

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

[RTID 0648-XA742]

**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 Advisory Panel via webinar 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, January 21, 2021 at 9 a.m.

**ADDRESSES:** All meeting participants and interested parties can register to join the webinar at <https://attendeegotowebinar.com/register/4846438759558045968>.

*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) will discuss Framework Adjustment 33 (FW 33): Specifically, a review of specifications alternatives in FW 33 and make final recommendations. FW 33 will set specifications including acceptable biological catch/annual catch limit (ABC/ACLs), days-at-sea (DAS), access area allocations for Limited Access (LA) and Limited Access General Category (LAGC), Total Allowable Catch (TAC) for Northern Gulf of Maine (NGOM) management area, target-TAC for LAGC incidental catch and set-asides for the observer and research programs for fishing year 2021 and default specifications for fishing year 2022. Review options for mitigating impacts on Georges Bank yellowtail flounder and northern windowpane flounder and make final recommendations. They will also discuss Scallop Priorities: Reviewing the existing 2021 scallop work priorities and correspondence from the Scallopers Campaign requesting the Council

consider changing the scallop priorities by adding LA scallop leasing listening sessions to the priority list and develop a recommendation for the Council to consider. The AP may recommend deleting a priority if a new priority is added. 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. 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: December 31, 2020.

**Rey Israel Marquez,**

*Acting Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.*

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

**Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for Review and Approval; Comment Request; Atlantic Highly Migratory Species Individual Bluefin Tuna Quota (IBQ) Tracking and Appeals**

The Department of Commerce will submit the following information collection request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and clearance in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, on or after the date of publication of this notice. We invite the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on proposed, and continuing information collections, which helps us assess the impact of our information collection requirements and minimize the public's reporting burden. Public comments were previously requested

via the **Federal Register** on August 31, 2020, during a 60-day comment period. This notice allows for an additional 30 days for public comments.

*Agency:* National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).  
*Title:* Atlantic Highly Migratory Species (HMS) Individual Bluefin Tuna Quota Tracking.

*OMB Control Number:* 0648-0677.

*Form Number(s):* None.

*Type of Request:* Regular submission (extension of a currently approved information collection).

*Number of Respondents:* 220.

*Average Hours per Response:* 10 minutes for initial application for IBQ account; 15 minutes per IBQ allocation lease.

*Burden Hours:* 54.

*Needs and Uses:* Amendment 7 to the 2006 Consolidated HMS Fishery Management Plan (79 FR 71510, December 2, 2014) implemented individual bluefin tuna quota (IBQ) shares and allocations for vessels permitted in the Atlantic Tunas Longline category, and also implemented distribution of Atlantic Tunas Purse Seine category quota through the IBQ online system. IBQs are intended to fairly and effectively allocate limited quota for incidental capture of Atlantic bluefin tuna among vessels in the Longline category, while minimizing dead discards and discouraging interactions with bluefin tuna, and better utilizing the Purse Seine category quota. An online system developed by NMFS tracks allocations and allocation leases, and reconciles allocation with bluefin tuna catches for quota monitoring. This collection of information accounts for the reporting burden associated with allocation and lease tracking.

First-time vessel permit holders in the affected categories must obtain and set up an IBQ account in the online "Catch Shares Online System" in order to be issued IBQ shares and resultant allocation, to lease IBQ, and to resolve quota debt. To use the electronic IBQ System, first-time participants will need to request an account and set their account up with background information. The information collected during account issuance and set-up will be used by NMFS to verify the identity of the individual/business and whether they qualify for IBQ allocation leasing.

The lease monitoring information collected by the online system will be used by each permit holder to keep track of their individual IBQ allocation, and document allocation leases with other IBQ participants. NMFS will use these data to ensure proper accounting of allocations among participants, and

to track use of quota allocations and reconcile allocation usage with bluefin tuna catch and landings.

**Affected Public:** Businesses or other for-profit organizations (vessel owners).

**Frequency:** Infrequent. Initially application for an IBQ account is a one-time occurrence. Subsequent leases of IBQ allocation are only conducted on an as needed basis, and averages one lease a year.

**Respondent's Obligation:** Mandatory.

**Legal Authority:** Under the provisions of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*), the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) is responsible for management of the Nation's marine fisheries. NMFS must also promulgate regulations, as necessary and appropriate, to carry out obligations the United States undertakes internationally regarding tuna management through the Atlantic Tunas Convention Act (ATCA, 16 U.S.C. 971 *et seq.*).

This information collection request may be viewed at [reginfo.gov](http://reginfo.gov). Follow the instructions to view Department of Commerce collections currently under review by OMB.

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be submitted within 30 days of the publication of this notice on the following website [www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain](http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain). Find this particular information collection by selecting "Currently under 30-day Review—Open for Public Comments" or by using the search function and entering either the title of the collection or the OMB Control Number 0648-0677.

**Sheleen Dumas,**

*Department PRA Clearance Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer, Commerce Department.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[RTID 0648-XA767]

#### 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 via webinar

of its Groundfish 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 webinar will be held on Wednesday, January 20, 2021 at 1:30 p.m. Webinar registration URL information: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/7242925507673157645>.

**ADDRESSES:** *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 Groundfish Advisory Panel will discuss the last component of the Framework Adjustment 61/ Specifications and Management Measures action—a proposed universal sector exemption to allow fishing for redfish and make preferred alternative recommendations to the Groundfish Committee. They will also receive an update on work to revise ABC control rules for groundfish stocks. Other business will be discussed, as necessary.

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##### Special Accommodations

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

Dated: December 31, 2020.

**Rey Israel Marquez,**

*Acting Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Department of the Army

#### U.S. Army Science Board; Notice of Federal Advisory Committee Meeting

**AGENCY:** Department of the Army, DoD.

**ACTION:** Notice of Federal Advisory Committee meeting; cancellation.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of the Army published a notice of a Federal Advisory Committee meeting of the U.S. Army Science Board (ASB) in the **Federal Register** on Monday, December 21, 2020. The purpose of the meeting on January 5, 2021 was for ASB members to review, deliberate, and vote on the findings and recommendations on the following study: "An Independent Assessment of the 2040 Battlefield and its Implications for 5th Generation Combat Vehicle Technologies". The meeting on January 5, 2021 is cancelled.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Heather J. Gerard, (703) 545-8652, [heather.j.gerardi.civ@mail.mil](mailto:heather.j.gerardi.civ@mail.mil) or Ms. Gloria Mudge at [gloria.l.mudge.civ@mail.mil](mailto:gloria.l.mudge.civ@mail.mil). Mailing address is Army Science Board, 2530 Crystal Drive, Suite 7098, Arlington, VA 22202. Website: <https://asb.army.mil/>.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Due to circumstances beyond the control of the Department of Defense and the Designated Federal Officer for the U.S. Army Science Board was unable to provide public notification required by 41 CFR 102-3.150(a) concerning the cancellation of the previously noticed January 5, 2021 meeting of the U.S. Army Science Board. Accordingly, the Advisory Committee Management Officer for the Department of Defense, pursuant to 41 CFR 102-3.150(b), waives the 15-calendar day notification requirement.

**James W. Satterwhite Jr.,**

*Alternate, Federal Register Liaison Officer.*

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