

**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE****National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

[RTID 0648-XA154]

**Pacific Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Pacific Fishery Management Council's (Pacific Council) Budget Committee will hold a meeting to consider budget issues as outlined in the Budget Committee agenda for the June 2020 Council Meeting.

**DATES:** The online meeting will be held Tuesday, May 19, 2020, at 1 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** To attend the meeting, visit this link: <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/908470797> and follow the instructions on the screen. You must use your telephone for the audio portion of the meeting by dialing this TOLL number: +1 (224) 501-3412. Enter the Access Code: 908-470-797. Enter your audio phone pin (shown on the screen). Alternatively, you can navigate to [www.gotomeeting.com](http://www.gotomeeting.com), click "Join a Meeting" in the top right hand corner, then enter Access Code: 908-470-797. Next, follow the instructions on the screen, and dial into the call with your telephone.

Technical Information and System Requirements:

- *PC-based attendees:* Required: Windows® 8, 10, Vista, or XP.
- *Mac®-based attendees:* Required: Mac OS® X 10.5 or newer.
- *Mobile attendees:* Required: iPhone®, iPad®, Android™ phone or Android tablet (see <https://www.gotomeeting.com/meeting/ipad-iphone-android-apps>).

You may send an email to Mr. Kris Kleinschmidt ([kris.kleinschmidt@noaa.gov](mailto:kris.kleinschmidt@noaa.gov)) or contact him at (503) 820-2412, for technical assistance.

*Council address:* Pacific Fishery Management Council, 7700 NE Ambassador Place, Suite 101, Portland, OR 97220-1384.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Patricia Crouse, Administrative Officer, Pacific Council; telephone: (503) 820-2408.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The purpose of this meeting is to consider and develop recommendations to the Pacific Council for the June 2020 Fiscal Matters agenda item.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in the meeting agenda may be

discussed, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during this meeting. Action will be restricted to those issues specifically listed in this document and any issues arising after publication of this document 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**

Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Mr. Kris Kleinschmidt ([kris.kleinschmidt@noaa.gov](mailto:kris.kleinschmidt@noaa.gov); (503) 820-2412) at least 10 days prior to the meeting date.

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

Dated: April 28, 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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**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 Joint Advisory Panel and Plan Development Team 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 Tuesday, May 19, 2020 at 9 a.m.

**ADDRESSES:** All meeting participants and interested parties can register to join the webinar at <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/5061195365535774989>.

*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 (AP) and Plan Development Team (PDT) will receive a status update and summary of preliminary findings from the recipients of recent Scallop Research Set-Aside (RSA) awards. This meeting is not a formal review of the methods or results of these projects. Instead, it is an overview to better inform the PDT and AP of current research status and help identify future research priority recommendations. There will also be an opportunity for public comment on potential 2021/22 RSA Priorities. 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 this 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. 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: April 28, 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****Review of Nomination for Chumash Heritage National Marine Sanctuary**

**AGENCY:** Office of National Marine Sanctuaries (ONMS), National Ocean Service (NOS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Department of Commerce (DOC).

**ACTION:** Notice; Request for Written Comments.

**SUMMARY:** The Office of National Marine Sanctuaries (ONMS) of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) is requesting written comments to facilitate ONMS review of the nomination for Chumash Heritage National Marine Sanctuary (CHNMS). NOAA is requesting relevant information as it pertains to the 11 national significance criteria and management considerations that NOAA applied to evaluate the CHNMS nomination for inclusion in the national inventory of areas that NOAA may consider for future designation as a national marine sanctuary. Particular attention will be given to new scientific information about the national significance of natural and cultural resources, as well as increases or decreases in the threats to resources originally proposed for protection, and changes to the management framework of the area. NOAA will also assess the level of community-based support for the nomination from a broad range of interests. NOAA has provided the original nominating party, the Northern Chumash Tribal Council, an opportunity to share its views on these same questions. Subsequent to the information gathering and internal analysis, the ONMS Director will make a final determination on whether or not the CHNMS nomination will remain in the inventory prior to the five-year anniversary of accepting the nomination, October 5, 2020.

**DATES:** NOAA will conduct a virtual meeting to explain the review process to the public and accept information orally from speakers during the virtual meeting. The meeting will be conducted on Wednesday May 27, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. PT. For more information regarding how to participate in the public meeting and the CHNMS nomination go to <https://nominate.noaa.gov>. Written comments must be received by June 15, 2020.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments may be submitted by the following method:

*Federal eRulemaking Portal:* <https://www.regulations.gov>. Submit electronic comments via the Federal eRulemaking Portal with Docket Number NOAA-NOS-2020-0063.

*Instructions:* All comments received are a part of the public record. All personal identifying information (for example, name, address, etc.) voluntarily submitted by the commenter may be publicly accessible. Do not submit confidential business information or otherwise sensitive or protected information. NOAA will accept anonymous comments (enter

N/A in the required fields to remain anonymous).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** William Douros Regional Director, ONMS West Coast Region, 99 Pacific Street, Bldg. 100F, Monterey, CA 93940, or at [william.douros@noaa.gov](mailto:william.douros@noaa.gov), or 831-647-6452.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Background Information**

In 2014, NOAA issued a final rule establishing the sanctuary nomination process (SNP), a process by which communities may submit nominations of areas of the marine and Great Lakes environment for NOAA to consider for designation as a national marine sanctuary (79 FR 33851). The final rule establishing the SNP included a five-year limit on any nomination added to the inventory that NOAA does not advance for designation. In November 2019, NOAA issued a notice (84 FR 61546) to clarify procedures for evaluating and updating a nomination as it approaches the five-year mark. The clarified procedure ensures the inventory contains nominations that remain relevant and responsive to the 11 SNP national significance criteria and management considerations (“SNP Criteria”). The 11 SNP Criteria can be found at <https://nominate.noaa.gov>.

The nomination for CHNMS was accepted to the national inventory on October 5, 2015, and is therefore scheduled to expire in October 2020. NOAA is not proposing to designate CHNMS or any other any new national marine sanctuary with this action. Accordingly, written comments submitted as part of this request should not focus on whether NOAA should initiate the designation process for CHNMS. Rather comments should address the relevance of the nomination towards the SNP Criteria and any new information NOAA should consider about the nominated area. Comments that do not address the SNP Criteria and new information NOAA should evaluate will not be considered in determining whether to extend the CHNMS nomination for another five years.

The process to update a nomination about to expire at the five-year mark includes the following steps:

1. ONMS notifies the nominating party at about the four and a half-year mark to give the nominating party an opportunity to provide updates of the nominated area’s relevance to the SNP Criteria.

2. ONMS staff works with partners and the public to gather information on the nomination’s relevance to the SNP Criteria. Given our inability to host

public gatherings at this time, NOAA has chosen to host a virtual public meeting and request written comments to gather new information on the CHNMS nomination.

3. ONMS staff reviews information received from the original nominating party, partners, the public and other relevant sources against the SNP Criteria to assess if the nomination is still accurate and relevant.

4. ONMS staff produce a brief synopsis report to the ONMS Director, presenting an analysis of information that has been collected, and a recommendation regarding maintaining the nomination in the inventory, or removing it once the five-year anniversary is reached.

Whether removing or maintaining the nomination for CHNMS, NOAA would follow the same procedure for notifying the public as was followed when the nomination was submitted, including a letter to the nominator, a notice in the **Federal Register**, and posting information on “[nominate.noaa.gov](https://nominate.noaa.gov)”.

**Authority:** 16 U.S.C. 1431 *et seq.*

**John Armor,**

*Director, Office of National Marine Sanctuaries, National Ocean Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

[RTID 0648-XU009]

**Marine Fisheries Advisory Committee; Charter Renewal**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of renewed charter.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given of the 2-year renewed charter for the Marine Fisheries Advisory Committee (MAFAC), signed on April 12, 2020.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Heidi Lovett, Assistant Federal Program Officer, MAFAC, 301-427-8034; email [heidi.lovett@noaa.gov](mailto:heidi.lovett@noaa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** As required by section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. (1982), and after consultation with the General Services Administration, the Secretary of Commerce has determined that the renewal of the charter for MAFAC is in