Point	N. lat.	W. long.	Note
A	41°30′	(66°34.8′)	(1)
B	41°30′	67°20′	
C	41°50′	67°20′	
D	41°50′	67°10′	
E	42°00′	67°10′	
F	42°00′	(67°00.63′)	(2), (3)
A	41°30′	(66°34.8′)	(1)

[1] The intersection of 41°30' N. latitude and the U.S.-Canada Maritime Boundary, approximate longitude in parentheses.
[2] The intersection of 42°00' N. latitude and the U.S.-Canada Maritime Boundary, approximate longitude in parentheses.
[3] From POINT F back to POINT A along the U.S.-Canada Maritime Boundary.

The proposed rule highlighted that GARFO is interested in conducting research through an EFP to gather catch data from portions of CAs I and II to provide basic catch information to the industry, the public, and NMFS. Participating vessels would require an exemption from CA I and II regulations at 50 CFR 648.81(a) and (b), respectively, and fish possession restrictions noted above (for catch sampling purposes only) to conduct this study.

Pilot Study Objectives

This pilot project would authorize limited access groundfish sector vessels in the study fleet to fish in portions of CAs I and II to achieve the following objectives:

1. Provide basic catch composition and catch rate data, with a focus on target species such as haddock, and species of concern, such as yellowtail flounder and cod.
2. Evaluate the economic benefit of allowing sector vessels to fish in these areas, as proposed under the sector rule.

Pilot Study Methods

Vessels would take up to 10 trips into portions of CA I and/or CA II to collect catch composition data. Vessels would fish in accordance with standard commercial practice, including tow duration ranges between 1 and 3 hours, tow speed averages of 2.5–3.0 knots, and fishing activity throughout the day when on the fishing grounds. Trips would be 5–10 days in length. Vessels would have discretion to fish inside or outside the closed area during the trip. When fishing in closed areas, vessels would be required to use selective trawl gears (i.e., Ruhle trawl, haddock separator trawl, or rope separator trawl). In addition, vessels would only be authorized to fish within the access areas proposed above. In CA I, trips would begin in May 2014 and be completed no later than December 31, 2014. In CA II, trips would begin in May 2014, be completed no later than June 15, 2014, and then continue between November 1, 2014, through December 31, 2014. A study fleet technician would be on board every trip operating under the closed area exemption, and the technician would collect data from every tow that occurs in a closed area, including pounds retained and discarded of focus species, length frequency of focus species, tow location and duration, gear specifications, and bottom temperature, among other information. Vessels would remain subject to groundfish catch limits, and all catch would be accounted for and applied against the appropriate Annual Catch Entitlement, or other quota, as applicable. Legal catch would be sold.

Pilot Study Results

Catch composition and catch rate data will be characterized at different spatial and temporal scales (e.g., tow, trip, area) to inform questions about target and non-target catch in these areas. Catch data will be released to the public.

If approved, the applicant 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 do not change the scope or impact 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 24, 2014.

Emily H. Menashes,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

RIN 0648–XD249

Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; At-Sea Scales Requirements

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

ACTION: Notice of public workshop.

SUMMARY: NMFS announces a workshop to solicit input from owners and operators of catcher/processor vessels (C/Ps) and motherships that are required to weigh catch at sea. The workshop concerns proposed changes to equipment and operational requirements for motion compensating scales that weigh catch at sea. These proposed changes would affect the owners and operators of three groups of vessels: trawl C/Ps and motherships permitted to fish for or to receive pollock in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands (BSAI) under the (American Fisheries Act) AFA; trawl C/Ps permitted to fish for groundfish under Amendment 80 to the Fishery Management Plan for Groundfish of the BSAI or rockfish in the Central Gulf of Alaska; and longline C/Ps with a license limitation program license endorsed for C/P operations that fish for Pacific cod using hook-and-line gear in the Bering Sea or Aleutian Islands areas. The workshop will be divided into three sections, and each section will focus on how the proposed changes will affect the three groups of vessels described above. The workshop is open to the public, but NMFS is specifically requesting those who are knowledgeable about the operations of the three groups of vessels (described above) to attend.

DATES: The public workshop will be held on Friday, May 16, 2014. The workshop will be divided into three sessions: AFA trawl C/Ps and motherships, 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Pacific daylight savings time; Amendment 80

and Central GOA trawl C/Ps, 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Pacific daylight savings time; and Pacific cod longline C/Ps, 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Pacific daylight savings time.

ADDRESSES: The workshop will be held at the International Pacific Halibut Commission (IPHC) Seattle Office, 2320 West Commodore Way, Suite 300, Seattle, WA. Directions to the IPHC are on its Web site at *http://www.iphc.int/component/content/article/135-new-office.html.*

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Alan Kinsolving, 928–774–4362 or Jennifer Watson, 907–586–7537.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: NMFS is developing proposed revisions to the at-sea scales program for C/Ps and motherships that are required to weigh catch at sea. NMFS is considering three major changes to current regulations. First, NMFS is proposing to change regulations concerning daily scale testing and require electronic reporting of daily scale test results. Second, scales used to weigh catch would need electronics capable of logging and printing the frequency and magnitude of scale calibrations as well as the time and date of each scale fault and scale startup. Finally, NMFS is proposing to require that the area around the scale be monitored using video. These changes are being proposed to reduce the possibility of scale tampering, to improve the accuracy of catch estimation by the C/P and mothership sector, and to revise technical regulations that are no longer applicable.

The workshop—to be held Friday, May 16, 2014 (see DATES section for the specific times of the three sessions)—is open to the public, but NMFS is particularly seeking participation by those who are knowledgeable about the operations of the three groups of vessels described above and who can discuss with NMFS the potential operational impacts of proposed monitoring requirements.

Special Accommodations

The workshop will be physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Jennifer Watson, 907–586–7537, at least 10 working days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: April 24, 2014.

Emily H. Menashes,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

RIN 0648–XD264

Mid-Atlantic 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 Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council's (Council) Executive Committee will meet in a closed session via webinar.

DATES: The webinar will be Tuesday, May 20, 2014, starting at 1:30 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The closed meetings will be held via webinar.

Council Address: Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council, 800 N. State Street, Suite 201, Dover, DE 19901; telephone: (302) 674–2331.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Christopher M. Moore Ph.D., Executive Director, Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council, 800 N. State Street, Suite 201, Dover, DE 19901; telephone: (302) 526–5255.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of the webinar is to develop recommendations to the Council Chairman regarding appointments to the River Herring and Shad Advisor Panel.

Dated: April 23, 2014.

Tracey L. Thompson,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Telecommunications and Information Administration

First Responder Network Authority

[Docket Number 131219999–4338–02]

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National Environmental Policy Act Categorical Exclusions

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

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The First Responder Network Authority (FirstNet) publishes this notice of its categorical exclusions (CEs) of actions that FirstNet has determined do not individually or cumulatively have a significant effect on the human environment and, thus, should be categorically excluded from the requirement to prepare an environmental assessment or environmental impact statement under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA).

DATES: These categorical exclusions become effective on April 29, 2014.

ADDRESSES: A complete set of comments filed in response to the *First Responder Network Authority: National Environmental Policy Act Implementing Procedures and Categorical Exclusions* published on January 6, 2014, is available at: *http://www.ntia.doc.gov/federal-register-notice/2014/comments-notice-firstnet-categorical-exclusions.* The FirstNet categorical exclusions and the supporting administrative record for these categorical exclusions is available at: *http://www.ntia.doc.gov/category/firstnet.*

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Genevieve Walker, First Responder Network Authority, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW., HCHB Room CC 219, Washington, DC 20230; (202) 482–4385; or *genevieve.walker@firstnet.gov.*

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. National Environmental Policy Act

The National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321–4347) (NEPA) requires federal agencies to undertake an assessment of environmental effects of their proposed actions prior to making a final decision and implementing the action. NEPA requirements apply to any federal project, decision, or action that may have a significant impact on the quality of the human environment. NEPA also establishes the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ), which issued regulations implementing the procedural provisions of NEPA as codified in 40 CFR Parts 1500–1508. Among other considerations, CEQ regulations require federal agencies to adopt their own implementing procedures to supplement the Council's regulations, and to establish and use ''categorical exclusions'' to define categories of actions that do not individually or cumulatively have a significant effect on the human environment. Thus, such actions do not require preparation of an environmental assessment or an environmental impact statement as required by NEPA.

The Middle Class Tax Relief and Job Creation Act of 2012 (Pub. L. 112–96, 126 Stat. 156 (2012)) (Act) created and authorized FirstNet to take all actions