

and NOAA Fisheries; be provided an update and provide comments on Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) energy development activities with a focus on Renewable Energy development and industry planning in North Carolina and developing plans for other South Atlantic States; review and provide input on Council Web Services refinements developed for the Fishery Ecosystem II Dashboard; receive an overview of frigate and bullet mackerel as prey supporting the dolphin wahoo fisheries; receive an update on fishery independent research programs supporting stock and habitat assessment and ecosystem modelling including the Southeast Area Monitoring and Assessment Program (SEAMAP-SA), Marine Resources Monitoring, Assessment, and Prediction (MARMAP) and Southeast Fishery-Independent Survey (SEFIS); and receive a presentation on the ongoing mapping and characterization of South Atlantic deepwater by NOAA Office of Ocean Exploration and the NOAA research vessel Okeanus Explorer ecosystems which serve as Essential Fish Habitat (EFH)—Habitat Areas of Particular Concern (HAPC). The AP meeting will also include a discussion/breakout session to provide input on refining EFH information and online access for regional partner development of Environmental Impact Statements and supporting information for permit review addressing non-fishing threats in the region. AP members will also receive an update on NOAA Fisheries Ecosystem Based Fishery Management activities including a Climate Vulnerability Analysis, Ecosystem Status Report, Community Vulnerability and Ecosystem modelling. The AP will develop recommendations as necessary for consideration by the Council's Habitat Protection and Ecosystem-Based Management Committee.

Special Accommodations

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for auxiliary aids should be directed to the Council office (see **ADDRESSES**) 3 days prior to the meeting.

Note: The times and sequence specified in this agenda are subject to change.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Fisheries of the South Atlantic; Southeast Data, Assessment, and Review (SEDAR); Public Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice of SEDAR 63 Review Workshop for Gulf of Mexico Menhaden.

SUMMARY: The SEDAR 63 assessment of the Gulf of Mexico stock of Menhaden will be reviewed by an independent Panel at the Review Workshop. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

DATES: The SEDAR 63 Review Workshop will be held on November 6, 2018, from 8:30 a.m. until 6 p.m.; and November 7, 2018, from 8:30 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. The established times may be adjusted as necessary to accommodate the timely completion of discussion relevant to the assessment process. Such adjustments may result in the meeting being extended from, or completed prior to the time established by this notice.

ADDRESSES:

Meeting address: The SEDAR 63 Review Workshop will be held at the Four Points by Sheraton French Quarter Hotel, 541 Bourbon Street, New Orleans, LA 70130; phone: (504) 648-2322.

SEDAR address: South Atlantic Fishery Management Council, 4055 Faber Place Drive, Suite 201, N Charleston, SC 29405; www.sedarweb.org.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Gulf of Mexico, South Atlantic, and Caribbean Fishery Management Councils, in conjunction with NOAA Fisheries and the Atlantic and Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commissions, have implemented the Southeast Data, Assessment and Review (SEDAR) process, a multi-step method for determining the status of fish stocks in the Southeast Region. SEDAR is a three-step process including: (1) Data Workshop; (2) Assessment Process utilizing a workshop and webinars; and (3) Review Workshop. The product of the Data Workshop is a data report, which compiles and evaluates potential datasets and recommends which

datasets are appropriate for assessment analyses. The product of the Assessment Process is a stock assessment report, which describes the fisheries, evaluates the status of the stock, estimates biological benchmarks, projects future population conditions, and recommends research and monitoring needs. The assessment is independently peer reviewed at the Review Workshop. The product of the Review Workshop is a Summary documenting panel opinions regarding the strengths and weaknesses of the stock assessment and input data. Participants for SEDAR Workshops are appointed by the Gulf of Mexico, South Atlantic, and Caribbean Fishery Management Councils and NOAA Fisheries Southeast Regional Office, Highly Migratory Species Management Division, and Southeast Fisheries Science Center. Participants include: Data collectors and database managers; stock assessment scientists, biologists, and researchers; constituency representatives including fishermen, environmentalists, and non-governmental organizations (NGOs); international experts; and staff of Councils, Commissions, and state and federal agencies.

The items of discussion in the Review Workshop are as follows:

Independent peer review of the assessment developed during the Data Workshop and Assessment Process. Panelists will review the assessment and document their comments and recommendations in a Summary Report.

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 identified 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 intent to take final action to address the emergency.

Special Accommodations

This meeting is accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for auxiliary aids should be directed to the SAFMC office (see **ADDRESSES**) at least 10 business days prior to the meeting.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Telecommunications and Information Administration

Multistakeholder Process on Promoting Software Component Transparency

AGENCY: National Telecommunications and Information Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: The National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) will convene a meeting of a multistakeholder process on promoting software component transparency on November 6, 2018.

DATES: The meeting will be held on November 6, 2018, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Eastern Standard Time.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the American Institute of Architects, 1735 New York Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20006.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Allan Friedman, National Telecommunications and Information Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW, Room 4725, Washington, DC 20230; telephone: (202) 482-4281; email: afriedman@ntia.doc.gov. Please direct media inquiries to NTIA's Office of Public Affairs: (202) 482-7002; email: press@ntia.doc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

This National Telecommunications and Information Administration cybersecurity multistakeholder process focuses on promoting software component transparency. Most modern software is not written completely from scratch, but includes existing components, modules, and libraries from the open source and commercial software world. Modern development practices, such as code reuse, and a dynamic IT marketplace with acquisitions and mergers, make it challenging to track the use of software components. The Internet of Things compounds this phenomenon, as new organizations, enterprises, and innovators take on the role of software developer to add "smart" features or connectivity to their products. Although

the majority of libraries and components do not have known vulnerabilities, the sheer quantity of software means that some software products ship with vulnerable or out-of-date components.

Under the multistakeholder process, NTIA acts as the convener, but stakeholders drive the outcomes, determine how to scope and organize the work through subgroups or other means, and evaluate success of the process based on the extent to which the group's findings on software component transparency are implemented across the ecosystem. The first meeting of this multistakeholder process was held on July 19, 2018, in Washington, DC.¹ Stakeholders presented multiple perspectives, and identified four inter-related work streams: Understanding the Problem, Use Cases and State of Practice, Standards and Formats, and Healthcare Proof of Concept.

The main objectives of the November 6, 2018, meeting are to share progress from the working groups and hear feedback from the broader stakeholder community. Stakeholders will also discuss how the outputs of the different work streams can complement each other, and identify issues for further study. More information about stakeholders' work is available at: <https://www.ntia.doc.gov/SoftwareTransparency>.

Time and Date: NTIA will convene the next meeting of the multistakeholder process on software component transparency on November 6, 2018, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Eastern Standard Time. Please refer to NTIA's website, <https://www.ntia.doc.gov/SoftwareTransparency>, for the most current information.

Place: The meeting will be held at the American Institute of Architects, 1735 New York Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20006. The location of the meeting is subject to change. Please refer to NTIA's website, <https://www.ntia.doc.gov/SoftwareTransparency>, for the most current information.

Other Information: The meeting is open to the public and the press on a first-come, first-served basis. Space is limited.

The meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Allan Friedman at (202) 482-4281 or afriedman@ntia.doc.gov at least seven (7) business days prior to each meeting. The meetings will also be webcast. Requests for real-time captioning of the

webcast or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Allan Friedman at (202) 482-4281 or afriedman@ntia.doc.gov at least seven (7) business days prior to each meeting. There will be an opportunity for stakeholders viewing the webcast to participate remotely in the meetings through a moderated conference bridge, including polling functionality. Access details for the meetings are subject to change. Please refer to NTIA's website, <https://www.ntia.doc.gov/SoftwareTransparency>, for the most current information.

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Chief Counsel, National Telecommunications and Information Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Defense Acquisition Regulations System

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Information Collection Requirement; Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement (DFARS); Contract Financing

AGENCY: Defense Acquisition Regulations System, Department of Defense (DoD).

ACTION: Notice and request for comments regarding a proposed extension of an approved information collection requirement.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, DoD announces the proposed extension of a public information collection requirement and seeks public comment on the provisions thereof. *DoD invites comments on:* Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of DoD, including whether the information will have practical utility; the accuracy of the estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection; ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and ways to minimize the burden of the information collection on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) has approved this information collection for use through January 31, 2019. DoD proposes that OMB extend its approval for use for three additional

¹ Notes, presentations, and a video recording of the July 19, 2018, kickoff meeting are available at: <https://www.ntia.doc.gov/SoftwareTransparency>.