

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

[RTID 0648-XE223]

Marine Fisheries Advisory Committee Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice of open public meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice sets forth the proposed schedule and agenda of a forthcoming meeting of the Marine Fisheries Advisory Committee (MAFAC). The members will discuss and provide advice on issues outlined under the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section below.

DATES: The meeting will be held September 10–12, 2024. Daily start and end times are (in Alaska Time):

- Tuesday, September 10, 2024 from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, September 11, 2024 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:45 p.m.
- Thursday, September 12, 2024 from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting is being held at the Kodiak Area Native Association Marketplace, 111 Rezanof Dr. W, Kodiak, AK 99615. Conference call and webinar access information are available at: <https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/event/september-2024-marine-fisheries-advisory-committee-meeting>. Public comment may be provided to MAFAC by one of the following methods: (1) submitting written comments in advance of the MAFAC public meeting to katie.zanowicz@noaa.gov, with “September 2024 MAFAC” in the subject line of the email message, or (2) providing oral public comment during the meeting at the time allotted on the posted agenda.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Katie Zanowicz, MAFAC Assistant, 301–427–8038, katie.zanowicz@noaa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: As required by section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. appendix 2, notice is hereby given of a meeting of MAFAC. The MAFAC was established by the Secretary of Commerce (Secretary) and, since 1971, advises the Secretary on all living marine resource matters that are the responsibility of the Department of Commerce. The charter, summaries of prior meetings, and MAFAC recommendations and reports are located online at <https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/topic/partners/marine-fisheries-advisory-committee>.

[noaa.gov/topic/partners/marine-fisheries-advisory-committee](https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/topic/partners/marine-fisheries-advisory-committee).

Matters To Be Considered

The meeting time and agenda are subject to change. The meeting is convened to hear presentations and discuss policies and guidance on the following topics: climate-ready fisheries and climate impacts to seafood businesses, industry, and communities in Alaska; climate science work in Alaska; equity and environmental justice; and recreational fisheries. MAFAC will also receive other NOAA Fisheries program updates and discuss various administrative and organizational matters.

Time and Date

The meeting will be held September 10–12, 2024. Conference call and webinar access information are available at: <https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/event/september-2024-marine-fisheries-advisory-committee-meeting>. Daily start and end times are noted in the **DATES** section above.

Special Accommodations

This meeting is accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Katie Zanowicz, (301) 427–8038, by August 29, 2024.

Dated: August 21, 2024.

Heidi Lovett,

Designated Federal Officer, Marine Fisheries Advisory Committee, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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

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New England Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: The New England Fishery Management Council (Council) is scheduling a hybrid meeting of its Groundfish Committee 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 meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 11, 2024, at 9 a.m.

ADDRESSES:

Meeting address: This meeting will be held at Four Points by Sheraton, One Audubon Road, Wakefield, MA 01880; telephone: (781) 245–9300.

Webinar registration URL information: <https://nefmc-org.zoom.us/j/9485123456789>.

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 Groundfish Committee will meet to receive recommendations from the Recreational Advisory Panel, Groundfish Advisory Panel, and Groundfish Plan Development Team. They will also review Amendment 25 draft alternatives for incorporating new cod stock units into the fishery management plan and recommend preferred alternatives to the Council. The Committee will receive an update on development of draft alternatives, including potential recommendations to the Council regarding Framework Adjustment 69/Specifications and Management Measures as well as receive an update on development of the Atlantic Cod Management Transition Plan. They will make recommendations to the Council, as appropriate, and discuss other business, 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: August 21, 2024.

Rey Israel Marquez,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Patent and Trademark Office

[Docket No: PTO-C-2024-0044]

Nomination of Individuals to the Council for Inclusive Innovation

AGENCY: United States Patent and Trademark Office, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of request for nominations.

SUMMARY: The Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property and Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) requests the nomination of individuals to the Council for Inclusive Innovation (CI² or the Council) within the USPTO. The Secretary of Commerce (Secretary), in coordination with the Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property and Director of the USPTO (Director), will consider nominations received in response to this notice, as well as from other sources.

DATES: Nominations for immediate consideration must be received by 5 p.m. ET on September 30, 2024. After that date, the USPTO may continue to accept nominations under this notice for one year to fill vacancies that may arise.

ADDRESSES: Nominations should be submitted to: CI2Leadership@uspto.gov (subject line: "Council for Inclusive Innovation Nomination").

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Louis J. Boston Jr., Acting Director, Council for Inclusive Innovation, USPTO, Department of Commerce, at 571-272-9585 or CI2Leadership@uspto.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In 2019, the USPTO published a report pursuant to a requirement of the Study of Underrepresented Classes Chasing Engineering and Science Success (SUCCESS) Act of 2018 (Pub. L. 115-273). The report contained a series of findings and recommendations, including a recommendation that the USPTO create a council to help develop a national strategy for promoting and increasing the participation of

underrepresented groups as inventor-patentees, entrepreneurs, and innovation leaders. The Council (formerly known as the National Council for Expanding American Innovation) was established, and its work with the USPTO led to the publication of the National Strategy for Inclusive Innovation (Strategy). The Strategy is available at: www.uspto.gov/sites/default/files/documents/NationalStrategy.pdf.

The following sections provide information about the Council, membership on the Council, and the Council's nomination process.

Objectives and Scope of the Council's Activities

The Council's goal is to foster inclusive innovation and to encourage and support innovation from all inventors, entrepreneurs, creators, and others, including those who have traditionally been underrepresented in the innovation ecosystem. An inclusive innovation ecosystem ensures that America's full potential is unleashed, strengthening our economy and providing building blocks for future innovation.

Description of Council Members' Duties

Council members will individually advise the Secretary and the Director on furthering the Strategy to help ensure the advancement of innovation and intellectual property. This Strategy is based on a vision for the United States' leadership in innovation that will lift communities, grow the economy, create quality jobs, and address global challenges. This vision will be achieved by increasing participation in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) and innovation, starting with our youth, and will unleash every American's ability to fully take part in the innovation economy.

Council members will also individually provide information and feedback on how the USPTO can work across government and with the private and academic sectors to promote more innovation for all—especially in key technology areas—and to bring more innovation to impact and adoption. Council members will provide their individual viewpoints concerning Council activities, and no consensus advice is sought.

Additional duties of the Council members include:

1. Attending all Council meetings, to the extent possible, including virtual attendance if necessary;
2. Providing individual feedback and information on furthering the Strategy

and fostering the involvement of all inventor-patentees, entrepreneurs, and innovation leaders, including those who are underrepresented or lack access to the ecosystem, and on developing innovation in key technology areas;

3. Participating in their individual capacities, as necessary, or at the request of the Chair or Vice Chair, in public roundtable discussions convened by the USPTO, to gather public stakeholder comments and suggestions;

4. Individually assisting the USPTO in promoting national awareness of STEM fields and fostering opportunities for all, including underrepresented groups in these professions and as inventor-patentees, entrepreneurs, and innovation leaders;

5. Individually providing information to the Council on issues and developments that affect the inclusion of all in innovation, including underrepresented groups as inventor-patentees, entrepreneurs, and innovation leaders;

6. Individually identifying designees to serve on the Council Working Group; and

7. Communicating regularly, on an individual basis, with their designees to the Council Working Group to drive progress on action items.

More information about the Council is available at: www.uspto.gov/initiatives/equity/ci2.

Council Membership

The Council consists of up to 35 members, including the Chair and Vice Chair. The Secretary serves as Chair, and the Director serves as Vice Chair. Council members are comprised of representatives from (1) private industry, (2) nonprofit organizations, (3) academia, and (4) various Federal Government agencies and departments. The Chair may designate additional Council members who are heads of other Federal agencies to serve as Co-Vice Chairs. Council members will serve in a representative capacity, and members who are not already Federal employees will not be considered employees of the Federal Government for purposes of their participation on the Council.

The Council also includes a Council Working Group consisting of USPTO-approved designees of the Council members as well as additional members selected by the Vice Chair. Council Working Group members will provide individual input, and no consensus advice will be sought.

Council members generally will serve staggered three-year terms, except that any member appointed to fill a vacancy for an unexpired term will be appointed