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Mount Hood Environmental is seeking a five-year permit that would allow them to annually take juvenile MCR steelhead from a non-essential experimental population in the Crooked River (Deschutes River watershed) in central Oregon. The researchers would use backpack electrofishing units and screw traps to capture the fish which would then be measured, weighed, checked for marks and tags, allowed to recover, and released back to the river. A subsample of the captured fish may also be tissue-sampled for genetic assays. The purpose of the research is to establish baseline population information (presence, abundance, density, etc.) on MCR steelhead and native redband trout in the vicinity of Bowman Dam, on the Crooked River. The work will benefit the species by helping managers maintain and operate Bowman Dam (and a possible new hydroelectric turbine proposed for construction there) in the most fish-friendly manner possible. The researchers do not intend to kill any of the fish being captured, but a small number may die as an unintended result of the activities.

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The Skagit River System Cooperative (SRSC) is seeking a five-year permit to capture juvenile PS Chinook salmon and PS steelhead in the Skagit River floodplain between river miles 54 and 79 (Skagit County, WA). The purpose of the study is to evaluate a restoration action designed to reconnect 1,700 acres (about 6.88 km<sup>2</sup>) of Skagit River floodplain (Barnaby Slough) by monitoring its effect upon salmonid densities and productivity. Barnaby Slough was used as a rearing pond for hatchery steelhead by the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife from the 1960's until 2007 and includes three dams, numerous dikes, and a smaller enclosed rearing pond. These features modify flow conditions and block fish passage to the slough and are slated for removal and restoration. This study will employ a Before-After-Control-Impact design with two years of pre-project and three years of post-project monitoring to evaluate fish and habitat relationships. This research would benefit the affected species by informing future restoration designs as well as providing impetus for future enhancement projects. The SRSC proposes to capture fish using fence-weir smolt traps and backpack and boat electrofishing equipment. Fish would be

captured, identified to species, measured, fin clipped (caudal fin), dyed, and released. Observational methods such as snorkel and redd surveys would be used to inform and supplement the above methods. The researchers do not propose to kill any of the listed fish being captured, but a small number may die as an unintended result of the activities.

This notice is provided pursuant to section 10(c) of the ESA. NMFS will evaluate the applications, associated documents, and comments submitted to determine whether the applications meet the requirements of section 10(a) of the ESA and Federal regulations. The final permit decisions will not be made until after the end of the 30-day comment period. NMFS will publish notice of its final action in the **Federal Register**.

Dated: July 21, 2020.

**Angela Somma,**

*Chief, Endangered Species Division, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

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**Caribbean Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Caribbean Fishery Management Council (CFMC) will hold the 170th public meeting (virtual) to address the items contained in the tentative agenda included in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

**DATES:** The 170th CFMC virtual public meeting will be held on August 11, 2020, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and on August 12, 2020, from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The meeting will be at Eastern Daylight Time.

**ADDRESSES:** You may join the 170th CFMC virtual public meeting via GoToMeeting, from a computer, tablet or smartphone by entering the following address:

**Tuesday, August 11, 2020, 9 a.m.–4 p.m. (GMT-04:00)**

Please join the meeting from your computer, tablet or smartphone.

<https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/440034621>

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United States: +1 (872) 240-3412  
Access Code: 440-034-621

Get the app now and be ready when the first meeting starts:

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**Wednesday, August 12, 2020, 9 a.m.—12:30 p.m. (GMT-04:00)**

Please join the meeting from your computer, tablet or smartphone.

<https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/972849573>

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United States: +1 (872) 240-3212  
Access Code: 972-849-573

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<https://global.gotomeeting.com/install/972849573>

In case there are problems with GoToMeeting, and we cannot reconnect via GoToMeeting, the meeting will continue via Google Meet.

**Tuesday, August 11, 2020, 9 a.m.–4 p.m., Atlantic Standard Time**

Join with Google Meet  
[meet.google.com/gbs-xeaw-zzq](https://meet.google.com/gbs-xeaw-zzq)

**Wednesday, August 12, 2020, 9 a.m.—12:30 p.m. Atlantic Standard Time—Puerto Rico**

Join with Google Meet  
[meet.google.com/nvm-nkcp-jmf](https://meet.google.com/nvm-nkcp-jmf)

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Miguel Rolón, Executive Director, Caribbean Fishery Management Council, 270 Muñoz Rivera Avenue, Suite 401, San Juan, Puerto Rico 00918-1903, telephone: (787) 398-3717.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The following items included in the tentative agenda will be discussed:

**August 11, 2020, 9 a.m.—11 a.m.**

—Call to Order

—Roll Call

—Swearing of New Council Members

—Election of Officers

—Adoption of Agenda

—Consideration of 169th Council

Meeting Verbatim Transcriptions

—Executive Director's Report

**August 11, 2020, 11 a.m.—11:10 a.m.**

—Break

**August 11, 2020, 11:10 a.m.—12 p.m.**

—Scientific and Statistical Committee

(SSC) Report on July 27–28, 2020,

Meeting—Richard Appeldoorn

**August 11, 2020, 12 p.m.—1 p.m.**

—Lunch Break

**August 11, 2020, 1 p.m.–1:30 p.m.**

—Ecosystem-Based Fishery Management Technical Advisory Panel Report—Sennai Habtes

**August 11, 2020, 1:30 p.m.–2 p.m.**

—Southeast Fisheries Science Center Update

**August 11, 2020, 2 p.m.–2:30 p.m.**

—Five-Year Strategic Plan Update—Michell Duval

**August 11, 2020, 2:30 p.m.–3:30 p.m.**

—Gear Discussion: Allowable Gear Types  
—Anchoring Discussion: Grammanik Bank

**August 11, 2020, 3:30 p.m.–4 p.m.**

—Public Comment Period (5-minute presentations)

**August 11, 2020, 4 p.m.**

—Adjourn

**August 12, 2020, 9 a.m.–10 a.m.**

—Island-Based Fishery Management Plans Update—Maria del Mar López  
—Options Paper for Updating Spiny Lobster Annual Catch Limit on Island-Based Fishery Management Plans Based on SEDAR 57  
—Discussion of Yellowtail Snapper Recreational Bag Limit under the St. Croix Fishery Management Plan

**August 12, 2020, 10 a.m.–10:10 a.m.**

—Break

**August 12, 2020, 10:10 a.m.–10:40 a.m.**

—Outreach and Education Advisory Panel Report—Alida Ortíz

**August 12, 2020, 10:40 a.m.–11:40 a.m.**

—Enforcement (15 minutes each)  
—Puerto Rico—Department of Natural and Environmental Resources (DNER)  
—U.S.V.I—Department of Planning and Natural Resources (DPNR)  
—U.S. Coast Guard  
—NOAA Fisheries Office of Law Enforcement

**August 12, 2020, 11:40 a.m.–12 p.m.**

—Other Business

**August 12, 2020, 12 p.m.–12:30 p.m.**

—Public Comment Period (5-minute presentations)

**August 12, 2020, 12:30 p.m.**

—Adjourn

The order of business may be adjusted as necessary to accommodate the completion of agenda items. The meeting will begin on August 11, 2020, at 9 a.m. EDT, and will end on August 12, 2020, at 12:30 p.m. EDT. Other than

the start time on the first date, interested parties should be aware that discussions may start earlier or later than indicated in the agenda, at the discretion of the Chair.

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For any additional information on this public virtual meeting, please contact Diana Martino, Caribbean Fishery Management Council, 270 Muñoz Rivera Avenue, Suite 401, San Juan, Puerto Rico 00918-1903, telephone: (787) 226-8849.

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

Dated: July 22, 2020.

**Tracey L. Thompson,**

*Acting Deputy 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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**International Affairs; U.S. Fishing Opportunities in the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Organization Regulatory Area**

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

**ACTION:** Notification of U.S. fishing opportunities.

**SUMMARY:** We are announcing 2020–2024 fishing opportunities in the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Organization Regulatory Area. This action is necessary to make fishing privileges in the Regulatory Area available on an equitable basis to the extent possible. The intent of this notice is to alert U.S. fishing vessels of these fishing opportunities, to relay the available quotas available to U.S. participants, and to outline the process

and requirements for vessels to apply to participate in this fishery. Allocation of these fishing privileges would be for five years, unless the approved vessel(s) are unable to successfully utilize the available quotas or the privilege is otherwise revoked.

**DATES:** These fishing opportunities are effective August 11, 2020 through December 31, 2024. Expressions of interest regarding fishing opportunities in NAFO will be accepted through August 11, 2020.

**ADDRESSES:** Expressions of interest regarding U.S. fishing opportunities in NAFO should be made in writing to Michael Pentony, U.S. Commissioner to the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Organization (NAFO), NMFS Greater Atlantic Regional Fisheries Office, by emailing Moira Kelly, Senior Fishery Program Specialist, at [Moira.Kelly@noaa.gov](mailto:Moira.Kelly@noaa.gov).

Information relating to chartering vessels of another NAFO Contracting Party, transferring NAFO fishing opportunities to or from another NAFO Contracting Party, or general U.S. participation in NAFO is available from Patrick E. Moran, NMFS Office of International Affairs and Seafood Inspection, email: [Pat.Moran@noaa.gov](mailto:Pat.Moran@noaa.gov).

Additional information about NAFO Conservation and Enforcement Measures and the High Seas Fishing Compliance Act Permit required for NAFO participation is available from Shannah Jaburek, NMFS Greater Atlantic Regional Fisheries Office, 55 Great Republic Drive, Gloucester, MA 01930 (phone: 978-282-8456, fax: 978-281-9135, email: [Shannah.Jaburek@noaa.gov](mailto:Shannah.Jaburek@noaa.gov)) and online from NAFO at <https://www.nafo.int>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Moira Kelly, (978) 281-9218.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**General NAFO Background**

The United States is a Contracting Party to the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Organization (NAFO). NAFO is an intergovernmental fisheries science and management body whose convention applies to most fishery resources in international waters of the Northwest Atlantic, except salmon, tunas/marlins, whales, and sedentary species such as shellfish. Currently, NAFO has 12 contracting parties from North America, Europe, Asia, and the Caribbean. NAFO's Commission is responsible for the management and conservation of the fishery resources in the Regulatory Area (waters outside the Exclusive Economic Zones (EEZ)). Figure 1 shows the NAFO Regulatory Area.