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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Institute of Standards and Technology

#### NIST Safety Commission

**AGENCY:** National Institute of Standards and Technology, Department of Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of open meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) Safety Commission (Commission) will meet on March 9, 2023, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Mountain Time and March 10, 2023, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Mountain Time. The purpose of this meeting is for the Commission to continue its assessment of the state of NIST's safety culture and how effectively the existing safety protocols and policies have been implemented across NIST. The agenda may change to accommodate Commission business. The final agenda will be posted on the NIST website at <https://www.nist.gov/director/nist-safety-commission/march-9-10-nist-safety-commission-meeting-agenda>.

**DATES:** The Commission will meet on March 9, 2023, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Mountain Time and March 10, 2023, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Mountain Time.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the National Institute of Standards and Technology, 325 Broadway, Boulder, CO 80305 for the NIST Safety Commission members and NIST Senior Leadership with an option to participate via webinar for NIST staff and public participants. Please note admittance instructions under the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of this notice.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Corrine Lloyd, Special Programs Office, National Institute of Standards and Technology, at 301-975-8762 or [corrine.lloyd@nist.gov](mailto:corrine.lloyd@nist.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Authority:* 15 U.S.C. 1512 and the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. 1001 *et seq.*

Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. 1001 *et seq.*, notice is hereby given that the NIST Safety Commission will meet on March

9, 2023, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Mountain Time and March 10, 2023, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Mountain Time. The meeting will be open to the public. Members of the Commission are appointed by the Director of NIST. The Commission is composed of not more than seven members who are qualified to provide advice to the NIST Director on matters relating to safety policies; safety management system, practices, and performance; and safety culture. The primary purpose of this meeting is for the Commission to continue its assessment of the state of NIST's safety culture and how effectively the existing safety protocols and policies have been implemented across NIST. The agenda may change to accommodate Commission business. The final agenda will be posted on the NIST website at <https://www.nist.gov/director/nist-safety-commission/march-9-10-nist-safety-commission-meeting-agenda>.

Individuals and representatives of organizations who would like to offer comments and suggestions related to the Commission's business are invited to request a place on the agenda. Approximately 15 minutes will be reserved for public comments and speaking times will be assigned on a first come, first-serve basis. The amount of time per speaker will be determined by the number of requests received but is likely to be about three minutes each. Questions from the public will not be considered during this period. Requests must be submitted by email to Corrine Lloyd at [corrine.lloyd@nist.gov](mailto:corrine.lloyd@nist.gov) and must be received by 4 p.m. Eastern Time, March 7, 2023 to be considered. Speakers who wish to expand upon their oral statements, those who had wished to speak but could not be accommodated on the agenda, and those who were unable to participate are invited to submit written statements by email to [corrine.lloyd@nist.gov](mailto:corrine.lloyd@nist.gov).

All NIST staff and public participants will be attending via webinar and must register at: <https://events.nist.gov/profile/form/index.cfm?PKformID=0x18963abcd> by 4:00 p.m. Eastern Time, March 7, 2023 for detailed instructions on how to join the webinar. Any questions regarding registration may be directed to Corrine Lloyd at [corrine.lloyd@nist.gov](mailto:corrine.lloyd@nist.gov).

Pursuant to 41 CFR 102-3.150(b), the **Federal Register** notice for this meeting is being published fewer than 15 calendar days prior to the meeting as exceptional circumstances exist. It is imperative that the meeting be held on March 9-10, 2023, to accommodate the tight working timeline of the Commission as set forth in its charter. Specifically, the charter requires the

Commission to provide an oral briefing of its preliminary findings to the NIST Director within 75 days of beginning its activities, and written findings within 150 days of beginning its activities. The Commission intends to present its preliminary findings to NIST leadership at this meeting. Postponing this meeting would result in an unacceptable delay in the Commission's ability to report the findings and observations from the work of the Commission's three subcommittees, collect additional information from NIST staff at the Boulder campus, and to develop its final recommendations for NIST leadership, until well into the fall. The **Federal Register** notice could not be published previously due to logistical requirements needed to accommodate the timing requirement of the meeting, including unanticipated additional time required for completion of the work of the Commission's three subcommittees that will be reporting out at the meeting, and unanticipated additional time required to confirm availability of a representative of a third-party contractor to present on the results of the 2023 NIST Safety Culture Survey it conducted.

**Alicia Chambers,**

*NIST Executive Secretariat.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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#### Magnuson-Stevens Act Provisions; Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Northeast Multispecies Fishery; Approved Monitoring Service Providers

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

**ACTION:** Notice of approved Northeast multispecies at-sea and electronic monitoring service providers for fishing year 2023.

**SUMMARY:** NMFS has approved nine companies to provide Northeast multispecies sector at-sea catch monitoring and/or electronic catch monitoring services in fishing year 2023. Regulations implementing the Northeast Multispecies Fishery Management Plan require at-sea catch monitoring and electronic catch monitoring companies to be approved

by NMFS to provide catch monitoring services to sectors. This action will allow sectors to contract for catch monitoring services with any of the approved service providers for fishing year 2023.

**DATES:** Northeast multispecies at-sea and electronic monitoring service provider approvals are effective May 1, 2023, through April 30, 2024.

**ADDRESSES:** The list of NMFS-approved sector monitoring service providers is available at: <https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/resource/data/observer-providers-northeast-and-mid-atlantic-programs>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Samantha Tolken, Fishery Management Specialist, (978) 675–2176, email [Samantha.Tolken@noaa.gov](mailto:Samantha.Tolken@noaa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Northeast Multispecies Fishery Management Plan includes a requirement for industry-funded monitoring of catch by sector vessels. NMFS approves independent third-party service providers who sectors may contract with to provide at-sea and/or electronic catch monitoring services to their vessels. Beginning this year, NMFS is requiring full applications for approval only from at-sea catch monitoring (ASM) and electronic catch monitoring (EM) companies that are not currently approved to be a service provider. Previously approved ASM and EM companies are no longer required to submit a full application to maintain their approval status if they continue to meet all service provider performance standards and submit required updated information annually. The required updated information to maintain approval includes an updated Emergency Action Plan, evidence of adequate insurance coverage, and, if

applicable, any updates to staffing or operations. Regulations at 50 CFR 648.11(h) describe the criteria for approval of ASM and EM service provider applications. NMFS approves service providers based on: (1) Completeness and sufficiency of applications; and (2) determination of the applicant’s ability to meet the performance requirements of a sector monitoring service provider. Once approved, service providers must meet specified performance requirements outlined in § 648.11(h)(5) and (6), including required coverage levels, in order to maintain eligibility. NMFS must notify service providers, in writing, if NMFS withdraws approval for any reason.

**Approved Monitoring Service Providers**

On December 9, 2022, NMFS announced an opportunity for new monitoring companies to apply for approval to provide ASM and/or EM services in fishing year 2023, and an opportunity for currently approved providers to submit documentation to maintain their approval status in fishing year 2023. NMFS previously approved nine companies to provide catch monitoring services to the Northeast multispecies sectors in fishing year 2022. Four of the nine approved companies provide both ASM and EM services: A.I.S., Inc.; East West Technical Services, LLC; Fathom Research, LLC; and Saltwater, Inc. The other five approved companies provide EM services only: Archipelago Marine Research, Ltd.; Flywire Cameras; New England Marine Monitoring; Satlink US, LLC; and Teem Fish Monitoring, Inc.

All currently approved ASM and EM companies continue to meet all service provider performance standards, submitted all required documentation,

and are therefore approved service providers for fishing year 2023. Additionally, one company previously approved only for EM services, New England Marine Monitoring, met the ASM application requirements, documented its ability to comply with service provider standards, and therefore is newly approved to provide ASM services in fishing year 2023, in addition to EM services. Table 1 includes the revised list of approved monitoring service providers.

The new procedures do not change NMFS’s authority to remove a service provider from its approved status in accordance with the regulations at § 648.11(h)(7). A monitoring service provider that fails to meet the requirements, conditions, and responsibilities will be notified in writing that it is subject to removal from the list of approved monitoring service providers. Withdrawing approval of a service provider will be based on an evaluation of the service providers ability to meet the third-party catch monitoring provider standards in § 648.11(h)(5) and (6). NMFS will closely monitor the performance of approved service providers, and will withdraw approval during the current approval term if we determine performance standards are not being met.

NMFS did not solicit applications to provide dockside monitoring (DSM) services related to the maximized retention EM program. NMFS intends to continue to fund and manage the DSM program for the remainder of the 2022 and 2023 fishing years. In future fishing years, NMFS intends to solicit applications to be an approved DSM provider when the DSM program transitions to industry funding.

TABLE 1—APPROVED PROVIDERS FOR FISHING YEAR 2023

Provider	Services	Address	Phone	Fax	Website
A.I.S., Inc	ASM/EM	540 Hawthorn St., Dartmouth, MA 02747.	508–990–9054	508–990–9055	<a href="https://aisobservers.com/">https://aisobservers.com/</a> .
Archipelago Marine Research, Ltd.	EM	525 Head St., Victoria, BC V9A 5S1 Canada.	250–383–4535	250–383–0103	<a href="https://www.archipelago.ca/">https://www.archipelago.ca/</a> .
East West Technical Services, LLC.	ASM/EM	91 Point Judith Rd., Suite 26 Unit 347 Narragansett, RI 02882.	860–910–4957	860–223–6005	<a href="https://www.ewts.com/">https://www.ewts.com/</a> .
Fathom Resources, LLC	ASM/EM	855 Aquidneck Ave., Unit 9, Middletown, RI 02842.	508–990–0997	508–858–5383	<a href="https://fathomresources.com/">https://fathomresources.com/</a> .
Flywire Cameras	EM	PO BOX 55048, Lexington, KY 40511.	888–315–7796	502–861–6568	<a href="https://www.flywirecameras.com/">https://www.flywirecameras.com/</a> .
New England Marine Monitoring.	ASM/EM	350 Commercial St., Portland, ME 04101.	508–269–8138	.....	<a href="https://www.nemarinemonitoring.com/">https://www.nemarinemonitoring.com/</a> .
Saltwater, Inc	ASM/EM	733 N St., Anchorage, AK 99501.	907–276–3241	907–258–5999	<a href="https://www.saltwaterinc.com/">https://www.saltwaterinc.com/</a> .
Satlink US, LLC	EM	16423 Sawgrass Drive, Rehoboth Beach, DE 19971.	703–447–5287	.....	<a href="https://www.satlink.es/en/">https://www.satlink.es/en/</a> .

TABLE 1—APPROVED PROVIDERS FOR FISHING YEAR 2023—Continued

Provider	Services	Address	Phone	Fax	Website
Teem Fish Monitoring, Inc.	EM .....	309 2nd Ave., Suite 363, Prince Rupert, BC V8J 3T1 Canada.	778-884-2598	.....	<a href="https://teem.fish/">https://teem.fish/</a> .

**Note:** ASM/EM = At-sea and electronic monitoring; EM = Electronic monitoring only.

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

Dated: March 2, 2023.

**Jennifer M. Wallace,**

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

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

**ACTION:** Notice of receipt for one application to renew a scientific enhancement permit.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that NMFS received an application from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) to renew their U.S. Endangered Species Act (ESA) Section 10(a)(1)(A) scientific enhancement permit (permit 20571-2R) for the reintroduction of Central Valley (CV) spring-run Chinook salmon to the San Joaquin River for the San Joaquin River Restoration Program. Proposed activities within the permit application are expected to affect the threatened CV spring-run Chinook salmon (*Oncorhynchus tshawytscha*), California Central Valley (CCV) Distinct Population Segment (DPS) of steelhead (*Oncorhynchus mykiss*) and the threatened Southern DPS (sDPS) of North American green sturgeon (*Acipenser medirostris*). The public is hereby notified the application for Permit 20571-2R is available for review and comment before NMFS either approves or disapproves the application.

**DATES:** Written comments on the permit application must be received at the appropriate email address (see **ADDRESSES**) on or before April 6, 2023.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments on the permit application should be submitted to NMFS' Section 10(a)(1)(A) steelhead

permit coordinator for the San Joaquin River Restoration Program, Ms. Hilary Glenn, via email ([hilary.glenn@noaa.gov](mailto:hilary.glenn@noaa.gov)). The permit application is available for review online at the Authorizations and Permits for Protected Species website: [https://apps.nmfs.noaa.gov/preview/preview\\_open\\_for\\_comment.cfm](https://apps.nmfs.noaa.gov/preview/preview_open_for_comment.cfm).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Hilary Glenn (email: [hilary.glenn@noaa.gov](mailto:hilary.glenn@noaa.gov); phone: 916-200-8211).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Species Covered in This Notice

Threatened CV spring-run Chinook salmon (*Oncorhynchus tshawytscha*); Threatened CCV Distinct Population Segment of steelhead (*Oncorhynchus mykiss*); Threatened sDPS of North American green sturgeon (*Acipenser medirostris*).

#### Authority

Scientific research and enhancement 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 222-227). NMFS issues permits based on findings that such permits (1) are applied for in good faith, (2) would not operate to the disadvantage of the listed species which are the subject of the permits, and (3) are consistent with the purposes and policies set forth in Section 2 of the ESA. Authority to take listed species is subject to conditions set forth in the permits.

This notice is provided pursuant to Section 10(c) of the ESA. NMFS will evaluate the application, associated documents, and any comment submitted to determine whether the application meets the requirements of Section 10(a) of the ESA and Federal regulations. The final permit decisions will not be made until after the end of the 30-day comment period and consideration of any comment submitted therein. NMFS will publish notice of the final action on the subject permit application in the **Federal Register**.

Those individuals requesting a hearing on the application listed in this notice should provide the specific reasons why a hearing on the

application would be appropriate (see **ADDRESSES**). Such a hearing is held at the discretion of the Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, NOAA.

#### Permit 20571-2R

USFWS applied to renew their Section 10(a)(1)(A) scientific enhancement permit (Previous Federal Permit/Authorization: 20571) involving continued reintroduction of CV spring-run Chinook salmon to the San Joaquin River, from the Merced River confluence to Friant Dam and implementation of the San Joaquin River Restoration Program (SJRRP) in the San Joaquin River Restoration Area. The Restoration Area is 153 miles (246 km) long, from Friant Dam downstream to the San Joaquin River's confluence with the Merced River. This stretch of river crosses the California counties of Fresno, Madera and Merced. The primary objectives of this effort involve: (1) the collection of various lifestages of CV spring-run Chinook salmon from source stocks for broodstock and release into the San Joaquin River; (2) the continued release of CV spring-run Chinook salmon into the San Joaquin River; (3) the collection of returning adults for broodstock or transport; (4) the use of various types of tags and marking for the purpose of tracking and monitoring; (5) surveys of holding adults; (6) spawning and carcass surveys; (7) artificial propagation, egg-incubation, juvenile rearing, and holding of spring-run Chinook Salmon; and, (8) installation of approved nets and traps to aid in population monitoring and production. Proposed monitoring activities include: fyke nets with wing walls and fish traps, trammel nets, hand seines, handling (conducting length measurements, gender identification, tissue and scale collection, assessment of condition, checking for the presence of tags), and Passive Integrated Transponder (PIT) tagging of fish inclusive of CV spring-run Chinook salmon, CCV steelhead, and sDPS green sturgeon.

The USFWS is requesting this permit renewal be issued for a period of 5 years, 01/01/2024 to 12/31/2028. Activities and their timing may vary depending upon conditions and SJRRP needs, but are anticipated to occur