

time, NMFS is considering allowing participants in the EFP to add sablefish and rex sole to their Vessel Monitoring Plans' (VMP) allowable discard list. NMFS does not expect to add the other two species to this EFP because Pacific sanddab is already listed as an allowable discard, thus no exemption is needed, and NMFS intends to address California halibut discard rules through a future regulatory change rather than an EFP. NMFS requests public comment on the application.

**DATES:** Comments must be received by December 1, 2023.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments on this document, identified by NOAA–NMFS–2023–0143 by the following method:

- *Electronic Submissions:* Submit all public comments via the Federal e-Rulemaking Portal. Go to <https://www.regulations.gov> and enter NOAA–NMFS–2023–0143 in the Search box. Click on the “Comment” icon, complete the required fields, and enter or attach your comments. The EFP application will be available under Supporting and Related Materials through the same link.

- *Instructions:* Comments must be submitted by the above method to ensure that the comments are received, documented, and considered by NMFS. Comments sent by any other method or received after the end of the comment period, may not be considered. All comments received are a part of the public record and will generally be posted for public viewing on <https://www.regulations.gov> without change. All personal identifying information (e.g., name, address, etc.) submitted voluntarily by the sender will be publicly accessible. Do not submit confidential business information, or otherwise sensitive or protected information. NMFS will accept anonymous comments (enter “N/A” in the required fields if you wish to remain anonymous).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Matt Dunlap, West Coast Region, NMFS, (206) 526–6119, [matthew.dunlap@noaa.gov](mailto:matthew.dunlap@noaa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This action is authorized by the Pacific Coast Groundfish Fishery Management Plan and the regulations implementing the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act at 50 CFR 600.745, which state that EFPs may be used to authorize fishing activities that would otherwise be prohibited.

On June 28, 2019 (84 FR 31146), at the recommendation of the Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council), NMFS published a final rule that authorized the use of electronic monitoring (EM) in

place of human observers to meet requirements for 100-percent at-sea monitoring for catcher vessels in the groundfish trawl catch share fishery (Trawl Rationalization Program). EM video systems are used to record catch and discards by the vessel crew while at sea. Vessel operators are responsible for recording catch and discards in a logbook, which is then used to debit individual fishing quota (IFQ) accounts and cooperative allocations. The Council recommended, and NMFS implemented, a delay to the start of the regulatory program (86 FR 5525, October 6, 2021) until January 2024.

The EFP applicant, California Groundfish Collective, seeks to add sablefish, rex sole, Pacific sanddab and California halibut to the allowable discard list for EFP participants for 2024, just as these species have been allowable discards in the 2023 EM EFP. Extending the allowable discarding of sablefish and rex sole into 2024 via an EFP will provide data that could be used by the Council and NMFS to make informed decisions on refining EM discard regulations. NMFS does not expect to include Pacific sanddab in the EFP because that species is already an allowable discard in the regulations. NMFS expects to address California halibut discard rules via a future regulatory change, not an EFP. The EFP application is for approximately 20 trawl gear vessels that use EM. Additional EFP participants that join EM under the regulatory program may apply at a later date.

If approved, NMFS would issue the permits for the EFP project to the applicant and vessel owners or designated representatives as the “EFP holder.” NMFS intends to use an adaptive management approach in which NMFS may revise requirements and protocols to improve the program without issuing another **Federal Register** notice, provided that the modifications fall within the scope of the original EFP. NMFS would also accept additional applications to participate in the same, or similar, exempted fishing activity.

The Regional Administrator has made a preliminary determination that the application described above contains all of the required information and, at least in part, constitutes an activity appropriate for further consideration. After publication of this document in the **Federal Register**, and review and consideration of any public comments received, NMFS may approve and issue permits for the EFP project. NMFS may approve the application in its entirety or may make any alterations needed to achieve the goals of the EFP.

*Authority:* 16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*; 50 CFR 600.745. This action is authorized by Pacific Coast Groundfish Fishery Management Plan and the regulations implementing the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act at 50 CFR 600.745, which states that EFPs may be used to authorize fishing activities that would otherwise be prohibited.

Dated: November 13, 2023.

**Kelly Denit,**

*Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Office of the Secretary

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#### Notice of Availability of Roundtable on Military Spouse Hiring Meeting

**AGENCY:** Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness (USD(P&R)), Department of Defense (DoD).

**ACTION:** Notice of roundtable on military spouse hiring.

**SUMMARY:** The DoD is publishing this notice to announce the Roundtable on Military Spouse Hiring will take place pursuant to the 2023 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA). This Roundtable will bring together stakeholders from the government, private sector, and military families, to discuss the landscape of opportunities and challenges surrounding military spouse hiring.

**DATES:** Thursday, November 16, 2023 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Eastern Standard Time (EST).

**ADDRESSES:** Mark Center Conference Room 17, 4800 Mark Center Drive, Alexandria, VA 22311.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Josie Beets, [josie.e.beets.civ@mail.mil](mailto:josie.e.beets.civ@mail.mil), (202) 570–8977; mailing address: 4800 Mark Center Drive, Alexandria, VA 22311.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In compliance with the 2023 NDAA, section 578, USD(P&R) announces an industry roundtable on military spouse hiring.

*Authority:* Sec. 578, Public Law 117–263, Stat. 2395.

*Purpose:* The purpose of the roundtable is to bring together stakeholders from the government, private sector, and military families, to discuss the landscape of opportunities and challenges surrounding military spouse hiring, the resources available

within the DoD, and the role of industry. The roundtable seeks to foster dialogue and collaboration that can pave the way for military spouses to access fulfilling career opportunities while enhancing the talent pool for private entities and filling labor market gaps. The outcomes of this roundtable will be briefed to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and House of Representatives.

The Roundtable will include inputs and discussions from the Military Spouse Employment Partnership Annual Partner Meeting, where private industry along with military spouses, Federal agencies, and nonprofit partners gather to network, learn, and provide feedback on how to increase military spouse employment.

The roundtable will also include a meeting on November 16, 2023 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. EST on what the DoD can do to impact military spouse hiring both internally and in partnership with private entities. This conversation will focus on the DoD's existing resources for spouses, processes that need to change to increase DoD and Component hiring of spouses, and the capacity to increase support and awareness of available resources. Participants will include the USD (P&R), the Assistant Secretary for Manpower and Reserve Affairs of each Military Department, the Director of the Defense Human Resources Activity, other officials of the DoD the Secretary of Defense determines appropriate, and private entities that participate.

*Written Statements:* The public or interested organizations may submit written comments. Individuals submitting a written statement must submit their statement to Ms. Josie Beets at the email address provided in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section no later than November 20, 2023. Written statements received may be considered by the participants at a later date.

Dated: November 9, 2023.

**Aaron T. Siegel,**

*Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

### Applications for New Awards; Personnel Development To Improve Services and Results for Children With Disabilities—Preparation of Related Services Personnel Serving Children With Disabilities Who Have High-Intensity Needs

**AGENCY:** Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services, Department of Education.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Education (Department) is issuing a notice inviting applications for new awards for fiscal year (FY) 2024 for Personnel Development to Improve Services and Results for Children with Disabilities—Preparation of Related Services Personnel Serving Children with Disabilities who have High-Intensity Needs, Assistance Listing Number (ALN) 84.325R. This notice relates to the approved information collection under OMB control number 1820-0028.

**DATES:**

*Applications Available:* November 16, 2023.

*Deadline for Transmittal of Applications:* January 16, 2024.

*Deadline for Intergovernmental Review:* March 15, 2024.

*Pre-Application Webinar Information:* No later than November 21, 2023, the Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services will post details on pre-recorded informational webinars designed to provide technical assistance to interested applicants. Links to the webinars may be found at <https://www2.ed.gov/fund/grant/apply/osep/new-osep-grants.html>.

**ADDRESSES:** For the addresses for obtaining and submitting an application, please refer to our Common Instructions for Applicants to Department of Education Discretionary Grant Programs, published in the **Federal Register** on December 7, 2022 (87 FR 75045) and available at [www.federalregister.gov/documents/2022/12/07/2022-26554/common-instructions-for-applicants-to-department-of-education-discretionary-grant-programs](http://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2022/12/07/2022-26554/common-instructions-for-applicants-to-department-of-education-discretionary-grant-programs).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Louise Tripoli, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue SW, Room 4A10, Washington, DC 20202. Telephone: (202) 245-7554. Email: [Louise.Tripoli@ed.gov](mailto:Louise.Tripoli@ed.gov).

If you are deaf, hard of hearing, or have a speech disability and wish to access telecommunications relay services, please dial 7-1-1.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

## Full Text of Announcement

### I. Funding Opportunity Description

*Purpose of Program:* The purposes of this program are to (1) help address State-identified needs for personnel preparation in early intervention, special education, related services, and regular education to work with children, including infants, toddlers, and youth, with disabilities; and (2) ensure that those personnel have the necessary skills and knowledge, derived from practices that have been determined through scientifically based research, to be successful in serving those children.

*Priorities:* This competition includes one absolute priority and, within that absolute priority, one competitive preference priority. In accordance with 34 CFR 75.105(b)(2)(v), the absolute priority is from allowable activities specified in the statute (see sections 662 and 681 of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) (20 U.S.C. 1462 and 1481)).

*Absolute Priority:* For FY 2024 and any subsequent year in which we make awards from the list of unfunded applications from this competition, this priority is an absolute priority. Under 34 CFR 75.105(c)(3), we consider only applications that meet this priority.

This priority is:

*Preparation of Related Services Personnel Serving Children with Disabilities who have High-Intensity Needs.*

*Background:*

The purpose of this priority is to prepare scholars in related services who are fully credentialed and licensed to serve children, including infants, toddlers, and youth, with disabilities (children with disabilities) who have high-intensity needs. The Department is committed to promoting equity for children with disabilities to access educational resources and opportunities, and a high priority for the Department is to increase the number of related services personnel, including increasing the number of multilingual personnel and personnel from racially and ethnically diverse backgrounds, who provide services to children with disabilities. To support these goals, under this absolute priority, the Department will fund high-quality projects that prepare related services personnel at the bachelor's degree, certification, master's degree, educational specialist degree, or clinical doctoral degree levels for professional practice in a variety of education settings, including natural environments (the home and community settings in which children with and without disabilities participate), early childhood