

sets, they will follow protocols for safe handling (http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/pr/pdfs/species/kahn_mohead_2010.pdf), and immediately release any sturgeon caught. Clearwater will maintain a detailed log of all gear sets and will submit to the NMFS incident and annual reports of incidental capture, if any, of listed sturgeon.

Clearwater considered and rejected the use of beach seines only. Beach seines are not always practicable in areas of high urban use and strong currents.

National Environmental Policy Act

In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*) (NEPA), as implemented by 40 CFR parts 1500–1508 and NOAA Administrative Order 216–6, Environmental Review Procedures for Implementing the National Policy Act (1999), an initial determination has been made that the activity proposed is categorically excluded from the requirement to prepare an environmental assessment or environmental impact statement.

Next Steps

This notice is provided pursuant to section 10(c) of the ESA. NMFS will evaluate the application, associated documents, and comments received during the comment period to determine whether the application meets the requirements of section 10(a) of the ESA. If NMFS determines that the requirements are met, a permit will be issued for incidental takes of ESA-listed sturgeon. The final NEPA and permit determinations will not be made until after the end of the comment period. NMFS will publish a record of its final action in the **Federal Register**.

Dated: December 31, 2013.

Angela Somma,

Chief, Endangered Species Conservation 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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Pacific Fishery Management Council; Online Webinar

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

ACTION: Notice of online webinar.

SUMMARY: The Pacific Fishery Management Council's (Pacific Council's) Groundfish Endangered Species Work Group (ESWG) will hold an online webinar to orient members of this newly-formed committee, and to discuss future workload and process issues. The webinar is open to the public.

DATES: The ESWG webinar will commence at 9 a.m. PST, Thursday, January 23, 2014 and continue until noon, or as necessary to complete business for the day.

ADDRESSES: To attend the ESWG webinar, please join online at <https://www.joinwebinar.com> and enter the webinar ID: 628–107–399, as well as your name and email address. Once you have joined the webinar, choose either your computer's audio or select "Use Telephone." To join the audio teleconference using a telephone, call the toll number 1–619–550–0004 and enter 628–107–399 when prompted for the audio code. If you do not select "Use Telephone," you will be connected to audio using your computer's microphone and speakers (VoIP). A headset is recommended. System requirements for PC-based attendees: Windows 7, Vista, or XP; for Mac-based attendees: Mac OS X 10.5 or newer; and for mobile attendees: iPhone, iPad, Android phone, or Android tablet (see the GoToMeeting Webinar Apps). If you experience technical difficulties and would like assistance, please contact Mr. Kris Kleinschmidt at 503–820–2280. Public comments during the webinar will be received from attendees at the discretion of the ESWG Chair.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Chuck Tracy, Pacific Council; telephone: (503) 820–2280.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The specific objectives of the ESWG webinar are to introduce the members to each other, elect officers, review the ESWG terms of reference, and set out expectations for future work and how that work will be accomplished. No management actions will be decided in this webinar.

Although non-emergency issues not identified in the webinar agenda may come before the webinar participants for discussion, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during this webinar. Formal action at the webinar 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 webinar participants' intent to take final action to address the emergency.

Special Accommodations

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for auxiliary aids should be directed to Mr. Kris Kleinschmidt at (503) 820–2280 at least 5 days prior to the webinar date.

Dated: December 31, 2013.

William D. Chappell,

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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New England Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice; public meeting.

SUMMARY: The New England Fishery Management Council's (Council) Recreational Advisory Panel and their Groundfish Oversight Committee will meet to consider actions affecting New England fisheries in the exclusive economic zone (EEZ).

DATES: The meetings will be held on Wednesday, January 22, 2014 at 9 a.m. and Thursday, January 23, 2014 at 9 a.m.

ADDRESSES:

Meeting address: The meetings will be held at the DoubleTree Hotel Boston North Shore, 50 Ferncroft Road, Danvers, MA 01923; telephone: (978) 777–2500; fax: (978) 750–7991.

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

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Thomas A. Nies, Executive Director, New England Fishery Management Council; telephone: (978) 465–0492.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The items of discussion in the committee's agenda are as follows:

**Wednesday, January 22, 2014
Beginning at 9 a.m.**

The Recreational Advisory Panel (RAP) will meet to have a discussion of Habitat Omnibus Amendment 2 management alternatives related to the