

Smart Grid Interoperability Standards, Release 1.0 (Release 1.0), and in February 2012, NIST published the NIST Framework and Roadmap for Smart Grid Interoperability Standards, Release 2.0 (Release 2.0), which updated the material discussed in Release 1.0. The most recent update of the framework, Release 3.0, was released in 2014 and introduced new interoperability requirements among the generation, distribution, and customer domains.

NIST now announces publication of the Draft NIST Framework and Roadmap for Smart Grid Interoperability Standards, Release 4.0 (Draft Release 4.0) for public review and comment. Draft Release 4.0 is available online at: <https://www.nist.gov/el/smart-grid/smart-grid-framework>.

Draft Release 4.0 is a substantial revision of previous releases to address structural changes and increasing system complexity in the grid. This release includes a description of communications scenarios inspired by different grid architectures, which are used to more closely examine unique interoperability requirements. The interoperability implications of expanding grid communications in four key areas—grid cybersecurity, operations, economics, and associated requirements for testing and certification—are also explored.

Draft Release 4.0 reflects changes taking place in the grid, including the accelerating pace of technological change, rapidly falling prices for modern energy technologies such as solar photovoltaic (PV) and other distributed energy resources (DER), increased proliferation of low-cost sensors and network enabled devices, and the resulting surge in granularity and amount of data being generated. The issues surrounding empowered consumers, the coordination of tens of thousands of devices operating across the system, and multi-directional power flows are also considered.

Request For Comments:

NIST seeks comments on the Draft NIST Framework and Roadmap for Smart Grid Interoperability Standards, Release 4.0. In particular, the agency requests that comments be categorized as (1) technical; (2) editorial; or (3) general. If a comment is not a general comment, please identify the relevant page, line number, and section of Draft Release 4.0 that is addressed by the comment. NIST will also accept proposed solutions along with the comments. Comments should be submitted in accordance with instructions in the **DATES** and **ADDRESSES** sections of this notice. All relevant

responses that comply with the requirements listed in the **DATES** and **ADDRESSES** sections of this RFC will be considered.

Authority: Section 1305 of the Energy Independence and Security Act (EISA) of 2007 (Pub. L. 110–140)

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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 of public meeting.

SUMMARY: The New England Fishery Management Council (Council) is scheduling a public meeting 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 webinar will be held on Monday, October 5, 2020 at 4 p.m. Webinar registration URL information: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/5690522839117472784>.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held via webinar.

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 New England Fishery Management Council will host a public meeting on Monday, October 5, 2020, from 4 p.m.–6 p.m., focusing on the recreational Northeast Multispecies (groundfish) fishery. The purpose of the meeting is for Tidal Bay Consulting, LLC to announce the development of a “strawman” for a potential limited entry program for party/charter vessels participating in the recreational groundfish fishery and solicit feedback from the public. There will be an opportunity for the public to ask questions and solicit feedback on a draft

limited entry template. The draft template is based on stakeholder feedback received at listening sessions held by the Council in April and May of 2019, and input from the Recreational Advisory Panel.

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: September 14, 2020.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Draft Supplemental Programmatic Environmental Assessment for Fisheries Research Conducted and Funded by the Northeast Fisheries Science Center

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

ACTION: Notice of availability, request for comments.

SUMMARY: NMFS announces the availability of the “Draft Supplemental Programmatic Environmental Assessment (SPEA) for Fisheries Research Conducted and Funded by the Northeast Fisheries Science Center.” Publication of this notice begins the official public comment period for this SPEA. The purpose of this Draft SPEA