

*Comment 2:* Errors in Calculation of Constructed Value Selling Expense and Profit Ratios

*Comment 3:* Appropriate Universe of Sales

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*Comment 5:* Differential Pricing Analysis Recommendation

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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#### Marine Fisheries Advisory Committee Meeting

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

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

**SUMMARY:** This notice sets forth the proposed schedule and agenda of a forthcoming meeting of the Marine Fisheries Advisory Committee (MAFAC). The members will discuss and provide advice on issues outlined under **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** below.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held November 1–3, 2016, from 9:00 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the Sheraton Silver Spring Hotel, 8777 Georgia Ave, Silver Spring, MD 20910; 301–589–0800.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jennifer Lukens, MAFAC Executive Director; (301) 427–8004; email: [Jennifer.Lukens@noaa.gov](mailto:Jennifer.Lukens@noaa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** As required by section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. 2, notice is hereby given of a meeting of MAFAC. The MAFAC was established by the Secretary of Commerce (Secretary), and, since 1971, advises the Secretary on all living marine resource matters that are the responsibility of the Department of Commerce. The complete charter and summaries of prior meetings are located online at <http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/ocs/mafac/>.

#### Matters To Be Considered

This meeting time and agenda are subject to change.

The meeting is convened to hear presentations and updates and to discuss policies and guidance on the following topics: proposed Columbia Basin Partnership Task Force;

aquaculture resilience benefits; regional vulnerability analyses; ecosystem based fisheries management; transition; Protected Resources program review and climate change guidance; climate science and regional action plans; recreational fisheries activities and socioeconomic science; and the budget outlook for FY2017–2018. MAFAC will discuss various administrative and organizational matters, and meetings of standing subcommittees and working groups will be convened.

#### Special Accommodations

The meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Heidi Lovett; 301–427–8034 by October 21, 2016.

Dated: October 11, 2016.

**Jennifer Lukens,**

*Director for the Office of Policy, National Marine Fisheries Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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#### Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act; 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 Regional Administrator, NMFS West Coast Region, has determined that an application for an exempted fishing permit (EFP) warrants further consideration and requests public comment on the application. The application requests 2-year exemptions from various prohibitions under the Fishery Management Plan for U.S. West Coast Fisheries for Highly Migratory Species (HMS FMP) to test the effects and efficacy of using deep-set buoy gear (DSBG) to fish for swordfish and other highly migratory species (HMS) off the U.S. West Coast. This notice also announces NMFS' intent to extend two current DSBG EFPs through 2018 and also requests public comment on these EFPs.

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted in writing by November 16, 2016.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments on this document, identified by NOAA–NMFS–2016–0133, by any of the following methods:

- **Electronic Submission:** Submit all electronic public comments via the Federal e-Rulemaking Portal. Go to [www.regulations.gov/#/docketDetail;D=NOAA-NMFS-2016-0133](http://www.regulations.gov/#/docketDetail;D=NOAA-NMFS-2016-0133), click the “Comment Now!” icon, complete the required fields, and enter or attach your comments. EFP applications will be available under Relevant Documents through the same link.

- **Mail:** Attn: Chris Fanning, NMFS West Coast Region, 501 W. Ocean Blvd., Suite 4200, Long Beach, CA 90802. Include the identifier “NOAA–NMFS–2016–0133” in the comments.

**Instructions:** Comments sent by any other method, to any other address or individual, or received after the end of the comment period, may not be considered by NMFS. All comments received are a part of the public record and will generally be posted for public viewing on [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) without change. All personal identifying information (e.g., name, address, etc.), confidential business information, or otherwise sensitive information submitted voluntarily by the sender will be publicly accessible. NMFS will accept anonymous comments (enter “N/A” in the required fields if you wish to remain anonymous).

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Chris Fanning, NMFS, West Coast Region, 562–980–4198.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In August 2015 NMFS issued three EFPs for fishing vessels to use DSBG in the exclusive economic zone (EEZ) off the U.S. West Coast (DSBG is described as multiple hooks deployed relatively deep in the water column, using one or more weighted mainlines which are suspended with one or more buoys floating on the ocean surface) (80 FR 29662, May 22, 2015). DSBG fishing under two of these EFPs has been ongoing in 2015–2016, and the Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) recommended these both be extended through the 2017–2018 fishing season (<http://www.pcouncil.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/03/0316decisions.pdf>).

In addition to the request for the two extensions, a new DSBG EFP application was submitted to the Council by Dave Stephens for two additional vessels to conduct DSBG fishing activities (herein referred to as the “Stephens EFP”) (<http://www.pcouncil.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/07/0616decisions.pdf>). At its September 2016 meeting, the Council

recommended that NMFS issue the Stephens EFP (<http://www.pcouncil.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/09/0916decisions.pdf>).

If the two extensions and the Stephens EFP are approved, they would exempt a limited number of federally permitted commercial fishing vessels from requirements of the HMS FMP pertaining to non-authorized gear types. The EFPs would authorize up to 13 DSBG vessels to fish year-round in areas within the EEZ off the U.S. West Coast. Aside from the exemption described above, vessels fishing under an EFP would be subject to all other regulations implementing the HMS FMP, including measures to protect sea turtles, marine mammals, and seabirds. The three applicants requested EFP issuance for two fishing seasons or the 2017 and 2018 calendar years.

The Council suggested NMFS impose requirements on the Stephens EFP consistent with one of the existing EFPs, including, but not limited to:

- (1) 30 percent observer coverage on each vessel's fishing trips;
- (2) fishing only in federal waters; and
- (3) the operator of the fishing vessel operating under a DSBG EFP must actively tend all gear at all times and maintain the gear within sight (typically within 2–4 nautical miles of the gear) of the EFP participant fishing vessel.

NMFS is seeking public comment on the extension of the two existing EFPs, as well as the Stephens EFP application and the Council's recommended conditions.

In accordance with NOAA Administrative Order 216–6, appropriate National Environmental Policy Act documents will be completed prior to the issuance of the EFPs. Additionally, NMFS will consider all applicable laws, including Section 7(a)(2) of the Endangered Species Act (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), to determine if the proposed action is likely to jeopardize the continued existence and recovery of any endangered or threatened species or result in the destruction or adverse modification of critical habitat.

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

Dated: October 11, 2016.

**Emily H. Menashes,**  
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–2016–0041]

### Notice of Roundtables and Request for Comments Related to Patent Subject Matter Eligibility

**AGENCY:** United States Patent and Trademark Office, Department of Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of public roundtables and request for comments related to patent subject matter eligibility.

**SUMMARY:** The United States Patent and Trademark Office (“USPTO”) seeks public input on patent subject matter eligibility in view of recent decisions by the Supreme Court and Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit. The USPTO remains interested in feedback from members of the public to improve the USPTO's existing subject matter eligibility guidance and training examples. The USPTO is also interested in facilitating a discussion among members of the public regarding the legal contours of eligible subject matter in the U.S. patent system. The USPTO will be facilitating these discussions by hosting two roundtable events. The first roundtable will be directed to receiving feedback from members of the public to improve the USPTO's existing subject matter eligibility guidance and training examples. The second roundtable will be focused on receiving feedback regarding larger questions concerning the legal contours of eligible subject matter in the U.S. patent system. The roundtables will provide a forum for discussion of the topics identified in this notice.

**DATES:** The meeting dates are:

1. November 14, 2016, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m., Alexandria, VA.  
Written comments will be accepted on an ongoing basis.
2. December 5, 2016, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Stanford, CA.  
Written comments are due by January 18, 2017.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting locations are:

1. United States Patent and Trademark Office, Madison Building, Madison Auditorium, 600 Dulany Street, Alexandria, Virginia 22314.
2. Paul Brest Hall, 555 Salvatierra Walk, Stanford University, Stanford, California 94305.

Submit written comments to: [2014\\_interim\\_guidance@uspto.gov](mailto:2014_interim_guidance@uspto.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Requests for additional information regarding registration and speaker presentations should be directed to the

attention of Elizabeth Shaw, by telephone at 571–272–9300, or by email at [elizabeth.shaw2@uspto.gov](mailto:elizabeth.shaw2@uspto.gov). Requests for additional information regarding the topics for written comments and discussion at Roundtable 1 should be directed to Carolyn Kosowski, by telephone at 571–272–7688, or by email at [carolyn.kosowski@uspto.gov](mailto:carolyn.kosowski@uspto.gov). Requests for additional information regarding the topics for written comments and discussion at Roundtable 2 should be directed to Amy Nelson, by telephone at 571–272–8978, or by email at [amy.nelson@uspto.gov](mailto:amy.nelson@uspto.gov).

### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

#### Roundtable 1: USPTO Subject Matter Eligibility Guidelines

*Instructions and Information on Roundtable 1:* Roundtable 1 will be held on November 14, 2016, at the United States Patent and Trademark Office, Madison Building, Madison Auditorium, 600 Dulany Street, Alexandria, Virginia 22314. The roundtable will begin at 1:00 p.m., Eastern Standard Time (“EST”) and end at 5:00 p.m., EST. The roundtable will also be available via webcast enabling individuals who cannot attend in person to watch the roundtable via the Internet in real time. The agenda and webcast information will be available before the roundtable on the USPTO's Roundtable 1 Web page [www.uspto.gov/patent/notice-roundtables-and-request-comments-related-patent-subject-matter-eligibility](http://www.uspto.gov/patent/notice-roundtables-and-request-comments-related-patent-subject-matter-eligibility). On-line registration will be available from that Web page, and attendees may register at the door. Attendees are encouraged to register on-line before the roundtable.

*Written Comments:* The USPTO continues to accept comments on its subject matter eligibility guidance and training examples on an ongoing basis. Those comments, as well as any written comments on the topics for discussion in Roundtable 1, should be sent by electronic mail message via the Internet addressed to [2014\\_interim\\_guidance@uspto.gov](mailto:2014_interim_guidance@uspto.gov). Because comments will be made available for public inspection, information that is not desired to be made public, such as an address or phone number, should not be included in the comments.

#### Roundtable 2: Exploring the Legal Contours of Patent Subject Matter Eligibility

*Instructions and Information on Roundtable 2:* Roundtable 2 will be held on December 5, 2016, at Paul Brest Hall, 555 Salvatierra Walk, Stanford University, Stanford, California 94305. The roundtable will begin at 8:00 a.m., Pacific Standard Time (“PST”) and end