

**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE****National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration****Evaluation of New Jersey Coastal Management Program; Notice of Public Meeting; Request for Comments**

**AGENCY:** Office for Coastal Management, National Ocean Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of public meeting and opportunity to comment.

**SUMMARY:** The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Office for Coastal Management, will hold a virtual public meeting to solicit input on the performance evaluation of the New Jersey Coastal Management Program. NOAA also invites the public to submit written comments.

**DATES:** NOAA will hold a virtual public meeting on Tuesday, September 19, 2023, at 3 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time (EDT). NOAA may close the meeting 15 minutes after the conclusion of public testimony and after responding to any clarifying questions from hearing participants. NOAA will consider all relevant written comments received by Friday, September 29, 2023.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments may be submitted by one of the following methods:

- *Virtual Public Meeting:* Provide oral comments during the virtual public meeting on Tuesday, September 19, 2023, from 3 to 4 p.m. EDT, by registering as a speaker at [forms.gle/rfHwqDZRGHndPoia8](https://forms.gle/rfHwqDZRGHndPoia8). Please register by Tuesday, September 19, 2023, at 2 p.m. EDT. Upon registration, NOAA will send a confirmation email. The lineup of speakers will be based on the date and time of registration. One hour prior to the start of the virtual meeting on September 19, 2023, NOAA will send an email to all registered speakers with a link to the public meeting and information about participating.

- *Email:* Send written comments to Michael Migliori, Evaluator, NOAA Office for Coastal Management, at [Michael.Migliori@noaa.gov](mailto:Michael.Migliori@noaa.gov). Include "Comments on Performance Evaluation of the New Jersey Coastal Management Program" in the subject line of the message.

NOAA will accept anonymous comments; however, the written comments NOAA receives are considered part of the public record, and the entirety of the comment, including the name of the commenter, email address, attachments, and other

supporting materials, will be publicly accessible. Sensitive personally identifiable information, such as account numbers and social security numbers, should not be included with the comment. Comments that are not related to the performance evaluation of the New Jersey Coastal Management Program, or that contain profanity, vulgarity, threats, or other inappropriate language will not be considered.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Michael Migliori, Evaluator, NOAA Office for Coastal Management, by email at [Michael.Migliori@noaa.gov](mailto:Michael.Migliori@noaa.gov) or by phone at (443) 332-8936. Copies of the previous evaluation findings and assessment and strategies may be viewed and downloaded at [coast.noaa.gov/czm/evaluations](https://coast.noaa.gov/czm/evaluations). A copy of the evaluation notification letter and most recent progress report may be obtained upon request by contacting Michael Migliori.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Section 312 of the Coastal Zone Management Act (CZMA) requires NOAA to conduct periodic evaluations of federally approved coastal management programs. The evaluation process includes holding one or more public meetings, considering public comments, and consulting with interested Federal, State, and local agencies and members of the public. During the evaluation, NOAA will consider the extent to which the State of New Jersey has met the national objectives, adhered to the management program approved by the Secretary of Commerce, and adhered to the terms of financial assistance under the CZMA. When the evaluation is complete, NOAA's Office for Coastal Management will place a notice in the **Federal Register** announcing the availability of the final evaluation findings.

*Authority:* 16 U.S.C. 1458.

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE****National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration****Sanctuary System Business Advisory Council: Public Meeting**

**AGENCY:** Office of National Marine Sanctuaries (ONMS), National Ocean Service (NOS), National Oceanic and

Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Department of Commerce (DOC).

**ACTION:** Notice of emergency open public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given of a meeting of the Sanctuary System Business Advisory Council (council). The meeting is open to the public, and an opportunity for oral and written comments will be provided.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on Friday, August 25, 2023 from 12 p.m. to 1 p.m. ET, and an opportunity for public comment will be provided around 1:40 p.m. ET. Both times and agenda topics are subject to change.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held virtually using Google Meet. To participate, please use the weblink provided below. If you are unable to participate online, you can also connect to the public meeting using the phone number provided.

*Weblink:* [meet.google.com/fsz-qnfn-mny](https://meet.google.com/fsz-qnfn-mny).

*Phone:* +1 413-357-2090 PIN: 409 930 149#.

To provide an oral public comment during the virtual meeting, please sign up prior to or during the meeting by contacting Sage Riddick by phone (240-560-3365) or email ([sage.riddick@noaa.gov](mailto:sage.riddick@noaa.gov)). To provide written public comment, please send the comment to Sage Riddick prior to or during the meeting via email ([sage.riddick@noaa.gov](mailto:sage.riddick@noaa.gov)). Please note, the meeting will not be recorded. However, public comments, including any associated names, will be captured in the minutes of the meeting, will be maintained by the Office of National Marine Sanctuaries (ONMS) as part of its administrative record, and may be subject to release pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act. The entirety of the comment, including the name of the commenter, email address, attachments, and other supporting materials, will be publicly accessible. Sensitive personally identifiable information, such as account numbers and Social Security numbers, should not be included with the comment. By signing up to provide a public comment, you agree that these communications, including your name and comment, will be maintained as described here.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Sage Riddick, Office of National Marine Sanctuaries, 1305 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, Maryland 20910 (Phone: 240-560-3365; Email: [sage.riddick@noaa.gov](mailto:sage.riddick@noaa.gov)).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** ONMS serves as the trustee for a network of underwater parks encompassing more

than 620,000 square miles (approximately 1,606,000 square km) of marine and Great Lakes waters from Washington State to the Florida Keys, and from Lake Huron to American Samoa. The network includes a system of 15 national marine sanctuaries and Papahānaumokuākea and Rose Atoll marine national monuments. National marine sanctuaries protect our Nation's most vital coastal and marine natural and cultural resources, and through active research, management, and public engagement, sustain healthy environments that are the foundation for thriving communities and stable economies.

One of the many ways ONMS ensures public participation in the designation and management of national marine sanctuaries is through the formation of advisory councils. The Sanctuary System Business Advisory Council (council) has been formed to provide advice and recommendations to the Director regarding the relationship of ONMS with the business community. Additional information on the council can be found at <https://sanctuaries.noaa.gov/management/bac/>.

*Matters to be discussed:* The meeting will include a discussion and vote on a letter from the council that would respond to a request for input on the development of a National Strategy for a Sustainable Ocean Economy from the Office of Science and Technology Policy and the Council on Environmental Quality, on behalf of the interagency Ocean Policy Committee (docket number OSTP–CE–2023–0009). This emergency meeting is called because, due to the deadline to submit comments on the request for input, the council's discussion and vote cannot wait until the next scheduled council meeting. For a complete agenda, including times and topics, please visit <http://sanctuaries.noaa.gov/management/bac/meetings.html>.

*Authority:* 16 U.S.C. 1431, *et seq.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

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**Endangered and Threatened Species; Take of Anadromous Fish.**

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

**ACTION:** Notice; availability of a permit application and request for public comment.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that NMFS has received an update to an application for a direct take permit, in the form of a Hatchery and Genetic Management Plan (HGMP) for hatchery plans rearing and releasing Sockeye salmon into the Snake River basin. The permits describe hatchery programs operated by the Idaho Department of Fish and Game (IDFG), Shoshone-Bannock Tribe (SBT), National Marine Fisheries Service's Northwest Fisheries Science Center (NWFSC) and Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW). This document serves to notify the public of the availability and opportunity to comment on a draft Environmental Assessment (EA) and an HGMP on the proposed hatchery program.

**DATES:** Comments must be received at the appropriate address (see **ADDRESSES**) no later than 5:00 p.m. Pacific time on September 7, 2023. Comments received after this date may not be considered.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments should be addressed to the NMFS Sustainable Fisheries Division, 1201 NE Lloyd Blvd., Portland, OR 97232. Comments may be submitted by email. The mailbox address for providing email comments is: [Hatcheries.Public.Comment@noaa.gov](mailto:Hatcheries.Public.Comment@noaa.gov). Include in the subject line of the email comment the following identifier: Comments on the Snake River sockeye hatchery program.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Andreas Raisch at (503) 230–5405 or by email at [andreas.raisch@noaa.gov](mailto:andreas.raisch@noaa.gov)

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**ESA-Listed Species Covered in This Notice**

- Snake River Sockeye (*O. nerka*): endangered, naturally and artificially propagated.
- Chinook salmon (*Oncorhynchus tshawytscha*): threatened, naturally and artificially propagated;

- Snake River Spring/Summer run: threatened, naturally and artificially propagated;

- Snake River Steelhead (*O. mykiss*): threatened, naturally and artificially propagated.

**Background**

Section 9 of the Endangered Species Act (ESA) and Federal regulations prohibit the “taking” of a species listed as endangered or threatened. The term “take” is defined under the ESA to mean harass, harm, pursue, hunt, shoot, wound, kill, trap, capture, or collect, or to attempt to engage in any such conduct. NMFS may make exceptions to the take prohibitions in section 9 of the ESA for programs that are approved by NMFS under section 10(a)(1)(A) of the ESA (50 CFR 222.308).

The operators and funding agencies, including IDFG, SBT, ODFW, NMFS's NWFSC and Bonneville Power Administration (BPA), submitted an HGMP to NMFS pursuant to NMFS' ESA Section 10(a)(1)(A) for hatchery activities in the Snake River basin. An EA was also prepared pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) by NMFS for the Snake River sockeye salmon hatchery program.

The programs are intended to contribute to the survival and recovery of Snake River Sockeye salmon in the Snake River basin. The proposed program would maintain the Snake River sockeye salmon captive broodstock, collect and spawn adult sockeye salmon returning to the Snake River basin, rear juveniles, and release eggs, juveniles, and adult fish in upper Salmon River basin lakes as well as into Tanner Creek. The proposed continuation of the program would indicate best management practices to minimize adverse effects on the ESU.

**Authority**

16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*; 16 U.S.C. 742a *et seq.*

Dated: August 3, 2023.

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Chief, Endangered Species Conservation Division, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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