

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

Department of Environmental Conservation revised its management plan. The revised Management Plan will replace the plan previously approved in 2009. View the approved Hudson River, NY, National Estuarine Research Reserve Management Plan at https://coast.noaa.gov/data/docs/nerrs/Reserves_HUD_MgmtPlan.pdf.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Nina Garfield of NOAA's Office for Coastal Management, by email at nina.garfield@noaa.gov, phone at 240-533-0817, or mail at: 1305 NOAA, NOS, OCM, East West Highway, SSMC4, Silver Spring, MD 20919.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to 15 CFR 921.33, a state must periodically revise its Reserve management plan, changes to the final management plan may be made only after written approval by NOAA, and NOAA will approve amendments to management plans by notice in the **Federal Register**. On March 6, 2019, NOAA issued a notice in the **Federal Register** announcing a thirty-day public comment period for the Hudson River National Estuarine Research Reserve revised management plan (84 FR 8087). Responses to the written and oral comments received, and an explanation of how comments were incorporated into the final revised plan, are available in Appendix 10 of the revised plan.

The Hudson River National Estuarine Research Reserve has outlined in the revised Management Plan how it will manage administration and its core program providing detailed actions that will enable it to accomplish specific goals and objectives. Since 2009, the Hudson River National Estuarine Research Reserve has provided technical expertise to coastal communities to reduce risks to natural hazards; expanded monitoring programs; installed a sentinel site for monitoring marsh ecosystem responses to sea level rise; conducted training workshops; implemented K-12 and public education programs; installed a water level observation station that is compliant with NOAA's National Water Level Observation Network; restored hydrologic flows at Gays Point in the Stockport Flats component; and established itself as a regional leader in the design and implementation of living shorelines.

The revised Management Plan updates the former plan with accomplishments since 2009, and identifies new priorities that will guide the Hudson River National Estuarine Research Reserve's operations through 2024. Facility priorities include improvements to exhibits and access to

the visitor center; the provision of lodging options for interns, students, and visiting professionals; enhancements to trails; upgraded access for researchers and recreational users at component sites; the assessment of existing and potentially new living shoreline structures at component sites; and the evaluation of facility resilience to climate change. Education priorities include the continuation of teacher training and public outreach offerings; the implementation of distance learning strategies to reach expanded audiences; the inclusion of new topics to the education curriculum including marine debris and microplastics, climate change, estuarine monitoring, and restoration; and the expansion of educational programs to component sites. The Coastal Training Program (CTP) priorities are to continue to address nature-based shoreline conservation efforts and lead a statewide collaboration on living shorelines. The research and monitoring priorities are to conduct research relevant to the Hudson River and broader mid-Atlantic region; continue implementation and analysis of the National Estuarine Research Reserve System Sentinel Site monitoring protocols; and maintain the Hudson River Environmental Conditions Observing System water quality stations and the Turkey Point Tide Station. The stewardship priorities will support restoration efforts identified in the Hudson River Restoration Plan; provide technical assistance to restoration practitioners; control invasive species in the Hudson River National Estuarine Research Reserve habitats; promote fish passage; and acquire remaining holdings in the Hudson River National Estuarine Research Reserve.

NOAA has reviewed the impacts of the revised Management Plan and determined that the revision of the Management Plan will not have a significant effect on the human environment and therefore qualifies for a categorical exclusion under NOAA Administrative Order 216-6.

Keelin S. Kuipers,

Deputy Director, Office for Coastal Management, National Ocean Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Notice of Approval: Final Management Plan for the Wells National Estuarine Research Reserve

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

ACTION: Notice of approval of the final management plan for the Wells National Estuarine Research Reserve.

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 Wells National Estuarine Research Reserve in Wells, Maine. In accordance with applicable federal regulations, the revised management plan will replace the plan previously approved in 2013. View the approved management plan at https://www.wellsreserve.org/writable/files/WellsNERR_ManagementPlan_2019-2024.pdf.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Adrienne Harrison of NOAA's Office for Coastal Management, by email at Adrienne.Harrison@noaa.gov, phone at 603-862-4272, or mail at: University of New Hampshire Gregg Hall Suite 148, 35 Colovos Rd, Durham NH 03824.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to 15 CFR 921.33, a state must periodically revise its research reserve's management plan. Changes may be made only after written approval by NOAA; NOAA will approve amendments to management plans by notice in the **Federal Register**.

On July 23, 2019, NOAA issued a notice in the **Federal Register** announcing a thirty day public comment period for the revised management plan for the Wells Research Reserve. (84.141 FR page 35375). Responses to the written and oral comments, and an explanation of how comments were incorporated into the final revised plan, are available in appendix C of the revised plan. The Wells Research Reserve outlined how it will manage administration of its core program, and provided details regarding steps to be taken to enable the reserve to accomplish specific goals and objectives. Since December 2013, the reserve has implemented its core and system-wide programs; secured science, education, and conservation grants to