DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Western Pacific Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice of public meetings.

SUMMARY: The Western Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) will hold meetings of its American Samoa Archipelago Fishery Ecosystem Plan (FEP) Advisory Panel (AP), Mariana Archipelago FEP-Guam AP, Non-commercial Fisheries Advisory Committee (NCFAC), Fishing Industry Advisory Committee (FIAC), Hawaii Archipelago FEP AP, and Mariana Archipelago FEP-Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI) AP to discuss and make recommendations on fishery management issues in the Western Pacific Region.

DATES: The American Samoa Archipelago FEP AP will meet on Tuesday, June 8, 2021 from 5 p.m.–7 p.m.; The NCFAC will meet on Wednesday, June 9, 2021 from 1 p.m.–4 p.m.; the Mariana Archipelago FEP-Guam AP will meet on Thursday, June 10, 2021, from 6:30 p.m. and 8:30 p.m.; the FIAC will meet on Thursday, June 10, 2021 from 1 p.m.–4 p.m.; the Hawaii Archipelago FEP AP will meet on Friday, June 11, 2021 from 9 a.m.–12 noon; and the Mariana Archipelago FEP–CNMI AP will meet on Saturday, June 12, 2021 from 9 a.m.–12 noon. All times listed are local island times except for the NCFAC and FIAC are Hawaii Standard Time.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

ADDRESSES: Each of the meetings will be held by web conference via Webex.

Instructions for connecting to the web conference and providing oral public comments will be posted on the Council website at www.wpcouncil.org. For assistance with the web conference connection, contact the Council office at (808) 522–8220.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kitty M. Simonds, Executive Director, Western Pacific Fishery Management Council; telephone: (808) 522–8220.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Public comment periods will be provided in the agendas. The order in which agenda items are addressed may change. The meetings will run as late as necessary to complete scheduled business.

Schedule and Agenda for the American Samoa FEP AP Meeting

Wednesday, June 8, 2021 from 5 p.m.–7 p.m. (American Samoa Standard Time)

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Review of the Last AP Meeting and Recommendations
3. Council Issues
   A. American Samoa bottomfish Update
   B. Territory Bigeye Specifications
4. American Samoa Reports
   A. 2020 Annual Stock Assessment and Fishery Evaluation (SAFE) Report
   B. Fisheries Research and Priorities
5. Report on American Samoa Archipelago FEP AP Plan Activities
6. Fishery Issues and Activities
7. Public Comment
8. Discussion and Recommendations
9. Other Business

Schedule and Agenda for the NCFAC Meeting

Wednesday, June 9, 2021 from 1 p.m.–4 p.m. (Hawaii Standard Time)

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Review of Last NCFAC Meeting
3. Regional/National Non-Commercial Species
4. 2020 Annual SAFE Report Non-Commercial Modules
5. Legislative Update
6. Monitoring and Management of Hawaii Non-Commercial Uku Fishery
7. Cultural Take of Green Sea Turtles
8. Public Comment
9. Discussion and Recommendations
10. Other Business

Schedule and Agenda for the FIAC Meeting

Thursday, June 10, 2021 from 1 p.m.–4 p.m. (Hawaii Standard Time)

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Status Report on March 2021 FIAC Recommendations
3. Hawaii Offshore Wind Energy
4. Offshore Aquaculture
   A. Ewa Beach Offshore Aquaculture Proposal
   B. Federal Offshore Aquaculture Management
5. Council Actions for 186th Meeting
   A. Gear and Release Requirements to Improve Post-Hooking Survivorship of Oceanic Whitetip Sharks in Longline Fisheries
   B. Bigeye Tuna Catch Limit and Allocation
   C. Hawaii Update to the Deep 7 Bottomfish Annual Catch Limits
6. Fishery Issues and Activities
7. Public Comment
8. Discussion and Recommendations
9. Other Business

Schedule and Agenda for the Mariana Archipelago FEP-Guam AP Meeting

Thursday, June 10, 2021, 6:30 p.m.–8:30 p.m. (Marianas Standard Time)

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Review of the Last AP Meeting and Recommendations
3. Council Issues
   A. Guam Bottomfish Update
   B. Territory Bigeye Specifications
4. Guam Reports
   A. 2020 Annual SAFE Report
   B. Fisheries Research and Priorities
   C. Shark Depredation Project Update
5. Report on Mariana Archipelago FEP Advisory Panel Plan Activities
6. Fishery Issues and Activities
7. Public Comment
8. Discussion and Recommendations
9. Other Business

Schedule and Agenda for the Hawai’i FEP AP Meeting

Friday, June 11, 2021, 9 a.m.–12 noon (Hawaii Standard Time)

1. Welcome and Introductions
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; Seafood Inspection and Certification Requirements

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

ACTION: Notice of information collection, request for comment.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce, in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), invites 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. The purpose of this notice is to allow for 60 days of public comment preceding submission of the collection to OMB.

DATES: To ensure consideration, comments regarding this proposed information collection must be received on or before July 26, 2021.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit written comments to Adrienne Thomas, NOAA PRA Officer, at Adrienne.thomas@noaa.gov. Please reference OMB Control Number 0648–0266 in the subject line of your comments. Do not submit Confidential Business Information or otherwise sensitive or protected information.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or specific questions related to collection activities should be directed to Jeff Weir, Director, Operations and Administration Division (OMI), Office of International Affairs and Seafood Inspection, (301) 427–8377 or Jeff.Weir@noaa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

This request is for extension of a currently approved information collection.

The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) operates a voluntary fee-for-service seafood inspection program (Program) under the authorities of the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946, as amended, the Fish and Wildlife Act of 1956, and the Reorganization Plan No. 4 of 1970. The regulations for the Program are contained in 50 CFR part 260. The program offers inspection grading and certification services, including the use of official quality grade marks which indicate that specific products have been federally inspected. The NMFS inspection program is the only federal entity which establishes quality grade standards for seafood marketed in the United States (U.S.). Qualified participants are permitted to use the program’s official quality grade marks on their products to facilitate trade of fishery products.

In July 1992, NMFS announced new inspection services, which were fully based on guidelines recommended by the National Academy of Sciences, known as Hazard Analysis Critical Control Point (HACCP). The information collection requirements fall under § 260.15 of the regulations. These guidelines required that a facility’s quality control system have a written plan of the operation, identification of control points with acceptance criteria and a corrective action plan, as well as identified personnel responsible for oversight of the system.

Those wishing to participate in the program must request the services and submit specific compliance information. Participants in the program include all segments of the seafood industry, from harvesters to retailers. Applicants provide information regarding the type of products to be inspected, the quantity, the location of the product, and the date when the inspection is needed. Participants interested in using official grade marks are required to submit product labels and specifications for review and approval to ensure compliance with mandatory labeling regulations established by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA), as well as proper use of the Program’s marks.

II. Method of Collection

Respondents have a choice of either electronic or paper forms. Methods of submission include email of electronic forms, and mail and facsimile transmission of paper forms.

III. Data

OMB Control Number: 0648–0266.


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

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit organizations; Not-for-profit institutions; State, Local, or Tribal government.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 8,200.

Estimated Time per Response: Inspection Request, 5 minutes; Appeals, 30 minutes; Contract Completion, 1