DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
50 CFR Part 648
[Docket No. 101029427–0609–02]
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Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Summer Flounder Fishery; Quota Transfer
AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.
ACTION: Temporary rule; quota transfer.
SUMMARY: NMFS announces that the State of North Carolina is transferring a portion of its 2011 commercial summer flounder quota to the Commonwealth of Virginia. By this action, NMFS adjusts the quotas and announces the revised commercial quota for each state involved.
FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Carly Bari, Fishery Management Specialist, (978) 281–9224.
SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Regulations governing the summer flounder fishery are found at 50 CFR part 648. The regulations require annual specification of a commercial quota that is apportioned among the coastal states from North Carolina through Maine. The process to set the annual commercial quota and the percent allocated to each state are described in § 648.100.
The final rule implementing Amendment 5 to the Summer Flounder, Scup, and Black Sea Bass Fishery Management Plan, which was published on December 17, 1993 (58 FR 65936), provided a mechanism for summer flounder quota to be transferred from one state to another. Two or more states, under mutual agreement and with the concurrence of the Administrator, Northeast Region, NMFS (Regional Administrator), can transfer or combine summer flounder commercial quota under § 648.100(d). The Regional Administrator is required to consider the criteria set forth in § 648.100(d)(3) in the evaluation of requests for quota transfers or combinations.
Maine has agreed to transfer 8,200 lb (3,719 kg) of its 2011 commercial quota to Rhode Island. This transfer was prompted by a diligent effort from Rhode Island to not overharvest its summer flounder commercial quota. The Regional Administrator has determined that the criteria set forth in § 648.100(d)(3) have been met. The revised summer flounder quotas for calendar year 2011 are: Rhode Island, 2,733,139 lb (1,239,731 kg); and Maine, 64 lb (29 kg).
Classification
This action is taken under 50 CFR part 648 and is exempt from review under Executive Order 12866.
Authority: 16 U.S.C. 1801 et seq.
Dated: December 23, 2011.
Alan D. Risenhoover,
Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
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50 CFR Part 648
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RIN 0648–XA887
Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Summer Flounder Fishery; Quota Transfer
AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.
ACTION: Temporary rule; quota transfer.
SUMMARY: NMFS announces that the State of Maine is transferring portions of their 2011 commercial summer flounder quota to the State of Rhode Island. By this action, NMFS adjusts the quotas and announces the revised commercial quota for each state involved.
FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Carly Bari, Fishery Management Specialist, (978) 281–9224.
SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Regulations governing the summer flounder fishery are found at 50 CFR part 648. The regulations require annual specification of a commercial quota that is apportioned among the coastal states from North Carolina through Maine. The process to set the annual commercial quota and the percent allocated to each state are described in § 648.100.
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
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50 CFR Part 660
[Docket No. 101206604–1758–02]
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Fisheries Off West Coast States; West Coast Salmon Fishery; Amendment 16 to the Salmon Fishery Management Plan
AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.
ACTION: Final rule.
SUMMARY: NMFS has prepared a final rule implementing Amendment 16 to the Salmon Fishery Management Plan for the directed taking of salmon in the Pacific Ocean. This action is necessary to ensure the sustainability of the directed taking quota and fishery. NMFS is determining the directed taking quota for the 2012 fishing year and identifying the species and areas that will be subject to the directed taking quota in the Pacific Ocean. The directed taking quota for specific species and areas will be published in the Federal Register in compliance with the Magnuson-Stevens Sustainable Fisheries Act.
DATES: Effective December 23, 2011.
FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Bill Marquardt, Fishery Management Specialist, (503) 820–8550.
SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Regulations governing the salmon fishery are found at 50 CFR part 660. The directed taking quota for specific species and areas is determined after an assessment of the current directed taking quota and after considering the directed taking quota for the 2011 fishing year. The directed taking quota is determined by the regional administrator, after consultation with the states and tribal governments that will be subject to the directed taking quota. The directed taking quota is based on the relative abundance of the different species and areas that will be subject to the directed taking quota.
Classification
This action is taken under 50 CFR part 660 and is exempt from review under Executive Order 12866.
Authority: 16 U.S.C. 1801 et seq.
Dated: December 23, 2011.
Bill Marquardt,
Fishery Management Specialist, (503) 820–8550.
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