

spawned coho salmon are rescued, these fish may receive a floy tag for identification purposes in subsequent spawning ground surveys. Activities associated with rescue and relocation could occur anywhere within the coastal watersheds of the Santa Cruz Mountains including San Gregorio, Pescadero, Gazos, Waddell, Scott, San Vicente, Laguna, Liddell, Majors, San Lorenzo, Soquel, and Aptos watersheds. A summary of these components is provided as follows.

#### *Rescue-Relocation and Research-Monitoring*

This component involves rescuing and relocating coho salmon and steelhead from stream sections experiencing natural dewatering during the dry season or prolonged periods of below average rainfall. Specific staff listed on the application from both NMFS and the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) will follow a predetermined communication and documentation protocol while implementing these relocation efforts. Standard scientific methods and equipment (*e.g.*, backpack-electrofishing, nets, seines, portable air pumps, transport containers, water chillers, *etc.*) will be used during the capture and relocation of coho salmon and steelhead. Captured coho salmon and steelhead will be transported for release into habitats within the same watershed (when possible) that are likely to maintain adequate water and habitat quality through the remainder of the dry season. Because these are endangered and threatened populations with low abundance, relocating coho salmon and steelhead from sections of stream where they will likely perish is expected to benefit the survival of these individual fish and enhance the population. The proposed tagging and tissue collection are intended to provide information on the survival and early life history of rescued fish, contributions of rescued fish to subsequent adult returns, and information on the genetic diversity within basins, particularly where natural origin fish are present.

Field activities for the various proposed enhancement components can occur year-round starting in June 2022 through December 31, 2032. The annual sum of take requested across the various components of this effort is as follows: (1) Non-lethal capture and release of up to 1,000 juvenile natural origin coho salmon and 3,000 juvenile steelhead while electrofishing, seining, or dip-netting; (2) non-lethal capture and release of up to 1000 juvenile hatchery origin coho salmon, 500 juvenile natural

origin coho salmon, and 1000 juvenile steelhead for the purpose of applying Passive Integrated Transponder-tags (PIT-tags) and collecting tissue samples; (3) non-lethal capture and release of up to 40 adult natural origin coho salmon and 60 adult hatchery origin coho salmon by beach seine for the purpose of applying PIT-tags, floy tags, and collecting tissue samples; (4) non-lethal capture and release of up to 150 adult steelhead by beach seine for the purpose of applying PIT-tags and collecting tissue samples; and (5) tissue collection from up to 250 adult natural origin coho salmon carcasses and 150 adult steelhead. The potential annual unintentional lethal coho salmon and steelhead take expected to result from the proposed enhancement activities is up to 75 juvenile natural origin coho salmon, 50 juvenile hatchery origin coho salmon, 200 juvenile steelhead, 2 adult natural origin coho salmon, 3 adult hatchery origin coho salmon, and 7 adult steelhead. These estimates assume up to 5 percent incidental mortality rate. For research and monitoring, incidental mortality rates for capture and handling are generally less than or equal to 2 percent. However, in many cases fish targeted for rescue and relocation are located in isolated habitats and declining habitats with stressful environmental conditions, and therefore it is reasonable to assume a higher potential incidental mortality rate from capture and handling. Absent these rescue efforts, salmonids left in these declining environmental conditions are expected to die.

This proposed scientific enhancement effort is expected to enhance survival and support coho salmon and steelhead recovery within the CCC ESU of coho salmon and CCC DPS of steelhead and is consistent with recommendations and objectives outlined in NMFS' Central California Coast ESU Coho Salmon Recovery Plan and Coastal Multispecies Recovery Plan. See the Permit 26495 application for greater details on the various components of this scientific enhancement effort including the specific scientific methods proposed and take allotments requested for each.

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## **DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

### **National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

#### **Call for Review Editor Nominations for the Fifth National Climate Assessment (NCA5)**

**AGENCY:** Office of Oceanic and Atmospheric Research (OAR), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Department of Commerce (DOC).

**ACTION:** Request for public nominations.

**SUMMARY:** NOAA, on behalf of USGCRP, is soliciting nominations for Review Editors for the Fifth National Climate Assessment (NCA5). Refer to the NCA5 Draft Prospectus (presented in a previous **Federal Register** Notice and accessible via [www.globalchange.gov/notices](http://www.globalchange.gov/notices) and the USGCRP website ([www.globalchange.gov/nca5](http://www.globalchange.gov/nca5)) for further information on the scope, topics, and overarching themes for the report.

NCA5 will adhere to the Global Change Research Act (GCRA), Information Quality Act, and Evidence Act requirements for quality, transparency, and accessibility as appropriate for a Highly Influential Scientific Assessment.

**DATES:** Nominations should be submitted via the web address specified below <https://contribute.globalchange.gov/> and must be received by 30 days after publication of this notice.

**ADDRESSES:** Nominations for Review Editors must be submitted electronically via a web form accessible via <https://contribute.globalchange.gov/>. Nominees are asked to identify their areas of expertise based on NCA5's covered topics (see NCA5 Table of Contents below). A CV/resume of no more than 4 pages should be included for optimal consideration. Nominees will also be asked to select all NCA5 chapters for which they seek consideration for selection.

**Instructions:** Response to this notice is voluntary. Responses to this notice may be used by the government for program planning on a non-attribution basis. NOAA therefore requests that no business proprietary information or copyrighted information be submitted in response to this notice. Please note that the U.S. Government will not pay for response preparation, or for the use of any information contained in the response.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Chris Avery, (202) 419-3474, [cavery@usgcrp.gov](mailto:cavery@usgcrp.gov), U.S. Global Change Research Program.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

Background information and additional details on NCA5 can be found at <https://www.globalchange.gov/nca5>.

This notice seeks nominations for NCA5 Review Editors with pertinent subject matter expertise and scientific background. The Review Editor serves a critical role on the NCA, ensuring that each public and peer review comment has been considered by the author team. Review Editors do not provide additional comments on assigned draft chapters; rather they attest that the annotation is sufficiently responsive to the comment and indicates any revision made to the chapter(s), including the scientific or logical rationale for said action.

Specifically, the Review Editor is charged with:

(a) Ensuring all substantive comments submitted during multiple Public Comment Periods and via a National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine panel review are appropriately addressed by authors, and that agreed-upon changes to the chapter are reflected in the draft text of the chapter;

(b) advising Chapter Leads how to manage conflicting comments or contentious issues, as well as supporting discussions between Chapter Leads, Chapter Authors, and Coordinating Lead Authors on how best to consider and incorporate reviewer's feedback into the chapter; and

(c) submitting all necessary materials confirming execution of the above charges.

Potential nominees should be technical experts with climate-related proficiency in at least one of the regions, sectors, or responses topics outlined in the NCA5 Table of Contents (accessible via <http://www.globalchange.gov/nca5>). Nominees must have demonstrated expertise such that the nominees could contribute to the development of a robust scientific, technical assessment as subject matter experts in one or more of the topics listed.

Responses to this request for nominations for Review Editors must be submitted by 30 days after publication of this FRN. Users can access the nominations form via <https://contribute.globalchange.gov/>. Interested persons may nominate themselves or third parties, and may nominate more than one person. Each nomination must include:

(1) The nominee's full name, title, institutional affiliation, and contact information;

(2) the desired chapter(s) the nominee wishes to serve as Review Editor on (*i.e.*, area(s) of expertise); and

(3) a short description of his/her qualifications relative to contributing to the report. Nominees are encouraged to submit a CV of no more than 4 pages for optimal consideration.

More information on the function of Review Editors, the tasks (including reporting) expected of them, as well as the tentative dates of commitment can be found at <https://contribute.globalchange.gov>.

**Report Table of Contents**

The full list of NCA5 chapters is below and can also be found <https://www.globalchange.gov/nca5>. Chapter titles reflect the target topics or regions for the chapters. Final titles for the chapter may evolve as authors assess published literature.

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**Atlantic Coastal Fisheries Cooperative Management Act Provisions; General Provisions for Domestic Fisheries; Application for Exempted Fishing Permits**

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

**ACTION:** Notice; request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The Assistant Regional Administrator for Sustainable Fisheries, Greater Atlantic Region, NMFS, has made a preliminary determination that an Exempted Fishing Permit application contains all of the required information and warrants further consideration. The Exempted Fishing Permit would allow commercial fishing vessels to fish outside fishery regulations in support of research conducted by the applicant. Regulations under the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act and the Atlantic Coastal Fisheries Cooperative Management Act require publication of this notification to provide interested parties the opportunity to comment on applications for proposed Exempted Fishing Permits.

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before June 16, 2022.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit written comments by the following method:

- *Email:* [nmfs.gar.efp@noaa.gov](mailto:nmfs.gar.efp@noaa.gov).

Include in the subject line "NEFSC On-Demand Gear EFP."

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Laura Deighan, Fishery Management Specialist, [Laura.Deighan@noaa.gov](mailto:Laura.Deighan@noaa.gov), (978) 281-9184.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The NOAA Northeast Fisheries Science Center submitted a complete application for an Exempted Fishing Permit (EFP) to conduct commercial fishing activities that the regulations would otherwise restrict to expand trials of on-demand fishing gear that uses one or no surface buoys and to test the ability of gear