

Assessment Rates

Consistent with section 751(a)(2)(C) of the Act, upon issuance of the final results, Commerce shall determine, and CBP shall assess, countervailing duties on all appropriate entries covered by this review. We intend to issue instructions to CBP 15 days after publication of the final results of this review.

Cash Deposit Requirements

Pursuant to section 751(a)(1) of the Act, Commerce intends to instruct CBP to collect cash deposits of estimated countervailing duties in the amounts shown for each of the respective companies listed above, except, where the rate calculated in the final results is *de minimis*, no cash deposit will be required on shipments of the subject merchandise entered or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption on or after the date of publication of the final results of this review. For all non-reviewed firms, we will instruct CBP to collect cash deposits at the most recent company-specific or all-others rate applicable to the company, as appropriate. These cash deposit requirements, when imposed, shall remain in effect until further notice.

Disclosure and Public Comment

We will disclose to the parties in this proceeding the calculations performed in reaching the preliminary results within five days of the date of publication of this notice.¹⁵ Interested parties may submit written arguments (case briefs) on the preliminary results within 30 days of publication of the preliminary results, and rebuttal comments (rebuttal briefs) within five days after the time limit for filing case briefs.¹⁶ Pursuant to 19 CFR 351.309(d)(2), rebuttal briefs must be limited to issues raised in the case briefs. Parties who submit arguments are requested to submit with the argument: (1) A statement of the issue; (2) a brief summary of the argument; and (3) a table of authorities.¹⁷

Interested parties who wish to request a hearing, or to participate if one is requested, must submit a written request within 30 days after the date of publication of this notice.¹⁸ Requests should contain the party's name, address, and telephone number, the number of participants, and a list of the issues to be discussed. If Commerce receives a request for a hearing, we will

inform parties of the scheduled date for the hearing, which will be held at the main Commerce building at a time and location to be determined.¹⁹ Parties should confirm by telephone the date, time, and location of the hearing.

Parties are reminded that briefs and hearing requests are to be filed electronically using ACCESS and received successfully in their entirety by 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on the due date.

Unless the deadline is extended pursuant to section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Act, Commerce intends to issue the final results of this administrative review, including the results of our analysis of the issues raised by parties in their comments, within 120 days after publication of these preliminary results.

Notification to Interested Parties

These preliminary results of review are issued and published in accordance with sections 751(a)(1) and 777(i)(1) of the Act, and 19 CFR 351.213 and 351.221(b)(4).

Dated: January 9, 2020.

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Appendix

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[RTID 0648-XU006]

Marine Fisheries Advisory Committee

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

ACTION: Notice; extension of nomination period.

SUMMARY: NMFS is extending the period for submission of nominations for appointment to a new Marine Fisheries Advisory Committee (MAFAC) task force to support its advisory work for

the Secretary of Commerce on living marine resource matters. The task force will provide expert advice on the generation, delivery, and use of electronically reported data from private recreational anglers to assist NMFS in fulfilling its mission activities. NMFS will appoint the members in consultation with MAFAC and they will serve for a term of up to two (2) years. The extended comment period closes on February 21, 2020.

DATES: Nominations must be received at the appropriate address or email mailbox (see **ADDRESSES**) on or before February 21, 2020.

ADDRESSES: Nominations should be sent to Heidi Lovett, NMFS Office of Policy, 1315 East West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910 or to heidi.lovett@noaa.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Heidi Lovett, (301) 427-8046; email: heidi.lovett@noaa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: MAFAC is the only Federal advisory committee with the responsibility to advise the Secretary of Commerce (Secretary) on all matters concerning living marine resources that are the responsibility of the Department of Commerce. On November 20, 2019, MAFAC announced it would be establishing a Task Force to provide it, and subsequently NMFS, expert advice on the generation, delivery, and use of electronically reported data from private recreational anglers to assist NOAA Fisheries in fulfilling its mission activities. The scope of the Recreational Electronic Reporting Task Force will fall within the objectives and scope of the MAFAC. In response, NMFS has received a limited number of qualified applications. NMFS has decided to extend the period to submit nominations by 30 days to Friday, February 21, 2020 to allow the submission of additional applications.

Recreational Electronic Reporting Task Force

This Recreational Electronic Reporting Task Force is being created to provide MAFAC, and subsequently NMFS, advice on fulfilling the agency's central role in providing useable high quality, accurate data on recreational fisheries. Task Force advice will support and contribute to the development of an Agency roadmap to advance and guide implementation, where appropriate, of electronic data collection in private recreational fisheries (both shore and boat mode angling). The initial actions for consideration by the Task Force include:

- Identify and prioritize known data gaps relative to NOAA Fisheries' role in

¹⁵ See 19 CFR 351.224(b).

¹⁶ See 19 CFR 351.309(c)(1)(ii); 351.309(d)(1); and 19 CFR 351.303 (for general filing requirements).

¹⁷ See 19 CFR 351.309(c)(2) and 351.309(d)(2).

¹⁸ See 19 CFR 351.310(c).

¹⁹ See 19 CFR 351.310.

supporting management of marine recreational fisheries that could be addressed through mandatory or voluntary private recreational angler electronic reporting programs.

- Identify realistic and achievable goals for voluntary (also known as opt-in) and mandatory electronic reporting for private recreational anglers, as well as associated challenges and solutions, where identifiable.
- Provide recommendations on how the aforementioned goals could be best supported or achieved by NOAA Fisheries.

The Task Force will report to MAFAC and will not provide advice or work products directly to NMFS.

Recommendations generated by this Task Force's efforts will not result in any regulatory decision, or obligate any party to undertake certain activities.

This Task Force will consist of approximately 10 individuals who have demonstrated subject matter expertise and experience in one or more relevant fields including, but not limited to, sampling statistics, survey methodologies, citizen science, fishery stock assessment science, electronic monitoring or reporting, fisheries management, database development and/or management, mobile technology applications (apps), and marine recreational fishing. It is not intended that all Task Force members be scientists or researchers; however, other members should have experience with issues related to the generation, delivery, and or use of opt-in electronic data, public attitudes about participating in such programs, or similar ecological self-reporting data systems from which parallels can be drawn.

It is intended that the Task Force membership represent a diversity of the overall expertise and experience being sought. It will be established for an initial period of two (2) years with a possibility of extending that term if deemed necessary by NMFS and MAFAC. Task Force members should be able to fulfill the time commitments required for up to one meeting per month (mostly by webinar or teleconference and potentially in-person), and interim work as necessary. Members of the Task Force are not compensated for their services, but will upon request be provided travel and per diem expenses as authorized by 5 U.S.C. 5701 *et seq.* To view the full Recreational Electronic Reporting Task Force Terms of Reference, please visit <https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/national/partners/marine-fisheries-advisory-committee-subcommittees-and-task-forces#task-forces>.

Nomination Materials

Each nomination submission must include: Resume or curriculum vitae of the nominee and a cover letter, not to exceed 3 pages, that describes the nominee's interest in serving on the Task Force and how the nominee's expertise, experience, and other qualifications relate to one or more relevant fields noted in the prior section. Self-nominations are acceptable. The following contact information should accompany each nominee's submission: Full name, address, telephone number, and email address.

Nominations should be sent to (see **ADDRESSES**) and must be received by February 21, 2020. Information about MAFAC, its Committee charter, current membership, and activities can be viewed on the NMFS' website at <https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/topic/partners#marine-fisheries-advisory-committee>.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Pacific Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: The Pacific Fishery Management Council (Pacific Council) will hold a methodology review meeting to evaluate and review fishery independent visual survey methodologies, using remotely operate vehicles (ROVs), for nearshore groundfish species off the states of Oregon and California. The meeting is open to the public.

DATES: The meeting will be held Tuesday, February 4 through Thursday, February 6, 2020. The meeting will begin at 8:30 a.m., Pacific Standard Time, each day and will continue until 5 p.m., or until business for the day has been completed.

ADDRESSES: The Pacific Council methodology review meeting will be

held in the Conference Room (Room 188) of the NMFS Southwest Fisheries Science Center, Santa Cruz Laboratory, 110 McAllister Way, Santa Cruz, CA 95060; contact and telephone: Dr. John Field, (831) 420-3907. Official government issued identification (*e.g.*, state issued identification card, federal identification card, etc.) will be required in order to enter the building.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Todd Phillips, Staff Officer, Pacific Fishery Management Council; telephone: (503) 820-2426.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of the Pacific Council methodology review meeting is to evaluate and review fishery independent visual survey methodologies, using ROVs, for nearshore groundfish species off the states of Oregon and California. West Coast nearshore groundfish stock assessments have identified the current lack of fishery-independent data sources as a research and data need. Both Oregon and California have conducted ROV surveys of rockfish in nearshore areas, focusing on rocky reef habitat, and, in California, on areas inside and outside of Marine Protected Areas.

The goals and objectives specific to the review of the new ROV survey methodologies are to: (1) Evaluate the sampling design used in recent (2010-19) ROV surveys conducted by the states of Oregon and California; (2) evaluate proposed methods to develop indices or estimates of abundance for these ROV surveys, including using habitat/substrate type and Marine Protected Area designation as covariates; (3) evaluate proposed methods to estimate size/age compositions of observed individuals of each species; and (4) identify potential impediments to developing independent indices or estimates of abundance using these ROV surveys and incorporating them into stock assessments.

This methodology review will likely provide the basis for future ROV surveys and the development of indices or estimates of abundance for those areas surveyed in Oregon and California, as well as the expansion of such methods to other areas within those states and/or within Washington State.

No management actions will be decided by the Pacific Council methodology review meeting participants. The Pacific Council methodology review meeting participants' role will be development of recommendations and reports for consideration by the Pacific Council's Scientific and Statistical Committee and