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AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, Commerce.

ACTION: Semiannual regulatory agenda.

SUMMARY: In compliance with Executive Order (E.O.) 12866 entitled "Regulatory Planning and Review" and the Regulatory Flexibility Act (Pub. L. 96-354), the Department of Commerce, in April and October of each year, publishes in the Federal Register an agenda of regulations under development or review over the next 12 months. Rulemaking actions are grouped according to prerulemaking, proposed rules, final rules, long-term actions, and rulemaking actions completed since the October 1995 agenda. The purpose of the agenda is to provide information to the public on regulations currently under review, being proposed, or issued by the Department. The agenda is intended to facilitate comments and views by interested members of the public.

The Department's April 1996 regulatory agenda includes regulatory activities that are expected to be conducted during the period April 1, 1996, through March 30, 1997. However, at the time the agenda was prepared, the Department was operating under a Continuing Resolution, and it is unknown what programs and/or timetables will be affected by budgetary issues.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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General: Comments or inquiries of a general nature about the agenda should be directed to Michael A. Levitt, Assistant General Counsel for Legislation and Regulation, U.S. Department of Commerce, Washington, DC 20230; telephone: 202-482-0846.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: E.O. 12866 requires agencies to publish an agenda of those regulations that are under consideration pursuant to this order. By memorandum of January 2, 1996, the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) issued guidelines and procedures for the preparation and publication of the April 1996 Unified Agenda of Federal Regulations. The Regulatory Flexibility Act, 5 U.S.C. 602(a), requires agencies to publish, in April and October of each year, a regulatory flexibility agenda which contains a brief description of the subject area of any rule which is likely to have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities.

Reinventing Government

As part of the President's Regulatory Reform Initiative, the President directed agencies to conduct a page-by-page review of all regulations and eliminate or revise those that are outdated or otherwise in need of reform. The April 1996 agenda contains information on the Department's review of its regulations and identifies whether or not a current rulemaking is part of the Regulatory Reform and Reinventing Government effort. A number of regulations will be eliminated. Other regulations will be revised to reduce burden or duplication or to streamline the requirements.

Explanation of Information Contained in the Agenda

Within the Department, the Office of the Secretary and various operating units may issue regulations. Operating units, such as the Bureau of Export Administration, the International Trade Administration, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), and the Patent and Trademark Office, issue the greatest share of the Department's regulations.

A large number of regulatory actions reported in the agenda deal with fishery management programs of NOAA's National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS). To avoid repetition of programs and definitions, as well as to provide some understanding of the technical and institutional elements of the NMFS programs, a section on "Explanation of Information Contained in NMFS Regulatory Entries" is provided below.

Explanation of Information Contained in NMFS Regulatory Entries

The Magnuson Fishery Conservation and Management Act (16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*) (Act) governs the management of fisheries within the Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ). The EEZ refers to those waters from the outer edge of the State boundaries, generally 3 nautical miles, to a distance of 200 nautical miles. Fishery Management Plans (FMPs) are to be prepared for fisheries which require conservation and management measures. Regulations implementing these FMPs regulate domestic fishing and foreign fishing where permitted. Foreign fishing can be conducted in a fishery for which there is no FMP only if a preliminary fishery management plan has been issued to govern that foreign fishing. Under the Act, eight Regional Fishery Management Councils (Councils) prepare FMPs or amendments to FMPs for fisheries within their respective areas. In the development of such plans or amendments and their implementing regulations, the Councils are required by law to conduct public hearings on the draft plans and to consider the use of alternative means of regulating.

The Council process for developing FMPs and amendments makes it difficult for NMFS to determine the significance and timing of some regulatory actions under consideration by the Councils at the time the semiannual regulatory agenda is published.

The DOC April 1996 regulatory agenda follows.

Dated: March 27, 1996.

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383	Changes to the Foreign Trade Statistical Regulations (FTSR) To Clarify the Definition of Exporter	0607-AA20
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385	Changes to the Foreign Trade Statistical Regulations (FTSR) Requiring a Designator When the Export Shipment Is a Foreign Military Sale	0607-AA22
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396	Changes to the Export Administrative Regulations To Implement the Guidelines and Information Sharing Provisions of the Wassenaar Arrangement on Export Controls for Conventional Arms and Dual-Use	0694-AB40
397	Change the Commerce Control List to Revised Controls on Shotguns (Export Commerce Control Number ECCN 0A84C)	0694-AB42

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411	Administration of State Log Exports Ban	0694-AB25
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455	Regulatory Amendment To Adjust Red Snapper Management Measures in the Gulf of Mexico for 1996 Season	0648-AG89
456	Generic Fishery Management Plan Amendment for the Definition of Traps in the Gulf of Mexico	0648-AG90
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614	Amendment 38 to the FMP for the Groundfish Fishery of the BSAI and Amendment 40 to the FMP for the Groundfish Fishery of the GOA	0648-AH00
615	Combined Framework Adjustment—Adjustment 7 to the Northeast Multispecies FMP, Adjustment 3 to the Atlantic Sea Scallop FMP, and Adjustment 1 to the American Lobster FMP	0648-AH37
616	Interim Final Rule To Make Certain Changes in the Limited Access Appeals Procedure	0648-AH38
617	Notice of Changes in the Management Regimes for Atlantic and Gulf Groups of King and Spanish Mackerel for the 1995-96 Fishing Year	0648-AH53
618	Amendment 7 to the Fishery Management Plan for the Northeast Multispecies Fisheries	0648-AH70
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621	Amendment 3 to the Fishery Management Plan for Corals and Coral Reefs of the Southern Atlantic States	0648-AH74
622	Proposed Rule; Amendment 7 to the Summer Flounder Fishery Management Plan	0648-AH94
623	Summer Flounder Fishery: Dealer Reporting Requirements	0648-AH95
624	Interim Final Rule Allowing Retention of IFQ Species in Specified Areas Under 50 CFR 676.16(d)	0648-AI09
625	Advanced Notice of Proposed Rulemaking; Consideration of a Control Date for South Atlantic and Gulf of Mexico King Mackerel	0648-AI12
626	Regulatory Amendment to Change the Non-trawl Sablefish Regular Season in the Pacific Coast Groundfish Fishery	0648-AI30
627	Framework Adjustment 7 to the Atlantic Sea Scallop Fishery Management Plan	0648-AI37
628	Amendment 1 to the North Pacific Fishery Research Plan	0648-AI40
629	Pacific Halibut 1996 Area 2A Catch Sharing Plan	0648-AI48
630	Implementation of Catch Sharing Plan	0648-AI52
631	Regulatory Amendment To Remove An Unnecessary Regulation for the Issuance of Cease and Desist Orders Against Association of Procedures of Aquatic Products	0648-AI59
632	Final Rule To Implement Framework Adjustment 14 to Amendment 5 of the Fishery Management Plan for the Northeast Multispecies Fishery	0648-AI79
633	General Provisions for Domestic Fisheries	0648-AE39
634	Amendment to Procedure Governing the Readjustment and Increase in Hourly Rates of Fees	0648-AH24
635	Fisherman's Contingency Fund; Simplification of Regulations	0648-AI55
636	Fisheries Obligation Guarantee Program, Reinvention of Regulations	0648-AI75
637	Regulations Governing the Take of Dolphins Incidental to Removing Oil and Gas Platforms in the Gulf of Mexico	0648-AD25
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639	Final Rule Establishing Leatherback Turtle Conservation Zone	0648-AH30
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641	Sea Turtle Conservation; Restriction Applicable to Shrimp Trawl Excluder Devices Restrictions	0648-AI24
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643	Sea Turtle Conservation; Restrictions Applicable to Fishery Activities; Summer Flounder Fishery-Sea Turtle Protection Area	0648-AI49
644	Streamlining of National Marine Sanctuary Program Regulations	0648-AF23
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National Telecommunications and Information Administration—Proposed Rule Stage

Sequence Number	Title	Regulation Identifier Number
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648	Public Telecommunications Facilities Program	0660-AA09

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National Telecommunications and Information Administration—Completed Actions

Sequence Number	Title	Regulation Identifier Number
649	Transfer of Spectrum From the Federal Government to the FCC	0660-AA05

Patent and Trademark Office—Proposed Rule Stage

Sequence Number	Title	Regulation Identifier Number
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Patent and Trademark Office—Final Rule Stage

Sequence Number	Title	Regulation Identifier Number
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655	Changes to Implement 18-Month Publication of Patent Applications	0651-AA75
656	Rules of Practice in Patent Cases; Reexamination Proceedings	0651-AA79

Patent and Trademark Office—Long-Term Actions

Sequence Number	Title	Regulation Identifier Number
657	Patent Application Electronic Submission Rules	0651-AA50

Patent and Trademark Office—Completed Actions

Sequence Number	Title	Regulation Identifier Number
658	Trademark Procedures	0651-AA46
659	Cross Appeals in PTO Disciplinary Proceedings	0651-AA65
660	Simplification of the Requirements Concerning the Filing and Processing of Trademark Applications, Intent To Use Documents, and Petitions	0651-AA78
661	Changes in Patent Application Examination Procedures	0651-AA81
662	Examination Guidelines for Computer-Related Inventions	0651-AA83

Technology Administration—Final Rule Stage

Sequence Number	Title	Regulation Identifier Number
663	Rights to Inventions Made by Nonprofit Organizations and Small Business Firms Under Government Grants, Contracts, and Cooperative Agreements	0692-AA14
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Technology Administration—Long-Term Actions

Sequence Number	Title	Regulation Identifier Number
666	Promotion of Private Sector Industrial Technology Partnerships	0692-AA13

**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE (DOC)
Office of the Secretary (OS)**

Long-Term Actions

377. CONTRACT CLAUSES AND SOLICITATION PROVISIONS FOR THE COMMERCE AUTOMATED SOLICITATION SYSTEM

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant
CFR Citation: 48 CFR 1301 to 1353

Timetable: Next Action Undetermined

Small Entities Affected: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected: Undetermined

Procurement: This is a procurement-related action for which there is no

statutory requirement. There is no paperwork burden associated with this action.

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378. STANDARDS OF ETHICAL CONDUCT—DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE SUPPLEMENTAL REGULATIONS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant
CFR Citation: Not yet determined

Timetable: Next Action Undetermined

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE (DOC)
Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA)**

Proposed Rule Stage

379. BENCHMARK SURVEY OF SELECTED SERVICES TRANSACTIONS WITH UNAFFILIATED FOREIGN PERSONS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 22 USC 3101 to 3108 Int'l Investment & Trade in Svc. Survey Act

CFR Citation: 15 CFR 801

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This is the quinquennial benchmark survey of selected services transactions with unaffiliated foreign persons (BE-20), which will cover transactions in 1996. It is conducted to obtain comprehensive data on a variety of business and professional services, such as advertising; computer and data

processing services; management, consulting and public relations; legal services; and telecommunications. The data are needed for compiling the balance of payments and national income and product accounts, and will be used to develop international trade policy and to support U.S. trade policy initiatives. The data will also be used in deriving universe estimates in conjunction with the annual survey of such services transactions that is conducted in nonbenchmark years. Consideration is being given to expanding the number of services covered by this benchmark survey compared with the prior (1991) benchmark.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	06/00/96	
NPRM Comment Period End	08/00/96	
Final Action	10/00/96	
Final Action Effective	11/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: State, Local

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE (DOC)
Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA)
Completed Actions
380. ANNUAL SURVEY OF FINANCIAL SERVICES TRANSACTIONS BETWEEN U.S. FINANCIAL SERVICES PROVIDERS AND UNAFFILIATED FOREIGN PERSONS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant
CFR Citation: 15 CFR 801

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	11/15/95	60 FR 57335
Final Action Effective	12/15/95	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: State, Local

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE (DOC)
Bureau of the Census (CENSUS)
Long-Term Actions
381. ● CUTOFF DATES FOR RECOGNITION OF BOUNDARY CHANGES FOR THE 2000 DECENNIAL CENSUS OF POPULATION AND HOUSING

Priority: Other

Legal Authority: 13 USC 4 and 6

CFR Citation: 15 CFR 70.1 to 70.3

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The Census Bureau proposes to amend 15 CFR part 70 to reflect the cutoff dates for recognition of boundary changes for the 2000 Census of Population and Housing (Census 2000). For the tabulation and dissemination of data from the 2000 Census of Population and Housing, the Bureau of the Census will recognize only those boundaries legally in effect on January 1, 2000 that have been reported officially to the Bureau of the Census no later than March 1, 2000. The Bureau of the Census enumerates all residents of the United States and its territories on the date of the decennial census as residing within the legal limits of municipalities, county subdivisions, counties, states, and statistically equivalent entities as those limits exist on January 1, 2000.

Timetable: Next Action Undetermined

Small Entities Affected: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected: Undetermined

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382. ● CHANGES TO THE FOREIGN TRADE STATISTICAL REGULATIONS (FTSR) TO CONFORM REQUIREMENTS AND WORDING TO THE U.S. CUSTOMS SERVICE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE AUTOMATED EXPORT SYSTEM (AES)

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Reinventing Government: This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will revise text in the CFR to reduce burden or duplication, or streamline requirements.

Legal Authority: 13 USC 301 to 307

CFR Citation: 15 CFR 30.1; 15 CFR 30.3; 15 CFR 30.4; 15 CFR 30.5

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The Census Bureau proposes to amend the FTSR to conform requirements and language to agree with proposed changes in the U.S. Customs Service regulations implementing and supporting operation of the AES. The AES will provide the exporting community with a single automated system throughout which the exporting community can ultimately provide the trade information required by the U.S. Government.

Timetable: Next Action Undetermined

Small Entities Affected: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected: Federal

Additional Information: The title 13 U.S.C. legislation governing export statistical collection requires minor amendments to clarify U.S. Customs Service authority necessary to collect the required information via the AES. Draft legislation, sponsored by the Customs Service, is now at the Commerce Department for initial review. This legislation must be enacted before 15 CFR can be amended.

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383. ● CHANGES TO THE FOREIGN TRADE STATISTICAL REGULATIONS (FTSR) TO CLARIFY THE DEFINITION OF EXPORTER

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 13 USC 301 to 307

CFR Citation: 15 CFR 30.4; 15 CFR 30.7

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The Census Bureau proposes to amend the FTSR definition of exporter for purposes of clarifying responsibility to report trade information. The FTSR also will be amended to reinforce the requirement for filing a power of attorney when an agent acts for an exporter specifying the essential provisions to be included with additional requirements if the exporter does not have a permanent U.S. residence.

Timetable: Next Action Undetermined

Small Entities Affected: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected: None

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DOC—CENSUS

Long-Term Actions

384. • CHANGES TO THE FOREIGN TRADE STATISTICAL REGULATIONS (FTSR) TO ADD A REQUIREMENT TO COLLECT INFORMATION ON CANADIAN PROVINCE OF ORIGIN FOR U.S. IMPORTS FROM CANADA

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant
Legal Authority: 13 USC 301 to 307
CFR Citation: 15 CFR 30.70
Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The Census Bureau proposes to amend the FTSR to require importers to report on U.S. Customs Service records the Canadian Province of Origin for imports from Canada. This action is being taken to fulfill the requirements of a Memorandum of Understanding with Canada concerning the collection and exchange of import information. The USTR also has directed the Census Bureau to collect Canadian Province of Origin Information for selected softwood lumber products. This information is now collected for use in monitoring an agreement negotiated with Canada on softwood lumber products.

Timetable: Next Action Undetermined
Small Entities Affected: Undetermined
Government Levels Affected: Undetermined
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385. • CHANGES TO THE FOREIGN TRADE STATISTICAL REGULATIONS (FTSR) REQUIRING A DESIGNATOR WHEN THE EXPORT SHIPMENT IS A FOREIGN MILITARY SALE

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant
Legal Authority: 13 USC 301 to 307
CFR Citation: 15 CFR subpart A, 30.7
Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The Census Bureau proposes to amend the FTSR to require exporters or their designated agents to provide a foreign military sales indicator when merchandise is exported from the United States under the Department of Defense (DOD) Foreign Military Sales (FMS) Program. The indicator would be inserted in the area on the SED currently reserved for the Harmonized System Check Digit. This action is taken to assist the Bureau of Economic Analysis in collecting actual FMS value data. Currently this information is derived from crude estimates provided by DOD.

Timetable: Next Action Undetermined
Small Entities Affected: Undetermined
Government Levels Affected: Undetermined
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386. • CHANGES TO THE FOREIGN TRADE STATISTICAL REGULATIONS (FTSR) REQUIRING THE FILING OF SHIPPER'S EXPORT DECLARATIONS (SEDS) FOR COMPANY-OWNED TOOLS OF TRADE

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant
Legal Authority: 13 USC 301 to 307
CFR Citation: 15 CFR 30.56 (b) (1)
Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The Census Bureau proposed to amend the FTSR to eliminate the requirement for filing SEDs for temporary exports of tools of trade when these tools are company owned. Currently, privately owned tools of trade do not require SEDs when exported temporarily for a period of less than one year.

Timetable: Next Action Undetermined
Small Entities Affected: Undetermined
Government Levels Affected: Undetermined
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE (DOC)

Completed Actions

Economic Development Administration (EDA)

387. SIMPLIFICATION AND STREAMLINING OF REGULATIONS OF THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION

Priority: Other Significant

Reinventing Government: This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will revise text in

the CFR to reduce burden or duplication, or streamline requirements.
CFR Citation: 13 CFR 301 to 318

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	03/01/96	61 FR 7979
Final Action Effective	03/01/96	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: State, Local, Tribal

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE (DOC)**Final Rule Stage****General Administration (ADMIN)****388. UNIFORM ADMINISTRATIVE REQUIREMENT FOR GRANTS AND AGREEMENTS WITH INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION, HOSPITALS, AND OTHER NONPROFITS AND COMMERCIAL ORGANIZATIONS****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**Legal Authority:** 5 USC 301**CFR Citation:** 15 CFR 14**Legal Deadline:** None

Abstract: On November 29, 1993, Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circular A-110, "Uniform Administrative Requirements for Grants and Agreements, with Institutions of Higher Education, Hospitals, and Other Non-Profit Organizations" was published in the Federal Register (58 FR 62992). In the published revised circular, OMB specified as "required action" that Federal agencies responsible for awarding and administering grants and other agreements to recipients described therein, shall adopt the language of the Circular unless other provisions are required by Federal Statute or exceptions or deviations are approved by OMB. This interim final rule adopts the provisions of the Circular and its language to the maximum extent feasible with minor language changes made to make the language apply specifically to the DOC and its operating units. This rule also contains certain policies that have been DOC policy for many years that may differ

from the language of Circular A-110, but are consistent with and further implement the intent of Circular A-110 with DOC. The FY 1996 funding authority for the Department (DOC) expires on March 15th. Therefore DOC does not know the level of the funding available for this project for the remainder of FY 1996.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Interim Final Rule	10/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: None**Government Levels Affected:** None

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RIN: 0605-AA09**389. COST PRINCIPLES FOR STATE, LOCAL, AND INDIAN TRIBAL GOVERNMENTS****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**Legal Authority:** 5 USC 301**CFR Citation:** 15 CFR 6**Legal Deadline:** None

Abstract: On May 17, 1995, Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circular A-87, "Cost Principles for State, Local, and Indian Tribal

Governments," was published in the Federal Register (60 FR 26484). In the published revised circular, OMB specified as "required action" that agencies responsible for administering programs that involve cost reimbursement contracts, grants, and other agreements with governmental units shall issue codified regulations to implement the provisions of the circular and its attachments. This interim final rule adopts the provisions of Circular A-87 to the maximum extent feasible with minor language changes made to make the language apply specifically to the DOC and its operating units. The FY 1996 funding authority for the department (DOC) expires on March 15th. Therefore, DOC does not know the level of funding available for this project for the remainder of FY 1996.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Interim Final Rule	06/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: None**Government Levels Affected:** State, Local, Tribal

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RIN: 0605-AA10**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE (DOC)****Proposed Rule Stage****International Trade Administration (ITA)****390. ANTIDUMPING DUTIES; COUNTERVAILING DUTIES****Priority:** Other Significant

Reinventing Government: This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will revise text in the CFR to reduce burden or duplication, or streamline requirements.

Legal Authority: 19 USC 1671 et seq; 19 USC 1673 et seq; 19 USC 1303**CFR Citation:** 19 CFR 351; 19 CFR 353; 19 CFR 355

Legal Deadline: Other, Statutory, January 1, 1996. Section 103(b) of the Uruguay Round Agreements Act establishes January 1,

1996, as the deadline for interim final regulations.

Abstract: Revisions of the antidumping and countervailing duty regulations are necessary due to enactment of legislation implementing the results of the Uruguay Round multilateral trade negotiations. Revisions also will address matters that were the subject of other uncompleted rulemaking proceedings that ITA has previously withdrawn. (See April 1994 Unified Agenda of Federal Regulations). Clarifying the methodologies and procedures used in administering the antidumping and countervailing duty laws will enhance the efficiency and fairness of these laws at little, if any, additional cost.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
ANPRM	01/03/95	60 FR 80
ANPRM Comment Period End	02/24/95	
Interim Final Rule	05/11/95	60 FR 25130
Interim Final Rule Effective	05/11/95	
NPRM	02/27/96	61 FR 7308
NPRM Comment Period End	04/29/96	

Small Entities Affected: None**Government Levels Affected:** None

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Proposed Rule Stage

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391. • CHANGES IN PROCEDURES FOR FLORENCE AGREEMENT PROGRAM

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Reinventing Government: This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will revise text in the CFR to reduce burden or duplication, or streamline requirements.

Legal Authority: 19 USC 1202; PL 89-651 (80 Stat. 897)

CFR Citation: 15 CFR 301

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This action invites public comment on a proposal to amend the ITA regulations that govern the duty-free entry of scientific instruments and apparatus into the United States by educational and nonprofit institutions. The amendments are being proposed for the purposes of: (i) making the technical changes required by the Omnibus Trade and Competitiveness Act of 1988; (ii) updating the regulations by specifying the correct court of review, taking into account terminological changes in the scientific community, and extending the waiver for repair components to maintenance tools; (iii) simplifying and clarifying the regulations for the using community by clarifying the commercial use provisions and removing redundant requirements, permitting recourse to expedited procedures when appropriate, adding information about procedures for obtaining duty refunds,

reducing the number of copies required for resubmissions, and permitting performance data obtained in tests of trials as evidence of guaranteed specifications; and (iv) clarifying the scope of these regulations by providing key definitions for covered instruments and the purposes to which they are put.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	09/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE (DOC)

Final Rule Stage

International Trade Administration (ITA)

392. ANTIDUMPING AND COUNTERVAILING DUTY PROCEEDINGS; ADMINISTRATIVE PROTECTIVE ORDER PROCEDURES AND PROCEDURES FOR IMPOSING SANCTIONS FOR VIOLATION OF A PROTECTIVE ORDER

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Reinventing Government: This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will revise text in the CFR to reduce burden or duplication, or streamline requirements.

Legal Authority: 5 USC 301; 19 USC 1677f

CFR Citation: 19 CFR 351; 19 CFR 354

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The Department needs to enhance the administrative efficiency of its investigations of alleged violations of administrative protective orders (APOs) and of the process for imposing sanctions for violations, as well as the

fairness of the procedures to all concerned parties. In addition, the Department needs to simplify and streamline the APO administrative process and reduce the administrative burdens on the ITA and trade practitioners. The Department is considering a variety of amendments to its existing regulations to achieve these goals. With respect to APO violations and sanctions, the Department is considering (1) expedited procedures for certain APO violations that are uncontested, inadvertent, and technical; (2) providing for warnings to be issued where a finding of a violation would lead to unjustifiably harsh sanctions; (3) where warranted, permitting the agency to dismiss a charge without prejudice without the appointment or approval of an administrative law judge; (4) providing for a sunset provision that is fairer to past violators and that eases the administrative burden; and (5) permitting a private reprimand as a sanction without

requiring as a precondition that parties engage in settlement discussions. The Department expects to benefit from gains in administrative efficiency and fairness without incurring any additional costs.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	02/08/96	61 FR 4826
NPRM Comment Period End	03/11/96	
Final Action	06/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE (DOC)
International Trade Administration (ITA)
Long-Term Actions
393. PROPOSED CHANGES IN PROCEDURES FOR INSULAR WATCH PROGRAM

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Reinventing Government: This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing

Government effort. It will revise text in the CFR to reduce burden or duplication, or streamline requirements.

CFR Citation: 15 CFR 303

Timetable: Next Action Undetermined

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE (DOC)
Bureau of Export Administration (BXA)
Proposed Rule Stage
394. DEFENSE PRIORITIES AND ALLOCATIONS SYSTEM (DPAS)

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Reinventing Government: This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will revise text in the CFR to reduce burden or duplication, or streamline requirements.

Legal Authority: 50 USC app 2061 et seq; 50 USC app 468; EO 12656; EO 12742; EO 12919

CFR Citation: 15 CFR 700

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The Defense Priorities and Allocations System (DPAS) implements the priorities and allocations authority of title I of the Defense Production Act of 1950, as amended, and the priorities authority of section 18 of the Selective Service Act of 1948. The DPAS was published as a final rule on July 30, 1984. Based on the findings and recommendations of an interagency sponsored study concerning the controlled materials program, and comments from both defense agency and industry users, this proposed rule would amend the DPAS to remove the controlled materials provisions and make certain revisions to its procedural requirements. These amendments will have no costs associated with them, would reduce the regulatory and information reporting burden on industry and make the DPAS more effective and efficient, would result in cost savings for defense contractors, would update certain other provisions to conform to statutory and jurisdictional changes, and would make the DPAS more compatible with current industry practices.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	06/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

Sectors Affected: Multiple

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395. IMPLEMENTATION OF CHEMICAL WEAPONS CONVENTION

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 18 USC 2510 et seq; 30 USC 185; 42 USC 6212; 10 USC 7429; 10 USC 7430(e); 50 USC 1710 et seq; 22 USC 3201 et seq; 42 USC 2139(a); 43 USC 1354; 50 USC app 2401 et seq; 40 USC 466(c); EO 12924; Notice of August 15, 1995, (60 FR 42767)

CFR Citation: Not yet determined

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The Bureau of Export Administration is developing regulations and procedures that specify industry obligations under the chemical weapons convention.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
ANPRM	12/23/94	59 FR 66291
ANPRM Comment	01/23/95	
Period End		
NPRM	04/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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396. • CHANGES TO THE EXPORT ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATIONS TO IMPLEMENT THE GUIDELINES AND INFORMATION SHARING PROVISIONS OF THE WASSENAAR ARRANGEMENT ON EXPORT CONTROLS FOR CONVENTIONAL ARMS AND DUAL-USE

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 18 USC 2510 et seq; 30 USC 185; 42 USC 6212; 10 USC 7429; 10 USC 7430(e); 50 USC 1710 et seq; 22 USC 3201 et seq; 42 USC 2139(a); 43 USC 1354; 50 USC app 2401 et seq; 46 USC 466(c); EO 12924; Notice of August 15, 1995, (60 FR 42767)

CFR Citation: 15 CFR 700 to 799

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The United States and 27 allied countries are implementing a new regime to replace the Coordinating Committee for Multilateral Export Controls (COCOM) which dissolved on March 31, 1994. The new organization, called The Wassenaar Arrangement on Export Controls for Conventional Arms and Dual-Use Goods and Technologies, is expected to implement controls in April 1996. Procedural guidelines and provisions for sharing information between members will have to be harmonized in numbers' national regulations. Commerce will need to alter the Export Administration Regulations to reflect the Wassenaar guidelines and information sharing provisions agreed on by the members

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	07/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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397. • CHANGE THE COMMERCE CONTROL LIST TO REVISED CONTROLS ON SHOTGUNS (EXPORT COMMERCE CONTROL NUMBER ECCN 0A84C)

Priority: Other Significant

Legal Authority: 18 USC 2510 et seq; 30 USC 185; 42 USC 6212; 10 USC 7429; 10 USC 7430(e); 50 USC 1710 et seq; 22 USC 3201 et seq; 42 USC 2139(a); 43 USC 1354; 50 USC app 2401 et seq; 46 USC 466(c); EO 12924;

Notice of August 15, 1995, (60 FR 42767)

CFR Citation: 15 CFR 700 to 799

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: Shotgun licensing and policy requirements will be streamlined to exempt Wassenaar Arrangement member countries. The policy will also be streamlined to exclude certain other countries form licensing requirements by either the type of shotgun or country importation licensing procedures. These changes will reduce the number of license applications by approximately 500 applications per year, and thereby reduce the paperwork burden on U.S. industry.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	08/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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Final Rule Stage

398. REVISION OF FOREIGN BOYCOTT PROVISIONS OF EXPORT ADMINISTRATION REGULATIONS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 50 USC 1701 et seq; 50 USC app 2401 et seq; EO 12002; EO 12058; EO 12214; EO 12924; Notice of August 15, 1995, (60 FR 42767)

CFR Citation: 15 CFR 769

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The Department proposes to revise the foreign boycott provisions of the Export Administration Regulations. The revisions would clarify the application of: (1) the intent provision to the reporting requirement; (2) the jurisdictional requirements relating to the implementation of letters of credit; (3) the furnishing information prohibitions to information about the nationality of directors and about blacklisted persons; (4) the shipping requirement exception to refusals to use blacklisted vessels; and (5) the import and shipping document exception to information about the nationality of carriers and residence of manufacturers or suppliers. The revisions are intended to clarify areas of confusion. In addition, the proposal would remove many references and provisions dealing with effective dates and grace periods that are no longer applicable.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	09/26/89	54 FR 39415

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM Comment Period End	10/26/89	
Final Action	04/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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399. TRANSFER OF DUAL-USE ITEMS FROM U.S. MUNITIONS LIST TO THE COMMERCE CONTROL LIST

Priority: Other Significant

Legal Authority: 18 USC 2510 et seq; 30 USC 185; 42 USC 6212; 10 USC 7429; 10 USC 7430(e); 50 USC 1701 et seq; 22 USC 3201 et seq; 42 USC 2139(a); 43 USC 1354; 50 USC 2401 et seq; 46 USC 466(c); EO 12924; Notice of August 15, 1995 (60 FR 42767)

CFR Citation: 15 CFR 799.1

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The former COCOM Industrial List (IL) controls so-called dual-use items, which have both civil and military uses. There is not a direct correspondence between the IL and BXA's Commerce Control List (CCL) because some IL items are controlled by the State Department in the U.S. Munitions List. In his November 15, 1990, memorandum of disapproval of H.R. 4653, the President determined

that, "By June 1, 1991, the United States will remove from the U.S. Munitions List all items contained on the COCOM dual-use list unless significant U.S. national security interests would be jeopardized." This rule will implement BXA controls through the CCL on those items removed from the U.S. Munitions List as a result of the President's decision.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Transfer of Communications Satellites	10/23/92	57 FR 48312
Navigation and Avionics	06/23/93	58 FR 34211
Final Rule: Transfer of Commercial Communication Satellites	09/08/93	58 FR 47322
Transfer of Items From the USMI to the CCL; Imposition of Certain Foreign Policy Controls	10/26/93	58 FR 57549
Final Action	04/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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400. EXPORTS TO IRAN; REVISION OF FOREIGN POLICY CONTROLS**Priority:** Other Significant**Legal Authority:** 18 USC 2510 et seq; 30 USC 185; 42 USC 6212; 10 USC 7429; 10 USC 7430(e); 50 USC 1701 et seq; 22 USC 3201 et seq; 42 USC 2139(a); 43 USC 1354; 50 USC app 2401 et seq; 46 USC 466(c); EO 12924; Notice of August 15, 1995, (60 FR 42767)**CFR Citation:** 15 CFR 771; 15 CFR 785; 15 CFR 799**Legal Deadline:** None**Abstract:** This interim rule amends the Export Administration Regulations by revising the special country policies and provisions, consistent with the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) of 1992, to establish a policy of denial for all items that require a validated license for Iran, except items subject to short supply controls.**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	04/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: None**Government Levels Affected:** None**Agency Contact:** Patricia Muldonian, Policy Analyst, Department of Commerce, Bureau of Export Administration, Washington, DC 20230
Phone: 202 482-2440**RIN:** 0694-AA62**401. SIMPLIFICATION OF THE EXPORT ADMINISTRATION REGULATIONS****Priority:** Other Significant**Reinventing Government:** This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will revise text in the CFR to reduce burden or duplication, or streamline requirements.**Legal Authority:** 18 USC 2510 et seq; 30 USC 185; 42 USC 6212; 10 USC 7429; 10 USC 7430(e); 50 USC 1710 et seq; 22 USC 3201 et seq; 42 USC 2139(a); 43 USC 1354; 50 USC app 2401 et seq; 46 USC 466(c); EO 12924; Notice of August 15, 1995, (60 FR 42767)**CFR Citation:** 15 CFR 768 to 779; 15 CFR 785 to 791; 15 CFR 799**Legal Deadline:** None**Abstract:** This rule restructures and reorganizes the Export Administration

Regulations (EAR), the regulatory regime through which the Bureau of Export Administration imposes export and reexport controls on those items and activities within its jurisdiction. The rule clarifies the language of the EAR, simplifies their application, and generally makes the export control regulatory regime more user-friendly.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
ANPRM	02/10/94	59 FR 6528
ANPRM Comment Period End	03/28/94	
NPRM	05/11/95	60 FR 25268
NPRM Comment Period End	07/10/95	
Interim Final Rule	03/25/96	61 FR 12714
Final Action	10/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: None**Government Levels Affected:** None**Agency Contact:** Patricia Muldonian, Policy Analyst, Department of Commerce, Bureau of Export Administration, Washington, DC 20230
Phone: 202 482-2440**RIN:** 0694-AA67**402. IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CUBA DEMOCRACY ACT****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**Legal Authority:** 18 USC 2510 et seq; 30 USC 185; 42 USC 6212; 10 USC 7429; 10 USC 7430(e); 50 USC 1710 et seq; 22 USC 3201 et seq; 42 USC 2139(a); 43 USC 1354; 50 USC app 2401 et seq; 46 USC 466(c); EO 12924; Notice of August 15, 1995, (60 FR 42767)**CFR Citation:** 15 CFR 700 to 799**Legal Deadline:** None**Abstract:** The Cuba Democracy Act required certain actions to tighten the embargo on Cuba. This includes changes in general license provisions for ship stores and new controls on medicines. These changes will complement regulations already issued by the Department of the Treasury.**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	04/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: None**Government Levels Affected:** None**Agency Contact:** Sharron Cook, Policy Analyst, Department of Commerce, Bureau of Export Administration, Washington, DC 20230

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RIN: 0694-AA77**403. TRANSFER OF CERTAIN REMOTE SENSING SATELLITES FROM THE U.S. MUNITIONS LIST TO THE CCL****Priority:** Other Significant**Legal Authority:** 18 USC 2510 et seq; 30 USC 185; 42 USC 6212; 10 USC 7429; 10 USC 7430(e); 50 USC 1710 et seq; 22 USC 3201 et seq; 42 USC 2139(a); 43 USC 1354; 50 USC app 2401 et seq; 46 USC 466(c); EO 12924; Notice of August 15, 1995, (60 FR 42767)**CFR Citation:** 15 CFR 700 to 799**Legal Deadline:** None**Abstract:** The former COCOM Industrial List (IL) controls dual-use items, which have both civil and military applications. At present, there is not a direct correspondence between the IL and the Commerce Control List (CCL) because some IL items are controlled by the State Department under the United States Munitions List (USML). In his November 15, 1990 memorandum disapproving H.R. 4653, former President Bush determined that "by June 1, 1991, the United States will remove from the U.S. Munitions List all items contained on the COCOM dual-use list unless significant U.S. national security interests would be jeopardized." This rule will implement Commerce controls on those items removed from the USML as a result of the President's 1990 decision. Remote sensing satellites are such an item, and this rule specifically provides for their transfer from the USML to the CCL.**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	04/00/96	

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404. CLARIFICATION OF ENHANCED PROLIFERATION CONTROL INITIATIVE (EPCI) "CATCH-ALL" PROVISION AND VALIDATED LICENSE REQUIREMENTS**Priority:** Other Significant**Legal Authority:** 18 USC 2510 et seq; 30 USC 185; 42 USC 6212; 10 USC 7429; 10 USC 7430(e); 50 USC 1710 et seq; 22 USC 3201 et seq; 42 USC 2139(a); 43 USC 1354; 50 USC app 2401 et seq; 46 USC 466(c); EO 11912; EO 12924; Notice of August 15, 1995, (60 FR 42767)**CFR Citation:** 15 CFR 700 to 799**Legal Deadline:** None**Abstract:** This rule amends the Export Administration Regulations to clarify and make more effective provisions that require exporters and others to submit individual validated license applications if they "know" or are "informed" of certain proliferation activities. These changes are among those directed by the Trade Promotion Coordinating Committee, a 19-member interagency group chaired by the Secretary of Commerce. Specifically, this rule creates categories of items subject to the EPCI licensing requirements.**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	04/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: None**Government Levels Affected:** None**Agency Contact:** Hillary Hess, Policy Analyst, Department of Commerce, Bureau of Export Administration, Washington, DC 20230
Phone: 202 482-2440**RIN:** 0694-AB10**405. REVISION TO THE EAR; SUPPLEMENT NO. 2 TO PART 778****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**Legal Authority:** 18 USC 2510 et seq; 30 USC 185; 42 USC 6212; 10 USC 7429; 10 USC 7430(e); 50 USC 1710 et seq; 22 USC 3201 et seq; 42 USC 2139(a); 43 USC 1354; 50 USC app 2401 et seq; 46 USC 466(c); EO 11912; EO 12058; EO 12924; Notice of August 15, 1995, (60 FR 42767)**CFR Citation:** 15 CFR 700 to 799**Legal Deadline:** None**Abstract:** This rule amends the Export Administration Regulations list of

countries that are party to the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty and/or the Treaty for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America (Treaty of Tlatelolco). In addition, this rule makes certain editorial clarifications and corrections, and adds material inadvertently omitted. This rule adds language in the exceptions section to clarify that General License GLV does not authorize commodities controlled for nuclear non-proliferation reasons; clarifies that General License GFW does not authorize commodities controlled for nuclear non-proliferation reasons; and clarifies that General License GCT does not authorize commodities controlled for nuclear non-proliferation reasons.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	04/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: None**Government Levels Affected:** None**Agency Contact:** Sharron Cook, Policy Analyst, Department of Commerce, Bureau of Export Administration, Washington, DC 20230
Phone: 202 482-2440**RIN:** 0694-AB12**406. REVISIONS TO THE EAR; ESTABLISHMENT OF A STANDARD SAVING CLAUSE****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**Legal Authority:** 18 USC 2510 et seq; 30 USC 185; 42 USC 6212; 10 USC 7429; 10 USC 7430(e); 50 USC 1710 et seq; 22 USC 3201 et seq; 42 USC 2139(a); 43 USC 1354; 40 USC app 2401 et seq; 46 USC 466(c); EO 12924; Notice of August 15, 1995, (60 FR 42767)**CFR Citation:** 15 CFR 700 to 799**Legal Deadline:** None**Abstract:** This rule establishes a standard saving clause (a grace period after the date of imposition of controls within which shipments that are en route to the point of export may be exported under the previously applicable authorization) when an individual validated license requirement is imposed on items and/or destinations that formerly were eligible for a general license or special license procedure.**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	04/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: None**Government Levels Affected:** None**Agency Contact:** Sharron Cook, Policy Analyst, Department of Commerce, Bureau of Export Administration, Washington, DC 20230
Phone: 202 482-2440**RIN:** 0694-AB15**407. COUNTRIES ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE SUPERCOMPUTERS UNDER SPECIAL LICENSING PROCEDURES****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**Legal Authority:** 18 USC 2510 et seq; 30 USC 185; 42 USC 6212; 10 USC 7429; 10 USC 7430(e); 50 USC 1710 et seq; 22 USC 3201 et seq; 42 USC 2139(a); 43 USC 1354; 50 USC app 2401 et seq; 46 USC 466(c); EO 12924; Notice of August 15, 1995, (60 FR 42767)**CFR Citation:** 15 CFR 700 to 799**Legal Deadline:** None**Abstract:** This rule will expand the list of countries eligible to receive supercomputers under the special license procedures. This rule will lessen the administrative burden on U.S. exporters.**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	04/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: None**Government Levels Affected:** None**Agency Contact:** Sharron Cook, Policy Analyst, Department of Commerce, Bureau of Export Administration, Washington, DC 20230
Phone: 202 482-2440**RIN:** 0694-AB16**408. REVISIONS TO LICENSING POLICY FOR NORTH KOREA****Priority:** Other Significant**Legal Authority:** 18 USC 2510 et seq; 30 USC 185; 42 USC 6212; 10 USC 7429; 10 USC 7430(e); 50 USC 1710 et seq; 22 USC 3201 et seq; 42 USC 2139(a); 43 USC 1354; 50 USC app 2401 et seq; 46 USC 466(c); EO 12924; Notice of August 15, 1995, (60 FR 42767)

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CFR Citation: 15 CFR 700 to 799

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This rule further implements the October 21, 1994, U.S.-North Korea Agreed Framework. This is part of the initial steps the United States is taking in response to North Korea's decisions to freeze its nuclear program and facilities and cooperate with the United States and IAEA to verify the freeze and ensure safe storage of spent nuclear fuel.

This rule amends Commerce Department license policy on exports of telecommunications items to support international gateways. Export applications for such projects will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	04/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 0694-AB19

409. EDITORIAL CLARIFICATION AND CORRECTIONS TO THE EXPORT ADMINISTRATION REGULATIONS; REMOVAL OF ECCN 1C65

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 18 USC 2510 et seq; 30 USC 185; 42 USC 6212; 10 USC 7429; 10 USC 7430(e); 50 USC 1710 et seq; 22 USC 3201 et seq; 42 USC 2139(a); 43 USC 1354; 50 USC app 2401 et seq; 46 USC 466(c); EO 7419; Notice of August 15, 1995, (60 FR 42767)

CFR Citation: 15 CFR 700 to 799

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This rule makes the following revisions and clarifications to the Export Administration Regulations: (1) Clarifies the licensing requirements for equipment and material that can be used in the production of biological agents by removing the reference to Export Control Classification Number (ECCN) 1C65 (complex media); (2) Adds to that which was inadvertently omitted on September 7, 1993 (58 FR 47049); and (3) Clarifies the missile technology and nuclear

nonproliferation controls applicable to ECCN 1E01.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	04/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 0694-AB23

410. PROLIFERATION ENTITY LIST

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 18 USC 2510 et seq; 30 USC 185; 42 USC 6212; 10 USC 7429; 10 USC 7430(e); 50 USC 1710 et seq; 22 USC 3201 et seq; 42 USC 2139(a); 43 USC 1354; 50 USC app 2401 et seq; 46 USC 466(c); EO 12924; Notice of August 15, 1995, (60 FR 42767)

CFR Citation: 15 CFR 700 to 799

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The Department of Commerce maintains export controls to limit the proliferation of chemical or biological weapons, nuclear weapons or explosive devices, and missile systems. The Export Administration Regulations (EAR) provide that the Bureau of Export Administration (BXA) may inform exporters, individually or through amendment to the EAR, that an individual validated license is required for exports or reexports to certain entities because there exists an unacceptable risk of use in or diversion to certain nuclear end-uses, missile end-uses, or chemical or biological weapons end-uses. In addition, BXA may inform U.S. persons that an individual validated license is required to export or reexport, perform any contract, service, or employment, or otherwise support such end-uses.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	04/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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411. ADMINISTRATION OF STATE LOG EXPORTS BAN

Priority: Other Significant

Legal Authority: 18 USC 2510 et seq; 30 USC 185; 42 USC 6212; 10 USC 7429; 10 USC 7430(e); 50 USC 1710 et seq; 22 USC 3201 et seq; 42 USC 2139(a); 43 USC 1354; 50 USC app 2401 et seq; 46 USC 466(c); EO 12924; Notice of August 15, 1995, (60 FR 42767)

CFR Citation: 15 CFR 700 to 799

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The rule will provide the Department of Commerce's regulations implementing the ban on the export of unprocessed timber originating from non-Federal public lands in 17 western states, pursuant to the Forest Resource Conservation and Shortage Relief Act of 1990, as amended (FRCSRA). This rule defines the actions the Department will take to implement the State log export ban.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
ANPRM	06/07/95	60 FR 30030
ANPRM Comment Period End	07/07/95	
Final Action	12/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: Businesses

Government Levels Affected: State, Local

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412. REVISION TO THE EAR: ELAIN ACCEPTS CLASSIFICATION REQUEST

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 18 USC 2510 et seq; 30 USC 185; 42 USC 6212; 10 USC 7429; 10 USC 7430(e); 50 USC 1710 et seq; 22 USC 3201 et seq; 42 USC 2139(a); 43 USC 1354; 50 USC app 2401 et seq; 46 USC 466(c); EO 12924; Notice of August 15, 1995, (60 FR 42767)

CFR Citation: 15 CFR 700 to 799

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Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The Bureau of Export Administration (BXA) is currently on a road to automating all of the services that fall under the "license determination" umbrella. The services that fall under the umbrella of "license determinations" are: classification requests, jurisdiction requests, EXODUS (Custom Department) requests, Export Enforcement Certifications, and Advisory Opinions. The first step has been successfully accomplished; ELAIN has been successfully modified to accept classification requests. Any person or company that has already acquired a Personal Identification Number (PIN) and has been authorized by their company and the Department of Commerce to submit license applications via ELAIN, may immediately start submitting classification requests electronically.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	04/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 0694-AB26

413. LIBYA: EXPANSION OF FOREIGN POLICY CONTROLS

Priority: Other Significant

Legal Authority: 18 USC 2510 et seq; 30 USC 185; 42 USC 6212; 10 USC 7429; 10 USC 7450(e); 50 USC 1710 et seq; 22 USC 3201 et seq; 42 USC 2139(a); 43 USC 1354; 50 USC app 2401 et seq; 46 USC 466(c); EO 12924; Notice of August 15, 1995, (60 FR 42767)

CFR Citation: 15 CFR 700 to 799

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This rule will bring the licensing policy for Libya into conformance with the licensing policy for Iran and Syria. This rule will not increase the amount of Libyan reexport authorization requests submitted to the Department of Commerce, but will increase the amount of items falling under the general policies of denial and case-by-case review.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Interim Final Rule	05/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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414. REVISION TO GENERAL LICENSE GCG (SHIPMENTS TO AGENCIES OF COOPERATING GOVERNMENTS)

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 18 USC 2510 et seq; 30 USC 185; 42 USC 6212; 10 USC 7429; 10 USC 7430(e); 50 USC 1710 et seq; 22 USC 3201 et seq; 42 USC 2139(a); 43 USC 1354; 50 USC app 2401 et seq; 46 USC 466(c); EO 12924; Notice of August 15, 1995, (60 FR 42767)

CFR Citation: 15 CFR 771

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The Bureau of Export Administration (BXA) is amending the Export Administration Regulations (EAR) by revising General License GCG, which authorizes certain exports to agencies of cooperating governments. These revisions will bring General License GCG, which was originally intended to apply to exports of items controlled for national security reasons, into line with subsequent statutes and agreements dealing with proliferation and regional stability concerns.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	05/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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415. CHANGES TO THE COMMERCE CONTROL LIST TO ACCORD WITH THE WASSENAAR ARRANGEMENT ON EXPORT CONTROLS FOR CONVENTIONAL ARMS AND DUAL-USE GOODS AND TECHNOLOGIES

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 18 USC 2510 et seq; 30 USC 185; 42 USC 6212; 10 USC 7429; 10 USC 7430(e); 50 USC 1710 et seq; 22 USC 3201 et seq; 42 USC 2139(a); 43 USC 1354; 50 USC app 2401 et seq; 46 USC 466(c); EO 12924; Notice of August 15, 1995, (60 FR 42767)

CFR Citation: 15 CFR 700 to 799

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The United States and 27 allied countries are implementing a new regime to succeed the Coordinating Committee for Multilateral Export Controls (COCOM) which dissolved on March 31, 1994. The new organization, called the Wassenaar Arrangement on Export Controls for Conventional Arms and Dual-Use Goods and Technologies, is expected to implement controls in April 1996. New lists of goods to be controlled have been agreed by the members, who will each have to amend their existing national procedures to harmonize them with the Wassenaar Arrangement. Commerce will need to make extensive changes in the Commerce Control List when the Wassenaar Arrangement dual-use control list becomes effective.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	06/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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416. • COMPUTER REFORM OF EXPORT CONTROL; ESTABLISHMENT OF GENERAL LICENSE G-CTP

Priority: Other Significant

Legal Authority: 18 USC 2510 et seq; 30 USC 185; 42 USC 6212; 10 USC

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7429; 10 USC 7430(e); 50 USC 1710 et seq; 22 USC 3201 et seq; 42 USC 2139(a); 43 USC 1354; 50 USC app 2401 et seq; 46 USC 466(c); EO 12924; Notice of August 15, 1995, (60 FR 42767)

CFR Citation: 15 CFR 700 to 799

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The President announced a liberalization of export controls on all computers to countries in North America, most of Western Europe, and parts of Asia. For certain other countries, including many in Latin America and Central and Eastern Europe, this rule also liberalizes export controls on computers. For the former Soviet Union, China and certain other countries, U.S. export controls will focus on computers intended for military and proliferation end users of users, and ease controls on exports of computers to civilian customers. Finally, there will be no change in current policy for computer shipments to terrorist countries, with the exception of the addition of Sudan to ECCNs 4A94F and Computer Tier 4 (a grouping of terrorist countries, for the purpose of computer controls. This decision will streamline validated license requirements for U.S. computer manufacturers of computers that are, or will be in the next two years, widely available in the international market place.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Interim Final Rule	01/25/96	61 FR 2099
Final Action	06/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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417. • BIOLOGICAL WARFARE EXPERTS GROUP MEETING REGULATIONS

Priority: Other Significant

Legal Authority: 18 USC 2510 et seq; 50 USC 1701 et seq; 22 USC 3201 et seq; 42 USC 2139a; 50 USC 2401 et seq; 22 USC 6004; EO 12930; Notice of August 15, 1995, (60 FR 42767)

CFR Citation: 15 CFR 700 to 799

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This rule will issue regulations implementing the October agreements among the members of the Australia Group regarding microorganisms, toxins, and dual-use biological equipment. The nomenclature for several microorganisms is being revised to identify controlled organisms more clearly. Controls for fermenters and aerosol chambers are being expanded. These changes will likely cause a small increase in the number of validated export licenses that exporters will need. This rule is issued in final form; however, public comments on this regulation are welcome.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	06/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 0694-AB37

418. • EXPANSION OF GENERAL LICENSE GFW; SEMICONDUCTOR MANUFACTURING EQUIPMENT

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 18 USC 2510 et seq; 30 USC 185; 42 USC 6212; 10 USC 7429; 10 USC 7430(e); 50 USC 1710 et seq; 22 USC 3201 et seq; 42 USC 2139(a); 43 USC 1354; 50 USC app 2401 et seq; 46 USC 466(c); EO 12924; Notice of August 15, 1995 (60 FR 42767)

CFR Citation: 15 CFR 700 to 799

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This final rule would revise the Export Administrative Regulations by expanding General License GFW eligibility to include certain semiconductor manufacturing equipment controlled under ECCN 3B01A. The expansion of General License GFW to include these items is expected to result in a decrease in the number of license applications submitted, thereby reducing the paperwork burden on exporter.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	05/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 0694-AB38

419. • EXPORT REGULATION FOR CERTAIN EXPORTS OF BUSINESS EQUIPMENT FOR SUPPORT TO THE CUBAN PEOPLE

Priority: Other Significant

Legal Authority: 18 USC 2510 et seq; 30 USC 185; 42 USC 6212; 10 USC 7429; 10 USC 7430(e); 50 USC 1710 et seq; 22 USC 3201 et seq; 42 USC 2139(a); 43 USC 1354; 50 USC app 2401 et seq; 46 USC 466(c); EO 12924; Notice of August 15, 1995, (60 FR 42767)

CFR Citation: 15 CFR 700 to 799

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The President has authorized transactions intended to provide support for the Cuban people including activities of recognized human rights and nongovernmental organizations and individuals which promote independent activity in Cuba. The new measures support the President's announcement of October 1995 designed to increase support for the Cuban people through a regulation that would permit U.S. persons to export business related equipment to eligible Cuban entities and equipment for the establishment of news bureaus. The action is consistent with the Cuban Democracy Act of 1992. Individual license applications will be processed consistent with Executive Order 12981 regarding export licensing procedures and timeframes.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	04/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE (DOC)
Bureau of Export Administration (BXA)

Long-Term Actions

**420. • CHEMICAL WEAPONS
CONVENTION IMPLEMENTING
REGULATIONS (ENFORCEMENT)**

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: Chemical Weapons
Convention Implementation Legislation
Proposed

CFR Citation: Not yet determined

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This rule will set forth the
acts which constitute a violation of the
Chemical Weapons Convention
Implementing Regulations and the
penalties for violations. They will also
set forth the administrative enforcement
procedures.

Timetable: Next Action Undetermined

Small Entities Affected: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected:
Undetermined

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**421. • CHANGE THE COMMERCE
CONTROL LIST TO REVISE
CONTROLS ON COMMUNICATION
INTERCEPTING DEVICES (EXPORT
COMMERCE CONTROL NUMBER
ECCN 5A80D)**

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 18 USC 2510 et seq;
30 USC 185; 42 USC 6212; 10 USC
7429; 10 USC 7430(e); 50 USC 1710
et seq; 22 USC 3201 et seq; 42 USC
2139(a); 43 USC 1354; 50 USC app
2401 et seq; 46 USC 466(c); EO 12924;
Notice of August 15, 1995, (60 FR
42767)

CFR Citation: 15 CFR 700 to 799

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: Individual validated licenses
are required for the export of all
communication intercept devices to all
destinations (including Canada). The
Export Administration Regulations
specify that such exports will only be
issued to: (1) a provider of wire or
electronic communication service or an
officer, agent or employee of or person

under contract with such a provider in
the normal course of the business of
providing that wire or electronic
communication service; or (2) officers,
agents, or employees of, or person
under contract with the United States,
one of the 50 States, or a political
subdivision thereof, when engaged in
the normal course of government
activities. Commerce will need to make
changes to the Commerce Control List
and the Export Administration
Regulations to clarify the requirements
for issuing export licenses.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	09/00/00	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 0694-AB41

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE (DOC)
Bureau of Export Administration (BXA)

Completed Actions

**422. EFFECT OF IMPORTED
ARTICLES ON THE NATIONAL
SECURITY**

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

CFR Citation: 15 CFR 705

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	10/19/94	59 FR 52685
Final Action Effective	10/19/94	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 0694-AB01

**423. EXPORTS OF SAMPLE
SHIPMENTS IN MIXTURES
CONTAINING PRECURSORS AND
INTERMEDIATE CHEMICALS;
REVISIONS TO AUSTRALIA GROUP
MEMBERS**

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

CFR Citation: 15 CFR 773; 15 CFR 778;
15 CFR 799

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	10/19/94	59 FR 52685

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

Agency Contact: Sharron Cook
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RIN: 0694-AB05

**424. FOREIGN POLICY CONTROLS:
CRIME CONTROL, IMPLEMENTS OF
TORTURE, AND ARMS EMBARGO
AGAINST RWANDA**

Priority: Other Significant

CFR Citation: 15 CFR 700 to 799

DOC—BXA

Completed Actions

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	11/28/95	60 FR 58512
Final Action Effective	11/28/95	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

Agency Contact: Hillary Hess
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RIN: 0694-AB08

425. REVISIONS AND CLARIFICATIONS TO PERMISSIVE REEXPORT AND GENERAL LICENSE GLX

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

CFR Citation: 15 CFR 700 to 799

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Withdrawn - Combined with RIN 0694-AB30	03/15/96	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

Agency Contact: Nancy Crowe
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RIN: 0694-AB17

426. RENUMBERING OF EXPORT CONTROL CLASSIFICATION NUMBERS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

CFR Citation: 15 CFR 799

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Withdrawn - Combined With RIN 0694-AA67	03/25/96	61 FR 12714

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

Agency Contact: Nancy Crowe
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RIN: 0694-AB27

427. REVISION TO THE COMMERCE CONTROL LIST: ITEMS CONTROLLED FOR NUCLEAR NONPROLIFERATION REASONS

Priority: Other Significant

CFR Citation: 15 CFR 700 to 799

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	02/01/96	61 FR 35550
Final Action Effective	02/01/96	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

Agency Contact: Sharon Cook
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RIN: 0694-AB29

428. EXPANSION OF GENERAL LICENSE GLX

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

CFR Citation: 15 CFR 771

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	12/20/95	56 FR 65526
Final Action Effective	12/20/95	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 0694-AB30

429. EXPORTS TO IRAN: IMPOSITION OF SANCTIONS

Priority: Other Significant

CFR Citation: 15 CFR 700 to 799

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	03/05/96	61 FR 8471
Final Action Effective	03/05/96	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

Agency Contact: Hillary Hess
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RIN: 0694-AB31

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE (DOC)

Long-Term Actions

National Institute of Standards & Technology (NIST)

430. FASTENER QUALITY

Priority: Other Significant

CFR Citation: 15 CFR 280

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	08/17/92	57 FR 37032
NPRM Comment Period End	11/02/92	
Final Action	00/00/00	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 0693-AA90

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE (DOC)**Prerule Stage****National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)****NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE****431. GENERAL PROVISIONS FOR DOMESTIC FISHERIES—STANDARD DEFINITIONS****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**Legal Authority:** 16 USC 1801 et seq**CFR Citation:** 50 CFR 620; 50 CFR 601; 50 CFR 605**Legal Deadline:** None

Abstract: This action would standardize definitions for: vessels-for-hire engaged in recreational fishing (VHERF), charter boat, headboat; and marine recreational and commercial fishing and fishermen.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
ANPRM Comment Period End	05/00/96	
NPRM	06/00/96	
Final Action	07/00/96	
Final Action Effective	08/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: Undetermined**Government Levels Affected:** Undetermined

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RIN: 0648-AG46**432. TAKE OF MARINE MAMMALS BY THE U.S. NAVY INCIDENTAL TO MILITARY ACTIVITIES IN THE SOUTH ATLANTIC OF THE UNITED STATES****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**Legal Authority:** 16 USC 1361 et seq**CFR Citation:** 50 CFR 228; 50 CFR 216**Legal Deadline:** None

Abstract: NMFS expects the U.S. Navy to petition for regulations that would authorize a small take of marine

mammals incidental to ship shock trials in oceanic waters offshore Florida or Virginia. Under the Marine Mammal Protection Act, NMFS is allowed to authorize these takings if certain findings are made and regulations are issued that include requirements for monitoring and reporting.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
ANPRM	04/01/96	
ANPRM Comment Period End	05/01/96	

Small Entities Affected: None**Government Levels Affected:** Federal

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RIN: 0648-AG55**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE (DOC)****Proposed Rule Stage****National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)****433. NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE MODERNIZATION CRITERIA FOR CLOSURE CERTIFICATION****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**Legal Authority:** PL 102-567; 15 USC 313 note**CFR Citation:** 15 CFR 946; 15 CFR 946 app A**Legal Deadline:** Final, Statutory, October 29, 1993.

Abstract: The Secretary of Commerce, in consultation with the National Research Council and the Modernization Transition Committee, and after notice and opportunity for public comment, shall publish in the Federal Register modernization criteria (including all requirements and procedures) for certifying action to close a field office under section 706 of Public Law 102-567.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	06/00/96	
Final Action	10/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: None**Government Levels Affected:** None

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RIN: 0648-AI90**NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE****434. SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH—DOMESTIC AND FOREIGN FISHING****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**Legal Authority:** 16 USC 1801 et seq**CFR Citation:** 50 CFR 611; 50 CFR 620**Legal Deadline:** None

Abstract: This rule would define scientific research, exempted fishing, and exempted educational activities under the Magnuson Act, and would standardize procedures for issuance of permits for exempted activities and exempted educational activities.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	04/00/96	
NPRM Comment Period End	05/00/96	
Final Action	06/00/96	
Final Action Effective	07/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: Undetermined**Government Levels Affected:** Federal**Sectors Affected:** 091 Commercial Fishing

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RIN: 0648-AC61

DOC—NOAA

Proposed Rule Stage

435. FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR THE QUEEN CONCH FISHERY OF PUERTO RICO AND THE U.S. VIRGIN ISLANDS**Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**Legal Authority:** 16 USC 1801 et seq, Magnuson Fishery Conservation & Mgmt. Act**CFR Citation:** Not yet determined**Legal Deadline:** NPRM, Statutory. Final, Statutory. Other, Statutory. NPRM 15 days and final action 110 days after receipt from the fishery management council.**Abstract:** This new Fishery Management Plan for the Queen Conch Fishery of Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands will establish Federal management measures to rebuild the overfished queen conch resource off Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands. Proposed measures include minimum size restrictions and bag limits for commercial and recreational fisheries.**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	05/00/96	
NPRM Comment Period End	06/00/96	
Final Action	08/00/96	
Final Action Effective	09/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: Undetermined**Government Levels Affected:** Undetermined**Agency Contact:** Andrew J. Kemmerer, Director, Southeast Region, NMFS, Department of Commerce, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, 9721 Executive Center Drive N., St. Petersburg, FL 33702-2432 Phone: 813 570-5301**RIN:** 0648-AD91**436. SECRETARIAL AMENDMENT TO THE FMP FOR ATLANTIC SWORDFISH****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**Legal Authority:** 16 USC 1801 et seq**CFR Citation:** 50 CFR 630**Legal Deadline:** NPRM, Statutory. Final, Statutory. Other, Statutory. NPRM 15 days and final action 110 days after beginning of review.**Abstract:** FMP Amendment to reduce overfishing by placing a moratorium on issuance of new permits and developing a limited entry system of management.**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	07/00/96	
NPRM Comment Period End	09/00/96	
Final Action	12/00/96	
Final Action Effective	01/00/97	

Small Entities Affected: Undetermined**Government Levels Affected:** Undetermined**Agency Contact:** Richard H. Schaefer, Director, Office of Fisheries Conservation and Management, Department of Commerce, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910 Phone: 301 713-2334**RIN:** 0648-AE09**437. AMENDMENT 10 TO THE FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR THE ATLANTIC SURF CLAM AND OCEAN QUAHOG FISHERIES****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**Legal Authority:** 16 USC 1801 et seq**CFR Citation:** 50 CFR 652**Legal Deadline:** NPRM, Statutory. NPRM 15 days from date amendment review begins and council is sent copy for comments.**Abstract:** This amendment would manage the fishery for mahogany clams (ocean quahogs) off a portion of the coast of Maine, in the EEZ.**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	04/00/96	
NPRM Comment Period End	06/00/96	
Final Action	09/00/96	
Final Action Effective	10/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: Undetermined**Government Levels Affected:** Undetermined**Agency Contact:** Dr. Andrew A. Rosenberg, Director, Northeast Region, NMFS, Department of Commerce, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, One Blackburn Drive, Gloucester, MA 01930 Phone: 508 281-9200**RIN:** 0648-AF41**438. REGULATORY AMENDMENT REGARDING MESH SIZE IN TRAWLS AND ROCK SOLE VESSEL INCENTIVE PROGRAM STANDARDS IN ALASKA GROUND FISH FISHERIES****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**Legal Authority:** 16 USC 1801 et seq**CFR Citation:** 50 CFR 672; 50 CFR 675**Legal Deadline:** None**Abstract:** This regulatory amendment specifies trawl mesh size to reduce bycatch of undersized fish and reduce waste in the Alaska groundfish fisheries.**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	05/00/96	
NPRM Comment Period End	06/00/96	
Final Action	07/00/96	
Final Action Effective	08/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: Undetermined**Government Levels Affected:** Undetermined**Agency Contact:** Steven Pennoyer, Director, Alaska Region, NMFS, Department of Commerce, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, P.O. Box 21668, Juneau, AK 99802 Phone: 907 586-7228**RIN:** 0648-AF57**439. AMENDMENT 1 TO THE FMP FOR THE SCALLOP FISHERY OFF ALASKA****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**Legal Authority:** 16 USC 1801 et seq**CFR Citation:** 50 CFR 673**Legal Deadline:** NPRM, Statutory. Final, Statutory.

NPRM 15 days and final action 110 days after receipt from the Regional Fishery Management Council.

Abstract: This FMP amendment authorizes a scallop fishery in Federal waters off Alaska and establishes measures necessary for the conservation and management of the scallop resource in Federal waters.**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	05/00/96	
NPRM Comment Period End	06/00/96	
Final Action	07/00/96	
Final Action Effective	08/00/96	

DOC—NOAA

Proposed Rule Stage

Small Entities Affected: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected:
Undetermined

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RIN: 0648-AF81

440. FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR ATLANTIC TUNAS

Priority: Other Significant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1801 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 285

Legal Deadline: NPRM, Statutory.
Final, Statutory.

NPRM 15 days and final action 110 days after beginning of review.

Abstract: This Fishery Management Plan will establish management measures for Atlantic tunas under authority of the Magnuson Act, as well as the Atlantic Tunas Convention Act, as set forth in the 1990 amendments to the Magnuson Act.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	10/00/96	
NPRM Comment Period End	12/00/96	
Final Action	02/00/97	
Final Action Effective	03/00/97	

Small Entities Affected: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected:
Undetermined

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RIN: 0648-AF86

441. FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR TILEFISH

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1801 et seq

CFR Citation: Not yet determined

Legal Deadline: NPRM, Statutory.
Final, Statutory. Other, Statutory.

NPRM 15 days and final action 110 days after receipt from a regional fishery management council.

Abstract: This FMP would manage tilefish (*Lopholatilus chamaeleonticeps*) in the EEZ along the Atlantic Coast north of the Virginia/North Carolina border to rebuild the stock.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	01/00/97	
NPRM Comment Period End	02/00/97	
Final Action	04/00/97	

Small Entities Affected: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected:
Undetermined

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RIN: 0648-AF87

442. AMENDMENT 1 TO THE FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR ATLANTIC BILLFISH

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1801 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 644

Legal Deadline: NPRM, Statutory.
Final, Statutory. Other, Statutory.
NPRM 15 days and final action 110 days after beginning of review.

Abstract: This amendment will define overfishing for Atlantic billfish, clarify the plan objectives and the definition of optimum yield, and implement regulatory changes to reduce fishing mortality.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	06/00/96	
NPRM Comment Period End	08/00/96	
Final Action	10/00/96	
Final Action Effective	12/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected:
Undetermined

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RIN: 0648-AF88

443. AMENDMENT 8 TO THE PACIFIC COAST GROUND FISH FMP TO IMPLEMENT INDIVIDUAL QUOTAS FOR THE FIXED-GEAR SABLEFISH FISHERY (OR REGULATORY AMENDMENT FOR NONTRAWL TRIP LIMITS)

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1801 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 663

Legal Deadline: NPRM, Statutory.
Final, Statutory.

NPRM 15 days and final action 110 days after receipt from the Pacific Fishery Management Council.

Abstract: Regulations would implement Amendment 8 to the Pacific Coast Groundfish FMP to establish an individual quota system for sablefish caught with fixed gear off Washington, Oregon, and California. Alternatively a regulatory amendment may implement trip limits in the nontrawl sablefish fishery.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	09/00/96	
NPRM Comment Period End	11/00/96	
Final Action	03/00/97	
Final Action Effective	04/00/97	

Small Entities Affected: Businesses

Government Levels Affected: Federal

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RIN: 0648-AF90

444. AMENDMENT 8 TO THE FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR COASTAL MIGRATORY PELAGIC RESOURCES OF THE GULF OF MEXICO AND SOUTH ATLANTIC

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1801 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 642

Legal Deadline: NPRM, Statutory.
Final, Statutory.

DOC—NOAA

Proposed Rule Stage

NPRM 15 days and final action 110 days from receipt from a Regional Fishery Management Council.

Abstract: Amendment 8 management measures being considered include: permits for commercial mackerel dealers; a 3,000-lb. commercial daily trip limit for Atlantic group king mackerel; extending the cobia management area to include the exclusive economic zone (EEZ) from Virginia to New York; reestablishing the boundary separating Gulf and Atlantic groups of king mackerel; a daily commercial trip limit for cobia; at-sea vessel-to-vessel transfer of Atlantic group Spanish mackerel among commercial vessels in the EEZ off Florida; providing the South Atlantic Fishery Management Council with the authority to decide on the management measures (quotas, trip limits, etc.) for Gulf group king mackerel in the seasonal fishery (November-March) in the area off the Florida east coast; and dividing the hook-and-line commercial quota of Gulf group king mackerel in the Florida west coast subzone equitably between user groups.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	05/00/96	
NPRM Comment Period End	06/00/96	
Final Action	07/00/96	
Final Action Effective	08/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: Undetermined
Government Levels Affected: Undetermined

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RIN: 0648-AG25

445. AMENDMENT 1 TO THE FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR THE SHRIMP FISHERY OF THE SOUTH ATLANTIC

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1801 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 659

Legal Deadline: NPRM, Statutory. Final, Statutory.

NPRM 15 days and final action 110 days after receipt from a Regional Fishery Management Council.

Abstract: Amendment 1 would add rock shrimp to the management unit of the Fishery Management Plan for the Shrimp Fishery of the South Atlantic; prohibit trawling for rock shrimp in designated areas; and require vessel and dealer permits.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	04/00/96	
NPRM Comment Period End	05/00/96	
Final Action	07/00/96	
Final Action Effective	08/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: Businesses

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 0648-AG26

446. AMENDMENT 8 TO THE FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR THE SNAPPER-GROUPER FISHERY OF THE SOUTH ATLANTIC

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1801 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 646

Legal Deadline: NPRM, Statutory. Final, Statutory. Other, Statutory. NPRM 15 days and final action 110 days from receipt from a Regional Fishery Management Council.

Abstract: Amendment 8 would establish a minimum size limit of 15 inches (tail length), a bag limit, and a commercial trip limit for red porgy; establish similar measures for vermilion snapper; increase the minimum size limit for black sea bass and establish a zone where the use of sea bass pots would be prohibited within 30 miles of shore from approximately Frying Pan Shoals, North Carolina to Cape Roman, South Carolina; and change the minimum size limit and bag limit for greater amberjack. Other possible measures include: changing the overfishing definition; establishing a transit zone for possession of fish traps in the Key West, Florida area, and clarifying the use of bottom longlines in the south Atlantic.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	01/00/97	
NPRM Comment Period End	03/00/97	
Final Action	05/00/97	
Final Action Effective	06/00/97	

Small Entities Affected: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected: Undetermined

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RIN: 0648-AG27

447. AMENDMENTS 8, 11, AND 12 TO THE FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR THE REEF FISH RESOURCES OF THE GULF OF MEXICO

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1801 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 641

Legal Deadline: NPRM, Statutory. Final, Statutory. Other, Statutory. NPRM 15 days and final action 110 days from receipt from a Regional Fishery Management Council.

Abstract: Amendment 8 to the Fishery Management Plan for the Reef Fish Resources of the Gulf of Mexico (FMP) establishes individual transferable quota (ITQ) system to control access to the Gulf of Mexico commercial red snapper fishery. System includes: a mechanism for the allocation of quota shares and ITQ coupons with an initial appeals process; restrictions on the transfer of ITQ shares; provisions on how coupons are used when landing fish; reporting requirement for fishermen and dealers; and provisions for issuance of coupons annually in relation to the current commercial quota. Amendment 11 approved measures: revise the FMP's framework procedure for making annual management adjustments; restrict the sale/purchase of reef fish harvested from the exclusive economic zone to permitted reef fish permits and fish trap endorsements under specified circumstances; implement a new reef fish permit moratorium; and require charter vessel and headboat permits. Amendment 11 disapproved and resubmitted measures would: revise the

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definition for optimum yield for each management unit species; all total allowable catch to exceed maximum sustainable yield within strict limits for stocks not overfished; and specify the generation time multiplier for stock recovery periods. Amendment 12 would: 1) remove future red snapper size limit increases for the commercial sector; 2) establish aggregate daily bag limits; and 3) revise amberjack size and bag limits.

Timetable:**Amendment 11 (approved measures):**

NPRM 09/12/95 (60 FR 47341)
NPRM Comment Period End 10/27/95

Amendment 11 (resubmitted revised measures):

NPRM 04/00/96
NPRM Comment Period Ends 05/00/96
FINAL RULE 06/00/96

Amendment 11 (approved measures):

FINAL RULE 12/15/95 (60 FR 64340)
Final Rule Effective 01/01/96 (60 FR 64350)

Amendment 12:

Final Rule 04/00/96
NPRM 05/00/96
NPRM Comment Period End 06/00/96
Final Rule Effective 07/00/96

Amendment 8:

NPRM 08/29/95 (60 FR 44825)
NPRM Comment Period Ends 10/11/95 (60 FR 44925)
Final Rule: 11/29/95 (60 FR 61200)
Final Action Effective 04/00/96

Small Entities Affected: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected: Undetermined

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RIN: 0648-AG29

448. REGULATORY AMENDMENT TO PROHIBIT USE OF OPEN ACCESS AND LIMITED ENTRY GEAR ON THE SAME TRIP FOR THE PACIFIC COAST GROUND FISH FISHERY

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1801 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 663

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This rule would not allow a vessel to use both open access gear and limited entry gear on the same fishing trip. Allowing both gears on the same trip causes potential problems in

enforcement and determination of which trip limits apply.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	06/00/96	
NPRM Comment Period End	07/00/96	
Final Action	08/00/96	
Final Action Effective	09/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected: Undetermined

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RIN: 0648-AG30

449. REGULATORY AMENDMENT TO REQUIRE PROCESSING VESSELS IN THE POLLOCK FISHERY TO WEIGH CATCH AT SEA

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1801 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 672; 50 CFR 675

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: Regulatory amendment to require processor vessels participating in the pollock fishery to weigh all catch on a scale before processing or discarding.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
ANPRM	02/20/96	61 FR 6337
ANPRM Comment Period End	03/21/96	
NPRM	02/00/97	
NPRM Comment Period End	04/00/97	
Final Action	07/00/97	
Final Action Effective	01/00/98	

Small Entities Affected: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected: Undetermined

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RIN: 0648-AG32

450. AMENDMENT 33 TO THE FMP FOR THE GROUND FISH FISHERY OF THE BSAI AND AMENDMENT 37 TO THE FMP FOR GROUND FISH OF THE GOA

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1801 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 672; 50 CFR 675

Legal Deadline: NPRM, Statutory. Final, Statutory.

NPRM 15 days and final action 110 days from receipt from the Regional Fishery Management Council.

Abstract: Allow processing (freezing) of non-individual fishing quota species on vessels using sablefish catcher vessel individual fishing quota and disallowing processing of non-individual fishing quota species on vessels using halibut catcher vessel individual fishing quota.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	05/00/96	
NPRM Comment Period End	06/00/96	
Final Action	08/00/96	
Final Action Effective	09/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected: Undetermined

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RIN: 0648-AG41

451. REGULATORY AMENDMENT TO IMPOSE RESTRICTIONS ON FISHING BLACK ROCKFISH OFF OREGON

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1801 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 663

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This regulatory action would impose trip limits and time/area closures on black rockfish fishing off the coast of Oregon in order to preserve declining stocks of black rockfish. Restrictions on harvest and areas fished would adversely affect fishermen in the short term, but these measures are designed to protect black rockfish and encourage the rebuilding of stocks in

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the long term. These measures will be developed by the State of Oregon and complement measures in state waters.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	06/00/96	
NPRM Comment Period End	07/00/96	
Final Action	09/00/96	
Final Action Effective	10/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected:
Undetermined

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RIN: 0648-AG81

452. REGULATORY AMENDMENT FOR MANAGING PELAGIC FISHERIES BY U.S. VESSELS BEYOND EEZ THROUGHOUT PACIFIC

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1801 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 685

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This regulatory amendment would extend permit, reporting, and observer placement requirements on longline vessels of the U.S. that are fishing stocks in the management unit for the Fishery Management Plan for Pelagic Fisheries of the Western Pacific Region beyond the exclusive economic zone in the Pacific Ocean. The rule is necessary for comprehensive monitoring of all vessels fishing common stocks and possibly affecting the status of the shared stocks, other fishery interests, or protected resources so that the need for conservation and management measures can be determined.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	07/00/96	
NPRM Comment Period End	09/00/96	
Final Action	11/00/96	
Final Action Effective	01/00/97	

Small Entities Affected: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected:
Undetermined

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RIN: 0648-AG85

453. AMENDMENT 3 TO THE FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR THE REEF FISH FISHERY OF PUERTO RICO AND THE U.S. VIRGIN ISLANDS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1801 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 669

Legal Deadline: NPRM, Statutory.

Final, Statutory.

NPRM 15 days and final action 110 days from receipt from a Regional al Fishery Management Council.

Abstract: Amendment 3 would: revise the overfishing definition for red hind to ensure better conservation of this highly utilized resource and restrict the use of gillnets.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	07/00/96	
NPRM Comment Period End	08/00/96	
Final Action	10/00/96	
Final Action Effective	11/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected:
Undetermined

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RIN: 0648-AG87

454. AMENDMENT 1 TO THE FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR CORALS AND REEF-ASSOCIATED PLANTS AND INVERTEBRATES FOR PUERTO RICO AND THE U.S. VIRGIN ISLANDS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1801 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 670

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: Amendment 1 would establish marine conservation districts

to conserve representative reef areas and fishery habitat in the exclusive economic zone of the Caribbean.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	09/00/96	
NPRM Comment Period End	10/00/96	
Final Action	12/00/96	
Final Action Effective	01/00/97	

Small Entities Affected: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected:
Undetermined

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Phone: 813 570-5301

RIN: 0648-AG88

455. REGULATORY AMENDMENT TO ADJUST RED SNAPPER MANAGEMENT MEASURES IN THE GULF OF MEXICO FOR 1996 SEASON

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1801 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 641

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This regulatory amendment may include measures to adjust the Gulf of Mexico red snapper bag limits, size limits, quotas, trip limits and/or seasonal and area openings.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	04/00/96	
NPRM Comment Period End	05/00/96	
Final Action	06/00/96	
Final Action Effective	07/00/96	

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Final Rule 12/00/96

Final Rule Effective 01/00/97

Small Entities Affected: Businesses

Government Levels Affected: None

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456. GENERIC FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLAN AMENDMENT FOR THE DEFINITION OF TRAPS IN THE GULF OF MEXICO**Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**Legal Authority:** 16 USC 1801 et seq**CFR Citation:** 50 CFR 640; 50 CFR 641; 50 CFR 654; 50 CFR 658**Legal Deadline:** NPRM, Statutory. Final, Statutory.

NPRM 15 days and final action 110 days from receipt from a Regional Fishery Management Council.

Abstract: This amendment would: (1) modify the construction specifications for a spiny lobster trap used in the exclusive economic zone (EEZ) of the Gulf of Mexico, and establish specifications for stone crab trap used in the Gulf EEZ; (2) prohibit the use of blue crab traps in the EEZ off Florida; and (3) establish geographic and reef fish bycatch restrictions for traps other than reef fish traps area in the Gulf EEZ.**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	10/00/96	
NPRM Comment Period End	11/00/96	
Final Action	01/00/97	
Final Action Effective	02/00/97	

Small Entities Affected: Undetermined**Government Levels Affected:** Undetermined**Agency Contact:** Andrew J. Kemmerer, Director, Southeast Region, NMFS, Department of Commerce, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, 9721 Executive Center Drive N., St. Petersburg, FL 33702-2432
Phone: 813 570-5301**RIN:** 0648-AG90**457. REGULATORY AMENDMENT FOR THE GULF OF ALASKA SEAMOUNT FISHERIES****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**Legal Authority:** 16 USC 1801 et seq**CFR Citation:** 50 CFR 672**Legal Deadline:** None**Abstract:** To provide effective management tools for monitoring groundfish catch harvested seaward of the EEZ to discourage illegal harvests in the EEZ.**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	06/00/96	
NPRM Comment Period End	07/00/96	
Final Action	09/00/96	
Final Action Effective	10/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: Undetermined**Government Levels Affected:** Undetermined**Agency Contact:** Steven Pennoyer, Director, Alaska Region, NMFS, Department of Commerce, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, P.O. Box 21668, Juneau, AK 99802
Phone: 907 586-7228**RIN:** 0648-AG94**458. REGULATORY AMENDMENT ALLOWING EARLY INDIVIDUAL FISHING QUOTA FISHING IN THE ALEUTIAN ISLANDS AREA****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**Legal Authority:** 16 USC 1801 et seq**CFR Citation:** 50 CFR 676**Legal Deadline:** None**Abstract:** To alter season opening date for sablefish in the Aleutian Islands subarea of the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands groundfish fishery to relieve restrictions on a small number of vessels that traditionally fish in that area.**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	06/00/96	
NPRM Comment Period End	07/00/96	
Final Action	08/00/96	
Final Action Effective	09/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: Undetermined**Government Levels Affected:** Undetermined**Agency Contact:** Steven Pennoyer, Director, Alaska Region, NMFS, Department of Commerce, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, P.O. Box 21668, Juneau, AK 99802
Phone: 907 586-7228**RIN:** 0648-AG97**459. AMENDMENT 34 TO THE FMP FOR THE GROUND FISH FISHERY OF THE BSAI****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**Legal Authority:** 16 USC 1801 et seq**CFR Citation:** 50 CFR 676**Legal Deadline:** NPRM, Statutory. Final, Statutory.

NPRM 15 days and Final Action 110 days after receipt from the Regional Fishery Management Council.

Abstract: Increase personal/vessel use limits to relieve potentially unnecessary restrictions on Individual Fishing Quota use.**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	08/00/96	
NPRM Comment Period End	10/00/96	
Final Action	11/00/96	
Final Action Effective	12/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: Undetermined**Government Levels Affected:** Undetermined**Agency Contact:** Steven Pennoyer, Director, Alaska Region, NMFS, Department of Commerce, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, P.O. Box 21668, Juneau, AK 99802
Phone: 907 586-7228**RIN:** 0648-AH02**460. AMENDMENT 26 TO THE FMP FOR THE GROUND FISH FISHERY OF THE BERING SEA AND ALEUTIAN ISLANDS AND AMENDMENT 29 TO THE FMP FOR THE GROUND FISH FISHERY OF THE GULF OF ALASKA****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**Legal Authority:** 16 USC 1801 et seq**CFR Citation:** 50 CFR 672; 50 CFR 675**Legal Deadline:** NPRM, Statutory. Final, Statutory.

NPRM 15 days and final action 110 days after receipt from the Regional Fishery Management Council.

Abstract: Authorize voluntary retention and processing of salmon taken as bycatch in the Alaska trawl fisheries for donation to food bank organizations.**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	05/00/96	
NPRM Comment Period End	06/00/96	

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Action	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	07/00/96	
Final Action Effective	08/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected: Undetermined

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RIN: 0648-AH03

461. AMENDMENT 8 TO THE FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR THE SUMMER FLOUNDER FISHERY

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1801 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 625

Legal Deadline: NPRM, Statutory, November 15, 1994.

Abstract: Amendment 8 would implement management measures for the scup fishery.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	04/00/96	
NPRM Comment	05/00/96	
Period End		

Small Entities Affected: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected: Undetermined

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RIN: 0648-AH05

462. FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR BLACK SEA BASS NORTH OF CAPE HATTERAS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1801 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 637

Legal Deadline: NPRM, Statutory, November 15, 1994.

Abstract: The draft FMP has objectives to reduce fishing mortality to assure that overfishing does not occur, protect

immature black sea bass to increase spawning stock biomass, and improve yield in the fisheries. Management measures contained in the draft FMP are designed to reduce exploitation rates in the fishery from the current amount of 41 percent to 14 percent by year 8 of the FMP. Measures include: (1) Minimum fish sizes and commercial gear regulations during the first two years of implementation, (2) a moratorium on entry to the commercial fishery, (3) permit requirements for commercial, party and charter boats and dealers; (4) operator permit requirements for commercial, party and charter boats; and (5) reporting requirements for commercial vessels, party and charter boats, and dealers.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	08/00/96	
NPRM Comment	09/00/96	
Period End		
Final Action	11/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected: Undetermined

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RIN: 0648-AH06

463. REGULATORY AMENDMENT FOR MULTIPLE "A" PACIFIC GROUND FISH LIMITED ENTRY PERMITS PER VESSEL

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1801 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 663

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This regulatory action would amend Pacific Coast groundfish regulations to allow multiple "A" limited entry permits per vessel. This effectively may be accomplished by attaching trip limits to the permits rather than to the vessels.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	06/00/96	
NPRM Comment	07/00/96	
Period End		
Final Action	11/00/96	
Final Action Effective	12/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected: Undetermined

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RIN: 0648-AH07

464. REGULATORY AMENDMENT TO FACILITATE MONITORING AND ENFORCEMENT IN THE PACIFIC COAST GROUND FISH FISHERY

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1801 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 663

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This action would implement new regulatory provisions and modify existing regulatory provisions to facilitate monitoring of fishing activities and enforcement in the Pacific Coast groundfish fishery. It also would make miscellaneous technical clarifications to existing regulations.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	06/00/96	
NPRM Comment	07/00/96	
Period End		
Final Action	09/00/96	
Final Action Effective	10/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected: Undetermined

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RIN: 0648-AH21

465. FMP AMENDMENT 37 TO THE GROUND FISH FISHERY OF THE BSAI

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1801 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 675

Legal Deadline: NPRM, Statutory, Final, Statutory.

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NPRM 15 days and final action 110 days after receipt from the Regional Fishery Management Council.

Abstract: This FMP amendment would establish a trawl closure in a portion of Bristol Bay to reduce the number of female red king crab taken as bycatch in the Bristol Bay trawl fisheries and to reduce the overall bycatch rates of red king crab experienced by vessels using nonpelagic trawl gear to fish for groundfish.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	08/00/96	
NPRM Comment Period End	10/00/96	
Final Action	11/00/96	
Final Action Effective	01/00/97	

Small Entities Affected: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected: Undetermined

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RIN: 0648-AH28

466. AMENDMENT 6 TO THE FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR AMERICAN LOBSTER

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1801 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 649

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This amendment is designed to address overfishing of American lobster in four different effort management areas for this species. Measures may include effort control provisions such as trip limit-sea allocations or gear restrictions.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	11/00/96	
NPRM Comment Period End	11/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected: Undetermined

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RIN: 0648-AH41

467. AMENDMENT 9 TO THE FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR THE SHRIMP FISHERY OF THE GULF OF MEXICO

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1801 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 658

Legal Deadline: None

NPRM 15 days and final action 110 days from receipt from Regional Fishery Management Council

Abstract: Amendment 9 would address the issue of the incidental catch (bycatch) of fish in shrimp trawls. Management measures being considered include: requiring the use of NMFS-approved bycatch reduction devices (BRDs) in the shrimp trawls in the exclusive economic zone (EEZ) of the Gulf of Mexico within the 110-fathom contour; requiring the use of NMFS-approved BRDs in shrimp trawls in specified areas of the Gulf of Mexico EEZ; criteria for NMFS approval of BRDs, including specifications for exclusion of bycatch and retention of shrimp; and seasonal and area restrictions to reduce bycatch.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	08/00/96	
NPRM Comment Period End	09/00/96	
Final Action	11/00/96	
Final Action Effective	12/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected: Undetermined

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RIN: 0648-AH52

468. REGULATORY AMENDMENT TO LIMITED ACCESS MANAGEMENT OF FEDERAL FISHERIES IN AND OFF OF ALASKA

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1801 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 676

Legal Deadline: NPRM, Statutory. Final, Statutory. Other, Statutory. NPRM 15 days and final action 110 days after receipt from the Fishery Management Council.

Abstract: Regulatory amendment to portions of the regulations implementing the Individual Fishing Quota Program for the Pacific halibut and sablefish fixed gear fisheries in and off of Alaska. This action will eliminate the 72-hour "fair start" provisions; eliminate owner onboard restriction; eliminate certified mail requirements; allow tagged fish to be landed without being debited to a person's individual fishing quota; and allow deliveries of individual fishing quota to tenders. (Omnibus II)

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	05/00/96	
NPRM Comment Period End	06/00/96	
Final Action	07/00/96	
Final Action Effective	08/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected: Undetermined

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RIN: 0648-AH61

469. AMENDMENT 1 TO THE FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR ATLANTIC BLUEFISH

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1801 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 628

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This amendment would revise the management of the fishery and include measures which will be specified annually for commercial quotas and recreational possession limits for Atlantic Bluefish in the U.S. EEZ.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	07/00/96	

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NPRM Comment Period End	08/00/96	
Final Action	09/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected:
Undetermined

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RIN: 0648-AH63

470. AMENDMENT 39 TO THE FMP FOR GROUND FISH FISHERY OF BSAI, AMENDMENT 41 TO THE FMP FOR GROUND FISH OF THE GOA AND AMENDMENT 5 TO THE FMP FOR COMMERCIAL KING & TANNER CRAB FISHERIES OF THE BSAI

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1801 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 671; 50 CFR 672; 50 CFR 675

Legal Deadline: NPRM, Statutory.
Final, Statutory.

NPRM 15 days and final action 110 days after receipt from the Regional Fishery Management Council.

Abstract: Amendments authorize implementation of a license limitation program.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	09/00/96	
NPRM Comment Period End	11/00/96	
Final Action	12/00/96	
Final Action Effective	01/00/97	

Small Entities Affected: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected:
Undetermined

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RIN: 0648-AH65

471. FMP AMENDMENT 36 FOR THE GROUND FISH FISHERY OF THE BSAI AND FMP AMENDMENT 39 FOR THE GROUND FISH OF THE GOA

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1801 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 672; 50 CFR 675

Legal Deadline: NPRM, Statutory.
Final, Statutory.

NPRM 15 days and final action 110 days after receipt from a Regional Fishery Management Council.

Abstract: This regulatory amendment deletes osmerid and other forage species from the "other species" category to protect important forage fish. Osmerid species would either be established as a separate total allowable catch category or established as a prohibited species. The intent of this action is to prevent the development of a commercial fishery on important forage fish.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	08/00/96	
NPRM Comment Period End	10/00/96	
Final Action	11/00/96	
Final Action Effective	12/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected:
Undetermined

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RIN: 0648-AH67

472. FMP AMENDMENT 38 FOR THE GROUND FISH FISHERY OF THE GOA

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1801 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 672

Legal Deadline: NPRM, Statutory.
Final, Statutory.

NPRM 15 days and final action 110 days after receipt from the Regional Fishery Management Council.

Abstract: This FMP amendment makes changes to the Gulf of Alaska Pacific ocean perch rockfish rebuilding program.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	07/00/96	
NPRM Comment Period End	09/00/96	
Final Action	10/00/96	
Final Action Effective	12/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected:
Undetermined

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RIN: 0648-AH68

473. REGULATORY ADJUSTMENTS TO THE FMP FOR SHARKS OF THE ATLANTIC OCEAN

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1801 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 678

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: Would allow for certain regulatory adjustments within the FMP Framework.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	04/00/96	
NPRM Comment Period End	05/00/96	
Final Action	06/00/96	
Final Action Effective	06/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: Businesses

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 0648-AH77

474. PLAN AMENDMENT TO FMP FOR SHARKS OF THE ATLANTIC OCEAN THAT WOULD LIMIT ENTRY

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1801 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 678

Legal Deadline: None

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Abstract: Amendment would allow for permit moratorium/limited entry into the Commercial Shark Fishery.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	07/00/96	
NPRM Comment Period End	09/00/96	
Final Action	12/00/96	
Final Action Effective	01/00/97	

Small Entities Affected: Businesses

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 0648-AH78

475. REGULATORY AMENDMENT REGARDING EXERCISE OF RIGHTS OF NORTHWEST TREATY INDIAN TRIBES TO HARVEST GROUND FISH

Priority: Other Significant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1801 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 663

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: Regulations would establish the framework for affected Northwest Indian tribes to exercise their treaty rights to harvest groundfish, as officially recognized for the first time by the Federal Government in 1994. Most of the harvest takes place in the EEZ and is governed by the Pacific Coast Groundfish FMP. These regulations would be modeled on similar regulations for salmon and halibut, and would include relevant definitions and descriptions of the tribes' fishing areas.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	04/00/96	
NPRM Comment Period End	05/00/96	
Final Action	06/00/96	
Final Action Effective	07/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: Businesses

Government Levels Affected: Undetermined

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RIN: 0648-AH84

476. FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR THE GOLDEN CRAB FISHERY OFF THE SOUTH ATLANTIC REGION

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1801

CFR Citation: Not yet determined

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This new Fishery Management Plan for the Golden Crab Fishery of the South Atlantic Region (FMP) would manage the golden crab fishery in the exclusive economic zone off the southern Atlantic states. The FMP would: (1) establish a controlled access program that would include restricted fishing zones and limit the number of vessels in the fishery; (2) prohibit the retention and sale of females; (3) minimize the take of immature males (escape openings); (4) specify authorized gear for the fishery (traps only); (5) establish minimum depth limits for the use of traps; (6) establish permit and reporting requirements for vessels and dealers to insure that adequate data are collected to monitor the fishery; (7) modify the definition of the "crustacean trap" in the regulations governing the South Atlantic snapper-grouper fishery to accommodate the use of traps in the golden crab fishery; and (8) establish a framework procedure to allow timely implementation of management measures to conserve the golden crab resource (quotas and total allowable catch, trip limits, seasonal and area closures, etc.).

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
ANPRM	04/07/95	60 FR 17770
ANPRM Comment Period End	05/08/95	
NPRM	04/00/96	
NPRM Comment Period End	05/00/96	
Final Action	06/00/96	
Final Action Effective	07/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected: Undetermined

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RIN: 0648-AH86

477. NOTICE OF CHANGES IN THE MANAGEMENT REGIMES FOR ATLANTIC AND GULF GROUPS OF KING AND SPANISH MACKEREL FOR THE 1996-97 FISHING YEAR

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1801 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 642

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This rule would change the total allowable catch (TAC) for the Atlantic and Gulf migratory groups of king and Spanish mackerel for the 1996-97 fishing year under framework regulatory adjustment procedures for the Fishery Management Plan for Coastal Migratory Pelagic Resources of the Gulf of Mexico and South Atlantic.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	08/00/96	
Final Action	09/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected: Undetermined

Agency Contact: Andrew J. Kemmerer, Director, Southeast Region, NMFS, Department of Commerce, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, 9721 Executive Center Drive N., St. Petersburg, FL 33702-2432
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RIN: 0648-AI13

478. ADVANCE NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING FOR THE AMERICAN LOBSTER FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLAN

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1801 et seq; 16 USC 5101 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 649

Legal Deadline: None

NPRM 15 days and final action 110 days from receipt from the Regional Fishery Management Council

Abstract: The advance notice of proposed rulemaking requests

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comments on options under consideration for lobster management. These options are: (1) withdrawing the FMP and implementing measures under the Atlantic Coastal Fisheries Cooperative Management Act (ACFCMA) or; (2) preparing a Secretarial amendment under the Magnuson Act.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
ANPRM	09/18/95	60 FR 48086
ANPRM Comment Period End	11/02/95	
NPRM	05/00/96	
NPRM Comment Period End	06/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected: Undetermined

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RIN: 0648-AI14

479. AMENDMENT 2 TO THE FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR THE SHRIMP FISHERY OF THE SOUTH ATLANTIC

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1801 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 659

Legal Deadline: NPRM, Statutory. Final, Statutory.

NPRM 15 days and final action 110 days after receipt from a Regional Fishery Management Council.

Abstract: Amendment 2 would add brown and pink shrimp to the management unit of the Fishery Management Plan for the Shrimp Fishery of the South Atlantic Region, define overfishing for brown and pink shrimp, require the use of certified Bycatch Reduction Devices (BRDs) in all penaeid shrimp trawls in the exclusive economic zone of the south Atlantic, and establish a BRD certification process that will specify certification criteria for new or modified BRDs.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	05/00/96	

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM Comment Period End	06/00/96	
Final Action	08/00/96	
Final Action Effective	09/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected: Undetermined

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RIN: 0648-AI15

480. WITHDRAWAL OF FEDERAL FISHERIES REGULATIONS

Priority: Other

Reinventing Government: This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will eliminate existing text in the CFR.

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1801 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 625; 50 CFR 628; 50 CFR 640; 50 CFR 654; 50 CFR 656; 50 CFR 662; 50 CFR 674

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: Withdraws Federal fishery regulations that can be managed adequately replaced by state fishery management regimes or that are no longer necessary.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	03/00/97	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: Federal

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RIN: 0648-AI16

481. CONSOLIDATION OF GENERAL FISHERY REGULATIONS OF THE UNITED STATES

Priority: Other

Reinventing Government: This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will revise text in

the CFR to reduce burden or duplication, or streamline requirements.

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1801 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 600; 50 CFR 601; 50 CFR 602; 50 CFR 605; 50 CFR 611; 50 CFR 619; 50 CFR 620

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: Consolidates general fishery regulations under the Magnuson Act to enhance usability and reduce regulatory text.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	09/00/96	
NPRM Comment Period End	11/00/96	
Final Action	01/00/97	
Final Action Effective	01/00/97	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: Federal

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RIN: 0648-AI17

482. CONSOLIDATION OF FISHERIES REGULATIONS OF ALASKA

Priority: Other

Reinventing Government: This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will revise text in the CFR to reduce burden or duplication, or streamline requirements.

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1801 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 671; 50 CFR 672; 50 CFR 675; 50 CFR 676; 50 CFR 677

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: Consolidates existing marine fishery regulations of Alaska to enhance usability and reduce regulatory text.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	09/00/96	
NPRM Comment Period End	11/00/96	
Final Action	01/00/97	
Final Action Effective	01/00/97	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: Federal

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RIN: 0648-AI18

483. CONSOLIDATION OF FISHERIES REGULATIONS OF THE PACIFIC COAST AND WESTERN PACIFIC

Priority: Other

Reinventing Government: This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will revise text in the CFR to reduce burden or duplication, or streamline requirements.

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1801 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 661; 50 CFR 663; 50 CFR 680; 50 CFR 681; 50 CFR 683; 50 CFR 685

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: Consolidates existing marine fishery regulations of the Pacific Coast (except Alaska) and Western Pacific to enhance usability and reduce regulatory text.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	09/00/96	
NPRM Comment Period End	11/00/96	
Final Action	01/00/97	
Final Action Effective	01/00/97	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: Federal

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RIN: 0648-AI19

484. CONSOLIDATION OF FISHERIES REGULATIONS OF THE SOUTHEASTERN UNITED STATES, PUERTO RICO, AND THE U.S. VIRGIN ISLANDS

Priority: Other

Reinventing Government: This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will revise text in the CFR to reduce burden or

duplication, or streamline requirements.

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1801 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 638; 50 CFR 641; 50 CFR 645; 50 CFR 646; 50 CFR 647; 50 CFR 659; 50 CFR 669

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: Consolidates existing marine fishery regulations of the southeastern United States, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands to enhance usability and reduce regulatory text.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	09/00/96	
NPRM Comment Period End	11/00/96	
Final Action	01/00/97	
Final Action Effective	01/00/97	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: Federal

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RIN: 0648-AI20

485. CONSOLIDATION OF FISHERIES REGULATIONS OF THE NORTHEASTERN UNITED STATES

Priority: Other

Reinventing Government: This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will revise text in the CFR to reduce burden or duplication, or streamline requirements.

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1801 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 625; 50 CFR 650; 50 CFR 651; 50 CFR 652; 50 CFR 655; 50 CFR 657

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: Consolidates existing regulations for marine fisheries of the northeastern United States to enhance usability and reduce regulatory text.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	09/00/96	
NPRM Comment Period End	11/00/96	
Final Action	01/00/97	
Final Action Effective	01/00/97	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: Federal

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RIN: 0648-AI21

486. CONSOLIDATION OF INTERNATIONAL FISHERIES REGULATIONS

Priority: Other

Reinventing Government: This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will revise text in the CFR to reduce burden or duplication, or streamline requirements.

Legal Authority: 16 USC 951 to 961; 16 USC 1801 et seq; 16 USC 773 to 773k; 16 USC 3636(b)

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 246; 50 CFR 280; 50 CFR 281; 50 CFR 282; 50 CFR 298; 50 CFR 299; 50 CFR 300; 50 CFR 301; 50 CFR 371; 50 CFR 380; 50 CFR 695

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: Consolidates existing international fishery regulations to enhance usability and reduce regulatory text.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	03/00/97	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: Federal

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RIN: 0648-AI22

487. 1996 TOTAL ALLOWABLE CATCH OF ATLANTIC SWORDFISH

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 971 et seq; 16 USC 1801 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 630

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This action will establish the total allowable catch of Atlantic

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swordfish for 1996. Trip limits, landings requirements, and minimum size will also be adjusted.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	04/00/96	
NPRM Comment Period End	05/00/96	
Final Action	06/00/96	
Final Action Effective	07/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: Businesses

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 0648-AI23

488. FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR THE ATLANTIC SURF CLAM AND OCEAN QUAHOG FISHERIES

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1801 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 652

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: These quotas establish allowable harvests of surf clam and ocean quahog from the exclusive economic zone in 1997.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	10/00/96	
NPRM Comment Period End	11/00/96	
Final Action	01/00/97	

Small Entities Affected: Businesses

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 0648-AI26

489. AMENDMENT 9 TO THE FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR THE ATLANTIC SURF CLAM AND OCEAN QUAHOG FISHERIES

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1801 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 652

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: Amendment would revise the overfishing definitions.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	06/00/96	
NPRM Comment Period End	07/00/96	
Final Action	09/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 0648-AI27

490. CONSOLIDATION OF ATLANTIC HIGHLY MIGRATORY SPECIES REGULATIONS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Reinventing Government: This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will revise text in the CFR to reduce burden or duplication, or streamline requirements.

Legal Authority: 16 USC 971 et seq; 16 USC 1801 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 285; 50 CFR 630; 50 CFR 644; 50 CFR 678

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: Consolidates existing Atlantic highly migratory species regulations to enhance usability and reduce regulatory text.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	09/00/96	
NPRM Comment Period End	10/00/96	
Final Action	11/00/96	
Final Action Effective	12/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: Federal

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RIN: 0648-AI28

491. 1996 ATLANTIC TUNA FISHERIES QUOTAS AND EFFORT CONTROLS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 971 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 285

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: Sets fishing quotas and effort controls for 1996 Atlantic tuna fisheries.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	04/00/96	
NPRM Comment Period End	05/00/96	
Final Action	06/00/96	
Final Action Effective	06/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: Businesses

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 0648-AI29

492. REGULATORY AMENDMENT REQUIRING LONGLINE VESSEL OPERATORS IN THE WESTERN PACIFIC PELAGICS FISHERIES TO CARRY OBSERVERS AT NO COST TO U.S. GOVERNMENT

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1801 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 685

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The current NMFS-funded longline fishery observer program would be replaced by an industry-funded program. NMFS would certify third-party providers of observer services, and vessel owners would contract with these third parties for observer services when advised that an observer must be carried by the vessel. An Observer Plan prepared by NMFS would establish the roles and relationships of NMFS, observer providers, and vessel owners.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	05/00/96	

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Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM Comment Period End	07/00/96	
Final Action	08/00/96	
Final Action Effective	10/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: Businesses

Government Levels Affected: None

Analysis: Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

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RIN: 0648-AI31

493. AMENDMENT 9 TO THE WESTERN PACIFIC CRUSTACEAN FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLAN

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1801 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 681

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: Amendment 9 to the Fishery Management Plan for Crustacean Fisheries of the Western Pacific Region would establish a new harvest limitation program for the lobster fishery in the Northwestern Hawaiian Islands. An annual harvest guideline would be set based on a constant harvest rate and a fixed and explicit risk of overfishing. All lobsters caught could be retained. Season and area closures, limited entry, and reporting requirements would be unchanged. Framework procedures for future regulatory changes would be set, including direct closure of the fishery by the Regional Director when he/she projects the harvest guideline will have been reached.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	04/00/96	
NPRM Comment Period End	05/00/96	
Final Action	06/00/96	
Final Action Effective	07/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 0648-AI32

494. REGULATORY AMENDMENT TO CHANGE THE START OF THE WHITING REGULAR SEASON TO MAY 15 NORTH OF 42 DEGREES NORTH LATITUDE AND CHANGE THE START OF THE NONTRAWL SABLEFISH REGULAR SEASON TO SEPTEMBER 1

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1801 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 663

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This regulation would shift the opening of the large-scale, "regular season" for Pacific whiting from April 15 to May 15 north of 42 degrees N. lat. A month delay is expected to result in better quality fish (since, in April, some are still in poor condition after spawning in the winter), greater dispersion of whiting along the coast (they migrate from south to north during the fishing season, with larger fish migrating further north), and reduced bycatch of some species, particularly chinook salmon, if the fishery occurs as it did in 1995. This action would also change the nontrawl sablefish season opening from August 6 to September 1 to enable the fleet to take better advantage of alternate fishing opportunities.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	04/00/96	
NPRM Comment Period End	05/00/96	
Final Action	06/00/96	
Final Action Effective	06/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 0648-AI34

495. AMENDMENT 6 TO THE ATLANTIC SEA SCALLOP FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLAN

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1801 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 650

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: Fishing effort for this fishery would be further consolidated through either individual transferable quotas or days at sea.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	06/00/96	
NPRM Comment Period End	08/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected: Undetermined

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RIN: 0648-AI36

496. REGULATORY AMENDMENT TO ADJUST THE TOTAL ALLOWABLE CATCH FOR ROYAL RED SHRIMP IN THE GULF OF MEXICO

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1801 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 658

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: In accordance with the framework procedures established under Amendment 8 to the Fishery Management Plan for the Shrimp Fishery of the Gulf of Mexico, this regulatory amendment would temporarily increase the total allowable catch for royal red shrimp by 30 percent each year for two years from 392,000 pounds to 509,600 pounds.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	06/00/96	
NPRM Comment Period End	07/00/96	
Final Action	09/00/96	
Final Action Effective	10/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected: Undetermined

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RIN: 0648-AI39

497. • REGULATORY AMENDMENT TO INCLUDE THE CITY OF AKUTAN AS A COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT QUOTA COMMUNITY

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1801 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 675

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: Regulatory amendment to include city of Akutan as a Community Development Quota community, and to remove authority to use scale weights on vessels processing community development quota pollock outside of State of Alaska waters.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	05/00/96	
NPRM Comment Period End	06/00/96	
Final Action	08/00/96	
Final Action Effective	09/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected: Undetermined

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RIN: 0648-AI46

498. • AMENDMENT 14 TO THE FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR THE REEF FISH RESOURCES OF THE GULF OF MEXICO

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1801 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 641

Legal Deadline: NPRM, Statutory. Final, Statutory.

NPRM 15 days and final action 110 days from receipt from a Regional Fishery Management Council.

Abstract: Amendment 14 includes various options to modify the

moratorium on new fish trap indorsements, scheduled to expire in February 1997. Amendment 14 also includes an option to ban the use of fish traps south of 24.9 degrees N. latitude. Amendment 14 also may modify the FMP's framework procedure to state that the Regional Director may reopen the commercial fishery to achieve that sector's allocation, without proposed and final rules. Amendment may also provide for transfers of existing reef fish permits obtained by operators' earned income qualifications, without sale of vessel.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	06/00/96	
NPRM Comment Period End	07/00/96	
Final Action	09/00/96	
Final Action Effective	10/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: Businesses

Government Levels Affected: Undetermined

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RIN: 0648-AI47

499. • AMENDMENT 45 TO THE FMP FOR THE GROUND FISH FISHERY OF THE GULF OF ALASKA

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1801 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 672

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: Authorize the establishment of pollock seasons in regulations and associated regulatory amendment to establish three seasonal allowances of the western and central Gulf of Alaska total allowable catch amounts.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	03/12/96	61 FR 9972
NPRM Comment Period End	04/22/96	
Final Action	06/00/96	
Final Action Effective	07/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected: Undetermined

Agency Contact: Steven Pennoyer, Director, Alaska Region, NMFS, Department of Commerce, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, P.O. Box 21668, Juneau, Alaska 99802
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RIN: 0648-AI56

500. • AMENDMENT 42 TO THE FMP FOR THE GROUND FISH FISHERY OF THE BERING SEA AND ALEUTIAN ISLANDS AND AMENDMENT 42 TO THE FMP FOR THE GROUND FISH FISHERY OF THE GULF OF ALASKA

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1801 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 676

Legal Deadline: NPRM, Statutory. Final, Statutory.

NPRM 15 days and final action 110 days after receipt from the Fishery Management Council.

Abstract: Amendments would authorize the use of quota shares assigned to a vessel size category to be used on a vessel in that category or on a vessel in a smaller size category.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	05/00/96	
NPRM Comment Period End	06/00/96	
Final Action	07/00/96	
Final Action Effective	08/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected: Undetermined

Agency Contact: Steven Pennoyer, Director, Alaska Region, NMFS, Department of Commerce, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, P.O. Box 21668, Juneau, Alaska 99802
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RIN: 0648-AI57

501. • REGULATORY AMENDMENT TO DELAY THE START DATE OF THE OFFSHORE BERING SEA POLLOCK NON-ROE SEASON FROM AUGUST 15 TO SEPTEMBER 1

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1801 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 675

Legal Deadline: None

DOC—NOAA

Proposed Rule Stage

Abstract: Regulatory amendment (or interim final rule) that delays the offshore component pollock non-roe ("B") season from August 15 to September 1 to provide the opportunity for at-sea pollock processors to participate in processing of late season salmon runs.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	05/00/96	
NPRM Comment Period End	06/00/96	
Final Action	07/00/96	
Final Action Effective	08/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected:

Undetermined

Agency Contact: Steven Pennoyer, Director, Alaska Region, Department of Commerce, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, P.O. Box 21668, Juneau, AK 99802
Phone: 907 586-7228

RIN: 0648-AI58

502. • NEGOTIATED RULEMAKING ON MID-ATLANTIC TUNA FISHERY DISPUTE

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Reinventing Government: This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will revise text in the CFR to reduce burden or duplication, or streamline requirements.

Legal Authority: 16 USC 971 et seq; 16 USC 1801 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 285; 50 CFR 630; 50 CFR 644; 50 CFR 678

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This action involves negotiations between commercial and recreational fisheries and other parties, affected by a gear/grounds dispute over fishing for tuna in the Mid-Atlantic area. Negotiations may lead to a consensus agreement in the form of a proposed rule.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	05/00/96	
NPRM Comment Period End	06/00/96	
Final Action	07/00/96	
Final Action Effective	07/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected:

Undetermined

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RIN: 0648-AI60

503. • AMENDMENT 43 TO THE FMP FOR THE GROUND FISH FISHERY OF THE BERING SEA AND ALEUTIAN ISLANDS AND AMENDMENT 43 TO THE FMP FOR THE GROUND FISH FISHERY OF THE GULF OF ALASKA

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1801 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 676

Legal Deadline: NPRM, Statutory.

Final, Statutory.

NPRM 15 days and final action 110 days after receipt from the Regional Fishery Management Council.

Abstract: Amendments would authorize changes to sweep-up provisions under the Individual Fishing Quota Program.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	07/00/96	
NPRM Comment Period End	09/00/96	
Final Action	10/00/96	
Final Action Effective	11/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected:

Undetermined

Agency Contact: Steven Pennoyer, Director, Alaska Region, NMFS, Department of Commerce, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, P.O. Box 21668, Juneau, Alaska 99802
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RIN: 0648-AI61

504. • AMENDMENT 41 TO THE FMP FOR THE GROUND FISH FISHERY OF THE BERING SEA AND ALEUTIAN ISLANDS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1801 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 675

Legal Deadline: NPRM, Statutory.

Final, Statutory.

NPRM 15 days and final action 110 days after receipt from the Regional Fishery Management Council.

Abstract: Amendment authorizes measures to close the nearshore Bristol Bay area to protect crab habitat.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	03/00/97	
NPRM Comment Period End	04/00/97	
Final Action	06/00/97	
Final Action Effective	07/00/97	

Small Entities Affected: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected:

Undetermined

Agency Contact: Steven Pennoyer, Director, Alaska Region, NMFS, Department of Commerce, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, P.O. Box 21668, Juneau, Alaska 99802
Phone: 907 586-7228

RIN: 0648-AI62

505. • AMENDMENT 44 TO THE FMP FOR THE GROUND FISH FISHERY OF THE BERING SEA AND ALEUTIAN ISLANDS AND AMENDMENT 44 TO THE FMP FOR THE GROUND FISH FISHERY OF THE GULF OF ALASKA

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1801 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 672; 50 CFR 675

Legal Deadline: NPRM, Statutory.

Final, Statutory.

NPRM 15 days and final action 110 days after receipt from the Regional Fishery Management Council.

Abstract: Amendments will revise the current overfishing definitions.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	08/00/96	
NPRM Comment Period End	10/00/96	
Final Action	11/00/96	
Final Action Effective	12/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected:

Undetermined

Agency Contact: Steven Pennoyer, Director, Alaska Region, NMFS, Department of Commerce, National Oceanic and Atmospheric

DOC—NOAA

Proposed Rule Stage

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RIN: 0648-AI63

506. • REGULATORY AMENDMENT TO ESTABLISH A DATE OF DECEMBER 1 FOR THE REOPENING OF A BERING SEA POLLOCK AND/OR COD FISHERY IF SUFFICIENT AMOUNTS OF FISH REMAIN FOR A DIRECTED FISHERY

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1801 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 675

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: Regulatory amendment that establishes a date of December 1 for the reopening of a previously closed Bering Sea pollock or a Pacific cod fishery if sufficient amounts of fish remain for a directed fishery. The intent of this action is to establish a date for reopening a fishery late in the year if remaining quota amounts exist so that industry members may adjust operating plans to take advantage of a late season, short-term opening in the most cost effective manner possible.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	08/00/96	
NPRM Comment Period End	09/00/96	
Final Action	10/00/96	
Final Action Effective	11/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected: Undetermined

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RIN: 0648-AI64

507. • REGULATORY AMENDMENT TO REVISE MAXIMUM ALLOWABLE BYCATCH AMOUNTS ESTABLISHED FOR THE ALASKA GROUND FISH FISHERIES

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1801 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 672; 50 CFR 675

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: Regulatory amendment to revise maximum retainable bycatch amounts established for the groundfish fisheries. These amounts are established in regulations to limit the retainable bycatch of groundfish species closed to directed fishing. Revisions to certain maximum retainable bycatch amounts are necessary to reduce the opportunity for covert target operations on species closed to directed fishing and to address recent changes to fishing operations.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	08/00/96	
NPRM Comment Period End	09/00/96	
Final Action	11/00/96	
Final Action Effective	01/00/97	

Small Entities Affected: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected: Undetermined

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RIN: 0648-AI65

508. • REGULATORY AMENDMENT TO REQUIRE ELECTRONIC SUBMISSION BY ALASKA GROUND FISH PROCESSORS OF WEEKLY PRODUCTION REPORTS AND CHECK IN/OUT REPORTS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1801 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 672; 50 CFR 675

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: Regulatory amendment to require electronic submission of catch and processing location reports by processors participating in the Alaska groundfish fisheries. The extent of this action is to obtain more timely data on inseason fishing activities at less burden and cost to the industry and NMFS.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	08/00/96	
NPRM Comment Period End	09/00/96	
Final Action Effective	11/00/96	
Begin Review	01/00/97	

Small Entities Affected: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected: Undetermined

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RIN: 0648-AI66

509. • REGULATORY AMENDMENT TO REVISE THE RECORDKEEPING AND REPORTING REQUIREMENTS FOR GROUND FISH FISHERIES OFF OF ALASKA

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1801 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 672; 50 CFR 675; 50 CFR 301

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: Regulatory amendment to revise portions of the recordkeeping and reporting requirements for the groundfish fisheries off of Alaska and combine the National Marine Fisheries Service and International Pacific Halibut Commission catcher vessel logbook requirements and add individual fishing quota information.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	10/00/96	
NPRM Comment Period End	11/00/96	
Final Action	12/00/96	
Final Action Effective	01/00/97	

Small Entities Affected: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected: Undetermined

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RIN: 0648-AI68

510. • NORTH PACIFIC FISHERIES RESEARCH PLAN AMENDMENT TO IMPLEMENT A "PAY AS YOU GO" OBSERVER PROGRAM

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1801 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 677

DOC—NOAA

Proposed Rule Stage

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: Plan amendment to implement a "pay as you go" observer program, replacing the Research Plan fee system.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	07/00/96	
NPRM Comment Period End	09/00/96	
Final Action	10/00/96	
Final Action Effective	11/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected: Undetermined

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RIN: 0648-AI69

511. • AMENDMENT 46 TO THE FMP FOR THE GROUND FISH FISHERY OF THE BERING SEA A'D ALEUTIAN ISLANDS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1801 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 675

Legal Deadline: NPRM, Statutory. Final, Statutory.

NPRM 15 DAYS and final action 110 days after receipt from the Regional Fishery Management Council

Abstract: Amendment authorizes the allocation of Bering Sea and Aleutian Island Pacific cod among vessels using trawl, hook-and-line or pot, and jig gear.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	08/00/96	
NPRM Comment Period End	10/00/96	
Final Action	11/00/96	
Final Action Effective	12/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected: Undetermined

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RIN: 0648-AI70

512. • AMENDMENT 13 TO THE FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR THE REEF FISH RESOURCES OF THE GULF OF MEXICO

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1801 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 641

Legal Deadline: NPRM, Statutory. Final, Statutory.

NPRM 15 days and final action 110 days after receipt from a Regional Fishery Management Council.

Abstract: Amendment 13 would extend the duration of the Red Snapper trip limits and endorsement provisions until Amendment 8 is implemented or until replaced by an alternate plan to limit access to the commercial Red Snapper fishery. If neither of these options is possible, the endorsement system will terminate on December 31, 1997.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	05/00/96	
NPRM Comment Period End	06/00/96	
Final Action	08/00/96	
Final Action Effective	09/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected: Undetermined

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RIN: 0648-AI71

513. • AMENDMENT 2 TO THE FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR THE RED DRUM FISHERY OF THE GULF OF MEXICO

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1801 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 653

Legal Deadline: NPRM, Statutory. Final, Statutory.

NPRM 15 days and final action 110 days from receipt from a Regional Fishery Management Council.

Abstract: Amendment 2 would modify the FMP's objectives, change the optimum yield and the total allowable catch (TAC) procedure, set TAC at zero, and modify the FMP's sections on habitat and recommendations to the states.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	12/00/96	
NPRM Comment Period End	02/00/97	
Final Action	04/00/97	
Final Action Effective	05/00/97	

Small Entities Affected: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected: Undetermined

Agency Contact: Andrew J. Kemmerer, Director, Southeast Region, NMFS, Department of Commerce, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, 9721 Executive Center Drive N., St. Petersburg, Florida 33702-2432

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RIN: 0648-AI73

514. • AMENDMENT 9 TO THE FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR THE SNAPPER-GROUPER FISHERY OF THE SOUTH ATLANTIC

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1801 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 646

Legal Deadline: NPRM, Statutory. Final, Statutory.

NPRM 15 days and final action 110 days from receipt from a Regional Fishery Management Council.

Abstract: Amendment 9 would establish a limited access system for the snapper-grouper fishery in the South Atlantic. Eligibility may be based on participants who have been in the fishery since the control date (July 30, 1991) who have reported all landings since that time. License limitation, effort units, and transferrable and non-transferrable individual quotas will be considered. These measures will be considered in conjunction with vessel trip limits, area quotas, and fishing zones. The South Atlantic Council will also be considering regulations on the sale of fish caught under a bag limit.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	11/00/96	

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Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM Comment Period End	12/00/96	
Interim Final Rule	02/00/97	
Final Action	03/00/97	

Small Entities Affected: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected:
Undetermined

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RIN: 0648-AI74

515. • AMENDMENT 5 TO THE FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR THE ATLANTIC SEA SCALLOP FISHERY

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1801 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 650

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: Amendment 5 would allow a closure off of Martha's Vineyard for an aquaculture project.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	04/00/96	
NPRM Comment Period End	06/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected:
Undetermined

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RIN: 0648-AI77

516. • FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR THE ATLANTIC HERRING FISHERY

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1801 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 648

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This fishery management plan would supersede the preliminary

management plan and regulate fishing activity in the EEZ.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	10/00/96	
NPRM Comment Period End	11/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected: None

Agency Contact: Andrew A. Rosenberg, Director, Northeast Region, NMFS, Department of Commerce, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, One Blackburn Drive, Gloucester, MA 01930
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RIN: 0648-AI78

517. • PACIFIC WHITING ALLOCATION AMONG NON-TRIBAL SECTORS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1801 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 663

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The current 3-year allocation for Pacific whiting is effective 1994-1996. Under that allocation, all vessels compete for the first 60% of the available whiting harvest guideline, and the last 40% is reserved for vessels that deliver whiting shoreside. A new allocation, or continuation of the old one, is expected in 1997 and beyond.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	11/00/96	
NPRM Comment Period End	12/00/96	
Final Action	04/00/97	
Final Action Effective	05/00/97	

Small Entities Affected: Businesses

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 0648-AI80

518. • REVISION OF WHALING REGULATIONS TO UPDATE AND BROADEN SCOPE

Priority: Routine and Frequent

Reinventing Government: This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will revise text in the CFR to reduce burden or duplication, or streamline requirements.

Legal Authority: 16 USC 916j

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 230

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This rule revises and updates the U.S. regulations concerning whaling, and broadens the regulations in case the International Whaling Commission should grant additional whale quotas to the United States.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	04/00/96	
NPRM Comment Period End	04/00/96	
Final Action	05/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

Agency Contact: Henry Beasley, Director, Office of International Affairs, Department of Commerce, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910
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RIN: 0648-AI81

519. • AMENDMENT 12 TO FMP FOR SALMON FISHERIES OFF THE COASTS OF WASHINGTON, OREGON, AND CALIFORNIA

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1801 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 661

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This Amendment would establish specific protective standards for endangered and threatened runs of Pacific salmon, and set goals in the fishery management plan for weak and protected runs.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	11/00/96	
NPRM Comment Period End	12/00/96	
Final Action	03/00/97	
Final Action Effective	04/00/97	

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Proposed Rule Stage

Small Entities Affected: Businesses, Governmental Jurisdictions, Organizations

Government Levels Affected: State, Tribal, Federal

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RIN: 0648-AI82

520. • AMENDMENT 7 TO THE AMERICAN LOBSTER FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLAN (FMP) AMENDMENT 8 TO THE ATLANTIC SEA SCALLOP FMP, AND AMENDMENT 8 TO THE NORTHEAST MULTISPECIES FMP

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1801 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 649; 50 CFR 650; 50 CFR 651

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: Amendment 7 to the American Lobster Fishery Management Plan, Amendment 8 to the Atlantic Sea Scallop Fishery Management Plan, and Amendment 8 to the Northeast Multispecies Fishery Management Plan would implement framework actions to help resolve gear conflicts.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	11/00/96	
NPRM Comment Period End	12/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 0648-AI83

521. • REGULATORY AMENDMENT TO REVISE THE PRODUCT RECOVERY RATE REGULATIONS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1801 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 672; 50 CFR 675

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: Regulatory amendment to revise certain product recovery rates for groundfish fisheries off of Alaska.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	07/00/96	
NPRM Comment Period End	08/00/96	
Final Action	09/00/96	
Final Action Effective	10/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected: Undetermined

Agency Contact: Steven Pennoyer, Director, Alaska Region, NMFS, Department of Commerce, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, P.O. Box 21668, Juneau, Alaska 99802
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RIN: 0648-AI87

522. • AMENDMENT 2 TO THE FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR THE SCALLOP FISHERY OFF ALASKA

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1801 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 673

Legal Deadline: NPRM, Statutory. Final, Statutory. Other, Statutory. NPRM 15 days and final action 110 days from receipt from the Regional Fishery Management Council.

Abstract: Amendment would establish a moratorium on the entry of new vessels into the scallop fishery in Federal waters off Alaska to control continued growth in fishing capacity.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	04/00/96	
NPRM Comment Period End	06/00/96	
Final Action	07/00/96	
Final Action Effective	08/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected: Undetermined

Agency Contact: Steven Pennoyer, Director, Alaska Region, NMFS, Department of Commerce, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, P.O. Box 21668, Juneau, AK 99802
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RIN: 0648-AI88

523. SCREENING OF WATER DIVERSIONS TO PROTECT SACRAMENTO RIVER WINTER-RUN CHINOOK SALMON

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1533 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 227; 50 CFR 222

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: NMFS is considering proposing regulations under the Endangered Species Act that would establish screening requirements for water diversions from the Sacramento River and Delta to protect a listed species, the winter-run chinook salmon. There are over 2,000 unscreened diversions along the River and Delta. NMFS is concerned that these unscreened diversions may cause substantial losses of juvenile salmon.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
ANPRM	10/18/93	58 FR 53703
ANPRM Comment Period End	12/18/93	
Extension of Comment Period for 90 Days	01/20/94	59 FR 3068
NPRM	09/00/96	
NPRM Comment Period End	11/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected: Undetermined

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RIN: 0648-AF80

524. DESIGNATED CRITICAL HABITAT; PACIFIC STEELHEAD

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1533

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 226

Legal Deadline: NPRM, Statutory, February 16, 1995. Final, Statutory, February 16, 1996. Endangered Species Act section 4(b)(3)(D)(ii)

Abstract: The regulation will propose critical habitat designation for coastal steelhead populations that are proposed

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for listing under the Endangered Species Act in California, Oregon, and Washington.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	11/00/96	
NPRM Comment Period End	01/00/97	
Final Action	11/00/97	

Small Entities Affected: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected:
Undetermined

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RIN: 0648-AG49

525. DESIGNATED CRITICAL HABITAT; PACIFIC COHO SALMON

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1533

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 226

Legal Deadline: NPRM, Statutory, October 26, 1994. Final, Statutory, July 25, 1996.

Endangered Species Act sec. 4(b)(3)(D)(ii)

Abstract: The regulation will propose critical habitat designation for coastal coho salmon populations that are proposed for listing under the Endangered Species Act in California, Oregon, and Washington.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	11/00/96	
NPRM Comment Period End	01/00/97	
Final Action	11/00/97	

Small Entities Affected: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected:
Undetermined

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RIN: 0648-AG56

526. DESIGNATED CRITICAL HABITAT; UMPQUA RIVER SEA-RUN CUTTHROAT TROUT

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1533

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 226

Legal Deadline: NPRM, Statutory, April 1, 1994. Final, Statutory, July 8, 1995. Endangered Species Act sec. 4(b)(3)(D)(ii)

Abstract: NMFS has issued a proposed rule to list the Umpqua River cutthroat trout in Oregon as endangered under the Endangered Species Act of 1973. NMFS has also determined that the Umpqua River cutthroat trout is a "species" as interpreted under the ESA. Upon completion of an analysis on the critical habitat for the Umpqua River cutthroat trout, NMFS plans to propose critical habitat for the species.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	11/00/96	
NPRM Comment Period End	01/00/97	
Interim Final Rule	11/00/97	

Small Entities Affected: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected:
Undetermined

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RIN: 0648-AG58

527. PROPOSED DESIGNATION OF CRITICAL HABITAT FOR PUGET SOUND SALMON STOCKS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1531 et seq The Endangered Species Act

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 226

Legal Deadline: NPRM, Statutory, March 14, 1995. Final, Statutory, March 14, 1996.

Endangered Species Act section 4(b)(3)(D)(ii)

Abstract: NMFS will propose critical habitat for Puget Sound salmon stocks if the species is/are proposed for listing under the Endangered Species Act. These stocks include (1) Hood Canal

summer chum salmon, (2) Elwha River pink salmon, (3) Lower Dungeness River pink salmon, (4) North Fork Nooksack River spring chinook salmon, (5) South Fork Nooksack River spring chinook salmon, (6) Dungeness River spring chinook salmon, (7) Baker River sockeye salmon, (8) Discovery Bay chum salmon, and (9) White River spring chinook salmon. Mud Bay/Eld Inlet chum salmon were petitioned for listing on April 4, 1994, so this stock will be included in this rule, if warranted.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	12/00/96	
NPRM Comment Period End	02/00/97	
Final Action	12/00/97	

Small Entities Affected: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected:
Undetermined

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RIN: 0648-AH11

528. PROPOSED RULE TO PROVIDE REGULATIONS FOR PERMITS FOR CAPTURE, TRANSPORT, IMPORT AND EXPORT OF PROTECTED SPECIES FOR PUBLIC DISPLAY, AND FOR MAINTAINING A CAPTIVE MARINE MAMMAL INVENTORY

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Reinventing Government: This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will revise text in the CFR to reduce burden or duplication, or streamline requirements.

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1372 (c)

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 216

Legal Deadline: Final, Statutory, January 1, 1995.

Abstract: This proposed rule would revise and simplify criteria and procedures specific to permits for taking, transporting, importing, and exporting protected species for public display and provide convenient formats for reporting marine mammal captive holdings and transports as required by

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amendments made in 1994 to the Marine Mammal Protection Act.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	06/01/96	
NPRM Comment Period End	07/01/96	

Small Entities Affected: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected:
Undetermined

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RIN: 0648-AH26

529. PROPOSED RULE GOVERNING THE ISSUANCE OF PERMITS FOR MARINE MAMMAL PHOTOGRAPHY

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1372 (c)(6)

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 216

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This rule will provide for the issuance of permits to take marine mammals by only level B harassment for the purpose of educational or commercial photography.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	06/01/96	
NPRM Comment Period End	07/01/96	

Small Entities Affected: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected:
Undetermined

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RIN: 0648-AH31

530. SHRIMP VESSEL REGISTRATION REQUIREMENT

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1531 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 227

Legal Deadline: None

Pending settlement agreement may impose legal deadline.

Abstract: NMFS proposes to require permits on shrimp vessels operating in Federal waters. This action is required by the 11/14/94 jeopardy biological opinion.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	04/01/96	
NPRM Comment Period End	05/01/96	

Small Entities Affected: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected:
Undetermined

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RIN: 0648-AH87

531. IDENTIFICATION OF SPECIAL SEA TURTLE CONSERVATION AREAS AND APPROPRIATE CONSERVATION MEASURES

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1531 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 227; 50 CFR 217; 50 CFR 222

Legal Deadline: None

Legal deadlines may be imposed by pending settlement agreement.

Abstract: NMFS proposes to amend the regulations protecting sea turtles (50 CFR parts 217 and 227, subpart D) to enhance their effectiveness in reducing sea turtle mortality resulting from shrimp trawling in the Atlantic and Gulf areas. Proposed amendments to strengthen the sea turtle conservation measures are: (1) Eliminate by December 31, 1996, the use of soft turtle excluder devices (TEDs) which have demonstrated reduced effectiveness under actual commercial fishing conditions; (2) require by December 31, 1996, the use of TEDs in try nets with a headrope length greater than 12 ft (3.6m) or a footrope length greater than 15 ft (4.6m); (3) establish Shrimp Fishery Sea Turtle Conservation Areas (SFSTCAs) in the northwestern Gulf of Mexico and in the Atlantic area consisting of the offshore waters out to 10 nautical miles (nm)(18.5km) along the coasts of

Louisiana and Texas from the Mississippi River South Pass to the U.S.-Mexico border, and along the coasts of Georgia and South Carolina from the Georgia-Florida border to the North Carolina-South Carolina border; (4) implement the TED requirements of items (1) and (2) and prohibit the use of bottom-opening hard TEDs in the two SFSTCAs when a final rule becomes effective; (5) reduce nearshore

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
ANPRM	09/13/95	60 FR 47544
ANPRM Comment Period End	11/13/95	
NPRM	04/00/96	
Final Action	06/00/96	
Final Action Effective	07/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected:
Undetermined

Additional Information: ABSTRACT CONTINUED: shrimp trawling effort by prohibiting fishing in the Texas portion of the Gulf SFSTCA for a time period approximately 3 weeks prior to and 3 weeks after the Texas Gulf shrimp fishery closure by shrimp trawlers greater than 60 ft (18.3m) in length and by shrimp trawlers with a total headrope length among all nets rigged for fishing greater than 100 ft (30.5m)

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RIN: 0648-AH89

532. • IMPLEMENTATION OF 1996 MMPA AMENDMENTS AFFECTING YELLOWFIN TUNA PURSE SEINE FISHING IN THE EASTERN TROPICAL PACIFIC

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1361 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 216.24

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This rule would propose implementation of the 1996 amendments to the Marine Mammal Protection Act regarding regulation of the U.S. yellowfin tuna fishery and the importation of yellowfin tuna into the

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United States from other harvesting nations.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	05/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

Additional Information: Legislation amending the MMPA regarding the yellowfin tuna fishery will require implementation of regulations 3 months after the effective date of the legislation.

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RIN: 0648-AI85

NATIONAL OCEAN SURVEY/OFFICE OF COASTAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT

533. THUNDER BAY NATIONAL MARINE SANCTUARY

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1431 to 1445

CFR Citation: Not yet determined

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: These regulations will protect the ecological, recreational, and esthetic resources of the waters surrounding Thunder Bay if the area is designated as a national marine sanctuary.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	09/00/96	
NPRM Comment Period End	12/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

Additional Information: Completion of this regulation within the dates projected in the timetable is subject to the availability of appropriated funds for NOAA after March 15, 1996. At this time NOAA anticipates that sufficient funds will be appropriated to complete this project.

Agency Contact: James Lawless, Acting Chief, Sanctuaries and Reserves

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RIN: 0648-AE41

534. ALLOWANCE OF SMALL-SCALE NON-INTRUSIVE JADE COLLECTING IN MONTEREY BAY NATIONAL MARINE SANCTUARY

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1434(a)(5)

CFR Citation: Not yet determined

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The National Ocean Service, Sanctuaries and Reserve Division (SRD) is issuing an ANPRM to inform the public that it is considering allowing small-scale, non-intrusive jade collecting in the MBNMS, and to invite written comments, advice, and recommendations. There has been public interest in allowing jade collection in the MBNMS and this action will respond to and address those interests. If SRD determines to amend the regulations, it will issue a proposed rule with an additional 45-day comment period.

This action is considered not significant because the advance notice of proposed rulemaking simply presents an issue and course of action under consideration by SRD and requests comments from the public. This action will ensure that SRD takes into account all views on this issue. This action does not have an annual effect on the economy of \$100 million or more, nor does it adversely effect in a material way the economy, environment, public health or safety.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
ANPRM	08/09/95	60 FR 40540
ANPRM Comment Period End	09/08/95	
NPRM	06/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

Additional Information: Completion of this regulation within the projected dates in the timetable is subject to the availability at appropriated funds for NOAA after March 15, 1996. At this time, NOAA anticipates that sufficient

funds will be appropriated to completed this project.

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RIN: 0648-AI06

535. COASTAL ZONE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT AND APPROVAL REGULATIONS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Reinventing Government: This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will revise text in the CFR to reduce burden or duplication, or streamline requirements.

Legal Authority: Coastal Zone Management Act, as amended; 16 USC 1451 et seq

CFR Citation: 15 CFR 923

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: NOAA plans to propose revising the coastal zone management program development and approval regulations.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	03/11/96	61 FR 9746
NPRM Comment Period End	04/25/96	
Final Action	06/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: State

Additional Information: Completion of this regulation revision within the dates projected in the timetable is subject to the availability of appropriated funds for NOAA after March 15, 1996. At this time, NOAA anticipates that sufficient funds will be appropriated to complete this project.

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RIN: 0648-AI43

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536. • REVISION OF OVERFLIGHT REGULATIONS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant
Legal Authority: 16 USC 1431 to 1445
CFR Citation: 15 CFR 922
Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: These regulations are being revised to clarify that they are for resource protection purposes.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	04/00/96	
NPRM Comment Period End	05/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

Additional Information: Completion of this regulation within the dates projected in the timetable is subject to the availability of appropriated funds for NOAA after March 15, 1996. At this time, NOAA anticipates that sufficient funds will be appropriated to complete this project.

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RIN: 0648-AI91

OFFICE OF THE ADMINISTRATOR

537. LICENSING OF PRIVATE REMOTE-SENSING SPACE SYSTEMS

Priority: Other Significant
Legal Authority: 15 USC 5624; PL 102-555
CFR Citation: 15 CFR 960
Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: Pub. L. 102-555 amends the Land Remote Sensing Commercialization Act of 1984 to transfer the LANDSAT program from the Department of Commerce to a joint NASA/DOD office. However, title II retains the basic provisions of title IV of the previous act authorizing the Secretary of Commerce to license private operators of land remote-sensing space systems who are subject to U.S. jurisdiction. The Secretary is required to consult with the Secretaries of Defense and State, who are responsible for determining conditions to protect national security and foreign policy concerns, respectively. The recent Act removes a regulatory restriction which required operators to make the data available to all customers on the same terms and conditions.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
ANPRM	01/18/89	54 FR 01945
NPRM	10/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: Federal

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RIN: 0648-AC64

538. NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE MODERNIZATION CRITERIA FOR AUTOMATION CERTIFICATION

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant
Legal Authority: PL 102-567; 15 USC 313 note

CFR Citation: 15 CFR 946; 15 CFR 946 app A

Legal Deadline: Final, Statutory, October 29, 1993.

Abstract: The Secretary of Commerce, in consultation with the National Research Council and the Modernization Transition Committee, and after notice and opportunity for public comment, shall publish in the Federal Register modernization criteria (including all requirements and procedures) for certifying action to automate a field office under section 706 of Public Law 102-567.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	04/00/96	
Final Action	06/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 0648-AF72

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE (DOC)

Final Rule Stage

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)

NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE

539. REGULATORY AMENDMENT TO IMPLEMENT PERMIT, REPORTING, AND RECORDKEEPING AND OBSERVER REQUIREMENTS FOR PROCESSING VESSELS OVER 125 FEET AND THEIR CATCHER VESSELS; PACIFIC COAST GROUND FISH**Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**Legal Authority:** 16 USC 1801 et seq**CFR Citation:** 50 CFR 663**Legal Deadline:** None

Abstract: Regulations would implement a comprehensive data collection and regulatory program for all processing vessels longer than 125 feet and for all harvesting vessels that deliver their catch to those vessels in the groundfish fishery off Washington, Oregon, and California. This program would consist of: (1) a requirement that processing vessels carry NMFS-certified observers; (2) a requirement for a mandatory Federal permit; (3) recordkeeping and reporting requirements; and (4) a definition for "fishing trip" for processing vessels over 125 feet in length for the purpose of applying trip landing and frequency limits. The action may be split into separate rules.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	11/19/92	57 FR 54552
NPRM Comment Period End	12/21/92	
Final Action	04/00/96	
Final Action Effective	05/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: Businesses**Government Levels Affected:** Federal

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RIN: 0648-AE01**540. REGULATORY AMENDMENT TO REQUIRE ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION OF OBSERVER DATA IN THE GROUND FISH FISHERY OF THE GOA AND BSAI****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**Legal Authority:** 16 USC 1801 et seq**CFR Citation:** 50 CFR 672; 50 CFR 675**Legal Deadline:** None

Abstract: Regulatory amendment to require certain computer/satellite communications capability of groundfish fishing vessels to facilitate submission of catch reports by NMFS-certified observers to NMFS.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	08/31/95	60 FR 45393
NPRM Comment Period End	09/29/95	
Final Action	06/00/96	
Final Action Effective	07/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: None**Government Levels Affected:** None

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RIN: 0648-AE78**541. AMENDMENT 5 TO THE FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR ATLANTIC MACKEREL, SQUID, AND BUTTERFISH****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**Legal Authority:** 16 USC 1801 et seq**CFR Citation:** 50 CFR 655

Legal Deadline: NPRM, Statutory. Final, Statutory. Other, Statutory. NPRM 15 days and final action 110 days after receipt from the fishery management council.

Abstract: Amendment 5 would establish a moratorium on entry of vessels to the commercial fisheries for Loligo and Illex squid and for butterfish and would establish criteria for announcing a control date for Atlantic mackerel. It would specify new procedures for setting annual quotas including TALFF. Permits would be required for commercial vessels, party and charter boats, operators and dealers. It would establish logbook and/or reporting requirements for

commercial vessels, party and charter boats, and dealers.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	12/20/95	60 FR 65618
NPRM Comment Period End	01/29/96	
Final Action	04/00/96	
Final Action Effective	05/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: Undetermined**Government Levels Affected:** Undetermined

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RIN: 0648-AF01**542. REGULATORY AMENDMENT FOR RED GROUPER IN THE GULF OF MEXICO****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**Legal Authority:** 16 USC 1801 et seq**CFR Citation:** 50 CFR 641**Legal Deadline:** None

Abstract: This regulatory amendment would decrease the minimum allowable size of red grouper for the commercial fishery from 20 to 18 inches for fish caught from the exclusive economic zone (EEZ) in the Gulf of Mexico. This action is based, in part, on the 1993 stock assessment for red grouper and would facilitate the commercial harvest of the entire 1995 shallow-water grouper quota (quota has not been fully caught in recent years), as established by the Fishery Management Plan for the Reef Fish Resources of the Gulf of Mexico (FMP). The regulatory amendment is prepared by the Gulf of Mexico Council and reviewed and implemented by NMFS under FMP framework procedures.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	01/31/96	61 FR 3359
NPRM Comment Period End	03/01/96	
Final Action	04/00/96	
Final Action Effective	04/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: None**Government Levels Affected:** None

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RIN: 0648-AF78

543. FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE OF FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL NOMINEES, MEMBERS, AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1801 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 601

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This rule revises regulations concerning the practices, procedures and operations of the Regional Fishery Management Councils under the Magnuson Fishery Conservation and Management Act. It increases the detail and availability of information in required financial disclosures of Councils' nominees, voting members, and Executive Directors and is intended to reduce the likelihood of financial conflicts of interest.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Interim Final Rule	03/11/94	59 FR 11557
Final Action	06/00/96	
Final Action Effective	06/00/96	
Begin Review	07/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: Federal

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RIN: 0648-AG16

544. REGULATORY AMENDMENT DESIGNATING "ROUTINE" TRIP LIMITS IN THE PACIFIC COAST GROUND FISH FISHERY

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1801 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 663

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This rule would enable timely inseason adjustments to trip and size limits for certain species, so that

the harvest guidelines or allocations for those species are not exceeded. The species include lingcod, canary rockfish, and, in the open access fishery, all species of groundfish individually or in any combination (including species caught incidental to the California halibut or sea cucumber fishery.)

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	01/23/96	61 FR 1739
NPRM Comment Period End	03/08/96	
Final Action	04/00/96	
Final Action Effective	05/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: Businesses

Government Levels Affected: Federal

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RIN: 0648-AG31

545. ENFORCEMENT OF PERMIT REQUIREMENTS AND OTHER PROVISIONS GOVERNING THE NORTHWESTERN HAWAIIAN ISLANDS BOTTOMFISH FISHERY

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1801 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 683

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This regulatory action will facilitate enforcement of regulations governing permit and permit reporting requirements in the NW Hawaiian Islands Bottomfish Fishery. The regulation prohibits bottomfish fishing in the Maui Zone without a permit and requires vessels to display their official numbers. A new requirement for dealers to make their records available for inspection will support existing state requirements.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	08/18/95	60 FR 43106
NPRM Comment Period End	10/16/95	
Final Action	04/00/96	
Final Action Effective	05/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 0648-AH48

546. STRIPED BASS REGULATIONS FOR THE EXCLUSIVE ECONOMIC ZONE (EEZ)

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: PL 103-206

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 656

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This action would change Federal striped bass regulations in the EEZ off the Atlantic Coast to support the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission's Striped Bass Management Plan's Amendment 5.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	04/00/96	
Final Action Effective	05/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected: Federal

Additional Information: ASMFC's Amendment 5 was completed on 3/95. This amendment relaxes State regulations restricting the take of striped bass in recognition of the recovery of striped bass stocks along the Atlantic coast. Federal action is anticipated to change the current Federal closure to striped bass fishing in the EEZ to regulation which will be less restrictive and more compatible with State regulations.

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RIN: 0648-AH57

547. 1996 REGULATIONS FOR PACIFIC HALIBUT AND APPROVAL OF CATCH SHARING PLANS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 773

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 301

Legal Deadline: None

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Abstract: Regulations governing the fishing for Pacific halibut on behalf of the International Pacific Halibut Commission for 1996. Includes catch sharing plans for domestic fisheries off California, Oregon, Washington and Alaska.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	05/00/96	
Final Action Effective	05/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

Additional Information: This regulation also combines RIN 0648-AI48 and 0648-AI52.

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RIN: 0648-AH64

548. ANNUAL HARVEST GUIDELINE FOR THE NORTHWESTERN HAWAIIAN ISLANDS LOBSTER FISHERY

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1801 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 681

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: Amendment 9 to the Fishery Management Plan for Crustacean Fisheries of the Western Pacific Region would establish a harvest limitation program under which an annual harvest guideline will be established by the Southwest Regional Director, NMFS. The harvest guideline will be published in the Federal Register each year prior to the beginning of the fishery so that permit holders can decide whether to gear up for the fishery. The notice would be published in June.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	06/00/96	
Final Action Effective	07/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 0648-AI33

549. MANAGEMENT MEASURES FOR COMMERCIAL, RECREATIONAL, AND TREATY INDIAN SALMON FISHERIES OFF THE COASTS OF WASHINGTON, OREGON, AND CALIFORNIA

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1801 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 661

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: Annual management measures for the 1995-96 fishing year would specify allowable ocean harvest levels (including quotas), allocations, management boundaries and zones, minimum size limits, gear definitions, seasons, selective fisheries, and in-season notice procedures.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	04/00/96	
Final Action Effective	05/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected: Undetermined

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RIN: 0648-AI35

550. • INTERIM FINAL RULE TO THE NORTH PACIFIC FISHERIES RESEARCH PLAN

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1801 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 677

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This interim final rule would discontinue the 1995 fee collection process; issue Federal processor permits without regard to payment of Research Plan fees; and refund \$5.6 million collected by NMFS and also the accrued interest under the Research Plan during 1995 and 1996.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Interim Final Rule	05/00/96	
Final Action Effective	06/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected: Undetermined

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RIN: 0648-AI67

551. • CONSOLIDATION OF ATLANTIC STRIPED BASS AND ATLANTIC COASTAL FISHERIES MANAGEMENT REGULATIONS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Reinventing Government: This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will revise text in the CFR to reduce burden or duplication, or streamline requirements.

Legal Authority: 16 USC 5101 et seq; 15 USC 1851 note

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 656; 50 CFR 697

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: NMFS consolidates regulations pertaining to the Atlantic striped bass fishery and fisheries managed under the Atlantic Coastal Fisheries Cooperative Management Act as part of the President's Regulatory Reinvention Initiative.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	04/00/96	
Final Action Effective	04/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 0648-AI72

DOC—NOAA

Final Rule Stage

552. PROCESSED FISHERY PRODUCTS, PROCESSED PRODUCTS THEREOF & CERTAIN OTHER PROCESSED FOOD PRODUCTS: U.S. STANDARDS FOR GRADES OF FROZEN FISH BLOCKS & PRODUCTS MADE THEREFROM, ETC

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 7 USC 1621 to 1630, Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 264A

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The revised rule will expand the coverage of established voluntary standards for grades of fishery products to include new products made from fish blocks. The standards will take into account new technology and equipment. These standards will be used in a voluntary program of fishery products inspection and certification by the NMFS. Industry has shown a high level of interest and support for the revisions.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	09/21/89	54 FR 38881
NPRM Comment Period End	11/06/89	
Comment Period Extended to	12/29/89	54 FR 53660
Comment Period Extended to	01/29/90	54 FR 53660
Interim Final Rule	10/16/90	55 FR 41856
Final Action	04/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

Sectors Affected: 091 Commercial Fishing; 209 Miscellaneous Food Preparations and Kindred Products

Additional Information: In response to the President's Regulatory Reform Initiative, regulations are under development to allow for removal of the product-specific voluntary standards for grades for fish and fishery products from the Code of Federal Regulations. These standards will be issued as program policies.

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RIN: 0648-AA46

553. FISHERMEN'S PROTECTIVE ACT, FISHING VESSEL AND GEAR DAMAGE COMPENSATION FUND CLAIMS PROGRAM

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 22 USC 1980

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 258

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: Reinstating regulations inadvertently dropped from the CFR when the Fishermen's Guaranty Fund Program was transferred to the State Department. Revisions to program procedures deriving from an Internal Control Review completed in May 1992, will be incorporated in the regulations as well as clarifications suggested by the General Counsel. These revised procedures will reduce the risk that fraudulent claims will be paid and clarify and simplify procedures for applicants in accordance with the National Performance Review.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	10/00/96	
Final Action Effective	10/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: Businesses

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 0648-AC73

554. FISHING VESSEL OBLIGATION GUARANTEE PROGRAM, REINVENTION OF REGULATIONS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Reinventing Government: This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will revise text in the CFR to reduce burden or duplication, or streamline requirements.

Legal Authority: 46 USC 1271 to 1279

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 255

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This regulation will add definitions of "aquaculture" and "underutilized species."

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	05/00/96	
Final Action Effective	06/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: Businesses

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 0648-AF48

555. CIVIL PROCEDURES

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1801 to 1882; 16 USC 1531 to 1543; 16 USC 1361 to 1407; 16 USC 3371 to 3378; 16 USC 1431 to 1439; 16 USC 773 to 773k; 16 USC 951 to 961; 16 USC 1021 to 1032; 16 USC 3631 to 3644; 42 USC 9101 et seq; 30 USC 1401 et seq; 16 USC 971 to 971i; 16 USC 781 et seq; 16 USC 972 to 972b; 16 USC 916 to 916l; ...

CFR Citation: 15 CFR 904

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This rule will amend NOAA's regulations to make them consistent with a Federal District Court ruling on the Agency's consideration of a respondent's ability to pay when assessing a civil penalty. The amendment removes a provision which places the burden on the respondent to raise and prove inability to pay an assessed penalty when the statute involved requires NOAA to take ability to pay into account.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Interim Final Rule	11/02/93	58 FR 58484
Final Action	03/00/97	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

Additional Information: This rule remains in interim final status pending the completion of a revision to all of part 904.

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556. • FINANCIAL AID PROGRAM PROCEDURES, CONDITIONAL FISHERIES

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Reinventing Government: This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will eliminate existing text in the CFR.

Legal Authority: 46 USC 1177; 46 USC 1271 to 1279

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 251

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: Removal of outdated and unnecessary regulations in accordance with the National Performance Review.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	06/28/96	
Final Action Effective	06/28/96	

Small Entities Affected: Businesses

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 0648-AI76

557. FINAL RULE FOR REGULATIONS GENERIC TO PERMITS ISSUED UNDER SECTION 104 OF THE MMPA, AND FOR REGULATIONS SPECIFIC TO PERMITS ISSUED FOR SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH AND ENHANCEMENT PURPOSES

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1361 et seq, Marine Mammal Protection Act; 16 USC 1531 et seq, Endangered Species Act; 16 USC 1151 et seq, Fur Seal Act

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 216; 50 CFR 215; 50 CFR 222

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: These proposed revisions would update and consolidate existing permit regulations in response to

comments received on proposed regulations that have been promulgated for the taking, import, export, or conduct of an otherwise prohibited activity involving marine mammal species (including endangered or threatened marine mammal species) for purposes of scientific research, and enhancement, photography, and public display under the Marine Mammal Protection Act, the Endangered Species Act, and the Fur Seal Act. In addition, this final rule establishes regulations specific to permits issued for bona fide scientific research and enhancement purposes only. These revisions would implement amendments to the Marine Mammal Protection Act enacted in 1988 and 1994, and clarify when a permit is required and the scope and extent of permit authority under these Acts. The final rule would clarify permit requirements and review procedures, and would amend the criteria for deciding whether to issue or deny permits, and revise administrative requirements and procedures, as well as some terms and conditions specific to permits for scientific research and enhancement. These revisions are intended to provide a comprehensive regulatory foundation for these special exception permits and to make administration of the NMFS permit program more efficient, consistent and predictable. The NMFS is proposing to consolidate permit regulations into a single part of title 50.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	10/14/93	58 FR 53320
NPRM Comment	01/28/94	58 FR 68848
Period End		
Final Action	04/00/96	
Final Action Effective	05/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: Federal

Additional Information: Simultaneously with the publication of this Final Rule, NMFS intends to propose permit regulations specific to photography and public display.

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RIN: 0648-AD11

558. DESIGNATED CRITICAL HABITAT; JOHNSON'S SEAGRASS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1533

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 226

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) has proposed that Johnson's seagrass be listed as threatened under the Endangered Species Act (ESA). Section 4(b)(2) of the ESA requires that critical habitat be designated for a listed species after taking into consideration the economic impact, and any other relevant impact, of specifying any particular area as critical habitat. Critical habitat is the specific area within the geographical range of the species that has physical or biological features essential to the conservation of the species and which may require special management consideration or protection.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	08/04/94	59 FR 39716
NPRM Comment	10/13/94	
Period End		
Final Action	10/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 0648-AF79

559. FINAL RULE TO AMEND MARINE MAMMAL REGULATIONS TO AUTHORIZE INCIDENTAL TAKINGS OF MARINE MAMMALS BY HARASSMENT AS AUTHORIZED BY PUBLIC LAW 103-238

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Reinventing Government: This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will revise text in the CFR to reduce burden or duplication, or streamline requirements.

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Legal Authority: 16 USC 1361 et seq
The Marine Mammal Protection Act

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 228; 50 CFR 216

Legal Deadline: Final, Statutory,
January 1, 1995.

Abstract: On April 30, 1994, the President signed Pub. L. 103-238, the Marine Mammal Protection Act Amendments of 1994. One part of this law amended section 101(a)(5) to establish an expedited process by which citizens of the United States, who engage in a specified activity (other than commercial fishing) within a specific geographic region, can apply for an authorization to incidentally take small numbers of marine mammals by harassment. The proposed rule, if implemented, would establish specific time limits for public notice and comment on any requests for authorization which would be granted under this rule; implement procedures for the establishment of scientific peer review groups to review an applicant's monitoring plan when the taking may affect the availability of a stock for subsistence uses; and limit authorizations to a period of 1 year.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	05/31/95	60 FR 28379
NPRM Comment Period End	10/16/95	60 FR 35891
Final Action	05/01/96	

Small Entities Affected: Businesses,
Governmental Jurisdictions

Government Levels Affected: State,
Local, Federal

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RIN: 0648-AG80

560. FINAL RULE TO ESTABLISH GUIDELINES FOR NONLETHALLY DETERRING MARINE MAMMALS FROM ENDANGERING PERSONAL SAFETY OR DAMAGING PUBLIC OR PRIVATE PROPERTY

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1361 et seq
The Marine Mammal Protection Act

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 216

Legal Deadline: Final, Statutory,
January 1, 1995.

Abstract: On April 30, 1994, the President signed Pub. L. 103-238, the Marine Mammal Protection Act Amendments of 1994. One part of this law implemented a new section 101(a)(4) to authorize the nonlethal harassment takings by citizens of the United States to deter marine mammals from: (1) Damaging commercial fishing gear or catch; (2) damaging private property; (3) endangering public safety; or (4) damaging public property. The amendments require a list of guidelines for use in safely deterring marine mammals and provide for prohibiting certain deterrent measures that may have a significant adverse impact on marine mammals.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	05/05/95	60 FR 22345
NPRM Comment Period End	07/05/95	
Final Action Effective	04/01/96	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 0648-AH19

561. GENERAL AUTHORIZATION FOR SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH INVOLVING LEVEL B HARASSMENT

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1151 et seq
Fur Seal Act; 16 USC 1631 et seq
Marine Mammal Protection Act

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 215; 50 CFR 216

Legal Deadline: Final, Statutory,
August 30, 1994.

Abstract: This final rule is required by the 1994 amendments to the Marine Mammal Protection Act. These regulations establish a general authorization for bona fide scientific research on non-endangered and non-threatened marine mammals that may result in harassment with only the potential to disturb. Inclusion under the general authorization is achieved by letter of intent to the National Marine

Fisheries Service and a letter of confirmation from the Service.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Interim Final Rule	10/03/94	59 FR 50372
Interim Final Rule Comment Period End	11/17/94	
Final Action	04/00/96	
Final Action Effective	05/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: State,
Federal

Additional Information: The National Marine Fisheries Service and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service are discussing whether to issue this rule jointly.

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RIN: 0648-AH20

562. • FINAL RULE; TAKING AND IMPORTING OF MARINE MAMMALS; CONSOLIDATION OF REGULATIONS

Priority: Routine and Frequent

Reinventing Government: This
rulemaking is part of the Reinventing
Government effort. It will eliminate
existing text in the CFR.

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1151 to 1175;
16 USC 1361 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 215; 50 CFR 216

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: To simplify NMFS' Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), NMFS issues this final rule to redesignate those regulations governing the take of northern fur seals for subsistence purposes on the Pribilof Islands. By this rule, an entire part within the CFR is removed. This final rule does not make substantive changes to the existing regulations. The purpose of this final rule is to make the regulations more concise, better organized, and thereby easier for the public to use. This action is consistent with the President's Regulatory Reform Initiative to simplify regulations and reduce the regulatory burden on the public.

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Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	04/00/96	
Final Action Effective	04/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 0648-AI89

NATIONAL OCEAN SURVEY/OFFICE OF COASTAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT

563. FLORIDA KEYS NATIONAL MARINE SANCTUARY

Priority: Other Significant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1431 et seq; PL 101-605

CFR Citation: 15 CFR 929

Legal Deadline: Final, Statutory, May 1993.

Abstract: These regulations are necessary for the implementation of the Congressionally designated national marine sanctuary.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	03/30/95	60 FR 16399
NPRM Comment Period End	12/31/95	
Final Action	08/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: State, Local

Additional Information: Completion of this regulation within the dates projected in the timetable is subject to the availability of appropriated funds for NOAA after March 15, 1996. At this time, NOAA anticipates that sufficient funds will be appropriated to complete this project.

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RIN: 0648-AD85

564. HAWAIIAN ISLANDS HUMPBACK WHALE NATIONAL MARINE SANCTUARY

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1431 et seq (National Marine Sanctuary Act); PL 102-587 (Ocean Act of 1992), subtitle C-Hawaiian; Island National Marine Sanctuary Act

CFR Citation: Not yet determined

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: Regulations implement the Congressional designation of the Hawaiian Island Humpback Whale National Marine Sanctuary.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	09/15/95	60 FR 49000
NPRM Comment Period End	12/14/95	
Final Action	05/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

Additional Information: The proposed rule, summary of draft management plan and notice of public availability of the draft environmental impact statement was published on September 15, 1995. The 90-day comment period ended December 14, 1995.

Completion of this project within the dates projected in the timetable is subject to the availability of appropriated funds for NOAA after March 15, 1996. At this time, NOAA anticipates that sufficient funds will be appropriated to complete this project.

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RIN: 0648-AH91

565. RESTRICTING OR PROHIBITING ATTRACTING SHARKS IN THE MONTEREY BAY NATIONAL MARINE SANCTUARY

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1434(a)(5)

CFR Citation: 15 CFR 922

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: NOAA is proposing to amend the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary regulations to prohibit the attraction of White Sharks in the nearshore (seaward to three miles) areas of the Sanctuary. The proposed prohibition is to ensure that Sanctuary resources and qualities are not adversely impacted and to avoid conflicts among various users of the Sanctuary. The rule would also clarify the "traditional fishing exemption to the discharge prohibition, and add definitions of "fishing" and traditional fishing."

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
ANPRM	02/28/95	60 FR 10812
ANPRM Comment Period End	04/14/95	
NPRM	02/12/96	61 FR 5335
NPRM Comment Period End	03/13/96	
Final Action	05/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected: Undetermined

Additional Information: Completion of this project within the dates projected in the timetable is subject to availability of appropriated funds for NOAA after March 15, 1996. At this time, NOAA anticipates that sufficient funds will be appropriated to complete this project.

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RIN: 0648-AH92

566. OCEAN THERMAL ENERGY CONVERSION LICENSING PROGRAM

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Reinventing Government: This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will eliminate existing text in the CFR.

Legal Authority: Ocean Thermal Energy Conversion Act, as amended; 42 USC 9101 et seq

CFR Citation: 15 CFR 981

Legal Deadline: None

DOC—NOAA

Final Rule Stage

Abstract: NOAA plans to propose the removal of 15 CFR part 981 from the CFR.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	01/30/96	61 FR 2969
NPRM Comment Period End	02/29/96	
Final Action	05/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

Additional Information: Completion of this regulation is subject to the availability of appropriated funds for NOAA after March 15, 1996. At this time, NOAA anticipates that sufficient funds will be appropriated to complete this project.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE (DOC)

Long-Term Actions

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)

567. DEFINITION OF "SAFE BOARDING LADDER" FOR FISHERIES REGULATIONS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 620

Timetable: Next Action Undetermined

Small Entities Affected: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected: Undetermined

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RIN: 0648-AH39

568. WEAKFISH REGULATION FOR THE EXCLUSIVE ECONOMIC ZONE (EEZ)

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 697

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	06/20/95	60 FR 32130
NPRM Comment Period End	08/15/95	

Next Action Undetermined

Small Entities Affected: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected: Federal

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RIN: 0648-AH58

NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE

569. • INTERIM FINAL RULE TO IMPLEMENT HIGH SEAS FISHING COMPLIANCE ACT OF 1995; PERMIT APPLICATION PROCESS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 5501

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 300

Legal Deadline: Final, Statutory, March 3, 1996.

Abstract: This action will implement a system of licensing for U.S. vessels that fish on the high seas, in accordance with U.S. commitments and responsibilities arising from the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization Agreement to Promote Compliance with International Conservation and Management Measures by Fishing Vessels on the High Seas.

Timetable: Next Action Undetermined

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 0648-AI50

570. • REGULATORY AMENDMENT TO ADJUST RED SNAPPER MANAGEMENT MEASURES IN THE GULF OF MEXICO FOR 1997 SEASON

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1801 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 641

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This regulatory amendment may include measures to adjust the Gulf Of Mexico Red Snapper bag limits, size limits, quotas, trip limits and/or seasonal and area openings for the 1997 season.

Timetable: Next Action Undetermined

Small Entities Affected: Businesses

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 0648-AI54

571. U.S. GENERAL STANDARDS FOR GRADES OF SHRIMP

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 265

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	05/20/82	47 FR 21840
NPRM Comment Period End	08/18/82	
NPRM	09/21/89	54 FR 38885
NPRM Comment Period End	11/06/89	
Comment Period Extended to 01/29/90	12/29/89	54 FR 53660
Interim Final Rule	10/24/91	56 FR 55090
Final Action	00/00/00	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 0648-AA47

572. U.S. GENERAL STANDARDS FOR GRADES OF FINFISH PRODUCTS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 263 subparts A to E

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
ANPRM	04/15/94	59 FR 18091

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Long-Term Actions

Action	Date	FR Cite
ANPRM Comment Period End	08/02/94	59 FR 23095
NPRM	00/00/00	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 0648-AD53

573. U.S. STANDARDS FOR GRADES OF FROZEN FISH PORTIONS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 264; 50 CFR 269

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	06/11/90	55 FR 23565
NPRM Comment Period End	08/27/90	
Interim Final Rule	00/00/00	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

Agency Contact: Mary Ann Metz
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RIN: 0648-AD92

574. CERTIFICATE OF LEGAL ORIGIN FOR ANADROMOUS FISH PRODUCTS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

CFR Citation: Not yet determined

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	00/00/00	

Small Entities Affected: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected: Undetermined

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RIN: 0648-AD93

575. U.S. STANDARDS FOR GRADES OF WHOLE OR DRESSED FISH

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 261

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Interim Final Rule	00/00/00	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 0648-AE69

576. U.S. STANDARDS FOR GRADES OF NORTH AMERICAN FRESHWATER CATFISH AND PRODUCTS MADE THEREFROM

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 267

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Interim Final Rule	00/00/00	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 0648-AE70

577. U.S. STANDARDS FOR GRADES OF FISH FILLETS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 263

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Interim Final Rule	00/00/00	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 0648-AE71

578. FISHING VESSEL CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION FUND PROCEDURES—ELIGIBILITY FOR SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 259

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	11/18/92	57 FR 54356
NPRM Comment Period End	12/18/92	
Final Action	00/00/00	
Final Action Effective	00/00/00	

Small Entities Affected: Businesses

Government Levels Affected: None

Agency Contact: Charles L. Cooper
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RIN: 0648-AF22

579. PRESCRIPTION OF FISHWAYS UNDER SECTION 18 OF THE FEDERAL POWER ACT

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 405 (New)

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
ANPRM	09/01/94	59 FR 45255
ANPRM Comment Period End	10/31/94	
NPRM	00/00/00	

Small Entities Affected: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected: Undetermined

Agency Contact: John Hall
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RIN: 0648-AG53

580. SEAFOOD INSPECTIONS AND RELATED SERVICES

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Reinventing Government: This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will eliminate existing text in the CFR.

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 260

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
ANPRM	09/22/95	60 FR 49242
ANPRM Comment Period End	11/21/95	
Next Action Undetermined		

Small Entities Affected: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected: Undetermined

Agency Contact: James W. Brennan
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RIN: 0648-AI45

581. • CIVIL ENFORCEMENT PROCEEDINGS: OPPORTUNITY FOR IN-PERSON HEARING

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: PL 102-587 Oceans Act of 1992

CFR Citation: 15 CFR 904

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: NOAA is proposing to amend procedural regulations that govern civil administrative enforcement proceedings that it conducts. Necessitated by the Oceans Act of 1992. These regulatory amendments ensure the opportunity for an in-person hearing in administrative

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enforcement proceedings conducted by the Agency.

Timetable: Next Action Undetermined

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: Federal

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RIN: 0648-AI53

582. PERFORMANCE STANDARDS FOR TUNA VESSEL OPERATORS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 216

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	11/01/89	54 FR 46086
NPRM Comment Period End	12/01/89	
Interim Final Rule Effective	05/16/90	
Interim Final Rule	05/17/90	55 FR 20458
Interim Final Rule Comment Period End	09/03/90	

Next Action Undetermined

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

Agency Contact: Hilda Diaz-Soltero
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RIN: 0648-AD03

583. PROCEDURE FOR SETTING QUOTAS ON REMOVAL OF ATLANTIC BOTTLENOSE DOLPHINS FROM THE WATERS OF THE GULF OF MEXICO AND FLORIDA'S EAST COAST

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 216

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
ANPRM	05/31/90	55 FR 22042
ANPRM Comment Period End	07/02/90	

Next Action Undetermined

Small Entities Affected: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected: Undetermined

Agency Contact: Ann D. Terbush

Phone: 301 713-2289

RIN: 0648-AD39

584. SEA TURTLE MONITORING AND CONSERVATION MEASURES FOR NONSHRIMP FISHERIES

Priority: Other Significant

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 217; 50 CFR 222; 50 CFR 227

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
ANPRM	07/10/92	57 FR 30709
ANPRM Comment Period End	08/08/92	

Next Action Undetermined

Small Entities Affected: Businesses

Government Levels Affected: None

Agency Contact: Therese Conant
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RIN: 0648-AE54

585. TAKING AND IMPORTING OF MARINE MAMMALS; DOLPHIN MORTALITY LIMITS DURING PURSE SEINE SETS ON MARINE MAMMALS IN THE EASTERN TROPICAL PACIFIC

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 216.24

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Interim Final Rule	05/19/93	58 FR 29127

Next Action Undetermined

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

Agency Contact: Hilda Diaz-Soltero
Phone: 310 980-4001

RIN: 0648-AF07

586. TAKING AND IMPORTING OF MARINE MAMMALS; "DOLPHIN-SAFE" TUNA LABELING

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 216; 50 CFR 247

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Interim Final Rule	09/19/91	56 FR 47418

Next Action Undetermined

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

Agency Contact: Hilda Diaz-Soltero
Phone: 310 980-4001

RIN: 0648-AF08

587. PROPOSED RULE TO REQUIRE CERTAIN FISH FROM MEXICO TO RETAIN HEADS AND TAILS INTACT IN ORDER TO PROTECT THE ENDANGERED TOTOABA

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 227

Timetable: Next Action Undetermined

Small Entities Affected: Businesses

Government Levels Affected: None

Agency Contact: Kenneth R. Hollingshead

Phone: 301 713-2055

RIN: 0648-AF32

588. TAKING OF MARINE MAMMALS INCIDENTAL TO FISHERIES-RELATED RESEARCH

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 228; 50 CFR 216

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
ANPRM	12/09/91	56 FR 64234
ANPRM Comment Period End	01/08/92	

Next Action Undetermined

Small Entities Affected: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected: Federal

Agency Contact: Kenneth Hollingshead
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RIN: 0648-AF50

589. FOREIGN NATIONS' MARINE MAMMAL PROGRAM AMENDMENTS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 216.24(e)(5)(v)(B)

Timetable: Next Action Undetermined

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

Agency Contact: Hilda Diaz-Soltero
Phone: 310 980-4001

RIN: 0648-AG05

590. DESIGNATION OF CRITICAL HABITAT FOR THE GULF OF MAINE POPULATION OF HARBOR PORPOISE

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 226

Timetable: Next Action Undetermined

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

Agency Contact: Michael Payne

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Phone: 301 713-2322

RIN: 0648-AG06

591. DIRECT TAKE OF THREATENED SALMON BY NATIVE AMERICANS

Priority: Other Significant

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 227.21

Timetable: Next Action Undetermined

Small Entities Affected: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected: Undetermined

Agency Contact: Marta Nammack

Phone: 301 713-1401

RIN: 0648-AG15

592. TAKING AND IMPORTING OF MARINE MAMMALS: TUNA PURSE SEINE VESSEL OBSERVER EXPENSES

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 216.24

Timetable: Next Action Undetermined

Small Entities Affected: Businesses

Government Levels Affected: None

Agency Contact: Hilda Diaz-Soltero

Phone: 301 980-4001

RIN: 0648-AG35

593. TAKING AND IMPORTING OF MARINE MAMMALS; TAKING OF MARINE MAMMALS UNDER THE ATA PERMIT AFTER FEBRUARY 28, 1994

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 216

Timetable: Next Action Undetermined

Small Entities Affected: Businesses

Government Levels Affected: None

Agency Contact: Hilda Diaz-Soltero

Phone: 310 980-4001

RIN: 0648-AG36

594. GENERAL PROVISIONS; ENDANGERED FISH OR WILDLIFE; THREATENED FISH AND WILDLIFE; SEA TURTLE CONSERVATION MEASURES (SEC. 9 PROTECTION)

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 217; 50 CFR 220; 50 CFR 221; 50 CFR 222; 50 CFR 223; 50 CFR 224; 50 CFR 227

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
ANPRM	07/10/92	57 FR 30709

Action	Date	FR Cite
ANPRM Comment	08/08/92	
Period End		
Next Action Undetermined		

Small Entities Affected: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected: State

Agency Contact: Russell J. Bellmer

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RIN: 0648-AG38

595. DESIGNATED CRITICAL HABITAT; ATLANTIC SALMON

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 226

Timetable: Next Action Undetermined

Small Entities Affected: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected: Undetermined

Agency Contact: Marta Nammack

Phone: 301 713-1401

RIN: 0648-AG50

596. PROPOSED RULE TO AUTHORIZE LETHAL TAKINGS OF MARINE MAMMALS BY STATE AUTHORITIES

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 216

Timetable: Next Action Undetermined

Small Entities Affected: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected: Undetermined

Agency Contact: Kenneth R.

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Phone: 301 713-2055

RIN: 0648-AG79

597. TAKING AND IMPORTING OF MARINE MAMMALS: PROPOSED RULE PROHIBITING U.S. CITIZENS FROM ENCIRCLING MARINE MAMMALS DURING TUNA FISHING OPERATIONS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 216.24

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	10/12/94	59 FR 51552
NPRM Comment	11/14/94	
Period End		
Next Action Undetermined		

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

Agency Contact: Hilda Diaz-Soltero
Phone: 310 980-4001

RIN: 0648-AH04

598. PROTECTION ZONES FOR NORTHERN RIGHT WHALES; RESPONSE TO PETITION

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 222

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
ANPRM	12/27/94	59 FR 66513
ANPRM Comment	02/27/95	
Period End		
Next Action Undetermined		

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

Agency Contact: Margot Bohan

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RIN: 0648-AH47

599. PROPOSED RULE TO GOVERN THE TRANSPORTATION OF NATIVE HANDICRAFTS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 216

Timetable: Next Action Undetermined

Small Entities Affected: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected: Undetermined

Agency Contact: Ann Terbush

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RIN: 0648-AH83

600. CRITICAL HABITAT DESIGNATION FOR GREEN SEA TURTLES IN CULEBRA, PUERTO RICO

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 226

Timetable: Next Action Undetermined

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: Federal

Agency Contact: Russell Bellmer

Phone: 301 713-1401

RIN: 0648-AH88

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601. • TAKING OF MARINE MAMMALS INCIDENTAL TO COMMERCIAL FISHING OPERATIONS; TAKE REDUCTION PLAN REGULATIONS AND EMERGENCY REGULATIONS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant
Legal Authority: 16 USC 1361 et seq The Marine Mammal Protection Act
CFR Citation: 50 CFR 229

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The Marine Mammal Protection Act amendments of 1994 (Public Law 103-238) provide for the development and implementation of take reduction plans to assist in the recovery or prevent the depletion of strategic marine mammal stocks. These take reduction plans shall be developed by take reduction teams, comprised of representatives of Federal, state, and other government agencies, as well as other non-governmental organizations. In some cases, take reduction plans may recommend regulatory measures for effective implementation. NMFS must publish proposed regulations to implement such plans for public review and comment during a period not to exceed 90 days.

Timetable: Next Action Undetermined

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 0648-AI84

602. REVISION OF FEDERAL CONSISTENCY REGULATIONS UNDER THE COASTAL ZONE MANAGEMENT ACT

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

CFR Citation: 15 CFR 930

Timetable: Next Action Undetermined

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: State, Federal

Agency Contact: Margo F. Jackson
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RIN: 0648-AD83

603. REGIONAL MARINE RESEARCH PROGRAM

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

CFR Citation: Not yet determined

Timetable: Next Action Undetermined

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

Agency Contact: Don Scavia
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RIN: 0648-AF20

604. NOAA CLIMATE AND GLOBAL CHANGE PROGRAM—PROPOSAL SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

CFR Citation: Not yet determined

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	00/00/00	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

Agency Contact: Irma DuPree
 Phone: 301 427-2089

RIN: 0648-AG51

605. NATIONAL UNDERSEA RESEARCH PROGRAM FUNDING REGULATIONS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

CFR Citation: None

Timetable: Next Action Undetermined

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

Agency Contact: Dr. Henry Frey
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RIN: 0648-AH90

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606. FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR CORALS AND REEF-ASSOCIATED PLANTS AND INVERTEBRATES FOR PUERTO RICO AND THE U.S. VIRGIN ISLANDS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 670

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	12/27/95	60 FR 58221
Final Action Effective	12/27/95	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

Agency Contact: Andrew J. Kemmerer
 Phone: 813 570-5301

RIN: 0648-AE47

607. AMENDMENT 21B TO THE FMP FOR THE GROUND FISH FISHERY OF THE BERING SEA AND ALEUTIAN ISLANDS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 675

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	11/29/95	60 FR 61215
Final Action Effective	01/01/96	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

Agency Contact: Steven Pennoyer
 Phone: 907 586-7228

RIN: 0648-AE97

608. REGULATORY AMENDMENT TO CHANGE RECORDKEEPING AND REPORTING REQUIREMENTS IN ALASKA GROUND FISH FISHERIES

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 672; 50 CFR 675

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	02/13/96	61 FR 5608
Final Action Effective	03/14/96	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

Agency Contact: Steven Pennoyer
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RIN: 0648-AG54

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609. NEW DEALER REPORTING FORM FOR LARGE PELAGICS**Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**CFR Citation:** 50 CFR 285; 50 CFR 630; 50 CFR 678**Completed:**

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Withdrawn - Accomplished through separate regulatory actions.	02/12/96	

Small Entities Affected: Businesses**Government Levels Affected:** None**Agency Contact:** Richard H. Schaefer
Phone: 301 713-2334**RIN:** 0648-AG76**610. AMENDMENT 1 TO THE FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR ATLANTIC COAST RED DRUM****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**CFR Citation:** 50 CFR 647**Completed:**

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Withdrawn	02/08/96	

Small Entities Affected: None**Government Levels Affected:** None**Agency Contact:** Andrew J. Kemmerer
Phone: 813 570-5301**RIN:** 0648-AG86**611. REGULATORY AMENDMENT FOR GRID SORTING****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**CFR Citation:** 50 CFR 672**Completed:**

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Withdrawn	02/02/96	

Small Entities Affected: None**Government Levels Affected:** None**Agency Contact:** Steven Pennoyer
Phone: 907 586-7228**RIN:** 0648-AG93**612. INTERPRETIVE RULE TO PROVIDE CLARIFICATION OF SEPARATE QUALIFICATION FOR HALIBUT AND SABLEFISH QUOTA SHARES****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**CFR Citation:** 50 CFR 676**Completed:**

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	11/28/95	60 FR 58528
Final Action Effective	11/28/95	

Small Entities Affected: None**Government Levels Affected:** None**Agency Contact:** Steven Pennoyer
Phone: 907 586-7228**RIN:** 0648-AG96**613. AMENDMENT 32 TO THE FMP FOR THE GROUND FISH FISHERY OF THE BSAI AND AMENDMENT 36 TO THE FMP FOR THE GROUND FISH OF THE GOA****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**CFR Citation:** 50 CFR 676**Completed:**

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	01/24/96	61 FR 1844
Final Action Effective	02/23/96	

Small Entities Affected: None**Government Levels Affected:** None**Agency Contact:** Steven Pennoyer
Phone: 907 586-7228**RIN:** 0648-AG99**614. AMENDMENT 38 TO THE FMP FOR THE GROUND FISH FISHERY OF THE BSAI AND AMENDMENT 40 TO THE FMP FOR THE GROUND FISH FISHERY OF THE GOA****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**CFR Citation:** 50 CFR 672; 50 CFR 675**Completed:**

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	12/12/95	60 FR 63654
Final Action Effective	01/01/96	

Small Entities Affected: Businesses**Government Levels Affected:** None**Agency Contact:** Steven Pennoyer
Phone: 907 586-7228**RIN:** 0648-AH00**615. COMBINED FRAMEWORK ADJUSTMENT—ADJUSTMENT 7 TO THE NORTHEAST MULTISPECIES FMP, ADJUSTMENT 3 TO THE ATLANTIC SEA SCALLOP FMP, AND ADJUSTMENT 1 TO THE AMERICAN LOBSTER FMP****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**CFR Citation:** 50 CFR 649; 50 CFR 650; 50 CFR 651**Completed:**

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	12/05/95	60 FR 62224
Final Action Effective	12/04/95	

Small Entities Affected: None**Government Levels Affected:** None**Agency Contact:** Andrew A. Rosenberg
Phone: 508 281-9200**RIN:** 0648-AH37**616. INTERIM FINAL RULE TO MAKE CERTAIN CHANGES IN THE LIMITED ACCESS APPEALS PROCEDURE****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**CFR Citation:** 50 CFR 676**Completed:**

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	11/30/95	60 FR 61497
Final Action Effective	11/30/95	

Small Entities Affected: Businesses**Government Levels Affected:** None**Agency Contact:** Steven Pennoyer
Phone: 907 586-7228**RIN:** 0648-AH38**617. NOTICE OF CHANGES IN THE MANAGEMENT REGIMES FOR ATLANTIC AND GULF GROUPS OF KING AND SPANISH MACKEREL FOR THE 1995-96 FISHING YEAR****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**CFR Citation:** 50 CFR 642**Completed:**

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	11/17/95	60 FR 57686
Final Action Effective	12/18/95	

Small Entities Affected: None**Government Levels Affected:** None**Agency Contact:** Andrew J. Kemmerer
Phone: 813 570-5301**RIN:** 0648-AH53**618. AMENDMENT 7 TO THE FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR THE NORTHEAST MULTISPECIES FISHERIES****Priority:** Economically Significant**CFR Citation:** 50 CFR 651**Completed:**

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	03/05/96	61 FR 8540
Final Action Effective	04/19/96	

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Small Entities Affected: Businesses

Government Levels Affected: None

Agency Contact: Andrew A. Rosenberg

Phone: 508 281-9200

RIN: 0648-AH70

619. AMENDMENT 3 TO THE FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR CORALS AND CORAL REEFS OF THE GULF OF MEXICO

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 638

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	11/09/95	60 FR 56533
Final Action Effective	11/13/95	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

Agency Contact: Andrew J. Kemmerer

Phone: 813 570-5301

RIN: 0648-AH71

620. AMENDMENT 8 TO THE FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR THE SHRIMP FISHERY OF THE GULF OF MEXICO (FMP)

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 658

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	12/27/95	60 FR 66928
Final Action Effective	01/26/96	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

Agency Contact: Andrew J. Kemmerer

Phone: 813 570-5301

RIN: 0648-AH72

621. AMENDMENT 3 TO THE FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR CORALS AND CORAL REEFS OF THE SOUTHERN ATLANTIC STATES

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 638

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	12/27/95	61 FR 66926
Final Action Effective	01/26/96	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

Agency Contact: Andrew J. Kemmerer

Phone: 813 570-5301

RIN: 0648-AH74

622. PROPOSED RULE; AMENDMENT 7 TO THE SUMMER FLOUNDER FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLAN

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 625

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	11/24/95	60 FR 57955
Final Action Effective	12/22/95	

Small Entities Affected: Businesses

Government Levels Affected: None

Agency Contact: Dr. Andrew A.

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RIN: 0648-AH94

623. SUMMER FLOUNDER FISHERY: DEALER REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 625

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Withdrawn	01/24/96	61 FR 1893

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

Agency Contact: Dr. Andrew A.

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Phone: 508 281-9300

RIN: 0648-AH95

624. INTERIM FINAL RULE ALLOWING RETENTION OF IFQ SPECIES IN SPECIFIED AREAS UNDER 50 CFR 676.16(D)

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 676

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	11/30/95	60 FR 61497
Final Action Effective	11/30/95	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

Agency Contact: Steven Pennoyer

Phone: 907 586-7228

RIN: 0648-AI09

625. ADVANCED NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING; CONSIDERATION OF A CONTROL DATE FOR SOUTH ATLANTIC AND GULF OF MEXICO KING MACKEREL

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 642

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	10/16/95	60 FR 53576
Final Action Effective	11/15/95	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

Agency Contact: Andrew J. Kemmerer

Phone: 813 570-5301

RIN: 0648-AI12

626. REGULATORY AMENDMENT TO CHANGE THE NON-TRAWL SABLEFISH REGULAR SEASON IN THE PACIFIC COAST GROUND FISH FISHERY

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 663

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Combined With RIN	01/31/96	
0648-AI34		

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

Agency Contact: William Stelle

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RIN: 0648-AI30

627. FRAMEWORK ADJUSTMENT 7 TO THE ATLANTIC SEA SCALLOP FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLAN

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 650

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	03/05/96	61 FR 8490
Final Action Effective	03/11/96	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

Agency Contact: Andrew A. Rosenberg

Phone: 508 281-9250

RIN: 0648-AI37

628. AMENDMENT 1 TO THE NORTH PACIFIC FISHERY RESEARCH PLAN

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 677

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Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	12/26/95	60 FR 66755
Final Action Effective	01/01/96	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

Agency Contact: Steven Pennoyer
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RIN: 0648-AI40

629. ● PACIFIC HALIBUT 1996 AREA 2A CATCH SHARING PLAN

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 301

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: Regulations governing the fishing for Pacific halibut on behalf of the International Pacific Halibut Commission for 1996. Includes plans for domestic fisheries off California, Oregon, and Washington.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	01/29/96	61 FR 2782
Withdrawn Combined with RIN 0648-AH64.	01/29/96	61 FR 2782

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

Additional Information: This regulation also combines RIN 0648-AI48 and 0648-AI52.

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RIN: 0648-AI48

630. ● IMPLEMENTATION OF CATCH SHARING PLAN

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 773

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 301

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: NMFS proposes to approve and implement a catch sharing plan (CSP) in accordance with the Northern Pacific Halibut Act of 1982 (Halibut Act). The CSP would apportion the catch limit specified by the International Pacific Halibut

Commission (IPHC) for Regulatory Area 4 among subareas 4A, 4B, 4C, 4D, and 4E in and off the State of Alaska. The proposed CSP is based on the recommendations of the North Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council). This action is necessary to provide a basis for allocating the Pacific halibut resources of the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands area among U.S. fishers who harvest these resources in accordance with the Individual Fishing Quota (IFQ) Program and Community Development Quota (CDQ) Program. The action is intended to carry out the fishery management objectives of the Council under the provisions of the Halibut Act and is consistent with the resource management objectives of the IPHC.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Withdrawn - Combined with RIN 0648-AH64.	01/30/96	61 FR 2992

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 0648-AI52

631. ● REGULATORY AMENDMENT TO REMOVE AN UNNECESSARY REGULATION FOR THE ISSUANCE OF CEASE AND DESIST ORDERS AGAINST ASSOCIATION OF PROCEDURES OF AQUATIC PRODUCTS

Priority: Other Significant

Reinventing Government: This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will eliminate existing text in the CFR.

Legal Authority: 48 USC 1213

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 290

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: Deletion of a regulation that provides for a proceeding that may lead to a cease and desist order. Proceeding is initiated by a filing of a complaint with the Secretary of Commerce against an association of producers of aquatic products for monopolizing or restricting trade to such an extent that the price

of any aquatic product is unduly enhanced.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	03/04/96	61 FR 8224

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 0648-AI59

632. ● FINAL RULE TO IMPLEMENT FRAMEWORK ADJUSTMENT 14 TO AMENDMENT 5 OF THE FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR THE NORTHEAST MULTISPECIES FISHERY

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1801 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 651

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: Framework 14 would implement a mid-coast area spring closure and establish an additional closure in Southern New England to aid in attaining Harbor Porpoise mortality goals in the Sink Gillnet fishery.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	03/05/96	61 FR 8492
Final Action Effective	03/25/96	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 0648-AI79

633. GENERAL PROVISIONS FOR DOMESTIC FISHERIES

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 620

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Completed Actions

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Withdrawn Actions to be merged with other regulatory initiatives.	02/11/96	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

Agency Contact: Joel LaBissonniere
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RIN: 0648-AE39

634. AMENDMENT TO PROCEDURE GOVERNING THE READJUSTMENT AND INCREASE IN HOURLY RATES OF FEES

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 260

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Withdrawn	02/08/96	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

Agency Contact: Rita Creitz
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RIN: 0648-AH24

635. ● FISHERMAN'S CONTINGENCY FUND; SIMPLIFICATION OF REGULATIONS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Reinventing Government: This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will revise text in the CFR to reduce burden or duplication, or streamline requirements.

Legal Authority: 43 USC 1841

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 296

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: Clarification and simplification of regulations in accordance with the National Performance Review.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	02/20/96	61 FR 6322

Small Entities Affected: Businesses

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 0648-AI55

636. ● FISHERIES OBLIGATION GUARANTEE PROGRAM, REINVENTION OF REGULATIONS

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Duplicate of RIN 0648-AF48	02/22/96	

RIN: 0648-AI75

637. REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE TAKE OF DOLPHINS INCIDENTAL TO REMOVING OIL AND GAS PLATFORMS IN THE GULF OF MEXICO

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 228; 50 CFR 216

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	10/12/95	60 FR 53139
Final Action Effective	11/13/95	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 0648-AD25

638. ANNUAL LIST OF FISHERIES AS AUTHORIZED BY PUBLIC LAW 103-238

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 229

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	12/28/95	60 FR 67063
Final Action Effective	04/01/96	61 FR 03851

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 0648-AG77

639. FINAL RULE ESTABLISHING LEATHERBACK TURTLE CONSERVATION ZONE

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 227; 50 CFR 217; 50 CFR 222

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	09/14/95	60 FR 47713
Final Action Effective	10/16/95	

Small Entities Affected: Businesses

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 0648-AH30

640. FINAL RULE ESTABLISHING LEATHERBACK TURTLE CONSERVATION ZONE

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Duplicate of Completed Action 0648-AH30	09/14/95	60 FR 47713

RIN: 0648-AH97

641. SEA TURTLE CONSERVATION; RESTRICTION APPLICABLE TO SHRIMP TRAWL EXCLUDER DEVICES RESTRICTIONS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 217; 50 CFR 227

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Replaced by RIN 0648-AH89	02/26/96	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

Agency Contact: Dr. Russell Bellmer
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RIN: 0648-AI24

642. SEA TURTLE CONSERVATION; COMMERCIAL SHRIMP VESSEL PERMIT

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Duplicate of RIN 0648-AH87	02/26/96	

RIN: 0648-AI25

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Completed Actions

643. ●SEA TURTLE CONSERVATION; RESTRICTIONS APPLICABLE TO FISHERY ACTIVITIES; SUMMER FLOUNDER FISHERY-SEA TURTLE PROTECTION AREA**Completed:**

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Duplicate of Completed 0648-AE12	01/24/96	61 FR 1846

RIN: 0648-AI49

644. STREAMLINING OF NATIONAL MARINE SANCTUARY PROGRAM REGULATIONS**Priority:** Other

Reinventing Government: This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will revise text in the CFR to reduce burden or duplication, or streamline requirements.

CFR Citation: 15 CFR 924; 15 CFR 925; 15 CFR 935; 15 CFR 936; 15 CFR 938; 15 CFR 940; 15 CFR 941; 14 CFR 942; 15 CFR 953; 15 CFR 944

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Merged With RIN 0648-AI51	03/19/96	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 0648-AF23

645. ●STREAMLINING OF NATIONAL MARINE SANCTUARY PROGRAM REGULATIONS**Priority:** Other

Reinventing Government: This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will revise text in the CFR to reduce burden or duplication, or streamline requirements.

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1431 to 1434

CFR Citation: 15 CFR 922; 15 CFR 924; 15 CFR 925; 15 CFR 935; 15 CFR 936; 15 CFR 938; 15 CFR 940; 15 CFR 941; 15 CFR 942; 15 CFR 943; 15 CFR 944

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: NOAA is reviewing all sanctuary regulations to eliminate duplicative language and make the regulations more concise and easier to read.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	12/27/95	60 FR 66875
Final Action Effective	12/27/95	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 0648-AI51

646. NATURAL RESOURCE DAMAGE ASSESSMENT AND RESTORATION REGULATIONS**Priority:** Other Significant

CFR Citation: 15 CFR 990

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	01/05/96	61 FR 440
Final Action Effective	02/05/96	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 0648-AE13

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE (DOC)

Proposed Rule Stage

National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA)

647. THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT PROGRAM**Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 47 USC 901 et seq

CFR Citation: None

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The Telecommunications and Information Infrastructure Assistance Program (TIIAP) was established within NTIA pursuant to the Departments of Commerce, Justice, and State, the Judiciary, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act of 1994, P.L. 103-121, under NTIA's existing grant authority. P.L. 103-317 provided funds for TIIAP in FY 1995 to continue with the planning and construction of telecommunications and information infrastructure under NTIA's grant authority. The TIIAP is part of the President's plan for

telecommunications and information infrastructure development. Under the program, matching grants are awarded to enable State and local governments and nonprofit entities to help bring the capabilities of advanced telecommunications technologies to the public. In FY 1994 and 1995, \$24.4 million and \$35.7 million funds were awarded for a variety of demonstration and planning projects that provide the basis for connecting schools, libraries, health care facilities, museums, and other social and community services with interactive data, voice and video telecommunications capabilities. In FY 1996, TIIAP is funded under a continuing resolution, P.L. 104-99, which expires March 15, 1996, that includes \$21.5 million for the program. The program has not yet received a final appropriation for FY 1996.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Notice of FY 1994 Funding	03/04/94	59 FR 10562
Notice of FY 1995 Funding	02/10/95	60 FR 8156
Notice of FY 1996 Funding	02/29/96	61 FR 7950
NPRM	04/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected: Undetermined

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Proposed Rule Stage

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RIN: 0660-AA04

648. • PUBLIC TELECOMMUNICATIONS FACILITIES PROGRAM

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Reinventing Government: This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will revise text in the CFR to reduce burden or duplication, or streamline requirements.

Legal Authority: 47 USC 290 to 393; 47 USC 397

CFR Citation: 15 CFR 2301

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The Public Telecommunications Facilities Program (PTFP) is authorized under Public Telecommunications Financing Act of 1978, as amended, 47 U.S.C. 390-393, 397. PTFP supports the planning and construction of public telecommunications facilities in order to: (a) extend delivery of services to as

many citizens as possible by the most cost-effective means, including use of broadcast as well as nonbroadcast technologies; (b) increase public telecommunications services and facilities available to, operated by, and controlled by minorities and women; and (c) strengthen the capability of existing public TV and radio stations to provide public telecommunications services to the public. The program awards approximately \$20 million in grants annually and operates under rules established in 15 CFR part 2301. FY 1995 funds were appropriated pursuant to the Departments of Commerce, Justice, and State, the Judiciary, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act of 1995, P.L. 103-317. In FY 1996, PTFP is funded under a continuing resolution, P.L. 104-99, which expires March 15, 1995, that includes \$15.5 million for the program. The program has not yet received a final appropriation for FY 1996. As part of the National Performance Review, the program is reducing the regulatory burden on the public and plans to issue a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking

(NPRM) in March that will revise the programs regulations. PTFP will follow the NPRM with a Notice of Final Rules in June.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	04/00/96	
NPRM Comment Period End	04/00/96	
Final Action	07/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: Undetermined

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Completed Actions

National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA)

649. TRANSFER OF SPECTRUM FROM THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO THE FCC

Priority: Other Significant

CFR Citation: None

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Withdrawn - No action anticipated in 1996.	02/21/96	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE (DOC)

Proposed Rule Stage

Patent and Trademark Office (PTO)

650. 1996 CHANGES TO PATENT PRACTICE AND PROCEDURE

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Reinventing Government: This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will revise text in the CFR to reduce burden or duplication, or streamline requirements.

Legal Authority: 35 USC 6

CFR Citation: 37 CFR 1; 37 CFR 3; 37 CFR 5; 37 CFR 7

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The proposed rule changes would simplify requirements, rearrange

for better context, and eliminate unnecessary rules.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	04/00/96	
NPRM Comment Period End	06/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 0651-AA80

651. REVISION OF PATENT AND TRADEMARK FEES FOR FISCAL 1997

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 35 USC 41; 35 USC 1115; 35 USC 6; 35 USC 376; 35 USC 1051; 15 USC 1113; 15 USC 1123; PL 101-508; PL 102-204; PL 103-66

CFR Citation: 37 CFR 1.16; 37 CFR 1.17; 37 CFR 1.18; 37 CFR 1.19; 37 CFR 1.20; 37 CFR 1.21; 37 CFR 1.26; 37 CFR 1.445; 37 CFR 1.482; 37 CFR 1.492; 37 CFR 2.6

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Proposed Rule Stage

Legal Deadline: Final, Statutory, October 1, 1996.

Abstract: Amends rules of practice to revise patent statutory fees and most trademark fees to reflect fluctuations in the Consumer Price Index (CPI) and other nonstatutory patent fees to recover the average costs of providing the goods or services consistent with the Patent and Trademark Authorization Act of 1991 (Public Law 102-204).

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	04/00/96	
NPRM Comment Period End	05/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected: Undetermined

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RIN: 0651-AA82

652. • PATENT PROCESS REENGINEERING

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Reinventing Government: This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will revise text in the CFR to reduce burden or duplication, or streamline requirements.

Legal Authority: 35 USC 6

CFR Citation: 37 CFR 1

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: Implement changes required to support reengineered patent process.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	01/00/97	
NPRM Comment Period End	03/00/97	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 0651-AA84

653. • MISCELLANEOUS CHANGES TO TTAB RULES

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 15 USC 1123

CFR Citation: 37 CFR 2.76(a), (g), (h); 37 CFR 2.85(e); 37 CFR 2.87(b); 37 CFR 2.101(d)(1); 37 CFR 2.102(c), (d); 37 CFR 2.111(b), (c)(1); 37 CFR 2.117; 37 CFR 2.119(d); 37 CFR 2.120(a); 37 CFR 2.121(d); 37 CFR 2.122(b), (d); 37 CFR 2.123(b), (f); 37 CFR 2.127(b); 37 CFR 2.134(a); 37 CFR 2.146(e)(1); ...

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: These changes clarify TTAB rules, conform the rules to current practice, make minor modifications to simplify practice, and make minor corrections.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	08/00/96	
NPRM Comment Period End	09/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 0651-AA87

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Patent and Trademark Office (PTO)**

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654. COMMUNICATIONS WITH THE PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Reinventing Government: This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will revise text in the CFR to reduce burden or duplication, or streamline requirements.

Legal Authority: 35 USC 6

CFR Citation: 37 CFR 1.1; 37 CFR 1.5; 37 CFR 1.8; 37 CFR 1.10; 37 CFR 1.3; 37 CFR 1.9; 37 CFR 5.33; 37 CFR 10.23

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: Currently all letters and other communications intended for the Patent and Trademark Office must be addressed to "Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks," Washington, DC

20231. The proposed rule changes would: (1) provide separate mailing addresses for patents and trademarks; (2) provide a definition for "Federal holiday"; and (3) delete requirement for an "Express Mail" certificate.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	11/02/95	60 FR 55691
NPRM Comment Period End	01/02/96	
Final Action	05/00/96	
Final Action Effective	06/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

Additional Information: Merged with 0651-AA73, changes in Requirements for Addressing Trademark Applications and Trademark-Related papers.

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RIN: 0651-AA70

655. CHANGES TO IMPLEMENT 18-MONTH PUBLICATION OF PATENT APPLICATIONS

Priority: Other Significant

Legal Authority: 35 USC 6

CFR Citation: 37 CFR 1

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: Congress is considering legislation that would mandate early

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publication of pending patent applications, except those under secrecy order. Early publication will require printing some information about pending patent applications 18 months after the effective filing date of each patent application. This rulemaking implements that legislation.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Notice of Public Hearing and Request for Public Comments	12/12/94	59 FR 63966
NPRM	08/15/95	60 FR 42352
NPRM Comment Period End	09/19/95	
Final Rule	04/00/96	
Final Rule Effective	05/00/96	
Final Action	05/00/96	
Final Action Effective	07/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

Additional Information: This rulemaking incorporates RIN 0651-

AA62: Procedures for Amending Patent Applications. Two final rules will issue from this action.

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RIN: 0651-AA75

656. RULES OF PRACTICE IN PATENT CASES; REEXAMINATION PROCEEDINGS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 35 USC 6

CFR Citation: 37 CFR 1.901 to 1.907; 37 CFR 1.909; 37 CFR 1.911; 37 CFR 1.913; 37 CFR 1.915; 37 CFR 1.917; 37 CFR 1.919; 37 CFR 1.921; 37 CFR 1.923

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: Proposed rules establish procedures for the Commissioner to reexamine U.S. patents. The rules afford third parties opportunity for greater participation.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	08/11/95	60 FR 41035
NPRM Comment Period End	09/22/95	
Final Action	08/00/96	
Final Action Effective	10/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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Long-Term Actions

Patent and Trademark Office (PTO)

657. PATENT APPLICATION ELECTRONIC SUBMISSION RULES

Priority: Other Significant

Reinventing Government: This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will revise text in the CFR to reduce burden or duplication, or streamline requirements.

CFR Citation: 37 CFR 1; 37 CFR 2

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
ANPRM	11/30/92	57 FR 56537
ANPRM Comment Period End	03/01/93	
Next Action	Undetermined	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 0651-AA50

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Completed Actions

Patent and Trademark Office (PTO)

658. TRADEMARK PROCEDURES

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

CFR Citation: 37 CFR 2.24; 37 CFR 2.85(e); 37 CFR 2.102(e); 37 CFR 2.119; 37 CFR 2.146(d); 37 CFR 2.162(e); 37 CFR 2.183; 37 CFR 2.33; 37 CFR 2.111(b); 37 CFR 2.80; 37 CFR 2.187; 37 CFR 2.189

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Withdrawn for further study.	02/07/96	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 0651-AA46

659. CROSS APPEALS IN PTO DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Reinventing Government: This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will revise text in the CFR to reduce burden or duplication, or streamline requirements.

CFR Citation: 37 CFR 10.155

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	12/14/95	60 FR 64125
Final Action Effective	01/16/96	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 0651-AA65

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660. SIMPLIFICATION OF THE REQUIREMENTS CONCERNING THE FILING AND PROCESSING OF TRADEMARK APPLICATIONS, INTENT TO USE DOCUMENTS, AND PETITIONS**Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**Reinventing Government:** This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will revise text in the CFR to reduce burden or duplication, or streamline requirements.**CFR Citation:** 37 CFR 1.1; 37 CFR 1.6; 37 CFR 1.10; 37 CFR 1.8; 37 CFR 2**Completed:**

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Withdrawn for further study.	02/07/96	

Small Entities Affected: None**Government Levels Affected:** None**Agency Contact:** Lynne Beresford
Phone: 703 308-8900**RIN:** 0651-AA78**661. CHANGES IN PATENT APPLICATION EXAMINATION PROCEDURES****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**Reinventing Government:** This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will revise text in the CFR to reduce burden or duplication, or streamline requirements.**CFR Citation:** 37 CFR 1.17; 37 CFR 1.113; 37 CFR 1.116; 37 CFR 1.198**Completed:**

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Merged with RIN 0651-AA80	01/26/96	

Small Entities Affected: None**Government Levels Affected:** None**Agency Contact:** Stephen G. Kunin
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Fax: 703 305-8825**RIN:** 0651-AA81**662. • EXAMINATION GUIDELINES FOR COMPUTER-RELATED INVENTIONS****Priority:** Other Significant**Legal Authority:** 35 USC 6**CFR Citation:** None**Legal Deadline:** None**Abstract:** These guidelines are written to assist PTO personnel in the examination of patent applications drawn to computer related inventions.**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	02/28/96	61 FR 7478
Final Action Effective	03/29/96	

Small Entities Affected: None**Government Levels Affected:** None**Agency Contact:** Karen A. Buchanan,
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RIN: 0651-AA83**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE (DOC)
Technology Administration (TA)****Final Rule Stage****663. RIGHTS TO INVENTIONS MADE BY NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS AND SMALL BUSINESS FIRMS UNDER GOVERNMENT GRANTS, CONTRACTS, AND COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS****Priority:** Other Significant**Legal Authority:** 35 USC 206**CFR Citation:** 37 CFR 401**Legal Deadline:** None**Abstract:** The change to the rule permitting electronic reporting of inventions was published in the Federal Register on August 14, 1995 (60 FR 41811).**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
Interim Final Rule	08/14/95	60 FR 41811
Comment Period End	09/13/95	
Final Action	04/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: None**Government Levels Affected:** Federal**Agency Contact:** Jon Paugh, Acting
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Phone: 202 482-2100**RIN:** 0692-AA14**664. ACQUISITION AND PROTECTION OF FOREIGN RIGHTS IN INVENTIONS****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**Legal Authority:** EO 10096; 15 USC 3710d**CFR Citation:** 37 CFR 101; 37 CFR 501**Legal Deadline:** None**Abstract:** 37 CFR part 101 will be abolished and 37 CFR part 501 expanded to cover Federal employee foreign rights in inventions.**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	06/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: None**Government Levels Affected:** Federal**Agency Contact:** John H. Raubitschek,
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Fax: 202 482-0523**RIN:** 0692-AA15**665. LICENSING OF FOREIGN PATENTS ACQUIRED BY THE GOVERNMENT****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**Reinventing Government:** This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will revise text in the CFR to reduce burden or duplication, or streamline requirements.**Legal Authority:** EO 9865; 35 USC 207; 35 USC 208; 35 USC 209**CFR Citation:** 37 CFR 102; 37 CFR 404**Legal Deadline:** None**Abstract:** 37 CFR part 102 will be abolished because it conflicts with 37 CFR part 404.

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Final Rule Stage

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	06/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: Federal

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Long-Term Actions

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**666. PROMOTION OF PRIVATE
SECTOR INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGY
PARTNERSHIPS**

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

CFR Citation: 15 CFR 1160 subpart A

Timetable:

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