

NOTICE OF OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET ACTION

Date 07/03/2012

Department of Commerce
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
FOR CERTIFYING OFFICIAL: Simon Szykman
FOR CLEARANCE OFFICER: Diana Hynek

In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act, OMB has taken action on your request received 02/15/2012

ACTION REQUESTED: Extension without change of a currently approved collection
TYPE OF REVIEW REQUESTED: Regular
ICR REFERENCE NUMBER: 201201-0648-017
AGENCY ICR TRACKING NUMBER:
TITLE: Application and Certification Requirements for Distributors of NOAA Electronic Navigational Charts/NOAA Hydrographic Products
LIST OF INFORMATION COLLECTIONS: See next page

OMB ACTION: Approved without change
OMB CONTROL NUMBER: 0648-0508
The agency is required to display the OMB Control Number and inform respondents of its legal significance in accordance with 5 CFR 1320.5(b).

EXPIRATION DATE: 07/31/2015 DISCONTINUE DATE:

BURDEN:	RESPONSES	HOURS	COSTS
Previous	224	328	0
New	224	328	0
Difference			
Change due to New Statute	0	0	0
Change due to Agency Discretion	0	0	0
Change due to Agency Adjustment	0	0	0
Change Due to Potential Violation of the PRA	0	0	0

TERMS OF CLEARANCE:

OMB Authorizing Official: Kevin F. Neyland
Deputy Administrator,
Office Of Information And Regulatory Affairs

List of ICs

IC Title	Form No.	Form Name	CFR Citation
Distributors of NOAA Electronic Navigational Charts - Semiannual Reports			15 CFR 995.24
Distributors of NOAA ENC's - Error reports			15 CFR 995.25

PAPERWORK REDUCTION ACT SUBMISSION

Please read the instructions before completing this form. For additional forms or assistance in completing this form, contact your agency's Paperwork Clearance Officer. Send two copies of this form, the collection instrument to be reviewed, the supporting statement, and any additional documentation to: Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Docket Library, Room 10102, 725 17th Street NW, Washington, DC 20503.

1. Agency/Subagency originating request	2. OMB control number b. <input type="checkbox"/> None a. _____ - _____
3. Type of information collection (<i>check one</i>) a. <input type="checkbox"/> New Collection b. <input type="checkbox"/> Revision of a currently approved collection c. <input type="checkbox"/> Extension of a currently approved collection d. <input type="checkbox"/> Reinstatement, without change, of a previously approved collection for which approval has expired e. <input type="checkbox"/> Reinstatement, with change, of a previously approved collection for which approval has expired f. <input type="checkbox"/> Existing collection in use without an OMB control number For b-f, note Item A2 of Supporting Statement instructions	4. Type of review requested (<i>check one</i>) a. <input type="checkbox"/> Regular submission b. <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency - Approval requested by _____ / _____ / _____ c. <input type="checkbox"/> Delegated
7. Title	5. Small entities Will this information collection have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
8. Agency form number(s) (<i>if applicable</i>)	6. Requested expiration date a. <input type="checkbox"/> Three years from approval date b. <input type="checkbox"/> Other Specify: _____ / _____
9. Keywords	10. Abstract
11. Affected public (<i>Mark primary with "P" and all others that apply with "x"</i>) a. ___ Individuals or households d. ___ Farms b. ___ Business or other for-profit e. ___ Federal Government c. ___ Not-for-profit institutions f. ___ State, Local or Tribal Government	12. Obligation to respond (<i>check one</i>) a. <input type="checkbox"/> Voluntary b. <input type="checkbox"/> Required to obtain or retain benefits c. <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory
13. Annual recordkeeping and reporting burden a. Number of respondents _____ b. Total annual responses _____ 1. Percentage of these responses collected electronically _____ % c. Total annual hours requested _____ d. Current OMB inventory _____ e. Difference _____ f. Explanation of difference 1. Program change _____ 2. Adjustment _____	14. Annual reporting and recordkeeping cost burden (<i>in thousands of dollars</i>) a. Total annualized capital/startup costs _____ b. Total annual costs (O&M) _____ c. Total annualized cost requested _____ d. Current OMB inventory _____ e. Difference _____ f. Explanation of difference 1. Program change _____ 2. Adjustment _____
15. Purpose of information collection (<i>Mark primary with "P" and all others that apply with "X"</i>) a. ___ Application for benefits e. ___ Program planning or management b. ___ Program evaluation f. ___ Research c. ___ General purpose statistics g. ___ Regulatory or compliance d. ___ Audit	16. Frequency of recordkeeping or reporting (<i>check all that apply</i>) a. <input type="checkbox"/> Recordkeeping b. <input type="checkbox"/> Third party disclosure c. <input type="checkbox"/> Reporting 1. <input type="checkbox"/> On occasion 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Weekly 3. <input type="checkbox"/> Monthly 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Quarterly 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Semi-annually 6. <input type="checkbox"/> Annually 7. <input type="checkbox"/> Biennially 8. <input type="checkbox"/> Other (describe) _____
17. Statistical methods Does this information collection employ statistical methods <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	18. Agency Contact (person who can best answer questions regarding the content of this submission) Name: _____ Phone: _____

19. Certification for Paperwork Reduction Act Submissions

On behalf of this Federal Agency, I certify that the collection of information encompassed by this request complies with 5 CFR 1320.9

NOTE: The text of 5 CFR 1320.9, and the related provisions of 5 CFR 1320.8(b)(3), appear at the end of the instructions. *The certification is to be made with reference to those regulatory provisions as set forth in the instructions.*

The following is a summary of the topics, regarding the proposed collection of information, that the certification covers:

- (a) It is necessary for the proper performance of agency functions;
- (b) It avoids unnecessary duplication;
- (c) It reduces burden on small entities;
- (d) It used plain, coherent, and unambiguous terminology that is understandable to respondents;
- (e) Its implementation will be consistent and compatible with current reporting and recordkeeping practices;
- (f) It indicates the retention period for recordkeeping requirements;
- (g) It informs respondents of the information called for under 5 CFR 1320.8(b)(3):
 - (i) Why the information is being collected;
 - (ii) Use of information;
 - (iii) Burden estimate;
 - (iv) Nature of response (voluntary, required for a benefit, mandatory);
 - (v) Nature and extent of confidentiality; and
 - (vi) Need to display currently valid OMB control number;
- (h) It was developed by an office that has planned and allocated resources for the efficient and effective management and use of the information to be collected (see note in Item 19 of instructions);
- (i) It uses effective and efficient statistical survey methodology; and
- (j) It makes appropriate use of information technology.

If you are unable to certify compliance with any of the provisions, identify the item below and explain the reason in Item 18 of the Supporting Statement.

Signature of Senior Official or designee

Date

Agency Certification (signature of Assistant Administrator, Deputy Assistant Administrator, Line Office Chief Information Officer, head of MB staff for L.O.s, or of the Director of a Program or StaffOffice)

Signature

Date

Signature of NOAA Clearance Officer

Signature

Date

**SUPPORTING STATEMENT
CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS FOR DISTRIBUTORS OF NOAA ELECTRONIC
NAVIGATIONAL CHARTS/NOAA HYDROGRAPHIC PRODUCTS
OMB CONTROL NO. 0648-0508**

A. JUSTIFICATION

1. Explain the circumstances that make the collection of information necessary.

This request is for extension of a current information collection. The title is changed from “Certification Requirements for Distributors of NOAA Electronic Navigational Charts” to “Certification Requirements for Distributors of NOAA Electronic Navigational Charts/NOAA Hydrographic Products”.

NOAA produces electronic navigational charts (ENCs) as one of its products under its Nautical Charting Program. Official NOAA ENCs which conform to International Hydrographic Organization (IHO) standards may be used in a type approved* display system, such as an Electronic Chart Display and Information System (ECDIS), to comply with Federal nautical chart carriage requirements administered by the United States Coast Guard.

NOAA established a certification program for the re-distribution of official NOAA ENCs in [15 CFR part 995](#) in order to ensure the quality and content of official NOAA ENCs remains intact throughout the redistribution process. The information collected allows NOAA to administer the regulation, and to better understand the marketplace resulting in products that meet the needs of the customer in a timely and efficient manner.

2. Explain how, by whom, how frequently, and for what purpose the information will be used. If the information collected will be disseminated to the public or used to support information that will be disseminated to the public, then explain how the collection complies with all applicable Information Quality Guidelines.

The information collected by NOAA's Office of Coast Survey (OCS) regarding the redistribution of official ENC's allows OCS to better allocate resources towards ENC production and product improvement. This information adheres to NOAA Information Quality Guidelines in that it provides utility to end user, whereby, OCS is continuously improving the quality of the ENC product that is distributed to the end user, either by the Certified ENC distributor program or via the free downloads on the NOAA website.

Certified ENC distributors are required to report via email or via the OCS inquiry and discrepancy web site (<http://ocsdata.ncd.noaa.gov/idrs/discrepancy.aspx>) any error detected during the conversion process, that apparently originate in the NOAA ENC files. This allows OCS to quickly make the correction and re-post the data for distribution via the web.

* “Type approved” is an internationally recognized process that certifies compliance of navigation systems to the International Maritime Organizations standards for electronic navigation.

Twice per year, the certified distributors are required to submit a distribution report to NOAA with the following information: Distribution Customer(s), Vessel Name(s), ENC(s) and Subscription Type(s). This allows NOAA to evaluate which particular product is in high demand and to adjust production schedules accordingly.

As explained in the preceding paragraphs, the information gathered has utility. NOAA OCS will retain control over the information and safeguard it from improper access, modification, and destruction, consistent with NOAA standards for confidentiality, privacy, and electronic information. See response to Question 10 of this Supporting Statement for more information on confidentiality and privacy. The information collection is designed to yield data that meet all applicable information quality guidelines. Although the information collected is not expected to be disseminated directly to the public, results may be used in scientific, management, technical or general informational publications. Should NOAA OCS decide to disseminate the information, it will be subject to the quality control measures and pre-dissemination review pursuant to [Section 515 of Public Law 106-554](#).

3. Describe whether, and to what extent, the collection of information involves the use of automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological techniques or other forms of information technology.

Responses from the Certified ENC Distributors are all electronic and sent via email. The distributors send the information via spreadsheet (extracted from their databases).

4. Describe efforts to identify duplication.

The Office of Coast Survey is the only agency that produces official ENC's for the nation's coast. Therefore it is the only agency which manages a collection for the Certified ENC Distributors.

5. If the collection of information involves small businesses or other small entities, describe the methods used to minimize burden.

This collection does not involve small businesses or other small entities.

6. Describe the consequences to the Federal program or policy activities if the collection is not conducted or is conducted less frequently.

The reporting of errors found in our data during the conversion process is an invaluable aspect of quality control of the OCS ENC data. If this established feedback mechanism were not available, OCS would not be able to quickly react and repair data to ensure that the end user ultimately receives data that is consistent and correct.

The reports that are required by the distributors enable OCS to better focus production efforts to those products that are in high demand by the end-user.

7. Explain any special circumstances that require the collection to be conducted in a manner inconsistent with OMB guidelines.

There are no special circumstances that require the collection to be conducted in a manner inconsistent with OMB guidelines.

8. Provide information on the PRA Federal Register Notice that solicited public comments on the information collection prior to this submission. Summarize the public comments received in response to that notice and describe the actions taken by the agency in response to those comments. Describe the efforts to consult with persons outside the agency to obtain their views on the availability of data, frequency of collection, the clarity of instructions and recordkeeping, disclosure, or reporting format (if any), and on the data elements to be recorded, disclosed, or reported.

A Federal Register notice published on November 28, 2011 (76 FR 72905) solicited public comments. No comments were received.

9. Explain any decisions to provide payments or gifts to respondents, other than remuneration of contractors or grantees.

No payments or gifts are given to information respondents.

10. Describe any assurance of confidentiality provided to respondents and the basis for assurance in statute, regulation, or agency policy.

Assurance of confidentiality is given in the codified federal regulations (there are no NOAA forms on which this information can be displayed): 15 CFR part 995.21 addresses a registry of data users for the distribution program. Within the CFR it states that "NOAA agrees to treat such information as proprietary."

11. Provide additional justification for any questions of a sensitive nature, such as sexual behavior and attitudes, religious beliefs, and other matters that are commonly considered private.

Not applicable.

12. Provide an estimate in hours of the burden of the collection of information.

Number of respondents:	8
Frequency:	2 times per year for the distribution report and as often as weekly for error inquiries/reports
Total Number Expected:	16 responses for distribution report and 208 reports of, or inquiries for potential, errors in the data. (4 issues per week times 52 weeks)
Average Response Time:	1 hour for the report and 1-2 hours (average 1 hour, 30 minutes) for error reporting
Total Annual Response:	224 responses and 328 hours (16 for distribution reporting; 312 for error reporting).

Hourly Labor Cost: \$25
Total Annual Labor cost: \$8,200.

13. Provide an estimate of the total annual cost burden to the respondents or record-keepers resulting from the collection (excluding the value of the burden hours in Question 12 above).

There is no recordkeeping/reporting cost burden, as all distributors have computers and email accounts for their business needs.

14. Provide estimates of annualized cost to the Federal government.

Annualized costs to the federal government are approximately \$6,000 in labor costs. However, the time spent on this program is part of regular staff hours.

15. Explain the reasons for any program changes or adjustments.

N/A.

16. For collections whose results will be published, outline the plans for tabulation and publication.

These results will not be published.

17. If seeking approval to not display the expiration date for OMB approval of the information collection, explain the reasons why display would be inappropriate.

N/A.

18. Explain each exception to the certification statement.

N/A.

B. COLLECTIONS OF INFORMATION EMPLOYING STATISTICAL METHODS

This collection does not employ statistical methods.

how to dial in from a remote location in order to participate. Eric Letvin's email address is eric.letvin@nist.gov, and his phone number is (301) 975-5412.

Dated: November 22, 2011.

Willie E. May,

Associate Director for Laboratory Programs.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Institute of Standards and Technology

Advisory Committee on Earthquake Hazards Reduction Meeting

AGENCY: National Institute of Standards and Technology, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: The Advisory Committee on Earthquake Hazards Reduction (ACEHR or Committee), will hold a meeting via teleconference on Tuesday, December 20, 2011 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Eastern Time. The primary purpose of this meeting is to develop an outline for the Committee's draft annual report to the NIST Director. Any draft meeting materials will be posted on the NEHRP Web site at <http://nehrrp.gov/>. Interested members of the public will be able to participate in the meeting from remote locations by calling into a central phone number.

DATES: The ACEHR will hold a meeting via teleconference on Tuesday, December 20, 2011, from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. Eastern Time.

ADDRESSES: Questions regarding the meeting should be sent to National Earthquake Hazards Reduction Program Director, National Institute of Standards and Technology, 100 Bureau Drive, Mail Stop 8604, Gaithersburg, Maryland 20899-8604. For instructions on how to participate in the meeting, please see the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Jack Hayes, National Earthquake Hazards Reduction Program Director, National Institute of Standards and Technology, 100 Bureau Drive, Mail Stop 8604, Gaithersburg, Maryland 20899-8604. Dr. Hayes' email address is jack.hayes@nist.gov and his phone number is (301) 975-5640.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Committee was established in accordance with the requirements of Section 103 of the NEHRP Reauthorization Act of 2004 (Public Law 108-360). The Committee is composed of 12 members appointed by the

Director of NIST, who were selected for their technical expertise and experience, established records of distinguished professional service, and their knowledge of issues affecting the National Earthquake Hazards Reduction Program. In addition, the Chairperson of the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) Scientific Earthquake Studies Advisory Committee (SESAC) serves in an ex-officio capacity on the Committee. The Committee assesses:

- Trends and developments in the science and engineering of earthquake hazards reduction;
- The effectiveness of NEHRP in performing its statutory activities (improved design and construction methods and practices; land use controls and redevelopment; prediction techniques and early-warning systems; coordinated emergency preparedness plans; and public education and involvement programs);
- Any need to revise NEHRP; and
- The management, coordination, implementation, and activities of NEHRP.

Background information on NEHRP and the Advisory Committee is available at <http://nehrrp.gov/>.

Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. app., notice is hereby given that the ACEHR will hold a meeting via teleconference on Tuesday, December 20, 2011, from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. Eastern Time. There will be no central meeting location. Interested members of the public will be able to participate in the meeting from remote locations by calling into a central phone number. The primary purpose of this meeting is to develop an outline for the Committee's draft annual report to the NIST Director. Any draft meeting materials will be posted on the NEHRP Web site at <http://nehrrp.gov/>.

Individuals and representatives of organizations who would like to offer comments and suggestions related to the Committee's affairs are invited to request detailed instructions by contacting Michelle Harman on how to dial in from a remote location to participate in the meeting. Michelle Harman's email address is michelle.harman@nist.gov, and her phone number is (301) 975-5324. Approximately fifteen minutes will be reserved from 12:45 p.m.-1 p.m. Eastern Time for public comments; speaking times will be assigned on a first-come, first-serve basis. The amount of time per speaker will be determined by the number of requests received, but is likely to be about 3 minutes each. Questions from the public will not be considered during this period. Speakers who wish to expand upon their oral

statements, those who had wished to speak but could not be accommodated, and those who were unable to participate are invited to submit written statements to the ACEHR, National Institute of Standards and Technology, 100 Bureau Drive, MS 8604, Gaithersburg, Maryland 20899-8604, via fax at (301) 975-5433, or electronically by email to info@nehrrp.gov.

All participants of the meeting are required to pre-register. Anyone wishing to participate must register by close of business Wednesday, December 14, 2011, in order to be included. Please submit your name, email address, and phone number to Michelle Harman. After registering, participants will be provided with detailed instructions on how to dial in from a remote location in order to participate. Michelle Harman's email address is michelle.harman@nist.gov, and her phone number is (301) 975-5324.

Dated: November 21, 2011.

Willie E. May,

Associate Director for Laboratory Programs.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; Certification Requirements for Distributors of NOAA Electronic Navigational Charts/NOAA Hydrographic Products

AGENCY: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before January 27, 2012.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Diana Hynek, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 6616, 14th and Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at dHynek@doc.gov).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection

instrument and instructions should be directed to Julia Powell (301) 713-0388, ext. 169 or Julia.Powell@noaa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

This request is for extension of a currently approved information collection.

NOS Office of Coast Survey manages the Certification Requirements for Distributors of NOAA Electronic Navigational Charts (NOAA ENC[®]). The certification allows entities to download, redistribute, repackage, or in some cases reformat, official NOAA ENC[®]s and retain the NOAA ENC[®]'s official status. The regulations for implementing the Certification are at 15 CFR part 995.

The recordkeeping and reporting requirements of 15 CFR part 995 form the basis for this collection of information. This information allows the Office of Coast Survey to administer the regulation, and to better understand the marketplace resulting in products that meet the needs of the customer in a timely and efficient manner.

II. Method of Collection

Responses from the Certified ENC Distributors are all electronic and sent via email. All distributors have an Excel spreadsheet which they submit for the twice-yearly report.

III. Data

OMB Control Number: 0648-0508.

Form Number: None.

Type of Review: Regular submission (extension of a currently approved collection).

Affected Public: Not-for-profit institutions; and business or other for-profit organizations.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 8.

Estimated Time per Response: 1 hour to provide a distribution report twice a year; 18 hours for reporting of errors in the ENC.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 320.

Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public: \$0 in recordkeeping/reporting costs.

IV. Request for Comments

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden (including hours and cost) of the proposed collection of information;

(c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to

be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval of this information collection; they also will become a matter of public record.

Dated: November 21, 2011.

Gwellnar Banks,

Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

RIN 0648-XA846

Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council (MAFMC); Public Meetings

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

ACTION: Notice of public meetings.

SUMMARY: The Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council (Council) and its Mid-Atlantic Monkfish Subcommittee will hold public meetings.

DATES: The meetings will be held Tuesday, December 13 through Thursday, December 15, 2011. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for specific dates and times.

ADDRESSES: The meetings will be held at Kingsmill, 1010 Kingsmill Road, Williamsburg, VA 23185; telephone: (757) 253-1703.

Council address: Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council, 800 N. State St., Suite 201, Dover, DE 19901-3910; telephone: (302) 674-2331.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Christopher Moore, Executive Director, Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council; telephone: (302) 674-2331 ext. 255.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Tuesday, December 13, 2011

9 a.m. until noon—The Monkfish Subcommittee will meet.

1 p.m.—The Council will convene.

1 p.m. until 2:30 p.m.—There will be a presentation on the CIE Review of the June 2012 Excessive Shares Workshop and Council discussion on next steps.

2:30 p.m. until 3:30 p.m.—An Atlantic Wind Connection Project presentation will occur.

3:30 p.m. until 4:30 p.m.—A presentation from the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) Habitat Division will occur.

4:30 p.m. until 5:30 p.m.—A discussion on the November 14 Ecosystem and Ocean Planning Committee meeting will be held.

Wednesday, December 14, 2011

8 a.m.—The Council will convene.

8 a.m. until 4 p.m.—The Council will adopt recommendations for 2012 commercial and recreational harvest levels and commercial management measures for summer flounder and scup and finalize summer flounder, scup, and black sea bass recreational management measures for 2012 in conjunction with the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission's (ASMFC) Summer Flounder, Scup, and Black Sea Bass Boards.

4 p.m. until 5:30 p.m.—There will be a review with the ASMFC Board of Amendment 17 to the Summer Flounder, Scup, and Black Sea Bass FMP alternatives.

5:30 p.m. until 6:30 p.m.—There will be a Public Listening Session.

Thursday, August 18, 2011

8:30 a.m.—The Council will convene.

8:30 a.m. until 9 a.m.—The Ricks E Savage Award will be presented.

9 a.m. until 9:30 a.m.—The Council will receive a presentation on Fishery Management Councils: Decision-making, Communication, and Social Factors Associated with Ecosystem-based Fisheries Management.

9:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m.—The Council will conduct its regular Business Session, receive Organizational Reports, Council Liaison Reports, Executive Director's Report, Science Report, Committee Reports, and any continuing and/or new business.

Agenda items by day for the Council's Committees and the Council itself are:

On Tuesday, December 13, the Mid-Atlantic Monkfish Subcommittee will discuss issues and concerns unique to the Mid-Atlantic Monkfish fishery and potential management solutions. The Council will receive presentation on the CIE Review of the June 2012 Excessive Shares Workshop and followed by Council discussion on next steps. Kris Ohleth will provide the Council with a presentation on the Atlantic Wind Connection Project. The Council will receive a presentation from Chris Boelke and Lou Chiarella of the NMFS Habitat Division. The Council will discuss and identify the next steps related to the