• Upper Columbia River Steelhead (O. mykiss): Threatened, naturally and artificially propagated.

Discussion of the Biological Analysis Underlying Permit Issuance

NMFS has issued permits for seven hatchery programs: Chelan Falls Summer/Fall Chinook Salmon, Wenatchee Summer/Fall Chinook Salmon, Methow Summer/Fall Chinook Salmon, Wells Hatchery Summer/Fall Chinook Salmon, Priest Rapids Fall Chinook Salmon, Ringgold Springs Fall Chinook Salmon, and Wells Complex Summer Steelhead. These hatchery programs are intended to contribute to the survival and recovery of Upper Columbia River steelhead and enhance fishing opportunity on hatchery-origin summer/fall and fall Chinook salmon and steelhead returns. The summer/fall and fall Chinook programs propagate an unlisted species, and thus only have incidental effects on listed species—the permits for these programs are issued under ESA section 10(a)(1)(B). The steelhead program uses natural-origin fish in the broodstock, and the permit for this program is issued under ESA section 10(a)(1)(A). Description of the programs was provided in Hatchery and Genetics Management Plans (HGMPs) submitted by the applicants.

NMFS has analyzed the effects of the hatchery programs on salmon and steelhead listed under the ESA, and has concluded that the hatchery programs would not appreciably reduce the likelihood of survival and recovery of ESA-listed species. Authorization of the activities depends upon implementation of all of the monitoring, evaluation, reporting tasks or assignments, and enforcement activities included in the permits.

Summary of Comments Received on the HGMPs

NMFS made the permit applications available for public comment on April 2, 2019 (84 FR 12594) for 30 days, as required by the ESA. No comments were received specific to the applications. However, we received a few general comments on the associated Environmental Assessment.


Dated: December 30, 2019.
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

[RTID 0648–XA003]

New England Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice; public meeting.

SUMMARY: The New England Fishery Management Council (Council) is scheduling a public meeting of its Groundfish Recreational Advisory Panel to consider actions affecting New England fisheries in the exclusive economic zone (EEZ). Recommendations from this group will be brought to the full Council for formal consideration and action, if appropriate.

DATES: This meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 21, 2020, from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Four Points Sheraton, One Audubon Road, Wakefield, MA 01880; Phone: (781) 245–9300.

Council address: New England Fishery Management Council, 50 Water Street, Mill 2, Newburyport, MA 01950.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Thomas A. Nies, Executive Director, New England Fishery Management Council; telephone: (978) 465–0492.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Agenda

The Recreational Advisory Panel will meet to discuss recreational measures for fishing year 2020 and provide recommendations to the Groundfish Committee on recreational measures for Gulf of Maine cod and Gulf of Maine haddock. They will receive an overview of the Council’s 2020 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 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 meeting 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.

Dated: December 31, 2019.
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

Commerce Spectrum Management Advisory Committee Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces a public meeting of the Commerce Spectrum Management Advisory Committee (Committee). The Committee provides advice to the Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Communications and Information and the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) on spectrum management policy matters.

DATES: The meeting will be held January 28, 2020, from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Eastern Standard Time (EST).

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at Morgan, Lewis & Bockius, LLP, 1111 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Suite 201, Washington, DC 20004. Public comments may be mailed to Commerce Spectrum Management Advisory Committee, National Telecommunications and Information Administration, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW, Room 4600, Washington, DC 20230 or emailed to dred@ntia.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: David J. Reed, Designated Federal Official, at (202) 482–5055 or dred@ntia.gov; and/or visit NTIA’s website at http://www.ntia.gov/category/csmac.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background: The Committee provides advice to the Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Communications and Information on needed reforms to domestic spectrum policies and management in order to: License radio frequencies in a way that maximizes public benefits; keep wireless networks
as open to innovation as possible; and make wireless services available to all Americans. See Charter at https://www.ntia.doc.gov/files/ntia/publications/csmac_signed_charter_9-30-17.pdf.

This Committee is subject to the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), 5 U.S.C. App. 2, and is consistent with the National Telecommunications and Information Administration Act, 47 U.S.C. 904(b). The Committee functions solely as an advisory body in compliance with the FACA. For more information about the Committee visit: http://www.ntia.gov/category/csmac.

Matters to be Considered: The Committee provides advice to the Assistant Secretary to assist in developing and maintaining spectrum management policies that enable the United States to maintain or strengthen its global leadership role in the introduction of communications technology, services, and innovation; thus expanding the economy, adding jobs, and increasing international trade, while at the same time providing for the expansion of existing technologies and supporting the country’s homeland security, national defense, and other critical needs of government missions. NTIA will post a detailed agenda on its website, http://www.ntia.gov/category/csmac, prior to the meeting. To the extent that the meeting time and agenda permit, any member of the public may speak to or otherwise address the Committee regarding the agenda items. See Open Meeting and Public Participation Policy, available at http://www.ntia.gov/category/csmac.

Time and Date: The meeting will be held on January 28, 2020, from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. EST. The meeting time and the agenda topics are subject to change. The meeting will be available via two-way audio link and may be webcast. Please refer to NTIA’s website, http://www.ntia.gov/category/csmac, for the most up-to-date meeting agenda and access information.

Place: The meeting will be held at Morgan, Lewis & Bockius, LLP, 1111 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Suite 201, Washington, DC 20004. The meeting will be open to the public and members of the press on a first-come, first-served basis as space is limited. The public meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Individuals requiring accommodations, such as sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids, are asked to notify Mr. Reed at (202) 482–5055 or dreed@ntia.gov at least ten (10) business days before the meeting.

Status: Interested parties are invited to attend and to submit written comments to the Committee at any time before or after the meeting. Parties wishing to submit written comments for consideration by the Committee in advance of a meeting may send them via postal mail to Commerce Spectrum Management Advisory Committee, National Telecommunications and Information Administration, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW, Room 4600, Washington, DC 20230. It would be helpful if paper submissions also include a compact disc (CD) that contains the comments in Microsoft Word and/or PDF file formats. CDs should be labeled with the name and organizational affiliation of the filer. Alternatively, comments may be submitted via electronic mail to dreed@ntia.gov and should also be in one or both of the file formats specified above. Comments must be received five (5) business days before the scheduled meeting date in order to provide sufficient time for review. Comments received after this date will be distributed to the Committee, but may not be reviewed prior to the meeting.

Records: NTIA maintains records of all Committee proceedings. Committee records are available for public inspection at NTIA’s Washington, DC office at the address above. Documents including the Committee’s charter, member list, agendas, minutes, and reports are available on NTIA’s website at http://www.ntia.gov/category/csmac.

Dated: December 31, 2019.
Kathy Smith,
Chief Counsel, National Telecommunications and Information Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY
[OE Docket No. EA–403–A]

Application to Export Electric Energy: Frontera Marketing, LLC

AGENCY: Office of Electricity, Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of application.

SUMMARY: Frontera Marketing, LLC (Applicant or Frontera) has applied to renew its authorization to transmit electric energy from the United States to Mexico pursuant to the Federal Power Act.

DATES: Comments, protests, or motions to intervene must be submitted on or before February 5, 2020.

ADDRESSES: Comments, protests, motions to intervene, or requests for more information should be addressed to: Office of Electricity, Mail Code: OE–20, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20585–0350. Because of delays in handling conventional mail, it is recommended that documents be transmitted by overnight mail, by electronic mail to Electricity.Exports@hq.doe.gov, or by facsimile to (202) 586–8008.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Department of Energy (DOE) regulates exports of electricity from the United States to a foreign country, pursuant to sections 301(b) and 402(f) of the Department of Energy Organization Act (42 U.S.C. 7151(b) and 7172(f)). Such exports require authorization under section 202(e) of the Federal Power Act (16 U.S.C. 824a(e)).

On March 24, 2015, DOE issued Order No. EA–403, which authorized Frontera Marketing, LLC, to transmit electric energy from the United States to Mexico as a power marketer for a five-year term using the existing facilities permitted in PP–206 and other international transmission facilities appropriate for open access. That authorization expires on March 24, 2020. On December 16, 2019, Frontera filed an application (App.) with DOE for renewal of the export authorization contained in Order No. EA–403 for an additional five-year term.

Frontera states in its application that “does not own, operate or control any electric generation or transmission facilities.” App. at 3. Frontera “has entered into an exclusive sales agreement with its affiliate, Frontera Generation [Limited Partnership (Frontera Generation)], [to purchase] 100% of the portion of the energy produced at Frontera Station that is intended to be sold into Mexico.” Id. In those instances where Applicant purchases power from entities other than Frontera Generation, to be exported over facilities other than the facilities permitted by Presidential Permit PP–206, the power will be purchased from other entities voluntarily, and will be surplus to the needs of the selling entity.

Procedural Matters: Any person desiring to be heard in this proceeding should file a comment or protest to the application at the address provided above. Protests should be filed in accordance with Rule 211 of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission’s (FERC) Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211). Any person desiring to become a party to this proceeding should file a motion to intervene at the above address in accordance with FERC