

**Special Accommodations**

This meeting is accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for auxiliary aids should be directed to the South Atlantic Fishery Management Council office (see **ADDRESSES**) at least 10 business days prior to the meeting.

**Note:** The times and sequence specified in this agenda are subject to change.

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

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**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-XC957]

**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 joint public meeting of its Monkfish and Dogfish Committees 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 Wednesday, May 17, 2023, at 9:30 a.m. Webinar registration URL information: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/3037065951232152662>.

**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 Monkfish and Dogfish Committees will meet to discuss recommendations from the Sturgeon Bycatch Fishery Management Action Team/Plan Development Team and the Joint Monkfish and Dogfish Advisory Panel. They will discuss potential measures to reduce bycatch of Atlantic

sturgeon in the monkfish and spiny dogfish gillnet fisheries, developed from the recommendations in NOAA's Action Plan to Reduce Atlantic Sturgeon Bycatch in Federal Large-Mesh Gillnet Fisheries. They will also discuss the range of alternatives recommended to the Councils (New England and Mid-Atlantic) to be considered for reducing bycatch of Atlantic sturgeon in the monkfish and spiny dogfish gillnet fisheries. Other business may be discussed, 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.

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**Rey Israel Marquez,**

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE****National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration****Solicitation for Members of the NOAA Science Advisory Board**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of solicitation for members of the NOAA Science Advisory Board.

**SUMMARY:** NOAA is soliciting nominations for members of the NOAA Science Advisory Board (SAB). The

SAB is the only Federal Advisory Committee with the responsibility to advise the Under Secretary of Commerce for Oceans, Atmosphere, and NOAA Administrator on long and short range strategies for research, education, and application of science to resource management and environmental assessment and prediction. The SAB consists of approximately fifteen members reflecting the full breadth of NOAA's areas of responsibility and assists NOAA in maintaining a complete and accurate understanding of scientific issues critical to the agency's missions.

**DATES:** Nominations should be sent to the web address specified below and must be received by June 15, 2023.

**ADDRESSES:** Applications should be submitted electronically to [noaa.scienceadvisoryboard@noaa.gov](mailto:noaa.scienceadvisoryboard@noaa.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dr. Cynthia Decker, Executive Director, Science Advisory Board, NOAA, Rm. 11230, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, Maryland 20910. (Phone: 301-734-1156), Fax: 301-713-1459, Email: [Cynthia.Decker@noaa.gov](mailto:Cynthia.Decker@noaa.gov)); or visit the NOAA SAB website at <http://www.sab.noaa.gov>.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** At this time, individuals are sought with expertise in an artificial intelligence and machine learning in the fields of weather and climate; environmental remote sensing; engineering for coastal resilience; social and behavioral sciences; and tropical cyclones. Individuals with expertise in other NOAA mission areas are also welcome to apply.

NOAA is also interested in expanding the diversity of expertise represented on the SAB in order to reflect better the viewpoints of the United States population. The agency welcomes scientists in the listed areas of expertise and can also provide insights and experiences derived from their ethnic, gender, and racial backgrounds and races, native- and tribal-based traditions, and experiences of those who are differently abled. Composition and Points of View: The board will consist of approximately fifteen members including a Chair, designated by the Under Secretary in accordance with FACA requirements.

Members will be appointed for three-year terms, renewable once, and serve at the discretion of the Under Secretary.

Members will be appointed as special government employees (SGEs) and will be subject to the ethical standards applicable to SGEs. Members are reimbursed for actual and reasonable travel and per diem expenses incurred in performing such duties but will not

be reimbursed for their time. As a Federal Advisory Committee, the Board's membership is required to be balanced in terms of viewpoints represented and the functions to be performed as well as the interests of geographic regions of the country and the diverse sectors of U.S. society.

The SAB meets in person three times each year, exclusive of teleconferences or subcommittee, task force, and working group meetings. Board members must be willing to serve as liaisons to SAB working groups and/or participate in periodic reviews of the NOAA Cooperative Institutes and overarching reviews of NOAA's research enterprise.

**Nominations:** Interested persons may nominate themselves or third parties.

**Applications:** An application is required to be considered for board membership, regardless of whether a person is nominated by a third party or self-nominated. The application package must include: (1) the nominee's full name, title, institutional affiliation, and contact information, including mailing address; (2) the nominee's area(s) of expertise; (3) a short description of their qualifications relative to the kinds of advice being solicited by NOAA in this Notice; and (4) a current resume (maximum length four [4] pages).

**David Holst,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Telecommunications and Information Administration

[Docket Number: 230412-0099]

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#### Introduction of Accountable Measures Regarding Access to Personal Information of .us Registrants

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

**ACTION:** Request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The United States Department of Commerce's (Department) National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) administers the contract for the country code top-level domain (ccTLD) for the United States, ".us" (usTLD). NTIA seeks input from interested parties on the introduction of accountability measures regarding

access to the personal information of usTLD registrants. NTIA's policy goal regarding access to domain registration data is to ensure that the usTLD protects the privacy of its usTLD registrants while also enabling third parties to access usTLD domain registration data for legitimate purposes.

**DATES:** Submit comments on or before May 31, 2023.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments, identified by docket number and/or RIN number, by any of the following methods:

*Federal Rulemaking website:* Go to <https://www.regulations.gov> and search for Docket ID NTIA-2023-0006.

*Email comments to:* [usTLD@ntia.gov](mailto:usTLD@ntia.gov).

*Mail comments to:* National Telecommunications and Information Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW, Room 4701, Attn: Susan Chalmers, Washington, DC 20230. Comments submitted by mail may be in hard copy (paper) or electronic (e.g., CD-ROM, disk, or thumb drive).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Please direct questions regarding this Notice to Susan Chalmers, Telecommunications Policy Specialist, at the address listed in the **ADDRESSES** section of this notice by electronic or regular mail as listed above, or by telephone (202) 281-5218. Please direct media inquiries to NTIA's Office of Public Affairs, [press@ntia.gov](mailto:press@ntia.gov) or (202) 482-7002.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The usTLD serves as an online home for American business, individuals, and localities for the benefit of the nation's internet community. NTIA administers the contract governing the operation of the usTLD, the most recent of which was awarded in 2019 to Registry Services, LLC (the Contractor).

NTIA requires the Contractor to maintain a publicly accessible registration database of usTLD domain name registrations.<sup>1</sup> The Contractor currently provides a WHOIS directory service<sup>2</sup> that allows users to retrieve usTLD domain name registration data directly and without any form of authentication from its comprehensive central usTLD registrant database of real usTLD registrant data.<sup>3</sup> This data

<sup>1</sup> .us Contract, C.4.2(iv), page 11, available at: [https://ntia.gov/files/ntia/publications/us\\_contract\\_june\\_28\\_2019.pdf](https://ntia.gov/files/ntia/publications/us_contract_june_28_2019.pdf).

<sup>2</sup> A WHOIS directory is a database of all the registered domains in a particular zone. It contains information about the domain name registrant including the registrant contact information such as address, email, phone number, etc.

<sup>3</sup> Under this proposal privacy and proxy services would remain prohibited under the usTLD as currently required by the .us contract.

includes important contact information: individual names, physical addresses, telephone numbers, and email addresses of all usTLD registrants.

Historically, NTIA has authorized public access to the usTLD registration data (WHOIS service) permitting internet users to retrieve the usTLD registrant data for legitimate purposes (e.g., law enforcement investigations, consumer protection, cybersecurity research, intellectual property rights protection and enforcement). In addition, the usTLD registrant data is accessible on an anonymous basis. The data (especially the personal information) may be accessed and used for abusive purposes (e.g., to spam, phish, harass, dox, or otherwise cause the registrant harm).<sup>4</sup>

In response to concerns about the potential for abuse of usTLD registrant data, NTIA is considering a proposal from its Contractor to create an Accountable WHOIS Gateway System (the System) to provide public access to usTLD registrant information. This proposal was created based upon recommendations developed by the usTLD community. Under the Contractor's proposal, the System would be designed to reduce the potential for abuse by eliminating anonymous and unaccountable access to usTLD registrant data. The System would require those seeking access to the usTLD registration data to provide their name, an email address, and to accept the Terms of Service (TOS). The TOS would require the user to agree not to misuse the data. Users would also be required to identify, from a pre-selected list, a legitimate, non-marketing purpose for accessing the information. This list would be developed according to industry best practice in consultation with the usTLD community and approved by NTIA. Unredacted WHOIS data would then automatically be returned in near-real-time to the user via email. Queries would be rejected only if the user did not provide a name and email address or failed to select (or provide) a legitimate purpose and accept the TOS.

The System would also permit users to identify a legitimate purpose outside of the pre-selected list. The Contractor using usTLD community developed and NTIA approved standards would manually review these requests and deliver, via email, unredacted data within two (2) business days for any non-abusive purpose unrelated to

<sup>4</sup> See e.g., Andrew Alleman, *Reminder: there's no Whois privacy for .us domain names—Domain Name Wire | Domain Name Newsat*. The Contractor has also received a number of complaints outlining these issues.