

Nature of Decision To Be Made

NMFS will use a combination of best available scientific information and public engagement to evaluate and consider identifying areas that may be environmentally, socially, and economically suitable for commercial aquaculture as AOAs. Geographic areas proposed as AOAs will be described in the draft and final PEIS along with the no action alternative. Selection of AOAs will follow evaluation in the draft and final PEIS with the agency's issuance of a ROD explaining the factors considered in making the final decision. The identification of an AOA in the ROD is not a regulatory action and does not bind NMFS or the cooperating agencies to take any specific action related to an AOA.

No specific aquaculture projects are being proposed or will be permitted through the PEIS. The analysis presented in the draft and final PEIS and the identification of AOAs in the ROD will serve to guide and inform future decision-making (e.g., environmental review and permitting processes) if and when specific proposals to conduct aquaculture operations are proposed within these areas.

Future aquaculture operations proposed within an AOA would be required to comply with all applicable Federal and state laws and regulations, including but not limited to the Clean Water Act, Rivers and Harbors Act, Endangered Species Act, the Magnuson-Stevens Act, Marine Mammal Protection Act, National Historic Preservation Act, and National Marine Sanctuaries Act. Compliance may include Endangered Species Act and essential fish habitat (Magnuson-Stevens Act) consultations, and Marine Mammal Protection Act authorizations. Additional NEPA analysis may be required as part of permitting and authorization processes. Cooperating agencies may adopt the PEIS and utilize the information in their permitting decisions.

Identifying AOAs is an opportunity for NMFS to use best available science-based guidance on sustainable aquaculture management, meaningfully take into account the views of the public and stakeholders, and support the "triple bottom line" of environmental, economic, and social sustainability.

(Authority: Executive Order on Promoting American Seafood Competitiveness and Economic Growth, E.O. 13921)

Dated: May 13, 2022.

Danielle Blacklock,

Director, Office of Aquaculture, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[RTID 0648-XC055]

Endangered and Threatened Species; Take of Anadromous Fish

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

ACTION: NMFS is notifying the public of the issuance of a permit for implementation of the Rescue and Rearing Management Plan (RRMP) for Petaluma River Steelhead.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that NMFS has issued a permit pursuant to Section 10 of the Endangered Species Act (ESA) for the implementation of the RRMP by the United Anglers of Casa Grande (UACG).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jodi Charrier, Santa Rosa, California (ph.: 707-575-6069; email: jodi.charrier@noaa.gov).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

ESA-Listed Species Covered in This Notice

- Steelhead (*Oncorhynchus mykiss*)—Central California Coast (CCC) distinct population segment (DPS)

Discussion of the Biological Analysis Underlying Permit Issuance

NMFS has issued a permit for UACG to implement the RRMP, which is intended to increase adult CCC steelhead DPS abundance in the Petaluma River Watershed. Fish rearing will occur at the UACG Hatchery and will be run by Casa Grande High School located in Petaluma, California. The RRMP has two main components: (1) Rescue and translocate wild steelhead from drying stream reaches; and (2) captively rear wild fry at the UACG Hatchery to be released as smolts into natal tributaries. There is no spawning of steelhead at the Hatchery. These management actions should result in higher survival rates; thereby increasing the abundance of the population over time.

The program uses natural-origin fish, and the permit for this program is issued under ESA section 10(a)(1)(A).

Description of the programs was provided in the RRMP submitted by the UACG. NMFS has analyzed the effects of the RRMP on CCC DPS steelhead listed under the ESA, and has concluded that the program is not likely to jeopardize the continued existence of CCC steelhead or destroy or adversely modify its designated critical habitat. Authorization of the activities is contingent upon implementation of all of the monitoring, evaluation, reporting tasks or assignments, and enforcement activities included in the permit.

Summary of Comments Received on the RRMP

NMFS made the permit application available for public comment on February 16, 2022 (87 FR 8787) for 30 days, as required by the ESA. No comments were received.

Dated: May 26, 2022.

Angela Somma,

Chief, Endangered Species Division, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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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's Summer Flounder, Scup, and Black Sea Bass Advisory Panel will hold a public meeting, jointly with the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission's Summer Flounder, Scup and Black Sea Bass Advisory Panel.

DATES: The meeting will be held on Thursday, June 16, 2022, from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. EDT. For agenda details, see **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION.**

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held via webinar. Webinar connection, agenda items, and any additional information will be available at www.mafmc.org/council-events.

Council address: Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council, 800 N State Street, Suite 201, Dover, DE 19901; telephone: (302) 674-2331 or on their website at 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 purpose of this meeting is to discuss recent performance of the summer flounder, scup, and black sea bass commercial and recreational fisheries and develop Fishery Performance Reports. These reports will be considered by the Scientific and Statistical Committee, the Monitoring Committee, Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council, and Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission when reviewing 2023 catch and landings limits and management measures for summer flounder, scup, and black sea bass.

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 at the Council Office, (302) 526-5251, at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

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

Dated: May 26, 2022.

Tracey L. Thompson,

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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Management Track Assessment for Atlantic Herring and Southern New England/Mid-Atlantic Winter Flounder

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

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: NMFS and the Assessment Oversight Panel (AOP) will convene the Management Track Assessment Peer Review Meeting for the purpose of reviewing both Atlantic herring and southern New England/mid-Atlantic winter flounder stocks. The Management Track Assessment Peer Review is a formal scientific peer-review process for evaluating and presenting stock assessment results to managers for fish stocks in the offshore U.S. waters of the northwest Atlantic. Assessments are prepared by the lead stock assessment analyst and reviewed by an independent panel of stock assessment experts called the AOP. The public is invited to attend the presentations and discussions between the review panel and the scientists who have participated in the stock assessment process.

DATES: The public portion of the Management Track Assessment Peer Review Meeting will be held from June 27, 2022–June 29, 2022. The meeting will conclude on June 29, 2022 at 5 p.m. Eastern Standard Time. Please see **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for the daily meeting agenda.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held via Google Meet (<https://meet.google.com/gwr-scrv-roh>).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Michele Traver, phone: 508-257-1642; email: michele.traver@noaa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: For further information, please visit the Northeast Fisheries Science Center (NEFSC) website at <https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/new-england-mid-atlantic/population-assessments/fishery-stock-assessments-new-england-and-mid-atlantic>. For additional information about the AOP meeting and the stock assessment peer review, please visit the NMFS/NEFSC web page at <https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/new-england-mid-atlantic/population-assessments/management-track-stock-assessments>.

Daily Meeting Agenda—Management Track Peer Review Meeting

The agenda is subject to change; all times are approximate and may be changed at the discretion of the Peer Review Chair.

MONDAY, JUNE 27, 2022

Time	Activity	Lead
10 a.m.–10:15 a.m	Welcome/Logistics Introductions/Process	Michele Traver, Russ Brown, and Tom Miller (Chair).
10:15 a.m.–11:45 a.m	Atlantic herring	Jon Deroba.
11:45 a.m.–12:15 p.m	Discussion/Review/Summary	Review Panel.
12:15 p.m.–12:30 p.m	Public Comment	Public.
12:30 p.m.–1:30 p.m	Lunch.	
1:30 p.m.–3 p.m	Atlantic herring cont	Jon Deroba.
3 p.m.–3:15 p.m	Break.	
3:15 p.m.–4:30 p.m	Atlantic herring cont	Jon Deroba.
4:30 p.m.–5 p.m	Discussion/Review/Summary	Review Panel.
5 p.m.–5:15 p.m	Public Comment	Public.
5:15 p.m	Adjourn.	

TUESDAY, JUNE 28, 2022

Time	Activity	Lead
9 a.m.–9:05 a.m	Brief Overview and Logistics	Michele Traver/ Tom Miller (Chair).
9:05 a.m.–10:35 a.m	Southern New England/mid-Atlantic winter flounder.	Tony Wood.
10:35 a.m.–10:50 a.m	Break.	
10:50 a.m.–11:45 a.m	Southern New England/mid-Atlantic winter flounder cont.	Tony Wood.
11:45 a.m.–12:15 p.m	Discussion/Review/Summary	Review Panel.
12:15 p.m.–12:30 p.m	Public Comment	Public.
12:30 p.m.–1:30 p.m	Lunch.	
1:30 p.m.–3 p.m	Follow-ups	Review Panel.
3 p.m.–5 p.m	Report Writing	Review Panel.