

adequate resources for implementation, and an expeditious compliance schedule, which are also requirements under part 70. Therefore, the EPA is also promulgating approval under section 112(l)(5) and 40 CFR 63.91 of the State's program for receiving delegation of section 112 standards that are unchanged from Federal standards as promulgated. This program for delegations only applies to sources covered by the part 70 program.

III. Administrative Requirements

Docket

Copies of the State's submittal and other information relied upon for the final interim approval, including the eight public comments received and reviewed by the EPA on the proposal, are contained in docket number OPP-2-9-1 maintained at the EPA Regional Office. The docket is an organized and complete file of \$100 million or more. Under Section 205, the EPA must select the most cost-effective and least burdensome alternative that achieves the objectives of the rule and is consistent with statutory requirements. Section 203 requires the EPA to establish a plan for informing and advising any small governments that may be significantly or uniquely impacted by the rule.

The EPA has determined that the approval action promulgated today does not include a Federal mandate that may result in estimated costs of \$100 million or more to either State, local, or tribal governments in the aggregate, or to the private sector. This Federal action approves pre-existing requirements under State or local law, and imposes no new Federal requirements. Accordingly, no additional costs to State, local, or tribal governments, or to the private sector, result from this action.

List of Subjects in 40 CFR Part 70

Environmental protection, Administrative practice and procedure, Air pollution control, Intergovernmental relations, Operating permits, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

Dated: August 25, 1995.

A. Stanley Meiburg,

Acting Regional Administrator (6RA).

Part 70, title 40 of the Code of Federal Regulations is amended as follows:

PART 70—[AMENDED]

1. The authority citation for part 70 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 42 U.S.C. 7401, *et seq.*

2. Appendix A to part 70 is amended by adding the entry for the State of Arkansas in alphabetical order to read as follows:

Appendix A to Part 70—Approval Status of State and Local Operating Permits Programs

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Arkansas

(a) The ADPCE submitted its Operating Permits program on November 9, 1993, for approval. Interim approval is effective on October 10, 1995. Interim approval will expire October 8, 1997.

(b) (Reserved)

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

50 CFR Part 301

[Docket No. 950106003-5070-02; I.D. 090195A]

Pacific Halibut Fisheries; Inseason Actions Off California, Oregon, and Washington

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

ACTION: Inseason actions.

SUMMARY: The Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, NOAA, on behalf of the International Pacific Halibut Commission (IPHC), publishes these inseason actions pursuant to IPHC regulations approved by the U.S. Government to govern the Pacific halibut fishery. These actions are intended to enhance the conservation of the Pacific halibut stock.

EFFECTIVE DATES: Area 2A non-treaty commercial fishery reopening 8 a.m. through 6 p.m., local time, August 29, 1995; north Washington coast sport fishery reopening 8 a.m., local time,

September 3, 1995, through 6 p.m., local time, September 4, 1995; Columbia River Area closure 6 p.m., local time, September 30, 1995, through December 31, 1995; California coastal waters closure 6 p.m., September 30, 1995 through December 31, 1995.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Steven Pennoyer, 907-586-7221; William W. Stelle, Jr., 206-526-6140; or Donald McCaughran, 206-634-1838.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The IPHC, under the Convention between the United States of America and Canada for the Preservation of the Halibut Fishery of the Northern Pacific Ocean and Bering Sea (signed at Ottawa, Ontario, on March 2, 1953), as amended by a Protocol Amending the Convention (signed at Washington, DC, on March 29, 1979), has issued these inseason actions pursuant to IPHC regulations governing the Pacific halibut fishery. The regulations have been approved by NMFS (60 FR 14651, March 20, 1995). On behalf of the IPHC, these inseason actions are published in the **Federal Register** to provide additional notice of its effectiveness, and to inform persons subject to the inseason actions of the restrictions and requirements established therein.

Inseason Actions

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Area 2A Non-Treaty Commercial Fishery to Reopen

The August 15 fishing period in Area 2A resulted in a catch of 25,000 lb (11.3 metric tons (mt)). The revised total commercial catch from Area 2A to date is 73,000 lb (33.11 mt), leaving approximately 32,000 lb (14.51 mt) to be taken.

Area 2A will reopen on August 29 for 10 hours from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. local time. The fishery is restricted to waters that are south of Point Chehalis, WA (46°53'18" N. lat.) under regulations promulgated by NMFS. Fishing period limits as indicated in the following table will be in effect for this opening.

Vessel class		Fishing period limit (lb)	
Length	Letter	Dressed, head-on	Dressed, head-off*
0-25	A	225	200
26-30	B	240	210
31-35	C	380	335
36-40	D	1,050	925
41-45	E	1,130	995
46-50	F	1,350	1,190
51-55	G	1,510	1,330
56+	H	2,275	2,000

*Weights are after 2 percent has been deducted for ice and slime if fish are not washed prior to weighing.

The appropriate vessel length class and letter is printed on each halibut license.

The fishing period limit is shown in terms of dressed, head-off weight as well as dressed, head-on weight, although fishermen are reminded that regulations require that all halibut from Area 2A be landed with the head on.

The fishing period limit applies to the vessel, not the individual fisherman, and any landings over the vessel limit will be subject to forfeiture and fine.

North Washington Coast Sport Fishery to Reopen

The North Washington Coast (waters west of the Bonilla-Tatoosh line and south to the Queets River) sport halibut fishery will reopen for 2 days, September 3 and 4, 1995. Approximately 7,000 lb (3.17 mt) of the 71,410 lb (32.20 mt) quota remain to be harvested. Catch and effort during previous openings on July 1 and July 29 were low, allowing an additional opening. The daily bag limit will be one halibut per person, with no size limit. All other published sport fishery regulations, including the closed area southwest of Cape Flattery, will be in effect.

Columbia River Area

This area (Leadbetter Point to Cape Falcon) remains open 7 days a week with a one fish daily bag limit and a minimum size limit of 32 inches (12.59 centimeters (cm)). Approximately 1,200 lb (.54 mt) of a 4,617 lb (2.09 mt) catch limit has been harvested. All reported landings have occurred in WA. This fishery will close September 30, 1995, or when the catch limit is reached, whichever occurs earlier.

California Coastal Waters

Coastal waters from the Oregon-California border remain open 7 days per week with a daily bag limit of one halibut and a minimum size limit of 32

inches (12.59 cm). This area will close for the year on September 30, 1995.

Dated: September 1, 1995.

Richard H. Schaefer,

Director, Office of Fisheries Conservation and Management, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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50 CFR Part 630

[Docket No. 950522139-5219-02; I.D. 042495B]

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Atlantic Swordfish Fishery; Quotas and Closure of Directed Fishery

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

ACTION: Interim and final rule; Annual quotas and closure; request for comments.

SUMMARY: By final rule, NMFS amends the regulations governing the Atlantic swordfish fishery by: 1) Reducing the total allowable catch (TAC) to 2,984 metric tons (mt); 2) increasing the swordfish bycatch limit to 15 fish for longline vessels when the directed longline swordfish fishery is closed; 3) providing authority for NMFS to modify the bycatch limit; 4) increasing the minimum notice of a closure to 14 days; and 5) reducing the minimum days allowed for the public comment on proposed quota adjustments to 30 days. By interim rule, NMFS amends the regulations to establish a 1996 trip limit of 31,600 pounds (lb) (14,334 kg) dressed weight of swordfish. The intent of this action is to protect the swordfish resource while allowing harvests of swordfish consistent with the recommendations of the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (ICCAT) and to provide authority to NMFS to make adjustments to the trip limits. NMFS also announces a closure of the directed swordfish fishery for longliners.

DATES: Effective September 8, 1995. The closure for the directed longline fishery for swordfish is effective from 12 noon on October 31, 1995 through 11:59 p.m. December 31, 1995.

Comments on the 1996 trip limits must be submitted by November 1, 1995, and will be considered in establishing final trip limits.

ADDRESSES: Copies of an Environmental Assessment/Regulatory Impact Review

(EA/RIR) supporting this action may be obtained from Richard B. Stone, Chief, Highly Migratory Species Management Division, Office of Fisheries Conservation and Management, National Marine Fisheries Service, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910. Comments on the interim rule for trip limits should be sent to the same address.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Ronald G. Rinaldo or Rebecca Lent, 301-713-2347, fax 301-713-0596.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

The Atlantic swordfish fishery is managed under the Fishery Management Plan for Atlantic Swordfish and its implementing regulations at 50 CFR part 630 under the authority of the Magnuson Fishery Conservation and Management Act (16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*) (Magnuson Act) and the Atlantic Tunas Convention Act (ATCA) (16 U.S.C. 971 *et seq.*). Regulations issued under the authority of ATCA carry out the recommendations of ICCAT.

Background information about the need for revisions to the regulations governing the Atlantic swordfish fishery was provided in the notice of proposed rulemaking (60 FR 29543, June 5, 1995) and is not repeated here.

These regulatory changes will improve NMFS' ability to implement the ICCAT recommendations and further the management objectives for the Atlantic swordfish fishery. NMFS has re-evaluated the annual TAC, the annual directed-fishery quota, the annual bycatch quota, bycatch limits in the non-directed fishery, and the harpoon gear set-aside quotas in the Atlantic swordfish fishery in accordance with the procedures and factors specified in 50 CFR 630.24(d), including consideration of the latest stock assessment and recommendations of ICCAT. The final regulations are summarized as follows:

1. Total Allowable Catch (TAC)

NMFS is decreasing the annual TAC by 449 mt to 2,984 mt. All weights are in dressed weight of swordfish, unless indicated otherwise. The TAC is divided between a directed-fishery quota of 2,730 mt and a bycatch quota of 254 mt. The directed-fishery quota is divided into two 1,365 mt semiannual quotas for each of the 6-month periods, January 1 through June 30, and July 1 through December 31. Each of the 1,365 mt semiannual quotas is further subdivided into a drift gillnet quota of