

information and materials electronically or via mail (see **ADDRESSES** section). We request that all information be accompanied by supporting documentation such as maps, bibliographic references, or reprints of pertinent publications. We also would appreciate the submitter's name, address, and any association, institution, or business that the person represents; however, anonymous submissions will also be accepted.

Authority: 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*

Dated: April 1, 2020.

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

[RTID 0648-XW019]

U.S. Stakeholder Meeting on Pacific Bluefin Tuna Fishery Management Framework; Meeting Announcement

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

ACTION: Notice of public meeting; rescheduled meeting.

SUMMARY: NMFS is holding a meeting to discuss the future management of the U.S. West Coast Pacific bluefin tuna (PBF) fishery, including management objectives and a management framework. Given recent developments related to Coronavirus/COVID-19, we have decided to reschedule this meeting originally planned for April 23, 2020. We are taking this step out of an abundance of caution to consider the safety of our visitors. The new date for this meeting is May 19, 2020.

DATES: The meeting will be held May 19, 2020, from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. PDT, or until business concludes.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held in Room 3400 at the Glenn M. Anderson Federal Building, 501 W. Ocean Blvd., Long Beach, California 90802. Please notify Eric Poncelet (meeting facilitator), at eponcelet@kearnswest.com or (415) 697-0566 by May 4, 2020, if you plan to attend. If interested members of the public cannot reasonably attend the meeting in person, NMFS may provide for a teleconference phone line or webinar for such members if a request is made to the meeting facilitator. NMFS

strongly encourages in-person participation in order to facilitate discussion, unless developments related to Coronavirus/COVID-19 restrict attendance in person at that time. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for additional information on attendance, participation instructions, and meeting materials.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Celia Barroso, West Coast Region, NMFS, at Celia.Barroso@noaa.gov, or at (562) 432-1850.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: NMFS intended to hold a meeting to discuss the future management of the U.S. West Coast PBF fishery, including management objectives and a management framework, on April 23, 2020 (85 FR 11967; February 28, 2020). However, given recent developments related to Coronavirus/COVID-19, we have decided to reschedule this meeting originally planned for April 23, 2020. We are taking this step out of an abundance of caution to consider the safety of our participants. The new date for this meeting is May 19, 2020.

Stakeholders have expressed an interest in developing management objectives and a long-term management framework for PBF. In September 2018, the Pacific Fishery Management Council (PFMC) recommended that its Highly Migratory Species Management Team develop a long-term management strategy for PBF (see the PFMC's "September 2018 Decision Summary Document" at https://www.pcouncil.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/09/0918_Decision_Summary_DocumentV2.pdf). On May 2, 2019, NMFS held a stakeholder meeting in which participants discussed potential management objectives and strategies to achieve those objectives for the domestic commercial PBF fishery (see the NMFS report to the June PFMC meeting at https://www.pcouncil.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/06/J2b_Sup_NMFS_Rpt3_JUN2019BB.pdf). The upcoming meeting that is rescheduled for May 19, 2020, is intended to follow up the discussion from the 2019 stakeholder meeting as well as provide an opportunity for early comments on how to implement a new Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission (IATTC) resolution on PBF conservation and management for 2021-2022 that NMFS anticipates the IATTC will adopt at its annual meeting in August 2020. In order to facilitate discussion, NMFS strongly encourages in-person participation at the meeting location described in the **ADDRESSES** section, if possible and unless developments related to Coronavirus/COVID-19

restrict attendance in person at that time. NMFS will email attendance instructions, which may include instructions to attend by teleconference or webinar, and background materials to the meeting participants who notify the meeting facilitator as described in the **ADDRESSES** section.

PBF U.S. Stakeholder Meeting Topics

The PBF U.S. stakeholder meeting topics may include, but are not limited to, the following:

- (1) An overview of international management of PBF and current management of the U.S. PBF fishery; and,
- (2) Potential management options for 2021-2022 and in the long-term.

Special Accommodations

The meeting location is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Celia Barroso, at Celia.Barroso@noaa.gov or (562) 432-1850, by April 27, 2020.

Authority: 16 U.S.C. 951 *et seq.*, 16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*, 16 U.S.C. 6901 *et seq.*

Dated: April 2, 2020.

Hélène M.N. Scalliet,

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

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 application submitted by the Northeast Fisheries Science Center in support of the 2020 Study Fleet Program contains all of the required information and warrants further consideration. This Exempted Fishing Permit would exempt participating vessels from minimum fish sizes and possession limits for species of interest, for sampling purposes only.

Regulations under the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act require publication of this notice to provide interested parties the opportunity to comment on Exempted Fishing Permit applications.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before April 22, 2020.

ADDRESSES: You may submit written comments by either of the following methods:

• *Email:* nmfs.gar.efp@noaa.gov.

Include in the subject line "NEFSC STUDY FLEET EFP."

• *Mail:* Michael Pentony, Regional Administrator, NMFS, Greater Atlantic Regional Fisheries Office, 55 Great Republic Drive, Gloucester, MA 01930. Mark the outside of the envelope "NEFSC STUDY FLEET EFP."

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Maria Fenton, Fishery Management Specialist, 978-281-9196.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Northeast Fisheries Science Center (Center) submitted a complete application for an Exempted Fishing Permit (EFP) in support of the 2020 Study Fleet Program. This EFP would exempt 19 commercial fishing vessels from minimum fish sizes and possession limits for species of interest, as well as allow temporary retention of species prior to discarding.

The Center established the Study Fleet Program in 2002 to more fully characterize commercial fishing operations and provide sampling opportunities to augment NMFS's data collection programs. As part of the program, the Center contracts commercial fishing vessels to collect biological data and fish specimens for the Center to use in research relevant to stock assessments and fish biology. The Center's Study Fleet Program trains

participating captains and crew to conduct at-sea sampling consistent with Center sampling protocols for survey and observer programs. During EFP trips, crew would sort, weigh, and measure fish prior to discarding. During sampling, some discarded fish would remain on deck slightly longer than they would under normal sorting procedures. Exemptions from minimum fish sizes and possession restrictions would allow vessels to temporarily retain catch for at-sea sampling.

Table 1 lists the regulations from which participating vessels would be exempt for at-sea sampling or when retaining and landing fish for research purposes. The exemptions listed in Table 1 are necessary for contracted vessels to acquire the biological samples needed to meet Center research objectives.

TABLE 1—LIST OF VESSEL EXEMPTIONS FOR RETAINING AND LANDING FISH

	2020 Study fleet program EFP
Number of Vessels	19.
Exempted regulations in 50 CFR part 648	<i>Minimum fish sizes</i> § 648.83 Northeast multispecies minimum fish sizes for redfish, yellowtail flounder, and winter flounder. <i>Possession restrictions</i> § 648.86(a) Haddock. § 648.86(g) Yellowtail flounder. § 648.94 Monkfish.

When directed by the Center, participating vessels would also be authorized to retain and land specific amounts of fish exceeding possession limits and/or below minimum fish sizes,

for research purposes only. The captain or crew would deliver these fish to Center staff upon landing. In these limited circumstances, the Study Fleet Program would give participating

vessels a formal biological sampling request prior to landing. This would ensure that the landed fish do not exceed any collection needs of the Study Fleet, as detailed in Table 2.

TABLE 2—STUDY FLEET PROGRAM'S BIOLOGICAL SAMPLE COLLECTION NEEDS

Species	Stock area *	Gear types #	Collection frequency	Individual fish per collection period	Maximum weight allowed per trip	Maximum allowance
Acadian redfish	GOM	OTF	Monthly (Mar–July).	50 per month	150 lb (331 kg)	750 lb (1,653 kg).
Haddock	GOM, GB	OTF, DRS	Monthly (Dec–Mar).	80 per week (40 from each stock area).	300 lb (661 kg)	4,800 lb (10,582 kg).
Winter flounder	GOM, GB, SNE ...	OTF, DRS	Monthly (Jan–Apr)	120 per week (40 from each stock area).	160 lb (353 kg)	3,840 lb (8,466 kg).
Yellowtail flounder ..	GOM, GB, SNE ...	OTF, DRS	Monthly (Jan–Apr)	120 per week (40 from each stock area).	90 lb (198 kg)	2,160 lb (4,762 kg).
Monkfish	SNE	OTF	Twice	10 per trip	120 lb (295 kg)	240 lb (529 kg).
Butterfish	SNE	OTM	Twice	20 per trip	10 lb (22 kg)	20 lb (44 kg).
Atlantic mackerel ...	SNE	OTM	Twice	20 per trip	10 lb (22 kg)	20 lb (44 kg).
Shortfin squid	Any Area	OTM, OTF	Monthly (Dec–Mar).	30 per month	15 lb (33 kg)	60 lb (132 kg).

* Stock area abbreviations: Gulf of Maine (GOM), Georges Bank (GB), Southern New England (SNE)

Gear abbreviations: Otter trawl (OTF), bottom longline (LLB), sink gillnet (GNS), sea scallop dredge (DRS), fish pot (PTF), hand lines, auto jig (HND), purse seine (PUR), otter trawl midwater (OTM), pair trawl midwater (PTM).

All catch would be attributed to the appropriate commercial fishing quota. For a vessel fishing on a groundfish sector trip, all catch of groundfish stocks allocated to sectors would be deducted from the vessel's sector's annual catch entitlement (ACE). Once the ACE for a stock has been reached in a sector, vessels would no longer be allowed to fish in that stock area unless the sector acquired additional ACE for the stock in question. For common pool vessels, all groundfish catch would be counted toward the appropriate trimester total allowable catch (TAC). Common pool vessels would be exempt from possession and trip limits on EFP trips when directed for sampling by the Center, but would still be subject to trimester TAC closures.

If approved, the Center 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 impact that does not change the scope of the initially approved EFP request. Any fishing activity conducted outside the scope of the exempted fishing activity would be prohibited.

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

Dated: April 1, 2020.

Hélène M.N. Scalliet,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Patent and Trademark Office

[Docket No.: PTO-P-2020-0021]

Grant of Interim Extension of the Term of U.S. Patent No. 7,534,790; Vernakalant Hydrochloride

AGENCY: United States Patent and Trademark Office, Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of interim patent term extension.

SUMMARY: The United States Patent and Trademark Office has issued an order granting interim extension for a one-year interim extension of the term of U.S. Patent No. 7,534,790.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ali Salimi by telephone at (571) 272-0909; by mail marked to his attention and addressed to the Commissioner for Patents, Mail Stop Hatch-Waxman PTE, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450; by fax marked to his attention at

(571) 273-0909; or by email to ali.salimi@uspto.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 156 of Title 35, United States Code, generally provides that the term of a patent may be extended for a period of up to five years if the patent claims a product, or a method of making or using a product, that has been subject to certain defined regulatory review, and that the patent may be extended for interim periods of up to one year if the regulatory review is anticipated to extend beyond the expiration date of the patent.

On February 5, 2020, Correvio International Sàrl, the patent owner of record, timely filed an application under 35 U.S.C. 156(d)(5) for a second interim extension of the term of U.S. Patent No. 7,534,790. The patent claims the human drug product, vernakalant hydrochloride. The application for patent term extension indicates that New Drug Application (NDA) 22-034 was submitted to the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) on December 19, 2006.

Review of the patent term extension application indicates that, except for permission to market or use the product commercially, the subject patent would be eligible for an extension of the patent term under 35 U.S.C. 156, and that the patent should be extended for one year as required by 35 U.S.C. 156(d)(5)(B). Because the regulatory review period will continue beyond the once-extended expiration date of the patent, March 31, 2020, interim extension of the patent term under 35 U.S.C. 156(d)(5) is appropriate.

An interim extension under 35 U.S.C. 156(d)(5) of the term of U.S. Patent No. 7,534,790 is granted for a period of one year from the extended expiration date of the patent.

Robert Bahr,

Deputy Commissioner for Patent Examination Policy, United States Patent and Trademark Office.

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COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION

Sunshine Act Meetings

TIME AND DATE: 1:30 p.m. EDT, Tuesday, April 14, 2020.

PLACE: This meeting will be convened on a telephone conference call.

STATUS: Closed.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED: Enforcement matters. In the event that

the time, date, or location of this meeting changes, an announcement of the change, along with the new time, date, and/or place of the meeting will be posted on the Commission's website at <https://www.cftc.gov/>.

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION: Christopher Kirkpatrick, 202-418-5964.

Authority: 5 U.S.C. 552b.

Dated: April 3, 2020.

Christopher Kirkpatrick,
Secretary of the Commission.

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CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget for Review and Approval; Comment Request; Application Instructions for AmeriCorps State and National Competitive New and Continuation

AGENCY: Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS).

ACTION: Notice of information collection; request for comment.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, CNCS is proposing to renew an information collection.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted to the individual and office listed in the **ADDRESSES** section by June 8, 2020.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments, identified by the title of the information collection activity, by any of the following methods:

(1) *By mail sent to:* Corporation for National and Community Service, Attention Arminda Pappas, 250 E Street SW, Washington, DC 20525.

(2) *By hand delivery or by courier to the CNCS mailroom at the mail address given in paragraph (1) above, between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Eastern Time, Monday through Friday, except federal holidays.*

(3) *Electronically through www.regulations.gov.*

Comments submitted in response to this notice may be made available to the public through regulations.gov. For this reason, please do not include in your comments information of a confidential nature, such as sensitive personal information or proprietary information. If you send an email comment, your email address will be automatically captured and included as part of the comment that is placed in the public docket and made available on the