

financial assistance awards. In addition, the NOAA Office for Coastal Management has completed the National Estuarine Research Reserve evaluations for Elkhorn Slough, Lake Superior, Chesapeake Bay Maryland, Mission Aransas, and North Carolina. The reserves were found to be adhering to programmatic requirements of the National Estuarine Research Reserve System. NOAA published in the **Federal Register** notices for public meetings and opportunities to submit public comments on the evaluation of these state Coastal Zone Management Programs (CZMPs) and National Estuarine Research Reserves (NERRs). See 85 FR 50012 (Aug. 17, 2020) (FL CZMP); 84 FR 24104 (May 24, 2019) (LA CZMP); 85 FR 36382 (June 16, 2020) (MD CZMP and Chesapeake Bay MD NERR); 85 FR 54356 (Sept. 1, 2020) (NC CZMP and NC NERR); 84 FR 24101 (May 24, 2019) (Elkhorn Slough NERR); 85 FR 44863 (July 24, 2020) (Lake Superior NERR); and 85 FR 36383 (June 16, 2020) (Mission Aransas NERR). Public comments received are addressed in the final evaluation findings.

Authority: 16 U.S.C. 1458 and 1461(f); 15 CFR 921.40 and 923.133(b)(7).

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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 of its Skate 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 webinar will be held on Thursday, September 16, 2021, at 9 a.m. Webinar registration URL information: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/6979362679272284939>.

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 Skate Advisory Panel will receive an update on progress and make final recommendations on preferred alternatives for the Skate 2022-23 Specifications. They will also receive an update on progress and make recommendations for measures for intermediate possession limits, at-sea monitoring, and other aspects of Amendment 5 to the Northeast Skate Complex Fishery Management Plan. The Advisory Panel will develop recommendations for 2022 Council work priorities regarding skates. Other business may be discussed, as necessary.

Although non-emergency issues not contained on the agenda may come before this Council for discussion, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during this meeting. Council 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. The public also should be aware that the meeting will be recorded. Consistent with 16 U.S.C. 1852, a copy of the recording is available upon request.

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.

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

Dated: August 24, 2021.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Pacific Whiting; Advisory Panel; Joint Management Committee

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

ACTION: Notice; call for nominations.

SUMMARY: NMFS is soliciting nominations for appointments to the United States Advisory Panel (AP) established in the Agreement between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of Canada on Pacific Hake/Whiting (Pacific Whiting Treaty). Nominations are being sought to fill two positions on the AP; one beginning immediately, and one beginning on December 1, 2021. Terms are 4 years, the position to begin immediately would fill a vacancy of which the appointee would serve the remainder of the term, which began on September 16, 2019. Appointees will be eligible for reappointment at the expiration of the terms.

DATES: Nominations must be received by September 27, 2021.

ADDRESSES: You may submit nominations by the following method:

- *Email:* frank.lockhart@noaa.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Frank Lockhart, (206) 526-6142.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

Pacific Whiting Treaty Committees

The Pacific Whiting Act of 2006 (Pacific Whiting Act) (16 U.S.C. 7001-10) implements the 2003 Agreement between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of Canada on Pacific Hake/Whiting (Agreement). The Agreement establishes the AP and among other provisions, the Pacific Whiting Act provides for United States representation on the AP.

The AP advises the Joint Management Committee on bilateral Pacific whiting management issues. Nine individuals currently represent the United States on the AP, and nominations for two of those individuals (*id.* at § 7005) is solicited through this notice.

Members appointed to the U.S. sections of the AP will be reimbursed for necessary travel expenses in accordance with Federal Travel Regulations and sections 5701, 5702, 5704 through 5708, and 5731 of Title 5. (*Id.* at § 7008). NMFS anticipates that