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CET covered under the USG NSSCET include, but are not limited to:

- Communication and Networking Technologies
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- Semiconductors and Microelectronics, including Computing, Memory, and Storage Technologies
- Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning
- Biotechnologies
- Positioning, Navigation, and Timing Services
- Digital Identity Infrastructure and Distributed Ledger Technologies
- Clean Energy Generation and Storage
- Quantum Information Technologies

There are also specific applications of CET that departments and agencies have determined will impact our global economy and national security. These include, but are not limited to:

- Automated and Connected Infrastructure
- Biobanking
- Automated, Connected, and Electrified Transportation
- Critical Minerals Supply Chains
- Cybersecurity and Privacy

- Carbon Capture, Removal, Utilization, and Storage

A full list of CETs identified by the National Science and Technology Council (NSTC) can be found <https://www.whitehouse.gov/wp-content/uploads/2022/02/02-2022-Critical-and-Emerging-Technologies-List-Update.pdf>.

The national interest in CET and associated areas of standardization demands a new and urgent level of coordination and effort. National policy priorities, as expressed in legislation and other statements of policy, will require new ways for public sector and private sector (*i.e.*, industry, including start-ups and small- and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs), academic community, and civil society organizations) stakeholders to cooperate in order to advance U.S. economic competitiveness and national security.

NIST is extending the comment period announced in the September 7, 2023 RFI from November 6, 2023 to December 15, 2023 in response to stakeholder requests for more time to respond to this important issue.

*For Public Meetings/Webcast:* NIST may hold a series of "Listening Sessions" or "Stakeholder Events" in support of the USG NSSCET implementation. Information on these and any other NIST-sponsored events in connection with the USG NSSCET implementation will be announced at [www.standards.gov](http://www.standards.gov).

**Alicia Chambers,**  
NIST Executive Secretariat.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[RTID 0648-XD435]

#### Determination of Overfishing or an Overfished Condition

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This action serves as a notice that NMFS, on behalf of the Secretary of Commerce (Secretary), has found that summer flounder is now subject to overfishing and thorny skate remains overfished. NMFS, on behalf of the Secretary, is required to provide this notice whenever it determines that a stock or stock complex is subject to

overfishing, overfished, or approaching an overfished condition.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Caroline Potter, (301) 427-8522.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Pursuant to section 304(e)(2) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, 16 U.S.C. 1854(e)(2), NMFS, on behalf of the Secretary, must publish a notice in the **Federal Register** whenever it determines that a stock or stock complex is subject to overfishing, overfished, or approaching an overfished condition.

NMFS has determined that summer flounder is now subject to overfishing. The summer flounder determination is based on the most recent assessment, completed in 2023, using data through 2022, which indicates that the stock is subject to overfishing because the fishing mortality rate is greater than the maximum fishing mortality threshold. NMFS has notified the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council of the requirement to end overfishing of summer flounder.

NMFS has determined that thorny skate remains overfished. The thorny skate determination is based on an update assessment completed in 2022, using data through 2021, which indicates that the stock remains overfished because the 2-year average biomass index is less than the minimum stock size threshold. NMFS continues to work with the New England Fishery Management Council to rebuild thorny skate.

Dated: October 31, 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

#### Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for Review and Approval; Comment Request; Large Pelagic Fishing Survey

**AGENCY:** National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of information collection, request for comment.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Commerce, in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), invites the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on

proposed, and continuing information collections, which helps us assess the impact of our information collection requirements and minimize the public's reporting burden. The purpose of this notice is to allow for 60 days of public comment preceding submission of the collection to OMB.

**DATES:** To ensure consideration, comments regarding this proposed information collection must be received on or before January 5, 2024.

**ADDRESSES:** Interested persons are invited to submit written comments to Adrienne Thomas, NOAA PRA Officer, at [NOAA.PRA@noaa.gov](mailto:NOAA.PRA@noaa.gov). Please reference OMB Control Number 0648–0380 in the subject line of your comments. Do not submit Confidential Business Information or otherwise sensitive or protected information.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Requests for additional information or specific questions related to collection activities should be directed to John Foster, National Marine Fisheries Service, Office of Science and Technology, 1315 East-West Hwy./FST1, Silver Spring, MD 21910, Phone: (301) 427–8130 or [john.foster@noaa.gov](mailto:john.foster@noaa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**I. Abstract**

This request is for the extension of a currently approved information collection.

The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) is responsible for monitoring and managing United States (U.S.) marine fisheries resources. Collection of information regarding fishing for large pelagic species (tunas, billfishes, swordfish, and sharks) is necessary to fulfill the following statutory requirements: Atlantic Tunas Convention Act (16 U.S.C. 971 *et seq.*), the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*), and to meet administrative requirements of the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) Marine Recreational Fishery Policy implemented to comply with Executive Order 12962 on Recreational Fisheries.

The Atlantic Tunas Convention Act at 16 U.S.C. 971d(c)(3)(I) provides the Secretary of Commerce the authority to “require any commercial or recreational fisherman to obtain a permit from the Secretary and report the quantity of catch of a regulated species”. Section 303(a) of the Magnuson-Stevens Act specifies data and analyses to be included in Fishery Management Plans (FMPs), as well as pertinent data, which shall be submitted to the Secretary of Commerce under the plan.

Recommendation One of the NMFS Marine Recreational Fishery (MRF) Policy focuses on developing “a comprehensive data acquisition and analysis system (participation, catch, effort and socio-economic data) on a regular, continuing basis” in support of the Executive Order 12962 requirement to assess the implementation and evaluate achievements of the “Recreational Fishery Resources Conservation Plan.”

Because highly migratory species are only sought on a relatively small proportion of the total marine recreational angler fishing trips made, the fishing effort directed at such species, and the resulting angler catches are generally not estimated very precisely or accurately by general (all species) recreational surveys. Therefore, the Large Pelagics Survey (LPS) was designed as a specialized survey that would focus specifically on the recreational fishery directed at large pelagic, also called highly migratory, species. This specialization has allowed higher levels of sampling needed to provide more precise and accurate estimates of pelagic fishing effort and catches of large pelagic species.

The LPS consists of two complementary surveys: a directory frame telephone survey of tuna and/or HMS permit holders to obtain fishing effort information (Large Pelagic Telephone Survey or LPTS), and a dockside survey which collects catch information and also estimates the proportion of vessels fishing for large pelagics that are not on the telephone frame (Large Pelagic Intercept Survey or LPIS). Results from the two survey components are combined to estimate total landings of Highly Migratory Species. In addition, we are requesting approval to continue to implement the Large Pelagic Biological Survey (LPBS) to collect supplemental weight and length measurements of landed fish through independent dockside sampling, as well as LPIS Validation telephone calls to validate LPIS data. Implementation of certain components will depend on fiscal year funding and NMFS priorities.

NMFS, regional fishery management councils, interstate marine fisheries commissions, and state fishery agencies use the data in developing, implementing and monitoring fishery management programs. This collection has been the key source of data used to monitor recreational quotas for the harvest of bluefin tuna in the Mid-Atlantic and southern New England regions. Catch distributions, harvested size distributions, and other indices obtained in this data collection have

formed the basis of fishery management plans and used in stock assessments for Atlantic highly migratory species such as tunas, billfish, swordfish and sharks.

**II. Method of Collection**

Dockside (in-person) interviews and telephone interviews.

**III. Data**

*OMB Control Number:* 0648–0380.

*Form Number(s):* None.

*Type of Review:* Regular submission (extension of a current information collection).

*Affected Public:* Individuals or households; business or other for-profit organizations.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 15,024.

*Estimated Time Per Response:* 11 minutes for a telephone interview; 5 minutes for a dockside interview, 1½ minutes to respond to a follow-up validation call for dockside interviews; 1 minute for biological sampling of catch.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 3,608.

*Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public:* \$0 in recordkeeping/reporting costs.

*Respondent's Obligation:* Mandatory.

*Legal Authority:* Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, Atlantic Tunas Convention Act.

**IV. Request for Comments**

We are soliciting public comments to permit the Department/Bureau to: (a) Evaluate whether the proposed information collection is necessary for the proper functions of the Department, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) Evaluate the accuracy of our estimate of the time and cost burden for this proposed collection, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) Evaluate ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) Minimize the reporting burden on those who are to respond, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments that you submit in response to this notice are a matter of public record. We will include or summarize each comment in our request to OMB to approve this ICR. Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you may ask us in your comment

to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

**Sheleen Dumas,**

*Department PRA Clearance Officer, Office of the Under Secretary for Economic Affairs, Commerce Department.*

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## U.S. INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT FINANCE CORPORATION

### Notice of Public Hearing

**AGENCY:** U.S. International Development Finance Corporation.

**ACTION:** Announcement of public hearing.

**SUMMARY:** The Board of Directors of the U.S. International Development Finance Corporation (“DFC”) will hold a public hearing on December 6, 2023. This hearing will afford an opportunity for any person to present views in accordance with section 1413(c) of the BUILD Act of 2018. Those wishing to present at the hearing must provide advance notice to the agency as detailed below.

**DATES:** Public hearing: 2:00 p.m. EST, Wednesday, December 6, 2023.

**Registration:** To attend, present at, or submit a written statement to the Board prior to the public hearing, individuals must notify DFC Acting Deputy Corporate Secretary Abigail Wade at [corporate.secretary@dfc.gov](mailto:corporate.secretary@dfc.gov) at by 5:00 p.m. EST, Tuesday, November 28, 2023.

Notices of intent to attend or present at the public hearing must include the individual’s name, title, organization, address, email address, phone number, and a concise summary of the subject matter to be presented. Oral presentations may not exceed five minutes and may be reduced proportionately, if necessary, to afford all participants an opportunity to be heard.

Written statements submitted to the Board prior to the public hearing must include the individual’s name, title, organization, address, email address, and phone number. Statements must be typewritten, double-spaced, and less than ten pages in length.

**Deborah Papadopoulou,**

*Records Management Specialist.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Office of the Secretary

[Req No. OS–2024–00032]

### Defense Science Board; Notice of Federal Advisory Committee Meeting

**AGENCY:** Under Secretary of Defense for Research and Engineering (USD(R&E)), Department of Defense (DoD).

**ACTION:** Notice of Federal Advisory Committee meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The DoD is publishing this notice to announce that the following Federal Advisory Committee meeting of the Defense Science Board (DSB) will take place.

**DATES:** Closed to the public Wednesday, November 8, 2023, from 8:00 a.m. to 3:50 p.m. and Thursday, November 9, 2023 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The address of the closed meeting is the Pentagon, Rooms 5E732 and 3A912A, Washington, DC, 20301.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Elizabeth J. Kowalski, Designated Federal Officer (DFO): (703) 571–0081 (Voice), (703) 697–1860 (Facsimile), [elizabeth.j.kowalski.civ@mail.mil](mailto:elizabeth.j.kowalski.civ@mail.mil), (Email). Mailing address is Defense Science Board, 3140 Defense Pentagon, Washington, DC 20301–3140. Website: <http://www.acq.osd.mil/dsb/>. The most up-to-date changes to the meeting agenda can be found on the website.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Due to circumstances beyond the control of the Designated Federal Officer, the Defense Science Board was unable to provide public notification required by 41 CFR 102–3.150(a) concerning its November 8–9, 2023 meeting. Accordingly, the Advisory Committee Management Officer for the Department of Defense, pursuant to 41 CFR 102–3.150(b), waives the 15-calendar day notification requirement.

This meeting is being held under the provisions of chapter 10 of title 5, United States Code (U.S.C.) (commonly known as the “Federal Advisory Committee Act” or “FACA”), 5 U.S.C. 552b (commonly known as the “Government in the Sunshine Act”), and sections 102–3.140 and 102–3.150 of title 41, Code of Federal Regulations (CFR).

**Purpose of the Meeting:** The mission of the DSB is to provide independent advice and recommendations on matters relating to the DoD’s scientific and technical enterprise. The objective of the meeting is to obtain, review, and evaluate classified information related to the DSB’s mission. DSB membership will meet with DoD Leadership to

discuss classified current and future national security challenges and priorities within the DoD.

**Agenda:** The meeting will begin on Wednesday, November 8, 2023 at 8:00 a.m. Eastern Standard time (EST), Ms. Betsy Kowalski, Designated Federal Officer and Dr. Eric Evans, Chair of the DSB, will provide classified opening remarks regarding ongoing studies. Next, the Security Assistance Group-Ukraine will provide a classified briefing on updates regarding the conflict in Ukraine. After a short break, the DSB will receive a classified briefing from Honorable Douglas. R. Bush, Acting Assistant Secretary of the Army (Acquisition, Logistics and Technology) on the Army’s acquisition priorities. Following a break, Dr. Katherine McGrady and Dr. Robert Wisnieff, DSB Members, will provide a classified briefing on the Defense Science Board’s Task Force to Advise Implementation and Prioritization of National Security Innovation Activities findings and recommendations, followed by a DSB vote. After a break, the board will receive a classified briefing from Mr. Frederick J. Stefany, Acting Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Research, Development and Acquisition on the Navy’s acquisition priorities. Lastly, Mr. William B. “Willie” Nelson, Deputy to the Commanding General, Army Futures Command, will provide a classified briefing on Army Future Command’s acquisition priorities. The meeting will adjourn at 3:50 p.m. EST.

The meeting will continue on Thursday, November 9, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. EST with a classified briefing from Dr. Philip Root [Army Lieutenant Colonel (ret), Ph.D.], Director of the Strategic Technology Office (STO) of Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency on STO’s acquisition priorities. This will be followed by a classified briefing provided by Mr. Andrew P. Hunter, Service Acquisition Executive for the United States Air Force (USAF), on the USAF’s acquisition priorities. Following a break, Dr. Derek Tournear, Director, Space Development Agency (SDA), will provide a classified overview of SDA’s overview. After a break, Dr. Robert Grossman and Dr. Mark Maybury, DSB Members, will provide a classified briefing on the DSB’s Task Force on Digital Engineering Capability to Automate Testing and Evaluation findings and recommendations, followed by a DSB vote. After a break, the board will receive a classified briefing from Dr. David Van Wie, DSB Member, regarding the DSB’s Task Force on Test and Evaluation findings and recommendations, followed by a DSB