

this EFP would cover a study period of April 1, 2022, through June 30, 2023.

The project includes 4 inshore vessels (Lobster Management Area 2) and 16 offshore vessels (Lobster Management Areas 1, 3, and 4). Each vessel would fish with 3 modified, ventless traps designed to capture juvenile lobsters, totaling 60 modified traps. The project team hopes to add 2 additional offshore vessels (Lobster Management Areas 1, 3, 4, and/or 5) in 2022, which would increase the total to 66 traps. The modified traps would adhere to the standard coast-wide survey gear for lobster and Jonah crab set by the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission and would be fished within standard Atlantic Large Whale-compliant trawls. The traps would remain in the water up to 12 months and be hauled every 7 days by the inshore vessels and every 10 days by the offshore vessels.

This study would take place during the regular fishing activity of the participating vessels, but catch from modified traps would remain separate from that of standard gear. Operators would collect data on size, sex, presence of eggs, and shell hardness for lobsters and Jonah crabs and v-notch and shell disease for lobsters. In addition to onboard sampling, three inshore and three offshore vessels would retain up to 50 Jonah crabs per month each, for a total of up to 300 crabs per month, for a molting study. Operators would return all other specimens from modified gear to the ocean once sampling is complete.

The study is designed to inform management by addressing questions of changing reproduction and recruitment dynamics of lobster and develop a foundation of knowledge for the data-deficient Jonah crab fishery. The Commercial Fisheries Research Foundation would share data with the Atlantic Coastal Cooperative Statistics Program, the Northeast Fisheries Science Center, the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission, and the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management every 6 months.

If approved, the applicant may request minor modifications and extensions to the EFP throughout the year. EFP modifications and extensions may be granted without further notice if they are deemed essential to facilitate completion of the proposed research and have minimal impacts that do not change the scope or impact of the initially approved EFP request. Any fishing activity conducted outside the scope of the exempted fishing activity would be prohibited.

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

Dated: February 7, 2022.

**Ngagne Jafnar Gueye,**

*Acting 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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#### Determination of Overfishing or an Overfished Condition

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This action serves as a notice that NMFS, on behalf of the Secretary of Commerce (Secretary), has found that Gulf of Mexico gag is now subject to overfishing and overfished; Bering Sea snow crab is now overfished; Atlantic mackerel is still subject to overfishing and overfished; and Georges Bank winter flounder, Southern New England/Mid-Atlantic winter flounder, and Atlantic Coast bluefish are still overfished. NMFS, on behalf of the Secretary, notifies the appropriate regional fishery management council (Council) whenever it determines that a stock or stock complex is subject to overfishing, overfished, or approaching an overfished condition.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Kathryn Frens, (301)-427-8523.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Pursuant to section 304(e)(2) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (Magnuson-Stevens Act), 16 U.S.C. 1854(e)(2), NMFS, on behalf of the Secretary, must notify Councils, and publish a notice in the **Federal Register**, whenever it determines that a stock or stock complex is subject to overfishing, overfished, or approaching an overfished condition.

NMFS has determined that Gulf of Mexico gag is now subject to overfishing and overfished. The Gulf of Mexico gag determination is based on the most recent assessment, completed in 2021 and using data through 2019, which indicates that this stock is subject to overfishing because the fishing mortality rate is above the threshold, and overfished because the stock biomass is below the threshold. NMFS has notified the Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council of the requirement

to end overfishing on and to rebuild this stock.

NMFS has determined that Bering Sea snow crab is now overfished. This determination is based on the most recent assessment, completed in 2021 and using data through 2021, which indicates that this stock is overfished because the mature male biomass is below the threshold. NMFS has notified the North Pacific Fishery Management Council of the requirement to rebuild this stock.

NMFS has determined that Atlantic mackerel is still subject to overfishing and overfished. This determination is based on the most recent assessment, completed in 2020 and using data through 2019, which indicates that this stock is subject to overfishing because the fishing mortality rate is above the threshold, and overfished because the stock biomass is below the threshold. NMFS continues to work with the New England Fishery Management Council to end overfishing and to rebuild this stock.

NMFS has determined that Georges Bank winter flounder, Southern New England/Mid-Atlantic winter flounder, and Atlantic Coast bluefish are still overfished. The two winter flounder determinations are based on the most recent assessments, completed in 2020 and using data through 2019, which indicate that these stocks are overfished because the biomasses are below their respective thresholds. NMFS continues to work with the New England Fishery Management Council to rebuild these stocks. The Atlantic Coast bluefish determination is based on the most recent assessment, completed in 2021 and using data through 2019, which indicates that this stock is overfished because the biomass is below the threshold. NMFS continues to work with the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council to rebuild this stock.

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**Ngagne Jafnar Gueye,**

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

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Telecommunications and Information Administration

#### Recruitment of First Responder Network Authority Board Member

**AGENCY:** National Telecommunications and Information Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) issues this Notice to initiate the annual process to seek expressions of interest from individuals who would like to serve on the Board of the First Responder Network Authority (FirstNet Authority Board or Board). The term of one of the 12 non-permanent members to the FirstNet Authority Board will be available for appointment or reappointment in 2022.

**DATES:** To be considered for the calendar year 2022 appointment, expressions of interest must be electronically transmitted on or before March 14, 2022.

**ADDRESSES:** Applicants should submit expressions of interest as described below to: Michael Dame, Acting Associate Administrator, Office of Public Safety Communications, National Telecommunications and Information Administration, by email to [FirstNetBoardApplicant@ntia.gov](mailto:FirstNetBoardApplicant@ntia.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Michael Dame, Acting Associate Administrator, Office of Public Safety Communications, National Telecommunications and Information Administration; telephone: (202) 482-1181; email: [mdame@ntia.gov](mailto:mdame@ntia.gov). Please direct media inquiries to NTIA's Office of Public Affairs, (202) 482-7002.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:****I. Background and Authority**

The Middle Class Tax Relief and Job Creation Act of 2012 (Act) created the First Responder Network Authority (FirstNet Authority) as an independent authority within NTIA. The Act charged the FirstNet Authority with ensuring the building, deployment, and operation of a nationwide, interoperable public safety broadband network, based on a single, national network architecture.<sup>1</sup> The FirstNet Authority holds the single nationwide public safety license granted for wireless public safety broadband deployment. The FirstNet Authority Board is responsible for providing overall policy direction and oversight of FirstNet to ensure that the nationwide network continuously meets the needs of public safety.

**II. Structure**

The FirstNet Authority Board is composed of 15 voting members. The Act names the Secretary of Homeland Security, the Attorney General of the United States, and the Director of the

Office of Management and Budget as permanent members of the FirstNet Authority Board. The Secretary of Commerce (Secretary) appoints the 12 non-permanent members of the FirstNet Authority Board.<sup>2</sup>

The Act requires each Board member to have experience or expertise in at least one of the following substantive areas: Public safety, network, technical, and/or financial.<sup>3</sup> Additionally, the composition of the FirstNet Authority Board must satisfy the other requirements specified in the Act, including that: (i) At least three members have served as public safety professionals; (ii) at least three members represent the collective interests of states, localities, tribes, and territories; and (iii) its members reflect geographic and regional, as well as rural and urban, representation.<sup>4</sup> An individual Board member may satisfy more than one of these requirements. The current non-permanent FirstNet Authority Board members are (noting expiration of term):

- Karima Holmes, Senior Director, ShotSpotter, Inc.; 911 professional (Term expires: August 2022)
- Board Chair Stephen Benjamin, Former Mayor, Columbia, SC (Term expires: September 2024)
- Richard Carrizzo, Fire Chief, Southern Platte Fire Protection District, MO (Term expires: September 2024)
- Brian Crawford, SVP/Chief Administrative Officer for Willis-Knighton Health System and retired Fire Chief and Municipal Government Executive (Term expires: September 2024)
- Alexandra Fernandez Navarro, Former Associate Member, Puerto Rico Public Service Regulatory Board (Term expires: September 2024)
- Kristin Graziano, Sheriff, Charleston County, SC (Term expires: September 2024)
- Billy Hewes, Mayor, Gulfport, MS (Term expires: September 2024)
- Peter Koutoujian, Sheriff, Middlesex County, MA (Term expires: September 2024)
- Warren Mickens, Retired technology executive (Term expires: September 2024)
- Sylvia Moir, Retired Police Chief (Term expires: September 2024)
- Jocelyn Moore, Independent Director, DraftKings (Term expires: September 2024)
- Paul Patrick, Division Director, Family Health and Preparedness, Utah Department of Health (Term expires: September 2024)

Any Board member whose term has expired may serve until such member's successor has taken office, or until the end of the calendar year in which such member's term has expired, whichever is earlier.<sup>5</sup> Board members will be appointed for a term of three years.<sup>6</sup> Board members may not serve more than two consecutive full three-year terms.<sup>7</sup> More information about the FirstNet Authority Board is available at [www.firstnet.gov/about/Board](http://www.firstnet.gov/about/Board).

**III. Compensation and Status as Government Employees**

FirstNet Authority Board members are appointed as government employees. FirstNet Authority Board members are compensated at the daily rate of basic pay for level IV of the Executive Schedule (approximately \$176,300 per year) for each day worked on the FirstNet Authority Board.<sup>8</sup> Board members work intermittent schedules and may not work more than 130 days per year during their term. Each Board member must be a United States citizen, cannot be a registered lobbyist, and cannot be a registered agent of, employed by, or receive payments from, a foreign government.<sup>9</sup>

**IV. Financial Disclosure and Conflicts of Interest**

FirstNet Authority Board members must comply with certain federal conflict of interest statutes and ethics regulations, including some financial disclosure requirements. A FirstNet Authority Board member will generally be prohibited from participating on any particular FirstNet Authority matter that will have a direct and predictable effect on his or her personal financial interests or on the interests of the appointee's spouse, minor children, or non-federal employer.

**V. Selection Process**

At the direction of the Secretary, NTIA will conduct outreach to the public safety community, state and local organizations, and industry to solicit nominations for candidates to the Board who satisfy the statutory requirements for membership. In addition, the Secretary, through NTIA, will accept expressions of interest from any

<sup>5</sup> 47 U.S.C. 1424(c)(2)(B).

<sup>6</sup> However, [a]ny member appointed to fill a vacancy occurring prior to the expiration of the term for which that member's predecessor was appointed shall be appointed for the remainder of the predecessor's term. See 47 U.S.C. 1424(c)(2)(C).

<sup>7</sup> 47 U.S.C. 1424(c)(2)(A)(ii).

<sup>8</sup> 47 U.S.C. 1424(g).

<sup>9</sup> See Revised Guidance on Appointment of Lobbyists to Federal Advisory Committees, Boards, and Commissions, Office of Management and Budget, 79 FR 47482 (Aug. 13, 2014).

<sup>2</sup> 47 U.S.C. 1424(b).

<sup>3</sup> 47 U.S.C. 1424(b)(2)(B).

<sup>4</sup> 47 U.S.C. 1424(b)(2)(A).

<sup>1</sup> 47 U.S.C. 1422(b).

individual, or from any organization proposing a candidate who satisfies the statutory requirements for membership on the FirstNet Authority Board. To be considered for a calendar year 2022 appointment, expressions of interest must be electronically transmitted on or before March 14, 2022.

All parties submitting an expression of interest should submit the candidate's (i) full name, title, organization, address, telephone number, email address; (ii) current resume; (iii) brief bio; (iv) statement of qualifications that references how the candidate satisfies the Act's expertise, representational, and geographic requirements for FirstNet Authority Board membership, as described in this Notice; and (v) a statement describing why the candidate wants to serve on the FirstNet Authority Board, affirming their ability and availability to take a regular and active role in the Board's work.

The Secretary will select FirstNet Authority Board candidates based on the eligibility requirements in the Act and recommendations submitted by NTIA. NTIA will recommend candidates based on an assessment of qualifications as well as demonstrated ability to work in a collaborative way to achieve the goals and objectives of the FirstNet Authority as set forth in the Act. NTIA may consult with FirstNet Authority Board members or executives in making its recommendation. Board candidates will be vetted through the Department of Commerce and are subject to an appropriate background check for security clearance.

Dated: February 7, 2022.

**Kathy Smith,**

*Chief Counsel, National Telecommunications and Information Administration.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Department of the Navy

#### Meeting of the U.S. Naval Academy Board of Visitors

**AGENCY:** Department of the Navy, Department of Defense (DoD).

**ACTION:** Notice of partially closed meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The DoD is publishing this notice to announce that the following Federal Advisory Committee meeting of the U.S. Naval Academy Board of Visitors, hereafter "Board," will take place.

**DATES:** Open to the public, February 28, 2022, from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Closed to the public, February 28, 2022, from 11 a.m. to noon (12 p.m.).

**ADDRESSES:** This meeting will be held at the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland (MD). Pending prevailing health directives, the meeting will be handicap accessible. Escort is required.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Major Raphael Thalakkottur, USMC, Executive Secretary to the Board of Visitors, Office of the Superintendent, U.S. Naval Academy, Annapolis, MD 21402-5000, 410-293-1503, [thalakot@usna.edu](mailto:thalakot@usna.edu), or visit <https://www.usna.edu/PAO/Superintendent/bov.php>.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This meeting is being held under the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) of 1972 (5 United States Code (U.S.C.), appendix, as amended), the Government in the Sunshine Act of 1976 (5 U.S.C. 552b, as amended), the General Services Administration's Federal Advisory Committee Management Final Rule (41 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) part 102-3).

**Purpose of Meeting:** The U.S. Naval Academy Board of Visitors will meet to make such inquiry, as the Board deems necessary, into the state of morale and discipline, the curriculum, instruction, physical equipment, fiscal affairs, and academic methods of the Naval Academy.

**Agenda:** Proposed meeting agenda for February 28, 2022.

0830-0900 Members Assemble  
0900 Call to Order (Open to Public)  
0900-1055 Business Session (Open to Public)  
1055-1100 Break (Open to Public)  
1100-1200 Executive Session (Closed to Public)

Current details on the board of visitors may be found at <https://www.usna.edu/PAO/Superintendent/bov.php>.

The executive session of the meeting from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on February 28, 2022, will consist of discussions of new and pending administrative or minor disciplinary infractions and non-judicial punishments involving midshipmen attending the Naval Academy to include but not limited to, individual honor or conduct violations within the Brigade, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. For this reason, the executive session of this meeting will be closed to the public, as

the discussion of such information cannot be adequately segregated from other topics, which precludes opening the executive session of this meeting to the public. Accordingly, the Secretary of the Navy, in consultation with the Department of the Navy General Counsel, has determined in writing that the meeting shall be partially closed to the public because the discussions during the executive session from 11 a.m. to noon (12 p.m.) will be concerned with matters protected under sections 552b(c) (5), (6), and (7) of title 5, U.S.C.

*Authority:* 5 U.S.C. 552b.

**Meeting Accessibility:** Pursuant to FACA and 41 CFR 102-3.140, this meeting is open to the public. Any public attendance at the meeting will be governed by prevailing health directives at the United States Naval Academy. Please contact the Executive Secretary five business days prior the meeting to coordinate access to the meeting.

**Written Statements:** Per section 10(a)(3) of the FACA and 41 CFR 102-3.105(j) and 102-3.140, interested persons may submit a written statement for consideration at any time, but should be received by the Designated Federal Officer at least 10 business days prior to the meeting date so that the comments may be made available to the Board for their consideration prior to the meeting. Written statements should be submitted via mail to 121 Blake Rd., Annapolis, MD 21402. Please note that since the Board operates under the provisions of the FACA, as amended, all submitted comments and public presentations may be treated as public documents and may be made available for public inspection, including, but not limited to, being posted on the board website. In the event that prevailing medical/public health directives require a virtual meeting, the meeting will be virtually broadcasted live from the United States Naval Academy. The broadcast will be close captioned for the duration of the public portion of the meeting. If, and only if, prevailing/public health directives require a virtual meeting, the link to view the meeting will be posted at <https://www.usna.edu/PAO/Superintendent/bov.php> forty-eight hours prior to the meeting. A virtual event will preclude accommodation of the public to attend the meeting in person.

Dated: February 7, 2022.

**J.M. Pike,**

*Commander, Judge Advocate General's Corps, U.S. Navy, Federal Register Liaison Officer.*

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