive, Gloucester, MA 01930, Attention: Alewife and Blueback Herring 12-month Finding.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jean Higgins, NMFS Greater Atlantic Regional Fisheries Office, 978-281-9345.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On June 19, 2019, we issued a "not warranted" finding for alewife (*Alosa pseudoharengus*), four alewife distinct population segments (DPS), blueback herring (*Alosa aestivalis*), and three blueback herring DPSs (84 FR 28630). In making that finding, we determined that neither blueback herring nor any of the

DPSs, specifically the Bb-Canada/Northern New England, Bb-Mid-Atlantic, and Bb-Southern Atlantic DPSs, were threatened or endangered throughout all or a significant portion of their ranges. In the June 19, 2019 Notice (hereafter Notice), we inadvertently omitted information related to the Status Review Team's (SRT) application of the SPR Policy (79 FR 37578; July 1, 2014) to the blueback herring DPSs and our subsequent findings. Consistent with the SRT's application of the SPR Policy to the alewife rangewide and to the alewife DPSs, which is described in the Notice, the SRT also applied the SPR Policy to the blueback herring population rangewide and to the blueback herring DPSs. The Notice provides a thorough discussion of the SPR Policy as applied to the blueback herring rangewide and our additional considerations, independent of the definition of "significant" in the policy given that the threshold for "significance" had recently been invalidated. In the Notice, however, we failed to include a discussion of the SRT's SPR analyses for the Bb-Canada/Northern New England, Bb-Mid-Atlantic, and Bb-Southern Atlantic DPSs, through which they found no evidence of a heightened risk of extinction now or in the foreseeable future in any portion of the ranges of these DPSs. Furthermore, we failed to state that we agreed with the SRT's analyses. Here, we provide corrections to our 12-month finding and provide notice that these analyses have also been included in the Status Review Report.

Additionally, in the SPR section of the Notice, within the rangewide analysis for blueback herring, our discussion of the Long Island Sound portion of the range requires clarification. Here, we clarify that the Long Island Sound portion of the range overlaps the Bb-Southern New England stock complex and the Bb-Mid-Atlantic DPS. As described in the Notice, some of the rivers in this portion occur within the Bb-Southern New England stock complex (the Gilbert-Stuart and Monument Rivers (Reid *et al.* 2018)), while other rivers are found in the Bb-Mid-Atlantic DPS (the Connecticut River and Mianus Rivers (Reid *et al.* 2018)). This clarifies that this portion does not exist solely within the Bb-Mid-Atlantic DPS.

Corrections

In the **Federal Register** of June 19, 2019 in FR Doc. 2019-12908, beginning on page 28663, in the preamble section, make the following corrections:

1. On page 28663, in the second column, in the first full paragraph, the first sentence is corrected to read:

Additionally, because in 2011, the petitioner identified the Long Island Sound portion of the range as a potential DPS, the SRT considered if this portion, which overlaps the Bb-Southern New England stock complex and the Mid-Atlantic DPS, would be considered "significant" under the SPR Policy.

2. On page 28663, in the second column, in the second full paragraph, the second sentence is corrected to read:

Notably, this area is found partially within the Bb-Mid-Atlantic DPS (discussed above and reviewed in Evaluation of Threats), and any information that may differ in the Long Island Sound portion of the range from other portions of the blueback herring range is expressed in the above descriptions with additional detail provided in the Status Review Report (NMFS 2019).

3. On page 28665, in the second column, after the first full paragraph, is corrected by adding the following paragraphs to read:

The SRT then applied the SPR Policy to each blueback herring DPS. In other words, the SRT evaluated whether there is substantial information indicating that any portions of any singular DPS may have a concentration of threats and should be further evaluated under the SPR Policy. After reviewing the best available data, the SRT found no information to suggest that any portion of the Bb-Canada/Northern New England, Bb-Mid-Atlantic, or Bb-Southern Atlantic DPSs stood out as having a heightened risk of extinction now or in the foreseeable future, and the SRT found no reason to further evaluate areas of any particular blueback herring DPS under the SPR Policy.

After reviewing the SRT's findings, we agree that there is no evidence to suggest that blueback herring are at heightened risk of extinction, now or in the foreseeable future, in any particular area of a DPS. Thus, we find no evidence that a significant portion of one of the blueback herring DPSs is threatened or endangered and accordingly, consistent with the SPR Policy, we do not reach the second question identified in the SPR Policy of whether a portion of any blueback herring DPS is biologically significant.

Authority: 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*

Dated: October 1, 2019.

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Deputy Assistant Administrator for
Regulatory Programs, National Marine
Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; Tilefish Individual Fishing Quota Program

AGENCY: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before December 3, 2019.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Adrienne Thomas, PRA Officer, NOAA, 151 Patton Avenue, Room 159, Asheville, NC 28801 (or internet at PRAComments@doc.gov). All comments received are part of the public record. Comments will generally be posted without change. All Personally Identifiable Information (for example, name and address) voluntarily submitted by the commenter may be publicly accessible. Do not submit Confidential Business Information or otherwise sensitive or protected information.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument and instructions should be directed to Douglas Potts, (978) 281-9341 or Douglas.Potts@noaa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

This request is for extension of a current information collection.

National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) Greater Atlantic Region manages the golden tilefish fishery of the Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) of the Northeastern United States, through the Tilefish Fishery Management Plan (FMP). The Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council prepared the FMP pursuant to the Magnuson-Stevens