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Agricultural Marketing Service**National Organic Standards Board (NOSB): Notice of Intent To Renew Charter and Call for Nominations**

ACTION: Notice: Intent to renew Charter and call for nominations.

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SUMMARY: The National Organic Standards Board (NOSB) was established to assist in the development of standards for substances to be used in organic production and to advise the Secretary on the implementation of the Organic Foods Production Act of 1990 (OFPA). Through this Notice, USDA is announcing the following: its intent to renew the Charter of the NOSB, which expires on May 8, 2016; its call for nominations to fill five (5) upcoming vacancies for appointments in 2017, and its call for nominations for a pool of candidates to fill future unexpected vacancies in any of the position categories should that occur.

DATES: The current NOSB Charter expires on May 8, 2016. Written nominations must be postmarked on or before June 3, 2016.

Environmental Protection Agency**Recommended Aquatic Life Ambient Water Quality Criteria for Cadmium--2016**

ACTION: Notice of availability.

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SUMMARY: The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is announcing the release of recommended aquatic life water quality criteria for cadmium. EPA has updated its national recommended ambient water quality criteria for cadmium in order to reflect the latest scientific information, and current EPA policies and methods. EPA's water quality criteria for cadmium provides recommendations to states and tribes authorized to establish water quality standards under the Clean Water Act. In adopting water quality standards, states set exposure protections for aquatic life; acute exposure to cadmium results in lethality, while chronic exposure to cadmium negatively impacts growth, development, behavior, reproduction, and immune and endocrine systems in aquatic life. Cadmium enters the environment by natural and human processes, however, human sources, such as mining and urban processes, are responsible for contributing approximately 90 percent of the cadmium found in surface waters.

Food and Drug Administration

Comparability Protocols — Chemistry, Manufacturing, and Controls Information for New Animal Drugs; Guidance for Industry; Availability

ACTION: Notice of availability.

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SUMMARY: The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is announcing the availability of a final guidance for industry (#156) entitled "Comparability Protocols--Chemistry, Manufacturing, and Controls Information for New Animal Drugs." This document provides recommendations to applicants on preparing and using comparability protocols for postapproval changes in chemistry, manufacturing, and controls (CMC) information. It is intended to provide recommendations to industry regarding comparability protocols that would be submitted in new animal drug applications (NADAs), abbreviated new animal drug applications (ANADAs), or supplements to these applications. This guidance also applies to comparability protocols submitted in investigational new animal drug (INAD), generic investigational new animal drug (JINAD), and veterinary master file (VMF) submissions that are referenced in applications. FDA is providing this guidance in response to requests from those interested in using comparability protocols.

DATES: Submit either electronic or written comments on Agency guidances at any time.

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Northern Rockfish in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area.

ACTION: Temporary rule; modification of closure.

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SUMMARY: NMFS is opening directed fishing for northern rockfish in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area (BSAI). This action is necessary to fully use the 2016 total allowable catch (TAC) of northern rockfish in the BSAI.

DATES: Effective 1200 hrs, Alaska local time (A.l.t.), March 30, 2016, through 2400 hrs, A.l.t., December 31, 2016. Comments must be received at the following address no later than 4:30 p.m., A.l.t., April 19, 2016.

Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pacific Cod by Vessels Using Pot Gear in the Central Regulatory Area of the Gulf of Alaska

ACTION: Temporary rule; closure.

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SUMMARY: NMFS is prohibiting directed fishing for Pacific cod by vessels using pot gear in the Central Regulatory Area of the Gulf of Alaska (GOA). This action is necessary to prevent

exceeding the A season allowance of the 2016 Pacific cod total allowable catch apportioned to vessels using pot gear in the Central Regulatory Area of the GOA.

DATES: Effective 1200 hours, Alaska local time (A.l.t.), March 31, 2016, through 1200 hours, A.l.t., June 10, 2016.

Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Atlantic Herring Fishery; Framework Adjustment 4

ACTION: Final rule.

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SUMMARY: NMFS implements approved measures in Framework 4 to the Atlantic Herring Fishery Management Plan. The New England Fishery Management Council developed Framework 4 to further enhance catch monitoring and address discarding in the herring fishery. The approved measures include: A requirement that vessels report slippage (i.e., catch discarded prior to sampling by an observer) via the vessel monitoring system; slippage consequences measures (i.e., requirement to move 15 nautical miles (27.78 km) or return to port following a slippage event); and clarifications to existing slippage measures and definitions. NMFS disapproved two measures in Framework 4. These measures would have required: Fish holds to be certified and observers to collect volumetric catch estimates of total catch; and fish holds to be empty of fish before leaving port, unless a waiver is issued by an authorized law enforcement officer. NMFS disapproved these measures because it determined that they are inconsistent with the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, the Administrative Procedure Act, and the Paperwork Reduction Act. Therefore, those two measures are not implemented in this action. Lastly, NMFS implements minor corrections to regulations to clarify their intent and ensure they are consistent with the Atlantic Herring Fishery Management Plan.

DATES: Effective May 4, 2016.

Fisheries Off West Coast States; Comprehensive Ecosystem-Based Amendment 1; Amendments to the Fishery Management Plans for Coastal Pelagic Species, Pacific Coast Groundfish, U.S. West Coast Highly Migratory Species, and Pacific Coast Salmon

ACTION: Final rule.

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SUMMARY: NMFS issues regulations to implement Comprehensive Ecosystem-Based Amendment 1 (CEBA 1), which includes amendments to the Pacific Fishery Management Council's (Council's) four fishery management plans (FMPs): the Coastal Pelagic Species (CPS) FMP, the Pacific Coast Groundfish FMP, the FMP for U.S. West Coast Highly Migratory Species (HMS), and the Pacific Coast Salmon FMP. CEBA 1 amended the Council's FMPs to bring new ecosystem component species (collectively, "Shared EC Species") into each of those FMPs, and prohibits directed commercial fisheries for Shared EC Species within the U.S. West Coast

Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ). This final rule defines and prohibits directed commercial fishing for Shared EC Species, and prohibits, with limited exceptions, at-sea processing of Shared EC Species.

DATES: Effective May 4, 2016.

New England Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

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SUMMARY: The New England Fishery Management Council (Council, NEFMC) will hold a three-day meeting to consider actions affecting New England fisheries in the exclusive economic zone (EEZ).

DATES: The meeting will be held on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, April 19, 20, and 21, 2016. It will start at 9 a.m. on April 19, and at 8:30 a.m. on both April 20 and 21.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Mystic Hilton Hotel, 20 Coogan Boulevard, Mystic, CT 06355; telephone: (860) 572-0731, or online at <http://hiltonmystic.com/>.
