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#### **Committee Information**

The VCAT (Committee) was established in accordance with 15 U.S.C. 278 and the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. 1001 *et seq.*

#### **Objectives and Duties**

1. The Committee shall review and make recommendations regarding general policy for NIST, its organization, its budget, and its programs, within the framework of applicable national policies as set forth by the President and the Congress. 15 U.S.C. 278(a).

2. The Committee shall provide an annual report, through the Director of NIST, to the Secretary of Commerce for submission to the Congress not later than 30 days after the submittal to Congress of the President's annual budget request in each year. Such report shall deal essentially, though not necessarily exclusively, with policy issues or matters which affect NIST, or with which the Committee in its official role as the private sector policy adviser of NIST is concerned. Each such report shall identify areas of research and research techniques of the Institute of potential importance to the long-term competitiveness of United States industry, in which the Institute possesses special competence, which could be used to assist United States enterprises and United States industrial joint research and development ventures. 15 U.S.C. 278(h)(1). The Committee shall submit, through the Director of NIST, to the Secretary and the Congress such additional reports on specific policy matters as it deems appropriate. 15 U.S.C. 278(h)(2).

3. The Committee will function solely as an advisory body, in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended, 5 U.S.C. App.

4. The Committee shall report to the Director of NIST.

#### **Membership**

1. The Director of NIST shall appoint the members of the Committee. Members shall be selected on a clear, standardized basis, in accordance with applicable Department of Commerce guidance. 15 U.S.C. 278(a). No employee of the Federal Government shall serve as a member of the Committee. 15 U.S.C. 278(b).

2. Members of the Committee shall serve as Special Government Employees

(SGEs) and will be subject to the ethics standards applicable to SGEs.

3. The Committee is composed of not fewer than nine members appointed by the NIST Director and selected to provide representation of a cross-section of the traditional and emerging United States industries. 15 U.S.C. 278(b). The term of office of each member of the Committee shall be three years, except that vacancy appointments shall be for the remainder of the unexpired term of the vacancy. 15 U.S.C. 278(c)(1). Members shall serve at the discretion of the Director of NIST.

4. Any person who has completed two consecutive full terms of service on the Committee shall be ineligible for appointment for a third term during the one-year period following the expiration of the second term. 15 U.S.C. 278(c)(1).

5. Pursuant to 15 U.S.C. 278(f), the Committee chairperson and vice chairperson shall be elected by the members of the Committee at each annual meeting occurring in an even-numbered year. The vice chairperson shall perform the duties of the chairperson in his or her absence. In case a vacancy occurs in the position of the chairperson or vice chairperson, the Committee shall elect a member to fill such vacancy.

6. Members of the Committee will not be compensated for their services, but will, upon request, be allowed travel expenses in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 5703 *et seq.*, while attending meetings of the Committee or of its subcommittees, or while otherwise performing duties at the request of the chairperson, while away from their homes or a regular place of business.

7. Pursuant to 15 U.S.C. 278(g), the Committee may, with the concurrence of a majority of its members, permit the appointment of a staff consisting of not more than four professional staff members and such clerical staff members as may be necessary. Such staff members shall be appointed by the Director after consultation with the chairperson of the Committee and assigned at the direction of the Committee.

8. Subcommittees: Pursuant to 15 U.S.C. 278(e), the Committee shall have an executive committee and may delegate to it such powers and functions of the Committee as it deems appropriate. The Committee and/or the Director of NIST may establish such other subcommittees, task forces, and working groups consisting of members from the parent Committee as may be necessary, subject to the provisions of FACA, the FACA implementing regulations, and applicable Department of Commerce guidance. Subcommittees

must report back to the Committee and any recommendations based on their work will be deliberated and agreed upon by the Committee prior to dissemination to NIST.

#### **Miscellaneous**

1. Meetings of the VCAT usually take place at NIST Gaithersburg or Boulder site. The Committee will meet at least twice each year at the call of the chairperson or whenever one-third of the members so request in writing. The Committee shall not act in the absence of a quorum, which shall consist of a majority of the members of the Committee not having a conflict of interest in the matter being considered by the Committee. 15 U.S.C. 278(d).

2. Generally, Committee meetings are open to the public.

#### **Nomination Information**

1. Nominations are sought from all fields described above.

2. Nominees should have established records of distinguished service and shall be eminent in fields such as business, research, new product development, critical and emerging technologies, engineering, labor, management consulting, and international standards. The category (field of eminence) for which the candidate is qualified should be specified in the nomination letter. A summary of the candidate's qualifications should be included with the nomination, including (where applicable) current or former service on Federal advisory boards and Federal employment. In addition, each nomination letter should state that the candidate agrees to the nomination, acknowledges the responsibilities of serving on the VCAT, and will actively participate in good faith in the tasks of the VCAT.

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## **DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

### **National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

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### **Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; North Pacific Halibut and Sablefish Individual Fishing Quota Cost Recovery Program**

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

**ACTION:** Correction to notice of standard prices and fee percentage.

**SUMMARY:** NMFS is correcting the 2024 Individual Fishing Quota (IFQ) Cost Recovery Fee Notice. The published ex-vessel fishery value and actual fee percentage were incorrect. The original document was published in the **Federal Register** on December 26, 2024, and all other information remains unchanged and will not be repeated in this document.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dana Whiteley, Fee Coordinator, 907-586-7231.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Need for Correction**

In the **Federal Register** of December 26, 2024, in 89 FR 105006, in FR Doc. 2024-31018, on page 105007, in column 3, paragraph 2, the percentage of management costs to fishery value for the 2024 calendar year was published as 5.2 percent of the standard ex-vessel value. The total fishery value found on page 105007, in column 3, paragraph 3 of the above document was published as a 43 percent decline from the prior year.

After publication it was discovered that many correctly reported landings were excluded from the fishery valuation calculation.

**Correction**

In the **Federal Register** of December 26, 2024, in 89 FR 105006, in FR Doc. 2024-31018, on page 105007, in column 3, paragraph 2, the percentage of management costs to fishery value for the 2024 calendar year is corrected to 3.4 percent. The total fishery value found on page 105007, in column 3, paragraph 3 of the above document is corrected to a 13 percent decline in fishery value from the prior year. Since 3.4 percent is still greater than the statutory cap of 3.0 percent as noted in the original document, the effective fee percentage for 2024 remains 3.0 percent.

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

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**Kelly Denit,**

*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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**Gulf Fishery Management Council;  
Public Meeting**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of a public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Gulf Fishery Management Council (Gulf Council) will hold a one-day in-person meeting of their Standing and Shrimp Scientific and Statistical Committees (SSCs).

**DATES:** The meeting will be held Thursday, May 8, 2025; 8:30 a.m.–5 p.m., EDT.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will take place at the Gulf Council office. Registration information will be available on the Council's website by visiting [www.gulfcouncil.org](http://www.gulfcouncil.org) and clicking on the "meeting tab".

*Council address:* Gulf Council, 4107 W Spruce Street, Suite 200, Tampa, FL 33607; telephone: (813) 348-1630.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Ryan Rindone, Lead Fishery Biologist, Gulf Council; [ryan.rindone@gulfcouncil.org](mailto:ryan.rindone@gulfcouncil.org), telephone: (813) 348-1630.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Thursday, May 8, 2025; 8:30 a.m.–5 p.m., EDT**

The meeting will begin with introductions and adoption of agenda, review and approval of minutes and summary from the February 2025 SSC Meeting, and scope of work.

The SSC will review revised overfishing limit and acceptable biological catch recommendations for SEDAR 88, including a presentation and SSC discussion. The SSC will then discuss Status Determination Criteria and Overfishing Limits (OFL) and Acceptable Biological Catch (ABC) Projections Settings for Gulf Stock Assessments, and SEDAR 68 Updated Projections for *Scamp* and *Yellowmouth Grouper* including presentations, background materials and SSC discussion.

Following lunch, the SSC will review the Center for Independent Experts (CIE) Independent Peer Review of the *Shrimp* Bycatch Estimation Methodology for *Finfish* Species, New Bycatch Estimates and Other Analyses for *Smalltooth Sawfish* and *Giant Manta Ray*, and Population Viability Analysis for

Endangered and Threatened Resources that Interact with the *Shrimp* Fishery, including presentations and SSC discussions.

The SSC will review the SEDAR Process Update, SEDAR 100: *Gulf Gray Triggerfish* Participants for Review Phase, SSC SEDAR Workshops Updates for SEDAR 87 *Gulf Penaeid Shrimp* Assessment Process and SEDAR 98 *Gulf Red Snapper* Data Workshop, and Takeaways from Science Coordination Subcommittee, including presentations and SSC discussion.

Public comments will be heard at the end of the day, if any, followed by review of any Other Business items.

—Meeting Adjourns

The meeting will also be broadcast via webinar. You may register for the webinar by visiting [www.gulfcouncil.org](http://www.gulfcouncil.org) and clicking on the SSC meeting on the calendar.

The Agenda is subject to change, and the latest version along with other meeting materials will be posted on [www.gulfcouncil.org](http://www.gulfcouncil.org) as they become available.

Although other non-emergency issues not on the agenda may come before the Scientific and Statistical Committees for discussion, in accordance with the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during this meeting. Actions of the Scientific and Statistical Committee will be restricted to those issues specifically identified in the agenda 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 Council's intent to take-action to address the emergency.

**Special Accommodations**

The meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aid should be directed to Kathy Pereira, (813) 348-1630, at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

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

Dated: April 14, 2025.

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

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