

List of Subjects in 49 CFR Part 571

Imports, Incorporation by reference, Motor vehicle safety, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Tires.

In consideration of the foregoing, NHTSA proposes to amend 49 CFR Chapter V as set forth below.

PART 571—FEDERAL MOTOR VEHICLE SAFETY STANDARDS

1. The authority citation for Part 571 would continue to read as follows:

Authority: 49 U.S.C. 322, 30111, 30115, 30166 and 30177; delegation of authority at 49 CFR 1.50.

2. A new section 571.401 would be added to Part 571, to read as follows:

§ 571.401 Standard No. 401; Internal trunk release.

S1. Purpose and scope. This standard establishes the requirement for providing a release mechanism inside the trunk compartment of a motor vehicle, so that people trapped inside the trunk will be able to unlatch the trunk.

S2. Application. This standard applies to passenger cars, multipurpose passenger vehicles, buses, and trucks that have a trunk lid.

S3. Definitions. Trunk lid means a movable body panel that provides access from outside the vehicle to a space wholly partitioned from the occupant compartment by a permanently attached partition or a fixed or fold-down seat back.

S4. Requirements. Each motor vehicle that has a trunk lid shall have a release mechanism inside the trunk compartment that unlatches the trunk lid. This internal trunk release must include a feature, like lighting or phosphorescence, that allows it to be easily seen inside the closed trunk.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration****50 CFR Part 216**

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Designation of the Cook Inlet, Alaska, Stock of Beluga Whale as Depleted Under the Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA) and Response to Petitions

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

ACTION: Proposed rule; request for comments; extension of comment period.

SUMMARY: On October 19, 1999, NMFS proposed to designate the Cook Inlet beluga whales as depleted under the MMPA. In response to requests from the public, NMFS is extending the comment period for 30 days.

DATES: Comments and information must be received by January 19, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be addressed to the Chief, Marine Mammal Division, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Michael Payne, NOAA/NMFS, Alaska Region, (907) 586-7235, or Brad Smith, NOAA/NMFS, Alaska Region, Anchorage Field Office, (907) 271-5006.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On October 19, 1999, NMFS proposed to designate the Cook Inlet, Alaska, stock of beluga whales as depleted under the MMPA (64 FR 56298). Subsequently, NMFS received several requests from the public to extend the comment period for an additional 30 days to allow the public more time to review and comment on the proposed designation. NMFS agrees that an additional 30 days for public comments is warranted and extends the comment period through January 19, 2000.

Dated: December 13, 1999.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration****50 CFR Part 622**

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Fisheries of the Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico, and South Atlantic; Reef Fish Fishery of the Gulf of Mexico; Amendment 17

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

ACTION: Notice of availability of Amendment 17 to the Fishery Management Plan for the Reef Fish Resources of the Gulf of Mexico; request for comments.

SUMMARY: NMFS announces that the Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council (Council) has submitted Amendment 17 to the Fishery Management Plan (FMP) for the Reef Fish Resources of the Gulf of Mexico for review, approval, and implementation by NMFS. Amendment 17 would extend the commercial reef fish vessel permit moratorium for 5 years to December 31, 2005. The current moratorium is scheduled to expire on December 31, 2000. The purpose of the moratorium is to provide a stable environment in the fishery for evaluation and development of a more comprehensive controlled access system for the entire commercial reef fish fishery.

DATES: Comments must be received no later than 5 p.m., eastern standard time, on February 15, 2000 at the appropriate address or fax number (See **ADDRESSES**).

ADDRESSES: Written comments must be mailed to the Southeast Regional Office, NMFS, 9721 Executive Center Drive N., St. Petersburg, FL 33702. Comments may also be sent via facsimile (fax) to 727-570-5583. Comments will not be accepted if submitted via e-mail or Internet.

Requests for copies of Amendment 17, which includes an environmental assessment and a regulatory impact review, should be sent to the Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council, 3018 U.S. Highway 301 North, Suite 1000, Tampa, Florida 33619-2266; phone: 813-228-2815; fax: 813-225-7015; e-mail: Gulf.Council@noaa.gov.

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