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Although other 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 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 that the public has been notified of the Council's intent to take final action to address the emergency.

Special Accommodations

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aid or accommodations should be directed to Kathy Pereira, (813) 348-1630, at least 15 days prior to the meeting date.

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

Dated: December 20, 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-XE561]

Pacific Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice of public online meeting.

SUMMARY: The Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) is hosting an informational session on Council practices and procedures for all Advisory Body members.

DATES: The online meeting will be held Wednesday, January 22, 2025, from 10 a.m. until 12 p.m., Pacific time or until business for the day concludes.

ADDRESSES: This meeting will be held online. Specific meeting information, including directions on how to join and system requirements will be provided in the meeting announcement on the Council's website (see www.pcouncil.org). You may send an email to Mr. Kris Kleinschmidt (kris.kleinschmidt@noaa.gov) or contact him at (503) 820-2280, extension 412 for technical assistance.

Council address: Pacific Fishery Management Council, 7700 NE Ambassador Place, Suite 101, Portland, OR 97220-1384.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kelly Ames, Deputy Director, Pacific Council; telephone: (503) 820-2417.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The primary purpose of the meeting is to provide an orientation for new and returning Advisory Body members, ensuring they have a clear understanding of the Council's processes, procedures, and expectations. The meeting is informational only and the Advisory Body members are not expected to develop recommendations or report to the Council.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in the meeting agenda may be discussed, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during this meeting. Action will be restricted to those issues specifically listed in this document and any issues arising after publication of this document that require emergency action under section 305(c) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, provided the public has been notified of the intent to take final action to address the emergency.

Special Accommodations

Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Mr. Kris Kleinschmidt (kris.kleinschmidt@noaa.gov; (503) 820-2412) at least 10 days prior to the meeting date.

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

Dated: December 19, 2024.

Alyssa Weigers,

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-XE553]

Pacific Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice of a public online meeting.

SUMMARY: The Pacific Fishery Management Council (Pacific Council) and the NMFS Northwest and Southwest Fisheries Science Centers will convene a virtual pre-assessment workshop to review proposed data and modeling approaches to inform groundfish stock assessments for chilipepper rockfish and California quillback rockfish scheduled for assessment during 2025. The workshop is open to the public.

DATES: The pre-assessment workshop will be held Thursday, January 23, 2025, from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. (Pacific time) or until business for the day has been completed.

ADDRESSES: The pre-assessment workshop will be conducted as an online meeting. Specific meeting information, including the agenda and directions on how to join the meeting and system requirements, will be provided in the workshop announcement on the Pacific Council's website (see www.pcouncil.org). You may send an email to Mr. Kris Kleinschmidt (kris.kleinschmidt@noaa.gov) or contact him at (503) 820-2412 for technical assistance.

Council address: Pacific Fishery Management Council, 7700 NE Ambassador Place, Suite 101, Portland, OR 97220.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Marlene A. Bellman, Staff Officer, Pacific Council; telephone: (503) 820-2414; email: marlene.bellman@noaa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of the pre-assessment workshop is to review proposed data inputs, modeling approaches, and any other pertinent information to inform 2025 stock assessments for chilipepper rockfish and California quillback rockfish. The goal of the pre-assessment workshop is to promote dialogue about and a common understanding between assessment teams and data providers of the best data and analytical and modeling approaches applicable to

these assessments. Stock assessment teams will solicit advice from data stewards, stakeholders, and fishery managers knowledgeable about these species.

No management actions will be decided by the workshop participants. The participants' role will be the development of recommendations for consideration by the stock assessment teams assigned to conduct these assessments. Assessments for these stocks are tentatively scheduled for peer review during a Stock Assessment Review (STAR) panel on June 23–27, 2025. The Pacific Council and the Pacific Council's Scientific and Statistical Committee are scheduled to consider these draft assessments for use in informing management decisions at their September 2025 meeting in Spokane, Washington.

Although nonemergency issues not contained in the workshop's agenda may be discussed, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during this workshop. 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 Fishery Conservation and Management Act, provided the public has been notified of the intent of the workshop participants to take final action to address the emergency.

Special Accommodations

Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Mr. Kris Kleinschmidt (kris.kleinschmidt@noaa.gov; (503) 820–2412) at least 10 days prior to the meeting date.

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

Dated: December 19, 2024.

Alyssa Weigers,

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Telecommunications and Information Administration

[NTIA–2024–0005]

RIN: RIN 0660–XC065

Impact of L-Band MSS 'Direct-to-Device' Operations on GPS

AGENCY: National Telecommunications and Information Administration, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice; request for comment.

SUMMARY: The National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) is seeking information and public comment on the potential impact on the GPS L1 signal at 1575.42 MHz of the increasing deployment of mobile devices capable of operating on satellite systems in the L-band at 1610–1660.5 MHz. Under current FCC rules, these devices are permitted to operate subject to a substantially less restrictive out-of-band emission limit than similar devices transmitting on the same frequencies and connecting to terrestrial base station systems. NTIA is seeking public comment on the risk of interference posed by this increased deployment of mobile devices capable of operating on L-band satellite systems at 1610–1660.5 MHz, as well as potential mitigation options to safeguard GPS systems while facilitating the potential benefits of direct-to-device services (D2D services).

DATES: Written comments must be received on or before February 10, 2025.

ADDRESSES: All electronic public comments on this action, identified by *Regulations.gov* docket number NTIA–2024–0005, may be submitted through the Federal e-Rulemaking Portal at <https://www.regulations.gov>. The docket established for this request for comment can be found at www.Regulations.gov, NTIA–2024–0005. To make a submission, click the “Comment Now!” icon, complete the required fields, and enter or attach your comments. Additional instructions can be found in the “Instructions” section below, after SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Please direct questions regarding this Request for Comment to Ashley Davenport at adavenport@ntia.gov with “Impact of L-band MSS D2D Operations on GPS” in the subject line. If submitting comments by U.S. mail, please address questions to Ashley Davenport, National Telecommunications and Information Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20230. Questions submitted via telephone should be directed to (202) 482–0297. Please direct media inquiries to NTIA's Office of Public Affairs, telephone: (202) 482–7002; email: press@ntia.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

NTIA, located within the Department of Commerce, is the Executive Branch agency that is principally responsible by law for advising the President on telecommunications and information policy issues and managing the federal

use of spectrum. The Global Positioning System (GPS) is one such federal system. NTIA is beginning to see increasing deployment of consumer equipment capable of operating on Mobile-Satellite Service (MSS) networks with operations in the L-band near the L1 signal of the Global Positioning System (GPS) at 1575.42 MHz. Some of these devices are traditional mobile phones or Internet of Things (IOT) devices that typically operate on terrestrial networks in mobile bands outside the L-band, while others are being designed as lower-cost IOT or other devices operating primarily, if not exclusively, with satellites (collectively, D2D devices). The services enabled by these devices (D2D services) could provide substantial benefits to the public, including during times of emergency, while also supporting important federal government missions. The purpose of this Request for Comment is to secure public input on the risk of interference into GPS posed by wider deployment of D2D services in the L-band and potential mitigation opportunities.

When the FCC developed MSS rules for the L-band, there was an expectation that comparatively few user devices would be deployed relative to ubiquitous terrestrial mobile handsets. Therefore, the out-of-band emission (OOBE) limit for L-band devices operating in the MSS is substantially more relaxed (by more than 30 dB) than the requirement later developed for user devices that would communicate with terrestrial base stations in the L-band. The stricter OOBE limit for devices operating with terrestrial base stations was based in large part on the expectation that there would be a much larger number of such devices. The wide deployment of devices subject to the MSS limit thus presents an unexpected increase in the risk of interference to nearby GPS receivers. Attached hereto is a technical analysis conducted by the U.S. Department of Transportation, in conjunction with other U.S. Government departments and agencies, that more fully describes the basis for concern.

NTIA and other U.S. Government departments and agencies are cognizant that the initial business case for satellite operation of the new devices appears to focus on situations in which the user is outdoors and terrestrial wireless service is unavailable and that these situations will often arise in areas with less intensive GPS use for critical service. The extent to which this is the case and will continue to be the case in the future remains unclear, as is the extent to which the delivery of such a service