

1531 *et seq.*) and the regulations governing the taking, importing, and exporting of endangered and threatened species (50 CFR parts 222–226).

The applicant proposes to assess post-hooking survival, movements, and ecology, provide critical life history information, and genetic information to aid in the development of methods to reduce sea turtles interactions with fishing gear. The applicant proposes to conduct research on sea turtles bycaught in three longline Pacific fisheries (Hawaii Deep-Set Longline Fishery, Hawaii Shallow-Set Longline Fishery, and American Samoa Longline Fishery). Turtles may be flipper tagged, skin biopsied, satellite tagged (epoxy attachment), measured, and photographed/videoed prior to release. Biological samples may be imported from the high seas. The applicant may conduct research on the number of turtles authorized to be incidentally taken in each fishery. The permit would be valid for 5 years from the date of issuance.

Dated: July 30, 2024.

Julia M. Harrison,

Chief, Permits and Conservation Division, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[RTID 0648–XE158]

Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council (MAFMC); Public Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice; public meeting.

SUMMARY: The Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council will hold a public webinar to collect input to inform development of the Council's next strategic plan for 2025–2029.

DATES: The meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 20, 2024, from 2 p.m. until 3:30 p.m. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for details.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held via webinar. Connection information will be posted prior to the meeting at www.mafmc.org.

Council address: Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council, 800 N State Street, Suite 201, Dover, DE 19901; telephone: (302) 674–2331; www.mafmc.org.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Christopher M. Moore, Ph.D., Executive Director, Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council, telephone: (302) 526–5255.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council is guided by a five-year strategic plan. The plan serves as a roadmap that is used to prioritize fishery management actions, focus resources, and ensure steady progress toward long-term goals. The current strategic plan will expire at the end of 2024, and the Council is in the process of developing the next strategic plan for 2025–2029.

During the webinar, the public will have an opportunity to provide feedback on the Council's performance relative to the 2020–2024 strategic plan and provide recommendations for priority issues to be addressed in the 2025–2029 plan. Additional information, updates, and instructions for providing written comments will be posted to the Council's website at: <https://www.mafmc.org/strategic-plan>.

Special Accommodations

The meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Shelley Spedden, (302) 526–5251 at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

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

Dated: July 31, 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

Ocean Research Advisory Panel (ORAP)

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

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice sets forth the schedule and proposed agenda of a meeting of the Ocean Research Advisory Panel (ORAP). The members will discuss issues outlined in the section on Matters to be Considered.

DATES: The meeting is scheduled for September 4, 2024 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Hawaii standard time (HST) and September 5, 2024 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. HST. These times and the

agenda topics described below are subject to change.

For the latest agenda please refer to the ORAP website: <https://www.noaa.gov/ocean-research-advisory-panel/orap-public-meetings>.

ADDRESSES: The September 4–5, 2024 meeting will be at the Hawai'i Imin International Conference Center, 1777 East-West Road, Honolulu, Hawai'i 96848. The link for the webinar registration will be posted, when available, on the ORAP website: <https://www.noaa.gov/ocean-research-advisory-panel/orap-public-meetings>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Viviane Silva, ORAP Designated Federal Officer (DFO), SSMC3, Room 11320, 1315 East-West Hwy., Silver Spring, MD 20910; Phone Number: 240–624–0656; Email: DFO.orap@noaa.gov; or visit the ORAP website at <https://www.noaa.gov/ocean-research-advisory-panel/orap-public-meetings>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Ocean Research Advisory Panel (ORAP) advises the Ocean Policy Committee (OPC) and provides independent recommendations to the Federal Government on matters of ocean policy.

Congress directed the establishment of the ORAP in section 1055(c) of the William M. (Mac) Thornberry National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2021 (Pub. L. 116–283), 10 U.S.C. 8933.

ORAP's responsibilities are (1) to advise the OPC on policies and procedures to implement the National Oceanographic Partnership Program; (2) to advise the OPC on matters relating to national oceanographic science, engineering, facilities, or resource requirements; (3) to advise the OPC on improving diversity, equity, and inclusion in the ocean sciences and related fields; (4) to advise the OPC on national ocean research priorities; and (5) any additional responsibilities that the OPC considers appropriate.

Status: The September 4–5, 2024 meeting will be open to public participation with a 30-minute public comment period at 3:15 p.m. HST on September 4th. The ORAP 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-five minutes. Written comments for the September 4–5, 2024 meeting should be received by August 19, 2024 by the ORAP DFO (DFO.orap@noaa.gov) to provide sufficient time for ORAP review. Written comments received by the ORAP DFO after this date will be

distributed to the ORAP, but may not be reviewed prior to the meeting date.

Special Accommodations: These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for special accommodations may be directed to the ORAP DFO no later than 12 p.m. EDT on August 19, 2024.

Matters to be Considered: During the ORAP meeting on Dec. 13–14, 2023, the Ocean Policy Committee (OPC) requested that the ORAP advise on areas of opportunity for partnership (such as through the National Oceanic Partnership Program) on the topic of emerging technology (which could include Artificial Intelligence/Machine Learning, eDNA, and similar technology) with ocean industry and other sectors over the next 5–10 years. The OPC also requested that ORAP self-select another topic to address. The ORAP members agreed that the topic of accessible, inter-operable, interdisciplinary, and trusted ocean data to meet research and user needs is critical and deserves ORAP immediate attention. At this meeting on September 4–5, 2024, ORAP members will hear from the ORAP subgroups on the two OPC tasks progress and hear from Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander communities on Indigenous perspectives, knowledge, and practices related to the Ocean, in particular, insights on emerging technology and data.

Meeting materials, including work products, will be made available on the ORAP website: <https://www.noaa.gov/ocean-research-advisory-panel/orap-public-meetings>.

Dated: July 16, 2024.

David Holst,

Director Chief Financial Officer/CAO, Office of Oceanic and Atmospheric Research, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[RTID 0648–XE159]

New England Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice of a public meeting.

SUMMARY: The New England Fishery Management Council (Council) is

scheduling a public meeting of its Joint Herring Committee and Advisory Panel 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 Thursday, August 22, 2024, at 1 p.m.

ADDRESSES:

Webinar registration URL information: <https://nefmc-org.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJUlde2hjq0rE9S93wF9at0Dq8m3tUI-2n9d>.

Council address: New England Fishery Management Council, 50 Water Street, Mill 2, Newburyport, MA 01950.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Cate O’Keefe, Executive Director, New England Fishery Management Council; telephone: (978) 465–0492.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Agenda

The Atlantic Herring Committee and Advisory Panel will meet to discuss the following items: Atlantic Herring Specifications for 2025–2027: Receive an update on the development of this action, including: (1) a report from the Plan Development Team and ASMFC’s Technical Committee, (2) an overview of the 2024 management track stock assessment, (3) a summary of the Scientific and Statistical Committee’s recommendations, and (4) a summary of the ASMFC Atlantic Herring Board’s discussions. In response to the results of the 2024 management track stock assessment and to meet conservation and management objectives for Atlantic herring, engage in Committee discussion on whether to recommend additional management measures, including the possibility of initiating a framework adjustment or considering in-season adjustments for 2024 and 2025 catch limits, along with any other recommendations as appropriate. Other business will be discussed, if 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 Cate O’Keefe, Executive Director, at (978) 465–0492, at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

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

Dated: July 31, 2024.

Key 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–XE147]

Endangered Species; File No. 27686

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

ACTION: Notice; issuance of permit.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that Hudson River Sloop Clearwater, Inc., (Clearwater) has been issued a permit for the incidental take of shortnose (*Acipenser brevirostrum*) and Atlantic sturgeon (*A. oxyrinchus*) associated with the otherwise lawful education trawl in the Hudson River.

ADDRESSES: The permit and related documents are available on the NMFS Office of Protected Resources website at: <https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/action/incidental-take-permit-hudson-river-sloop-clearwater-inc>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Steven Hughes, (301) 427–8576, steven.hughes@noaa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 9 of the Endangered Species Act (ESA) and Federal regulations prohibits the “taking” of a species listed as endangered or threatened. The ESA defines “take” to mean harass, harm, pursue, hunt, shoot, wound, kill, trap, capture, or collect, or to attempt to engage in any such conduct. NMFS may issue permits, under limited circumstances, to take listed species when the takes are incidental to, and not the purpose of, otherwise lawful activities. Section 10(a)(1)(B) of the ESA provides for authorizing incidental take of listed species. The regulations for issuing incidental take permits for