

ACTION: Notice; public meeting.

SUMMARY: The New England Fishery Management Council (Council) is scheduling a public meeting of its Scallop Advisory Panel 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, March 26, 2020 at 8:30 a.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Hilton Garden Inn, 100 Boardman Street, Boston, MA 02128; telephone: (617) 567-6789.

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 Advisory Panel will receive an update on Framework Adjustment 32 submission and rulemaking. The panel will also work to finalize the range of alternatives in Amendment 21. The Council has identified three specific issues to address in this action: (1) Measures related to the Northern Gulf of Maine (NGOM) Management Area, (2) Limited Access General Category (LAGC) individual fishing quota (IFQ) possession limits, and (3) ability of Limited Access vessels with LAGC IFQ to transfer quota to LAGC IFQ only vessels. Review the Plan Development Team progress on Committee tasking from the February 27, 2020 meeting. Other business may be discussed as necessary.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in this agenda may come before this group for discussion, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during the meeting. Action will be restricted to those issues specifically listed in this notice and any issues arising after publication of this notice that require emergency action under section 305(c) of the Magnuson-Stevens Act, provided the public has been notified of the Council's intent to take final 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 Thomas A. Nies, Executive Director, at (978) 465-0492, at least 5 days prior to

the meeting date. 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: March 4, 2020.

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

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Endangered and Threatened Species; Take of Anadromous Fish

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

ACTION: Notice of availability; of a proposed evaluation and pending determination (PEPD) for public comment.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that a PEPD is available for public comment on three hatchery and genetic management plans (HGMPs) for Dungeness River hatchery programs submitted for review and determination under Endangered Species Act (ESA) Section 4(d), Limit 6 for Puget Sound Chinook salmon, Puget Sound steelhead, and Hood Canal summer chum salmon.

DATES: Comments must be received at the appropriate address (see **ADDRESSES**) no later than 5 p.m. Pacific time on April 8, 2020. Comments received after this date may not be considered.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be addressed to Morgan Robinson, NMFS Sustainable Fisheries Division, 510 Desmond Dr. Lacey, WA 98503. Comments may be submitted by email. The mailbox address for providing email comments is: *hatcheries.public.comment@noaa.gov*. Include in the subject line of the email comment the following identifier: Comments on Dungeness River PEPD.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Morgan Robinson at (360) 534-9338 or by email at *morgan.robinson@noaa.gov*

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

ESA-Listed Species Covered in This Notice

- Puget Sound Chinook Salmon (*Oncorhynchus tshawytscha*): Threatened, naturally and artificially propagated

- Puget Sound Steelhead (*Oncorhynchus mykiss*): Threatened, naturally and artificially propagated
- Hood Canal Summer Chum (*Oncorhynchus keta*): Threatened, naturally and artificially propagated

Background

NMFS has received three HGMPs for hatchery programs rearing and releasing Chinook salmon, coho salmon, and chum salmon in the Dungeness River basin, Washington. The three HGMPs were submitted pursuant to limit 6 of the Section 4(d) rule for salmon and steelhead. The hatchery programs are operated by Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife in cooperation with the Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe.

The purpose of the hatchery programs is to contribute to the survival and recovery of Puget Sound Chinook Salmon, assist in developing information on exploitation rates, and support returns of coho salmon and chum salmon to the Dungeness River basin as well as contribute to the diet of Southern Resident Killer Whale (SRKW).

(Authority: 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*; 16 U.S.C. 742a *et seq.*)

Dated: March 3, 2020.

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

Notice of Approval of the Final Management Plan for the Hudson River National Estuarine Research Reserve

AGENCY: Office for Coastal Management, National Ocean Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Public notice.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the Office for Coastal Management, National Ocean Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce approves the revised Management Plan for the Hudson River National Estuarine Research Reserve, which is comprised of four component sites along the Hudson River in New York. In accordance with applicable Federal regulations, the New York State