

population conditions, and recommends research and monitoring needs. The assessment is independently peer reviewed at the Review Workshop. The product of the Review Workshop is a Summary documenting panel opinions regarding the strengths and weaknesses of the stock assessment and input data. Participants for SEDAR Workshops are appointed by the Gulf of Mexico, South Atlantic, and Caribbean Fishery Management Councils and NOAA Fisheries Southeast Regional Office, Highly Migratory Species Management Division, and Southeast Fisheries Science Center. Participants include: data collectors and database managers; stock assessment scientists, biologists, and researchers; constituency representatives including fishermen, environmentalists, and non-governmental organizations (NGOs); international experts; and staff of Councils, Commissions, and state and federal agencies.

The items of discussion at the Assessment Webinar III are as follows:

- Participants will finalize reference case model run(s) which are robust to the major uncertainties identified in commercial bycatch discard estimation (and post-release mortality) as well as the major uncertainties identified in the indices of abundance.
- Participants will also discuss sensitivity analyses, model diagnostic methodology and preliminary results for the reference case model run(s).

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 this meeting. Action will be restricted to those issues specifically identified in this notice and any issues arising after publication of this notice that require emergency action under section 305(c) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, provided the public has been notified of the intent to take final action to address the emergency.

Special Accommodations

This meeting is accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for auxiliary aids should be directed to the South Atlantic Fishery Management Council office (see **ADDRESSES**) at least 5 business days prior to the meeting.

Note: The times and sequence specified in this agenda are subject to change.

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

Dated: April 15, 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

[RTID 0648-XA131]

North Pacific Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice of video conference.

SUMMARY: The North Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) Crab Plan Team will meet May 4, 2020 through May 7, 2020.

DATES: The meeting will be held on Monday, May 4, 2020 through Wednesday May 6, 2020, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Alaska Standard Time, and 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. on Thursday, May 7, 2020.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be videoconference. Join online through the link at <https://meetings.npfmc.org/Meeting/Details/1424>.

Council address: North Pacific Fishery Management Council, 1007 W 3rd Ave., Anchorage, AK 99501-2252; telephone: (907) 271-2809. Instructions for attending the meeting via video conference are given under **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**, below.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jim Armstrong, Council staff; email: james.armstrong@noaa.gov. For technical support please contact Maria Davis, Council staff; email: maria.davis@noaa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Agenda

Monday, May 4, 2020 Through Thursday, May 7, 2020

The agenda will include: (a) Final 2020 stock assessments for Aleutian Islands golden king crab, Pribilof Island golden king crab, and Western Aleutian Islands red king Crab; (b) stock assessment modeling scenarios for snow crab, Tanner crab, Bristol Bay red king crab, and St Matthew Island blue king crab; (c) other discussions including the development of ecosystem and socioeconomic profiles for crab stocks, stock assessment model configuration and inputs, crab bycatch in groundfish

fisheries, updated State of Alaska catch data and Board of Fisheries decisions; and (d) planning for future meetings. You can attend the meeting online using a computer, tablet, or smart phone, or by phone only. Connection information is available at: <https://meetings.npfmc.org/Meeting/Details/1424>.

The agenda is subject to change, and the latest version will be posted at <https://meetings.npfmc.org/Meeting/Details/1424> prior to the meeting, along with meeting materials.

Public Comment

Public comment letters will be accepted and should be submitted electronically to <https://meetings.npfmc.org/Meeting/Details/1424>.

Special Accommodations

These meetings are accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Shannon Gleason at (907) 903-3107 at least 7 working days prior to the meeting date.

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

Dated: April 15, 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

[RTID 0648-XA109]

Endangered Species; File No. 19641

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

ACTION: Notice; receipt of application for a permit modification.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection, P.O. Box 719, Old Lyme, Connecticut 06371 (Responsible Party: Tom Savoy), has requested a modification to scientific research Permit No. 19641-01.

DATES: Written, telefaxed, or email comments must be received on or before May 20, 2020.

ADDRESSES: The modification request and related documents are available for review by selecting "Records Open for Public Comment" from the Features box on the Applications and Permits for

Protected Species (APPS) home page, <https://apps.nmfs.noaa.gov>, and then selecting File No. 19641–03 from the list of available applications. These documents are also available upon written request or by appointment in the Permits and Conservation Division, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13705, Silver Spring, MD 20910; phone: (301) 427–8401; fax: (301) 713–0376.

Written comments on this application should be submitted to the Chief, Permits and Conservation Division, at the address listed above. Comments may also be submitted by facsimile to (301) 713–0376, or by email to NMFS.Pr1Comments@noaa.gov. Please include the File No. in the subject line of the email comment.

Those individuals requesting a public hearing should submit a written request to the Chief, Permits and Conservation Division at the address listed above. The request should set forth the specific reasons why a hearing on this application would be appropriate.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Malcolm Mohead or Erin Markin, (301) 427–8401.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The subject modification to Permit No. 19641–01, issued on March 12, 2019 (84 FR 15595), is requested under the authority of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*) and the regulations governing the taking, importing, and exporting of endangered and threatened species (50 CFR parts 222–226).

Permit No. 19641–01 authorizes the permit holder to conduct scientific research on Atlantic and shortnose sturgeon to determine their presence, status, health, habitat use, and movements in Connecticut waters. Researchers may use gill nets and trawls to capture Atlantic and shortnose sturgeon to then measure, weigh, passive integrated transponder (PIT) tag, tissue sample, and photograph prior to release. A subset of individuals may also be anesthetized, acoustically tagged, fin ray sampled, and gastric lavaged. Early life stages (ELS) of shortnose sturgeon may be lethally sampled to document the occurrence of spawning in Connecticut waters. During research activities, the unintentional mortality of up to one juvenile and adult/sub-adult life stage of each species may occur, annually. Due to an expanding population of shortnose and Atlantic sturgeon in the Connecticut River, the Permit Holder requests annual increases in the take numbers authorized (*i.e.*, from 250 to 500) for both juvenile Atlantic sturgeon and

adult/sub-adult shortnose sturgeon life stages. The Permit Holder also requests authorization for lethal collection of 300 Atlantic sturgeon ELS to document the occurrence of spawning events in Connecticut waters. The permit expires March 31, 2027.

Dated: April 14, 2020.

Julia Marie Harrison,

*Chief, Permits and Conservation Division,
Office of Protected Resources, National
Marine Fisheries Service.*

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Federal Consistency Appeal by Jordan Cove Energy Project, L.P. and Pacific Connector Gas Pipeline, LP

AGENCY: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Department of Commerce (DOC).

ACTION: Notice of appeal.

SUMMARY: This announcement provides notice that the Department of Commerce has received a “Notice of Appeal” filed by Appellants Jordan Cove Energy Project, L.P. and Pacific Connector Gas Pipeline, LP. Appellants are requesting that the Secretary of Commerce override an objection by the Oregon Department of Land Conservation and Development to a consistency certification for a proposed project to construct and operate a liquified natural gas export terminal and a 229-mile interstate natural gas pipeline and compressor station off the Pacific Coast.

ADDRESSES: NOAA intends to post publicly available materials and related documents comprising the appeal record on the following website: <http://www.regulations.gov/#!docketDetail;D=NOAA-HQ-2020-0058>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For questions about this Notice, contact Rachel Morris, Attorney-Advisor, NOAA Office of the General Counsel, Oceans and Coasts Section, and Patrick Carroll, Attorney-Advisor, NOAA Office of the General Counsel, Oceans and Coasts Section, at jordancove.appeal@noaa.gov or (301) 713–7387.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Notice of Appeal

On March 20, 2020, the Secretary of Commerce (Secretary) received a “Notice of Appeal” filed by Appellants Jordan Cove Energy Project, L.P. and Pacific Connector Gas Pipeline, LP pursuant to the Coastal Zone

Management Act of 1972 (CZMA), 16 U.S.C. 1451 *et seq.*, and implementing regulations found at 15 CFR part 930, subpart H. Appellants are appealing an objection by the Oregon Department of Land Conservation and Development to Appellants’ CZMA federal consistency certification for a proposed project to construct and operate a liquified natural gas (LNG) export terminal within the North Spit of Coos Bay and a 229-mile interstate natural gas pipeline and compressor station to connect the LNG export terminal to existing pipeline infrastructure. This matter constitutes an appeal of an “energy project” within the meaning of the CZMA regulations. See 15 CFR 930.123(c).

Under the CZMA, the Secretary may override the Oregon Department of Land Conservation and Development’s objection on grounds that the project is consistent with the objectives or purposes of the CZMA, or is necessary in the interest of national security. To make the determination that the proposed activity is “consistent with the objectives or purposes of the CZMA,” the Secretary must find that: (1) The proposed activity furthers the national interest as articulated in sections 302 or 303 of the CZMA, in a significant or substantial manner; (2) the national interest outweighs the activity’s adverse coastal effects, when those effects are considered separately or cumulatively; and (3) no reasonable alternative is available that would permit the proposed activity to be conducted in a manner consistent with the enforceable policies of the applicable coastal management program. 15 CFR 930.121. To make the determination that the proposed activity is “necessary in the interest of national security,” the Secretary must find that a national defense or other national security interest would be significantly impaired if the proposed activity is not permitted to go forward as proposed. 15 CFR 930.122.

II. Public Availability of Appeal Documents

NOAA intends to provide access to publicly available materials and related documents comprising the appeal record on the following website: <http://www.regulations.gov/#!docketDetail;D=NOAA-HQ-2020-0058>.

The consolidated record maintained by the lead federal permitting agency is also located at FERC Docket Numbers CP17–494 and CP17–495, FERC Online Docket Search, available at https://elibrary.ferc.gov/idmws/docket_search.asp.