

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that NMFS has issued two scientific research and enhancement permits (Permit 26342 and Permit 26606) to the University of California, Santa Cruz, under the Endangered Species Act (ESA). The research and enhancement activities are intended to increase knowledge of black abalone listed under the Endangered Species Act (ESA) and to help guide management, conservation, and recovery efforts.

ADDRESSES: The permits and related documents are available for review upon written request via email to nmfs.wcr-apps@noaa.gov. Please include the permit number (26342 or 26606) in the subject line of the email.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Susan Wang, Long Beach, California, Phone: 562-980-4199, email: Susan.Wang@noaa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice was published in the **Federal Register**

on May 18, 2022, that two new permit requests had been submitted by the University of California, Santa Cruz. To locate the **Federal Register** notice that announced our receipt of the applications and a complete description of the research, go to www.federalregister.gov and search on the permit numbers and **Federal Register** notice information provided in the table below.

TABLE 1—ISSUED PERMITS

Permit No.	RTID	Applicant	Previous Federal Register notice	Issuance date
26342	0648-XC035	University of California, Santa Cruz—100 Shaffer Road, Santa Cruz, CA 95060 (Responsible Party: Peter Raimondi).	87 FR 30207; May 18, 2022	October 6, 2022.
26606	0648-XC035	University of California, Santa Cruz—100 Shaffer Road, Santa Cruz, CA 95060 (Responsible Party: Peter Raimondi).	87 FR 30207; May 18, 2022	October 6, 2022.

In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), NMFS prepared an environmental assessment (EA) for Permit 26342 and concluded that there will be no significant impact on the human environment as a result of the activities proposed under this permit. A copy of the EA is available on the NMFS website (www.fisheries.noaa.gov). In addition, NMFS determined that the activities proposed under Permit 26606 are categorically excluded from the requirement to prepare an EA or environmental impact statement.

Authority

Scientific research permits are issued in accordance with section 10(a)(1)(A) of the ESA (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*) and regulations governing listed fish and wildlife permits (50 CFR 222-226). NMFS issues permits based on finding that such permits: (1) are applied for in good faith; (2) if granted and exercised, would not operate to the disadvantage of the listed species that are the subject of the permit; and (3) are consistent with the purposes and policy of section 2 of the ESA. The authority to take listed species is subject to conditions set forth in the permits.

Dated: October 31, 2022.

Angela Somma,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[RTID 0648-XC509]

Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council (MAFMC); Public Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice; public meeting.

SUMMARY: The Mid-Atlantic and New England Fishery Management Councils will hold a public meeting of their joint Northeast Trawl Advisory Panel.

DATES: The meeting will be held on Monday, November 21, 2022, from 1 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. EDT. For agenda details, see **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held via webinar. Connection information will be posted to the calendar at www.mafmc.org prior to the meeting. *Council address:* Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council, 800 N State Street, Suite 201, Dover, DE 19901; telephone: (302) 674-2331; www.mafmc.org.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Christopher M. Moore, Ph.D., Executive Director, Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council, telephone: (302) 526-5255.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Councils' Northeast Trawl Advisory Panel (NTAP) will meet via webinar to review and discuss the NTAP

Operations Manual and Orientation Document.

Special Accommodations

The meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Shelley Spedden, (302) 526-5251 at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

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

Dated: October 31, 2022.

Rey Israel Marquez,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[RTID 0648-XC514]

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 Groundfish Committee 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 Tuesday, November 22, 2022, at 9:30 a.m. Webinar registration URL information: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/3586121371946018064>.

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 Committee will discuss recommendations from the Groundfish Advisory Panel, Recreational Advisory Panel, and Groundfish Plan Development Team. They will also discuss draft alternatives and draft impacts analysis, and make recommendations to the Council to include: status determination criteria, rebuilding plan for Gulf of Maine (GOM) cod, FY2023-FY2024 US/CA total allowable catches, FY2023-FY2024 specifications: Georges Bank (GB) yellowtail flounder and GB cod (including a catch target for the recreational fishery), FY2023-FY2025 specifications for 14 stocks, additional measures to promote stock rebuilding for GB cod and GOM cod, and revised acceptable biological catch (ABC) control rules, in consultation with the Scientific and Statistical Committee in Framework Adjustment 65/ Specifications & Management Measures. The Committee will discuss the development of a draft white paper on potential approaches to allocate "Georges Bank cod" to the recreational fishery delivered in 2022 to inform the 2023 priorities discussion regarding Atlantic Cod Management.

They will make possible 2023 Council Priorities recommendations to the Council, as appropriate, and discuss other business 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: October 31, 2022.

Rey Israel Marquez,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Patent and Trademark Office

[Docket No.: PTO-P-2022-0025]

Request for Comments on USPTO Initiatives To Ensure the Robustness and Reliability of Patent Rights

AGENCY: United States Patent and Trademark Office, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Request for comments; extension of comment period.

SUMMARY: The United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) is extending the comment period for the notice titled "Request for Comments on USPTO Initiatives to Ensure the Robustness and Reliability of Patent Rights" that was published in the **Federal Register** on October 4, 2022. The notice's comment period is extended until February 1, 2023. This will be the only extension of the comment period.

DATES: The USPTO is extending the comment period for the request for comments until February 1, 2023.

ADDRESSES: For reasons of government efficiency, comments must be submitted through the Federal eRulemaking Portal at www.regulations.gov. To submit comments via the portal, enter docket number PTO-P-2022-0025 on the homepage and click "Search." The site will provide a search results page listing all documents associated with this docket. Find a reference to this document and click on the "Comment" icon, complete the required fields, and enter or attach your comments. Attachments to electronic comments will be accepted as various file types, including Adobe® portable document format (PDF) and Microsoft Word®

format. Because comments will be made available for public inspection, information the submitter does not desire to make public, such as an address or phone number, should not be included in the comments.

Visit the Federal eRulemaking Portal for additional instructions on providing comments via the portal. If electronic submission of comments is not feasible due to a lack of access to a computer and/or the internet, please contact the USPTO using the contact information below (at **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**) for special instructions.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Linda Horner, Administrative Patent Judge, at 571-272-9797; June Cohan, Senior Legal Advisor, Office of Patent Legal Administration, Office of the Deputy Commissioner for Patents, at 571-272-7744; or Raul Tamayo, Senior Legal Advisor, Office of the Deputy Commissioner for Patents, at 571-272-7728.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On October 4, 2022, the USPTO published a notice titled "Request for Comments on USPTO Initiatives to Ensure the Robustness and Reliability of Patent Rights" to seek initial public comments on proposed initiatives directed at bolstering the robustness and reliability of patents to incentivize and protect new and nonobvious inventions while facilitating the broader dissemination of public knowledge, which will, in turn, promote innovation and competition. See 87 FR 60130. The USPTO is extending the written comment period until February 1, 2023, to ensure that all stakeholders have a sufficient opportunity to submit comments on the questions presented in the October 4, 2022, notice. The USPTO is extending this written comment period only once.

Katherine K. Vidal,

Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property and Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 3511-024]

Lower Saranac Hydro, LLC; Notice of Availability of Environmental Assessment

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and the Federal Energy Regulatory