Agenda

The Committee will review alternatives to designate a Habitat Area of Particular Concern in Southern New England and identify a preferred alternative for Council consideration at the April meeting. As needed, recommend additional analysis or information to be developed by the Plan Development Team to support Council final action in April. They will also receive an update on the discussions that have occurred between the Plan Development Team and Coonamessett Farm Foundation staff related to development of a final report for their Exempted Fishing Permit study in the Great South Channel Habitat Management Area. The Committee will receive updates on offshore energy, cable, and aquaculture projects of interest to the Council and provide feedback as appropriate. They will also discuss and recommend updates to habitat-related Council research priorities. Also on the agenda is a progress update on habitat-related Council work priorities. Other business may be discussed as necessary.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in this agenda may come before this group for discussion, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during this meeting. 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 Council’s intent to take final action to address the emergency.

Special Accommodations

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Thomas A. Nies, Executive Director, at (978) 465–0492, at least 5 days prior to the date. This meeting will be recorded. Consistent with 16 U.S.C. 1852, a copy of the recording is available upon request.

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[RTID 0648–XB825]

Caribbean Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting; Correction

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

ACTION: Notice; correction.


SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Correction

In the Federal Register of February 23, 2022, in FR Doc. 2022–03810, on page 10173, in the second column, add the following information to the ADDRESSES caption:

Meeting address: The meeting will be held at the Courtyard by Marriott Isla Verde Beach Resort, 7012 Boca de Cangrejos Avenue, Carolina, Puerto Rico 00979.

All previously published information remains unchanged.

Special Accommodations

For any additional information on this hybrid meeting, please contact Dr. Graciela García-Moliner, Caribbean Fishery Management Council, 270 Muñoz Rivera Avenue, Suite 401, San Juan, Puerto Rico, 00918–1903, telephone: (787) 403–8337.

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Determination Regarding Review of Nomination for Hudson Canyon National Marine Sanctuary

AGENCY: Office of National Marine Sanctuaries (ONMS), National Ocean Service (NOS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Department of Commerce (DOC).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In January 2022, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) requested written comments to facilitate the five-year review of the nomination for Hudson Canyon National Marine Sanctuary (NMS). NOAA requested relevant and new information pertaining to its 11 sanctuary nomination evaluation criteria. In particular, NOAA sought any additional details about the area’s natural or cultural resources, emerging threats to these resources, and evolving management efforts or human uses in the proposed area (e.g., wind energy proposals). After reviewing the information gathered through the public process and completing an internal analysis of readily-available and relevant information on the proposed area, NOAA has determined the Hudson Canyon NMS nomination will remain on the inventory until at least February 23, 2027.

DATES: This determination is applicable on February 23, 2022.

ADDRESSES: Matt Brookhart, Eastern Regional Director, NOAA Sanctuaries Eastern Region, 1305 East West Highway, N/NMS, Silver Spring, MD 20910, or at Matt.Brookhart@noaa.gov, and at https://nominate.noaa.gov/nominations/.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: LeAnn Hogan, Regional Operations Coordinator, NOAA Sanctuaries Eastern Region, 1305 East-West Highway, N/NMS, Silver Spring, MD 20910, or at LeAnn.Hogan@noaa.gov, or at 202–731–0678.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background Information

In June 2014, NOAA issued a final rule establishing the sanctuary
nomination process (SNP), which details how communities may submit nominations to NOAA for consideration of national marine sanctuary designation (79 FR 33851). NOAA moves successful nominations to an inventory of areas that could be considered for national marine sanctuary designation. The final rule establishing the SNP included a five-year limit on any nomination added to the inventory that NOAA does not advance for designation.

In November 2019, NOAA issued a notice (84 FR 61546) to clarify procedures for evaluating and updating a nomination as it approaches the five-year mark on the inventory of areas that could be considered for national marine sanctuary designation. The clarified procedure is intended to ensure the inventory contains nominations that remain relevant and responsive to the 11 national significance criteria and management considerations. The 11 criteria can be found at https://nominate.noaa.gov. The process to update a nomination that is about to expire includes the following steps:

1. ONMS notifies the nominating party prior to the five-year mark of the nominated area’s time on the inventory to give the nominator an opportunity to provide updates on the nominated area’s relevance to the 11 sanctuary nomination evaluation criteria.

2. ONMS works with partners and the public to gather information on the nominated area’s relevance to the 11 sanctuary nomination evaluation criteria.

3. ONMS reviews the information received from the original nominating party, partners, the public, Indigenous communities, and other relevant sources to update any information on the 11 criteria, assess the level of community-based support for the nomination from a broad range of interests, and determine if that support has increased or decreased since the time of nomination. Based on this information, ONMS assesses if the nomination is still accurate and relevant.

4. ONMS produces a report for the ONMS Director that presents an analysis of the information that has been collected, and recommends whether to maintain the nomination on the inventory, or remove it once the five-year mark is reached.

On January 21, 2022, NOAA issued a request for public comments on the Hudson Canyon NMS nomination (87 FR 3283). NOAA requested relevant information pertaining to the 11 sanctuary nomination evaluation criteria for inclusion in the national inventory. Five public comment letters were submitted during this public comment process. The public comment letters can be found at regulations.gov (search for docket number NOAA–NOS–2022–0010). In analyzing these public comment letters, particular attention was given to new scientific information about the national significance of natural and cultural resources, increases or decreases in the threats to resources originally proposed for protection, and evolving management efforts or human uses in the proposed area.

NOAA reviewed the information contained in the public comment letters and has determined that the new information shows that there are changes to the threats to the resources in Hudson Canyon. Hudson Canyon remains an area of national significance, the area has special cultural significance to the Indigenous people of the region, and the natural resources and ecological qualities continue to contribute to the biological productivity of the area. Therefore, this notice serves to inform the public of NOAA’s decision to extend the nomination of the Hudson Canyon NMS on the inventory for another five-year period. With this action, NOAA is not proposing to designate Hudson Canyon as a national marine sanctuary.

Authority: 16 U.S.C. 1431 et seq.

John Armor,

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[RTID 0648–XB847]

North Pacific Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice of webconference.

SUMMARY: The North Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council)’s Executive Committee will hold a webconference March 14, 2022.

DATES: The Executive Committee will begin at 8 a.m. on Monday, March 14, 2022, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Alaska Time.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be by webconference. Join online through the link at https://meetings.npfmc.org/Meeting/Details/2857.

Council address: North Pacific Fishery Management Council, 1007 W 3rd Ave, Anchorage, AK 99501–2252; telephone: (907) 271–2809. Instructions for attending the meeting via webconference are given under Connection Information, below.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Diana Evans, Council staff; email: diana.evans@noaa.gov, telephone: (907) 271–2809. For technical support please contact our administrative staff, email: npfmc.admin@noaa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Agenda

Monday, March 14, 2022

The Executive Committee and AP and SSC leadership will review a staff paper on reflections on the Council process and Ideas for Change, and develop recommendations for the Council. The Agenda is subject to change, and the latest version will be posted at https://meetings.npfmc.org/Meeting/Details/2857 prior to the meeting, along with meeting materials.

Connection Information

You can attend the meeting online using a computer, tablet, or smart phone; or by phone only. Connection information will be posted online at: https://meetings.npfmc.org/Meeting/Details/2857. For technical support please contact our administrative staff, email: npfmc.admin@noaa.gov.

Public Comment

Public comment letters will be accepted and should be submitted electronically through the links at https://meetings.npfmc.org/Meeting/Details/2857 by 5 p.m. Alaska time, March 13, 2022. The Committee will also hear oral testimony, sign-up information will be posted at https://meetings.npfmc.org/Meeting/Details/2857.

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


Tracey L. Thompson,
Acting Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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