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

Dated: March 18, 2025.

Karen H. Abrams,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

**National Oceanic and Atmospheric
Administration**

[RTID 0648-XE794]

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 public webinar of its Joint Herring Committee and Advisory Panel 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 Friday, April 11, 2025, at 9:30 a.m.

ADDRESSES:

Webinar registration URL
information: <https://nefmc-org.zoom.us/j/91812345678>
meeting/register/
TBis4da3S6GaKutcvTEzWO.

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

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Catherine 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 jointly to discuss Specifications—receive a report

from the Plan Development Team (PDT) and the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission's (ASMFC) Technical Committee and summary of Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) recommendations, and consider revising recommendations for fishing year (FY) 2025 and 2026 specifications, FY 2027 default specifications and possible in-season adjustments, and make recommendations to the Committee/Council 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.

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Dated: March 18, 2025.

Rev 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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Magnuson-Stevens Act Provisions; General Provisions for Domestic Fisheries; Application for Exempted Fishing Permits

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and

Atmospheric Administration (NOAA),
Commerce.

ACTION: Notice; request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Assistant Regional Administrator for Sustainable Fisheries, Greater Atlantic Region, NMFS, has made a preliminary determination that an Exempted Fishing Permit (EFP) application contains all of the required information and warrants further consideration. The EFP would allow federally permitted fishing vessels to fish outside fishery regulations in support of exempted fishing activities proposed by the Cape Cod Commercial Fishermen's Alliance. Regulations under the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act require publication of this notification to provide interested parties the opportunity to comment on applications for proposed EFPs.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before April 7, 2025.

ADDRESSES: You may submit written comments by email at nmfs.gar.efp@noaa.gov. Include in the subject line “CCCFA SCOQ EFP.” All comments received are a part of the public record and may be posted for public viewing without change. All personal identifying information (e.g., name, address), confidential business information, or otherwise sensitive information submitted voluntarily by the sender will be publicly accessible. NMFS will accept anonymous comments (enter “anonymous” as the signature if you wish to remain anonymous).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
Christine Ford, Fishery Management
Specialist, *christine.ford@noaa.gov*,
978-281-9185.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The applicant submitted a complete application for an EFP to conduct commercial fishing activities that the regulations would otherwise restrict. This EFP would exempt the participating vessels from the following Federal regulations:

TABLE 1—REQUESTED EXEMPTIONS

CFR citation	Regulation	Need for exemption
50 CFR 648.14(j)(2)(iii)	Prohibition against offloading unshucked surfclams or ocean quahogs from vessels not capable of carrying cages.	Participating vessels are not capable of carrying cages, and ports do not have the infrastructure to safely off-load into cages.
50 CFR 648.14(j)(3)(vi)	Prohibition against landing or possessing, after off-loading, any cage holding surfclams or ocean quahogs without a cage tag required by § 648.77.	Participating vessels will use alternate/smaller sized containers and alternate tags, and will not be tagging as required in 648.77.
50 CFR 648.77(a)	Cage tag requirements	The tags will not be in increments of 60 cubic feet (ft ³) (1.7 cubic meters (m ³)) (32 bushels); the landing containers will be tagged in 16-bushel increments.

TABLE 2—PROJECT SUMMARY

Project title	Use of alternative cage sizes and tag protocols to support a high-quality, niche market for Atlantic surfclam and ocean quahog harvested by day-boat vessels on Cape Cod.
Project start	Upon Issuance.
Project end	12/31/2025.
Project objectives	To test the viability of alternate landing containers for smaller vessels, tag and quantify surfclams and ocean quahogs with a cage tag equivalent, and evaluate alternative landing procedures to improve the quality and value of surfclams landed with smaller vessels and smaller containers.
Project location	Federal waters around Cape Cod, to include Statistical Areas 521, 514, 526, 537, and 538.
Number of vessels	5.
Number of trips	195.
Trip duration (days)	1.
Total number of days	195.
Gear type(s)	Dredge.
Number of tows or sets	30–40 per trip; up to 7,800 total.
Duration of tows or sets	15–30 minutes.

Project Narrative

This project builds on initial work completed in 2014–2015, and reflects renewed interest in Atlantic surfclams and ocean quahogs by the Cape Cod small boat fleet and a new, local dealer/processor that normally buys from state waters surfclam boats, and accepts smaller increments. The previous test using alternative containers and tags showed promise, but buyers at the time would not accept non-standard cages, limiting the market viability of the alternative cages. This EFP would collect data to support a future regulatory request to permanently allow small boats to land surfclams and ocean quahogs in smaller increments.

This EFP would authorize five vessels to continue to develop the viability of a day-boat Atlantic surfclam and ocean quahog fishery for small vessels based out of Cape Cod, by testing alternatives to the large industry-standard cages and 32-bushel (1.13 cubic meter (m³)) cage tags. The traditional cages do not fit on smaller day-boats and, as a result, vessels not capable of carrying a cage onboard must offload directly into cages. This can be burdensome and dangerous, and the extra handling and compression of clams in the cages can lead to damaged product and lower market value. Many ports do not have the infrastructure to safely offload into

cages, and the local dealer dedicated to buying the catch is not capable of handling 32-bushel (1.13 m³) cages. All participating vessels would have open access permits and receive tags from one of the participants with allocation.

The participating vessels would use two alternative landing containers: A standard-size fish vat (internal measurements: 44 inch × 39 inch × 27 inch (1.12 meter (m) × 0.99 m × 0.69 m) capable of holding 16 bushels (0.56 m³), and a standard-size stackable fish tote (internal measurements: 25 inch × 15.8 inch × 10.2 inch (0.64 m × 0.40 m × 0.26 m) capable of holding 1.5 bushels (0.05 m³). One alternative denomination of a 16-bushel tag would be used, either on a fish vat or on a pallet of ten 1.5-bushel totes wrapped in plastic wrap; the participants acknowledge the loss of 1 bushel (0.04 m³) worth of catch for each pallet tagged. The vats would be constrained to weigh no more than 1,424 pounds (0.65 metric tons (mt)). The totes on a pallet would also be constrained to weigh no more than 1,424 pounds (but likely to only weigh 1,335 pounds (0.61 mt)); weight samples would be taken by the dealer to verify weights as to further develop the experimental containers. The applicant would work with NMFS and the National Band and Tag Company to convert standard cage tags into the alternative tag denomination. Up to

1,500 32-bushel ocean quahog tags and up to 1,000 32-bushel surf clam tags would be converted to 16-bushel tags.

Participating fishermen would complete a data sheet for each EFP trip to provide information on price per bushel and weight for each landing increment. Landings data would be verified with collection of dealer reports for each EFP trip. The proportion of breakages vs. live would be tested through collection of processor data detailing surfclam quality and condition. Annual surveys to measure impact and determine progress against the measures of success will be completed, and the effects of using modified landing containers and alternative tags will be analyzed to determine what, if any, benefits the EFP protocol provides to economic viability and safety of small boat surfclam/ocean quahog fishing businesses.

If approved, the applicant may request minor modifications and extensions to the EFP throughout the year. EFP modifications and extensions may be granted without further notice if they are deemed essential to facilitate completion of the proposed research and have minimal impacts that do not change the scope or impact of the initially approved EFP request. Any fishing activity conducted outside the scope of the exempted fishing activity would be prohibited.

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Karen H. Abrams,

Acting 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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Marine Mammals; File No. 22095

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

ACTION: Notice; issuance of permit amendment.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that a major amendment to Permit No. 22095-01 has been issued to SeaWorld LLC (6240 Sea Harbor Drive, Orlando, Florida 32821).

ADDRESSES: The permit amendment and related documents are available for review upon written request via email to NMFS.Pr1Comments@noaa.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Courtney Smith, Ph.D., or Jennifer Skidmore, (301) 427-8401.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On January 21, 2025, notice was published in the **Federal Register** (90 FR 7101) that NMFS proposed an amendment to Permit No. 22095-01 (75 FR 27418, April 17, 2024) for the permit holder to continue conducting research and enhancement activities on one stranded, non-releasable beluga whale (*Delphinapterus leucas*; “Tyonek”/NOA0010477) from the endangered Cook Inlet distinct population segment (DPS) under a 6-month permit extension. The extended permit allows additional processing of an updated, new application (File No. 28286) submitted by the permit holder for continued research and enhancement activities on Tyonek (89 FR 102117, December 17, 2024). The amended permit No. 22095-02 expires on September 15, 2025.

The permit amendment has been issued under the authority of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*), the regulations governing the taking and importing of marine mammals (50 CFR part 216), the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (ESA; 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), and the regulations governing the taking, importing, and exporting of

endangered and threatened species (50 CFR parts 222 through 226).

In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), a final determination was made that the activity proposed under the original permit (No. 22095) is categorically excluded from the requirement to prepare an environmental assessment or environmental impact statement (84 FR 15595, April 16, 2019).

As required by the ESA, issuance of the original permit, as amended, was based on a finding that such permit: (1) was applied for in good faith; (2) will not operate to the disadvantage of such endangered species; and (3) is consistent with the purposes and policies set forth in section 2 of the ESA.

Dated: March 18, 2025.

Amy Sloan,

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

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COMMITTEE FOR PURCHASE FROM PEOPLE WHO ARE BLIND OR SEVERELY DISABLED

Procurement List; Proposed Deletions

AGENCY: Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled.

ACTION: Proposed deletions from the Procurement List.

SUMMARY: The Committee is proposing to delete service(s) from the Procurement List that were furnished by nonprofit agencies employing persons who are blind or have other severe disabilities.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before: April 20, 2025.

ADDRESSES: Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled, 355 E Street SW, Suite 325, Washington, DC 20024.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For further information or to submit comments contact: Michael R. Jurkowski, Telephone: (703) 489-1322, or email CMTEFedReg@AbilityOne.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice is published pursuant to 41 U.S.C. 8503(a)(2) and 41 CFR 51-2.3. Its purpose is to provide interested persons an opportunity to submit comments on the proposed actions.

Deletions

The following service(s) are proposed for deletion from the Procurement List:

Service(s)

Service Type: Shelf Stocking, Custodial & Warehousing

Mandatory for: Defense Commissary Agency, Bolling AFB Commissary, Bolling AFB, DC

Authorized Source of Supply: CW Resources, Inc., New Britain, CT

Contracting Activity: DEFENSE COMMISSARY AGENCY (DECA), DEFENSE COMMISSARY AGENCY

Michael R. Jurkowski,

Director, Business Operations.

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COMMITTEE FOR PURCHASE FROM PEOPLE WHO ARE BLIND OR SEVERELY DISABLED

Public Meeting

AGENCY: Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

DATES: April 24, 2025, from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. ET.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held virtually only via Zoom webinar.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Angela Phifer, 355 E Street SW, Suite 325, Washington, DC 20024; (703) 798-5873; CMTEFedReg@AbilityOne.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background: The Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled is an independent Federal agency operating as the U.S. AbilityOne Commission. It oversees the AbilityOne Program, which provides employment opportunities through Federal contracts for people who are blind or have significant disabilities in the manufacture and delivery of products and services to the Federal Government. The Javits-Wagner-O'Day Act (41 U.S.C. chapter 85) authorizes the contracts.

Registration: Attendees *not* requesting speaking time should register not later than April 23, 2025. Attendees requesting speaking time must register not later than April 15, 2025, and use the comment fields in the registration form to specify the intended speaking topic/s. The registration link will be available on the Commission's home page, www.abilityone.gov, under News and Events.

Commission Statement: This regular quarterly meeting will include updates from the Commission Chairperson,