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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), as amended, 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 April 1996 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 October 1996 regulatory agenda includes regulatory activities that are expected to be conducted during the period October 1, 1996, through September 30, 1997.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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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 July 19, 1996, the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) issued guidelines and procedures for the preparation and publication of the October 1996 Unified Agenda of Federal Regulatory and Deregulatory Actions. 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President directed agencies to conduct a page-by-page review of all regulations and eliminate or revise those that are outdated or otherwise in need of reform.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 October 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.

Department of Commerce Regulatory Plan

For this edition of the Department of Commerce's agenda, the most important significant regulatory actions are included in The Regulatory Plan, which appears in Part II of this issue of the Federal Register. The Regulatory Plan entries are listed in the Table of Contents below and are denoted by a bracketed bold reference, which directs the reader to the appropriate Sequence Number in Part II.

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 October 1996 regulatory agenda follows.

Dated: September 30, 1996.
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831	Amendment 33 to the FMP for the Groundfish Fishery of the BSAI and Amendment 37 to the FMP for Groundfish of the GOA	0648-AG41
832	Regulatory Amendment To Adjust Red Snapper Management Measures in the Gulf of Mexico for 1996 Season	0648-AG89
833	Generic Fishery Management Plan Amendment for the Definition of Traps in the Gulf of Mexico	0648-AG90
834	Amendment 26 to the FMP for the Groundfish Fishery of the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands and Amendment 29 to the FMP for the Groundfish Fishery of the Gulf of Alaska	0648-AH03
835	Amendment 8 to the Fishery Management Plan for the Summer Flounder Fishery	0648-AH05
836	Regulatory Amendment for Multiple "A" Pacific Groundfish Limited Entry Permits per Vessel	0648-AH07
837	Definition of "Safe Boarding Ladder" for Fisheries Regulations	0648-AH39
838	Enforcement of Permit Requirements and Other Provisions Governing the Northwestern Hawaiian Islands Bottomfish Fishery	0648-AH48
839	Weakfish Regulation for the Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ)	0648-AH58
840	Regulatory Amendment to Limited Access Management of Federal Fisheries In and Off of Alaska	0648-AH61
841	1996 Regulations for Pacific Halibut and Approval of Catch Sharing Plans	0648-AH64
842	FMP Amendment 38 for the Groundfish Fishery of the GOA	0648-AH68
843	Regulatory Amendment Regarding Exercise of Rights of Northwest Treaty Indian Tribes to Harvest Groundfish	0648-AH84
844	Fishery Management Plan for the Golden Crab Fishery Off the South Atlantic Region	0648-AH86
845	Consolidation of General Fishery Regulations of the United States	0648-AI17
846	Consolidation of Fisheries Regulations of Alaska	0648-AI18
847	Consolidation of Fisheries Regulations of the Pacific Coast and Western Pacific	0648-AI19
848	Consolidation of Fisheries Regulations of the Southeastern United States, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands	0648-AI20
849	Consolidation of Fisheries Regulations of the Northeastern United States	0648-AI21
850	Consolidation of International Fisheries Regulations	0648-AI22
851	1996 Total Allowable Catch of Atlantic Swordfish	0648-AI23
852	Fishery Management Plan for the Atlantic Surf Clam and Ocean Quahog Fisheries	0648-AI26
853	Amendment 9 to the Fishery Management Plan for the Atlantic Surf Clam and Ocean Quahog Fisheries	0648-AI27
854	1996 Atlantic Tuna Fisheries Quotas and Effort Controls	0648-AI29
855	Amendment 9 to the Western Pacific Crustacean Fishery Management Plan	0648-AI32
856	Annual Harvest Guideline for the Northwestern Hawaiian Islands Lobster Fishery	0648-AI33
857	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	0648-AI34
858	Management Measures for Commercial, Recreational, and Treaty Indian Salmon Fisheries Off the Coasts of Washington, Oregon, and California	0648-AI35
859	Transforming the Seafood Inspection Program Into a Performance Based Organization	0648-AI45
860	Regulatory Amendment To Include the City of Akutan as a Community Development Quota Community	0648-AI46
861	Amendment 45 to the FMP for the Groundfish Fishery of the Gulf of Alaska	0648-AI56
862	Amendment 42 to the FMP for the Groundfish Fishery of the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands and Amendment 42 to the FMP for the Groundfish Fishery of the Gulf of Alaska	0648-AI57
863	Regulatory Amendment To Delay the Start Date of the Offshore Bering Sea Pollock Non-Roe Season From August 15 to September 1	0648-AI58
864	Amendment 44 to the FMP for the Groundfish Fishery of the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands and Amendment 44 to the FMP for the Groundfish Fishery of the Gulf of Alaska	0648-AI63
865	Amendment 13 to the Fishery Management Plan for the Reef Fish Resources of the Gulf of Mexico	0648-AI71
866	Consolidation of Atlantic Striped Bass and Atlantic Coastal Fisheries Management Regulations	0648-AI72
867	Revision of Whaling Regulations to Update and Broaden Scope	0648-AI81
868	Regulatory Amendment to Implement Management Measures for 1996 Recreation Summer Flounder Fishery	0648-AI93
869	Amendment 7 to the Fishery Management Plan for the Northeast Multispecies Fisheries	0648-AI94
870	Implement Measure Containing Frame Work Adjustment 8 to the Atlantic Sea Scallop Fishery Management Plan ..	0648-AI98
871	Final Rule To Implement Framework Adjustment 15 to FMP to the Fishery Management Plan for the Northeast Multispecies Fishery	0648-AJ07
872	Amendment 8 to the Fishery Management Plan for the Reef Fish Resources of the Gulf of Mexico	0648-AJ17

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874	Processed Fishery Products, Processed Products Thereof & Certain Other Processed Food Products: U.S. Standards for Grades of Frozen Fish Blocks & Products Made Therefrom, Etc	0648-AA46
875	U.S. General Standards for Grades of Shrimp	0648-AA47
876	Fishermen's Protective Act, Fishing Vessel and Gear Damage Compensation Fund Claims Program	0648-AC73
877	U.S. General Standards for Grades of Finfish Products	0648-AD53
878	U.S. Standards for Grades of Frozen Fish Portions	0648-AD92
879	Certificate of Legal Origin for Anadromous Fish Products	0648-AD93
880	U.S. Standards for Grades of Whole or Dressed Fish	0648-AE69
881	U.S. Standards for Grades of North American Freshwater Catfish and Products Made Therefrom	0648-AE70
882	U.S. Standards for Grades of Fish Fillets	0648-AE71
883	Fishing Vessel Obligation Guarantee Program, Reinvention of Regulations	0648-AF48
884	Prescription of Fishways Under Section 18 of the Federal Power Act	0648-AG53
885	Financial Aid Program Procedures, Conditional Fisheries	0648-AI76
886	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	0648-AD11
887	Screening of Water Diversions To Protect Sacramento River Winter-Run Chinook Salmon	0648-AF80
888	Ocean Thermal Energy Conversion Licensing Program	0648-AI42
889	Coastal Zone Management Program Development and Approval Regulations	0648-AI43
890	National Weather Service Modernization Criteria for Automation Certification	0648-AF72

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891	Public Telecommunications Facilities Program	0660-AA09

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Sequence Number	Title	Regulation Identifier Number
892	The Telecommunications and Information Infrastructure Grant Program	0660-AA04

Patent and Trademark Office—Prerule Stage

Sequence Number	Title	Regulation Identifier Number
893	Requirements for Registration to Practice Before the PTO in Patent Cases	0651-AA93

Patent and Trademark Office—Proposed Rule Stage

Sequence Number	Title	Regulation Identifier Number
894	1996 Changes to Patent Practice and Procedure	0651-AA80
895	Patent Process Reengineering	0651-AA84
896	Miscellaneous Changes to TTAB Rules	0651-AA87
897	Changes Implementing International Acceptable Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Listings	0651-AA88
898	Limitations in Patent Claims	0651-AA91
899	Revision of Patent and Trademark Fees for Fiscal Year 1998	0651-AA92

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Patent and Trademark Office—Final Rule Stage

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

Patent and Trademark Office—Long-Term Actions

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

Patent and Trademark Office—Completed Actions

Sequence Number	Title	Regulation Identifier Number
903	Communications With the Patent and Trademark Office	0651-AA70
904	Revision of Patent and Trademark Fees for Fiscal 1997	0651-AA82
905	Elimination of Requirement for Proof of Service in Consented Request for Extensions of Time To File a Notice of Opposition	0651-AA89
906	Recordal Fees Associated With the Fastener Quality Act	0651-AA90

Technology Administration—Final Rule Stage

Sequence Number	Title	Regulation Identifier Number
907	Rights to Inventions Made by Nonprofit Organizations and Small Business Firms Under Government Grants, Contracts, and Cooperative Agreements	0692-AA14
908	Acquisition and Protection of Foreign Rights in Inventions	0692-AA15
909	Licensing of Foreign Patents Acquired by the Government	0692-AA16

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Sequence Number	Title	Regulation Identifier Number
910	Promotion of Private Sector Industrial Technology Partnerships	0692-AA13
911	Licensing of Government-Owned Inventions	0692-AA17

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

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**623. • STREAMLINING OF
COMMERCE ACQUISITION PROCESS**

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: 41 USC 251

CFR Citation: 48 CFR 1301 to 1353

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The Department has reengineered its acquisition processes and is planning to implement the new processes Departmentwide. The Department is also testing the effectiveness of the new processes at

two pilot sites within the agency. The intended effect is to create a more customer-friendly acquisition process that is less complex, less time consuming and less expensive for the Department as well as the vendor community, and is more responsive to meeting the Department's program objectives. In order to implement the new processes on a Departmentwide

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basis a class deviation to the Federal Acquisition Regulations provisions is required. The Department will request public comment on the changes. Commerce Acquisition Regulation (48 CFR 13) will be amended to incorporate the reengineered acquisition processes. A draft of changes to the regulation will be published for public comment prior to issuance of the final regulation.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
ANPRM	11/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected: Undetermined

Sectors Affected: All

Procurement: This is a procurement-related action for which there is no statutory requirement. The agency has

not yet determined whether there is a paperwork burden associated with this action.

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

Final Rule Stage

624. • GUIDELINES FOR EMPOWERMENT CONTRACTING

Priority: Other Significant

Legal Authority: EO 13005, Empowerment Contracting

CFR Citation: None

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The purpose of Executive Order 13005 is to strengthen the economy and secure broad-based competition for Federal contractors in economically distressed communities. The Order charged the Secretary of Commerce, in consultation with Secretaries of Housing and Urban Development, Labor and Defense and the Administrators of the General Service Administration, the National

Aeronautics and Space Administration, the Small Business Administration, and the Office of Federal Procurement Policy, to develop policies and procedures to ensure that Federal agencies, when awarding contracts in unrestricted competitions, grant qualified large and small businesses appropriate price or evaluation incentives to encourage business activity in areas of general economic distress. The Department plans to issue guidelines which will serve as the basis for a proposed revision to the Federal Acquisition Regulation.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	09/13/96	61 FR 48463

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM Comment Period End	12/01/96	61 FR 55616
Final Action	02/00/97	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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

Long-Term Actions

625. 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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Office of the Secretary (OS)**

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

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

CFR Citation: 48 CFR 1301 to 1353

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Withdrawn	08/26/96	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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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Completed Actions

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627. • CIVIL MONETARY PENALTY INFLATION ADJUSTMENTS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: PL 101-410, as amended; PL 104-134

CFR Citation: Not yet determined

Legal Deadline: Final, Statutory, October 23, 1996.

Abstract: This final rule will adjust each civil monetary penalty provided by law within the jurisdiction of the Department of Commerce.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Final Action Effective	10/23/96	
Final Action	10/24/96	61 FR 55092

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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

Proposed Rule Stage

628. 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	10/17/96	61 FR 54109
NPRM Comment Period End	11/18/96	
Final Action	12/00/96	
Final Action Effective	01/00/97	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: State, Local

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629. • ANNUAL SURVEY OF ROYALTIES, LICENSE FEES, AND OTHER RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR INTANGIBLE RIGHTS BETWEEN U.S. AND UNAFFILIATED FOREIGN PERSONS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 22 USC 3101 to 3108, Intl Investment & Trade in Svc Act

CFR Citation: 15 CFR 801

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This is annual survey of international transactions with unaffiliated foreign persons involving rights to use patents, trademarks, copyrights, and other intangible property (BE-93), which will cover transactions beginning in 1997. It is conducted to obtain data that are needed for compiling the balance of payments and national income and product accounts, and will be used in developing U.S. trade policy and supporting U.S. trade policy initiatives. Consideration is being given to expanding coverage to include transactions in copyrights and other intellectual property rights that are related to computer software. At present, such transactions are covered on another BEA survey, which would be revised simultaneously.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	08/00/97	
NPRM Comment Period End	10/00/97	
Final Action	12/00/97	
Final Action Effective	01/00/98	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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630. • BENCHMARK SURVEY OF FOREIGN DIRECT INVESTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES—1997

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 22 USC 3101 to 3108 International Investment & Trade in Svc Act

CFR Citation: 15 CFR 806

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This action will amend existing 15 CFR 806.17 to provide for the conduct of the BE-12, Benchmark Survey of Foreign Direct Investment in the United States-1997, as required in the International Investment and Trade in Services Survey Act, 22 USC 3101 to 3108 (see especially section 4(b) or the Act). The existing rule covers a similar survey for 1992 which has been completed and which the new survey will update.

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Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	06/00/97	
NPRM Comment Period End	08/00/97	
Final Action	10/00/97	
Final Action Effective	11/00/97	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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631. • ANNUAL SURVEY OF SELECTED SERVICES TRANSACTIONS WITH UNAFFILIATED FOREIGN PERSONS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 22 USC 3101 International Investment & Trade in Svcs Survey Act

CFR Citation: 15 CFR 801

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This is the annual survey of selected services transactions with unaffiliated foreign persons (BE-22), which will cover transactions beginning in 1997. It is conducted to obtain annual sample 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 will be used to produce universe level estimates for 1997 and beyond based on data reported in the proposed 1996 BE-20 benchmark survey of selected services. The data are needed to compile the balance of payments and

national income and product accounts, and to support U.S. trade policy. Categories of services covered on the BE-22 survey may be modified to bring them into conformity with the proposed 1996 BE-20 survey.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	08/00/97	
NPRM Comment Period End	10/00/97	
Final Action	12/00/97	
Final Action Effective	01/00/98	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: State, Local

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE (DOC)

Proposed Rule Stage

Bureau of the Census (CENSUS)

632. 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:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	06/00/97	
NPRM Comment Period End	07/00/97	

Small Entities Affected: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected: None

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633. 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:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	03/00/97	
NPRM Comment Period End	04/00/97	

Small Entities Affected: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected: Undetermined

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634. 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:

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

Small Entities Affected: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected: Undetermined

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE (DOC)

Final Rule Stage

Bureau of the Census (CENSUS)

635. 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 30.80

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:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	07/10/96	61 FR 36318

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

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE (DOC)

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Bureau of the Census (CENSUS)

636. CUTOFF DATES FOR RECOGNITION OF BOUNDARY CHANGES FOR THE 2000 DECENNIAL CENSUS OF POPULATION AND HOUSING

Priority: Info./Admin./Other

CFR Citation: 15 CFR 70.1 to 70.3

Timetable: Next Action Undetermined

Small Entities Affected: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected: Undetermined

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637. 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.

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

Timetable: Next Action Undetermined

Small Entities Affected: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected: Federal

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638. • SPECIAL SERVICES AND STUDIES BY THE BUREAU OF THE CENSUS; GENERAL

Priority: Info./Admin./Other

Legal Authority: 15 USC 1526; 13 USC 8

CFR Citation: 15 CFR 50.1(d)

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: Chapter 1, part 50.1(d) should be amended to read as follows: If a search is unsuccessful and additional information for a further search is requested by the Bureau, such information must be received within 90 days of the request or the case will be considered closed. Additional

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information received after 90 days must be accompanied by a new fee and will be considered a new request.

Timetable: Next Action Undetermined

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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639. • FURNISHING PERSONAL CENSUS DATA FROM CENSUS OF POPULATION SCHEDULES; GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

Priority: Info./Admin./Other

Unfunded Mandates: Undetermined

Legal Authority: 13 USC 8

CFR Citation: 15 CFR 80.1(c)

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: Chapter 1, part 80.1(c): Change the address from Pittsburg, Kansas 66762 to Jeffersonville, Indiana 47131.

Timetable: Next Action Undetermined

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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640. • FURNISHING PERSONAL CENSUS DATA FROM CENSUS OF POPULATION SCHEDULES; GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

Priority: Info./Admin./Other

Unfunded Mandates: Undetermined

Legal Authority: 13 USC 8

CFR Citation: 15 CFR 80.1(g)

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: Chapter 1, part 80.1(g): The language may be clarified by changing it to read: Census information will not be furnished to another person unless the person to whom the information relates authorizes such release in the space provided on the Form BC-600.

Timetable: Next Action Undetermined

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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641. • SPECIAL SERVICES AND STUDIES BY THE BUREAU OF THE CENSUS; FEE STRUCTURE FOR AGE SEARCH AND CITIZENSHIP INFORMATION

Priority: Info./Admin./Other

Unfunded Mandates: Undetermined

Legal Authority: 15 USC 1526; 13 USC 8

CFR Citation: 15 CFR 50.5

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: Chapter 1, part 50.5: the note following the chart of the fee structure can be eliminated since we have not had a fee increase since February 1993.

Timetable: Next Action Undetermined

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE (DOC)

Final Rule Stage

Economic Development Administration (EDA)

642. • GENERAL REQUIREMENTS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE— EXCESS CAPACITY

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 42 USC 3211; 43 USC 3212

CFR Citation: 13 CFR 316

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: EDA intends to clarify its rule regarding studies, reports, and exemptions necessary pursuant to its statutory requirement that financial

assistance is not extended to any project when the result would be to increase the production of goods, materials, or commodities, or the availability of services or facilities in excess of the demand for such goods or services.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Interim Final Rule	11/00/96	
Final Action	01/00/97	
Final Action Effective	01/00/97	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: State, Local, Tribal

Sectors Affected: Multiple

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE (DOC)
General Administration (ADMIN)

Final Rule Stage

643. 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.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Interim Final Rule	11/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE (DOC)
General Administration (ADMIN)

Completed Actions

644. COST PRINCIPLES FOR STATE, LOCAL, AND INDIAN TRIBAL GOVERNMENTS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant
CFR Citation: 15 CFR 24

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	05/24/96	61 FR 26095
Final Action Effective	05/24/96	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: State, Local, Tribal

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE (DOC)
International Trade Administration (ITA)

Proposed Rule Stage

645. PROPOSED CHANGE IN DEFINITION OF SCIENTIFIC INSTRUMENTS AND APPARATUS 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 change the definitions of scientific instruments and apparatus to include components for instruments too large to be preassembled.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	12/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE (DOC)
International Trade Administration (ITA)

Final Rule Stage

646. 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	12/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: None
Government Levels Affected: None

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647. ANTIDUMPING DUTIES; COUNTERVAILING DUTIES

Regulatory Plan: This entry is Seq. No. 13 in Part II of this issue of the Federal Register.

RIN: 0625-AA45

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE (DOC)
International Trade Administration (ITA)

Completed Actions

648. 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
Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	10/30/96	61 FR 55883
Final Action Effective	10/30/96	

Small Entities Affected: None
Government Levels Affected: None
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649. • LAPSE OF AUTHORITY PROVISIONS; INACTIVE FOREIGN TRADE ZONES

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant
Legal Authority: 19 USC 81a to 81u
CFR Citation: 15 CFR 400
Legal Deadline: None
Abstract: The Foreign Trade Zones Board plans to issue an interpretative rule to help administer the "lapse provision" adopted as part of the Foreign Trade Zone Board's regulations issued in 1991 (to take effect on November 8, 1996). The interpretative rule will not change the lapse provision, but will clarify how it works and indicate the procedures for its implementation. The Board received comments from most of the zone grantees initially affected that indicate, despite no actual shipments under FTZ procedures, their FTZ projects were still an active part of State/local economic development programs, and

they wish to take the appropriate steps necessary to avoid losing FTZ authority. The interpretative rule will set forth guidelines and procedures to provide an alternative form of FTZ activation for projects that are actively offering FTZ services as well as a reinstatement period prior to termination of authority.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	10/11/96	61 FR 53305
Final Action Effective	10/11/96	

Small Entities Affected: None
Government Levels Affected: None

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

Proposed Rule Stage

650. 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	11/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

Sectors Affected: Multiple

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651. 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 14, 1995 (61 FR 42527)

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 Period End	01/23/95	
NPRM	11/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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

Final Rule Stage

652. 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; Note of August 14, 1996, (61 FR 42527)

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
NPRM Comment Period End	10/26/89	
Final Action	12/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 0694-AA11

653. 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 14, 1996 (61 FR 42527)

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	11/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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654. EXPORTS TO IRAN; SYRIA AND SUDAN, REVISION OF FOREIGN POLICY CONTROL

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 14, 1996, (60 FR 42527)

CFR Citation: 15 CFR 771; 15 CFR 785; 15 CFR 799

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The Bureau of Export Administration is amending the Export Administration Regulations by imposing foreign policy controls on exports to Sudan under section 6(a) and by reflecting controls imposed in 1993. Sudan under section 6(j) of the Export Administration Act of 1979, as amended (EAA). This provision is consistent with the Secretary of State's determination that the Government of Sudan has repeatedly provided support for acts of international terrorism. The decision to extend foreign policy controls on exports to Sudan under section 6(a) of the EAA was notified to the Congress on January 21, 1996 in the Department of Commerce Annual Foreign Policy Report and incorporated by an interim rule publisher in the Federal Register on March 25, 1996 (61 FR 12714).

In addition this rule modifies the licensing policy to Syria for items subject to nuclear weapons proliferation controls and eliminates certain general license eligibility provisions for Iran.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	12/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 0694-AA62

655. 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 14, 1995 (61 FR 42527)

CFR Citation: 15 CFR 730 to 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	03/28/94	
Period End		
NPRM	05/11/95	60 FR 25268
NPRM Comment	07/10/95	
Period End		
Interim Final Rule	03/25/96	61 FR 12714
Final Action	11/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 0694-AA67

656. 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 14, 1996 (61 FR 42527)

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.

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Final Rule Stage

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	12/00/96	

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

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RIN: 0694-AA77

657. 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 14, 1996 (61 FR 42527)

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	11/00/96	

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

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658. 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 14, 1995 (61 FR 42527)

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	12/00/96	

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

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RIN: 0694-AB10

659. 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 14, 1996 (61 FR 42527)

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	12/00/96	

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

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RIN: 0694-AB12

660. 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 14, 1996, (61 FR 42527)

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	12/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 0694-AB15

661. 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 14, 1995, (61 FR 42527)

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	12/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 0694-AB16

662. 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 14, 1996, (61 FR 42527)

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	12/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 0694-AB19

663. 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 14, 1996 (60 FR 42527)

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	11/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 0694-AB23

664. 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 14, 1996 (61 FR 42527)

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.

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Final Rule Stage

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	11/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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665. 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 14, 1996 (61 FR 42527)

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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666. 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 14, 1995 (61 FR 42527)

CFR Citation: 15 CFR 700 to 799

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	12/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 0694-AB26

667. 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 14, 1996 (61 FR 42527)

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	12/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 0694-AB28

668. 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 14, 1995 (61 FR 42527)

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	11/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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669. 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 14, 1996 (61 FR 42527)

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	11/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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670. 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 14, 1996 (61 FR 42527)

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
Final Action	12/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 0694-AB40

671. 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 14, 1996 (61 FR 42527)

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
Final Action	12/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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Final Rule Stage

672. 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 14, 1996 (61 FR 42527)**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 from 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
Final Action	12/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: None**Government Levels Affected:** None**Agency Contact:** James A. Lewis, Director, Office of Strategic Trade and Foreign Policy Controls, Department of Commerce, Bureau of Export Administration, Washington, DC 20230
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Email: JLewis@BXA.DOC.GOV**RIN:** 0694-AB42**673. 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 14, 1996 (61 FR 42527)**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	11/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: None**Government Levels Affected:** None**Agency Contact:** James A. Lewis, Director, Office of Strategic Trade and Foreign Policy Controls, Department of Commerce, Bureau of Export Administration, Washington, DC 20230
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Email: JLewis@BXA.DOC.GOV**RIN:** 0694-AB43**674. • REVISIONS TO THE COMMERCE CONTROL LIST: EXPORT OF MIXTURES CONTAINING TRACE QUANTITIES OF PRECURSOR CHEMICALS****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 14, 1996 (61 FR 42527)**CFR Citation:** 15 CFR 700 to 799**Legal Deadline:** None**Abstract:** This rule will amend the Commerce Control List of the Export Administration Regulations to implement a new "trace chemical" exemption under Export Control Classification Number 1C350. No

license is required for mixtures that contain no more than 10,000 parts by weight per million, of a precursor or intermediate chemical listed in ECCN 1C350. Such mixtures are controlled under ECCN 1C995. This will eliminate license requirements for many common commercial products while focusing controls on those mixtures that contain significant quantities of precursor chemicals.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	11/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: None**Government Levels Affected:** None**Agency Contact:** Nancy Crowe, Export Policy Analyst, Department of Commerce, Bureau of Export Administration, Washington, DC 20230
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Fax: 202 482-3355**RIN:** 0694-AB46**675. • LICENSING OF, AND EXPANSION OF NATIONAL SECURITY AND FOREIGN POLICY CONTROLS ON, RECOVERABLE ENCRYPTION SOFTWARE****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 14, 1996 (61 FR 42527)**CFR Citation:** 15 CFR 700 to 799**Legal Deadline:** None**Abstract:** This rule will amend the Export Administration Regulations by imposing enhanced national security and foreign policy controls on certain recoverable encryption to supplement the national security controls on those items. This rule will also amend the FAR to exclude recoverable encryption software from the de minimis provisions for exports from abroad of foreign-origin software incorporating U.S.-origin software. In addition, this rule amends the Commerce Control List by adding ECCNs to control recoverable encryption software transferred from the U.S. Munitions List.**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
Interim Final Rule	11/00/96	

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Final Rule Stage

Small Entities Affected: None
Government Levels Affected: None
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676. • INCORPORATION OF THE WASSENAAR ARRANGEMENT INTO CATEGORY 2 OF THE COMMERCE CONTROL LIST; EXPANSION OF LICENSE EXCEPTION CIV

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(e); EO 12924; Notice of August 14, 1996 (61 FR 42527)
CFR Citation: 15 CFR 774

Legal Deadline: None
Abstract: This rule revises the Export Administration Regulation (EAR) by incorporating the Wassenaar Arrangement into the regulations, and by expanding License Exception CIV

eligibility to include: certain numerically controlled machine tools; units specially designed for machine tools; and certain spin forming and flow forming machines. The incorporation of the Wassenaar Arrangement and the expansion of License Exception CIV to include additional items will reduce paperwork and licensing delays for exporters, and will focus controls on exports that are of direct strategic concern.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	11/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: None
Government Levels Affected: None
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677. • CLARIFICATION OF LICENSE EXCEPTION GFT (HUMANITARIAN DONATIONS)

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 14, 1996 (61 FR 42527)

CFR Citation: 15 CFR 740

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This rule amends the Export Administration Regulations by clarifying the terms and conditions of applying to the shipment of humanitarian donations under license exception GFT. This rule provides guidance on the types of donors, end-users, and items that are eligible for this license exception.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	11/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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

Long-Term Actions

678. CHEMICAL WEAPONS CONVENTION IMPLEMENTING REGULATIONS (ENFORCEMENT)

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant
CFR Citation: Not yet determined
Timetable: Next Action Undetermined
Small Entities Affected: None
Government Levels Affected: None
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679. • FURTHER EXPANSION OF GENERAL LICENSE GLX

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 1701 et seq; 22 USC 3201 et seq; 42 USC 2139(a); 43 USC 1354; 50 USC ap 2401 et seq; 46 USC 466(c); EO 12924; Notice of August 14, 1996 (61 FR 42527)
CFR Citation: 15 CFR 730 to 799
Legal Deadline: None
Abstract: Additional items on the Wassenaar Arrangement Basic List will be made general license GLX-eligible

under this rule change. Final list of these items TBD.

Timetable:

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

Small Entities Affected: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected: Undetermined

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE (DOC)
Bureau of Export Administration (BXA)
Completed Actions
680. COMPUTER REFORM OF EXPORT CONTROL; ESTABLISHMENT OF GENERAL LICENSE G-CTP

Priority: Other Significant

CFR Citation: 15 CFR 700 to 799

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	01/25/96	61 FR 2099

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 0694-AB36

681. BIOLOGICAL WARFARE EXPERTS GROUP MEETING: IMPLEMENTATION OF CHANGES TO THE EXPORT ADMINISTRATION REGULATION; ECCNS, 1C991, 1C61B, 1B71E, AND 1C91F

Priority: Other Significant

CFR Citation: 15 CFR 700 to 799

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	08/08/96	61 FR 41326
Final Action Effective	08/08/96	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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682. EXPANSION OF GENERAL LICENSE GFW; SEMICONDUCTOR MANUFACTURING EQUIPMENT

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

CFR Citation: 15 CFR 700 to 799

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	02/14/96	61 FR 5677
Final Action Effective	02/14/96	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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683. • EXPORTS OF ALASKAN NORTH SLOPE CRUDE OIL; ESTABLISHMENT OF GENERAL LICENSE AND LICENSE EXCEPTION ANS

Priority: Other Significant

Legal Authority: PL 105-58, 30 November 1995

CFR Citation: 15 CFR 754.2; 15 CFR 758.3; 15 CFR 762.2

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: On May 31, 1996, BXA amended the short supply provisions of

the Export Administration Regulations (ERA) to modify restrictions on the export of Alaskan North Slope (ANS) crude oil and establish License Exception TAPS authorizing such exports with certain conditions. The License Exception TAPS is based on: (1) Public Law 104-58, which allows for the export of crude oil transported by pipeline over right-of-way granted pursuant to section 203 of the Trans-Alaska Pipeline Authorization Act (TAPS); (2) the President's April 28, 1996 determination that exports are in the national interest; and (3) the President's direction to the Secretary of Commerce to issue a License Exception with conditions for the export of TAPS crude oil.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	05/31/96	61 FR 27255

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE (DOC)
National Institute of Standards & Technology (NIST)
Completed Actions
684. FASTENER QUALITY

Priority: Other Significant

CFR Citation: 15 CFR 280

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	09/26/96	61 FR 50538
Final Action Effective	11/25/96	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE (DOC)

Prerule Stage

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)

NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE

685. • PROPOSED RULE TO IMPLEMENT AMENDMENT 6 TO THE FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR ATLANTIC MACKEREL, SQUID, AND BUTTERFISH FISHERIES

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1801 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 648

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: Amendment 6 would revise overfishing definitions for Loligo and Illex squid and Butterfish and

implement management measures that would close the directed fisheries for Loligo and Illex squid and Butterfish when 95 percent of the domestic annual harvest is taken (as opposed to the current closure when 80 percent is taken), implement a 10 percent bycatch restriction per trip of the species for which the fishery is closed and allow the Regional Director to impose seasonal closures in the Illex Fishery.

Timetable:

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

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	11/00/96	
Final Action	12/00/96	
Final Action Effective	01/00/97	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: Undetermined

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RIN: 0648-AJ06

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE (DOC)

Proposed Rule Stage

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)

NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE

686. 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: 50 CFR 622

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: (1) requirement that Caribbean conch resources be landed in the shell; (2) minimum commercial fishery size limit for queen conch; (3) recreational fishery daily bag limit; (4) daily harvest limits for the commercial fishery; (5) seasonal closure to protect spawning conch; and (6) gear restrictions.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	10/00/96	

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

Small Entities Affected: Businesses

Government Levels Affected: Undetermined

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RIN: 0648-AD91

687. 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	10/00/96	
NPRM Comment	11/00/96	
Period End		

Action	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	12/00/96	
Final Action Effective	04/00/97	

Small Entities Affected: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected: Undetermined

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RIN: 0648-AE09

688. 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	06/00/97	
NPRM Comment	07/00/97	
Period End		

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Proposed Rule Stage

Small Entities Affected: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected:
Undetermined

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RIN: 0648-AF41

689. REGULATORY AMENDMENT TO IMPLEMENT TRAWL MESH RESTRICTIONS FOR THE BSAI TRAWL FISHERIES

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1801 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 679

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This regulatory amendment specifies minimum trawl mesh size to reduce bycatch of undersized fish and reduce waste in the Alaska groundfish fisheries.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	11/00/96	
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-AF57

690. 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	07/00/97	
NPRM Comment Period End	08/00/97	

Small Entities Affected: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected:
Undetermined

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RIN: 0648-AF87

691. 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	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-AF88

692. 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 660

Legal Deadline: NPRM, Statutory. Final, Statutory.

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

Abstract: If legislation permits, 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	08/00/97	
NPRM Comment Period End	09/00/97	
Final Action	02/00/98	
Final Action Effective	03/00/98	

Small Entities Affected: Businesses

Government Levels Affected: Federal

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RIN: 0648-AF90

693. AMENDMENT 8 TO THE FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR COASTAL MIGRATORY PELAGIC RESOURCES OF THE GULF OF MEXICO AND SOUTH ATLANTIC (FMP)

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1801 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 622

Legal Deadline: NPRM, Statutory. Final, Statutory.

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

DOC—NOAA

Proposed Rule Stage

Abstract: Amendment 8 would: Establish a 5-year moratorium on issuing new commercial permit for the king mackerel fishery (Gulf of Mexico and South Atlantic exclusive economic zone); revise the FMP framework rulemaking procedure to change overfishing and optimum yield definitions, the type of measures that can be modified, and other changes; specify allowable gear for Atlantic group king and Spanish mackerel and other FMP-managed species and restrict incidental catches by non-conforming gear to applicable bag limits; extend the northern limit of the cobia management area to the New York/Connecticut boundary; change the eligibility and transfer requirements for commercial mackerel fishery permits; establish commercial fishery trip limits for Atlantic group king mackerel; and give the South Atlantic Fishery Management Council authority to recommend annual management measures for Gulf group king mackerel in the November-March fishery off Florida's east coast.

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

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RIN: 0648-AG25

694. 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 622

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 vermillion 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 acceptable use of bottom longlines in the south Atlantic.

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

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RIN: 0648-AG27

695. REGULATORY AMENDMENT TO ESTABLISH A CERTIFICATION PROGRAM FOR AT-SEA SCALES

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1801 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 679

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: Regulatory amendment to establish requirements for testing and certifying scales used by processor vessels to comply with requirements to weigh catch at sea.

Timetable:

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

Action	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	04/00/97	
Final Action Effective	05/00/97	

Small Entities Affected: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected: Undetermined

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RIN: 0648-AG32

696. GENERAL PROVISIONS FOR DOMESTIC FISHERIES—STANDARD DEFINITIONS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1801 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 600

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
NPRM	01/00/97	
NPRM Comment Period End	02/00/97	
Final Action	03/00/97	
Final Action Effective	04/00/97	

Small Entities Affected: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected: Undetermined

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Phone: 301 713-2334 Department of Commerce, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Phone: 301 713-2339

RIN: 0648-AG46

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

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1801 et seq

DOC—NOAA

Proposed Rule Stage

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 660

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 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	04/00/97	
NPRM Comment Period End	05/00/97	
Final Action	07/00/97	
Final Action Effective	08/00/97	

Small Entities Affected: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected: Undetermined

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RIN: 0648-AG81

698. 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 660

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	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-AG85

699. 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 622

Legal Deadline: NPRM, Statutory. Final, Statutory.

NPRM 15 days and final action 110 days from receipt from a Region 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 in the exclusive economic zone of the Caribbean.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	02/00/97	
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-AG87

700. 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 622

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	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

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-AG88

701. REGULATORY AMENDMENT ALLOWING YEAR-ROUND INDIVIDUAL FISHING QUOTA FISHING IN THE ALEUTIAN ISLANDS AREA

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1801 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 679

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	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-AG97

702. REGULATORY AMENDMENT TO INCREASE INDIVIDUAL FISHERY QUOTA LIMITS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1801 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 679

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: Increase personal/vessel use limits to relieve potentially unnecessary restrictions on halibut and sablefish fixed gear Individual Fishing Quota use.

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

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-AH02

703. AMENDMENT 9 TO THE SUMMER FLOUNDER, SCUP, AND BLACK SEA BASS FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLAN

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1801 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 637; 50 CFR 648

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	08/21/96	61 FR 43217
NPRM Comment Period End	10/07/96	
Final Action	11/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected:
Undetermined

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RIN: 0648-AH06

704. 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 660

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. This includes requiring that all groundfish species caught be sorted and copies of fish tickets be kept on board the vessel.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	06/00/97	
NPRM Comment Period End	07/00/97	
Final Action	09/00/97	
Final Action Effective	10/00/97	

Small Entities Affected: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected:
Undetermined

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RIN: 0648-AH21

705. 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 679

Legal Deadline: NPRM, Statutory. Final, Statutory.

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

Abstract: Amendment authorized measures to implement trawl closures in the Bristol Bay area to reduce the bycatch of female and softshell red king crab and to protect crab habitat. The amendment also revises the red king crab bycatch limit.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	09/12/96	61 FR 48113
NPRM Comment Period End	10/28/96	
Final Action	12/00/96	
Final Action Effective	01/00/97	

Small Entities Affected: Businesses

Government Levels Affected: None

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-AH28

706. 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 622

Legal Deadline: NPRM, Statutory. Final, Statutory.

DOC—NOAA

Proposed Rule Stage

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, particularly red snapper, 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	06/00/97	
NPRM Comment Period End	07/00/97	
Final Action	09/00/97	
Final Action Effective	10/00/97	

Small Entities Affected: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected: Undetermined

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RIN: 0648-AH52

707. 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	07/00/97	

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM Comment Period End	08/00/97	

Small Entities Affected: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected: Undetermined

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RIN: 0648-AH63

708. 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 679

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	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

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-AH65

709. 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 679

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. 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	04/00/97	
NPRM Comment Period End	06/00/97	
Final Action	08/00/97	
Final Action Effective	09/00/97	

Small Entities Affected: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected: Undetermined

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RIN: 0648-AH67

710. 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	10/00/96	
NPRM Comment Period End	11/00/96	

DOC—NOAA

Proposed Rule Stage

Action	Date	FR Cite
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-AH77

711. 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

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

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: Businesses

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 0648-AH78

712. REGULATORY AMENDMENT TO ESTABLISH MANAGEMENT MEASURES 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 622

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This regulatory amendment prepared under the framework rulemaking procedure of the Fishery Management Plan for Coastal Migratory Pelagic Resources of the Gulf of Mexico and South Atlantic (FMP), would amend the regulation implementing the FMP to: Reduce total allowable catch (TAC) for the Atlantic groups of king and Spanish mackerel and Gulf group Spanish mackerel; reduce the bag limit for Gulf group king mackerel to zero for the captain and crew on for-hire vessels; increase the daily commercial trip limit for the Florida east coast subzone; and change the units for all trip limits from numbers of fish to pounds of fish.

Timetable:

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

Small Entities Affected: Businesses

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 0648-AI13

713. 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 622

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	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

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RIN: 0648-AI15

714. 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: 15 CFR 902; 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	10/00/96	
NPRM Comment Period End	11/00/96	
Final Action	12/00/96	
Final Action Effective	12/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: Federal

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DOC—NOAA

Proposed Rule Stage

Phone: 301 713-2334

RIN: 0648-AI28

715. 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 660

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

Small Entities Affected: Businesses

Government Levels Affected: None

Analysis: Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

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RIN: 0648-AI31

716. 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	06/00/97	
NPRM Comment Period End	07/00/97	

Small Entities Affected: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected: Undetermined

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717. REGULATORY AMENDMENT TO ADJUST THE ANNUAL 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 622

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This regulatory amendment, prepared under the framework rulemaking procedure of the Fishery Management Plan for the Shrimp Fishery of the Gulf of Mexico (FMP), would amend the regulations implementing the FMP to temporarily increase the total allowable catch (TAC) for royal red shrimp by 30 percent each year for two years, thereby increasing TAC from 392,000 pounds to 509,600 pounds.

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

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RIN: 0648-AI39

718. 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 622

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 extend and modify the current moratorium on new fish trap endorsements in the Gulf of Mexico commercial reef fish fishery, 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 allow the Regional Director to reopen a closed commercial fishery to achieve that sector's total allocation, through an inseason rulemaking action. 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	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

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RIN: 0648-AI47

719. 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 622

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Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This regulatory amendment prepared under framework procedures of the Fishery Management Plan for the Reef Fish Resources of the Gulf of Mexico, may include measures to adjust the Gulf of Mexico reef fish (red snapper, amberjack) bag limits, size limits, quotas, trip limits and/or seasonal and area openings for the 1997 season.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	11/00/96	
NPRM Comment Period End	11/00/96	
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-AI54

720. 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	12/00/96	
NPRM Comment Period End	03/00/97	

Action	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	05/00/97	
Final Action Effective	06/00/97	

Small Entities Affected: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected: Undetermined

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721. 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 679

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	10/00/96	
NPRM Comment Period End	12/00/96	
Final Action	01/00/97	
Final Action Effective	02/00/97	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 0648-AI61

722. 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 679

Legal Deadline: NPRM, Statutory. Final, Statutory.

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

Abstract: Amendment would revise C. bairdi Tanner crab prohibited species catch limits and establish new C. opiolio Tanner crab bycatch limits for the BSAI trawl fisheries.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	11/00/96	
NPRM Comment Period End	01/00/97	
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-AI62

723. 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 679

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

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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	07/00/97	
NPRM Comment Period End	08/00/97	
Final Action	09/00/97	
Final Action Effective	10/00/97	

Small Entities Affected: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected:
Undetermined

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724. 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 679

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	11/00/96	
NPRM Comment Period End	12/00/96	
Final Action	01/00/97	
Final Action Effective	02/00/97	

Small Entities Affected: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected:
Undetermined

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RIN: 0648-AI65

725. 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 679

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	12/00/96	
NPRM Comment Period End	01/00/97	
Final Action Effective	02/00/97	
Begin Review	03/00/97	

Small Entities Affected: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected:
Undetermined

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RIN: 0648-AI66

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

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1801 et seq; 16 USC 773 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 679; 50 CFR 300

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: Regulatory amendment to regulations: (1) Clarifies check-out

requirements for land-based buying stations and CDQ fisheries; (2) corrects requirements for weekly production reports and daily production reports; (3) revises Federal processor permit requirements; (4) establishes buying station permit requirements for land-based buying stations; (5) extends the renewal period for a Federal fisheries permit and Federal processor permit to 3 years; (6) removes requirements to record and report Federal and state areas of a reporting period; and (7) corrects three cross references.

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

727. AMENDMENT 46 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 679

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	08/22/96	61 FR 43325
NPRM Comment Period End	10/03/96	
Final Action	11/00/96	
Final Action Effective	01/00/97	

Small Entities Affected: None

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Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 0648-AI70

728. AMENDMENT 2 TO THE FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR THE RED DRUM FISHERY OF THE GULF OF MEXICO (FMP)

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1801 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 622

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 revise the FMP's management objectives, revise the procedures for setting the optimum yield and total allowable catch (TAC) to provide for user allocations, set TAC at zero, and modify sections on habitat and recommendations to the states.

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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729. 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 622

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 transferable and non-transferable 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	04/00/97	
NPRM Comment Period End	05/00/97	
Interim Final Rule	07/00/97	
Final Action	08/00/97	

Small Entities Affected: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected: Undetermined

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RIN: 0648-AI74

730. 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 648

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	09/05/96	
NPRM Comment Period End	10/21/96	
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-AI77

731. FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR THE ATLANTIC HERRING FISHERY

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1801 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 600

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	06/00/97	
NPRM Comment Period End	07/00/97	

Small Entities Affected: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 0648-AI78

732. PACIFIC WHITING ALLOCATION AMONG NON-TRIBAL SECTORS, SEASON SETTING, AND SALMON BYCATCH

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1801 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 660

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.

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This regulatory amendment also would include a season-setting framework for whiting. Lastly, it would require the retention, landing, and forfeiture of salmon taken in the whiting fishery.

Timetable:

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

733. 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 660

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This amendment would allow retention of salmon bycatch in trawl fisheries for monitoring purposes, establish management objectives for species listed under the Endangered Species Act consistent with immediate conservation needs and long-term recovery of the species, and update the FMP with no change in management objectives.

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	

Small Entities Affected: Businesses, Governmental Jurisdictions, Organizations

Government Levels Affected: State, Tribal, Federal

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RIN: 0648-AI82

734. AMENDMENT 6 TO THE AMERICAN LOBSTER FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLAN (FMP) AMENDMENT 6 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 6 to the American Lobster Fishery Management Plan, Amendment 6 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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735. REGULATORY AMENDMENT TO REVISE THE PRODUCT RECOVERY RATE REGULATIONS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1801 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 679

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: Regulatory amendment to implement new product codes for certain species for conversion of product weight to round weight for groundfish fisheries off of Alaska.

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-AI87

736. 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 679

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: This FMP amendment establishes a moratorium on the entry of new vessels into the scallop fishery to control continued growth in fishing capacity.

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

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RIN: 0648-AI88

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737. • REGULATORY AMENDMENT UNDER THE FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR REEF FISH FISHERY OF PUERTO RICO AND THE VIRGIN ISLANDS (FMP) CONCERNING RED HIND AGGREGATION CLOSURE

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1801 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 622

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The regulatory amendment would amend the regulations implementing the FMP to replace the existing single, seasonal red hind spawning aggregation closure area (15 square nautical miles (nm)) with three separate seasonal closure areas (each 9 square nm). This action is based on new scientific information indicating that the current, single closed area is larger than necessary and that there are two additional spawning aggregation sites needing protection during the spawning season (December 1 to February 18).

Timetable:

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

Small Entities Affected: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected: Undetermined

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RIN: 0648-AI97

738. • 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 679

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: Regulatory amendment to clarify certain Individual Fishing Quota program provisions. Technical clarification of official weight of fish at landing, averages/underages;

weighing of fish at time of landing; and establish standard allowance for deducting weight of ice and slime.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	10/00/96	
NPRM Comment	11/00/96	
Period End		
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-AJ00

739. • A MORATORIUM ON ISSUANCE OF NEW PERMITS FOR FISHING IN THE MAU ZONE PORTION OF THE NWHI BOTTOMFISH FISHERY

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1801 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 660

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: A two-year moratorium on issuance of permits for the Mau Zone will provide a period of stability in which the Western Pacific Fishery Management Council will complete a restructuring of the management program for the northwestern Hawaiian Islands bottomfish fishery. The Council recently received economic data on the fishery as well as a new stock assessment. The Council will decide whether a new limited entry program should be instituted and whether the Ho'omalulu Zone and Mau Zone should be combined. The new program should be in effect by January 1, 1999.

Timetable:

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

Small Entities Affected: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 0648-AJ02

740. • OPTIONS FOR ANGLING CATEGORY SEASON FOR THE ATLANTIC SEASON FOR THE ATLANTIC BLUEFIN TUNA FISHERIES

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 971 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 285

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: Adjusts regulations to provide for an equitable distribution of the Angling category quota for bluefin tuna.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
ANPRM	08/23/96	61 FR 43518
ANPRM Comment	09/23/96	
Period End		
NPRM	10/00/96	
NPRM Comment	11/00/96	
Period End		
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-AJ04

741. • REGULATORY AMENDMENT TO INCREASE THE HALIBUT INDIVIDUAL FISHING QUOTA USE LIMITATIONS IN INTERNATIONAL PACIFIC HALIBUT COMMISSION AREA 4

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1801 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 679

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This regulatory amendment would increase the halibut IFQ use limitation in IPHC Area 4.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	10/00/96	

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Action	Date	FR Cite
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-AJ05

742. • FISHERY DATA REPORTING FOR WESTERN PACIFIC PELAGIC FISHERIES

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1801 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 660

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This action will ensure collection and availability of data on catch, effort, and economic values needed to develop, implement, evaluate, and modify pelagic fisheries management measures under the Magnuson Fishery Conservation and Management Act. The regulations will require fishery participants to report to NMFS if existing state data systems are not providing data when, where, and in the format needed for management decisions.

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: None

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RIN: 0648-AJ08

743. • REGULATORY AMENDMENT TO INCREASE OBSERVER COVERAGE IN THE BSAI DURING THE POLLOCK "A" OR ROE SEASON

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1801 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 679

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: Regulatory amendment would implement management measures to more effectively monitor the chinook salmon bycatch in the BSAI management area groundfish trawl fisheries by increasing observer coverage for motherships and some shoreside processors receiving pollock harvested in the BSAI during pollock "A" or roe season and require the motherships and shoreside processors to possess the capability for electronic transmission of daily observer reports.

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-AJ10

744. • INTERNATIONAL FISHERIES REGULATIONS; PACIFIC HALIBUT FISHERIES; CATCH SHARING PLANS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 773 TO 773k

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 300

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: Regulations governing the Pacific halibut fisheries recommended by the International Pacific Halibut Commission and Catch Sharing Plans off Alaska, California, Oregon, and Washington.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	02/00/97	
Final Action	04/00/97	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 0648-AJ11

745. • REGULATORY AMENDMENT TO ESTABLISH TOTAL ALLOWABLE CATCH LIMITS FOR THE ATLANTIC AND GULF OF MEXICO GROUPS OF KING AND SPANISH MACKEREL FOR THE 1997-98 FISHING YEAR

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1801 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 622

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This regulatory amendment, prepared under the framework rulemaking procedure of the Fishery Management Plan for Coastal Migratory Pelagic Resources of the Gulf of Mexico and South Atlantic (FMP), would amend the regulations implementing the FMP to establish the total allowable catch limits for Atlantic and Gulf groups of king and Spanish mackerel for the 1997-98 fishing year.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	07/00/97	
NPRM Comment Period End	08/00/97	
Final Action	09/00/97	
Final Action Effective	11/00/97	

Small Entities Affected: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected:
Undetermined

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RIN: 0648-AJ12

746. • WEAKFISH REGULATIONS FOR THE EXCLUSIVE ECONOMIC ZONE (EEZ)

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 5101 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 697

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Proposed Rule Stage

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This action would implement regulations in the EEZ off the Atlantic coast to control the harvest of weakfish and support the implementation of a coastal fisheries management plan for the species, which was developed and implemented by the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	12/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: Federal

Additional Information: The weakfish stock along the Atlantic coast is in serious decline. State actions to reduce fishing on the species are being implemented through the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission (ASMFC). Federal action is needed to support ASMFC.

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RIN: 0648-AJ15

747. • AMENDMENT 11 TO THE FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR THE REEF FISH RESOURCES OF THE GULF OF MEXICO - RESUBMITTED MEASURES

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1801 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 622

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

Abstract: The Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council will revise measures of Amendment 11 disapproved by the National Marine Fisheries Service. The revised and resubmitted measures would: Revise the definition for optimum yield for each management unit species; total allowable catch stocks not overfished; and respecify the generation time multiplier for stock recovery periods.

Timetable:

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

Small Entities Affected: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected: Undetermined

Additional Information: This action was part of RIN 0648-AG29. It was split from this RIN and assigned a new RIN to better allow display of the full information required for each separate regulatory action.

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RIN: 0648-AJ16

748. • REGULATORY AMENDMENT TO IMPLEMENT 1997 NONTRAWL SABLEFISH HARVEST REGIME

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1801 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 660

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: Adoption of management regime to replace the derby fishery.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	04/00/97	
NPRM Comment	05/00/97	
Period End		
Final Action	07/00/97	
Final Action Effective	08/00/97	

Small Entities Affected: Businesses

Government Levels Affected: Federal

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RIN: 0648-AJ19

749. • REGULATORY AMENDMENT TO RESTRICT PACIFIC GROUND FISH LIMITED ENTRY PERMIT TRANSFERS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1801 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 660

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This regulatory amendment would impose restrictions on transferring limited entry permits in the Pacific Coast groundfish fishery.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	06/00/97	
NPRM Comment	07/00/97	
Period End		
Final Action	09/00/97	
Final Action Effective	10/00/97	

Small Entities Affected: Businesses

Government Levels Affected: Federal

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RIN: 0648-AJ20

750. • REGULATORY AMENDMENT TO EXTEND CALIFORNIA GILLNET REGULATIONS TO THE EEZ

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1801 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 660

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: Potential extension to Federal waters of California regulations closing certain areas to use of set (gill) nets.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	05/00/97	
NPRM Comment	06/00/97	
Period End		
Final Action	08/00/97	
Final Action Effective	09/00/97	

Small Entities Affected: Businesses

Government Levels Affected: State, Federal

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RIN: 0648-AJ21

751. • AMENDMENT 10 TO THE PACIFIC COAST GROUND FISH FMP REGARDING SALMON BYCATCH IN GROUND FISH TRAWL

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant
Legal Authority: 16 USC 1801 et seq
CFR Citation: 50 CFR 660

Legal Deadline: NPRM, Statutory. Final, Statutory.

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

Abstract: Regulations implementing Amendment 10 to the Pacific Coast Groundfish FMP would require retention, landing, and reporting of salmon caught in whiting and other groundfish trawl fisheries.

Timetable:

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

Small Entities Affected: Businesses

Government Levels Affected: Federal

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RIN: 0648-AJ22

752. • AMENDMENT 9 TO THE PACIFIC COAST GROUND FISH FMP TO REQUIRE ENDORSEMENTS IN THE SABLEFISH FISHERY

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant
Legal Authority: 16 USC 1801 et seq
CFR Citation: 50 CFR 660

Legal Deadline: NPRM, Statutory. Final, Statutory.

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

Abstract: Regulations implementing Amendment 9 would require limited

entry longline and fish pot vessels to hold a sablefish endorsement to participate in the primary sablefish fishery north of the Conception Management Area.

Timetable:

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

Small Entities Affected: Businesses

Government Levels Affected: Federal

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RIN: 0648-AJ23

753. 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, August 9, 1998.

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

Abstract: If proposed the regulation will designate critical habitat designation for coastal steelhead populations that are proposed for listing under the Endangered Species Act in California, Oregon, Idaho, and Washington.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	08/00/97	
NPRM Comment	10/00/97	
Period End		
Final Action	08/00/98	

Small Entities Affected: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected: Undetermined

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RIN: 0648-AG49

754. 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, October 31, 1997.

Endangered Species Act sec. 4(b)(3)(D)(ii) The statutory deadline for final listing of the species has been changed to 10/25/96, due to the listing moratorium.

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	05/00/97	
NPRM Comment	07/00/97	
Period End		
Final Action	10/00/97	

Small Entities Affected: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected: Undetermined

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RIN: 0648-AG56

755. 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, August 7, 1997.

Endangered Species Act sec. 4(b)(3)(D)(ii) Due one year after final listing.

Abstract: NMFS has issued a final rule to list the Umpqua River cutthroat trout in Oregon as endangered under the

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Endangered Species Act of 1973. Upon completion of an analysis on the critical habitat for the Umpqua River cutthroat trout, NMFS will make a determination on designating critical habitat for the species.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	04/00/97	
NPRM Comment Period End	06/00/97	
Interim Final Rule	08/00/97	

Small Entities Affected: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected: Undetermined

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RIN: 0648-AG58

756. 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	08/00/97	

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM Comment Period End	10/00/97	
Final Action	12/00/97	

Small Entities Affected: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected: Undetermined

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RIN: 0648-AH11

757. 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 amendments made in 1994 to the Marine Mammal Protection Act.

Timetable:

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

Small Entities Affected: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected: Undetermined

Agency Contact: Ann Terbush, Chief, Permits Division, Office of Protected Resources, Department of Commerce, National Oceanic and Atmospheric

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RIN: 0648-AH26

758. 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	03/00/97	
NPRM Comment Period End	04/00/97	

Small Entities Affected: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected: Undetermined

Agency Contact: Ann Terbush, Chief, Permits Division, Office of Protected Resources, Department of Commerce, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910
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RIN: 0648-AH31

759. PROPOSED RULE TO GOVERN THE TRANSPORTATION OF NATIVE HANDICRAFTS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1371 (a)(6)

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 216

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

Abstract: If implemented, the proposed rule will provide for the importation of certain marine mammal products created by Alaskan natives.

Timetable:

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

Small Entities Affected: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected: Undetermined

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RIN: 0648-AH83

760. 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 United States from other harvesting nations.

Timetable:

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

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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NATIONAL OCEAN SURVEY/OFFICE OF COASTAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT

761. 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	01/00/97	
NPRM Comment	04/00/97	
Period End		

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-AE41

762. 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	09/08/95	
Period End		
NPRM	12/00/96	
NPRM Comment	04/00/97	
Period End		

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

763. 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	11/00/96	
NPRM Comment	12/00/96	
Period End		

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

Additional Information: Completion of this regulation within the dates projected in the timetable is subject to

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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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OFFICE OF THE ADMINISTRATOR

764. 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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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE (DOC)

Final Rule Stage

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)

765. 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: None

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	06/06/96	61 FR 28804
NPRM Comment Period End	07/08/96	
Final Action	10/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 0648-AI90

NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE

766. 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 660

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	04/00/97	
Final Action Effective	05/00/97	

Small Entities Affected: Businesses

Government Levels Affected: Federal

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767. 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 679
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	10/00/96	
Final Action Effective	10/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: None
Government Levels Affected: None
Additional Information: Proposed rule published under 50 CFR parts 672 and 675. Parts 672 and 675 consolidated into 50 CFR part 679.

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768. 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 622
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 and reporting.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	04/23/96	61 FR 17866
NPRM Comment Period End	06/07/96	
Final Action	10/00/96	
Final Action Effective	11/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: Businesses
Government Levels Affected: None
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769. AMENDMENT 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 622

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

Abstract: Amendment 12 would: Establish a minimum size limit of 28 inches (71.1 cm) fork length for banded rudderfish and lesser amberjack taken under the bag limits; establish a bag limit for banded rudderfish, greater amberjack, and lesser amberjack, combined, of one fish; and establish a 20-fish aggregate bag limit for reef fish species for which there is no other bag limit. Other proposed measures to reduce the minimum size limit for red snapper harvested in the commercial fishery and to eliminate a scheduled, automated size limit increase for the commercial red snapper fishery in 1998 were disapproved by the National Marine Fisheries Service after a preliminary evaluation of the amendment.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	08/21/96	61 FR 43215
NPRM Comment Period End	09/30/96	
Final Action	11/00/96	
Final Action Effective	12/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None
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770. 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	01/00/97	
Final Action Effective	02/00/97	

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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771. WITHDRAWAL OF FEDERAL FISHERIES REGULATIONS

Priority: Info./Admin./Other
Reinventing Government: This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing

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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 - Spiny Lobster	03/25/96	61 FR 12055
NPRM - Stone Crab	03/25/96	61 FR 12056
NPRM - Anchovy	03/26/96	61 FR 13148
NPRM - Salmon	03/26/96	61 FR 13149
NPRM - American Lobster	03/27/96	61 FR 13478
NPRM - Bluefish	03/28/96	61 FR 13810
Final Action	10/00/96	
Final Action Effective	11/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: Federal

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RIN: 0648-AI16

772. 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:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Interim Final Rule	03/22/96	61 FR 11751
Final Action	11/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 0648-AI50

773. 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	03/28/96	61 FR 13782
Final Action	11/00/96	
Final Action Effective	01/00/97	

Small Entities Affected: Businesses

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 0648-AI67

774. REGULATORY AMENDMENT TO ESTABLISH TRIP LIMITS APPLICABLE TO THE COMMERCIAL FISHERY FOR ATLANTIC MIGRATORY GROUP OF KING MACKEREL

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1801 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 622

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This regulatory amendment, prepared under the framework rulemaking procedure of the Fishery Management Plan for Coastal Migratory Pelagic Resources of the Gulf of Mexico and South Atlantic, would amend the regulations to establish commercial vessel trip limits for Atlantic migratory group of King mackerel.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	07/03/96	61 FR 34785
NPRM Comment Period End	07/18/96	
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-AI92

775. AMENDMENT 47 TO THE BSAI FMP; AMENDMENT 47 TO THE GOA FMP AND AMENDMENT 6 TO THE COMMERCIAL KING AND TANNER CRAB FMP OF THE BSAI

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1801 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 679

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 repeal the North Pacific Fisheries Research Plan that would terminate the comprehensive North Pacific groundfish and crab observer program and the associated user-fee system developed by NMFS and the Council. Amendments 47 and 47 to the groundfish FMPs would establish an interim groundfish observer program to supersede the Research Plan and authorize mandatory groundfish observer coverage requirements for 1997. Amendment 6 to the crab FMP would remove reference to the Research Plan.

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Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	07/12/96	61 FR 36702
NPRM Comment Period End	09/09/96	
Final Action	10/00/96	
Final Action Effective	11/00/96	

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

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RIN: 0648-AI95

776. ● REGULATORY AMENDMENT TO ALLOW USE OF LONGLINE POT GEAR IN THE DIRECTED SABLEFISH FISHERY IN THE BERING SEA

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant**Legal Authority:** 16 USC 1801 et seq**CFR Citation:** 50 CFR 679**Legal Deadline:** None

Abstract: Regulatory amendment that would allow the use of longline pot gear in the directed sablefish fishery in the Bering Sea to prevent depredation of hooked sablefish by killer whales.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	07/16/96	61 FR 37041
NPRM Comment Period End	08/15/96	
Final Action	10/00/96	
Final Action Effective	11/00/96	

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

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RIN: 0648-AI96

777. ● REPORTING AND RECORDKEEPING REQUIREMENTS FOR THE HIGH SEAS FISHING COMPLIANCE ACT OF 1995

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant**Legal Authority:** 16 USC 5501**CFR Citation:** 50 CFR 300**Legal Deadline:** None

Abstract: This action will implement a system of recordkeeping and reporting for U.S. vessels licensed to fish on the high seas.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Interim Final Rule	11/00/96	

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

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RIN: 0648-AI99

778. ● 1997-98 MANAGEMENT MEASURES FOR COMMERCIAL, RECREATIONAL, AND TREATY INDIAN SALMON FISHERIES OFF THE COASTS OF WA, OR, AND CA

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant**Legal Authority:** 16 USC 1801 et seq**CFR Citation:** 50 CFR 660**Legal Deadline:** None

Abstract: Annual management measures for the 1997-98 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	04/00/97	
Final Action Effective	05/00/97	

Small Entities Affected: Businesses, Organizations**Government Levels Affected:** State, Local, Tribal, Federal

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RIN: 0648-AJ09

779. 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;

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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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780. 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

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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 Period End	10/13/94	
Final Action	06/00/97	
Final Action Effective	07/00/97	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 0648-AF79

781. 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 216

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The U.S. Navy has petitioned NMFS 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	06/14/96	61 FR 30212
ANPRM Comment Period End	07/15/96	
NPRM	08/02/96	61 FR 40377
NPRM Comment Period End	09/17/96	

Action	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	02/00/97	
Final Action Effective	03/00/97	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: Federal

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RIN: 0648-AG55

782. 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	11/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 0648-AH19

783. 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 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	01/00/97	
Final Action Effective	02/00/97	

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

784. 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

Legal Deadline: None

Legal deadlines may be imposed by pending settlement agreement.

Abstract: NMFS is issuing a final rule to amend the regulations protecting sea turtles. The final rule: Removes the approval of the Morrison, Parrish, and Taylor soft turtle excluder devices (TEDs), effective April 1, 1997; removes the approval of all soft TEDs, effective 1 year after the final rule is published; requires that TEDs be installed in try nets with a headrope length greater than 12 ft (3.6 m) and a footrope length greater than 15 ft (4.6 m), effective 1 year after the final rule is published; establishes Shrimp Fishery Sea Turtle Conservation Areas (SFSTCAs); and, within the SFSTCAs, removes the approval of all soft TEDs, imposes the new TED requirement for try nets, and modifies the requirements for bottom-opening hard TEDs. This final rule is necessary to enhance the effectiveness of the regulations protecting sea turtles in reducing sea turtle mortality resulting from shrimp trawling in the Atlantic and Gulf Areas in the southeastern United States.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
ANPRM	09/13/95	60 FR 47544
ANPRM Comment Period End	11/13/95	
NPRM	04/27/96	61 FR 18102
NPRM Comment Period End	07/15/96	
Final Action	11/00/96	
Final Action Effective	01/00/97	

Small Entities Affected: Businesses

Government Levels Affected:

Undetermined

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RIN: 0648-AH89

785. 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 Proibilof 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.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	04/00/97	
Final Action Effective	04/00/97	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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NATIONAL OCEAN SURVEY/OFFICE OF COASTAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT

786. FLORIDA KEYS NATIONAL MARINE SANCTUARY

Regulatory Plan: This entry is Seq. No. 14 in Part II of this issue of the Federal Register.

RIN: 0648-AD85

787. 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	11/00/96	
Final Action Effective	01/00/97	

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

788. 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

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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	11/00/96	
Final Action Effective	12/00/96	

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

789. • REVISION OF COASTAL ZONE MANAGEMENT ACT REGULATIONS TO CONFORM TO STATUTORY CHANGES

Priority: Info./Admin./Other

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1451 et seq; PL 104-150 (June 3, 1996), the Coastal Zone Protection Act of 19

CFR Citation: 15 CFR 921; 15 CFR 923; 15 CFR 930

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: On June 3, 1996, the President signed the Coastal Zone Protection Act of 1996. This Act amends the Coastal Zone Management Act (16 USC 1451 et seq) to change the allowable uses and match requirements for certain grant funds and to change the process for consistency appeals. These revisions to the Coastal Zone Management Act regulations conform the regulations to the amended statute.

Timetable:

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

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: State

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RIN: 0648-AJ24

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE (DOC)

Long-Term Actions

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)

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

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 601

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Interim Final Rule	03/11/94	59 FR 11557
Final Action	10/00/97	
Final Action Effective	11/00/97	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: Federal

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RIN: 0648-AG16

791. REGULATORY AMENDMENT FOR THE GULF OF ALASKA SEAMOUNT FISHERIES

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 679

Timetable: Next Action Undetermined

Small Entities Affected: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected: Undetermined

Agency Contact: Steven Pennoyer
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RIN: 0648-AG94

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

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 649

Timetable:

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

Small Entities Affected: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected: Undetermined

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RIN: 0648-AH41

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

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 649

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
ANPRM	03/27/96	60 FR 13478
ANPRM Comment Period End	05/13/96	
Next Action	Undetermined	

Small Entities Affected: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected: Undetermined

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RIN: 0648-AI14

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794. AMENDMENT TO THE OBSERVER PROGRAM**Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**CFR Citation:** 50 CFR 679**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	00/00/00	
NPRM Comment Period End	00/00/00	
Final Action	00/00/00	
Final Action Effective	00/00/00	

Small Entities Affected: Undetermined**Government Levels Affected:** Undetermined**Agency Contact:** Steven Pennoyer
Phone: 907 586-7228**RIN:** 0648-AI69**NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE****795. • REGULATORY AMENDMENT TO ADJUST REEF FISH MANAGEMENT MEASURES TO THE GULF OF MEXICO FOR THE 1998 SEASON****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**Legal Authority:** 16 USC 1801 et seq**CFR Citation:** 50 CFR 622**Legal Deadline:** None**Abstract:** The regulatory amendment, prepared under framework procedures of the Fishery Management Plan for the Reef Fish Resources of the Gulf of Mexico, may include measures to adjust the Gulf of Mexico reef fish bag limits, size limits, quotas, trip limits, and/or seasonal and area openings for the 1998 season.**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	11/00/97	
NPRM Comment Period End	11/00/97	
Final Action	12/00/97	
Final Action Effective	01/00/98	

Small Entities Affected: Undetermined**Government Levels Affected:** Undetermined**Agency Contact:** Andrew 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-AJ13**796. • AMENDMENT 15 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 622**Legal Deadline:** NPRM, Statutory. Final, Statutory.

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

Abstract: Amendment 15 proposes a comprehensive limited access system for the commercial red snapper fishery in the Gulf of Mexico to begin with the 1998 season.**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	10/00/97	
NPRM Comment Period End	10/00/97	
Final Action	12/00/97	
Final Action Effective	01/00/98	

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-AJ14**797. 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**798. CIVIL ENFORCEMENT PROCEEDINGS: OPPORTUNITY FOR IN-PERSON HEARING****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**CFR Citation:** 15 CFR 904**Timetable:** Next Action Undetermined**Small Entities Affected:** None**Government Levels Affected:** Federal**Agency Contact:** Joel LaBissonniere
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RIN: 0648-AI53**799. 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		

Next Action Undetermined

Small Entities Affected: None**Government Levels Affected:** None**Agency Contact:** Hilda Diaz-Soltero
Phone: 310 980-4001**RIN:** 0648-AD03**800. 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		

Next Action Undetermined

Small Entities Affected: Undetermined

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Government Levels Affected:
Undetermined

Agency Contact: Ann D. Terbush
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RIN: 0648-AD39

801. 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	08/08/92	
Period End		

Next Action Undetermined

Small Entities Affected: Businesses

Government Levels Affected: None

Agency Contact: Therese Conant
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RIN: 0648-AE54

802. 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
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RIN: 0648-AF07

803. 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

804. 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
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RIN: 0648-AF32

805. 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	01/08/92	
Period End		

Next Action Undetermined

Small Entities Affected: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected: Federal

Agency Contact: Kenneth Hollingshead
Phone: 301 713-2055

RIN: 0648-AF50

806. 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

807. 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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RIN: 0648-AG06

808. 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

809. 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

810. 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

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811. GENERAL PROVISIONS; ENDANGERED FISH OR WILDLIFE; THREATENED FISH AND WILDLIFE; SEA TURTLE CONSERVATION MEASURES (SECTION 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
ANPRM Comment Period End	08/08/92	
Next Action Undetermined		

Small Entities Affected: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected: State

Agency Contact: Robert C. Ziobro
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RIN: 0648-AG38

812. 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

813. 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. Hollingshead
Phone: 301 713-2055

RIN: 0648-AG79

814. 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.

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 216

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	05/31/95	60 FR 28379
NPRM Comment Period End	10/16/95	60 FR 35891
Interim Final Rule	04/10/96	61 FR 15884
Final Action	00/00/00	

Small Entities Affected: Businesses, Governmental Jurisdictions

Government Levels Affected: State, Local, Federal

Agency Contact: Kenneth R. Hollingshead
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RIN: 0648-AG80

815. 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 Period End	11/14/94	
Next Action Undetermined		

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

Agency Contact: Hilda Diaz-Soltero
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RIN: 0648-AH04

816. 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 Period End	02/27/95	
Next Action Undetermined		

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

Agency Contact: Margot Bohan
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RIN: 0648-AH47

817. SHRIMP VESSEL REGISTRATION REQUIREMENT

Priority: Other Significant

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 227

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
ANPRM	09/13/95	60 FR 47597
NPRM	00/00/00	

Small Entities Affected: Businesses

Government Levels Affected: Undetermined

Agency Contact: Therese Conant
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RIN: 0648-AH87

818. 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: Robert C. Ziobro
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RIN: 0648-AH88

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

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 229

Timetable: Next Action Undetermined

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

Agency Contact: Vicki Cornish/Michael Payne

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Long-Term Actions

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820. 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

821. REGIONAL MARINE RESEARCH PROGRAM

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant. Major status under 5 USC 801 is undetermined.

Unfunded Mandates: Undetermined

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

822. 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
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RIN: 0648-AG51

823. 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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824. SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH—DOMESTIC AND FOREIGN FISHING

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 611; 50 CFR 620; 15 CFR 902

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	05/28/96	61 FR 26435

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: Federal

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RIN: 0648-AC61

Agency Contact: Andrew A. Rosenberg
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RIN: 0648-AF01

826. REGULATORY AMENDMENT FOR RED GROUPER IN THE GULF OF MEXICO

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 641

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Withdrawn	07/31/96	61 FR 39940

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

Agency Contact: Andrew J. Kemmerer
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RIN: 0648-AF78

827. AMENDMENT 1 TO THE FMP FOR THE SCALLOP FISHERY OFF ALASKA

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 679

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	07/23/96	61 FR 38099
Final Action Effective	08/01/96	

Small Entities Affected: Businesses

Government Levels Affected: None

Agency Contact: Steven Pennoyer
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RIN: 0648-AF81

828. FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR ATLANTIC TUNAS

Priority: Other Significant

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 285

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Withdrawn	08/27/96	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

Agency Contact: Richard H. Schaefer
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RIN: 0648-AF86

829. 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

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 663

825. AMENDMENT 5 TO THE FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR ATLANTIC MACKEREL, SQUID, AND BUTTERFISH

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 655

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	04/02/96	61 FR 14465
Final Action Effective	05/02/96	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Withdrawn Not actively under consideration by Pacific Council.	08/27/96	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

Agency Contact: William Stelle
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RIN: 0648-AG30

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

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 660

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	04/02/96	61 FR 14512

Small Entities Affected: Businesses

Government Levels Affected: Federal

Agency Contact: William Stelle
Phone: 206 526-6150

RIN: 0648-AG31

831. 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

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 679

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	06/27/96	61 FR 33382
Final Action Effective	07/26/96	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

Agency Contact: Steven Pennoyer
Phone: 907 586-7228

RIN: 0648-AG41

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

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 622

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	09/16/96	61 FR 48641
Final Action Effective	09/15/96	

Small Entities Affected: Businesses

Government Levels Affected: None

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

RIN: 0648-AG89

833. GENERIC FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLAN AMENDMENT FOR THE DEFINITION OF TRAPS IN THE GULF OF MEXICO

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 640; 50 CFR 641; 50 CFR 654; 50 CFR 658

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Withdrawn	08/13/96	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

Agency Contact: Andrew J. Kemmerer
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RIN: 0648-AG90

834. 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

CFR Citation: 15 CFR 902; 50 CFR 679

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	07/24/96	61 FR 38358
Final Action Effective	07/19/96	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

Agency Contact: Steven Pennoyer
Phone: 907 586-7228

RIN: 0648-AH03

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

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 625; 50 CFR 648

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	08/23/96	61 FR 43420
Final Action Effective	09/23/96	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

Agency Contact: Andrew A. Rosenberg
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RIN: 0648-AH05

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

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 663

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Withdrawn - Pacific Council Withdrew Its Support	08/27/96	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

Agency Contact: William Stelle
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RIN: 0648-AH07

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

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 600

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Withdrawn	08/14/96	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

Agency Contact: Steven Pennoyer
Phone: 907 586-7228

RIN: 0648-AH39

838. ENFORCEMENT OF PERMIT REQUIREMENTS AND OTHER PROVISIONS GOVERNING THE NORTHWESTERN HAWAIIAN ISLANDS BOTTOM FISH FISHERY

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 683

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	03/06/96	61 FR 8890
Final Action Effective	04/04/96	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

Agency Contact: Hilda Diaz-Soltero
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RIN: 0648-AH48

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

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 5101 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 697

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This action would implement regulations in the EEZ off the Atlantic Coast to control the harvest of weakfish and support the implementation of a Coastal fisheries management plan for the species which was developed and implemented by the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	06/20/95	60 FR 32130
NPRM Comment Period End	08/15/95	
Suspended	07/03/96	61 FR 34746

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: Federal

Additional Information: The weakfish stock along the Atlantic Coast is in serious decline. State actions to reduce fishing on the species are being implemented through the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission (ASMFC). Federal action is needed to support ASMFC since approximately 50% of the weakfish catch comes from Federal waters. A final rule was published at 60 FR 58246, November 27, 1995, to become effective on December 22, 1995, before the suspension was published on July 03, 1996.

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RIN: 0648-AH58

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

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 679

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	08/09/96	61 FR 41523
Final Action Effective	09/09/96	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

Agency Contact: Steven Pennoyer
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RIN: 0648-AH61

841. 1996 REGULATIONS FOR PACIFIC HALIBUT AND APPROVAL OF CATCH SHARING PLANS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 301

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	03/20/96	61 FR 11337
Final Action Effective	03/15/96	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

Agency Contact: Steven Pennoyer
Phone: 907 586-7228

RIN: 0648-AH64

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

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 679

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Withdrawn	08/14/96	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

Agency Contact: Steven Pennoyer
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RIN: 0648-AH68

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

Priority: Other Significant

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 660

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	06/06/96	61 FR 28786
Final Action Effective	05/31/96	

Small Entities Affected: Businesses

Government Levels Affected: None

Agency Contact: William Stelle

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RIN: 0648-AH84

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

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 622

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	08/27/96	61 FR 43952
Final Action Effective	08/27/96	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

Agency Contact: Andrew J. Kemmerer
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RIN: 0648-AH86

845. CONSOLIDATION OF GENERAL FISHERY REGULATIONS OF THE UNITED STATES

Priority: Info./Admin./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: 50 CFR 600; 50 CFR 601; 50 CFR 602; 50 CFR 605; 50 CFR 611; 50 CFR 619; 50 CFR 620; 50 CFR 621; 15 CFR 902

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	06/24/96	61 FR 32538
Final Action Effective	07/01/96	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: Federal

Agency Contact: Richard H. Schaefer
Phone: 301 713-2334

RIN: 0648-AI17

846. CONSOLIDATION OF FISHERIES REGULATIONS OF ALASKA

Priority: Info./Admin./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 902; 50 CFR 671; 50 CFR 672; 50 CFR 673; 50 CFR 675; 50 CFR 676; 50 CFR 677; 50 CFR 679

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Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	06/19/96	61 FR 31228
Final Action Effective	07/01/96	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: Federal

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RIN: 0648-AI18

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

Priority: Info./Admin./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 902; 50 CFR 660; 50 CFR 661; 50 CFR 663; 50 CFR 680; 50 CFR 681; 50 CFR 683; 50 CFR 685

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	07/02/96	61 FR 34570

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: Federal

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

Priority: Info./Admin./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 902; 50 CFR 622; 50 CFR 638; 50 CFR 641; 50 CFR 642; 50 CFR 645; 50 CFR 646; 50 CFR 647; 50 CFR 653; 50 CFR 658; 50 CFR 659; 50 CFR 669; 50 CFR 670

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	09/11/96	61 FR 47821
Final Action Effective	09/11/96	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: Federal

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RIN: 0648-AI20

849. CONSOLIDATION OF FISHERIES REGULATIONS OF THE NORTHEASTERN UNITED STATES

Priority: Info./Admin./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 902; 50 CFR 625; 50 CFR 648; 50 CFR 650; 50 CFR 651; 50 CFR 652; 50 CFR 655; 50 CFR 657

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	07/03/96	61 FR 34966

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: Federal

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RIN: 0648-AI21

850. CONSOLIDATION OF INTERNATIONAL FISHERIES REGULATIONS

Priority: Info./Admin./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 902; 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 679; 50 CFR 695

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	07/05/96	61 FR 35548

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: Federal

Agency Contact: Richard H. Schaefer
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RIN: 0648-AI22

851. 1996 TOTAL ALLOWABLE CATCH OF ATLANTIC SWORDFISH

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 630

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	05/31/96	61 FR 27304
Final Action Effective	06/04/96	

Small Entities Affected: Businesses

Government Levels Affected: None

Agency Contact: Gary Matlock
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RIN: 0648-AI23

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

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 652

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Withdrawn	08/28/96	

Small Entities Affected: Businesses

Government Levels Affected: None

Agency Contact: Dr. Andrew A. Rosenberg
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RIN: 0648-AI26

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

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 652

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
End Review	08/28/96	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

Agency Contact: Dr. Andrew A. Rosenberg
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RIN: 0648-AI27

854. 1996 ATLANTIC TUNA FISHERIES QUOTAS AND EFFORT CONTROLS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 285

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Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	06/14/96	61 FR 30183
Final Action Effective	06/18/96	

Small Entities Affected: Businesses

Government Levels Affected: None

Agency Contact: Gary C. Matlock
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RIN: 0648-AI29

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

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 660

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	07/05/96	61 FR 35145

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 0648-AI32

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

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 660

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	07/05/96	61 FR 35145
Final Action Effective	06/28/96	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

Agency Contact: Hilda Diaz-Soltero
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857. 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

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 660

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	04/15/96	61 FR 16402
Final Action Effective	05/15/96	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

Agency Contact: William Stelle
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RIN: 0648-AI34

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

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 660

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	05/06/96	61 FR 20175
Final Action Effective	05/01/96	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 0648-AI35

859. TRANSFORMING THE SEAFOOD INSPECTION PROGRAM INTO A PERFORMANCE BASED ORGANIZATION

Priority: Info./Admin./Other

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

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 260

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	03/08/96	61 FR 9420

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: Federal

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

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 679

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	08/12/96	61 FR 41744
Final Action Effective	09/09/96	

Small Entities Affected: Businesses

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 0648-AI46

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

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 672

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	05/31/96	61 FR 27308
Final Action Effective	05/30/96	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

Agency Contact: Steven Pennoyer
Phone: 907 586-7228

RIN: 0648-AI56

862. 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

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 679

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	08/22/96	61 FR 43312
Final Action Effective	08/16/96	

Small Entities Affected: Businesses

Government Levels Affected: None

Agency Contact: Steven Pennoyer
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RIN: 0648-AI57

863. 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

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 679

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	07/30/96	61 FR 39601
Final Action Effective	08/15/96	

Small Entities Affected: Businesses

Government Levels Affected: None

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Agency Contact: Steven Pennoyer
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RIN: 0648-AI58

864. 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
CFR Citation: 50 CFR 672; 50 CFR 675
Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Withdrawn	08/14/96	

Small Entities Affected: None
Government Levels Affected: None
Agency Contact: Steven Pennoyer
Phone: 907 586-7228
RIN: 0648-AI63

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

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant
CFR Citation: 50 CFR 622
Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	09/13/96	61 FR 48413
Final Action Effective	09/15/96	

Small Entities Affected: None
Government Levels Affected: None
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RIN: 0648-AI71

866. 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.

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 697
Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	06/10/96	61 FR 29321
Final Action Effective	07/01/96	

Small Entities Affected: None
Government Levels Affected: None
Agency Contact: Richard H. Schaefer
Phone: 301 713-2334
RIN: 0648-AI72

867. 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.

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 230
Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	06/11/96	61 FR 29628
Final Action Effective	07/11/96	

Small Entities Affected: None
Government Levels Affected: None
Agency Contact: Henry Beasley
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RIN: 0648-AI81

868. REGULATORY AMENDMENT TO IMPLEMENT MANAGEMENT MEASURES FOR 1996 RECREATION SUMMER FLOUNDER FISHERY

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant
Legal Authority: 16 USC 1801 et seq
CFR Citation: 50 CFR 625
Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This action establishes the following measures for the 1996 recreational fishery for summer flounder: (1) No closed season, (2) a possession limit of eight fish per person, and a (3) minimum size of 14 inches (35.6cm).

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	04/22/96	61 FR 17682
NPRM Comment Period End	05/17/96	
Final Action Effective	06/20/96	
Final Action	06/25/96	61 FR 32711

Small Entities Affected: None
Government Levels Affected: None
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RIN: 0648-AI93

869. AMENDMENT 7 TO THE FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR THE NORTHEAST MULTISPECIES FISHERIES

Priority: Economically Significant
Legal Authority: 16 USC 1801 et seq
CFR Citation: 50 CFR 651

Legal Deadline: None
Abstract: This final rule for Amendment 7: (1) Establishes an annual target total allowable catch (TAC) for regulated species; (2) accelerates the current days-at-sea (DAS) effort reduction program; (3) removes most of the exemptions to the effort control program; (4) adds new closer areas; (5) establishes the Nantucket Shoals dogfish fishery as an exempted fishery, (6) expands the existing framework provisions, and (7) establishes restrictions on the charter/party and recreational vessels.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	03/05/96	61 FR 8540
NPRM Comment Period End	04/19/96	
Final Action	05/31/96	61 FR 27710
Final Action Effective	07/01/96	

Small Entities Affected: Businesses
Government Levels Affected: None
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870. IMPLEMENT MEASURE CONTAINING FRAMEWORK ADJUSTMENT 8 TO THE ATLANTIC SEA SCALLOP FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLAN

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant
Legal Authority: 16 USC 1801 et seq
CFR Citation: 50 CFR 648

Legal Deadline: None
Abstract: This rule expands the qualification criteria for limited access

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vessels fishing under the sea scallop days-at-sea (DAS) program to use trawl nets to include vessels with an engine no greater than 450 horsepower that have used a scallop dredge on no more than 10 trips from January 1, 1988 through December 31, 1994. Before this action, only vessels that had not used a scallop dredge after December 21, 1987 were qualified to use trawl nets to fish for scallops.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Final Action Effective	07/19/96	
Final Action (No proposed rule with this action)	07/24/96	61 FR 38404

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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871. • FINAL RULE TO IMPLEMENT FRAMEWORK ADJUSTMENT 15 TO FMP TO THE FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR THE NORTHEAST MULTISPECIES FISHERY

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1801 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 648

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: Framework Adjustment 15 to the Northeast Multispecies Fishery Management Plan (FMP) would extend the timing of the mid-coast closure area for gillnet vessels from the present November through December time period to September 15 through December 31, to reduce bycatch of harbor porpoise in the Gulf of Maine sink gillnet fishery.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Final Action Effective	09/06/96	
Final Action	09/11/96	61 FR 47827

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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872. • AMENDMENT 8 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 622

Legal Deadline: NPRM, Statutory. Final, 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.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	08/29/95	60 FR 44825
NPRM Comment Period End	10/10/95	
Final Action	11/29/95	60 FR 61200
Final Action Effective	04/01/96	

Small Entities Affected: Businesses

Government Levels Affected: None

Additional Information: This action was part of RIN 0648-AG29. It was split from this RIN and assigned a new RIN because it was completed and the separate RIN number better allows display of the full information required for completed actions.

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RIN: 0648-AJ17

873. • AMENDMENT 11 TO THE FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR THE REEF FISH RESOURCES OF THE GULF OF MEXICO (FMP)—APPROVED MEASURES

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1801 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 622

Legal Deadline: NPRM, Statutory. Final, Statutory.

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

Abstract: The approved measures of Amendment 11 would: Revise the FMP's framework rulemaking procedure for periodic/annual modifications in management measures; restrict the sale/purchase of reef fish harvested from the exclusive economic zone to permitted reef fish vessels/dealers; allow transfer of reef fish vessel permits and fish trap endorsements under specified circumstances; implement a new reef fish permit moratorium; and require charter vessel and headboat permits. Other measures of proposed Amendment 11 were disapproved by the National Marine Fisheries Service.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	09/12/95	60 FR 47341
NPRM Comment Period End	10/27/95	
Final Action	12/15/95	60 FR 64350
Final Action Effective	01/01/96	

Small Entities Affected: Businesses

Government Levels Affected: None

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874. 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

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 264A

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	03/08/96	61 FR 9368

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 0648-AA46

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

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 265

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	03/08/96	61 FR 9368

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

Agency Contact: Mary Ann Metz
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RIN: 0648-AA47

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

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 258

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Withdrawn - Fund Depleted	07/03/96	61 FR 34798

Small Entities Affected: Businesses

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 0648-AC73

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

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 263 subparts A to E

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	03/08/96	61 FR 9368

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 0648-AD53

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

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 264; 50 CFR 269

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	03/08/96	61 FR 9368

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 0648-AD92

879. CERTIFICATE OF LEGAL ORIGIN FOR ANADROMOUS FISH PRODUCTS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Withdrawn	08/19/96	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 0648-AD93

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

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 261

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	03/08/96	61 FR 9368

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

Agency Contact: Mary Ann Metz
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RIN: 0648-AE69

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

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 267

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	03/08/96	61 FR 9368

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 0648-AE70

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

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 263

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	03/08/96	61 FR 9368

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

Agency Contact: Mary Ann Metz
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RIN: 0648-AE71

883. 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.

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 255

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	05/01/96	61 FR 19171
Final Action Effective	05/01/96	

Small Entities Affected: Businesses

Government Levels Affected: None

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

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant
CFR Citation: 50 CFR 405

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Withdrawn	08/07/96	

Small Entities Affected: None
Government Levels Affected: None

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885. 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.

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 251

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	04/03/96	61 FR 14682
Final Action Effective	04/03/96	

Small Entities Affected: Businesses
Government Levels Affected: None
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886. 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
CFR Citation: 50 CFR 216; 50 CFR 215; 50 CFR 222

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	05/10/96	61 FR 21926
Final Action Effective	06/10/96	

Small Entities Affected: None
Government Levels Affected: Federal
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887. SCREENING OF WATER DIVERSIONS TO PROTECT SACRAMENTO RIVER WINTER-RUN CHINOOK SALMON

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant
CFR Citation: 50 CFR 227; 50 CFR 222

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Withdrawn	08/07/96	

Small Entities Affected: None
Government Levels Affected: None
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888. 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.

CFR Citation: 15 CFR 981

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	05/09/96	61 FR 21073
Final Action Effective	06/10/96	

Small Entities Affected: None
Government Levels Affected: None
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889. 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.

CFR Citation: 15 CFR 923

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Small Entities Affected: None
Government Levels Affected: State

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890. NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE MODERNIZATION CRITERIA FOR AUTOMATION CERTIFICATION

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

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

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
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Government Levels Affected: None

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National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA)

891. 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 390 to 393; 47 USC 397

CFR Citation: 15 CFR 2301

Legal Deadline: None

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Final Rule Stage

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 \$13 million in grants annually and operates under rules established in 15 CFR part 2301. FY 1996 funds were appropriated pursuant to the Department of Commerce, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act 1995, P.L. 104-134.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	05/30/96	61 FR 27230
NPRM Comment Period End	07/15/96	
Final Action	11/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: Undetermined

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE (DOC)

Completed Actions

National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA)

892. THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT PROGRAM

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

CFR Citation: None

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Withdrawn	09/05/96	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE (DOC)

Prerule Stage

Patent and Trademark Office (PTO)

893. • REQUIREMENTS FOR REGISTRATION TO PRACTICE BEFORE THE PTO IN PATENT CASES

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 35 USC 31; 35 USC 32

CFR Citation: 37 CFR 1.21; 37 CFR 32

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This rulemaking involves the restructuring of the administration and format of the Registration Examination for Patent Practitioners and the

establishment of a continuing education requirement and annual fee for registered practitioners.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
ANPRM	09/30/96	61 FR 51072
ANPRM Comment Period End	12/06/96	
NPRM	02/00/97	
NPRM Comment Period End	03/00/97	
Final Action	05/00/97	
Final Action Effective	06/00/97	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE (DOC)

Proposed Rule Stage

Patent and Trademark Office (PTO)

894. 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	09/23/96	61 FR 49820
NPRM Comment Period End	11/22/96	
Final Action	01/00/97	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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Proposed Rule Stage

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895. 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	03/00/97	
Period End		

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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896. 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	12/00/96	
NPRM Comment	01/00/97	
Period End		

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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897. • CHANGES IMPLEMENTING INTERNATIONAL ACCEPTABLE NUCLEOTIDE AND/OR AMINO ACID SEQUENCE LISTINGS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 35 USC 6

CFR Citation: 37 CFR 1.77; 37 CFR 1.821; 37 CFR 1.822; 37 CFR 1.823; 37 CFR 1.824; 37 CFR 1.825

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This rulemaking simplifies the requirements for submitting nucleic acid or amino acid sequences in computer readable form.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	10/04/96	61 FR 51855
NPRM Comment	12/03/96	
Period End		
Final Action	02/00/97	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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898. • LIMITATIONS IN PATENT CLAIMS

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: 35 USC 6; 35 USC 112

CFR Citation: 37 CFR 1.75

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This rule will clarify claims and thereby expedite examination of patent applications. The rule will accomplish this by creating a framework for interpreting the language in claims.

Timetable:

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

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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899. • REVISION OF PATENT AND TRADEMARK FEES FOR FISCAL YEAR 1998

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

Legal Deadline: Final, Statutory, October 1, 1997.

Abstract: This rulemaking revises certain patent and trademark fees to reflect fluctuations in the Consumer Price Index (CPI) consistent with the Patent and Trademark Authorization Act of 1991 (Public Law 102-204).

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	05/00/97	
NPRM Comment	06/00/97	
Period End		
Final Action	08/00/97	

Small Entities Affected: None

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Proposed Rule Stage

Government Levels Affected: None
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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE (DOC)
 Patent and Trademark Office (PTO)**

Final Rule Stage

900. 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 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 Action	11/00/96	

Procedures for Amending Patent Applications
 Final Rule 08/19/96 (61 FR 42790)
 Final Rule Effective 09/23/96

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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901. 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	02/00/97	
Final Action Effective	04/00/97	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE (DOC)
 Patent and Trademark Office (PTO)**

Long-Term Actions

902. 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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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE (DOC)
Patent and Trademark Office (PTO)

Completed Actions

903. 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.

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

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	11/01/96	61 FR 56439
Final Action Effective	12/02/96	

Small Entities Affected: None
Government Levels Affected: None
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904. REVISION OF PATENT AND TRADEMARK FEES FOR FISCAL 1997

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant
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

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	07/30/96	61 FR 39585
Final Action Effective	10/01/96	

Small Entities Affected: None
Government Levels Affected: None
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905. • ELIMINATION OF REQUIREMENT FOR PROOF OF SERVICE IN CONSENTED REQUEST FOR EXTENSIONS OF TIME TO FILE A NOTICE OF OPPOSITION

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: 15 USC 1123; 35 USC 6

CFR Citation: 37 CFR 2.102(c)(2)

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This rulemaking deletes the requirement for proof of service when a request for an extension of time to oppose registration of a trademark is based upon a statement that the applicant has consented to the request.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	07/15/96	61 FR 36825
Final Action Effective	07/15/96	

Small Entities Affected: None
Government Levels Affected: None
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906. • RECORDAL FEES ASSOCIATED WITH THE FASTENER QUALITY ACT

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant
Legal Authority: 15 USC 1123; 35 USC 6

CFR Citation: 37 CFR 2.7

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This rulemaking establishes fees associated with recordation of insignias of manufacturers and private label distributors to ensure the traceability of a fastener to its manufacturer or private label distributor. This rulemaking is in accordance with the Fastener Quality Act (Public Law 101-592, as amended by Public Law 104-113).

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	09/17/96	61 FR 48872
NPRM Comment Period End	10/17/96	
Final Action	10/24/96	61 FR 55223
Final Action Effective	11/25/96	

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Government Levels Affected: None
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE (DOC)
Technology Administration (TA)

Final Rule Stage

907. 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: We are evaluating the comments and will be making minor

changes to the regulation which permitted electronic reporting of inventions.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Interim Final Rule	08/14/95	60 FR 41811
Comment Period End	09/13/95	
Final Action	10/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: None
Government Levels Affected: Federal
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908. 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

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Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: On August 7, 1996, 37 CFR part 101 was abolished and 37 CFR part 501 expanded to cover foreign rights of inventions made by Federal employees.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Interim Final Rule	08/07/96	61 FR 40997
Final Action	11/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: Federal

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909. 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: On August 7, 1996 37 CFR part 102 was abolished.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Interim Final Rule	08/07/96	61 FR 40997
Final Action	11/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: Federal

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE (DOC)

Long-Term Actions

Technology Administration (TA)

910. PROMOTION OF PRIVATE SECTOR INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGY PARTNERSHIPS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

CFR Citation: 15 CFR 1160 subpart A

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
ANPRM	00/00/00	

Small Entities Affected: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected: Undetermined

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911. • LICENSING OF GOVERNMENT-OWNED INVENTIONS

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 206

CFR Citation: 37 CFR 404

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: We are revising the regulation to simplify the licensing procedures by dropping all

nonstatutory requirements which are not appropriate.

Timetable: Next Action Undetermined

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Government Levels Affected: None

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