

the users' body and (2) The impact that using an exoskeleton has on the performance of users executing tasks that are representative of activities in industrial settings. The results of these experiments will inform future test method development at NIST, other organizations, and under the purview of the new American Society for Testing Materials (ASTM) Committee F48 on Exoskeletons and Exosuits.

**Affected Public:** Households and individuals.

**Frequency:** On occasion.

**Respondent's Obligation:** Voluntary.

This information collection request may be viewed at [www.reginfo.gov](http://www.reginfo.gov). Follow the instructions to view the Department of Commerce collections currently under review by OMB.

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be submitted within 30 days of the publication of this notice on the following website [www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain](http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain). Find this particular information collection by selecting "Currently under 30-day Review—Open for Public Comments" or by using the search function and entering either the title of the collection or the OMB Control Number 0693-0083.

**Sheleen Dumas,**

*Departmental PRA Compliance 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-XE630]

#### Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council (MAFMC); Public Meetings

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

**ACTION:** Notice of public meetings.

**SUMMARY:** The Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council (Council) will hold public meetings of the Council and its Executive Committee.

**DATES:** The meetings will be held Tuesday, February 11 through Wednesday, February 12, 2025. For agenda details, see **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

**ADDRESSES:** This will be a fully virtual meeting. Council members, other meeting participants, and members of

the public will participate via Webex webinar. Webinar connection instructions and briefing materials will be available at <https://www.mafmc.org/briefing/february-2025>.

**Council address:** Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council, 800 N State St., Suite 201, Dover, DE 19901; telephone: (302) 674-2331; [www.mafmc.org](http://www.mafmc.org).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Christopher M. Moore, Ph.D. Executive Director, Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council; telephone: (302) 526-5255. The Council's website, [www.mafmc.org](http://www.mafmc.org), also has details on the meeting location, proposed agenda, webinar listen-in access, and briefing materials.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The following items are on the agenda, although agenda items may be addressed out of order, (changes will be noted on the Council's website when possible).

#### Tuesday, February 11, 2025

##### *Executive Committee—Closed Session*

Review Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) membership applications.

##### *Spiny Dogfish Accountability Measures Framework*

Introduction to the purpose of this framework and review the range of alternatives that may be considered.

##### *Recreational Sector Separation and Data Collection Amendment: Recreational for-Hire Control Dates*

Consider requesting that NOAA Fisheries publish control dates for recreational for-hire permits for summer flounder, scup, black sea bass, and bluefish.

##### *Legal Review, Financial Disclosure, and Recusal Training—John Almeida, NOAA Fisheries General Counsel*

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##### *Northeast Fisheries Science Center (NEFSC) Survey Update—Dr. Kathryn Ford, NEFSC*

Updates on the NOAA Ship Henry B. Bigelow Bottom Trawl Operations and Contingency Plans.

Recent developments related to the Industry-Based Survey Pilot Project.

##### *Fishing Gear Effects on Marine Habitats: A National Database Presentation—Dr. David Stevenson and Tori Kentner*

Overview of Council project to develop searchable collection of literature on impacts of fishing gear on the marine fish habitats throughout the United States and U.S. Territories.

##### *Locking Away Carbon on the Northeast Shelf and Slope (LOC-NESS)—Dr. Adam Subhas, Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution*

Presentation on the LOC-NESS project focused on marine Carbon Dioxide Removal (mCDR).

##### *Standardized Bycatch Reduction Methodology (SBRM) 3-Year Review*

Council staff will summarize the required 3-year review (covers SBRM performance from July 2019 through June 2022).

#### Wednesday, February 12, 2025

##### *Business Session*

Committee Reports—SSC, NTAP; Executive Director's Report—Review and appoint SSC membership; Organization Reports; Liaison Reports.

##### *Other Business and General Public Comment*

Although non-emergency issues not contained in this agenda may come before this group for discussion, in accordance with the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (Magnuson-Stevens Act), those issues may not be the subject of formal action during these meetings. Actions will be restricted to those issues specifically identified in this notice and any issues arising after publication of this notice that require emergency action under Section 305(c).

#### Special Accommodations

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aid 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: January 23, 2025.

**Rey Israel Marquez,**

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

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Department of the Army, Corps of Engineers

#### National Wetland Plant List

**AGENCY:** U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, DoD.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The National Wetland Plant List (NWPL) provides plant species

indicator status ratings, which are used in determining whether the hydrophytic vegetation factor is met when conducting wetland delineations under the Clean Water Act and section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act and wetland determinations under the Wetland Conservation Provisions of the Food Security Act. Other applications of the NWPL include wetland restoration, establishment, and enhancement projects. To update the NWPL, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), as part of an interagency effort with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) and the U.S. Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), is announcing the availability of the draft changes to the 2024 NWPL to solicit public comments. The public will now have the opportunity to comment on the proposed changes to wetland indicator status ratings for ten plant species over five different regions.

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted on or before March 31, 2025.

**ADDRESSES:** U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Attn: CECW-CO-R, 441 G Street NW, Washington, DC 20314-1000.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Brianne McGuffie, Headquarters, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Operations and Regulatory Community of Practice, Washington, DC 20314-1000, by phone at 202-761-4750 or by email at [brianne.e.mcguffie@usace.army.mil](mailto:brianne.e.mcguffie@usace.army.mil).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Background**

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) administers the NWPL for the United States (U.S.) and its territories. Responsibility for the NWPL was transferred to USACE from the FWS in 2006. The NWPL has undergone several revisions since its inception in 1988. Additions or deletions to the NWPL represent new records, range extensions,

nomenclatural and taxonomic changes, and newly proposed species. The latest review process began in 2024 and included review by Regional Panels (RPs) and the National Panel (NP).

**Wetland Indicator Status Ratings**

On the NWPL, there are five categories of wetland indicator status ratings used to indicate a plant’s likelihood for occurrence in wetlands versus non-wetlands: Obligate Wetland (OBL), Facultative Wetland (FACW), Facultative (FAC), Facultative Upland (FACU), and Upland (UPL). These rating categories are defined by the NP as follows: OBL—almost always occur in wetlands; FACW—usually occur in wetlands but may occur in non-wetlands; FAC—occur in wetlands and non-wetlands; FACU—usually occur in non-wetlands but may occur in wetlands; UPL—almost always occur in non-wetlands. These category definitions are qualitative descriptions that better reflect the qualitative supporting information, rather than numeric frequency ranges. The percentage frequency categories used in the older definitions are only used for testing problematic or contested species being recommended for indicator status changes. All other previously utilized indicator designations are no longer used on the NWPL. More information on the specifics of how to use these ratings is available on the NWPL website at <https://wetland-plants.sec.usace.army.mil/>.

The NWPL is utilized in conducting wetland determinations under the authority of section 404 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1344) and section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 (33 U.S.C. 401 *et seq.*) and wetland determinations under the authority of the Food Security Act of 1985 (16 U.S.C. 3801 *et seq.*). For the purposes of determining how often a species occurs in wetlands, wetlands are defined as either (1) those areas that are inundated

or saturated by surface or ground water at a frequency and duration sufficient to support, and that under normal circumstances do support, a prevalence of vegetation typically adapted for life in saturated soil conditions (33 CFR 328.3) or (2) “except when such term is part of the term ‘converted wetland,’ means land that has a predominance of hydric soils; is inundated or saturated by surface or groundwater at a frequency and duration sufficient to support a prevalence of hydrophytic vegetation typically adapted for life in saturated soil conditions; and under normal circumstances does support a prevalence of such vegetation, except that this term does not include lands in Alaska identified as having a high potential for agricultural development and a predominance of permafrost soils.” (16 U.S.C. 3801(a)(27) and 7 CFR 12.2). Because each plant species being evaluated occurs as part of a vegetation assemblage, examining all species present in relation to their assigned wetland fidelity may be useful in assessing hydrophytic vegetation.

**2024 Update Information**

For the 2024 NWPL update, requested wetland indicator status rating changes were submitted by the public. One member of the public submitted a request to change the wetland indicator status rating for *Cicendia quadrangularis* to FAC in the Arid West region. However, the submitter’s requested change is already reflected on the NWPL. Since the requested indicator status rating of FAC is the same wetland indicator status rating already contained in the NWPL, no change is being proposed by the NWPL NP for this species. The NWPL NP and pertinent RPs reviewed the proposed changes for two other species, *Alnus incana* and *Amaranthus tuberculatus*, and made recommendations for the proposed 2024 wetland indicator status ratings for these species detailed below.

Species	Region(s) *	Current 2022 NWPL rating	Proposed 2024 NWPL rating
<i>Alnus incana</i> .....	AGCP, EMP ...	FACU .....	FACW.
<i>Amaranthus tuberculatus</i> .....	MW, NCNE ...	OBL .....	FACW.

\* AGCP—Atlantic and Gulf Coastal Plain; EMP—Eastern Mountains and Piedmont; MW—Midwest; NCNE—Northcentral and Northeast.

For the 2024 NWPL update, the Alaska RP requested an evaluation of the wetland indicator status ratings for eight species in the Alaska region which have different wetland indicator status ratings for certain subregions within Alaska. The U.S. Army Engineer

Research and Development Center, in collaboration with the Alaska RP, evaluated the subregional wetland indicator status ratings for those eight species using repeatable methods for assignment of wetland indicator status rating, including multiple

correspondence analysis, analysis of similarity, non-metric multidimensional scaling, principal component analysis, and machine learning techniques. Based on the results of this research (Whitecloud et al., 2024), as well as input from the NWPL NP and the

Alaska RP, we propose the following changes, which are summarized in the table below. A copy of this report can be reviewed at the following link: <http://dx.doi.org/10.21079/11681/49509>. Note: no changes are being proposed to the overall Alaska regional wetland indicator status ratings. Subregion acronyms are defined below the recommendations table.

1. *Andromeda polifolia*—for the two examined subregions with adequate sample size (IAL, UKK), change wetland indicator status rating from OBL to FACW. The wetland indicator status rating remains OBL in IAM. For the two examined subregions without adequate sample size (CRB, IBR), the wetland indicator status rating will remain OBL, as there was not sufficient data to support an indicator status change.

2. *Arctous rubra*—change the wetland indicator status rating for all subregions

examined (WBR, NBR, NSL, SPH) to match the state wetland indicator status rating of FAC.

3. *Carex canescens*—no change to the subregion wetland indicator status rating of FAC, as none of the five subregions examined (IAL, IAM, CRB, IBR, UKK) had adequate sample size to support a different indicator.

4. *Rhododendron tomentosum*—change the wetland indicator status rating for the subregion examined (PDA) to match the state wetland indicator status rating of FACW.

5. *Rubus arcticus*—no change to the subregion wetland indicator status rating of FACU. Retention of FACU is supported by the analyses for three subregions (IAH, IAM, CRB), but two subregions (IAL and IBR) did not have enough data for analysis, so remain unchanged. *Salix arctica*—remains FAC in ACP (supported by analyses) and

NSL (not enough data to support change). WBR and SPH are reassigned from FAC to FACU to match the state.

6. *Salix pulchra*—change the wetland indicator status rating for all subregions examined (WBR, PDA) to match the state wetland indicator status rating of FACW.

7. *Viola palustris*—change the rating for AKI from FAC to FACW. For the purposes of this proposed change, the change from FAC to FACW for *Viola palustris* will apply to Major Land Resource Areas (MLRA) 230 (Yukon-Kuskokwim Highlands) and 232 (Yukon Flats Lowland). Under this proposal, the other NWPL subregions (*i.e.*, MLRAs) found in AKI (CBR, IAH, IAL, IAM, IBR, PDA) will remain FAC. Retention of FAC for IAH and IAM is supported by analyses; the remaining subregions did not have enough data.

Species name	Current Alaska rating	Subregion	Current NWPL subregion rating	Proposed 2024 NWPL subregion rating
<i>Andromeda polifolia</i>	FACW	IAL	OBL	FACW.
		IAM	OBL	OBL.
		CRB	OBL	OBL.
		IBR	OBL	OBL.
		UKK	OBL	FACW.
<i>Arctous rubra</i>	FAC	WBR	FACW	FAC.
		NBR	FACW	FAC.
		NSL	FACW	FAC.
		SPH	FACW	FAC.
		IAL	FAC	FAC.
<i>Carex canescens</i>	FACW	IAM	FAC	FAC.
		CRB	FAC	FAC.
		IBR	FAC	FAC.
		UKK	FAC	FAC.
		PDA	FAC	FACW.
<i>Rhododendron tomentosum</i>	FACW			
<i>Rubus arcticus</i>	FAC	IAH	FACU	FACU.
		IAL	FACU	FACU.
		IAM	FACU	FACU.
		CRB	FACU	FACU.
		IBR	FACU	FACU.
<i>Salix arctica</i>	FACU	ACP	FAC	FAC.
		WBR	FAC	FACU.
		NSL	FAC	FAC.
		SPH	FAC	FACU.
		WBR	FAC	FACW.
<i>Salix pulchra</i>	FACW	PDA	FAC	FACW.
		AKI	FAC	FACW.
		IAH	FAC	FAC.
<i>Viola palustris</i>	FACW	IAL	FAC	FAC.
		IAM	FAC	FAC.
		CRB	FAC	FAC.
		IBR	FAC	FAC.
		PDA	FAC	FAC.

ACP—Arctic Coastal Plain; AKI—Alaska Interior; CRB—Copper River Basin; IAH—Interior Alaska Highlands; IAL—Interior Alaska Lowlands; IAM—Interior Alaska Mountains; IBR—Interior Brooks Range; NBR—Northern Brooks Range; NSL—Northern Seward Peninsula; PDA—Pebble/Donlin/Aniak; SPH—Seward Peninsula Highlands; UKK—Upper Kobuk-Koyukuk; WBR—Western Brooks Range.

**Instructions for Providing Comments**

USACE encourages public input in the form of data, comments, literature references, or field experiences, to help clarify the status of the species reviewed for this update. Comments on these

proposed changes should be emailed to [nwpl@usace.army.mil](mailto:nwpl@usace.army.mil). Users are encouraged to submit literature citations, herbaria records, experiential references, monitoring data, photographic documentation, and other

relevant information. Specific knowledge of, or studies related to, individual species are particularly helpful. When providing input or information on the draft changes to the 2024 NWPL update, commenters should

use their regional botanical and ecological expertise, field observations, reviews of the most recent indicator status information, appropriate botanical literature, floras, herbarium specimens with notation of habitat and associated species, habit data, relevant studies, and historic list information. Providing ratings without supporting documentation or information is not recommended. All submitted comments and information will be compiled and sent to the NP for their review and consideration.

Detailed information on the update process, protocol, and technical issues can be found in the following documents, which are available on the "References/Resources" web page:

- Lichvar, Robert W. and Paul Minkin. Concepts and Procedures for Updating the National Wetland Plant List. 2008. ERDC/CRREL TN-08-3. Hanover, NH: U.S. Army Engineer Research and Development Center, Cold Regions Research and Engineering Laboratory.

- Lichvar, Robert W. and Jennifer J. Gillrich. Final Protocol for Assigning Wetland Indicator Status Ratings during National Wetland Plant List Update. 2011. ERDC/CRREL TN-11-1. Hanover, NH: U.S. Army Engineer Research and Development Center, Cold Regions Research and Engineering Laboratory.

- Lichvar Robert W., Norman C. Melvin, Mary L. Butterwick, and William N. Kirchner. 2012. National Wetland Plant List Indicator Rating Definitions. ERDC/CRREL TN-12-1. Hanover, NH: U.S. Army Engineer Research and Development, Center Cold Regions Research and Engineering Laboratory.

- Whitecloud, Simone W., Philley, Kevin D., Minkin, J. Paul, Antrim, Anna K., Lichtner, Franz J., Wuerslin, Nicole A., Barker, Natalie. D., Gong, Ping., Campellone, Estrella F., Gordon, Kyle B., and Wilson, Matthew S. (2024). Assessing the validity and accuracy of Wetland Indicator Status Ratings for eight species in Alaska subregions. ERDC TR- 24-26. Vicksburg, MS: U.S. Army Engineer Research and Development Center.

#### Future Actions

Submissions throughout the review period will be compiled and reviewed prior to each NWPL update and any resulting proposed changes will be reflected in the subsequent notice of an updated list. Future updates to the NWPL will occur on a to be determined schedule. A change in indicator status for a given species, or a proposed species addition may be requested at any time at <https://wetland->

[plants.sec.usace.army.mil/](https://plants.sec.usace.army.mil/) under "Submit NWPL Change Request."

**Stephen L. Hill,**

*Director, Operations and Regulatory Programs.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. NJ25-4-000]

#### Western Area Power Administration; Notice of Filing

Take notice that on December 6, 2024, Western Area Power Administration submits tariff filing per 35.28(e): Open Access Transmission Tariff, 2024-1-20241206 to be effective 2/4/2025.

Any person desiring to intervene or to protest this filing must file in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211, 385.214). Protests will be considered by the Commission in determining the appropriate action to be taken but will not serve to make protestants parties to the proceeding. Any person wishing to become a party must file a notice of intervention or motion to intervene, as appropriate. Such notices, motions, or protests must be filed on or before the comment date. On or before the comment date, it is not necessary to serve motions to intervene or protests on persons other than the Applicant.

In addition to publishing the full text of this document in the **Federal Register**, the Commission provides all interested persons an opportunity to view and/or print the contents of this document via the internet through the Commission's Home Page (<http://www.ferc.gov>). From the Commission's Home Page on the internet, this information is available on eLibrary. The full text of this document is available on eLibrary in PDF and Microsoft Word format for viewing, printing, and/or downloading. To access this document in eLibrary, type the docket number excluding the last three digits of this document in the docket number field.

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Public Reference Room at [public.referenceroom@ferc.gov](mailto:public.referenceroom@ferc.gov).

The Commission strongly encourages electronic filings of comments, protests and interventions in lieu of paper using the "eFiling" link at <http://www.ferc.gov>. Persons unable to file electronically may mail similar pleadings to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE, Washington, DC 20426. Hand delivered submissions in docketed proceedings should be delivered to Health and Human Services, 12225 Wilkins Avenue, Rockville, Maryland 20852.

*Comment Date:* 5 p.m. Eastern Time on February 21, 2025.

Dated: January 22, 2025.

**Debbie-Anne A. Reese,**

*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

#### Combined Notice of Filings #1

Take notice that the Commission received the following exempt wholesale generator filings:

*Docket Numbers:* EG25-79-000.  
*Applicants:* Old 300 Storage Center, LLC.

*Description:* Old 300 Storage Center, LLC submits Notice of Self-Certification of Exempt Wholesale Generator Status.

*Filed Date:* 1/22/25.

*Accession Number:* 20250122-5136.

*Comment Date:* 5 p.m. ET 2/12/25.

Take notice that the Commission received the following electric rate filings:

*Docket Numbers:* ER24-2497-001.  
*Applicants:* Buckeye Plains Solar Project, LLC.

*Description:* Compliance filing: Compliance Filing to Reflect Extension of Waiver of Affiliate Restrictions to be effective 1/23/2025.

*Filed Date:* 1/22/25.

*Accession Number:* 20250122-5210.

*Comment Date:* 5 p.m. ET 2/12/25.

*Docket Numbers:* ER24-2498-001.

*Applicants:* Foxhound Solar, LLC.

*Description:* Compliance filing: Compliance Filing to Reflect Extension of Waiver of Affiliate Restrictions to be effective 1/23/2025.

*Filed Date:* 1/22/25.

*Accession Number:* 20250122-5211.

*Comment Date:* 5 p.m. ET 2/12/25.

*Docket Numbers:* ER24-2500-001.

*Applicants:* Pickaway County Solar Project, LLC.