

As per section 6410(b) of the Act, NOAA will require that each proposal package submitted to a Ruth D. Gates Coral Reef Conservation Program Notice of Funding Opportunity at minimum include: 1. The name of the individual or entity responsible for conducting the project; 2. A description of the qualifications of the individual or entity; 3. A succinct statement of the purposes of the project; 4. An estimate of the funds and time required to complete the project; 5. Evidence of support for the project by appropriate representatives of States or other government jurisdictions in which the project will be conducted; 6. Information regarding the source and amount of matching funding available to the applicant; 7. A description of how the project meets one or more of the priorities listed in the announcement; and 8. In the case of a proposal submitted by a coral reef stewardship partnership, a description of how the project aligns with the applicable coral reef action plan in effect under section 6404 of this title. Additionally, Federal funds for any coral conservation financial assistance project may not exceed 50 percent of the total cost. However, the Administrator may waive all or part of the matching requirement if the Administrator determines that no reasonable means are available through which an applicant can meet the matching requirement with respect to a coral reef project and the probable benefit of the project outweighs the public interest in the matching requirement. The applicant may choose to also submit a request for this non-Federal matching requirement, if full or in part, at their discretion.

Per 2 CFR 200.329, all recipients of non-construction Federal financial assistance awards are required to provide performance (technical) reports to the agency at intervals no less frequently than annually and no more frequently than quarterly in order for the agency to properly monitor the award and meet oversight responsibilities. The awarding agency must use OMB-approved common forms for this purpose or seek permission for program-specific forms that will collect the required data elements. The Coral Reef Conservation Program obtained OMB approval to revise this information collection to require use of a program-specific form for semi-annual reporting and an annual form for tracking specific indicators but has not been implemented. These indicators align with the new Coral Reef Conservation Program Strategic Plan (2018; [https://www.coris.noaa.gov/activities/strategic\\_](https://www.coris.noaa.gov/activities/strategic_)

*plan2018*) and were to be used to track national progress toward these strategic goals through 2040, however section 6403 of the Act now requires the creation of National Coral Resilience Strategy by December, 2024, and the form may need to be revised to track any changes in indicators. The program-specific form for semi-annual reporting will be a revised version of what is currently approved and will standardize reporting across projects.

## II. Method of Collection

Information will be collected electronically via the Department of Commerce's grant management system, eRA Commons, for performance (technical) reports, *Grants.gov* for non-Federal match waiver requests, and email for covered States' submissions of expenditures of non-Federal funds. In the event that electronic submission is not available for non-Federal match waiver requests, paper submissions may be allowable pursuant to the Notice of Funding Opportunity.

## III. Data

*OMB Control Number:* 0648–0448.

*Form Number(s):* SF–424 series.

*Type of Review:* Regular (Revision and extension of current information collection).

*Affected Public:* Business or other for-profit organizations; nonprofit, nongovernmental, and not-for-profit institutions; State or local government; and regional fishery management councils established under the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*).

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 42.

*Estimated Time per Response:* Block grant report of non-Federal expenditures of covered States: to be determined; Ruth D. Gates Grant Program proposal package development and submission: 46.5 hours; performance progress report and indicator report submission: 6 hours.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 937 hours.

*Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public:* No cost for electronic responses.

*Respondent's Obligation:* Required to obtain or retain benefits.

*Legal Authority:* Coral Reef Conservation Act of 2000, 16 U.S.C. 6401 *et seq.*

## 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 information collection request. 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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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[RTID 0648–XD912]

#### Council Coordination Committee Meeting

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

**ACTION:** Notice of public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Caribbean Fishery Management Council (CFMC) will host a meeting of the Council Coordination Committee (CCC) consisting of eight Regional Fishery Management Council (RFMC) chairs, vice chairs, and executive directors and its subcommittees from May 21 to May 23, 2024. The intent of this meeting is to discuss issues of relevance to the Councils and NMFS, including issues related to the implementation of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Reauthorization Act (MSA), other topics

of concern to the RFMC, and decisions and follow-up activities.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held from Tuesday, May 21, 2024 to Thursday, May 23, 2024. Registration for the meeting will be from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., AST on Monday, May 20, 2024. The meeting will begin at 9 a.m. AST on Tuesday, May 21, 2024, and recess at 5 p.m. or when business is complete. There will be a closed session on May 22, 2024, from 8 a.m. to 8:30 a.m., AST. The meeting will reconvene at 9 a.m. AST, and recess at 5 p.m. or when business is complete. The meeting will reconvene on the final day at 9 a.m. AST on Thursday, May 23, 2024, and adjourn by 12 p.m., AST or when business is complete.

**ADDRESSES:**

*Meeting address:* The meeting will take place at the Caribe Hilton Hotel, 1 San Gerónimo Street San Juan, Puerto Rico 00901; telephone: (787) 721-0303.

You may join the meeting via Zoom, from a computer, tablet or smartphone by entering the following address:

*Topic:* CCC May 21–23, 2024

*Time:* This is a recurring meeting Meet anytime

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**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Miguel Rolón, Executive Director,

Caribbean Fishery Management Council, 270 Muñoz Rivera Avenue, Suite 401, San Juan, Puerto Rico 00918–1903, telephone: (787) 398–3717.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Magnuson-Stephens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (MSA) and 2007 Reauthorization Act (MSRA) established the CCC by amending section 302 (16 U.S.C. 1852) of the MSA. The Committee consists of the chairs, vice-chairs, and executive directors of each of the eight Regional Fishery Management Councils authorized by the MSA, or their proxies, other Council members or staff. All sessions are open to the public and time will be set aside for public comments at the end of each day and after specific sessions at the discretion of the meeting Chair. The meeting Chair will announce public comment times and instructions to provide comment at the start of each meeting day. There will be opportunities for public comments to be provided in-person and remotely via webinar. Updates to this meeting, briefing materials, public comment instructions and additional information will be posted when available at <http://www.fisherycouncils.org/ccc-meetings/may-2024>.

**Proposed Agenda**

*Monday, May 20, 2024*

9 a.m.–5 p.m.: Meeting Registration—Gran Salón Los Rosales

*Tuesday, May 21, 2024*

9 a.m.: CCC Convenes

- I. 9 a.m.–9:10 a.m.: Welcome and Introductions—*Mr. Carlos F. Farchette*
  - Adoption of Agenda
- II. 9:10 a.m.–9:30 a.m.: Opening Remarks and FY24/25 Priorities—*Ms. Janet Coit*
- III. 9:30 a.m.–10:45 a.m.: NOAA Fisheries Update and FY 24/25 Priorities—*Mr. Sam Rauch/Ms. Emily Menashes*
  - Confidentiality Rule Update
  - CEQ NEPA Regulations
  - National Seafood Strategy
  - America the Beautiful/30x30 & Marine and Coastal Area-Based Management Federal Advisory Committee (FAC) Update
  - Sanctuary Regulations and Guidance

— Break 10:45 a.m.–11 a.m. —

IV. 11 a.m.–12:15 p.m.: NOAA Fisheries Science Updates

- CEFI Regional Implementation: Results From the 1st Summit—*Dr. Cisco Werner*
- Marine Recreational Information

Program (MRIP) & Fishing Effort Survey (FES)—*Dr. Evan Howell*

— Lunch 12:15 p.m.–1:45 p.m. —

V. 1:45 p.m.–2:45 p.m.: ESA/MSA Integration Policy Draft

- ESA/MSA Integration Policy Draft—*Mr. Sam Rauch*

VI. 2:45 p.m.–3:15 p.m.: MSA 304(f) Policy—*Ms. Kelly Denit*

— Break 3:15 p.m.–3:30 p.m. —

VII. 3:30 p.m.–4:15 p.m.: National Standards 4, 8, and 9—*Ms. Kelly Denit*

VIII. 4:15 p.m.–4:45 p.m.: Public Comments—*Mr. Carlos F. Farchette*

— Recess —

*Wednesday, May 22, 2024*

8 a.m.–8:30 a.m. CLOSED SESSION

IX. 9 a.m.–10 a.m.: Budget

- 2024 Outlook, Including 5-year Administrative Awards—*Ms. Emily Menashes*
- Long Term Funding for Council Operation

X. 10 a.m.–10:30 a.m.: Anti-Harassment Policies and Addressing Unprofessional Behavior—*Mr. Merrick J. Burden*

— Break 10:30 a.m.–10:45 a.m. —

XI. 10:45 a.m.–11 a.m.: Caribbean Fishery Management Highlights—*Mr. Carlos F. Farchette*

XII. 11 a.m.–11:15 a.m.: 8th Scientific Coordination Subcommittee (SCS) 2024, Planning Report—*Dr. Lisa Kerr*

XIII. 11:15 a.m.–11:30 a.m.: CMOD Planning Update—*Ms. Diana Evans*

XIV. 11:30 a.m.–12 p.m.: International Fisheries Issues—*Mr. Carlos F. Farchette*

— Lunch 12 p.m.–1:30 p.m. —

XV. 1:30 p.m.–2:45 p.m.: Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) Climate-Ready Fishery Funding

- Update on IRA Funding Overall—*Dr. Evan Howell*
- Council-specific Funding Update—*Ms. Kelly Denit*

XVI. 2:45 p.m.–3:45 p.m.: National Academies of Sciences (NAS) Equity Report and Equity and Environmental Justice (EEJ) Regional Strategic Plans—*Mr. Sam Rauch*

— Break 3:45 p.m.–4 p.m. —

XVII. 4 p.m.–4:30 p.m.: Legislative Outlook—*Mr. Dave Whaley*

XVIII. 4:30 p.m.–5 p.m.: Public Comments—*Mr. Carlos F. Farchette*

— Recess —

Thursday, May 23, 2024

XIX. 9 a.m.–10 a.m.: CCC Workgroups/  
Subcommittees

9 a.m.–9:15 a.m.

- Communications Committee  
Councils MSA 50-year Anniversary  
Update

9:15 a.m.–9:30 a.m.

- Habitat Working Group—*Dr. Lisa Hollensead/Dr. Graciela García-Moliner*

9:30 a.m.–9:45 a.m.

- NEPA Working Group Report—*Dr. Graciela García-Moliner*

9:45 a.m.–10:15 a.m.

- EEJ Working Group Report—*Mr. Zach Yamada/Dr. Graciela García-Moliner*

— Break 10:15 a.m.–10:30 a.m. —

XX. 10:30 a.m.–11 a.m.: Public  
Comments—*Mr. Carlos F. Farchette*

XXI. 11 a.m.–11:15 a.m.: 2025 CCC  
Meetings—*Dr. Cate O'keefe*

XXII. 11:15 a.m.–12 p.m.: Other  
Business and Wrap-Up—*Mr. Carlos F. Farchette*

- CCC Outcomes and Action Items

— ADJOURN —

The timing and order in which agenda items are addressed may change as required to effectively address the issues. The CCC will meet as late as necessary to complete scheduled business.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in the meeting agenda may be discussed, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during these meetings. Action will be restricted to those issues specifically listed in this document and any issues arising after publication of this document that require emergency action under section 305 (c) of the Magnuson-Stephens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, provided the public has been notified of the intent to take final action to address the emergency.

### Special Accommodations

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Diana Martino, Caribbean Fishery Management Council, 270 Muñoz Rivera Avenue, Suite 401, San Juan, Puerto Rico, 00918–1903, telephone: (787) 226–8849, at least 5 working days prior to the meeting.

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

Dated: April 24, 2024.

**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

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#### Taking and Importing Marine Mammals; Taking Marine Mammals Incidental to Geophysical Surveys Related to Oil and Gas Activities in the Gulf of Mexico

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

**ACTION:** Notice of modification to expiration date of letter of authorization.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA), as amended, its implementing regulations, and NMFS' MMPA Regulations for Taking Marine Mammals Incidental to Geophysical Surveys Related to Oil and Gas Activities in the Gulf of Mexico (GOM), notification is hereby given that NMFS has modified the expiration date of a Letter of Authorization (LOA) issued to WesternGeco for the take of marine mammals incidental to geophysical survey activity in the GOM.

**DATES:** This LOA is effective through July 31, 2024.

**ADDRESSES:** The LOA, LOA request, and supporting documentation are available online at: <https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/marine-mammal-protection/issued-letters-authorization-oil-and-gas-industry-geophysical-survey>. In case of problems accessing these documents, please call the contact listed below (**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jenna Harlacher, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, (301) 427–8401.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Background

Sections 101(a)(5)(A) and (D) of the MMPA (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*) direct the Secretary of Commerce to allow, upon request, the incidental, but not intentional, taking of small numbers of marine mammals by U.S. citizens who engage in a specified activity (other than commercial fishing) within a specified geographical region if certain findings

are made and either regulations are issued or, if the taking is limited to harassment, a notice of a proposed authorization is provided to the public for review.

An authorization for incidental takings shall be granted if NMFS finds that the taking will have a negligible impact on the species or stock(s), will not have an unmitigable adverse impact on the availability of the species or stock(s) for subsistence uses (where relevant), and if the permissible methods of taking and requirements pertaining to the mitigation, monitoring and reporting of such takings are set forth. NMFS has defined “negligible impact” in 50 CFR 216.103 as an impact resulting from the specified activity that cannot be reasonably expected to, and is not reasonably likely to, adversely affect the species or stock through effects on annual rates of recruitment or survival.

Except with respect to certain activities not pertinent here, the MMPA defines “harassment” as: any act of pursuit, torment, or annoyance which: (i) has the potential to injure a marine mammal or marine mammal stock in the wild (Level A harassment); or (ii) has the potential to disturb a marine mammal or marine mammal stock in the wild by causing disruption of behavioral patterns, including, but not limited to, migration, breathing, nursing, breeding, feeding, or sheltering (Level B harassment).

On January 19, 2021, we issued a final rule with regulations to govern the unintentional taking of marine mammals incidental to geophysical survey activities conducted by oil and gas industry operators, and those persons authorized to conduct activities on their behalf (collectively “industry operators”), in U.S. waters of the GOM over the course of 5 years (86 FR 5322, January 19, 2021). The rule was based on our findings that the total taking from the specified activities over the 5-year period will have a negligible impact on the affected species or stock(s) of marine mammals and will not have an unmitigable adverse impact on the availability of those species or stocks for subsistence uses. The rule became effective on April 19, 2021.

Our regulations at 50 CFR 217.180 *et seq.* allow for the issuance of LOAs to industry operators for the incidental take of marine mammals during geophysical survey activities and prescribe the permissible methods of taking and other means of effecting the least practicable adverse impact on marine mammal species or stocks and their habitat (often referred to as mitigation), as well as requirements pertaining to the monitoring and