

National Environmental Policy Act

To comply with the NEPA of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*) and NOAA Administrative Order (NAO) 216–6A, NMFS must review our proposed action (*i.e.*, the issuance of an IHA) with respect to potential impacts on the human environment.

This action is consistent with categories of activities identified in Categorical Exclusion B4 (IHAs with no anticipated serious injury or mortality) of the Companion Manual for NOAA Administrative Order 216–6A, which do not individually or cumulatively have the potential for significant impacts on the quality of the human environment and for which we have not identified any extraordinary circumstances that would preclude this categorical exclusion. Accordingly, NMFS has determined that the issuance of the IHA qualifies to be categorically excluded from further NEPA review.

Authorization

MFS has issued an IHA to L–DEO for the potential harassment of small numbers of 25 marine mammal species incidental to the marine geophysical survey at the Reykjanes Ridge in the North Atlantic Ocean that includes the previously explained mitigation, monitoring and reporting requirements.

Dated: June 27, 2024.

Kimberly Damon-Randall,

Director, Office of Protected Resources,
National Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration****U.S. Integrated Ocean Observing System (IOOS®) Advisory Committee Public Meeting**

AGENCY: U.S. Integrated Ocean Observing System (IOOS®), National Ocean Service (NOS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Department of Commerce (DOC)

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given of a hybrid meeting of the U. S. Integrated Ocean Observing System (IOOS®) Advisory Committee (Committee). The meeting is open to the public and an opportunity for oral and written comments will be provided.

DATES: The meeting will be held both virtually and in person from July 24, 2024 to July 25, 2024. Sessions will

occur from 9 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. (EDT) on July 24, 2024 and from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. (EDT) on July 25, 2024.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at Pitch at the Wharf, 800 Maine Ave. SW, Washington, DC. To register for the meeting and/or submit public comments, use this link <https://forms.gle/mHrygLRsc3GMFRPYA> or email Laura.Gewain@noaa.gov.

Registration is required. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for instructions and other information about public participation.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Krisa Arzayus, Designated Federal Official, U.S. IOOS Advisory Committee, U.S. IOOS Program, Phone 240–533–9455; Email krisa.arzayus@noaa.gov or visit the U.S. IOOS Advisory Committee website at <http://ioos.noaa.gov/community/u-s-ioos-advisory-committee/>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Committee was established by the NOAA Administrator as directed by section 12304(d) of the Integrated Coastal and Ocean Observation System Act (the Act) as amended by section 103 of the Coordinated Ocean Observations and Research Act of 2020 (COORA) (Pub. L. 116–271, title I). 33 U.S.C. 3603(d). The Committee advises the NOAA Administrator and the Interagency Ocean Observation Committee (IOOC) on matters related to the responsibilities and authorities set forth in the Act and other appropriate matters as the Administrator, the Ocean Policy Committee described at 33 U.S.C. 3603(c)(1), and IOOC may refer to the Committee for review and advice. The charter and summaries of prior meetings can be found online at <https://ioos.noaa.gov/community/u-s-ioos-advisory-committee/>.

Matters To Be Considered

The meeting will focus on: (1) NOAA and IOOS budget, (2) engaging with NOAA leadership, (3) working session on Enterprise Excellence, and (4) new membership. The latest version of the agenda will be posted at <http://ioos.noaa.gov/community/u-s-ioos-advisory-committee/>. The times and the agenda topics described here are subject to change.

Public Comment Instructions

The meeting will be open to public participation (check agenda on website to confirm time). The Committee expects that public statements presented at its meetings will not be repetitive of previously submitted verbal or written statements. In general, each individual or group making a verbal presentation

will be limited to a total time of three (3) minutes. Written comments should be received by the Designated Federal Official by July 16, 2024, to provide sufficient time for Committee review. Written comments received after July 16, 2024, will be distributed to the Committee, but may not be reviewed prior to the meeting date. To submit written comments, please fill out the brief form at <https://forms.gle/mHrygLRsc3GMFRPYA> or email your comments and the organization/company affiliation you represent to Laura.Gewain@noaa.gov. This NOAA public meeting will be recorded for use in preparation of minutes. If you have a public comment, you acknowledge you will be recorded and are aware you can opt out of the meeting. Participation in the meeting constitutes consent to the recording.

Special Accommodations

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Krisa Arzayus, Designated Federal Official by phone (240–533–9455) or email (Krisa.Arzayus@noaa.gov) or to Laura.Gewain@noaa.gov by July 10, 2024.

Carl C. Gouldman,

Director, U. S. Integrated Ocean Observing System Office, National Ocean Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

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Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Crab Rationalization Cost Recovery Program

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

ACTION: Notification of fee percentage.

SUMMARY: NMFS publishes notification of a 3 percent fee for cost recovery under the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Crab Rationalization Program (Program). This action is intended to provide holders of crab allocations notice of the 2024/2025 crab fishing year fee percentage so they can calculate the required cost recovery fee payment,

which must be submitted to NMFS by July 31, 2025.

DATES: The Crab Rationalization Program Registered Crab Receiver permit holder is responsible for submitting the fee liability payment to NMFS by July 31, 2025.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Amy Hadfield, (907) 586-7228.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

NMFS Alaska Region administers the Program in the North Pacific. Fishing under the Program began on August 15, 2005. Regulations implementing the Program can be found at 50 CFR part 680.

The Program is a limited access privilege program authorized by section 313(j) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (Magnuson-Stevens Act). The Program includes a cost recovery provision to collect fees to recover the actual costs directly related to the management, data collection, and enforcement of the Program. The Program is consistent with the cost recovery provisions included under section 304(d)(2)(A) of the Magnuson-Stevens Act. NMFS developed the cost recovery regulations to conform to statutory requirements and to reimburse the agency for the actual costs directly related to the management, data collection, and enforcement of the Program. The cost recovery provision allows collection of 133 percent of the actual management, data collection, and enforcement costs not to exceed 3 percent of the ex-vessel value of crab harvested under the Program. The Program provides that a proportional share of fees charged will be forwarded to the State of Alaska for reimbursement of its share of management and data collection costs for the Program.

A crab allocation holder generally incurs a cost recovery fee liability for every pound of crab landed. Catcher vessel and processor quota shareholders split the cost recovery fees equally with each paying half, while catcher/processor quota shareholders pay the full fee percentage for crab processed at sea. The crab allocations subject to cost recovery include Individual Fishing Quota, Crew Individual Fishing Quota, Individual Processing Quota, Community Development Quota, and the Adak community allocation. The Registered Crab Receiver (RCR) permit holder must collect the fee liability from the crab allocation holder who is landing crab. Additionally, the RCR permit holder must collect their own fee liability for all crab delivered to the

RCR. The RCR permit holder is responsible for submitting this payment to NMFS on or before July 31, in the year following the crab fishing year in which landings of crab were made.

The dollar amount of the fee due is determined by multiplying the fee percentage (not to exceed 3 percent) by the ex-vessel value of crab debited from the allocation. Program details may be found in the implementing regulations at § 680.44.

Fee Percentage

Each year, NMFS calculates and publishes in the **Federal Register** the fee percentage according to the factors and methodology described at § 680.44(c)(2). The formula for determining the fee percentage is the “direct program costs” divided by “value of the fishery,” where “direct program costs” are the direct program costs for the Program for the previous fiscal year, and “value of the fishery” is the ex-vessel value of the catch subject to the crab cost recovery fee liability for the current year. Fee collections for any given year may be less than or greater than the actual costs and fishery value for that year, as regulations establish the fee percentage in the first quarter of the crab fishing year based on the fishery value and costs in the prior year.

According to the fee percentage formula described above, the estimated percentage of costs to value for the 2023/2024 fishery is higher than the maximum fee percentage of 3 percent. As the actual fee percentage is higher than the maximum fee percentage, the effective fee percentage will be 3 percent for the 2024/2025 crab fishing year. This is equal to the effective fee percentage for the 2023/2024 crab fishing year of 3 percent (88 FR 51301, August 3, 2023). While the fishery value increased by approximately 75 percent from last year, the current year fishery value is the second lowest value recorded for this fishery since 2013. Therefore, the overall low fishery value and the direct program costs result in a fee percentage higher than 3 percent. A more detailed explanation will be provided in the annual Crab Cost Recovery Report, which will be published in the first quarter of 2025. Similar to previous years, the largest direct Program costs were incurred by the NOAA Office of Law Enforcement and the State of Alaska Department of Fish and Game, respectively.

Authority: 16 U.S.C. 1862; Pub. L. 109-241; Pub. L. 109-479.

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Lindsay Fullenkamp,

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

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CONSUMER FINANCIAL PROTECTION BUREAU

Fair Lending Report of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau

AGENCY: Consumer Financial Protection Bureau.

ACTION: Fair Lending Report of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau.

SUMMARY: The Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB) is issuing its eleventh Fair Lending Report of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (Fair Lending Report) to Congress. The CFPB is committed to ensuring fair, equitable, and nondiscriminatory access to credit for both individuals and communities. This report describes our fair lending activities in supervision and enforcement; guidance and rulemaking; interagency coordination; and outreach and education for calendar year 2023.

DATES: The CFPB released the 2023 Fair Lending Report on its website on June 26, 2024.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Susan Grutza, Senior Policy Counsel, Fair Lending, at 1-855-411-2372. If you require this document in an alternative electronic format, please contact CFPB_Accessibility@cfpb.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

1. Fair Lending Enforcement and Supervision

1.1. Risk-Based Prioritization

Because Congress charged the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB) with the responsibility of overseeing many lenders and products, the CFPB has long used a risk-based approach to prioritizing supervisory examinations and enforcement activity. This approach helps ensure that the CFPB focuses on areas that present substantial risk of credit discrimination for consumers and small businesses.¹

As part of the prioritization process, the CFPB identifies emerging developments and trends by monitoring key consumer financial markets. If this field and market intelligence identifies

¹ See Risk-Based Approach to Examinations, *Supervisory Highlights* Summer 2013 at 23, https://files.consumerfinance.gov/f/201308_cfpb_supervisory-highlights_august.pdf, for additional information regarding the CFPB's risk-based approach in prioritizing supervisory examinations.