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April 1999 Semiannual Agenda of Regulations

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, Commerce.

ACTION: Semiannual regulatory agenda.

SUMMARY: In compliance with Executive Order 12866 entitled "Regulatory Planning and Review" and the Regulatory Flexibility Act, 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 October 1999 agenda. The purpose of the agenda is to provide information to the public on regulations currently under review, being proposed, or issued by the Department. The agenda is intended to facilitate comments and views by interested members of the public.

The Department's April 1999 regulatory agenda includes regulatory activities that are expected to be conducted during the period April 1, 1999, through March 31, 2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Specific: For additional information about specific regulatory actions listed

in the agenda, contact the individual identified as the contact person.

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

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Executive Order 12866 requires agencies to publish an agenda of those regulations that are under consideration pursuant to this order. By memorandum of January 8, 1999, the Office of Management and Budget issued guidelines and procedures for the preparation and publication of the April 1999 Unified Agenda of Federal Regulatory and Deregulatory Actions. The Regulatory Flexibility Act, 5 U.S.C. 601 *et seq.*, 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. The agenda also identifies those entries that have been selected for periodic review under section 610 of the Regulatory Flexibility Act.

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

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

The DOC April 1999 regulatory agenda follows.

Dated: February 19, 1999.

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577	Framework Adjustment to the Fishery Management Plan for the Atlantic Sea Scallops To Allow Controlled Access to the Georges Bank Groundfish Closed Areas by Scallop Vessels	0648-AM25
578	Emergency Rule for Steller Sea Lion Conservation Measures for BSAI and GOA Pollock Fisheries During Second Half of 1999	0648-AM33
579	Performance Standards for Tuna Vessel Operators	0648-AD03
580	Taking and Importing of Marine Mammals; Dolphin Mortality Limits During Purse Seine Sets on Marine Mammals in the Eastern Tropical Pacific	0648-AF07
581	Taking and Importing of Marine Mammals; "Dolphin-Safe" Tuna Labeling	0648-AF08
582	Designated Critical Habitat; Pacific Steelhead	0648-AG49
583	Designated Critical Habitat; Central California Coast and Southern Oregon/Northern California Coast Coho Salmon	0648-AG56
584	Taking and Importing of Marine Mammals: Proposed Rule Prohibiting U.S. Citizens From Encircling Marine Mammals During Tuna Fishing Operations	0648-AH04
585	Final Rule To Establish Guidelines for Nonlethally Detering Marine Mammals From Endangering Personal Safety or Damaging Public or Private Property	0648-AH19
586	General Authorization for Scientific Research Involving Level B Harassment	0648-AH20
587	North Atlantic Right Whale Protection; Interim Final Rule	0648-AH47
588	Final Policies for Safe Harbor and Candidate Conservation Agreements	0648-AJ54
589	Endangered and Threatened Species; Status of Chinook Salmon in Washington, Idaho, Oregon and California	0648-AK02
590	North Atlantic Right Whale Protection	0648-AK41
591	Definition of Harm Under the ESA	0648-AK55
592	Sea Turtle Conservation; Shrimp Trawling Requirements	0648-AK66
593	Pacific Offshore Cetacean Take Reduction Plan	0648-AL70
594	Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary	0648-AE41
595	Olympic Coast National Marine Sanctuary—Addition of Definition for Seabirds	0648-AL09
596	Licensing of Private Remote-Sensing Satellite Systems	0648-AC64
597	NOAA Procedures for Implementing the National Environmental Policy Act	0648-AL58

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598	General Provisions for Domestic Fisheries—Standard Definitions	0648-AG46
599	Regulatory Amendment To Require Electronic Submission by Alaska Groundfish Processors of Weekly Production Reports and Check In/Out Reports	0648-AI66

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Sequence Number	Title	Regulation Identifier Number
600	Regulatory Amendment To Revise the Product Recovery Rate Codes for Certain Alaska Groundfish Products	0648-AI87
601	Regulatory Amendment To Implement Bycatch Reduction Measures	0648-AJ47
602	Implementation of Data Collection and Reporting Requirements to the Fishery Management Plan for the American Lobster Fishery	0648-AJ75
603	Regulatory Amendment To Develop a C. Bairdi Vessel Incentive Program	0648-AK08
604	Regulatory Amendment To Allocate Pacific Halibut to the Halibut Subsistence Fishery	0648-AK16
605	Regulatory Amendment To Allocate Pacific Halibut to the Charter Boat Fleet	0648-AK17
606	Observer Funding Policy	0648-AL08
607	ANPR for Control Date for Recreational-for-Hire Sectors in Gulf of Mexico (GOM) Coastal Migratory Pelagics and Reef Fish Fisheries	0648-AM03
608	Amendment 10 to the Fishery Management Plan for the Shrimp Fishery of the Gulf of Mexico	0648-AM23
609	Revisions to the License Limitation Program for the Commercial Crab Fisheries of the BSAI	0648-AM31
610	Alaska Groundfish License Limitation Program Amendments	0648-AM40
611	Proposed Rule To Require Certain Fish From Mexico To Retain Heads and Tails Intact in Order To Protect the Endangered Totoaba	0648-AF32
612	Taking of Marine Mammals Incidental to Fisheries-Related Research	0648-AF50
613	Direct Take of Threatened Salmon by Native Americans	0648-AG15
614	Proposed Rule To Authorize Lethal Takings of Marine Mammals by State Authorities	0648-AG79
615	Final Rule To Amend Marine Mammal Regulations To Authorize Incidental Takings of Marine Mammals by Harassment as Authorized by Public Law 103-238	0648-AG80
616	Section 4(d) of ESA Protective Regulations for Johnson Seagrass, a Threatened Species	0648-AL59
617	Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary—Minor Boundary Revision	0648-AL07
618	Regional Marine Research Program	0648-AF20
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621	Financial Disclosure of Fishery Management Council Nominees, Members, and Executive Directors	0648-AG16
622	Amendment 39 to the FMP for Groundfish Fishery of BSAI, Amendment 41 to the FMP for Groundfish of the GOA and Amendment 5 to the FMP for Commercial King & Tanner Crab Fisheries of the BSAI	0648-AH65
623	Regulatory Amendment To Adjust the Annual Total Allowable Catch for Royal Red Shrimp in the Gulf of Mexico ...	0648-AI39
624	Proposed Rule To Implement Vessel Identification and Reporting Requirements under the High Seas Fishing Compliance Act of 1995	0648-AI99
625	Amendment 7 to the Fishery Management Plan for the Atlantic Sea Scallop Fishery	0648-AJ33
626	BSAI/GOA Amendments 56/56 Overfishing Definitions for Groundfish	0648-AJ50
627	Atlantic Tuna Fisheries; Regulatory Adjustments	0648-AJ66
628	Atlantic Highly Migratory Species; Measures To Manage the Drift Gillnet Section of the Atlantic Swordfish Fishery	0648-AJ68
629	Appointment of Members to the Regional Fishery Management Councils	0648-AJ95
630	Amendment 9 to the Fishery Management Plan for the Snapper-Grouper Fishery of the South Atlantic	0648-AK05
631	Regulatory Amendment To Implement Rolling Closures During the Sablefish Fishery in the Gulf of Alaska	0648-AK10
632	FMP Amendments for the Groundfish Fishery of the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands and for the Groundfish of the Gulf of Alaska	0648-AK12
633	Endangered and Threatened Species; Regulations Consolidation	0648-AK34
634	Options for 1997 Rulemaking for Banning the Sale of Undersized Atlantic Swordfish	0648-AK39
635	Regulatory Amendment to Fishery Management Plan for Golden Crab Fishery of Southern Atlantic States	0648-AK43
636	Amendment 6 to the Fishery Management Plan for the Stone Crab Fishery of the Gulf of Mexico	0648-AK48
637	List of Gear and Fisheries Under Jurisdiction of Each Fishery Management Council or the Secretary of Commerce for Highly Migratory Species	0648-AK49
638	Atlantic Billfish Size Limits and Tournament Notification Requirements	0648-AK88
639	Emergency Interim Rule To Reduce Daily Bag Limit for Red Snapper in the Gulf of Mexico Exclusive Economic Zone	0648-AK97
640	Establish 10 SMZs in Federal Waters Off SC and Prohibit Use of Powerheads in the Ft. Pierce, FL, Offshore SMZ in the Snapper-Grouper Fishery of the South Atlantic Region	0648-AL00

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642	Interim Rule To Require Shrimp Trawl Vessel Observers, Logbooks, and Monitoring Systems in the Exclusive Economic Zone of the Gulf of Mexico	0648-AL15
643	Amendment 59 to the BSAI FMP, Amendment 57 to the GOA FMP, and Amendment 9 to the BSAI KTC FMP - Moratorium Extension	0648-AL20
644	Amendment 45 to the Fishery Management Plan for the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Area	0648-AL22
645	Regulatory Amendment To Implement Stand-Down Requirement for Catcher Vessels Transiting Between Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands and Gulf of Alaska	0648-AL26
646	Regulatory Amendment To Implement Atka Mackerel Fishing Restrictions in the BSAI for Steller Sea Lion Conservation Purposes	0648-AL29
647	Amdt. 11 to Northeast Multispecies FMP; Amdt. 9 to Atlantic Sea Scallop FMP; Amdt. 1 to Monkfish FMP; and Amdt. 1 to Atlantic Salmon FMP; Components of Atlantic Herring FMP	0648-AL32
648	Vessel Tracking System Power Down Exemption Rule	0648-AL35
649	Amendment 8 to the Fishery Management Plan for Atlantic Mackerel, Squid, and Butterfish (FMP)	0648-AL54
650	Amendment 12 to the Fishery Management Plan for Atlantic Surf Clam and Ocean Quahogs (FMP)	0648-AL55
651	Emergency Interim Rule To Release the Remaining 1998 Recreational and Commercial Quota Reserves for Gulf of Mexico Red Snapper	0648-AL61
652	1999 Harvest Guideline for the Northwestern Hawaiian Islands Lobster Fishery	0648-AL63
653	Final Specifications for 1999 Summer Flounder, Scup, and Black Sea Bass Fisheries	0648-AL74
654	1999 Initial Specifications for Atlantic Mackerel, Squid, and Butterfish Fisheries	0648-AL76
655	1999 Fishing Quotas for Atlantic Surf Clam and Ocean Quahog Fisheries	0648-AL77
656	Atlantic Tuna Fisheries; 1999 Quotas and Effort Controls	0648-AL79
657	Comprehensive Amendment Addressing Essential Fish Habitat in Fishery Management Plans of the South Atlantic Region	0648-AL84
658	Comprehensive Amendment Addressing Sustainable Fisheries Act Definitions and Other Required Provisions in Fishery Management Plans of the South Atlantic Region	0648-AL85
659	Pacific Coast Groundfish; Advance Notice of Proposed Rulemaking	0648-AL87
660	Atlantic Billfish Size Limit and Tournament Notification	0648-AM02
661	Emergency Interim Rule To Establish Additional Observer Coverage for 20 Catcher Processors and Inseason Authority To Manage Non-Pollock Harvest	0648-AM06
662	Emergency Rule To Implement Reasonable and/or Prudent Measures To Protect the Critical Habitat of the Steller Sea Lion	0648-AM08
663	Pacific Halibut Fisheries; Catch Sharing Plan	0648-AM11
664	FR: Groundfish Annual Specifications and Management Measures for 1999	0648-AM12
665	Framework 26 to the Northeast Multispecies Fishery Management Plan	0648-AM14
666	Pacific Halibut Fisheries, Catch Sharing Plan	0648-AM35
667	Interim Final Rule for Atlantic Sea Scallop Fishery	0648-AK68
668	Civil Procedures	0648-AF96
669	Take of Marine Mammals by the U.S. Navy Incidental to Military Activities in the South Atlantic of the United States	0648-AG55
670	Shrimp Vessel Registration Requirement	0648-AH87
671	Designated Critical Habitat; Green and Hawksbill Sea Turtle	0648-AH88
672	Taking of Marine Mammals Incidental to Commercial Fishing Operations; Take Reduction Plan Regulations and Emergency Regulations	0648-AI84
673	Taking of Marine Mammals Incidental to Activities at Vandenberg Air Force Base, CA	0648-AK42
674	List of Fisheries for 1999	0648-AK95
675	Prohibiting Anchoring by Vessels 50 Meters or Greater in Length on Tortugas Bank Within the Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary	0648-AK45
676	Administrative Changes to Coastal Nonpoint Pollution Control Program	0648-AK62

National Telecommunications and Information Administration—Final Rule Stage

Sequence Number	Title	Regulation Identifier Number
677	Improvement of Technical Management of Internet Names and Addresses	0660-AA11

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Patent and Trademark Office—Prerule Stage

Sequence Number	Title	Regulation Identifier Number
678	Official Insignia of Native American Tribes: Statutorily Required Study	0651-AB02

Patent and Trademark Office—Proposed Rule Stage

Sequence Number	Title	Regulation Identifier Number
679	Changes To Implement the Patent Business Goals	0651-AA98
680	Trademark Law Treaty Implementation Rules Changes	0651-AB00

Patent and Trademark Office—Final Rule Stage

Sequence Number	Title	Regulation Identifier Number
681	Revision of Patent and Trademark Fees for Fiscal Year 2000	0651-AB01
682	Consideration of Interlocutory Rulings at Final Hearing in Interference Processings	0651-AB03

Patent and Trademark Office—Long-Term Actions

Sequence Number	Title	Regulation Identifier Number
683	Patent Application Electronic Submission Rules	0651-AA50
684	Changes To Implement 18-Month Publication of Patent Applications	0651-AA75
685	Rules of Practice in Patent Cases; Reexamination Proceedings	0651-AA79
686	Requirements for Registration To Practice Before the PTO in Patent Cases	0651-AA93
687	Technical Requirements for Registration To Practice Before the PTO in Patent Cases	0651-AA95

Patent and Trademark Office—Completed Actions

Sequence Number	Title	Regulation Identifier Number
688	Miscellaneous Changes to Trademark Trial and Appeal Board Rules	0651-AA87
689	Limitations in Patent Claims	0651-AA91
690	Revision of Patent and Trademark Fees for Fiscal Year 1999	0651-AA96
691	Changes To Implement the Standard Format for Patent Applications	0651-AA99

Technology Administration—Long-Term Actions

Sequence Number	Title	Regulation Identifier Number
692	Promotion of Private Sector Industrial Technology Partnerships	0692-AA13
693	Rights to Inventions Made by Nonprofit Organizations and Small Business Firms Under Government Grants, Contracts, and Cooperative Agreements	0692-AA14
694	Acquisition and Protection of Foreign Rights in Inventions	0692-AA15
695	Licensing of Government-Owned Inventions	0692-AA17

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

Proposed Rule Stage

361. NONDISCRIMINATION ON THE BASIS OF SEX IN EDUCATION PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES RECEIVING OR BENEFITING FROM FEDERAL FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Priority: Other Significant

Legal Authority: PL 92-318, sec 901 and 902

CFR Citation: 15 CFR 8a

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The Department of Commerce plans to join with the Department of Justice and other agencies in a

Governmentwide common rule to enforce title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972. The rule will provide guidelines for enforcing nondiscrimination on the basis of sex in education programs and activities receiving or benefiting from Federal financial assistance.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	01/00/00	
NPRM Comment	03/00/00	
Period End		

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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

Long-Term Actions

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

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

CFR Citation: Not yet determined

Timetable: Next Action Undetermined

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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

Proposed Rule Stage

363. BENCHMARK SURVEY OF FINANCIAL SERVICES TRANSACTIONS BETWEEN U.S. FINANCIAL SERVICES PROVIDERS AND UNAFFILIATED FOREIGN PERSONS—1999

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 22 USC 3101 to 3108 Intl Investment & Trade in Svcs Survey Act

CFR Citation: 15 CFR 801

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This action will amend existing rule 15 CFR 801.11 to provide for the conduct of the BE-80, Benchmark Survey of Financial Services Transactions Between U.S. Financial Services Providers and Unaffiliated Foreign Persons--1999, as required in the International Investment and Trade in Services Survey Act, 22 USC 3101 to 3108 (see especially section 4(b) of the Act). The existing rule covers a similar survey for 1994, which has been completed and which the new survey will update.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	06/00/99	
NPRM Comment	08/00/99	
Period End		
Final Action	10/00/99	
Final Action Effective	11/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Small Entities Affected: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 0691-AA35

CFR Citation: 15 CFR 806

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This action will amend existing 15 CFR 806.16 to provide for the conduct of the BE-10, Benchmark Survey of U.S. Direct Investment Abroad--1999, as required in the International Investment and Trade in Services Survey Act, 22 USC 3101 to 3108 (see especially section 4(b) of the Act). The existing rule covers a similar survey for 1994 which has been completed and which the new survey will update.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	09/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Small Entities Affected: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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364. BENCHMARK SURVEY OF U.S. DIRECT INVESTMENT ABROAD—1999

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 22 USC 3101 to 3108 Intl Investment and Trade Svcs Survey Act

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365. • CHANGE IN REPORTING REQUIREMENTS FOR BE-577, DIRECT TRANSACTIONS OF U.S. REPORTER WITH FOREIGN AFFILIATE

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant
Legal Authority: 22 USC 3101 to 3108
CFR Citation: 15 CFR 806
Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This action will amend existing rule 15 CFR 806.14 to bring reporting on the BE-577, Direct Transactions of U.S. Reporter With Foreign Affiliate, into conformity with the proposed BE-10, Benchmark Survey of U.S. Direct Investment Abroad - 1999.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	10/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Small Entities Affected: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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

Completed Actions

366. CHANGE IN REPORTING REQUIREMENTS FOR BE-15, ANNUAL SURVEY OF FOREIGN DIRECT INVESTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant
CFR Citation: 15 CFR 806

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	03/04/99	64 FR 10387
Final Action Effective	04/05/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE (DOC)
Bureau of the Census (CENSUS)

Proposed Rule Stage

367. AMENDMENT TO THE FOREIGN TRADE STATISTICAL REGULATIONS: PROVISIONS FOR FILING SHIPPERS EXPORT DATA ELECTRONICALLY USING THE AUTOMATED EXPORT SYSTEM (AES)

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

Legal Authority: 13 USC 301 to 307

CFR Citation: 15 CFR 30.60

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The Census Bureau is amending the Foreign Trade Statistics Regulations (FTSR) to incorporate provisions and requirements for the electronic reporting of export data via the Automated Export System (AES) and to conform changes and requirements with U.S. Customs Service regulations implementing and supporting operation of the AES. The AES will provide the trade community with a single automated system through which they can provide the export

information required by the U.S. Government.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	02/12/99	64 FR 7412
NPRM Comment Period End	04/13/99	
Final Action	10/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Government Levels Affected: Federal

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RIN: 0607-AA19

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	08/06/98	63 FR 41979
NPRM Comment Period End	10/05/98	
Second NPRM	04/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 13 USC 301 to 307

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Proposed Rule Stage

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

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	05/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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

Priority: Info./Admin./Other

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:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	05/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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 RIN: 0607-AA25

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

Priority: Info./Admin./Other

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:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	05/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 0607-AA26

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

Priority: Info./Admin./Other

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:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	05/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE (DOC)

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Bureau of the Census (CENSUS)

373. REPORTING VALUE ON SHIPPER'S EXPORT DECLARATION FOR INLAND FREIGHT AND INSURANCE CHARGES

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 13 USC 301 and 302

CFR Citation: 15 CFR 30.7(q)

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The Bureau of the Census is amending the Foreign Trade Statistics Regulations to clarify the provisions for reporting the value of merchandise on the Shipper's Export Declaration (SED)

when the inland and freight and insurance charges are not known. Current provisions define the value to be reported on the SED as the value at the U.S. port of export including inland freight and insurance charges. In situations where inland freight and

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insurance charges are not known the Census Bureau will require that the exporter add 3 percent of the value of the commodity to the value to determine the total value to be reported on the SED.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	04/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Government Levels Affected: Federal

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RIN: 0607-AA29

374. REPORTING THE VALUE OF REPAIRS AND REPLACEMENT PARTS ON THE SHIPPER'S EXPORT DECLARATION

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 13 USC 301 and 302

CFR Citation: 15 CFR 30.30(c)

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The Bureau of the Census is amending the Foreign Trade Statistics

Regulations to clarify provisions for reporting the value of exports that were previously imported for repairs or alterations, and the value of replacement parts. This amendment will clarify provisions for reporting the cost of repairs and/or alterations and reporting the value of replacement parts on the Shipper's Export Declaration.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	05/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Government Levels Affected: Federal

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RIN: 0607-AA30

375. NOTATION OF THE SHIPPER'S EXPORT DECLARATION FILING EXEMPTION STATEMENT ON MANIFEST DOCUMENTS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 13 USC 301 and 302

CFR Citation: 15 CFR 30.50

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The Bureau of the Census is amending the Foreign Trade Statistics Regulations (FTSR) to clarify provisions for notating the Shipper's Export Declaration (SED) filing exemption statement on the bill of lading, air waybill, or other loading document for carrier use, in all cases, when an SED is not required to be filed. This amendment will require the exporter to reference the specific FTSR section, explaining the exemption criteria, whenever an SED is not required to be filed with the statement "No SED Required, FTSR 30.XX" on the manifest document.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	05/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Government Levels Affected: Federal

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE (DOC)

Final Rule Stage

Economic Development Administration (EDA)

376. REGULATIONS TO IMPLEMENT THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION REFORM ACT OF 1998

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: 42 USC 3121 et seq

CFR Citation: 13 CFR 300 to 318

Legal Deadline: Final, Statutory, February 11, 1999.

Abstract: EDA will implement the requirements of the Economic Development Administration Reform Act of 1998 establishing criteria and procedures for the award of grants under the legislation, a comprehensive

revision of the Public Works and Economic Development Act of 1965.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Interim Final Rule	02/03/99	64 FR 5348
Interim Final Rule Effective	02/11/99	
Interim Final Rule Comment Period End	04/05/99	
Final Action	08/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Government Levels Affected: State, Local, Tribal

Sectors Affected: Multiple

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377. CIVIL RIGHTS GUIDELINES

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 42 USC 2000d et seq; 42 USC 3123; 29 USC 794; 42 USC 6101

CFR Citation: None

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The Economic Development Administration is revising its civil rights guidelines. In accordance with Department of Justice regulations (28 CFR 42.404), all agencies with title VI responsibilities (title VI of the Civil

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Rights Act of 1964, as amended) must have civil rights guidelines. EDA developed its original guidelines in April 1979. Since that time, minor revisions were made and now EDA is updating and streamlining its guidelines to provide current civil rights requirements for its programs.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	08/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No**Small Entities Affected:** No**Government Levels Affected:** None

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE (DOC)

Completed Actions

Economic Development Administration (EDA)

378. TRADE ACT—ADJUSTMENT ASSISTANCE FOR COMMUNITIES

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant**CFR Citation:** 13 CFR 315**Completed:**

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Withdrawn - Due to Removal of Presidential Initiative	02/05/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No**Government Levels Affected:** State, Local, Tribal

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE (DOC)

Proposed Rule Stage

General Administration (ADMIN)

379. • PUBLIC INFORMATION, FREEDOM OF INFORMATION AND PRIVACY

Priority: Other Significant

Legal Authority: 5 USC 301; 5 USC 552 to 553; 44 USC 3101; 44 USC 3717; Reorganization Plan No. 5 of 1950

CFR Citation: 15 CFR 4; 15 CFR 4a; 15 CFR 4b

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The Department of Commerce plans to amend the regulations pertaining to the Freedom of

Information Act, Privacy Act, and declassification and public availability of national security information. The proposed rule contains new provisions implementing the Electronic Freedom of Information Act Amendment of 1996, reflects the principles established by the President and Attorney General in the FOIA Policy Memoranda of October 4, 1993, incorporates updated cost figures to be used in charging fees, and streamlines and clarifies the present regulations at 15 CFR parts 4, 4a and 4b.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	07/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No**Government Levels Affected:** None

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE (DOC)

Final Rule Stage

General Administration (ADMIN)

380. UNIFORM ADMINISTRATIVE REQUIREMENT FOR GRANTS AND AGREEMENTS WITH INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION, HOSPITALS, AND OTHER NONPROFITS AND COMMERCIAL ORGANIZATIONS

Priority: Other Significant**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.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Interim Final Rule	09/04/98	63 FR 47155
Interim Final Rule Effective	10/01/98	

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Action	Date	FR Cite
Interim Final Rule Comment Period End	11/03/98	
Final Action	10/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No**Government Levels Affected:** None

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RIN: 0605-AA09**381. • SOLICITATION PROVISIONS AND CONTRACT CAUSES: WOMEN-OWNED SMALL BUSINESS SOURCES****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 4186**CFR Citation:** 48 CFR 1352**Legal Deadline:** None

Abstract: The Department of Commerce is removing a section of the Commerce Acquisition Regulation (CAR) pertaining to the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) contract clause "Small, Small Disadvantaged and Women-Owned Small Business Subcontracting Plan." The FAR contains requirements for where the clause "Small, Small Disadvantaged and Women-Owned Small Business Subcontracting Plan" is required in solicitations and contracts. Since the CAR is intended to supplement and implement the FAR without paraphrasing or duplicating FAR language, the Department is removing the section of the CAR which duplicates the FAR requirement.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	04/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No**Small Entities Affected:** Businesses**Government Levels Affected:** None

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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RIN: 0605-AA13**382. • AGENCY-LEVEL PROTEST PROCEDURES—LEVEL ABOVE THE CONTRACTING OFFICER****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 12372; EO 12979**CFR Citation:** 48 CFR 1333.100**Legal Deadline:** None

Abstract: The Department of Commerce amends the Commerce Acquisition Regulation (CAR) to include its final rules of Agency Protest Procedures-Level Above the Contracting Officer. The Department of Commerce has an urgent need to publish its final rule stating the policy governing protest at the level above the contracting officer. These rules are currently being used by all Department of Commerce contracting activities. Accordingly, they provide uniform policy and procedures governing the filing and disposition of

all pre-award and post-award agency protests of contracting actions at the level above the contractor officer emphasized that the current rules and procedures pertaining to ordinary agency protest filed directly with the contracting officer remain in effect. These provisions include establishment of the protest decision authority for all Agency protests filed at level above the contracting officer, the election of forum, the procedures for filing such protest, the minimal filing contents for a valid protest of this type, procedures for the protest disposition, the effects of protest filing on contract awards, and potential remedies available for resolution of these protests.

These rules have been designed to create an additional avenue for resolving third-party grievances in connection with the acquisition process and to avoid resolving these types of disputes through formal judicial processes. To this extent, they implement the requirements of Executive Order No. 12979 and the Federal Acquisition Regulations (FAR), part 33, section 103.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	04/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: 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)
General Administration (ADMIN)
Completed Actions**383. • UNIFORM AUDIT REQUIREMENTS****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**Legal Authority:** 5 USC 301**CFR Citation:** 15 CFR 29a; 15 CFR 29b**Legal Deadline:** None

Abstract: This rule removed part 29a, "Audit Requirements for State and Local Governments," and part 29b, "Audit Requirements for Institutions of Higher Education and Other Non-Profit Organizations" from title 15 of the Code of Federal Regulations. The two CFR parts were obsolete because

uniform audit requirements for non-Federal entities that administer Federal awards are contained in the Department's regulations codified at 15 CFR part 14, "Uniform Administrative Requirements for Grants and Agreements With Institution of Higher Education, Hospitals, Other Non-Profit, and Commercial Organizations," and part 24, "Uniform Administrative Requirements for Grants and Cooperative Agreements to State and Local Governments."

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	10/06/98	63 FR 53564
Final Action Effective	10/06/98	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No**Government Levels Affected:** None

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RIN: 0605-AA12
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE (DOC)
International Trade Administration (ITA)
Final Rule Stage**384. PROCEDURES FOR CONDUCTING FIVE-YEAR (SUNSET) REVIEWS OF ANTIDUMPING AND COUNTERVAILING DUTY ORDERS****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**Legal Authority:** 19 USC 1671 et seq; 19 USC 1673 et seq; 19 USC 1303**CFR Citation:** 19 CFR 351**Legal Deadline:** None

Abstract: On May 19, 1997 (62 FR 27296), the Department of Commerce (the Department) published final rules on, inter alia, procedures for conducting antidumping and countervailing duty proceedings to conform the Department's existing regulations to the Uruguay Round

Agreements Act (URAA). Although these regulations contain provisions on the conduct of sunset reviews, the Department is planning to amend the regulations to provide more guidance on the procedures for conducting sunset reviews. Specifically, the Department proposes to amend the procedural regulations for participation in, and conduct of, sunset reviews to add two definitions to provide shorthand expressions for 120-day and 240-day sunset reviews; provide deadlines for certain submissions; clarify the information to be provided by parties participating in a sunset review; clarify when the Department will conduct a 120-day or a 240-day sunset review, and provide time limits

for actions to be taken by the Department.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Interim Final Rule	03/20/98	63 FR 13516
Final Action	03/00/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No**Government Levels Affected:** None

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE (DOC)
International Trade Administration (ITA)
Long-Term Actions**385. EXPORT TRADE CERTIFICATES OF REVIEW (15 CFR 325)****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**CFR Citation:** 15 CFR 325**Timetable:** Next Action Undetermined**Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required:** No**Government Levels Affected:** Undetermined

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE (DOC)
International Trade Administration (ITA)
Completed Actions**386. ANTIDUMPING DUTIES; COUNTERVAILING DUTIES****Priority:** Other Significant

Reinventing Government: This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing

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

CFR Citation: 19 CFR 351; 19 CFR 353; 19 CFR 355

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	11/25/98	63 FR 65348

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

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Completed Actions

Government Levels Affected: None

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE (DOC)

Proposed Rule Stage

Bureau of Export Administration (BXA)

387. 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 13, 1998 (63 FR 44121)

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.

This rule will also set forth the acts which constitute a violation under the Chemical Weapons Convention and the penalties for violators.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
ANPRM	12/23/94	59 FR 66291

Action	Date	FR Cite
ANPRM Comment Period End	01/23/95	
NPRM	09/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE (DOC)

Final Rule Stage

Bureau of Export Administration (BXA)

388. REVISIONS TO THE EXPORT ADMINISTRATION REGULATIONS; ADDITIONS TO THE ENTITY LIST

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 18 USC 2501 et seq; 30 USC 185; 10 USC 7429; 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 13, 1998 (63 FR 44121)

CFR Citation: 15 CFR 744

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The Export Administration Regulations (EAR) provide that the Bureau of Export Administration may inform exporters, individually or through amendment to the EAR, that a license is required for exports or reexports to certain entities. The EAR contains a list of such entities. This rule adds entities to the Entity List, and requires a license for all exports and reexports of all items subject to the EAR.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Addition to Entity List	05/16/97	62 FR 26922
Addition to Entity List	06/30/97	62 FR 35334
Addition to Entity List	06/30/97	62 FR 35335
Revision to Entity List	10/01/97	62 FR 51369

Action	Date	FR Cite
Addition to Entity List Russian Entities	07/29/98	63 FR 40363
Final Action	04/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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389. IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CHEMICAL WEAPONS CONVENTION; REVISIONS TO THE EXPORT ADMINISTRATION REGULATIONS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 18 USC 2501 et seq; 30 USC 185; 42 USC 6212; 10 USC 7429; 10 USC 7430(c); 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 11912; EO 12924; Notice of August 13, 1998 (63 FR 44121)

CFR Citation: 15 CFR 730 to 774

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This rule implements the Chemical Weapons Convention (CWC) that affect exports and reexports subject to the jurisdiction of the Commerce Department by amending the Export Administration Regulations. Specifically, this rule modifies an existing License Exception to permit the export of technology to foreign nationals during inspections of chemical facilities in the U.S. pursuant to the CWC and to permit the export or reexport of equipment for use in inspections in countries party to the CWC, adds licensing requirements for certain chemicals listed in the CWC, adds a requirement for an End-Use Certificate for exports of certain chemicals to those countries that are not a party to the CWC, and adds a notification and annual report requirement.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	09/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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Final Rule Stage

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390. CLARIFICATION OF REPORTING REQUIREMENTS UNDER THE WASSENAAR ARRANGEMENT**Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**Legal Authority:** 18 USC 2501 et seq; 30 USC 185; 42 USC 6212; 10 USC 7429; 10 USC 7430(c); 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 11912; EO 12924; Notice of August 13, 1998 (63 FR 44121)**CFR Citation:** 15 CFR 730 to 774**Legal Deadline:** None**Abstract:** On January 15, 1998, the Bureau of Export Administration (BXA) published an interim final rule (63 FR 4252) implementing the Wassenaar Arrangement list of dual-use items and reporting requirements under the Wassenaar Arrangement. This rule provides clarification on the reporting requirements under the Wassenaar Arrangement.**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
Interim Final Rule - Clarification of Reporting Requirements Under Wassenaar Arr.	10/14/98	63 FR 55017
Final Action	09/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis**Required:** No**Government Levels Affected:** None**Agency Contact:** Patricia Muldonian, Policy Analyst, Department of Commerce, Bureau of Export Administration, Washington, DC 20230
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RIN: 0694—AB72

391. INDIA AND PAKISTAN SANCTIONS**Priority:** Other Significant**Legal Authority:** 18 USC 2501 et seq; 30 USC 185; 42 USC 6212; 10 USC 7429; 10 USC 7430(c); 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 11912; EO 12924; Notice of August 13, 1998 (63 FR 44121)**CFR Citation:** 15 CFR 730 to 774**Legal Deadline:** None**Abstract:** On June 18, 1998, the Administration announced additional details of the sanctions imposed on India and Pakistan in response to their recent detonation of nuclear devices. The President had previously determined and reported to Congress, under the authority of section 102 of the Arms Export Control Act, that the Indian and Pakistani activities had violated the Act and sanctions were required.

Under the provisions of the Arms Export Control Act, the Department of Commerce's Bureau of Export Administration (BXA) is revising the Export Administration Regulations (EAR) to expand the license requirements and set forth licensing policy for exports and reexports of most items controlled for nuclear nonproliferation and missile technology to India and Pakistan. Under the provisions of the Export Administration Act (EAA), BXA is revising the EAR to expand the license requirements and set forth licensing policy for exports and reexports of high performance computers to India and Pakistan. In addition, Indian and Pakistani government entities involved in nuclear or missile activities will be added to the Entity List. Additional military and private entities located in India and Pakistan will be added to the Entity List in the near future.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Interim Final Rule - India and Pakistan Sanctions and Other Measures	11/19/98	63 FR 64322
Interim Final Rule - Correction to India and Pakistan Sanctions and Other Measures	11/27/98	63 FR 65352
Final Action	04/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis**Required:** No**Small Entities Affected:** No**Government Levels Affected:** None**Agency Contact:** Hillary Hess, Director, Regulatory Policy Division, Department of Commerce, Bureau of Export Administration, Washington, DC 20230
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RIN: 0694—AB73

392. REVISIONS TO THE COMMERCE CONTROL LIST: CHANGES IN MISSILE TECHNOLOGY CONTROLS**Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**Legal Authority:** 18 USC 2501 et seq; 30 USC 185; 42 USC 6212; 10 USC 7429; 10 USC 7430(c); 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 11912; EO 12924; Notice of August 13, 1998 (63 FR 44121)**CFR Citation:** 15 CFR 730 to 774**Legal Deadline:** None**Abstract:** The Bureau of Export Administration (BXA) maintains the Commerce Control List (CCL), which identifies those items subject to Department of Commerce export controls. This rule amends the CCL by revising a number of items subject to control for missile technology reasons. These changes to the CCL are the result of the Missile Technology Control Regime (MTCR) Technical Experts Meeting in November 1997. The changes made by this rule are intended to conform the list of missile technology-related items controlled by the United States to the list agreed to and adopted by the countries participating in the MTCR.**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	04/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis**Required:** No**Government Levels Affected:** None**Agency Contact:** Patricia Muldonian, Policy Analyst, Department of Commerce, Bureau of Export Administration, Washington, DC 20230
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RIN: 0694—AB75

393. REVISIONS AND CLARIFICATIONS TO THE EXPORT ADMINISTRATION REGULATIONS; COMMERCE CONTROL LIST**Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**Legal Authority:** 18 USC 2501 et seq; 30 USC 185; 42 USC 6212; 10 USC 7429; 10 USC 7430(c); 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 11912; EO 12924; Notice of August 13, 1998 (63 FR 44121)

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CFR Citation: 15 CFR 730 to 744

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: On January 15, 1998, the Bureau of Export Administration (BXA) published an interim final rule (63 FR 2452) that implemented the Wassenaar Arrangement list of dual-use items and reporting requirements under the Wassenaar Arrangement. The interim final rule revised the Commerce Control List by making revisions to implement the Wassenaar Arrangement. This rule amends the Commerce Control List by making revisions and clarifications and, in some cases, inserts material inadvertently omitted from the January 15 interim.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	04/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 0694-AB77

394. EXPORTS AND REEXPORTS OF EXPLOSIVE MATERIALS; REVISION OF FOREIGN POLICY CONTROLS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 18 USC 2501 et seq; 30 USC 185; 42 USC 6212; 10 USC 7429; 10 USC 7430(c); 50 USC 1701 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 11912; EO 12924; Notice of August 13, 1998 (63 FR 44121)

CFR Citation: 15 CFR 730 to 774

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This rule amends the Export Administration Regulations by imposing a new licensing requirement on the export and reexport of explosive material (not elsewhere controlled on the Commerce Control List), and products incorporating those materials as described by Export Control Classification Number 1C998 to Iran, Sudan, and Syria for antiterrorism reasons. License applications to Iran and Sudan will be subject to a general policy of denial in accordance with the

comprehensive U.S. embargoes to those countries. License applications to Syria will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis, with a policy of denial to military end-uses and end-users.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	07/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 0694-AB79

395. • ENCRYPTION ITEMS

Priority: Other Significant

Legal Authority: 18 USC 2501 et seq; 30 USC 185; 42 USC 6212; 10 USC 7429; 10 USC 7430(c); 50 USC 1701 et seq; 22 USC 3201 et seq; 42 USC 2139(a); 43 USC 1354; 50 USC app 2401 et seq; 40 USC 466(e); EO 11912; EO 12924; Notice of August 13, 1998 (63 FR 44121)

CFR Citation: 15 CFR 730 to 774

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This rule amends the Export Administration Regulations (EAR) for exports and reexports of encryption commodities and software to U.S.-subsidized insurance companies, health and medical end-users, on-line merchants, and foreign commercial firms. This rule implements the Administration's initiative to update its encryption policy and will streamline U.S. encryption policy and will streamline U.S. encryption export and reexport controls.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Interim Final Rule	12/31/98	63 FR 72156
Interim Final Rule Correction	01/21/99	64 FR 3213
Final Action	07/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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396. • EDITORIAL CLARIFICATION AND REVISION TO THE EXPORT ADMINISTRATION REGULATIONS (EAR)

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 18 USC 2501 et seq; 30 USC 185; 42 USC 6212; 10 USC 7429; 10 USC 7430(c); 50 USC 1701 et seq; 22 USC 2139(a); 43 USC 1354; 50 USC app 2401 et seq; 40 USC 466(c); EO 11912; EO 12924; Notice of August 13, 1998 (63 FR 44121)

CFR Citation: 15 CFR 730 to 774

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This rule amends the Export Administrations Regulations (EAR) by making certain editorial corrections and revisions and in some cases, inserts material inadvertently omitted from earlier regulatory revisions.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	08/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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397. • REMOVAL OF COMMERCIAL COMMUNICATIONS SATELLITES AND RELATED ITEMS FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE'S COMMERCE CONTROL LIST FOR TRANSFER TO THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE'S U.S. MUNITIONS 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 13, 1998 (63 FR 44121)

CFR Citation: 15 CFR 730 to 774

Legal Deadline: Final, Statutory, March 15, 1999.

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Final Rule Stage

Abstract: The Bureau of Export Administration (BXA) is amending the Export Administration Regulations (EAR) by removing commercial communications satellites and related items, including satellite fuel, ground support equipment, test equipment, payload adapter or interface hardware, replacement parts, and non-embedded solid propellant orbit transfer engines, from the Commerce Control List (CCL) and transferring these items to the United States Munitions List (USML).

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	04/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No**Government Levels Affected:** None

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RIN: 0694-AB84**398. • REVISIONS TO THE COMMERCE CONTROL LIST; MEDICAL PRODUCTS CONTAINING BIOLOGICAL AGENTS****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 2401 et seq; 46 USC 466(c); EO 12924; Notice of August 13, 1998 (63 FR 44121)

CFR Citation: 15 CFR 730 to 774**Legal Deadline:** None

Abstract: This final rule amends the Commerce Control List (CCL) of the Export Administration Regulations to implement an October 1998 Australia Group agreement to amend controls on toxic gas monitoring systems and dedicated detectors. This final rule also amends the CCL to authorize, without a license, exports of medical products containing biological agents that are developed, packaged and sold for medical treatment. This rule will result in a decreased licensing burden on U.S. industry.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	06/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No**Government Levels Affected:** None

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RIN: 0694-AB85**399. • REVISIONS TO THE COMMERCE CONTROL LIST BASED ON WASSENAAR ARRANGEMENT REVIEW****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 18 USC 2501 et seq; 30 USC 185; 42 USC 6212; 10 USC 7429; 10 USC 7430(c); 50 USC 1701 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 11912; EO 12924; Notice of August 13, 1998 (63 FR 44121)

CFR Citation: 15 CFR 730 to 774**Legal Deadline:** None

Abstract: The Bureau of Export Administration maintains the Commerce Control List, which identifies those items subject to Department of Commerce export controls. This final rule revises certain entries controlled for national security reasons to conform with changes in the Wassenaar Arrangement's List of Dual-Use Goods and Technologies maintained and agreed to by governments participating in the Wassenaar Arrangement on Export Controls for Conventional Arms and Dual-Use Goods and Technologies (Wassenaar Arrangement). The Wassenaar Arrangement controls strategic items with the objective of improving regional and international security and stability.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	06/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No**Government Levels Affected:** None

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RIN: 0694-AB86**400. • EXPORTS AND REEXPORTS OF EXPLOSIVE DETECTION SYSTEMS; EXPANSION OF FOREIGN POLICY CONTROLS****Priority:** Other Significant

Legal Authority: 18 USC 2501 et seq; 30 USC 185; 42 USC 6212; 10 USC 7429; 10 USC 7430(c); 50 USC 1701 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 11912; EO 12924; Notice of August 13, 1998 (63 FR 44121)

CFR Citation: 15 CFR 730 to 774**Legal Deadline:** None

Abstract: The Bureau of Export Administration is amending the Export Administration Regulations by expanding the current scope of control of explosive detection systems controlled by Export Control Classification Number (ECCN) 2A993 to include all types of systems that detect the presence of explosives or explosive residue. In addition, this rule establishes a new licensing requirement on the export and reexport of software designed or modified for the development, production, or use of explosive detection systems to Iran, Sudan, and Syria for antiterrorism reasons.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	04/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No**Government Levels Affected:** None

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RIN: 0694-AB87**401. • REVISIONS OF EXPORT CLEARANCE REQUIREMENTS****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 18 USC 2501 et seq; 30 USC 185; 42 USC 6212; 10 USC 7429; 10 USC 7430(c); 50 USC 1701 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 11912; EO 12924; Notice of August 13, 1998 (63 FR 44121)

CFR Citation: 15 CFR 730 to 774

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Final Rule Stage

Legal Deadline: None**Abstract:** This rule amends the Export Administration Regulations by clarifying and updating the procedures to the export clearance requirements.**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	06/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No**Government Levels Affected:** None**Agency Contact:** Hillary Hess, Director, Regulatory Policy Division, Department of Commerce, Bureau of Export Administration, Washington, DC 20230
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RIN: 0694-AB88

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE (DOC)

Long-Term Actions

Bureau of Export Administration (BXA)

402. REVISION OF FOREIGN BOYCOTT PROVISIONS OF EXPORT ADMINISTRATION REGULATIONS**Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**CFR Citation:** 15 CFR 760**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	09/26/89	54 FR 39415
NPRM Comment Period End	10/26/89	
Final Action	To Be Determined	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No**Government Levels Affected:** None**Agency Contact:** Dexter M. Price
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Email: jlewis@bxa.doc.gov**RIN:** 0694-AA52**404. CLARIFICATION OF ENHANCED PROLIFERATION CONTROL INITIATIVE (EPCI) "CATCH-ALL" PROVISION AND VALIDATED LICENSE REQUIREMENTS****Priority:** Other Significant**CFR Citation:** 15 CFR 700 to 799**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	To Be Determined	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No**Government Levels Affected:** None**Agency Contact:** Hillary Hess
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Action	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	To Be Determined	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No**Government Levels Affected:** None**Agency Contact:** Sharron Cook
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Fax: 202 482-3355**RIN:** 0694-AB28**403. TRANSFER OF DUAL-USE ITEMS FROM U.S. MUNITIONS LIST TO THE COMMERCE CONTROL LIST****Priority:** Other Significant**CFR Citation:** 15 CFR 799.1**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
Satellite Fuel	09/29/97	62 FR 50865
Final Action	To Be Determined	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No**Government Levels Affected:** None**Agency Contact:** James A. Lewis**405. ADMINISTRATION OF STATE LOG EXPORTS BAN****Priority:** Other Significant**CFR Citation:** 15 CFR 700 to 799**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
ANPRM	06/07/95	60 FR 30030
ANPRM Comment Period End	07/07/95	
Final Action	To Be Determined	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes**Small Entities Affected:** Businesses**Government Levels Affected:** State, Local**Agency Contact:** Bernard Kritzer
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Fax: 202 482-0751**RIN:** 0694-AB25**407. CHANGE THE COMMERCE CONTROL LIST TO REVISE CONTROLS ON COMMUNICATION INTERCEPTING DEVICES (EXPORT COMMERCE CONTROL NUMBER ECCN 5A980)****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**CFR Citation:** 15 CFR 700 to 799**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	To Be Determined	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No**Government Levels Affected:** None**Agency Contact:** James A. Lewis
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RIN: 0694-AB41**408. LICENSING OF, AND EXPANSION OF NATIONAL SECURITY AND FOREIGN POLICY CONTROLS ON, RECOVERABLE ENCRYPTION SOFTWARE****Priority:** Other Significant**CFR Citation:** 15 CFR 700 to 799

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Long-Term Actions

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Licensing of Key Escrow Encryption Equipment and Software	12/13/96	61 FR 65460
Encryption Items Transferred From the USMC to the CCL	12/30/96	61 FR 68572
Final Action	To Be	Determined

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 0694-AB47

409. CLARIFICATION OF LICENSE EXCEPTION GFT (HUMANITARIAN DONATIONS)

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

CFR Citation: 15 CFR 740

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	To Be	Determined

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 0694-AB49

410. REVISIONS TO EAR AS A RESULT OF THE ADDITION OF BRAZIL AND UKRAINE TO THE NUCLEAR SUPPLIERS GROUP

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

CFR Citation: 15 CFR 700 to 799

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	To Be	Determined

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 0694-AB50

411. REVISIONS TO COMMERCE CONTROL LIST: ADDITION OF TECHNOLOGY AND SOFTWARE CONTROLS FOR CERTAIN CRIME CONTROL COMMODITIES

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

CFR Citation: 14 CFR 799

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	To Be	Determined

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 0694-AB53

412. EXPORTS OF TECHNOLOGY AND SOFTWARE; RELEASE OF TECHNOLOGY OR SOURCE CODE TO FOREIGN NATIONALS IN THE UNITED STATES

Priority: Other Significant

CFR Citation: 15 CFR 730 to 799

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	To Be	Determined

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 0694-AB59

413. DE MINIMIS EXCLUSION FOR TECHNOLOGY AND SOFTWARE

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

CFR Citation: 15 CFR 730 to 799

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	To Be	Determined

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 0694-AB62

414. EXPORTS OF FIREARMS, AMMUNITION, EXPLOSIVES, AND OTHER RELATED MATERIALS: IMPLEMENTATION OF FIREARMS CONVENTION

Priority: Other Significant

CFR Citation: 15 CFR 730 to 774

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	To Be	Determined

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Government Levels Affected:

Undetermined

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RIN: 0694-AB68

415. REVISIONS TO THE EXPORT ADMINISTRATION REGULATIONS; COUNTRY GROUPS D:1 AND E:2; LICENSE EXCEPTION TMP

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

CFR Citation: 15 CFR 730 to 774

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	To Be	Determined

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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

Completed Actions

**416. TRANSFER OF CERTAIN
 REMOTE SENSING SATELLITES
 FROM THE U.S. MUNITIONS LIST TO
 THE CCL**

Priority: Other Significant

CFR Citation: 15 CFR 700 to 799

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Withdrawn	01/25/99	

**Regulatory Flexibility Analysis
 Required:** No

Government Levels Affected: None

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**417. REVISIONS TO THE EAR:
 EXPORTS AND REEXPORTS TO
 SPECIALLY DESIGNATED
 TERRORISTS AND FOREIGN
 TERRORIST ORGANIZATIONS**

Priority: Other Significant

CFR Citation: 15 CFR 730 to 799

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	01/08/99	64 FR 1120

**Regulatory Flexibility Analysis
 Required:** No

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 0694-AB63

**418. ESTABLISHMENT OF 24-MONTH
 VALIDITY PERIOD FOR CERTAIN
 REEXPORT AUTHORIZATIONS AND
 REVOCATION OF OTHER
 AUTHORIZATIONS**

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

CFR Citation: 15 CFR 730 to 774

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	09/16/98	63 FR 49425

**Regulatory Flexibility Analysis
 Required:** No

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 0694-AB74

**419. EXPORTS OF HIGH
 PERFORMANCE COMPUTERS;
 REVISIONS**

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

CFR Citation: 15 CFR 730 to 774

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	11/12/98	63 FR 63141

**Regulatory Flexibility Analysis
 Required:** No

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 0694-AB78

**420. • EXPORT OF HIGH
 PERFORMANCE COMPUTERS TO THE
 PEOPLES REPUBLIC OF CHINA**

Priority: Other Significant

Legal Authority: 18 USC 2501 et seq; 30 USC 185; 42 USC 6212; 10 USC 7429; 10 USC 7430(c); 50 USC 1701 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 11912; EO 12924; Notice of August 13, 1998 (63 FR 44121)

CFR Citation: 15 CFR 730 to 774

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The Bureau of Export Administration (BXA) is amending the Export Administration Regulations (EAR) by revising the requirements for exports to the People's Republic of China. This rule requires that exports of high performance computers, regardless of value to the People's Republic of China under License Exception CTP, be supported by a PRC End-User Certificate. The PRC End-User Certificate must be obtained by the exporter prior to export. In addition, this rule removes the \$5000 End-User Certification exemption for license applications for exports of high performance computers to the People's Republic of China.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	01/14/99	64 FR 2429

**Regulatory Flexibility Analysis
 Required:** No

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 0694-AB82

**421. • EXPANSION OF LICENSE
 EXCEPTION CIV ELIGIBILITY FOR
 MICROPROCESSORS CONTROLLED
 BY ECCN 3A001**

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 18 USC 2501 et seq; 30 USC 185; 42 USC 6212; 10 USC 7429; 10 USC 7430(c); 50 USC 1701 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 11912; EO 12924; Notice of August 13, 1998 (63 FR 44121)

CFR Citation: 15 CFR 730 to 774

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: Consistent with technological changes, this interim rule adjusts the License Exception CIV eligibility level for microprocessors controlled by ECCN 3A001 from a composite theoretical performance (CTP) of equal to or less than 500 million theoretical operations per second (MTOPS) to a CTP of equal to or less than 1200 MTOPS. License Exception CIV is available for exports and reexports to civil end-users for civil end-uses in Country Group D:1.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	12/29/98	63 FR 71580
Final Action Effective	01/01/99	

**Regulatory Flexibility Analysis
 Required:** No

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 0694-AB83

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE (DOC)

Proposed Rule Stage

National Institute of Standards & Technology (NIST)

422. • GUIDANCE ON FEDERAL CONFORMITY ASSESSMENT ACTIVITIES**Priority:** Other Significant**Legal Authority:** 15 USC 272 et seq**CFR Citation:** 15 CFR 287**Legal Deadline:** None

Abstract: The National Technology Transfer and Advancement Act of 1995 and the Office of Management and Budget Circular A-119 require the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) to coordinate Federal, State, and local conformity

assessment activities with private sector conformity assessment activities. NIST is issuing guidance to outline Federal agencies' responsibility for evaluating the efficacy and efficiency of their conformity assessment activities. Agencies are also responsible for coordinating their conformity assessment activities with those of other Government agencies at all levels and with those of the private sector to make more productive use of the increasingly limited Federal resources available for the conduct of conformity assessment activities and to reduce unnecessary duplication.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	04/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No**Government Levels Affected:** None

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RIN: 0693-AB49

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE (DOC)

Final Rule Stage

National Institute of Standards & Technology (NIST)

423. IMPLEMENTATION OF THE FASTENER QUALITY ACT**Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**Legal Authority:** PL 104-113; PL 101-592, sec 13; PL 105-234**CFR Citation:** 15 CFR 280**Legal Deadline:** None

Abstract: The Fastener Quality Act (P.L. 101-592, as amended by P.L. 104-113 and P.L. 105-234) requires that certain fasteners sold in commerce conform to the standards and specifications to which they are represented to be manufactured and have been inspected, tested, and certified. The final rule implementing the Fastener Quality Act (FQA) became effective on November 25, 1996, and was to apply to fasteners manufactured on or after May 27, 1997, the "implementation date." On April 18, 1997, NIST announced a one-year extension of the implementation date,

because there was an insufficient number of laboratories accredited to perform the volume of inspection and testing required by the FQA and regulations. During the one-year extension, NIST published for public comment proposed amendments to the rule implementing the FQA. On April 14, 1998, based on the public comments received, NIST published amendments to the 1996 final rule, effective May 14, 1998, with an implementation date of July 26, 1998. On June 30, 1998, NIST again determined that there would not be a sufficient number of laboratories accredited to perform the volume of inspection and testing required by the FQA, and extended the implementation date of the FQA until October 25, 1998. On August 24, 1998, P.L. 105-234 amended the FQA to exempt certain aircraft fasteners. The law also requires the Department of Commerce to submit a study on the FQA to Congress. P.L.

105-234 also delayed implementation of the FQA until the later of June 1, 1999, or 120 days after the Secretary of Commerce submits the required report.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Final Rule	06/30/98	63 FR 35507
Final Rule	09/28/98	63 FR 51525
Study	04/00/99	
Final Action	To Be Determined	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No**Government Levels Affected:** None

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RIN: 0693-AB47

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE (DOC)

Long-Term Actions

National Institute of Standards & Technology (NIST)

424. NATIONAL TYPE EVALUATION PROGRAM**Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**CFR Citation:** Not yet determined**Timetable:** Next Action Undetermined**Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required:** No**Government Levels Affected:** None**Agency Contact:** Tina Butcher

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RIN: 0693-AB45**425. NIST TRACEABLE REFERENCE MATERIALS PROGRAM****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**CFR Citation:** Not yet determined**Timetable:** Next Action Undetermined**Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required:** No**Government Levels Affected:** None

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RIN: 0693-AB46

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE (DOC)

Completed Actions

National Institute of Standards & Technology (NIST)

426. AMENDMENTS TO ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM REGULATIONS

Priority: Other Significant

CFR Citation: 15 CFR 295

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	11/20/98	63 FR 64411
Final Action Effective	11/20/98	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Small Entities Affected: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 0693-AB48

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE (DOC)

Proposed Rule Stage

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)

NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE

427. REGULATORY AMENDMENT TO IMPLEMENT PERMIT, REPORTING, AND RECORDKEEPING 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: Final, Statutory.
Final regulations to be published within 30 days of end of NPRM comment period.

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 for a mandatory Federal permit; (2) recordkeeping and reporting requirements; and (3) a definition for "fishing trip" for processing vessels over 125 feet in length for the purpose of applying trip landing and frequency limits.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	11/19/92	57 FR 54552
Comment Period End	12/21/92	
NPRM	11/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: Yes

Small Entities Affected: Businesses

Government Levels Affected: Federal

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RIN: 0648-AE01

428. FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR TILEFISH

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1801 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 648

Legal Deadline: NPRM, Statutory.
Final, Statutory.

Final regulations to be published within 30 days of end of NPRM comment period.

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	08/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected:

Undetermined

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RIN: 0648-AF87

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

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1801 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 660

Legal Deadline: Final, Statutory.

Final regulations to be published within 30 days of end of NPRM comment period.

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	11/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected:

Undetermined

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RIN: 0648-AG81

430. 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: Final, Statutory.
Final regulations to be published within 30 days of end of NPRM comment period.

Abstract: This regulatory amendment would extend permit, reporting, and

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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	09/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected: Undetermined

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RIN: 0648-AG85

431. 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: Final, Statutory. Final regulations to be published within 30 days of the end of the comment period.

Abstract: Amendment 3 would restrict the use of gillnets, fish traps, and other gear in the exclusive economic zone of the Caribbean.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	08/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected: Undetermined

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RIN: 0648-AG87

432. 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: Final, Statutory. Final regulations to be published within 30 days of the end of the NPRM comment period.

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	04/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected: Undetermined

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RIN: 0648-AG88

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

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1801 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 648

Legal Deadline: Final, Statutory. Final regulations to be published within 30 days of end of NPRM comment period.

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	04/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected: Undetermined

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RIN: 0648-AH63

434. AMENDMENT TO THE OBSERVER PROGRAM

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1801 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 679

Legal Deadline: Final, Statutory. Final regulations to be published within 30 days of end of NPRM comment period.

Abstract: Amendments to FMP Amendment 47 to the Groundfish of the BSAI and FMP Amendment 47 to the Gulf of Alaska Groundfish to implement an observer program, replacing the interim Observer Program.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	06/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes

Small Entities Affected: Businesses
Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 0648-AI69

435. FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR THE ATLANTIC HERRING FISHERY

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1801 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 648

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Legal Deadline: Final, Statutory. Final regulations to be published within 30 days of end of NPRM comment period.

Abstract: This fishery management plan would supersede the preliminary management plan and regulate fishing activity in the EEZ.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	04/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected: Undetermined

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RIN: 0648-AI78

436. FISHERY DATA REPORTING FOR WESTERN PACIFIC FISHERIES

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1801 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 660

Legal Deadline: Final, Statutory. Final regulations to be published within 30 days of end of NPRM comment period.

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

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	09/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected: State, Local, Tribal, Federal

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RIN: 0648-AJ08

437. 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: Final, Statutory. Final regulations to be published within 30 days of end of NPRM comment period.

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	10/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes

Small Entities Affected: Businesses

Government Levels Affected: Federal

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RIN: 0648-AJ22

438. REGULATORY AMENDMENT TO ESTABLISH A PROGRAM FOR THE COLLECTION AND USE OF FEES IN THE INDIVIDUAL FISHING QUOTA PROGRAM

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

Unfunded Mandates: Undetermined

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1801 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 679

Legal Deadline: Final, Statutory. Final regulations to be published within 30 days of end of NPRM comment period.

Abstract: This regulatory amendment would establish a program for the collection and use, including the procedures, of fees in the Individual Fishing Quota (IFQ) program. The collection of fees would recover the costs of managing and enforcing IFQ program.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	04/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes

Small Entities Affected: Businesses

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 0648-AJ52

439. IMPLEMENTATION OF PACIFIC INSULAR AREA FISHING AGREEMENT PROVISIONS OF THE MAGNUSON-STEVENS ACT

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1801 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 660

Legal Deadline: Final, Statutory.

Abstract: This rule would implement provisions of the Sustainable Fisheries Act that authorizes the Secretary of State to negotiate Pacific Insular Areas Fishing Agreements (PIAFAs) under which foreign vessels could have access to portions of the U.S. exclusive economic zone around insular "States" such as Guam, American Samoa, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, or around U.S. Possessions in the Pacific. Fees paid to the U.S. for such access would revert to the government of the insular area around which the fishing occurred. PIAFAs could only be entered into with the agreement of the Governor of the relevant insular area. Conservation plans, which must be prepared in consultation with the Western Pacific Fishery Management Council and must be consistent with relevant fishery management plans, would specify such things as allowable levels of fishing and activities for which funds collected would be spent. Foreign fishing permits would specify conditions and

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restrictions governing foreign vessel activities. The rule would revise the foreign fishing regulations at 50 CFR part 600 to allow fishing under a PIAFA and might also establish terms and conditions common to fishing under PIAFAs.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	04/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected: State

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RIN: 0648-AJ60

440. PROPOSED RULE TO IMPLEMENT PROCEDURES FOR ISSUANCE OF PERMITS UNDER SECTION 204(D) OF THE MAGNUSON-STEVENS FISHERY CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT ACT

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1824

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 600F

Legal Deadline: Final, Statutory. Final regulations to be published within 30 days of end of NPRM comment period.

Abstract: The Sustainable Fisheries Act amended the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (MSFCMA) to, among other things, provide for the issuance of transshipment permits under the newly established section 204(d) of the MSFCMA. This action will specify procedures to be used to issue permits.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	04/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 0648-AJ70

441. FISHERIES OBLIGATION GUARANTEE PROGRAM—STATUTORY AMENDMENTS TO ESTABLISH “CENTRAL TITLE AND LIEN REGISTRY FOR LIMITED ACCESS PERMITS”

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 46 USC 1271 to 1279

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 253; 50 CFR 600

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: Advance Notice of Proposed Rulemaking and Request for Comments regarding establishment of a central title and lien registry as required by the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
ANPRM	05/07/97	62 FR 24897
ANPRM Comment	08/05/97	
Period End		
NPRM	12/00/99	
NPRM Comment	03/00/00	
Period End		

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes

Small Entities Affected: Businesses

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 0648-AJ77

442. REGULATORY AMENDMENT TO CHANGE MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS FOR THE REGIONAL FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCILS

Priority: Info./Admin./Other

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1801 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 600

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: Regulations governing the operation and membership of the Regional Fishery Management Councils will be revised based on provisions in the Sustainable Fisheries Conservation and Management Act.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	04/00/99	
Final Action	06/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected: Undetermined

Agency Contact: Gary Matlock, Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910
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RIN: 0648-AJ82

443. RULEMAKING TO ESTABLISH THE NORTH PACIFIC LOAN PROGRAM

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

Unfunded Mandates: Undetermined

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1801 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 679

Legal Deadline: NPRM, Statutory. Final, Statutory.

Final regulations to be published within 30 days of end of NPRM comment period.

Abstract: This rulemaking would establish a North Pacific Loan Program which would provide financing for loans to fishermen who fish from small vessels or entry level fishermen fishing IFQ fisheries.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	09/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes

Small Entities Affected: Businesses

Government Levels Affected: None

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444. ADJUSTMENT OF MANAGEMENT PROGRAM FOR PELAGIC SPECIES FISHERIES IN THE WESTERN PACIFIC**Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**Legal Authority:** 16 USC 1801 et seq**CFR Citation:** 50 CFR 660**Legal Deadline:** Final, Statutory. Final regulations to be published within 30 days of end of NPRM comment period.**Abstract:** This regulatory action would modify the management program for the fisheries for swordfish, tuna, and associated species in the western Pacific region. Possible changes include measures to prevent or mitigate the take of seabirds or turtles in the longline fishery and to address bycatch of sharks.**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	08/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Undetermined**Government Levels Affected:** Undetermined**Agency Contact:** Dr. William T. Hogarth, Regional Administrator, Southwest Region, Department of Commerce, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, 501 W. Ocean Blvd., Suite 4200, Long Beach, CA 90802-4213
Phone: 562 980-4001**RIN:** 0648-AK11**445. REGULATORY AMENDMENT TO SPECIFY MINIMAL VESSEL OWNERSHIP REQUIREMENTS FOR THE HIRED SKIPPER PROVISION IN THE IFQ FISHERIES****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**Legal Authority:** 16 USC 1801 et seq**CFR Citation:** 50 CFR 679**Legal Deadline:** Final, Statutory. Final requirements to be published within 30 days of end of NPRM comment period.**Abstract:** Specify minimal vessel ownership requirements for the hired skipper provision in the IFQ fisheries.**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	04/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No**Government Levels Affected:** None**Agency Contact:** Steven Pennoyer, Regional Administrator, Alaska Region, Department of Commerce, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, P.O. Box 21668, Juneau, AK 99802
Phone: 907 586-7228**RIN:** 0648-AK20**446. ADJUSTMENT OF THE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM FOR PRECIOUS CORALS FISHERIES IN THE WESTERN PACIFIC****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**Legal Authority:** 16 USC 1801 et seq**CFR Citation:** 50 CFR 660**Legal Deadline:** Final, Statutory. Final regulations to be published within 30 days of end of NPRM comment period.**Abstract:** This regulation would modify the management program for the fisheries for precious corals in the western Pacific region. In response to new information on changes that may occur in the fishery, possible changes to the management program include the establishment of or adjustments to fishing seasons, permit requirements, quotas, closures, area limitations, gear and coral size restrictions, etc.**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	08/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Undetermined**Government Levels Affected:** Undetermined**Agency Contact:** Dr. William T. Hogarth, Regional Administrator, Southwest Region, NMFS, Department of Commerce, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, 501 W. Ocean Blvd., Suite 4200, Long Beach, CA 90802
Phone: 562 980-4001**RIN:** 0648-AK23**447. REGULATORY AMENDMENT TO IMPLEMENT OBSERVER REQUIREMENTS FOR PROCESSING VESSELS OVER 125 FEET: PACIFIC COAST GROUND FISH****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**Legal Authority:** 16 USC 1801 et seq**CFR Citation:** 50 CFR 660**Legal Deadline:** Final, Statutory. Final regulations to be published within 30 days of end of NPRM comment period.**Abstract:** Regulations would require processing vessels 125 feet and longer to carry fishery observers approved by NMFS for the purpose of monitoring catch and gathering data.**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	04/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes**Small Entities Affected:** Businesses**Government Levels Affected:** Federal**Agency Contact:** William Stelle, Regional Administrator, Northwest Region, NMFS, Department of Commerce, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, 7600 Sand Point Way NE., BIN C15700, Bldg. 1, Seattle, WA 98115-0070
Phone: 206 526-6150**RIN:** 0648-AK26**448. AMENDMENT TO PORTIONS OF INDIVIDUAL FISHING QUOTA PROGRAM REGULATIONS****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant. Major status under 5 USC 801 is undetermined.**Unfunded Mandates:** Undetermined**Legal Authority:** 16 USC 1801 et seq**CFR Citation:** 50 CFR 679**Legal Deadline:** Final, Statutory. Final regulations to be published within 30 days of end of NPRM comment period.**Abstract:** Regulatory amendment to amend portions of the regulations implementing the Individual Fishing Quota Program for the Pacific halibut and sablefish fixed gear fisheries in and off of Alaska.**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	04/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Undetermined**Government Levels Affected:** None**Agency Contact:** Steven Pennoyer, Regional Administrator, Alaska Region, Department of Commerce, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, P.O. Box 21668, Juneau, AK 99802

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449. MODIFICATION OF HARVEST GUIDELINE SYSTEM FOR HAWAIIAN LOBSTER FISHERY

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1801 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 660

Legal Deadline: Final, Statutory. Final regulations to be published within 30 days of end of NPRM comment period.

Abstract: This regulation will establish permanent bank-specific harvest guidelines for Hecker Island, Gardner Pinnacle, Mero Reef, and all other remaining Northwestern Hawaiian Islands lobster grounds contained during the 1999 fishing year and subsequent years.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	04/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: Yes

Small Entities Affected: Businesses

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 0648-AK61

450. REGULATORY AMENDMENT TO ESTABLISH APPLICATION PERIOD FOR LICENSE LIMITATION PROGRAM

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1801 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 679

Legal Deadline: Final, Statutory. Final regulations to be published within 30 days of the end of NPRM comment period.

Abstract: Regulatory amendment to establish application period under the License Limitation Program (LLP). This regulatory amendment would establish the procedures for submitting applications to the agency for the LLP, would clarify what type of information would be necessary for a completed

application, procedures for the transfer of licenses once those licenses were issued, and the policy for interim use licenses when an application has been denied and appealed. This action is necessary for further clarification for the exact policy and procedures of the application process for the LLP, and those particulars were not included in the original action that established the overall concept of the LLP.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	04/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 0648-AK69

451. AMENDMENT 54 TO FMP FOR GROUND FISH FISHERY OF BERING SEA AND ALEUTIAN ISLANDS AREA AND AMENDMENT 54 TO FMP FOR GROUND FISH OF GULF OF ALASKA

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

Unfunded Mandates: Undetermined

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1801 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 679

Legal Deadline: Final, Statutory. Final regulations to be published within 30 days of the end of NPRM comment period.

Abstract: These FMP amendments would change sablefish use limits from percentages to quota share units; add a leasing provision to allow initial recipients of quota shares to lease 10% of their individual fishing quota pooled across all areas, with an option to restrict this allowance to the Bering Sea; and modify plan language to allow an individual who holds an initial allocation of quota share to hire a skipper to fish individual IFQ on a collectively owned vessel.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	04/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 0648-AK70

452. AMENDMENT 52 TO FMP FOR GROUND FISH FISHERY OF BERING SEA AND ALEUTIAN ISLANDS AREA AND AMENDMENT 52 TO FMP FOR GROUND FISH OF GULF OF ALASKA

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

Unfunded Mandates: Undetermined

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1801 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 679

Legal Deadline: Final, Statutory. Final regulations to be published within 30 days of end of NPRM comment period.

Abstract: These FMP amendments would establish a vessel registration program for critical fisheries.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	04/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 0648-AK73

453. AMENDMENT 59 TO THE FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR GROUND FISH IN THE GULF OF ALASKA TO CLOSE AN AREA

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

Unfunded Mandates: Undetermined

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1801 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 679

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Legal Deadline: Final, Statutory. Final regulations must be published within 30 days of end of NPRM comment period.

Abstract: Amendment 59 for GOA would create a groundfish refuge by closing a small area off Cape Edgumbe to commercial fishing for groundfish and halibut. The closure would protect a unique habitat and protect rockfish and lingcod during critical phase of their life cycle.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	06/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 0648-AK74

454. FISHING CAPACITY REDUCTION PROGRAM

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1861(b) to 1861(e)

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 253

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: To establish a fishing capacity reduction program, commonly called a buyback, as required by the Sustainable Fisheries Act to address the problem of excess fishing capacity in most fisheries. This will involve paying fishermen to either surrender their fishing permits or both surrender their permits and scrap their fishing vessels.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	04/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes

Small Entities Affected: Businesses

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 0648-AK76

455. RULE TO IMPLEMENT A FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR THE SPINY DOGFISH FISHERY

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1801 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 648

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The Fishery Management Plan will include management measures for the Spiny Dogfish Fishery.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	04/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected: Undetermined

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RIN: 0648-AK79

456. RULE TO IMPLEMENT AMENDMENT 9 TO THE FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR THE ATLANTIC MACKEREL, SQUID, AND BUTTERFISH FISHERIES

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1801 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 648

Legal Deadline: NPRM, Statutory. Final, Statutory.

Final regulations to be published within 30 days of NPRM comment period.

Abstract: Amendment 9 would implement controlled entry for the Atlantic Mackerel Fishery. Amendment 9 may include real-time monitoring for squids and controlled entry for the Atlantic Mackerel Fishery.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	08/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected:

Undetermined

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RIN: 0648-AK80

457. REGULATORY AMENDMENT TO INITIATE CONTROL FOR THE HARVEST OF BOTTOMFISH IN THE EXCLUSIVE ECONOMIC ZONE AROUND THE MAIN HAWAIIAN ISLANDS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1801 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 660

Legal Deadline: Final, Statutory. Final regulations to be published within 30 days of end of NPRM comment period.

Abstract: This regulation will implement an amendment to the Fishery Management Plan for Bottomfish and Seamount Groundfish Fisheries of the Western Pacific Region. It will initiate control of the harvest of bottomfish in the exclusive economic zone around the main Hawaiian Islands to ensure rebuilding of some stocks and maintenance of other healthy stocks. Possible measures include area closures, harvest limits, size limits, and season closures. These measures will complement action by the State of Hawaii to limit fishing in State waters to prevent overfishing and rebuild stocks.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	10/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes

Small Entities Affected: Businesses

Government Levels Affected: Undetermined

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RIN: 0648-AK82

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458. AMENDMENT 13 TO THE PACIFIC COAST SALMON PLAN**Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**Legal Authority:** 16 USC 1801 et seq**CFR Citation:** 50 CFR 660**Legal Deadline:** Final, Statutory. Final regulations to be published within 30 days of end of NPRM comment period.**Abstract:** Regulations implementing Amendment 13 to the Pacific Coast Salmon Plan would change the management of Oregon coastal natural (OCN) coho salmon to use the most recent estimates of spawning escapements abundance and anticipated marine survival to ensure the protection and timely rebuilding of the stock consistent with the Oregon Coastal Salmon Initiative.**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	03/04/99	64 FR 10439
NPRM Comment Period End	04/05/99	
Final Action	05/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis**Required:** Yes**Small Entities Affected:** Organizations**Government Levels Affected:** State, Local, Tribal, Federal**Agency Contact:** William Stelle, Regional Administrator, Northwest Region, NMFS, Department of Commerce, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, 7600 Sand Point Way NE., BIN C15700, Bldg. 1, Seattle, WA 98115-0070
Phone: 206 526-6150**RIN:** 0648-AK83**459. REVISE EXEMPTED FISHING REGULATIONS TO SPECIFY COMPENSATORY FISHING UNDER EXEMPTED FISHING****Priority:** Info./Admin./Other**Legal Authority:** 16 USC 1801 et seq**CFR Citation:** 50 CFR 600**Legal Deadline:** None**Abstract:** This action would revise current exempted fishing regulations to specifically authorize the use of an exempted fishing permit as the method of allowing the compensation of private vessels for their conduct of resource assessment. Specific methodology for vessel compensation would be

developed on a fishery-by-fishery basis. The rule would also make other minor changes in the regulations.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	04/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis**Required:** Undetermined**Government Levels Affected:** Undetermined**Agency Contact:** Gary C. Matlock, Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910
Phone: 301 713-2334**RIN:** 0648-AK84**460. AMENDMENT 9 TO THE FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR THE COASTAL MIGRATORY PELAGIC RESOURCES OF THE GULF OF MEXICO AND SOUTH ATLANTIC****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**Legal Authority:** 16 USC 1801 et seq**CFR Citation:** 50 CFR 622**Legal Deadline:** Final, Statutory. Final regulations to be published within 30 days of the end of the NPRM comment period.**Abstract:** Amendment 9 proposes more than 14 management options. For Gulf group king mackerel, actions are proposed to (1) change the start of the fishing year, (2) prohibit the sale of fish caught under the bag limit, (3) revise the allocation of TAC between the commercial and recreational sectors, and (4) increase the minimum size limit from 20 inches to 24 or 26 inches fork length. Also, for the eastern zone (off Florida), (5) revise the allocation of the commercial quota between the Florida east (North) and west coast (South/West Area) subzones. For the Florida west coast subzone, (6) subdivide the commercial hook-and-line quota into two separate quotas for proposed northern and southern subzones; and for the commercial run-around gillnet fishery, (7) restrict/reduce/phase-out the number of vessels holding gillnet endorsements to fish under the quota, (8) restrict the area of operation to southwest Florida, and (9) restrict the transfer of gillnet endorsements to vessels owned by the

endorsement holder or his/her family members. For the western zone (Texas through Alabama), (10) subdivide the commercial quota on a seasonal or areal basis, and (11) establish a trip limit (harvest/possession/landing limit) for commercial vessels. For both Gulf and Atlantic groups of king mackerel, (12) allow the sale of cut-off (damaged) fish taken and possessed within the established trip limits. Finally, for Gulf group Spanish mackerel, (13) establish a purse seine allocation and (14) vessel trip limits.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	04/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis**Required:** Undetermined**Government Levels Affected:** Undetermined**Agency Contact:** Andrew J. Kemmerer, Regional Administrator, Southeast Region, NMFS, Department of Commerce, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, 9721 Executive Center Drive N., St. Petersburg, FL 33702-2432
Phone: 727 570-5301**RIN:** 0648-AK89**461. AMENDMENT 17 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:** None**Abstract:** Amendment 17 would address expiration of the commercial reef fish permit moratorium (December 31, 2000). Measures may be implemented prior to the moratorium expiration date, and would apply to all species in the FMP management unit, except red snapper. Management options include: extending the current moratorium for an additional 3 years, or replacing the current provisions with a system of various classes of transferable vessel licenses or endorsements, similar to that approved for red snapper under Amendment 15.**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	10/00/99	

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Regulatory Flexibility Analysis**Required:** Undetermined**Government Levels Affected:**

Undetermined

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462. AMEND THE BLUEFIN STATISTICAL DOCUMENT TO ALLOW FOR THE ATTACHMENT OF RE-EXPORT CERTIFICATES
Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant**Legal Authority:** 16 USC 971 et seq**CFR Citation:** 50 CFR 285**Legal Deadline:** None

Abstract: The International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tuna (ICCAT) recommends that ICCAT Bluefin Tuna Re-export Certificates be validated by government organizations that are accredited by a contracting party's government to validate the ICCAT Bluefin Statistical Document.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	06/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis**Required:** Yes**Small Entities Affected:** Businesses**Government Levels Affected:**

Undetermined

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RIN: 0648-AL02

463. REGULATORY AMENDMENT TO CHANGE THE LIMITED ENTRY, SABLEFISH FISHERY SEASON STRUCTURE FIXED GEAR

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

Unfunded Mandates: Undetermined**Legal Authority:** 16 USC 1801 et seq**CFR Citation:** 50 CFR 660

Legal Deadline: Final, Statutory. Final regulations to be published within 30 days of end of NPRM comment period.

Abstract: Regulations would implement a framework to allow the Pacific Fishery Management Council to designate each year whether the limited entry, fixed gear, regular sablefish fishery would consist of a single opening, or of three separate openings. If the regular fishery is set at three separate openings, a participant would have to choose to participate in just one of the three openings.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	04/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis**Required:** Yes**Small Entities Affected:** Businesses**Government Levels Affected:** Federal

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RIN: 0648-AL12

464. REGULATORY AMENDMENT TO ESTABLISH A SITKA SOUND HALIBUT MANAGEMENT PLAN

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

Unfunded Mandates: Undetermined**Legal Authority:** 16 USC 1801 et seq**CFR Citation:** 50 CFR 679**Legal Deadline:** None

Abstract: This regulatory amendment would create a local area halibut management plan for Sitka Sound. This management plan will include specified boundaries by latitude and longitude. Halibut longliners and halibut charter vessels would be prohibited from harvesting halibut in some areas of the Sitka Sound Halibut Management Area during specified times of the year. In addition, the amount of halibut on board a halibut longliner may be restricted during

specified times of the year. Halibut catch in the Sitka Sound Management Area would be monitored for growth rate.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	05/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis**Required:** No**Government Levels Affected:**

Undetermined

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RIN: 0648-AL18

465. AMENDMENT 48 TO THE BSAI FMP AND AMENDMENT 48 TO THE GOA FMP - STREAMLINE ANNUAL SPECIFICATION PROCESS

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

Unfunded Mandates: Undetermined

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1801 et seq; 16 USC 773 et seq; 16 USC 3631 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 679**Legal Deadline:** None

Abstract: This action would improve the annual process of setting total allowable catch for Alaska groundfish in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands and Gulf of Alaska.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	04/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis**Required:** No**Government Levels Affected:** None

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RIN: 0648-AL19

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466. REGULATORY AMENDMENT TO REVISE THE RECORDKEEPING AND REPORTING REQUIREMENTS FOR 1999

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

Unfunded Mandates: Undetermined

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1801 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 679

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This regulatory amendment would include the following issues suggested by NMFS Management, Enforcement, the U.S. Coast Guard, and the fishing industry: revise language for surrendering fisheries or processor permit; document "pumping" of fish; combine Steller sea lion tables; create revised figures for Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area; remove Improved Retention/Improved Utilization columns in catcher vessel logbook; develop code and recording procedure for experimental fisheries; develop a new discard category for adulterated fish and for research fish; develop secondary product code level that defines condition of end product (i.e., frozen blocks, grades of surimi); add CDQ delivery number to logbooks; and develop combined NMFS/IPHC catcher vessel and catcher/processor logbooks for fixed gear.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	04/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Government Levels Affected:

Undetermined

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RIN: 0648-AL23

467. AMENDMENT 12 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: Final, Statutory.

Final regulations to be published within 30 days of end of NPRM comment period.

Abstract: Amendment 12 to the NE Multispecies FMP proposes to define silver hake (whiting) red hake and offshore hake as small mesh multispecies. Revised overfishing definitions for whiting, red hake, and offshore hake are also proposed. In addition to the new overfishing definitions, this action would implement: 1) moratorium permit qualifications to fish for whiting, red hake, ocean pout and offshore hake; 2) possession limits and minimum mesh sizes; 3) an allowance for transfer of fish at sea; 4) additional framework measures for future management possibilities; and 5) a monitoring mechanism for continued response to changing conditions in the fishery.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	04/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected:

Undetermined

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RIN: 0648-AL27

468. MANAGEMENT OF U.S. PURSE SEINE FISHERY IN THE EASTERN PACIFIC OCEAN

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

Unfunded Mandates: Undetermined

Legal Authority: 16 USC 955 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 300

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This rule would establish authority and procedures for the Southwest Regional Administrator, NMFS, to implement measures to carry out management recommendations of the Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission and approved by the Department of State as provided in the Tuna Conventions Act of 1950. Actions could include closure of the purse

seine fishery for yellowfin tuna, closure of the purse seine fishery for tuna associated with floating objects, prohibiting the use of tender vessels used to service fish-aggregating devices, and prohibiting the transfer-at-sea of purse seine-caught tuna in the Eastern Pacific Ocean.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	04/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Small Entities Affected: Businesses

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 0648-AL28

469. AMENDMENT 57 TO THE FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR GROUND FISH IN THE BSAI PROHIBITING DIRECTED FISHING FOR POLLOCK WITH BOTTOM TRAWL GEAR

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

Unfunded Mandates: Undetermined

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1801 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 679

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This FMP amendment would prohibit directed fishing for pollock with bottom trawl gear in the BSAI. This amendment would also reduce the trawl prohibited species catch limits for halibut, king crab, and tanner crab in the BSAI to account for the projected PSC bycatch savings associated with a ban on bottom trawl gear for pollock.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	04/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Government Levels Affected:

Undetermined

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RIN: 0648-AL30

470. AMENDMENT 9 TO THE NORTHEAST MULTISPECIES FMP TO ADDRESS NEW SUSTAINABLE FISHERIES ACT REQUIREMENTS, AND OTHER MANAGEMENT MEASURES

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1801 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 648

Legal Deadline: NPRM, Statutory, October 11, 1998.
(See Additional Information)

Abstract: Amendment 9 to the FMP was developed by the New England Fishery Management Council primarily to address the new requirements of the Magnuson-Stevens Act, as amended by the Sustainable Fisheries Act. To meet these requirements, this proposed rule adds Atlantic halibut to the Northeast Multispecies FMP, implement measures to rebuild halibut and stocks of winter flounder, and implement new or revised overfishing definitions and revised specifications of optimum yield for 12 groundfish species. In summary, this rule proposed a one-fish halibut possession limit of 36 inches or greater, an increase of one inch in the minimum size of winter flounder; postponement of the Vessel Monitoring System requirement beyond May 1, 1999; a modification of the framework process to allow for aquaculture projects and changes to the overfishing definitions; and a prohibition of baush-sweep trawl gear when fishing for multispecies.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	03/23/99	64 FR 13952
NPRM Comment Period End	05/03/99	
Final Action	06/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected: Undetermined

Additional Information: LEGAL DEADLINE CONT: Under 16 USC 1853 note, each Regional Fishery Management Council must submit to

NMFS amendments to its fishery management plans and any associated proposed regulations bringing them into compliance with the Sustainable Fisheries Act (P.L. 104-297). Final regulations to be published within 30 days of NPRM comment period.

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RIN: 0648-AL31

471. REGULATORY AMENDMENT TO PROHIBIT FISHING BY VESSELS OVER 50 FEET WITHIN 50 NAUTICAL MILES OF AMERICAN SAMOA

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1801 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 660

Legal Deadline: Final, Statutory. Final regulations to be published within 30 days of end of NPRM comment period.

Abstract: This regulatory action would prohibit fishing by vessels over 50 feet within 30 nautical miles of American Samoa.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	04/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected: Undetermined

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RIN: 0648-AL41

472. COMPREHENSIVE AMENDMENT ADDRESSING SUSTAINABLE FISHERY ACT DEFINITIONS AND OTHER REQUIRED PROVISIONS IN FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLANS OF THE SOUTH ATLANTIC REGION

Priority: Economically Significant. Major status under 5 USC 801 is undetermined.

Unfunded Mandates: Undetermined

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1801 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 622

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The comprehensive Sustainable Fishery Act (SFA) amendment will amend existing fishery management plans (FMPs) for shrimp, red drum, snapper-grouper, coastal migratory pelagics, coral, coral reefs, and live/hard bottom resources, spiny lobster, and golden crab to ensure (1) they are in conformance with SFA section 102 definitions, (2) that bycatch provisions are in conformance with SFA section 108 provisions, (3) they address fishery impact statements that describe the likely effects of management measures on fishing communities, (4) they address overfishing provisions specifying objective and measurable criteria for identifying whether a fishery is overfished, and (5) they propose measures to rebuild overfished stocks in fisheries of the South Atlantic Region.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	04/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes

Small Entities Affected: Businesses

Government Levels Affected: Federal

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RIN: 0648-AL42

473. PROPOSED GUIDELINES FOR DEFINING SERIOUS INJURY; REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1361

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 229

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: Under the Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA), the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) is responsible for assessing and reducing the level of serious injury and mortality that occurs incidental to commercial fishing operations. NMFS is issuing proposed guidelines for determining what constitutes a serious injury to a

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marine mammal. If finalized, NMFS will use these guidelines in assessing fisheries beginning in 2000.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	08/00/99	
NPRM Comment Period End	09/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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474. IMPLEMENTATION OF AMENDMENT 8 TO THE NORTHERN ANCHOVY FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLAN

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1801 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 660

Legal Deadline: NPRM, Statutory, October 11, 1998. Final, Statutory. See "Additional Information"

Abstract: This action would amend the Northern Anchovy Fishery Management Plan (FMP) to comply with new requirements of the Sustainable Fisheries Act. The amendment would rename the FMP, add several species (Pacific mackerel, jack mackerel, and Pacific sardine) to the management unit, establish procedures for annual specification of harvest limits for managed species, and implement limited entry for fishing for small coastal pelagic species of fish in the management area. The amendment provides definitions and criteria to determine if any stocks are overfished and if rebuilding plans are needed. An annual review of the fisheries is conducted to make this determination.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	04/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: Yes

Small Entities Affected: Businesses

Government Levels Affected: State

Additional Information: Legal Deadline: Under 16 USC 1853 note, each Regional Fishery Management Council must submit to NMFS amendments to its fishery management plans and any associated proposed regulations bringing them into compliance with the Sustainable Fisheries Act (P.L. 104-297). Final regulations to be published within 30 days of NPRM comment period.

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RIN: 0648-AL48

475. REGULATORY AMENDMENT TO ALLOW "STOCKING" OF MULTIPLE LIMITED ENTRY PERMITS IN THE PACIFIC COAST GROUND FISH FISHERIES

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1801 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 660

Legal Deadline: Final, Statutory. Final regulations to be published within 30 days of end of NPRM comment period.

Abstract: Regulations would link groundfish cumulative trip limits to limited entry permits instead of to vessels. This linkage would allow limited entry permit holders to associate more than one limited entry permit with a vessel without having to combine those permits. A vessel attached to multiple limited entry permits would be able to pursue multiple cumulative trip limits.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	08/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: Yes

Small Entities Affected: Businesses

Government Levels Affected: Federal

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RIN: 0648-AL50

476. AMENDMENT 14 TO THE PACIFIC COAST SALMON PLAN

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1801 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 660

Legal Deadline: NPRM, Statutory, October 11, 1998. Final, Statutory. See "Additional Information"

Abstract: Amendment 14 would provide a change in the management of salmon fisheries in the Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) (3 to 200 miles offshore) off Washington, Oregon, and California, which are managed by the Pacific Fishery Management Council (PFMC, Council) and NMFS under the Fishery Management Plan for Commercial and Recreational Salmon Fisheries off the Coasts of Washington, Oregon and California (FMP) as revised and updated in 1996 for implementation in 1997. The Amendment will revise in FMP to bring it into compliance with the recently amended Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act. The primary changes relate to issues of optimum yield, overfishing, essential fish habitat, and bycatch specifications. Editorial and organizational changes to improve and update the FMP and its environmental impact statement, in addition to refinements harvest allocation standards among the recreational fisheries north of Cape Falcon, are also part of amendment effort.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	04/00/99	

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Required: Yes

Small Entities Affected: Businesses, Governmental Jurisdictions, Organizations

Government Levels Affected: State, Local, Tribal, Federal

Additional Information: Legal Deadline: Under 16 USC 1853 note, each Regional Fishery Management Council must submit to NMFS amendments to its fishery management plans and any associated proposed regulations bringing them into compliance with the Sustainable Fisheries Act (P.L. 104-297). Final regulations to be published

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within 30 days of NPRM comment period.

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477. AMEND 12 SUMMER FLOUNDER, SCUP & BLACK SEA BASS FISHERIES FMP; AMEND 8 TO FMP FOR ATLANTIC MACKEREL, SQUID & BUTTERFISH; AND AMEND 12 TO FMP FOR ATLANTIC SURF CLAM AND OCEAN QUAHOG FISHERIES

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1801 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 648

Legal Deadline: Final, Statutory. Final regulations to be published within 30 days of NPRM comment period end.

Abstract: The proposed rule to implement the three Fishery Management Plan (FMP) amendments would implement framework provisions for amending management measures for these fisheries, restrict the size of domestic harvesting vessels permitted in the Atlantic mackerel fishery without restricting the size of processing vessels, and implement an operator permit requirement for the surf clam and ocean quahog fisheries. These amendments are intended to meet the requirements of the Sustainable Fisheries Act of October 1996.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	04/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected: Undetermined

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RIN: 0648-AL56

478. AMENDMENT 16B 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 after receipt from the Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council (Council).

Abstract: Amendment 16B would: (1) establish a "slot limit" of 14 inches (minimum) and 22 inches (maximum) fork length for the commercial and recreational harvest of lesser amberjack and banded rudderfish; (2) establish a 5-fish aggregate bag limit; (3) remove queen triggerfish from the FMP and thus allow more conservative management measures in Florida state waters to extend into the EEZ; (4) eliminate the distinction in the FMP between reef fish species in the management unit and those in the fishery but not in the management unit with the intent of excluding sand perch and dwarf sand perch from the 20-fish aggregate bag limit; (5) implement minimum size limits on cubera snapper (12 inches, total length (TL)), dog snapper (12 inches, TL), mahogany snapper (12 inches, TL), schoolmaster (12 inches, TL), mutton snapper (16 inches, TL), scamp (20 inches, TL), gray triggerfish (12 inches, TL), and hogfish (12 inches, fork length); (6) establish a 5-fish bag limit for hogfish and exclude hogfish from the 20-fish aggregate reef fish bag limit; and (7) establish a recreational bag limit of 1 speckled hind and 1 warsaw grouper per vessel. Setting bag limits for speckled hind and warsaw grouper would prohibit the sale of these species by the recreational sector because the FMP and existing regulations prohibit sale of reef fish subject to bag limits.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	04/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected: Undetermined

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479. REGULATORY AMENDMENT TO ALLOCATE CERTAIN GROUND FISH SPECIES BETWEEN THE TRAWL AND FIXED GEAR COMMERCIAL GROUND FISH FISHERIES

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1801 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 660

Legal Deadline: Final, Statutory. Final regulations to be published within 30 days of end of NPRM comment period.

Abstract: Regulations would set allocations of certain groundfish species (primarily rockfish) between the trawl and fixed gear commercial fisheries for Pacific Coast groundfish.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	09/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes

Small Entities Affected: Businesses

Government Levels Affected: State, Federal

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RIN: 0648-AL62

480. REGULATORY AMENDMENT TO FUND PURCHASE OF LIMITED ENTRY TRAWL PERMITS TO REDUCE EXCESS CAPACITY IN PACIFIC COAST GROUND FISH FLEET

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1801 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 660

Legal Deadline: Final, Statutory. Final regulations to be published within 30 days of end of NPRM comment period.

Abstract: Regulations would authorize Federal purchase of Pacific Coast

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groundfish limited entry trawl permits, under section 312(b) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, "Fishing Capacity Reduction Program." Federal purchase of trawl permits would be considered a "loan" to the trawl fleet, which would be repaid by that fleet through a tax on groundfish landings by limited entry trawl vessels. The goal of this program would be to match effort within the fishery more closely with available resources.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	11/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes**Small Entities Affected:** Businesses**Government Levels Affected:** Federal

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RIN: 0648-AL66

481. ADJUSTMENT OF MANAGEMENT PROGRAM: CRUSTACEAN FISHERIES IN THE WESTERN PACIFIC**Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**Legal Authority:** 16 USC 1801 et seq**CFR Citation:** 50 CFR 660

Legal Deadline: Final, Statutory. Final regulations to be published within 30 days of end of NPRM comment period.

Abstract: This regulatory action would include the waters off the U.S. Island Possessions in the Pacific within Permit Area 3 (Guam and American Samoa).

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	07/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Undetermined**Government Levels Affected:** Undetermined

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RIN: 0648-AL67

482. REGULATORY AMENDMENT TO ESTABLISH PROGRAM FOR COLLECTION AND USE OF FEES IN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT QUOTA PROGRAM

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

Unfunded Mandates: Undetermined**Legal Authority:** 16 USC 1801 et seq**CFR Citation:** 50 CFR 679

Legal Deadline: Final, Statutory. Final regulations to be published within 30 days of end of NPRM comment period.

Abstract: This regulatory amendment would establish a program for the collection and use, including the procedures, of fees in the Community Development Quota Program. The collection of fees would recover the costs of managing and enforcing the CDQ program.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	12/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No**Small Entities Affected:** Businesses**Government Levels Affected:** None

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RIN: 0648-AL71

483. FRAMEWORK TO IMPLEMENT ANNUAL MANAGEMENT MEASURES FOR NORTHEAST MULTISPECIES FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLAN**Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**Legal Authority:** 16 USC 1801 et seq**CFR Citation:** 50 CFR 648**Legal Deadline:** None

Abstract: This regulation would implement annual management measures for the Northeast Multispecies

fishery for the fishing year beginning May 1, 1999.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	03/29/99	64 FR 14846
NPRM Comment Period End	04/13/99	
Final Action	05/00/99	
Final Action Effective	06/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Undetermined**Government Levels Affected:** Undetermined

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484. RECREATIONAL MEASURES FOR 1999 SUMMER FLOUNDER, SCUP, AND BLACK SEA BASS FISHERIES**Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**Legal Authority:** 16 USC 1801 et seq**CFR Citation:** 50 CFR 648

Legal Deadline: NPRM, Statutory. Final regulations to be published within 30 days of end of NPRM comment period.

Abstract: This action would establish the possession limit, size limit, and other management measures for the recreational fisheries for 1999.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	04/00/99	
NPRM Comment Period End	05/00/99	
Final Action	06/00/99	
Final Action Effective	07/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Undetermined**Government Levels Affected:** Undetermined

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485. AMENDMENT ADDRESSING SUSTAINABLE FISHERIES ACT REQUIREMENTS REGARDING OVERFISHING, BYCATCH, FISHING COMMUNITIES, AND OTHER PROVISIONS FOR FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR THE GULF OF MEXICO

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

Unfunded Mandates: Undetermined

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1801 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 622

Legal Deadline: Final, Statutory. Final regulations to be published within 30 days of end of NPRM comment period.

Abstract: The generic Sustainable Fishery Act (SFA) Amendment, prepared by the Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council, will amend existing fishery management plans (FMPs) for Gulf coral and coral reef resources, coastal migratory pelagics, red drum, reef fish, shrimp, spiny lobster, and stone crab to ensure (1) they are in conformance with SFA section 102 definitions, (2) that bycatch provisions are in conformance with SFA section 108 provisions, (3) they address fishery impact statements that describe the likely effects of management measures on fishing communities, (4) they address overfishing provisions specifying objective and measurable criteria for identifying whether a fishery is overfished, and (5) they propose measures to rebuild overfished stocks in fisheries of the Gulf of Mexico.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	05/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected: Undetermined

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RIN: 0648-AL81

486. COMPREHENSIVE AMENDMENT ADDRESSING SUSTAINABLE FISHERIES ACT REQUIREMENTS REGARDING OVERFISHING, BYCATCH, FISHING COMMUNITIES AND PROVISIONS FOR FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLANS FOR THE CARIBBEAN

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1801 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 622

Legal Deadline: NPRM, Statutory, October 11, 1998.
See Additional Information.

Abstract: The comprehensive amendment will amend the Caribbean Fishery Management Council's existing fishery management plans for queen conch, coral resources, spiny lobster, and reef fish to address the Sustainable Fisheries Act requirements regarding section 102 definitions, bycatch provisions, fishery impact statements, effects on fishing communities, and preventing overfishing and rebuilding overfished stocks.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	05/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected: Undetermined

Additional Information: Under 16 USC 1853 note, each Regional Fishery Management Council must submit to NMFS amendments to its fishery management plans and any associated proposed regulations bringing them into compliance with the Sustainable Fisheries Act (P.L. 104-297). Final regulations to be published within 30 days of NPRM comment period.

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RIN: 0648-AL86

487. • REGULATORY AMENDMENT TO THE ALASKA GROUND FISH REGULATIONS PERTAINING TO SCALES PERFORMANCE CRITERIA

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

Unfunded Mandates: Undetermined

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1801 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 679

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: At the suggestion of the industry and NMFS observer program, this regulatory amendment would modify the technical requirements for the at-sea scales program, clarify the meaning of some terms, revise observer sampling station specifications, and allow flexibility in designing sampling stations.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	04/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected: Undetermined

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RIN: 0648-AL88

488. • CRAB COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT QUOTA RESERVES

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

Unfunded Mandates: Undetermined

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1801 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 679

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: Regulatory amendment to specify crab community development quota reserves by calendar year.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	04/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

Agency Contact: Steven Pennoyer, Regional Administrator, Alaska Region, NMFS, Department of Commerce, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, P.O. Box 21668, Juneau, AK 99802
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RIN: 0648-AL92

489. • REGULATORY AMENDMENT TO ADJUST THE GULF OF MEXICO RED SNAPPER TAC AND ASSOCIATED MANAGEMENT MEASURES UNDER THE FRAMEWORK PROCEDURE OF THE FMP 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: None

Abstract: For 1999, this action would: Maintain the red snapper TAC at status quo - 9.12 million pounds, with 4.47 million pounds allocated to the recreational fishery and 4.65 million pounds allocated to the commercial fishery; set the recreational daily bag limit for red snapper at 4 fish for recreational fishermen, and set a bag limit of zero fish for the captain and crew of for-hire vessels; set the opening date of the recreational red snapper fishing season at March 1; reduce the minimum size limit for red snapper from 15 inches total length (TL) to 14 inches TL for both commercial and recreational fisheries; and change the opening criteria for the second commercial red snapper fishing season from the first 15 days of each month, beginning September 1, to the first 10 days of each month, beginning September 1, until the second-season suballocation is met or the season closes on December 31.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	04/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes

Small Entities Affected: Businesses

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 0648-AL94

490. • AMENDMENTS TO THE ALASKA GROUND FISH AND CRAB FMPS FOR THE LICENSE LIMITATION PROGRAM

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

Unfunded Mandates: Undetermined

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1801 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 679

Legal Deadline: Final, Statutory. Final regulations to be published within 30 days of end of NPRM comment period.

Abstract: Amend the Alaska License Limitation Program by adding a participation requirement to qualify for a license in the Bering Sea crab fisheries and limit processing on catcher vessels.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	09/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected: Undetermined

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RIN: 0648-AL95

491. • REGULATORY AMENDMENT TO REINSTATE 6000 POUND TRIP LIMIT OF HALIBUT IN AREA NORTHEAST OF THE BERING SEA

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

Unfunded Mandates: Undetermined

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1801 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 679

Legal Deadline: Final, Statutory. Final regulations to be published within 30 days of end of NPRM comment period.

Abstract: This regulatory amendment would reinstate a 6000 pound halibut trip limit in the halibut management area northeast of the Bering Sea.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	12/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes

Small Entities Affected: Businesses

Government Levels Affected: Undetermined

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RIN: 0648-AL97

492. • DEFINITION OF OVERFISHING FOR SALMON FISHERIES OFF ALASKA

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

Unfunded Mandates: Undetermined

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1801 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 679

Legal Deadline: Final, Statutory. Final regulations to be published within 30 days of end of NPRM comment period.

Abstract: Amend the Fishery Management Plan for salmon fisheries in the EEZ off Alaska to define overfishing.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	04/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected: Undetermined

Agency Contact: Steven Pennoyer, Regional Administrator, Alaska Region, NMFS, Department of Commerce, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, P.O. Box 21668, Juneau, AK 99802
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RIN: 0648-AL98

DOC—NOAA

Proposed Rule Stage

493. • AMERICAN FISHERIES ACT—FMP AMENDMENT—PR/FR TO IMPLEMENT AFA MEASURES FOR 2000-2004

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

Unfunded Mandates: Undetermined

Legal Authority: PL 105-277

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 679

Legal Deadline: Final, Statutory, January 2000.

Abstract: Fishery Management Plan amendment to comply with the requirements of the American Fisheries Act.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	09/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected: Undetermined

Agency Contact: Steven Pennoyer, Regional Administrator, Alaska Region, NMFS, Department of Commerce, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, P.O. Box 21668, Juneau, AK 99802
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RIN: 0648-AL99

494. • AMENDMENT TO INDIVIDUAL FISHING QUOTA SURVIVORSHIP PROVISION

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

Unfunded Mandates: Undetermined

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1801 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 679

Legal Deadline: Final, Statutory. Final regulations to be published within 30 days of end of NPRM comment period.

Abstract: Regulatory amendment to the Individual Fishing Quota to revise the survivorship provision about a surviving spouse.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	04/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

Agency Contact: Steven Pennoyer, Regional Administrator, Alaska Region, NMFS, Department of Commerce, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, P.O. Box 21668, Juneau, AK 99802
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RIN: 0648-AM00

495. • REGULATORY AMENDMENT TO ESTABLISH TOTAL ALLOWABLE CATCH LIMITS FOR THE ATLANTIC AND GULF GROUPS OF KING AND SPANISH MACKEREL FOR THE 1999-2000 FISHING YEAR

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1801 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 622

Legal Deadline: Final, Statutory. Final regulations to be published within 30 days of end of NPRM comment period.

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 and associated measures (e.g., trip and bag limits) for Atlantic and Gulf groups of King and Spanish mackerel for the 1999-2000 fishing year.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	09/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Undetermined

Small Entities Affected: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 0648-AM01

496. • REGULATORY AMENDMENT TO ADJUST THE GULF OF MEXICO RED SNAPPER TAC AND ASSOCIATED MANAGEMENT MEASURES FOR 2000 UNDER THE FRAMEWORK

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1801 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 622

Legal Deadline: Final, Statutory. Final regulations to be published within 30 days of end of NPRM comment period.

Abstract: This action would amend the regulations implementing the FMP to establish management measures for the 2000 fishing season, in accordance with the FMP's framework procedure for setting annual total allowable catch limits and associated measures. The FMP regulates commercial and recreational fishing in the exclusive economic zone of the Gulf of Mexico and was developed by the Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council and approved/implemented by the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS). Annual management changes are proposed by the council; NMFS publishes a proposed rule to obtain public comment on these proposals for consideration in approving/disapproving/partially approving them. Approved measures are implemented by final rule.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	09/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Undetermined

Small Entities Affected: Businesses

Government Levels Affected: Undetermined

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RIN: 0648-AM04

497. • FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLAN AMENDMENT TO REVISE CDQ REGULATIONS

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

Unfunded Mandates: Undetermined

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1801 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 679

Legal Deadline: Final, Statutory. Final regulations to be published within 30 days of end of NPRM comment period.

Abstract: Revisions to the CDQ regulations that would include: overage/underage provisions, pooling, and removing species from CDQ; revise observer coverage requirements shoreside; crab CDQ regulations change to allow start in September crab management year instead of calendar year; change start date for CDQ trawl fisheries.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	08/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes

Small Entities Affected: Businesses

Government Levels Affected: Undetermined

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RIN: 0648-AM07

498. • FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR PELAGIC SARGASSUM HABITAT OF THE SOUTH ATLANTIC REGION

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1801 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 622

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The Fishery Management Plan (FMP) and associated rule would: (1) define the management unit for pelagic Sargassum; (2) specify optimum yield as zero harvest; (3) define overfishing levels; (4) identify essential fish habitat for pelagic Sargassum; (5) identify essential fish habitat-areas of special concern for pelagic Sargassum;

(6) prohibit all harvest and possession of Sargassum from the South Atlantic EEZ south of the latitude line representing the North Carolina/South Carolina border; (7) limit the harvest to 50,000 pounds wet weight in the area bounded by the North Carolina/Virginia border, the North Carolina/South Carolina border, and the longitude line 100 miles (or greater) seaward from the North Carolina shoreline until January 1, 2001; (8) prohibit the harvest and possession of pelagic Sargassum after January 1, 2001; and (9) describe research and data needs.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	04/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes

Small Entities Affected: Businesses

Government Levels Affected: Federal

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RIN: 0648-AM15

499. • FLEET CAPACITY LIMITS FOR U.S. PURSE SEINE FISHERY IN THE EASTERN PACIFIC OCEAN

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1801 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 300

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This rule would implement purse seine fleet capacity limits for the U.S. purse seine fleet in the eastern tropical Pacific for 1999, consistent with management recommendations of the Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission and approved by the Department of State as provided in the Tuna Conventions Act of 1950. This action would limit the active purse seine fleet to a total of 8,969 metric tons carrying capacity.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	04/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Small Entities Affected: Businesses
Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 0648-AM22

500. • ADJUSTMENT OF MANAGEMENT PROGRAM; CRUSTACEAN FISHERIES OF THE HAWAIIAN ISLANDS

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

Unfunded Mandates: Undetermined

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1801 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 660

Legal Deadline: Final, Statutory. Final regulations to be published within 30 days of end of NPRM comment period.

Abstract: This action would facilitate and enable adjustments to management measures for the crustacean fisheries in the Northwestern and main Hawaiian Islands. Possible regulatory changes could include modification of closed areas, gear restrictions, seasons, notification/reporting requirements, etc.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	04/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 0648-AM26

501. • EFFECTS OF SPOTTER AIRCRAFT ASSISTANCE IN ATLANTIC BLUEFIN TUNA (BFT) FISHERY

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

Unfunded Mandates: Undetermined

DOC—NOAA

Proposed Rule Stage

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

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 635

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: NMFS proposes measures to manage the use of spotter aircraft to assist in the fishery for BFT.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	06/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: Undetermined

Small Entities Affected: Businesses

Government Levels Affected:
Undetermined

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RIN: 0648-AM27

502. • LIST OF FISHERIES FOR 2000

Priority: Routine and Frequent

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1361 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 229

Legal Deadline: Final, Statutory, December 31, 1999.

Abstract: The list of fisheries, published pursuant to section 118 of the Marine Mammal Protection Act, classifies all U.S. commercial fisheries into one of three categories based on the level of incidental serious injuries and mortalities to marine mammals. Participants in fisheries placed in Category I, II, or III are subject to different regulatory requirements under 50 CFR 229.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	05/00/99	
NPRM Comment Period End	08/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 0648-AM28

503. • FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLAN AMENDMENT TO REBUILD C. BAIRDI STOCKS

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

Unfunded Mandates: Undetermined

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1801 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 679

Legal Deadline: Final, Statutory. One year from approval of overfishing definitions.

Abstract: This amendment to the FMP for the Commercial King and Tanner Crab Fisheries in the BSAI would define a rebuilding plan for *C. bairdi*.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	11/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: Yes

Small Entities Affected: Businesses

Government Levels Affected:
Undetermined

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RIN: 0648-AM29

504. • ENHANCED MEASURES TO MITIGATE SEABIRD BYCATCH IN THE ALASKA HOOK-AND-LINE FISHERIES

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

Unfunded Mandates: Undetermined

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1801 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 679

Legal Deadline: Final, Statutory. Final regulations to be published within 30 days of end of NPRM comment period.

Abstract: This regulatory amendment would enhance measures designed to mitigate seabird bycatch in the longline fisheries off Alaska.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	09/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: Yes

Small Entities Affected: Businesses

Government Levels Affected:
Undetermined

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RIN: 0648-AM30

505. • STELLER SEA LION CONSERVATION MEASURES FOR THE BSAI AND GOA POLLOCK FISHERIES

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

Unfunded Mandates: Undetermined

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1801 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 679

Legal Deadline: Final, Statutory. Final regulations to be published within 30 days of end of NPRM comment period.

Abstract: PR/FR to implement Steller Sea Lion conservation measures for the BSAI and GOA Pollock Fisheries; TAC allocation system for inside/outside critical habitat and E/W 170, overage/underage rollover provisions, revise trip limit regulations for W/C GOA, additional pollock exclusion zones and reductions inside critical habitat A seasons catch.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	09/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected:
Undetermined

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RIN: 0648-AM32

DOC—NOAA

Proposed Rule Stage

506. • PR/FR VESSEL MONITORING SYSTEM FOR ALEUTIAN ISLAND ATKA MACKEREL FISHERY

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

Unfunded Mandates: Undetermined

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1801 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 679

Legal Deadline: Final, Statutory. Final regulations to be published within 30 days of end of NPRM comment period.

Abstract: This action would implement the vessel monitoring system requirements for Aleutian Island Atka Mackerel to monitor fishery activity inside and outside Steller Sea Lion critical habitat areas.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	04/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes

Small Entities Affected: Businesses

Government Levels Affected: Undetermined

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RIN: 0648-AM34

507. • GULF OF ALASKA GROUND FISH REGULATORY AMENDMENT

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

Unfunded Mandates: Undetermined

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1801 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 679

Legal Deadline: Final, Statutory. Final regulations to be published within 30 days of end of NPRM comment period.

Abstract: Regulatory amendment to reduce maximum retainable bycatch percentages in order to reduce industry incentives for target operations on Gulf of Alaska shorttrake/rougheye rockfish when the fishery is closed to directed fishing.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	04/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected: Undetermined

Agency Contact: Steven Pennoyer, Regional Administrator, Alaska Region, NMFS, Department of Commerce, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, P.O. Box 21668, Juneau, AK 99802
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RIN: 0648-AM36

508. • REVISE BSAI BYCATCH MANAGEMENT PROGRAM FOR CHINOOK SALMON

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

Unfunded Mandates: Undetermined

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1801 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 679

Legal Deadline: Final, Statutory. Final regulations to be published within 30 days of end of NPRM comment period.

Abstract: This Fishery Management Plan amendment would revise the BSAI bycatch management program for chinook salmon.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	09/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes

Small Entities Affected: Businesses

Government Levels Affected: Undetermined

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RIN: 0648-AM38

509. • ALASKA GROUND FISH FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLAN AMENDMENT TO REVISE IMPROVED RETENTION/IMPROVED UTILIZATION PROGRAM (IR/IU)

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

Unfunded Mandates: Undetermined

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1801 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 679

Legal Deadline: Final, Statutory. Final regulations to be published within 30 days of end of NPRM comment period.

Abstract: Revise regulations implementing IR/IU.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	09/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes

Small Entities Affected: Businesses

Government Levels Affected: Undetermined

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RIN: 0648-AM39

510. • SCALLOP LICENSE LIMITATION PROGRAM

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

Unfunded Mandates: Undetermined

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1801 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 679

Legal Deadline: Final, Statutory. Final regulations to be published within 30 days of end of NPRM comment period.

Abstract: This Fishery Management Plan (FMP) amendment to the FMP for scallop fisheries off Alaska would implement a license limitation program for scallop fisheries.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	01/00/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes

DOC—NOAA

Proposed Rule Stage

Small Entities Affected: Businesses

Government Levels Affected:
Undetermined

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RIN: 0648-AM42

**511. • RECORDKEEPING AND
REPORTING REQUIREMENTS FOR
2000**

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

Unfunded Mandates: Undetermined

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1801 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 679

Legal Deadline: Final, Statutory.
Final regulations to be published
within 30 days of end of NPRM
comment period.

Abstract: This regulatory amendment
would revise the recordkeeping and
reporting requirements for the year
2000.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	10/00/99	

**Regulatory Flexibility Analysis
Required:** Yes

Small Entities Affected: Businesses

Government Levels Affected:
Undetermined

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RIN: 0648-AM43

**512. • REGULATORY AMENDMENT
TO CHANGE THE REGULATIONS
IMPLEMENTING THE NORTH PACIFIC
OBSERVER PROGRAM**

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

Unfunded Mandates: Undetermined

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1801 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 679

Legal Deadline: Final, Statutory.
Final regulations to be published
within 30 days of end of NPRM
comment period.

Abstract: This would change the
regulations implementing the North
Pacific Observer program, including
authority to place NMFS personnel
onboard fish or processing vessels,
revised requirements for shoreside
accommodations for observers, and
revisions to observe coverage levels.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	09/00/99	

**Regulatory Flexibility Analysis
Required:** Yes

Small Entities Affected: Businesses

Government Levels Affected:
Undetermined

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RIN: 0648-AM44

**513. • RECREATIONAL MEASURES
FOR THE SUMMER FLOUNDER,
SCUP, AND BLACK SEA BASS
FISHERIES FOR FISHING YEAR 2000**

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1801 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 648

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This action would establish
the possession limit, size limit, and
other management measures for the
recreational fisheries for fishing year
2000.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	02/00/00	

**Regulatory Flexibility Analysis
Required:** Undetermined

Government Levels Affected:
Undetermined

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**514. • QUOTAS FOR THE ATLANTIC
BLUEFISH FISHERY FOR FISHING
YEAR 2000**

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

Unfunded Mandates: Undetermined

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1801 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 648

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This action would establish
the quotas for Atlantic Bluefish in the
exclusive economic zone for fishing
year 2000.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	10/00/99	

**Regulatory Flexibility Analysis
Required:** Undetermined

Government Levels Affected:
Undetermined

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RIN: 0648-AM47

**515. • SPECIFICATIONS FOR THE
SUMMER FLOUNDER, SCUP, AND
BLACK SEA BASS FISHERIES FOR
FISHING YEAR 2000**

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1801 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 648

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This action would establish
the allowed commercial catch limits as
well as other management measures for
these fisheries for 2000.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	10/00/99	

**Regulatory Flexibility Analysis
Required:** Undetermined

Government Levels Affected:
Undetermined

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DOC—NOAA

Proposed Rule Stage

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RIN: 0648-AM48

516. • INITIAL SPECIFICATIONS FOR THE ATLANTIC MACKEREL, SQUID, AND BUTTERFISH FISHERIES FOR FISHING YEAR 2000

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1801 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 648

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This action would specify the initial annual amounts of the initial optimum yield as well as the amounts for allowable biological catch, domestic annual harvest, domestic annual processing, joint venture processing, and total allowable levels of foreign fishing for these species.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	10/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected:

Undetermined

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RIN: 0648-AM49

517. • FISHING QUOTAS FOR FISHING YEAR 2000 FOR ATLANTIC SURF CLAM AND OCEAN QUAHOG FISHERIES

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1801 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 648

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This action would establish allowable harvests of surf clams and ocean quahogs from the exclusive economic zone for fishing year 2000.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	10/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected:

Undetermined

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RIN: 0648-AM50

518. • FMP AMENDMENT TO REQUIRE FULL RETENTION OF DEMERSAL SHELF ROCKFISH

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

Unfunded Mandates: Undetermined

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1801 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 679

Legal Deadline: Final, Statutory. Final regulations to be published within 30 days of end of NPRM comment period.

Abstract: This FMP amendment is to require full retention of demersal shelf rockfish to provide State of Alaska fishery managers an enhanced estimate of bycatch rates.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	09/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: Yes

Small Entities Affected: Businesses

Government Levels Affected:

Undetermined

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RIN: 0648-AM51

519. SEA TURTLE MONITORING AND CONSERVATION MEASURES FOR NONSHRIMP FISHERIES

Priority: Other Significant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1531 et seq

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

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: NMFS proposes to protect sea turtles through the implementation of

sea turtle conservation measures on nonshrimp fisheries. Bottom trawlers in the mid-Atlantic take sea turtles when not using turtle excluder devices (TEDs) and may jeopardize the continued existence of endangered sea turtles. NMFS proposes to require TEDs in all bottom trawlers operating from Texas through Delaware. Other non-shrimp fisheries using tow lines, gill nets, or other gear probably take significant numbers of sea turtles. In order to better quantify that level of take, NMFS proposes to require observers in all fisheries suspected of taking turtles in all U.S. waters.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
ANPRM	07/10/92	57 FR 30709
ANPRM Comment Period End	08/08/92	
NPRM	09/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: Yes

Small Entities Affected: Businesses

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 0648-AE54

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

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1361 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 216.24

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: NMFS proposes to amend its regulations governing the reimbursement of tuna vessel owners for the cost of carrying NMFS observers (50 CFR 216.24(f)(4)). The regulations require that a U.S.-flag tuna purse seine vessel holding a certificate of inclusion under the general permit issued to the American Tunaboat Association carry an observer when assigned by the Director, Southwest Region, NMFS. The regulations currently require that NMFS reimburse vessel operators for all costs associated with carrying the observers.

DOC—NOAA

Proposed Rule Stage

The proposed rule change would require that "the vessel owner shall incur all reasonable costs directly related to the quartering and maintaining of such observers on board such vessels."

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	04/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: Yes

Small Entities Affected: Businesses

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 0648-AG35

521. 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: None

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	05/00/99	
NPRM Comment Period End	06/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected:

Undetermined

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RIN: 0648-AH26

522. 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	12/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected:

Undetermined

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RIN: 0648-AH31

523. AMEND REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE TAKING AND IMPORTING OF MARINE MAMMALS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

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

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 216

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The proposed rule implements certain changes in the prohibitions on importing or exporting marine mammals or marine mammal parts and products that occurred with the enactment of the Marine Mammal Protection Act Amendments of 1994 (Pub. L. 104-238). This action prohibits the export of marine mammals or marine mammal products for purposes

other than public display, scientific research, or enhancing the survival of a species or stock and establishes three new categories of exceptions to the prohibition on importing marine mammal parts and products. This is a noncontroversial action that is not significant as it will have only minor effects on a small number of people, most of whom will benefit by the new exceptions.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	09/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected:

Undetermined

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RIN: 0648-AH83

524. IMPLEMENTATION OF 1997 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 implement the 1997 amendments to the Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA) regarding regulation of the US yellowfin tuna fishery in the eastern tropical Pacific Ocean, and the regulation of yellowfin tuna into the United States from other nations.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	04/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

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.

DOC—NOAA

Proposed Rule Stage

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525. ENDANGERED AND THREATENED SPECIES: PROPOSED RULE GOVERNING TAKE OF WEST COAST STEELHEAD

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1531 to 1543; 16 USC 1361 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 227

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The regulation will propose section 9(a) prohibitions for endangered species, with certain exceptions for certain benign and beneficial actions for threatened species of west coast steelhead.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	05/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected: Undetermined

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526. DETERMINATION OF CRITICAL HABITAT FOR JOHNSON'S SEAGRASS

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

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1531 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 227

Legal Deadline: Final, Statutory. The Endangered Species Act requires the designation of critical habitat, if any is designated, within one year of listing a species as threatened or endangered.

Abstract: The Endangered Species Act requires that critical habitat for a threatened or endangered species be designated within one year of listing that species under the Act. NMFS will determine if it will designate critical habitat for Johnson's seagrass, and if so, will designate it.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	03/00/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Government Levels Affected: Undetermined

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527. ● DRAFT POLICY FOR EVALUATION OF CONSERVATION EFFORTS IN MAKING LISTING DECISIONS

Priority: Info./Admin./Other

Unfunded Mandates: Undetermined

Major: Undetermined

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1531

CFR Citation: Not yet determined

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: A policy to evaluate conservation efforts in making listing decisions under the Endangered Species Act. Policy identifies considerations to be used in determining whether conservation plans and agreements, management plans or other efforts provide sufficient protections to preclude or remove the need to list a species under the ESA.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	05/00/99	
NPRM Comment	06/00/99	
Period End		

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Government Levels Affected: Undetermined

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RIN: 0648-AL91

528. ● RULEMAKING FOR THE TAKING OF MARINE MAMMALS INCIDENTAL TO CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION OF OFFSHORE OIL AND GAS PLATFORMS IN THE U.S. BEAUFORT SEA

Priority: Other Significant. Major status under 5 USC 801 is undetermined.

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1361 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 216

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: NMFS has received an application from an oil exploration and development company for an authorization to take marine mammals incidental to oil development in the U.S. Beaufort Sea. This authorization can be granted under the Marine Mammal Protection Act provided the taking of marine mammals is incidental, is having no more than a negligible impact on small numbers of marine mammals and is not having an unmitigable adverse impact on Arctic subsistence needs. If authorization is granted, monitoring and reporting all takings will be required.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
ANPRM	02/01/99	64 FR 9965
ANPRM Comment	03/31/99	
Period End		
NPRM	05/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 0648-AM09

DOC—NOAA

Proposed Rule Stage

529. • REDESIGNATION OF CRITICAL HABITAT FOR SNAKE RIVER SPRING/SUMMER CHINOOK**Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**Legal Authority:** 16 USC 1533 et seq**CFR Citation:** 50 CFR 226**Legal Deadline:** None

Abstract: On December 28, 1993, the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) designated all river reaches presently or historically accessible to listed Snake River spring/summer chinook salmon (except river reaches above impassable natural falls, and Dworshak and Hells Canyon Dams) as critical habitat. On January 6, 1997, NMFS received a petition to revise critical habitat for Snake River spring/summer chinook salmon in Napias Creek, Idaho. On January 30, 1998, NMFS denied the petition based on information submitted in the petition and NMFS' own analysis. However, new information has since been submitted and NMFS is now proposing to redesignate critical habitat to exclude areas above Napias Creek Falls.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	04/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No**Government Levels Affected:** None

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RIN: 0648-AM41**NATIONAL OCEAN SURVEY/OFFICE OF COASTAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT****530. REVISION OF FEDERAL CONSISTENCY REGULATIONS UNDER THE COASTAL ZONE MANAGEMENT ACT****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**Legal Authority:** 16 USC 1451 et seq**CFR Citation:** 15 CFR 930**Legal Deadline:** None

Abstract: This rulemaking will revise the Federal consistency regulations to streamline and clarify procedural requirements.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	04/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No**Government Levels Affected:** State, Federal

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RIN: 0648-AD83**531. REVISION OF OVERFLIGHT REGULATIONS****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**Legal Authority:** 16 USC 1431 et seq**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	06/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No**Government Levels Affected:** None

Agency Contact: Elizabeth Moore, Sanctuaries and Resources Division, Department of Commerce, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, 1305 East-West Highway (N/ORM 2), Silver Spring, MD 20910
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RIN: 0648-AI91**532. OPERATIONS OF MOTORIZED PERSONAL WATERCRAFT IN THE GULF OF THE FARALLONES NATIONAL MARINE SANCTUARY****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**Legal Authority:** 16 USC 1431 et seq**CFR Citation:** 15 CFR 922**Legal Deadline:** None

Abstract: The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's Sanctuaries and Reserves Division is considering prohibiting the operation of motorized personal watercraft in the marshland areas of the Gulf of the Farallones National Marine Sanctuary.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	05/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Undetermined**Government Levels Affected:** Undetermined

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RIN: 0648-AK01**533. INTERAGENCY CONSULTATION FOR THE NATIONAL MARINE SANCTUARY PROGRAM****Priority:** Other Significant**Legal Authority:** 16 USC 1434(d)**CFR Citation:** 15 CFR 922**Legal Deadline:** None

Abstract: NOAA plans to issue regulations to implement the Federal-agency requirements of the National Marine Sanctuaries Act.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	09/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No**Government Levels Affected:** None

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RIN: 0648-AL06

DOC—NOAA

Proposed Rule Stage

OFFICE OF THE ADMINISTRATOR

534. POLICIES AND PROCEDURES REGARDING PROGRAM EVALUATION AND COMPETITIVE FUNDING REQUIREMENTS WITHIN THE OFFICE OF OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC RESEARCH

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant
Legal Authority: 15 USC 313; 15 USC 2901 et seq; 33 USC 883e; 33 USC 1121 et seq; 49 USC 44720
CFR Citation: 15 CFR 919 (New)
Legal Deadline: None
Abstract: The Office of Oceanic and Atmospheric Research (OAR) proposes

regulations on its policies and procedures for program evaluation, the solicitation, review, and approval of proposals, and conflict of interest. These proposed regulations will provide the basic principles, objectives, and procedural framework for the evaluation of OAR programs, standardize the procedures for generating, evaluating, and selecting proposals sponsored within OAR that are subject to open competition, and establish procedures for identifying and handling conflicts of interest.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	04/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Government Levels Affected: State, Federal

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE (DOC)

Final Rule Stage

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)

NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE

535. IMPLEMENT REGULATIONS UNDER ACFCMA TO PROVIDE FOR COORDINATED MANAGEMENT OF THE AMERICAN LOBSTER RESOURCE THROUGHOUT ITS RANGE, END OVERFISHING, AND REBUILD THE AMERICAN LOBSTER STOCK

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant
Legal Authority: 16 USC 1851 et seq
CFR Citation: 50 CFR 697
Legal Deadline: Final, Statutory.
Abstract: Action proposes measures in Federal waters to complement regulations in Amendment 3 to the Interstate Fishery Management Plan for American lobster under the authority of the Atlantic Coastal Fisheries Cooperative Management Act. Action proposes to transfer existing measures currently identified in the American Lobster Fishery Management Plan developed by the New England Fishery Management Council under the authority of the Magnuson-Stevens Act. In addition, this action proposes to address the Sustainable Fisheries Act requirements to end overfishing of American lobster by all methods of harvest in the EEZ.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	01/15/99	64 FR 2708

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM Comment Period End	02/10/99	
Final Action	04/00/99	
Final Action Effective	06/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes

Small Entities Affected: Businesses

Government Levels Affected: Undetermined

Additional Information: The measures previously contained in Amendment 7 are contained in this action. Amendment 7 to the Fishery Management Plan for American Lobster will contain measures for the vessel permit consistency amendment (0648-AL36).

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RIN: 0648–AH41

536. 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: Final, Statutory.

Final regulations to be published within 30 days of end of NPRM comment period.

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

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	04/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes

Small Entities Affected: Businesses

Government Levels Affected: State, Federal

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RIN: 0648–AJ21

537. INTERIM FINAL RULE TO CONSOLIDATE THE RULES FOR SPINY LOBSTER FISHERY OF THE GULF OF MEXICO AND SOUTH ATLANTIC AND STONE CRAB FISHERY OF THE GULF OF MEXICO WITH 50 CFR 622

Priority: Info./Admin./Other

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

DOC—NOAA

Final Rule Stage

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1801 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 622

Legal Deadline: Final, Statutory. Final regulations to be published within 30 days of end of NPRM comment period.

Abstract: NMFS had proposed to withdraw the Fishery Management Plans for Spiny Lobster and Stone Crab (FMPs). The regulations implementing these FMPs were not included in the consolidated regulations for Fisheries of the Caribbean, Gulf, and South Atlantic at 50 CFR part 622. Recently, NMFS withdrew the proposed rules that would have withdrawn the FMPs. This final rule will incorporate the rules implementing these FMPs in the consolidated regulations without substantive change.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	04/00/99	
Final Action Effective	05/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 0648-AJ28

538. GUIDELINES FOR THE DESCRIPTION, IDENTIFICATION, CONSERVATION, AND ENHANCEMENT OF ESSENTIAL FISH HABITAT

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1801 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 600

Legal Deadline: Final, Statutory, April 11, 1997.

Abstract: Guidelines to assist Fishery Management Councils in the description and identification of essential fish habitat (EFH), including adverse impacts on EFH, and in the consideration of actions to conserve and enhance EFH, in fishery management plans.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
ANPRM	11/08/96	61 FR 57843

Action	Date	FR Cite
ANPRM Comment Period End	12/09/96	
ANPRM	01/09/97	62 FR 1306
ANPRM Comment Period End	02/12/97	
NPRM	04/23/97	62 FR 19723
NPRM Comment Period End	07/08/97	
Interim Final Rule Final Action	12/19/97	62 FR 66531
	04/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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539. IMPLEMENTATION OF A FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR MONKFISH

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1801 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 648

Legal Deadline: Final, Statutory. Final regulations to be published within 30 days of end of NPRM comment period.

Abstract: Action to implement management measures for monkfish in the EEZ.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	02/16/99	64 FR 7601
NPRM Comment Period End	03/26/99	
Final Action	05/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: Yes

Small Entities Affected: Businesses

Government Levels Affected: None

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540. FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR ATLANTIC HIGHLY MIGRATORY SPECIES

Priority: Other Significant. Major status under 5 USC 801 is undetermined.

Unfunded Mandates: Undetermined

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

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 630

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This action will implement a new Fishery Management Plan for Atlantic tunas, sharks, and swordfish; Amendment 1 to the Fishery Management Plan for Billfish; and requirements of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	01/20/99	64 FR 3154
NPRM Comment Period End	03/04/99	
Final Action	04/00/99	
Final Action Effective	06/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected: Undetermined

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541. FINAL DEFINITION OF THE ZERO MORTALITY RATE GOAL

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1361

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 229

Legal Deadline: None

NMFS must initiate a report to Congress on fisheries progress towards the Zero Mortality Rate Goal by April 30, 1997.

Abstract: The Marine Mammal Protection Act, as amended in 1994, requires that commercial fisheries reduce incidental serious injury and mortality of marine mammals to insignificant levels approaching a zero mortality and serious injury rate by April 30, 2001. This interim final rule provides the regulatory definition of the

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Zero Mortality Rate Goal as part of the new management regime for the unintentional taking of marine mammals incidental to commercial fishing operators.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	06/15/95	60 FR 31666
NPRM Comment Period End	09/14/95	
Interim Final Rule	06/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No**Government Levels Affected:** None

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542. ENDANGERED AND THREATENED SPECIES: TAKE OF THREATENED SOUTHERN OREGON/NORTHERN CALIFORNIA COAST EVOLUTIONARILY SIGNIFICANT UNIT (ESU) COHO SALMON

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1531 et seq to 16 USC 1543 et seq subpart B Sec 227.12; 16 USC 1361 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 227

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: On May 6, 1997, NMFS listed the Southern Oregon/Northern California Coast ESU of coho salmon as threatened. NMFS is now issuing protective regulations under section 4(d) of the ESA which will apply section 9(a) prohibitions to all activities within this ESU unless: in compliance with section 10 or other exemptions under the ESA; in accordance with a timely application for a permit for scientific purposes to enhance propagation or survival of the species; or within carefully circumscribed harvest hatchery, research and monitoring, or habitat restoration activity exceptions.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Interim Final Rule	07/18/97	62 FR 38479
Final Action	05/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Government Levels Affected: Federal

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543. PROPOSED RULE ON TAKING MARINE MAMMALS INCIDENTAL TO POWER PLANT OPERATIONS AT SEABROOK, NEW HAMPSHIRE

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1361 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 216

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: NMFS has received an application under the Marine Mammal Protection Act for the taking of seals incidental to power plant operations from North Atlantic Energy Corporation over the next five year period. In order to authorize the taking, NMFS must determine that the mortality of several species of seals will not be more than negligible.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
ANPRM	07/24/97	62 FR 39799
ANPRM Comment Period End	08/25/97	
NPRM	08/25/98	63 FR 45213
NPRM Comment Period End	10/09/98	
Final Action	04/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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544. IMPLEMENTATION OF AMENDMENT 5 TO THE FISHING MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR THE BOTTOMFISH AND SEAMOUNT GROUND FISH FISHERIES OF THE WESTERN PACIFIC REGION

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1801 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 660

Legal Deadline: Final, Statutory. Final regulations to be published within 30 days of end of NPRM comment period.

Abstract: Amendment 5 would establish a permanent limited access program for the Mau Zone Bottomfish fishery in the Northwestern Hawaiian Islands. The intent of this action is to conserve and to support the long-term productivity of the bottomfish stocks by preventing the potential for excessive harvest capacity and to improve the low economic returns in the fishery.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	01/06/99	64 FR 823
NPRM Comment Period End	02/22/99	
Final Action	04/00/99	
Final Action Effective	04/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected: Undetermined

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545. ADDITIONAL MEASURES OF AMENDMENT 2 TO THE FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR THE SHRIMP FISHERY OF THE SOUTH ATLANTIC—PROCEDURES FOR TESTING AND CERTIFICATION OF BYCATCH REDUCTION DEVICES (BRDS)

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1801 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 622

Legal Deadline: Final, Statutory.

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Final regulations to be published within 30 days of end of NPRM comment period.

Abstract: All measures of Amendment 2 were approved by the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) on February 24, 1997. Under Amendment 2, BRDs certified by the NMFS are required to be used in all penaeid shrimp trawls in the exclusive economic zone (EEZ) in the South Atlantic (EEZ off North Carolina to Florida inclusive). The final rule to implement Amendment 2, effective April 21, 1997, certified three BRDs for such use (73 FR 18536). Amendment 2 specifies that a testing protocol would be developed so that additional BRDs could be tested and implemented, if they meet the bycatch reduction criterion for Spanish mackerel and weakfish (must reduce bycatch by 40 percent in number of weakfish and Spanish mackerel). The testing protocol was not completed when the proposed rule to implement Amendment 2 was published but was published with the final rule. This action would implement that part of Amendment 2 allowing testing of new BRDs and would specify that a person who proposes a BRD for certification must test such BRD and submit the results to the Regional Administrator, Southeast Region, NMFS, in accordance with the "Bycatch Reduction Device Testing Protocol Manual" which contains the testing protocol and the specific reporting requirements for the test results.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	06/03/98	63 FR 30174
NPRM Comment Period End	07/06/98	
Final Action	04/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 0648-AK29

546. AMENDMENT 16A 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: Final, Statutory. Final regulations to be published within 30 days of end of NPRM comment period.

Abstract: Amendment 16A would: (1) prohibit the use of fish traps south of 25 degree north latitude (near Cape Sable, FL) on February 7, 2001; (2) prohibit the possession of reef fish exhibiting the condition of trap rash on board a reef fish vessel that is fishing spiny lobster or stone crab traps without a valid fish trap endorsement; (3) specify that NMFS establish a system design, implementation schedule, and protocol for a vessel monitoring system for the fish trap fishery. The system design, including costs and implementation schedule, would have to be approved by the Council prior to implementation through additional proposed and final rules; (4) provide a 1-month fish trap inspection/compliance/education period; and (5) require fish trap vessels to submit trip initiation and trip termination reports.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	04/00/99	
Final Action Effective	05/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected:

Undetermined

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547. REGULATORY AMENDMENT FOR A BYCATCH REDUCTION DEVICE (BRD) TESTING AND CERTIFICATION PROTOCOL UNDER AMENDMENT 9 TO THE FMP 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: Final, Statutory. Final regulations to be published within 30 days of end of NPRM comment period.

Abstract: Amendment 9: Requires the use of BRDs certified by the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) in most shrimp trawls used in the exclusive economic zone of the Gulf of Mexico shoreward of the 100-fathom depth contour west of Cape San Blas, Florida; sets the bycatch reduction criterion for the certification of BRDs (BRDs must reduce the bycatch mortality of juvenile red snapper by at least 44 percent from a prescribed baseline level); and establishes an FMP framework procedure for modifying the bycatch reduction criterion, for establishing and modifying the BRD testing protocol and its specifications, and for certifying and decertifying BRDs. Amendment 9 is intended to significantly reduce the shrimp fishery bycatch of red snapper (and other finfish) to allow rebuilding of this valuable, overfished species. The subject action would amend the final rule to implement Amendment 9 to establish, consistent with the FMP's framework procedure, a BRD testing and certification protocol to be used by NMFS for certifying new or modified BRDs.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	04/00/99	
Final Action Effective	05/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected: Undetermined

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548. PROPOSED HIGHLY MIGRATORY SPECIES PROCESS**Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**Legal Authority:** 16 USC 1801 et seq; 16 USC 971 et seq**CFR Citation:** 50 CFR 630**Legal Deadline:** None

Abstract: NMFS proposes to revise the administrative procedures it follows to prepare and issue highly migratory species (HMS) management plans (FMPs), FMP amendments and implementing regulations for the Atlantic Ocean, Gulf of Mexico and Caribbean Sea in response to recent amendments to the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Management Act.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	09/18/97	62 FR 48990
NPRM Comment Period End	10/15/97	
Final Action	06/00/99	
Final Action Effective	07/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis**Required:** No**Government Levels Affected:** None

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RIN: 0648-AK40**549. ENDANGERED AND THREATENED SPECIES: PROPOSED THREATENED STATUS AND DESIGNATED CRITICAL HABITAT FOR WEST COAST SOCKEYE SALMON****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**Legal Authority:** 16 USC 1531 to 1543; 16 USC 1361 et seq**CFR Citation:** 50 CFR 226; 50 CFR 227**Legal Deadline:** Final, Statutory.

Abstract: NMFS has completed a comprehensive review of west coast sockeye salmon in Washington, Oregon and California and has identified 6 evolutionarily significant units (ESUs) within this range. NMFS is now fashioning a proposed rule to list one ESU as threatened under the Endangered Species Act. NMFS is also proposing critical habitat which will

encompass the species current freshwater and estuarine range.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	03/10/98	63 FR 11750
NPRM Comment Period End	06/30/98	63 FR 30455
Final Action	04/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis**Required:** Undetermined**Government Levels Affected:**

Undetermined

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RIN: 0648-AK52**550. ENDANGERED AND THREATENED SPECIES: PROPOSED ENDANGERED STATUS AND DESIGNATED CRITICAL HABITAT FOR COASTWIDE CHUM SALMON****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**Legal Authority:** 16 USC 1531 to 1543; 16 USC 1361 et seq**CFR Citation:** 50 CFR 226; 50 CFR 227**Legal Deadline:** Final, Statutory, March 10, 1999.

Abstract: NMFS has completed a comprehensive status review for chum salmon populations in Washington, Oregon and California and has identified evolutionarily significant units (ESUs) within the range. NMFS is now issuing a proposed rule to list appropriate ESUs under the Endangered Species Act. NMFS is also proposing critical habitat for ESUs proposed for listing.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	03/10/98	63 FR 11773
NPRM Comment Period End	06/30/98	63 FR 30455
Final Action	04/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis**Required:** Undetermined**Government Levels Affected:**

Undetermined

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RIN: 0648-AK53**551. VMS PILOT PROGRAM FOR ATLANTIC SWORDFISH****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**Legal Authority:** 16 USC 1801 et seq**CFR Citation:** 50 CFR 630**Legal Deadline:** None

Abstract: NMFS proposes to implement a vessel monitoring system (VMS) pilot program for Atlantic swordfish in 1998. Vessels with a standard-C VMS unit on board will be issued a special permit to retain on board swordfish greater than the incidental catch limit after the directed fishery has been closed.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	04/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis**Required:** Undetermined**Government Levels Affected:**

Undetermined

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RIN: 0648-AK90**552. FISHERY DISASTER RELIEF****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**Legal Authority:** 16 USC 1801 et seq**CFR Citation:** Not yet determined**Legal Deadline:** None

Abstract: NOAA plans to issue an interpretative rule on disaster assistance under section 312(a) of the Magnuson-Stevens Act.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	06/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis**Required:** No**Government Levels Affected:** None

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553. REGULATORY AMENDMENT TO THE HALIBUT COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT QUOTA PROGRAM - DEFINITION OF MANAGEMENT MEASURES

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

Unfunded Mandates: Undetermined

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1801 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 679

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This regulatory amendment would define management measures for the halibut CDQ fisheries after 1998 and remove regulations in the multispecies groundfish CDQ regulations that expire on December 31, 1998. These regulatory amendments are necessary to integrate the three CDQ fisheries that are being managed separately in 1998 (fixed gear halibut and sablefish, pollock, and the multispecies groundfish) into one CDQ program starting in 1999.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	04/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Government Levels Affected: Undetermined

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554. VESSEL PERMIT CONSISTENCY AMENDMENT

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1801 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 648

Legal Deadline: Final, Statutory.

Final regulations to be published within 30 days of end of NPRM comment period.

Abstract: Amendment to achieve consistency among Northeast Region Fishery Management Plans regarding fishing vessel permits transfer, replacement, and upgrade provisions.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	11/13/98	63 FR 63436
NPRM Comment Period End	12/28/98	
Final Action	04/00/99	
Final Action Effective	05/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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555. ATLANTIC STURGEON EEZ REGULATIONS

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

Unfunded Mandates: Undetermined

Legal Authority: 16 USC 5101 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 697

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: NMFS is issuing protective regulations for Atlantic Sturgeon in the exclusive economic zone (EEZ) under the Atlantic Coastal Fisheries Cooperative Management Act. These regulations would prohibit the harvest and possession of Atlantic Sturgeon in the EEZ.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	04/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected: Undetermined

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556. BSAI/GOA/KTC/SCALLOP FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLAN (FMP) AMENDMENTS 55/55/8/5 ESSENTIAL FISH HABITAT DEFINITIONS

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

Unfunded Mandates: Undetermined

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1801 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 679

Legal Deadline: Final, Statutory. Final Regulations to be published within 30 days of end of NPRM Comment Period

Abstract: This action would amend each FMP to include definitions of essential fish habitat for each managed species or species complex included within the FMP. For the Alaska Region, these amendments are not considered controversial and are expected to be supported by the fishing community. A significant majority of oral and written comments received thus far has supported the amendments and suggest the inclusion of additional species within the definition. None of the EFH amendments contain regulatory measures with which the fishing and non-fishing communities must comply. If the EFH amendments are approved, Federal action agencies must consult with NMFS if a Federal Action may adversely affect EFH.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	10/22/98	63 FR 56601
NPRM Comment Period End	12/21/98	
Final Action	04/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected: Undetermined

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557. COMPREHENSIVE AMENDMENT ADDRESSING ESSENTIAL FISH HABITAT IN FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLANS OF THE SOUTH ATLANTIC REGION

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

Unfunded Mandates: Undetermined

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1801 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 622

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The comprehensive habitat amendment will identify essential fish habitat (EFH) for the shrimp, red drum, snapper-grouper, coastal migratory pelagics, coral, coral reefs, and live/hard bottom resources, spiny lobster, golden crab, sargassum, and calico scallop fisheries of the South Atlantic Region. EFH-habitat areas of particular concern will be identified and regulations designed to reduce or eliminate the impact of fisheries on EFH will be presented.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	05/00/99	
Final Action Effective	06/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected: Undetermined

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558. IMPLEMENTATION OF AMENDMENTS TO FOUR WESTERN PACIFIC FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLANS TO ADDRESS NEW REQUIREMENTS OF THE MAGNUSON-STEVENS FISHERY CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT ACT

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1801 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 660

Legal Deadline: NPRM, Statutory, October 11, 1998. Final, Statutory. See "Additional Information"

Abstract: This action will ensure that the definitions in all the Western Pacific Fishery Management Plans (four) conform with the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation & Management Act definitions; the FMPs address bycatch and bycatch mortality issues; the FMPs describe the likely effects of management measures on fishing communities affected by the FMPs; the FMPs include measurable criteria to determine whether a fishery is overfished; the FMPs identify commercial, recreational, and charter fishing activity in each sector, and identify pertinent data associated with the fishing activity in each sector; and the FMPs identify essential fish habitat/areas of particular concern for management unit species.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	11/05/98	63 FR 58758
NPRM Comment Period End	01/04/99	
Final Action	04/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected: Undetermined

Additional Information: Legal Deadline: Under 16 USC 1853 note, each Regional Fishery Management Council must submit to NMFS amendments to its fishery management plans and any associated proposed regulations bringing them into compliance with the Sustainable Fisheries Act (P.L. 104-297). Final regulations to be published within 30 days of NPRM comment period.

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RIN: 0648-AL49

559. AMENDMENT 11 TO THE PACIFIC COAST GROUND FISH FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLAN

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1801 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 660

Legal Deadline: NPRM, Statutory, October 11, 1998. Final, Statutory.

See "Additional Information"

Abstract: Draft Amendment 11 proposes to redefine "overfishing," "overfished," "optimum yield," and other terms; and would revise the procedures for setting annual harvest levels. The amendment would describe and identify essential fish habitat and establish procedures for implementing regulations to minimize adverse effects of fishing on such habitat. The amendment would also identify procedures for implementing regulations to reduce bycatch and to establish permits for fishing for or processing groundfish should the Council determine that additional permit requirements would be beneficial. The amendment would also authorize reserving a portion of the acceptable biological catch for use in scientific research.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	02/10/99	64 FR 6597
NPRM Comment Period End	03/29/99	
Final Action	05/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Government Levels Affected: Undetermined

Additional Information: Under 16 USC 1853 note, each Regional Fishery Management Council must submit to NMFS amendments to its fishery management plans and any associated proposed regulations bringing them into compliance with the Sustainable Fisheries Act (P.L. 104-297). Final regulations to be published within 30 days of NPRM comment period.

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560. 1999-2000 MANAGEMENT MEASURES FOR COMMERCIAL, RECREATIONAL, AND TREATY INDIAN SALMON FISHERIES OFF THE COASTS OF WASHINGTON, OREGON, AND CALIFORNIA

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1801 et seq

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CFR Citation: 50 CFR 660**Legal Deadline:** None

Abstract: Annual management measures for the 1999-2000 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	04/00/99	
Final Action Effective	05/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis**Required:** Yes**Small Entities Affected:** Businesses, Organizations**Government Levels Affected:** State, Local, Tribal, Federal

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RIN: 0648-AL64**561. REGULATORY AMENDMENT TO IMPLEMENT A LIMITED ACCESS PROGRAM THAT REQUIRES SPECIES ENDORSEMENTS TO PARTICIPATE IN FISHERIES TARGETING CERTAIN GROUND FISH SPECIES****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**Legal Authority:** 16 USC 1801 et seq**CFR Citation:** 50 CFR 660

Legal Deadline: Final, Statutory. Final regulations to be published within 30 days of end of interim final rule comment period.

Abstract: Regulations would implement species-specific permit endorsement requirements for commercial groundfish fisheries. Limited entry permit holders would be either allowed to or prohibited from landing those species, based on historic dependence on those species.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Interim Final Rule	08/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis**Required:** Yes**Small Entities Affected:** Businesses**Government Levels Affected:** Federal

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RIN: 0648-AL65**562. REGULATORY AMENDMENT TO ALLOW LIMITED ENTRY TRAWLERS TO RETAIN GROUND FISH TAKEN IN EXCESS OF CUMULATIVE TRIP LIMITS****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**Legal Authority:** 16 USC 1801 et seq**CFR Citation:** 50 CFR 660

Legal Deadline: Final, Statutory. Final regulations to be published within 30 days of end of interim final rule comment period.

Abstract: Regulations would allow limited entry groundfish trawlers to retain groundfish taken in excess of cumulative trip limits. Groundfish in excess of trip limits, "overage," would be sold to designated processors, at no profit to the fisher. Proceeds from the sale of groundfish overages would be placed in a fund managed by the Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission. This fund will be used to conduct research on Pacific coast groundfish stocks.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Interim Final Rule	06/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis**Required:** Yes**Small Entities Affected:** Businesses**Government Levels Affected:** State, Federal

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RIN: 0648-AL68**563. REGULATORY AMENDMENT TO ALLOCATE LINGCOD AND BOCACCIO ROCKFISH BETWEEN COMMERCIAL AND RECREATIONAL GROUND FISH FISHERIES****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**Legal Authority:** 16 USC 1801 et seq**CFR Citation:** 50 CFR 660

Legal Deadline: Final, Statutory. Final regulations to be published within 30 days of end of interim final rule comment period.

Abstract: Regulations would set allocations of lingcod and bocaccio rockfish between the commercial and recreational fisheries for Pacific Coast groundfish.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Interim Final Rule	04/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis**Required:** Yes**Small Entities Affected:** Businesses**Government Levels Affected:** State, Federal

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RIN: 0648-AL69**564. FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR CALICO SCALLOP FISHERY IN THE SOUTH ATLANTIC REGION****Priority:** Economically Significant**Legal Authority:** 16 USC 1801 et seq**CFR Citation:** 50 CFR 622

Legal Deadline: Final, Statutory. Final regulations to be published within 30 days of end of NPRM comment period.

Abstract: The FMP could include the following measures: (1) Definitions of management unit, MSY, OY, and overfishing, (2) requiring a vessel permit to harvest or possess calico scallops in or from the South Atlantic EEZ, (3) establishment of Essential Fish Habitat for Calico Scallops, (4) prohibit harvest of calico scallops in the area bounded to the West by 80 degrees W. Longitude, to the North by 28 degrees 30' N. Latitude, to the South by 27

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degrees 30' N. Latitude, and to the East by the 100 fathom depth contour, and (5) require use of transponders by calico scallop vessels.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	06/00/99	
Final Action Effective	07/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Government Levels Affected: Undetermined

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RIN: 0648-AL78

565. REGULATORY AMENDMENT TO ESTABLISH TOTAL ALLOWABLE CATCH LIMITS FOR THE ATLANTIC AND GULF OF MEXICO GROUPS OF KING AND SPANISH MACKEREL FOR THE 1998-99 FISHING YEAR

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1801 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 622

Legal Deadline: Final, Statutory. Final regulations to be published within 30 days of end of NPRM comment period.

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 and associated measures (e.g., trip and bag limits) for Atlantic and Gulf groups of King and Spanish mackerel for the 1998-1999 fishing year.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	04/00/99	
Final Action Effective	05/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected: Undetermined

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566. • FMP AMENDMENT FOR THE COMMERCIAL KING AND TANNER CRAB FISHERIES OF THE BSAI AND SCALLOP FISHERIES OFF ALASKA

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

Unfunded Mandates: Undetermined

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1801 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 679

Legal Deadline: Final, Statutory. Regulations to be published within 30 days of the end of NPRM comment period.

Abstract: This action would amend the Fishery Management Plans for Scallop and Commercial King and Tanner Crabs in the BSAI to comply with the Sustainable Fisheries Act overfishing definition requirements.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	11/24/98	63 FR 66112
NPRM Comment Period End	02/01/99	
Final Action	04/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected: Undetermined

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RIN: 0648-AL89

567. • AMENDMENT TO REQUIRE A SPECIFIC VESSEL NAME BE INCLUDED ON A LICENSE FOR A VESSEL

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

Unfunded Mandates: Undetermined

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1801 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 679

Legal Deadline: Final, Statutory. Final regulations to be published within 30 days of end of NPRM comment period.

Abstract: Regulatory amendment to require a specific vessel name be issued under the license limitation program.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	09/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 0648-AL96

568. • FRAMEWORK ADJUSTMENT 28 TO THE FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR THE NORTHEAST MULTISPECIES FISHERY (FMP) TO PROVIDE CONSISTENCY BETWEEN THE HARBOR PORPOISE TAKE REDUCTION PLAN AND THE FMP

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1801 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 648

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: Framework Adjustment 28 would implement management measures to provide for consistency between the Harbor Porpoise Take Reduction Plan recently implemented by NMFS under the MMPA and the FMP.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Interim Final Rule	04/00/99	
Final Action	05/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Government Levels Affected: Undetermined

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569. • AMENDMENT 1 TO THE ATLANTIC SALMON FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLAN (FMP)**Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**Legal Authority:** 16 USC 1851 et seq**CFR Citation:** 50 CFR 648**Legal Deadline:** Final, Statutory. Final regulations to be published within 30 days of end of NPRM comment period.**Abstract:** This rule would establish a framework process to add or adjust Atlantic salmon aquaculture management measures, if necessary, to meet the goals and objectives of the Atlantic Salmon Fishery Management Plan.**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	02/05/99	64 FR 5754
NPRM Comment Period End	03/22/99	
Final Action	05/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis**Required:** No**Government Levels Affected:** None**Agency Contact:** Jon Rittgers, Acting Regional Administrator, Northeast Region, NMFS, Department of Commerce, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, One Blackburn Drive, Gloucester, MA 01930
Phone: 978 281-9200**RIN:** 0648-AM13**570. • 2000 HARVEST GUIDELINES FOR THE NORTHWESTERN HAWAIIAN ISLANDS LOBSTER FISHERY****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**Legal Authority:** 16 USC 1801 et seq**CFR Citation:** 50 CFR 660**Legal Deadline:** None**Abstract:** This action announces the 2000 harvest guidelines for the Northwestern Hawaiian Islands crustacean fishery. The guidelines are calculated according to the formula in the Fishery Management Plan for the Crustacean Fisheries of the Western Pacific Region.**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	02/00/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis**Required:** No**Government Levels Affected:**

Undetermined

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Phone: 562 980-4001**RIN:** 0648-AM16**571. • ADDENDUM TO FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR HIGHLY MIGRATORY SPECIES (HMSFMP)****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant. Major status under 5 USC 801 is undetermined.**Unfunded Mandates:** Undetermined**Legal Authority:** 16 USC 971 et seq; 16 USC 1801 et seq**CFR Citation:** 50 CFR 285; 50 CFR 630; 50 CFR 635; 50 CFR 644; 50 CFR 678**Legal Deadline:** None**Abstract:** NMFS proposes to implement an addendum to the draft HMS FMP, specifically to set Atlantic bluefin tuna (EFT) quotas and effort controls and to close off certain areas to pelagic longline gear.**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	04/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis**Required:** No**Government Levels Affected:** None**Agency Contact:** Gary Matlock, Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910
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Fax: 301 713-0596**RIN:** 0648-AM17**572. • FISHING PARTICIPATION IN 1999 IN NON-SALMON FISHERY****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant. Major status under 5 USC 801 is undetermined.**Legal Authority:** 16 USC 1801 et seq**CFR Citation:** 50 CFR 679**Legal Deadline:** None**Abstract:** Anyone participating in any non-salmon fishery in the North Pacific

EEZ during 1999 will not be assured of participation credit for future access under a limited access regime.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
ANPRM	01/19/99	64 FR 2870
ANPRM Comment Period End	02/18/99	
Final Action	04/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis**Required:** Undetermined**Small Entities Affected:** Businesses**Government Levels Affected:**

Undetermined

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Phone: 907 586-7228**RIN:** 0648-AM18**573. • REGULATORY AMENDMENT TO ALLOCATE A PORTION OF THE 1999 OPTIMUM YIELD SPECIFICATION FOR PACIFIC WHITING TO WASHINGTON COASTAL TRIBAL FISHERIES****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant. Major status under 5 USC 801 is undetermined.**Unfunded Mandates:** Undetermined**Legal Authority:** 16 USC 1801 et seq**CFR Citation:** 50 CFR 660**Legal Deadline:** Final, Statutory. Final regulations to be published within 30 days of end of NPRM comment period.**Abstract:** This rule would allocate a portion of the 1999 optimum yield specification (formerly called "harvest guideline") for Pacific whiting to Washington coastal tribal fisheries. This rule is intended to accommodate the Washington coastal treaty tribes rights to Pacific whiting and to provide equitable allocation of the whiting resource and thereby promote the goals and objectives of the Pacific Coast Groundfish Fishery Management Plan.**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	01/08/99	64 FR 1341
NPRM Comment Period End	02/08/99	
Final Action	04/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes

Small Entities Affected: Businesses

Government Levels Affected: Tribal

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RIN: 0648-AM19

574. • NORTHERN ANCHOVY FISHING; QUOTAS FOR THE 1999 AND 2000 FISHING YEAR (ANNUAL SPECIFICATIONS)

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1801 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 660

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This final rule would implement harvest quotas for the northern anchovy fishery for the 1999-2000 season. These specifications would include quotas for the reduction and non-reduction fisheries and a total allowable level of foreign fishing. These harvest quotas are issued in accordance with procedures for annual specifications under the Northern Anchovy Fishery Management Plan as recommended by the Pacific Fishery Management Council.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	08/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 0648-AM20

575. • PACIFIC COAST GROUND FISH FISHERY; ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE 2000 GROUND FISH FISHERY SPECIFICATIONS AND MANAGEMENT MEASURES

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

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1801 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 660

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This action will announce the 2000 fishery specifications and management measures for groundfish taken in the exclusive economic zone and state waters off the coasts of Washington, Oregon and California. The specifications will include the levels of the acceptable biological catch and optimum yields, including the distribution between domestic and foreign fishing operations.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	01/00/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected: Undetermined

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576. • FRAMEWORK ADJUSTMENT TO THE FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR THE NORTHEAST MULTISPECIES FISHERY TO ALLOW CONTROLLED ACCESS TO THE GEORGES BANK GROUND FISH CLOSED AREAS BY SCALLOP VESSELS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1851 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 648

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This Framework Adjustment would exempt scallop vessels from certain areas of the Georges Bank closure areas. Groundfish bycatch will

be taken into account when considering the areas to be opened.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	06/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected: Undetermined

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RIN: 0648-AM24

577. • FRAMEWORK ADJUSTMENT TO THE FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR THE ATLANTIC SEA SCALLOPS TO ALLOW CONTROLLED ACCESS TO THE GEORGES BANK GROUND FISH CLOSED AREAS BY SCALLOP VESSELS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1851 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 648

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This framework action would implement management measure to allow scallop vessels into certain areas of the Georges Bank closure areas. This action would ensure that sea scallop conservation is not compromised, while taking into consideration both multispecies bycatch and habitat concerns.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	06/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected: Undetermined

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578. • EMERGENCY RULE FOR STELLER SEA LION CONSERVATION MEASURES FOR BSAI AND GOA POLLOCK FISHERIES DURING SECOND HALF OF 1999

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

Unfunded Mandates: Undetermined

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1801 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 679

Legal Deadline: Final, Statutory. Final regulations to be published within 30 days of end of NPRM comment period.

Abstract: This emergency rule will implement reasonable and prudent alternatives to avoid the likelihood that the pollock fisheries off Alaska will jeopardize the continued existence of the western population of Steller Sea Lions or adversely modify their critical habitat.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	08/00/99	
Final Action Effective	08/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Government Levels Affected: Undetermined

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RIN: 0648-AM33

579. PERFORMANCE STANDARDS FOR TUNA VESSEL OPERATORS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1361 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 216

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: NOAA has established a system of performance standards for operators of U.S.-flag tuna purse seine fishing vessels that catch yellowfin tuna associated with marine mammals in the eastern tropical Pacific Ocean.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	11/01/89	54 FR 46086
NPRM Comment Period End	12/01/89	

Action	Date	FR Cite
Interim Final Rule	05/17/90	55 FR 20458
Interim Final Rule Comment Period End	09/03/90	
Final Action	04/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 0648-AD03

580. TAKING AND IMPORTING OF MARINE MAMMALS; DOLPHIN MORTALITY LIMITS DURING PURSE SEINE SETS ON MARINE MAMMALS 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 interim final rule will amend the current performance standards in the Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA) regulations to ensure that U.S. vessels can be legally prevented from making sets on tuna associated with dolphins in the eastern tropical Pacific Ocean once the vessel's dolphin mortality limit is reached. This rule also implements portions of the International Dolphin Conservation Act of 1992.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Interim Final Rule	05/19/93	58 FR 29127
Final Action	04/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 0648-AF07

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

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1361 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 216; 50 CFR 247

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This rule will finalize the interim final rule implementing the Dolphin Protection Consumer Information Act. The interim final rule: (1) identified fish and fish products subject to importation requirements mandated by the Marine Mammal Protection Act, as amended by the DPCIA; (2) specified the use and contents of a new NOAA form required to import into the United States certain fish and fish products potentially harvested with methods injurious to marine mammals; (3) required importers of certain fish and fish products harvested by nations that engage in high seas large-scale driftnet fishing to provide certification by a responsible government official of the harvesting nation that the items to be imported were not harvested with large-scale driftnets in certain areas of the high seas; and (4) regulated the use of labels suggesting that tuna products are "dolphin safe." This rule also implements portions of the High Seas Driftnet Fisheries Enforcement Act.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Interim Final Rule	09/19/91	56 FR 47418
Final Action	12/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 0648-AF08

582. DESIGNATED CRITICAL HABITAT; PACIFIC STEELHEAD

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1533

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 226

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Legal Deadline: NPRM, Statutory, February 16, 1995. Final, Statutory, August 18, 1998.

Endangered Species Act section 4(b)(3)(D)(ii). If steelhead are listed under the ESA by 8/9/97, then critical habitat designation will be due 8/9/98.

Abstract: This rule will propose critical habitat for 9 stocks of Pacific Steelhead as follows: 5 stocks listed under Endangered Species Act on 8/18/97 2 stocks listed on 3/18/98, and 2 stocks proposed for listing on 3/10/98. (62 FR 43937, 63 FR 13347, 63 FR 11798 respectively)

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	04/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected: Undetermined

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583. DESIGNATED CRITICAL HABITAT; CENTRAL CALIFORNIA COAST AND SOUTHERN OREGON/NORTHERN CALIFORNIA COAST COHO SALMON

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1533

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 226

Legal Deadline: Final, Statutory, October 31, 1997.

Critical habitat designation for central California coast coho salmon is due one year after the listing, or 10/31/97.

Critical habitat designation for Southern Oregon/Northern (cont)

Abstract: NMFS proposed to designate critical habitat for two Evolutionarily Significant Units (ESUs) of coho salmon (*Oncorhynchus kisutch*) pursuant to the Endangered Species Act (ESA) of 1973. Critical habitat for the Central California Coast ESU encompasses accessible reaches of all rivers (including estuarine areas and tributaries) between Punta Gorda and

the San Lorenzo River (inclusive) in California. Also included are two rivers entering San Francisco Bay: Mill Valley Creek and Corte Madera Creek. Critical habitat for the Southern Oregon/Northern California Coast ESU encompasses accessible reaches of all rivers (including estuarine areas and tributaries) between the Mattole River in California and the Elk River in Oregon, inclusive.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	06/10/98	63 FR 23710
Final Action	04/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected: Federal

Additional Information: LEGAL DEADLINE CONT: California coast coho salmon is due one year after the listing, or 5/6/98.

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

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1361 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 216.24

Legal Deadline: NPRM, Statutory. Final, Statutory, March 1, 1994.

Abstract: This rule proposes implementation of section 307 (a)(2) of the International Dolphin Conservation Act, which makes it unlawful for any person or vessel that is subject to the jurisdiction of the United States, intentionally to set a purse seine net or to encircle any marine mammal during any tuna fishing operation, with certain exceptions.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	10/12/94	59 FR 51552

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM Comment Period End	11/14/94	
Final Action	04/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 0648-AH04

585. 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	10/00/99	
Final Action Effective	11/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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586. GENERAL AUTHORIZATION FOR SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH INVOLVING LEVEL B HARASSMENT

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Unfunded Mandates: This action may affect State, local or tribal governments and the private sector.

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	12/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Government Levels Affected: State, Federal

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RIN: 0648-AH20

587. NORTH ATLANTIC RIGHT WHALE PROTECTION; INTERIM FINAL RULE

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 742 et seq; 16 USC 1361 et seq; 16 USC 1531 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 222; 50 CFR 217

Legal Deadline: Final, Judicial, February 7, 1997.

This deadline is motivated by the Strahan v. Linnon litigation.

Abstract: Disturbance has been identified in the Final Recovery Plan for the Northern Right Whale (Recovery Plan) as among the principal human-induced factors impeding right whale recovery. Accordingly, as recommended in the Recovery Plan, NMFS is establishing a minimum approach distance to northern right whales in an attempt to reduce the current level of disturbance and potential for vessel interaction and injury. Specifically, this interim final rule will prohibit approaches within 500 yards (460m) of a right whale, whether by vessel, aircraft or other means. The rule will require right whale avoidance measures if a vessel or aircraft is within the restricted area. Generally, vessels are required to immediately depart from the whale. Exceptions are provided for emergency situations, where certain authorizations are provided, for aircraft operations (unless the aircraft is conducting whale watch activities), for certain right whale disentanglement/rescue efforts and investigations, and for a vessel restricted in its ability to maneuver and unable to comply with the right whale avoidance measures.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
ANPRM	12/27/94	59 FR 66513
ANPRM Comment Period End	02/27/95	
NPRM	08/07/96	61 FR 41116
NPRM Comment Period End	11/07/96	
Interim Final Rule	02/13/97	62 FR 6729
Final Action	02/00/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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588. FINAL POLICIES FOR SAFE HARBOR AND CANDIDATE CONSERVATION AGREEMENTS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1531 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 222

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The National Marine Fisheries Service and the Fish and Wildlife Service jointly proposed these policies to allow non-Federal landowners to obtain ESA section 10(a)(1)(A) enhancement of survival permits associated with a Safe Harbor or CSC Agreement. They would be between the Services and non-Federal landowners to provide a net conservation benefit to endangered species. After terms of the Agreement are completed, the enrolled lands could be returned to the baseline or agreed upon conditions through incidental taking authorized in the permit. These enhancement permits will provide non-Federal landowners, who take voluntary conservation activities agreed to in the agreements, assurances that future land use will not be restricted as a result of their conservation efforts. The enhancement of survival permits would authorize the incidental taking in performing management actions to achieve the net conservation benefit as well as incidental take authorized to return the land to target conditions upon the completion of all the management actions. Participating landowners will derive regulatory certainty, because the ESA will not prohibit them from returning their land to original or agreed upon conditions once the Agreement is fulfilled. The Agreements encourage beneficial land-use, which helps imperiled species. The FWS has its own permit regulations and has made a similar request under E.O. 12866; the request number is RIN 108-AD95.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	06/12/97	62 FR 32189
NPRM Comment Period End	08/11/97	
Final Action	05/00/99	
Final Action Effective	06/00/99	

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Regulatory Flexibility Analysis**Required:** Yes**Small Entities Affected:** Businesses, Governmental Jurisdictions, Organizations**Government Levels Affected:** State, Local, Tribal, Federal**Agency Contact:** Margaret Lorenz, ESA Policy Coordinator, NMFS, Department of Commerce, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910

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RIN: 0648-AJ54**589. ENDANGERED AND THREATENED SPECIES; STATUS OF CHINOOK SALMON IN WASHINGTON, IDAHO, OREGON AND CALIFORNIA****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**Legal Authority:** 16 USC 1531 to 1543; 16 USC 1361 et seq**CFR Citation:** 50 CFR 222; 50 CFR 226; 50 CFR 227**Legal Deadline:** NPRM, Judicial, February 26, 1998. Final, Statutory, March 9, 1999.**Abstract:** NMFS has completed a comprehensive status review of west coast chinook salmon populations in Washington, Oregon, Idaho and California. NMFS has identified 15 Evolutionarily Significant Units (ESUs) of chinook within this range. Seven ESUs are proposed for listing and critical habitat is proposed for designation for the ESUs proposed for listing.**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	03/09/98	63 FR 11482
NPRM Comment Period End	06/30/98	63 FR 30455
Final Action	04/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis**Required:** Undetermined**Government Levels Affected:** Undetermined**Additional Information:** This rule was formerly under RIN 0648-AK65.**Agency Contact:** Lisa Lierheimer, Fishery Biologist, 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-AK02**590. NORTH ATLANTIC RIGHT WHALE PROTECTION****Priority:** Other Significant**Legal Authority:** 16 USC 1361 et seq**CFR Citation:** 50 CFR 229**Legal Deadline:** Final, Statutory, July 15, 1997.

Court mandated deadline.

Abstract: NMFS issued an interim final rule implementing a take reduction plan to reduce serious injury and mortality to large whale species on July 22, 1997 (62 FR 3915). Fisheries covered by the plan are the multispecies groundfish gillnet fisheries in the Gulf of Maine; the Gulf of Maine lobster fisheries; the mid-Atlantic coastal gillnet fisheries; and the shark driftnet fishery.**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
Interim Final Rule	07/22/97	62 FR 3915
Final Action	04/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis**Required:** Undetermined**Government Levels Affected:** None**Agency Contact:** Greg Silber, Fisheries Biologist, Office of Protected Resources, Department of Commerce, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910
Phone: 301 713-2322**RIN:** 0648-AK41**591. DEFINITION OF HARM UNDER THE ESA****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**Legal Authority:** 16 USC 1531 to 1543**CFR Citation:** 50 CFR 227**Legal Deadline:** None**Abstract:** This proposed rule defines the term "harm" which is contained in the Endangered Species Act. The purpose of this rulemaking is to help resolve uncertainty concerning the type of harm that may result in a take of a listed species under the ESA.**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	05/01/98	63 FR 24148

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM Comment Period End	06/30/98	
Final Action	04/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis**Required:** No**Government Levels Affected:** None**Agency Contact:** Chris Mobley, Salmon Coordinator, 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-AK55**592. SEA TURTLE CONSERVATION; SHRIMP TRAWLING REQUIREMENTS****Priority:** Other Significant**Legal Authority:** 16 USC 1531 et seq**CFR Citation:** 50 CFR 222; 50 CFR 223**Legal Deadline:** None**Abstract:** The interim final rule allows the use of Soft Turtle Excluder Devices (TEDs) in the Southeastern and Gulf of Mexico Shrimp fishery.**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
Interim Final Rule	04/13/98	63 FR 17948
Final Action	10/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis**Required:** Yes**Small Entities Affected:** Businesses**Government Levels Affected:** Federal**Agency Contact:** Therese Conant, Fisheries Biologist, 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-AK66**593. PACIFIC OFFSHORE CETACEAN TAKE REDUCTION PLAN****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**Legal Authority:** 16 USC 1361 et seq**CFR Citation:** 50 CFR 229**Legal Deadline:** None**Abstract:** This interim final rule would allow vessel operators participating in

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the California/Oregon drift gillnet fishery for thresher shark and swordfish to use longer lines to attach pingers to the nets.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Interim Final Rule	01/22/99	64 FR 3431
Final Action	06/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Small Entities Affected: Businesses

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 0648-AL70

NATIONAL OCEAN SURVEY/OFFICE OF COASTAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT

594. THUNDER BAY NATIONAL MARINE SANCTUARY

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1431 to 1445

CFR Citation: 15 CFR 922

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: These regulations will protect the ecological, historical, 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	06/23/97	62 FR 33768
NPRM Comment Period End	09/22/97	
Final Action	04/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 0648-AE41

595. OLYMPIC COAST NATIONAL MARINE SANCTUARY—ADDITION OF DEFINITION FOR SEABIRDS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1431 et seq

CFR Citation: 15 CFR 922

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: NOAA plans to issue regulations to add a definition of the term "seabirds" for the Olympic Coast National Marine Sanctuary. The term "seabird" is used in that sanctuary's regulatory prohibitions. The regulations will define seabird to mean a member of any avian species that spends part or all of its life cycle (e.g., feeding) in or over the sanctuary, including shorebirds, waterfowl, and birds of prey.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	08/25/98	63 FR 45191
NPRM Comment Period End	09/24/98	
Final Action	06/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 0648-AL09

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596. LICENSING OF PRIVATE REMOTE-SENSING SATELLITE SYSTEMS

Priority: Other Significant

Legal Authority: 15 USC 5601 et seq

CFR Citation: 15 CFR 960.1 et seq

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The final regulations would update the 1987 regulations to reflect the intervening events and information gathered through the public process, as well as the experience gained during recent licensing procedures. The intent of the regulations is to help promote the development of the commercial remote-sensing industry by keeping

Government oversight to the minimum necessary to ensure protection of U.S. national security and foreign policy interests and by making that role predictable and transparent to the affected applicants and licensees. An underlying premise is that the long-term national security and foreign policy interests of the United States are best served by helping the U.S. industry to lead this emerging market.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
ANPRM	12/04/95	60 FR 62054
Notice of Public Meeting	05/14/96	61 FR 24480
NPRM	11/03/97	62 FR 59317
Notice of Public Meeting	03/05/98	63 FR 10785
NPRM Comment Period End	04/02/98	62 FR 65384
Final Action	09/00/99	
Final Action Effective	10/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Government Levels Affected: Federal

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RIN: 0648-AC64

597. NOAA PROCEDURES FOR IMPLEMENTING THE NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ACT

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1801 et seq

CFR Citation: None

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: NOAA plans to issue proposed revised environmental review procedures for implementing the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) within the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. The proposed revisions will update the Agency's procedures published in 1984, based on changing Agency direction, laws, and public concerns. The revisions reflect new initiatives and mandates for NOAA, particularly involving the Magnuson-Stevens Act, Endangered Species Act, and Marine Mammal Protection Act. The revisions provide information on preparing NEPA documents and streamlining of

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NEPA and other analyses or documents within NOAA.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	10/28/98	63 FR 57664

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM Comment	12/14/98	
Period End		
Final Action	04/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 0648–AL58

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National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)

NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE

598. GENERAL PROVISIONS FOR DOMESTIC FISHERIES—STANDARD DEFINITIONS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 600

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	To Be	Determined

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected: Undetermined

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RIN: 0648–AG46

600. REGULATORY AMENDMENT TO REVISE THE PRODUCT RECOVERY RATE CODES FOR CERTAIN ALASKA GROUND FISH PRODUCTS

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

Unfunded Mandates: Undetermined

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 679

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	To Be	Determined

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 0648–AI87

602. IMPLEMENTATION OF DATA COLLECTION AND REPORTING REQUIREMENTS TO THE FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR THE AMERICAN LOBSTER FISHERY

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 649

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	To Be	Determined

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected: Undetermined

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RIN: 0648–AJ75

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

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

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 679

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	09/00/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected: Undetermined

Agency Contact: Steven Pennoyer
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RIN: 0648–AI66

601. REGULATORY AMENDMENT TO IMPLEMENT BYCATCH REDUCTION MEASURES

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

Unfunded Mandates: Undetermined

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 679

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	To Be	Determined

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: Yes

Small Entities Affected: Businesses

Government Levels Affected: None

Agency Contact: Steven Pennoyer
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RIN: 0648–AJ47

603. REGULATORY AMENDMENT TO DEVELOP A C. BAIRDI VESSEL INCENTIVE PROGRAM

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

Unfunded Mandates: Undetermined

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 679

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	To Be	Determined

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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604. REGULATORY AMENDMENT TO ALLOCATE PACIFIC HALIBUT TO THE HALIBUT SUBSISTENCE FISHERY

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

Unfunded Mandates: Undetermined

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 300

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	To Be	Determined

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

Agency Contact: Steven Pennoyer
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RIN: 0648-AK16

605. REGULATORY AMENDMENT TO ALLOCATE PACIFIC HALIBUT TO THE CHARTER BOAT FLEET

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

Unfunded Mandates: Undetermined

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 300

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	To Be	Determined

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

Agency Contact: Steven Pennoyer
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RIN: 0648-AK17

606. OBSERVER FUNDING POLICY

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Unfunded Mandates: Undetermined

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 679

Timetable: Next Action Undetermined

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes

Small Entities Affected: Businesses

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 0648-AL08

607. • ANPR FOR CONTROL DATE FOR RECREATIONAL-FOR-HIRE SECTORS IN GULF OF MEXICO (GOM) COASTAL MIGRATORY PELAGICS AND REEF FISH FISHERIES

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1801 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 622

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This ANPR announces that the Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council (Council) is considering whether there is a need to impose additional management measures limiting entry into the recreational-for-hire (i.e., charter vessel and headboat fisheries for reef fish and coastal migratory pelagic fish in the exclusive economic zone (EEZ) of the Gulf of Mexico and, if there is a need, what management measures should be imposed. If the Council determines that there is a need to impose additional management measures, it may initiate a rulemaking to do so. Possible measures include the establishment of a limited entry program to control participation or effort in the recreational-for-hire fisheries for reef fish and coastal migratory pelagics. If a limited entry program is established, the Council is considering November 18, 1998, as a possible control date. Consideration of a control date is intended to discourage new entry into the fisheries based on economic speculation during the Council's deliberation on the issues.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
ANPRM	11/18/98	63 FR 64031
ANPRM Comment Period End	12/18/98	
Final Action	To Be	Determined

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 0648-AM03

608. • AMENDMENT 10 TO THE FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR THE SHRIMP FISHERY OF THE GULF OF MEXICO

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

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1801 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 622

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: Amendment 10 would extend the BRD requirement from Cape San Blas, Florida to the border with the South Atlantic Council in South Florida.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	05/00/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected: Undetermined

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RIN: 0648-AM23

609. • REVISIONS TO THE LICENSE LIMITATION PROGRAM FOR THE COMMERCIAL CRAB FISHERIES OF THE BSAI

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

Unfunded Mandates: Undetermined

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1801 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 679

Legal Deadline: Final, Statutory. Final regulations to be published within 30 days of end of NPRM comment period.

Abstract: This amendment to the FMP for Commercial King and Tanner Crab Fisheries in the BSAI would establish recent participation requirements for qualification under the License Limitation Program.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	09/00/00	

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Regulatory Flexibility Analysis**Required:** Undetermined**Government Levels Affected:** Undetermined

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RIN: 0648-AM31**610. • ALASKA GROUND FISH LICENSE LIMITATION PROGRAM AMENDMENTS**

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

Unfunded Mandates: Undetermined**Legal Authority:** 16 USC 1801 et seq**CFR Citation:** 50 CFR 679

Legal Deadline: Final, Statutory. Final regulations to be published within 30 days of end of NPRM comment period.

Abstract: Alaska groundfish License Limitation Program amendments to establish species endorsement.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	09/00/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis**Required:** No**Government Levels Affected:** Undetermined

Agency Contact: Steven Pennoyer, Regional Administrator, Alaska Region, NMFS, Department of Commerce, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, P.O. Box 21668, Juneau, AK 99802
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RIN: 0648-AM40**611. 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**Regulatory Flexibility Analysis****Required:** Yes**Small Entities Affected:** Businesses**Government Levels Affected:** None

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RIN: 0648-AF32**612. 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		
Final Action	To Be Determined	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis**Required:** Undetermined**Government Levels Affected:** Federal

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RIN: 0648-AF50**613. DIRECT TAKE OF THREATENED SALMON BY NATIVE AMERICANS****Priority:** Other Significant**CFR Citation:** 50 CFR 227.21**Timetable:** Next Action Undetermined**Regulatory Flexibility Analysis****Required:** Undetermined**Government Levels Affected:** Undetermined

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RIN: 0648-AG15**614. PROPOSED RULE TO AUTHORIZE LETHAL TAKINGS OF MARINE MAMMALS BY STATE AUTHORITIES****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**CFR Citation:** 50 CFR 216**Timetable:** Next Action Undetermined**Regulatory Flexibility Analysis****Required:** Undetermined**Government Levels Affected:** Undetermined

Agency Contact: Kenneth R. Hollingshead

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RIN: 0648-AG79**615. 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	10/16/95	60 FR 35891
Period End		
Interim Final Rule	04/10/96	61 FR 15884
Final Action	To Be Determined	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis**Required:** Yes

Small Entities Affected: Businesses, Governmental Jurisdictions

Government Levels Affected: State, Local, Federal

Agency Contact: Kenneth R. Hollingshead

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RIN: 0648-AG80**616. SECTION 4(D) OF ESA PROTECTIVE REGULATIONS FOR JOHNSON SEAGRASS, A THREATENED SPECIES****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**CFR Citation:** 50 CFR 227**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	04/00/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis**Required:** No

Small Entities Affected: Businesses, Governmental Jurisdictions

Government Levels Affected: Undetermined**Required:** Undetermined

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RIN: 0648-AF20

617. MONTEREY BAY NATIONAL MARINE SANCTUARY—MINOR BOUNDARY REVISION

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant
CFR Citation: 15 CFR 922
Timetable: Next Action Undetermined
Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No
Government Levels Affected: None
Agency Contact: Stephanie Thornton

OFFICE OF THE ADMINISTRATOR**618. REGIONAL MARINE RESEARCH PROGRAM**

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant
CFR Citation: Not yet determined
Timetable: Next Action Undetermined
Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No
Government Levels Affected: None
Agency Contact: Don Scavia

619. NATIONAL UNDERSEA RESEARCH PROGRAM FUNDING REGULATIONS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant
CFR Citation: None
Timetable: Next Action Undetermined
Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No
Government Levels Affected: None
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE (DOC)**Completed Actions****National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)****620. AMENDMENT 1 TO THE FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR ATLANTIC BILLFISH**

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant
CFR Citation: 50 CFR 644
Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Merged With RIN 0648-AJ67	01/29/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected: Undetermined

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RIN: 0648-AF88

622. 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
CFR Citation: 50 CFR 679

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	10/01/98	63 FR 52642
Final Action Effective	01/01/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 0648-AH65

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected: Undetermined

Agency Contact: Andrew J. Kemmerer
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RIN: 0648-AI39

624. PROPOSED RULE TO IMPLEMENT VESSEL IDENTIFICATION AND REPORTING REQUIREMENTS UNDER THE HIGH SEAS FISHING COMPLIANCE ACT OF 1995

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant
CFR Citation: 50 CFR 300

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	01/04/99	64 FR 00013
Final Action Effective	02/03/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 0648-AI99

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

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant
CFR Citation: 50 CFR 600
Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	11/19/98	63 FR 64182
Final Action Effective	02/17/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Government Levels Affected: Federal

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RIN: 0648-AG16

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

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant
CFR Citation: 50 CFR 622

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Withdrawn - Gulf Council Decision To Combine With Gulf SFA	01/15/99	

625. AMENDMENT 7 TO THE FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR THE ATLANTIC SEA SCALLOP FISHERY

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant
CFR Citation: 50 CFR 648

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Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	03/29/99	64 FR 14835
Final Action Effective	04/28/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes**Small Entities Affected:** Businesses**Government Levels Affected:** None**Agency Contact:** Jon Rittgers
Phone: 978 281-9200**RIN:** 0648-AJ33**626. BSAI/GOA AMENDMENTS 56/56 OVERFISHING DEFINITIONS FOR GROUND FISH****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant. Major status under 5 USC 801 is undetermined.**Unfunded Mandates:** Undetermined**CFR Citation:** 50 CFR 679**Completed:**

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	03/08/99	64 FR 10952

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No**Government Levels Affected:** None**Agency Contact:** Steven Pennoyer
Phone: 907 586-7228**RIN:** 0648-AJ50**627. ATLANTIC TUNA FISHERIES; REGULATORY ADJUSTMENTS****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant. Major status under 5 USC 801 is undetermined.**Unfunded Mandates:** Undetermined**CFR Citation:** 50 CFR 285**Completed:**

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Merged With RIN 0648-AJ67	01/29/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Undetermined**Government Levels Affected:** Undetermined**Agency Contact:** Gary C. Matlock
Phone: 301 713-2334**RIN:** 0648-AJ66**628. ATLANTIC HIGHLY MIGRATORY SPECIES; MEASURES TO MANAGE THE DRIFT GILLNET SECTION OF THE ATLANTIC SWORDFISH FISHERY****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**CFR Citation:** 50 CFR 630**Completed:**

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	01/27/99	64 FR 4055
Final Action Effective	02/25/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No**Government Levels Affected:** None**Agency Contact:** Gary C. Matlock
Phone: 301 713-2334**RIN:** 0648-AJ68**629. APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE REGIONAL FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCILS****Priority:** Info./Admin./Other**Unfunded Mandates:** This action may affect State, local or tribal governments.**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**Completed:**

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	01/29/99	64 FR 4599

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No**Government Levels Affected:** None**Agency Contact:** Gary Matlock
Phone: 301 713-2334**RIN:** 0648-AJ95**630. AMENDMENT 9 TO THE FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR THE SNAPPER-GROUPER FISHERY OF THE SOUTH ATLANTIC****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**CFR Citation:** 50 CFR 622**Completed:**

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	01/25/99	64 FR 3624
Final Action Effective	02/24/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes**Small Entities Affected:** Businesses**Government Levels Affected:** None**Agency Contact:** Andrew J. Kemmerer
Phone: 727 570-5301**RIN:** 0648-AK05**631. REGULATORY AMENDMENT TO IMPLEMENT ROLLING CLOSURES DURING THE SABLEFISH FISHERY IN THE GULF OF ALASKA****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**CFR Citation:** 50 CFR 679**Completed:**

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Withdrawn	02/03/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No**Government Levels Affected:** None**Agency Contact:** Steven Pennoyer
Phone: 907 586-7228**RIN:** 0648-AK10**632. FMP AMENDMENTS FOR THE GROUND FISH FISHERY OF THE BERING SEA AND ALEUTIAN ISLANDS AND FOR THE GROUND FISH OF THE GULF OF ALASKA****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**CFR Citation:** 50 CFR 679**Completed:**

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	01/25/99	64 FR 3653
Final Action Effective	01/20/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes**Small Entities Affected:** Businesses**Government Levels Affected:** None**Agency Contact:** Steven Pennoyer
Phone: 907 586-7228**RIN:** 0648-AK12**633. ENDANGERED AND THREATENED SPECIES; REGULATIONS CONSOLIDATION****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 217; 50 CFR 220; 50 CFR 221; 50 CFR 222; 50 CFR 223;

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50 CFR 225; 50 CFR 226; 50 CFR 227;
50 CFR 402; 50 CFR 424; 50 CFR 648;
50 CFR 679; 50 CFR 697

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	03/23/99	64 FR 14052

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No**Government Levels Affected:** None

Agency Contact: Therese Conant
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RIN: 0648-AK34

**634. OPTIONS FOR 1997
RULEMAKING FOR BANNING THE
SALE OF UNDERSIZED ATLANTIC
SWORDFISH**

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant**CFR Citation:** 50 CFR 630**Completed:**

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	03/16/99	64 FR 12903
Final Action Effective	06/14/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No**Government Levels Affected:** None

Agency Contact: Gary C. Matlock
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RIN: 0648-AK39

**635. REGULATORY AMENDMENT TO
FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR
GOLDEN CRAB FISHERY OF
SOUTHERN ATLANTIC STATES**

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

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	10/28/98	63 FR 57589
Final Action Effective	10/28/98	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No**Government Levels Affected:** None

Agency Contact: Andrew J. Kemmerer
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RIN: 0648-AK43

**636. AMENDMENT 6 TO THE FISHERY
MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR THE
STONE CRAB FISHERY OF THE GULF
OF MEXICO**

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

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	08/20/98	63 FR 44595
Final Action Effective	08/20/98	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No**Government Levels Affected:** None

Agency Contact: Andrew J. Kemmerer
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RIN: 0648-AK48

**637. LIST OF GEAR AND FISHERIES
UNDER JURISDICTION OF EACH
FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL OR
THE SECRETARY OF COMMERCE
FOR HIGHLY MIGRATORY SPECIES**

Priority: Info./Admin./Other

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 600; 50 CFR 622;
50 CFR 630; 50 CFR 644; 50 CFR 648;
50 CFR 649; 50 CFR 654; 50 CFR 660;
50 CFR 678; 50 CFR 679; 15 CFR 902

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	01/27/99	64 FR 4030
Final Action Effective	02/26/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No**Government Levels Affected:** None

Agency Contact: Gary C. Matlock
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RIN: 0648-AK49

**638. ATLANTIC BILLFISH SIZE LIMITS
AND TOURNAMENT NOTIFICATION
REQUIREMENTS**

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant**CFR Citation:** 50 CFR 644**Completed:**

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Merged With RIN	02/01/99	
		0648-AJ67

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No**Government Levels Affected:** None

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RIN: 0648-AK88

**639. EMERGENCY INTERIM RULE TO
REDUCE DAILY BAG LIMIT FOR RED
SNAPPER IN THE GULF OF MEXICO
EXCLUSIVE ECONOMIC ZONE**

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

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	12/31/98	63 FR 72200
Final Action Effective	01/01/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No**Small Entities Affected:** Businesses**Government Levels Affected:** None

Agency Contact: Andrew J. Kemmerer
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RIN: 0648-AK97

**640. ESTABLISH 10 SMZS IN
FEDERAL WATERS OFF SC AND
PROHIBIT USE OF POWERHEADS IN
THE FT. PIERCE, FL, OFFSHORE SMZ
IN THE SNAPPER-GROUPER FISHERY
OF THE SOUTH ATLANTIC REGION**

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

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	12/30/98	63 FR 71793
Final Action Effective	01/29/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No**Government Levels Affected:** None

Agency Contact: Andrew J. Kemmerer
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RIN: 0648-AL00

**641. INTERIM RULE TO CERTIFY
THREE BYCATCH REDUCTION
DEVICES (BRDS) UNDER
AMENDMENT 9 TO THE FISHERY
MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR THE
SHRIMP FISHERY OF THE GULF OF
MEXICO**

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

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	05/14/98	63 FR 27499
Final Action Effective	05/14/98	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes**Small Entities Affected:** Businesses

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Government Levels Affected: None
Agency Contact: Andrew J. Kemmerer
 Phone: 727 570-5301
RIN: 0648-AL14

642. INTERIM RULE TO REQUIRE SHRIMP TRAWL VESSEL OBSERVERS, LOGBOOKS, AND MONITORING SYSTEMS IN THE EXCLUSIVE ECONOMIC ZONE OF THE GULF OF MEXICO

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant
CFR Citation: 50 CFR 622

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	05/14/98	63 FR 27485
Final Action Effective	05/14/98	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis**Required:** Yes**Small Entities Affected:** Businesses**Government Levels Affected:** None

Agency Contact: Andrew J. Kemmerer
 Phone: 727 570-5301

RIN: 0648-AL15

643. AMENDMENT 59 TO THE BSAI FMP, AMENDMENT 57 TO THE GOA FMP, AND AMENDMENT 9 TO THE BSAI KTC FMP - MORATORIUM EXTENSION

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant
CFR Citation: 50 CFR 679

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	01/19/99	64 FR 3651
Final Action Effective	01/19/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis**Required:** No**Government Levels Affected:** None

Agency Contact: Steven Pennoyer
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RIN: 0648-AL20

644. AMENDMENT 45 TO THE FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR THE BERING SEA AND ALEUTIAN ISLANDS AREA

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant
CFR Citation: 50 CFR 679

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	01/26/99	64 FR 3877
Final Action Effective	01/21/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis**Required:** Yes**Small Entities Affected:** Businesses**Government Levels Affected:** None

Agency Contact: Steven Pennoyer
 Phone: 907 586-7228

RIN: 0648-AL22

645. REGULATORY AMENDMENT TO IMPLEMENT STAND-DOWN REQUIREMENT FOR CATCHER VESSELS TRANSITING BETWEEN BERING SEA AND ALEUTIAN ISLANDS AND GULF OF ALASKA

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant
CFR Citation: 50 CFR 679

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	09/11/98	63 FR 48641
Final Action Effective	09/08/98	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis**Required:** No**Government Levels Affected:** None

Agency Contact: Steven Pennoyer
 Phone: 907 586-7228

RIN: 0648-AL26

646. REGULATORY AMENDMENT TO IMPLEMENT ATKA MACKEREL FISHING RESTRICTIONS IN THE BSAI FOR STELLER SEA LION CONSERVATION PURPOSES

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant
CFR Citation: 50 CFR 679

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	01/22/99	64 FR 3446
Final Action Effective	01/20/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis**Required:** No**Government Levels Affected:** None

Agency Contact: Steven Pennoyer
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RIN: 0648-AL29

647. AMDT. 11 TO NORTHEAST MULTISPECIES FMP; AMDT. 9 TO ATLANTIC SEA SCALLOP FMP; AMDT. 1 TO MONKFISH FMP; AND AMDT. 1 TO ATLANTIC SALMON FMP; COMPONENTS OF ATLANTIC HERRING FMP

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant
CFR Citation: 50 CFR 648

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Withdrawn - Amdt. 1 to Atlantic Salmon FMP is RIN 0648-AM13	02/01/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis**Required:** Undetermined**Government Levels Affected:** Undetermined

Agency Contact: Jon Rittgers
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RIN: 0648-AL32

648. VESSEL TRACKING SYSTEM POWER DOWN EXEMPTION RULE

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant**CFR Citation:** 50 CFR 648**Completed:**

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	10/30/98	63 FR 58328
Final Action Effective	11/30/98	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis**Required:** No**Small Entities Affected:** No**Government Levels Affected:** None

Agency Contact: Jon Rittgers
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RIN: 0648-AL35

649. AMENDMENT 8 TO THE FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR ATLANTIC MACKEREL, SQUID, AND BUTTERFISH (FMP)

Priority: Other Significant**CFR Citation:** 50 CFR 648**Completed:**

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Merged With RIN 0648-AL56	02/04/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis**Required:** No**Government Levels Affected:** Undetermined

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RIN: 0648-AL54

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650. AMENDMENT 12 TO THE FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR ATLANTIC SURF CLAM AND OCEAN QUAHOGS (FMP)

Priority: Other Significant. Major status under 5 USC 801 is undetermined.

Unfunded Mandates: Undetermined

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 648

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Merged With RIN 0648-AL56	02/04/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected: Undetermined

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RIN: 0648-AL55

651. EMERGENCY INTERIM RULE TO RELEASE THE REMAINING 1998 RECREATIONAL AND COMMERCIAL QUOTA RESERVES FOR GULF OF MEXICO RED SNAPPER

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 622

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	12/31/98	63 FR 72200
Final Action Effective	01/01/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 0648-AL61

652. 1999 HARVEST GUIDELINE FOR THE NORTHWESTERN HAWAIIAN ISLANDS LOBSTER FISHERY

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 660

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	03/11/99	64 FR 12092
Final Action Effective	07/01/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 0648-AL63

653. FINAL SPECIFICATIONS FOR 1999 SUMMER FLOUNDER, SCUP, AND BLACK SEA BASS FISHERIES

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 648

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	12/31/98	63 FR 72203

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes

Small Entities Affected: Businesses

Government Levels Affected: None

Agency Contact: Jon Rittgers
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RIN: 0648-AL74

654. 1999 INITIAL SPECIFICATIONS FOR ATLANTIC MACKEREL, SQUID, AND BUTTERFISH FISHERIES

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 648

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	01/08/99	64 FR 1139
Final Action Effective	01/01/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes

Small Entities Affected: Businesses

Government Levels Affected: None

Agency Contact: Jon Rittgers
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RIN: 0648-AL76

655. 1999 FISHING QUOTAS FOR ATLANTIC SURF CLAM AND OCEAN QUAHOG FISHERIES

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 648

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	12/30/98	63 FR 71794
Final Action Effective	01/01/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 0648-AL77

656. ATLANTIC TUNA FISHERIES; 1999 QUOTAS AND EFFORT CONTROLS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 285

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Merged With RIN 0648-AM17	01/29/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected: None

Agency Contact: Gary Matlock
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RIN: 0648-AL79

657. COMPREHENSIVE AMENDMENT ADDRESSING ESSENTIAL FISH HABITAT IN FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLANS OF THE SOUTH ATLANTIC REGION

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Withdrawn - Duplicate of RIN 0648-AL43	02/01/99	

RIN: 0648-AL84

658. COMPREHENSIVE AMENDMENT ADDRESSING SUSTAINABLE FISHERIES ACT DEFINITIONS AND OTHER REQUIRED PROVISIONS IN FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLANS OF THE SOUTH ATLANTIC REGION

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Withdrawn - Duplicate of RIN 0648-AL42	02/01/99	

RIN: 0648-AL85

659. PACIFIC COAST GROUND FISH; ADVANCE NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 660

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	10/06/98	63 FR 53636
Final Action Effective	11/05/98	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

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Small Entities Affected: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 0648-AL87

660. • ATLANTIC BILLFISH SIZE LIMIT AND TOURNAMENT NOTIFICATION

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1801 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 644

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: By the interim final rule published in the Federal Register on March 24, 1998, NMFS increased the minimum size limits for Atlantic blue marlin (BUM) and Atlantic white marlin (WHM), respectively, and required operators of Atlantic billfish sport fishing tournaments to notify NMFS at least 4 weeks prior to tournament commencement. On September 29, 1998, NMFS extended the period of the interim rule for an additional 180 days and amended it to increase the minimum size limit for Atlantic BUM to 99 inches lower jaw-fork length (LJFL)(251 cm), to establish a recreational bag limit of one Atlantic BUM or WHM per vessel per trip and to grant the Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, NOAA (AA) authority to adjust the bag limit, including adjusting it to zero. The current action amends the interim rule to remove the provision allowing the AA to adjust the bag limit.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	11/13/98	63 FR 63421

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 0648-AM02

661. • EMERGENCY INTERIM RULE TO ESTABLISH ADDITIONAL OBSERVER COVERAGE FOR 20 CATCHER PROCESSORS AND INSEASON AUTHORITY TO MANAGE NON-POLLOCK HARVEST

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1801 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 679

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The American Fisheries Act specifies the manner in which the BSAI pollock fishery must be managed, as well as measures to limit activity of pollock vessels in non-pollock fisheries. These harvest limitations will be established for 1999 as part of the 1999 groundfish specification process authorized under regulations at 50 CFR 679.20. NMFS must implement additional observer coverage and inseason management authority necessary to monitor and manage these harvest limitations at the start of the 1999 fishing season.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	01/22/99	64 FR 3435
Final Action Effective	01/20/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

Agency Contact: Steven Pennoyer, Regional Administrator, Alaska Region, NMFS, Department of Commerce, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, P.O. Box 21668, Juneau, AK 99802
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RIN: 0648-AM06

662. • EMERGENCY RULE TO IMPLEMENT REASONABLE AND/OR PRUDENT MEASURES TO PROTECT THE CRITICAL HABITAT OF THE STELLER SEA LION

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 773 et seq; 16 USC 1801 et seq; 16 USC 3631 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 679

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: Revision to 1999 Interim harvest specifications. Technical amendment to steller sea lion no-trawl zones.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	01/22/99	64 FR 3437
Final Action Effective	01/20/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 0648-AM08

663. • PACIFIC HALIBUT FISHERIES; CATCH SHARING PLAN

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

Unfunded Mandates: Undetermined

Legal Authority: 16 USC 773c

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 300

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: Adjustment of Area 2A Pacific Halibut Catch Sharing Plan for 1999.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	03/19/99	64 FR 13519
Final Action Effective	03/15/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

Agency Contact: William Stelle, Regional Administrator, Northwest Region, NMFS, Department of Commerce, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, 7600 Sand Point Way NE., BIN C15700, Bldg. 1, Seattle, WA 98115-0070
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RIN: 0648-AM11

664. • FR: GROUND FISH ANNUAL SPECIFICATIONS AND MANAGEMENT MEASURES FOR 1999

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1801 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 660

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: NMFS announces the 1999 fishery specifications and management

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measures for groundfish, with the exception of whiting, taken in the U.S. exclusive economic zone and state waters off the coasts of Washington, Oregon and California, as authorized by the Pacific Coast Groundfish Fishery Management Plan (FMP). The specifications include the levels of the acceptable biological catch and optimum yields (OYs), including the distribution between domestic and foreign fishing operations. The commercial OYs (formerly called "harvest guidelines," or quotas) are allocated between the limited entry and open access fisheries. The management measures for 1999 are designed to keep landings within the OYs for those species for which there are OYs, and to achieve the goals and objectives of the FMP and its implementing regulations. The intended effect of these actions is to establish allowable harvest levels of Pacific Coast groundfish and to implement management measures designed to achieve but not exceed those harvest levels, while extending fishing and processing opportunities as long as possible during the year. NMFS also announces partial disapproval of a particular open access monthly cumulative limit for *Sebastes* complex species.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	01/08/99	64 FR 1316

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Small Entities Affected: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 0648-AM12

665. • FRAMEWORK 26 TO THE NORTHEAST MULTISPECIES FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLAN

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1801 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 648

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: Framework Adjustment 26 implements management measures that expand the April Gulf of Maine (GOM) closure area and adds an inshore GOM closure area and an offshore Georges Bank closure area for the month of February.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	01/15/99	64 FR 2601
Final Action Effective	01/19/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

Agency Contact: Jon Rittgers, Acting Regional Administrator, Northeast Region, NMFS, Department of Commerce, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, One Blackburn Drive, Gloucester, MA 01930
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RIN: 0648-AM14

666. • PACIFIC HALIBUT FISHERIES, CATCH SHARING PLAN

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

Unfunded Mandates: Undetermined

Legal Authority: 16 USC 773 to 773K

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 300

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The action publishes the regulations for the Pacific halibut fishing in 1999 approved by the International Pacific Halibut Commission and announces revisions to the catch sharing plan for regulatory 2A.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	03/19/99	64 FR 13519
Final Action Effective	03/15/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 0648-AM35

667. INTERIM FINAL RULE FOR ATLANTIC SEA SCALLOP FISHERY

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 648

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Interim Final Rule - (Eff. Date Extended to 3/26/99 on 9/28/98, 63 FR 51862)	03/31/98	63 FR 15324

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

Agency Contact: Dr. Andrew A. Rosenberg
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RIN: 0648-AK68

668. CIVIL PROCEDURES

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

CFR Citation: 15 CFR 904

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Withdrawn - Obviated by Statutory and Subsequent Regulatory Amendment	02/03/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

Agency Contact: Hugh Schratwieser
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RIN: 0648-AF96

669. TAKE OF MARINE MAMMALS BY THE U.S. NAVY INCIDENTAL TO MILITARY ACTIVITIES IN THE SOUTH ATLANTIC OF THE UNITED STATES

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 216

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	12/01/98	63 FR 66070
Final Action Effective	05/01/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Government Levels Affected: Federal

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670. SHRIMP VESSEL REGISTRATION REQUIREMENT

Priority: Other Significant

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 227

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Withdrawn - No Longer an ESA Requirement	02/03/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: Yes

Small Entities Affected: Businesses

Government Levels Affected: Undetermined

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RIN: 0648-AH87

671. DESIGNATED CRITICAL HABITAT; GREEN AND HAWKSBILL SEA TURTLE

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 226

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	09/02/98	63 FR 46693
Final Action Effective	10/02/98	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Government Levels Affected: Federal

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

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 229

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	12/02/98	63 FR 66464

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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673. TAKING OF MARINE MAMMALS INCIDENTAL TO ACTIVITIES AT VANDENBERG AIR FORCE BASE, CA

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 216

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	03/01/99	64 FR 9925
Final Action Effective	03/01/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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674. LIST OF FISHERIES FOR 1999

Priority: Routine and Frequent

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 229

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	02/24/99	64 FR 9067

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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675. PROHIBITING ANCHORING BY VESSELS 50 METERS OR GREATER IN LENGTH ON TORTUGAS BANK WITHIN THE FLORIDA KEYS NATIONAL MARINE SANCTUARY

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

CFR Citation: 15 CFR 922

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	08/17/98	63 FR 43870
Final Action Effective	08/19/98	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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676. ADMINISTRATIVE CHANGES TO COASTAL NONPOINT POLLUTION CONTROL PROGRAM

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

CFR Citation: None

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	10/21/98	63 FR 56146
Final Action Effective	10/21/98	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE (DOC)

Final Rule Stage

National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA)

677. IMPROVEMENT OF TECHNICAL MANAGEMENT OF INTERNET NAMES AND ADDRESSES

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 15 USC 1512; 47 USC 902(b)(2)(H); 47 USC 902(b)(2)(I); 47 USC 904(c)(1)

CFR Citation: None

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: Consistent with the President's Electronic Commerce Directive of July 1, 1997, this proposed rule sets forth ways to improve technical management of the Internet Domain Name System (DNS). It describes the process by which the

Federal Government will transfer management of the Internet DNS to a private, not-for-profit corporation and proposes a method for introducing competition in the administration and addition of new Internet top-level domains. It further proposes the introduction of competition into the domain name registration business and

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recommends guidelines under which domain name business and registration would operate. Further information available at <http://www.doc.gov>.

Instead of a final rule, a statement of policy was published in the Federal Register. (See 63 FR 31741, June 10, 1998.) The statement of policy announced that the Department of Commerce would subsequently seek public input on how best to make the .us domain space more attractive to commercial users. On August 4, 1998, a request for public comments regarding the .us domain name was published in the Federal Register. (See 63 FR 41547, August 4, 1998.) Comments were due September 3, 1998.

Another notice was published in the Federal Register on August 27, 1998, to extend the comment period to

October 5, 1998. The agency will submit a Federal Register notice in February 1999 which will announce a public meeting to explore the future administration and management of the .us domain name space. The public meeting will be held in March 1999.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Notice: Request for Comment on Registration and Administration of Internet Domain	07/02/97	62 FR 35896
NPRM	02/20/98	63 FR 8826
NPRM Comment Period End	03/23/98	
Notice: Policy Statement	06/10/98	63 FR 31741
Notice: Request for Public Comment	08/04/98	63 FR 41547

Action	Date	FR Cite
Notice: Extension of Comment Period to 10/05/98	08/27/98	63 FR 45800
Notice: Public Meeting Final Action	02/10/99 04/00/99	64 FR 6633

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected: None

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE (DOC)

Prerule Stage

Patent and Trademark Office (PTO)

678. • OFFICIAL INSIGNIA OF NATIVE AMERICAN TRIBES: STATUTORILY REQUIRED STUDY

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: PL 105-330, sec 302

CFR Citation: None

Legal Deadline: Other, Statutory, September 30, 1999.
Statutory deadline is for report to Congress.

Abstract: PL 105-330 requires that the Patent and Trademark Office study a variety of issues surrounding trademark protection for the official insignia of federally and/or State-recognized American Indian tribes. The new law requires that the Commissioner of

Patents and Trademarks complete the study and submit a report not later than September 30, 1999.

The report, including the findings and conclusions, must be submitted to the chairmen of the Committee on the Judiciary of the Senate and the Committee on the Judiciary of the House of Representatives.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Request for Comments	12/29/98	63 FR 71619
Public Hearings - April to July	04/00/99	
Second Request for Comments	04/00/99	
Final Action	09/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Government Levels Affected: Undetermined

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Patent and Trademark Office (PTO)

679. CHANGES TO IMPLEMENT THE PATENT BUSINESS GOALS

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

CFR Citation: 37 CFR 1; 37 CFR 3; 37 CFR 5; 37 CFR 10

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The Patent and Trademark Office (PTO) has established business goals for the organizations reporting to the Assistant Commissioner for Patents (Patent Business Goals). The Patent Business Goals have been established in response to the Vice President's

designation of the PTO as an agency that has a high impact on the public, and they are designed to make the PTO a more businesslike agency. The focus of the Patent Business Goals is to increase the level of service to the public by raising the efficiency and effectiveness of the PTO's business processes. The PTO is considering a number of changes to the rules of

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practice and procedure to support the Patent Business Goals.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
ANPRM	10/05/98	63 FR 53497
ANPRM Comment Period End	12/04/98	
NPRM	06/00/99	
NPRM Comment Period End	08/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Small Entities Affected: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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680. TRADEMARK LAW TREATY IMPLEMENTATION RULES CHANGES

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 15 USC 1123; 35 USC 6

CFR Citation: 37 CFR 2.6; 37 CFR 2.20 to 2.21; 37 CFR 2.31 to 2.35; 37 CFR 2.37 to 2.39; 37 CFR 2.45; 37 CFR 2.51 to 2.59; 37 CFR 2.66; 37 CFR 2.71 to 2.72; 37 CFR 2.76; 37 CFR 2.86; 37 CFR 2.88 to 2.89; 37 CFR 2.160 to 2.168; 37 CFR 2.181 to 2.186; 37 CFR 3.1 to 3.16; 37 CFR 3.24 to 3.25; ...

Legal Deadline: NPRM, Statutory, March 1, 1999. Final, Statutory, October 30, 1999.
Rules implement statutory changes that become effective October 30, 1999.

Abstract: The purpose of the rules change is to implement the Trademark Law Treaty (TLT) and the Trademark Law Treaty Implementation Act, Pub. L. 105-330, 112 Stat. 3064 (15 U.S.C. 1051), and to otherwise simplify and clarify procedures for registering trademarks and for maintaining and renewing trademark registrations. The purpose of TLT is to make the

procedural requirements of the different international trademark offices more consistent by limiting the requirements that each country can set for trademark applications, trademark application filing dates, renewal applications, recording assignments, changing names and addresses, powers of attorney, and signatures.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	04/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Small Entities Affected: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE (DOC)

Final Rule Stage

Patent and Trademark Office (PTO)

681. REVISION OF PATENT AND TRADEMARK FEES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2000

Priority: Routine and Frequent

Legal Authority: 35 USC 41; 15 USC 1115; 35 USC 6; 35 USC 376; 15 USC 1051; 15 USC 1113; 15 USC 1123; PL 105-358

CFR Citation: 37 CFR 1.16 to 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, 1999.

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 (PL 105-358).

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	08/00/99	
Final Action Effective	10/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Small Entities Affected: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 0651-AB01

682. • CONSIDERATION OF INTERLOCUTORY RULINGS AT FINAL HEARING IN INTERFERENCE PROCESSINGS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 35 USC 6(a); 35 USC 135(a)

CFR Citation: 37 CFR 1.655(a)

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The Patent and Trademark Office is amending its interference rules to clarify the standard under which the Board of Patent Appeals and

Interferences considers interlocutory decisions entered by a single administrative patent judge at the time of the final hearing.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Interim Final Rule	04/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Small Entities Affected: Businesses

Government Levels Affected: None

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE (DOC)
Patent and Trademark Office (PTO)
Long-Term Actions
**683. 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		

**Regulatory Flexibility Analysis
Required:** No

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 0651-AA50

**684. CHANGES TO IMPLEMENT 18-
MONTH PUBLICATION OF PATENT
APPLICATIONS**

Priority: Other Significant

CFR Citation: 37 CFR 1

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

Action Date FR Cite

NPRM Comment 09/19/95
Period End
**Procedures for Amending Patent
Applications**
Final Rule 08/19/96 (61 FR 42790)
Final Rule Effective 09/23/96
Next Action Undetermined

**Regulatory Flexibility Analysis
Required:** No

Government Levels Affected: None

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**685. RULES OF PRACTICE IN PATENT
CASES; REEXAMINATION
PROCEEDINGS**

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

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

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	08/11/95	60 FR 41035
NPRM Comment Period End	09/22/95	
Next Action Undetermined		

**Regulatory Flexibility Analysis
Required:** No

Government Levels Affected: None

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**686. REQUIREMENTS FOR
REGISTRATION TO PRACTICE
BEFORE THE PTO IN PATENT CASES**

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

CFR Citation: 37 CFR 1.21; 37 CFR
10.7; 37 CFR 10.11

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
ANPRM	09/30/96	61 FR 51072
ANPRM Comment Period End	12/06/96	
Next Action Undetermined		

**Regulatory Flexibility Analysis
Required:** No

Government Levels Affected: None

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**687. TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS
FOR REGISTRATION TO PRACTICE
BEFORE THE PTO IN PATENT CASES**

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

CFR Citation: 37 CFR 10.7

Timetable: Next Action Undetermined

**Regulatory Flexibility Analysis
Required:** No

Government Levels Affected: None

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE (DOC)
Patent and Trademark Office (PTO)
Completed Actions
**688. MISCELLANEOUS CHANGES TO
TRADEMARK TRIAL AND APPEAL
BOARD RULES**

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

CFR Citation: 37 CFR 2.76; 37 CFR
2.85; 37 CFR 2.87; 37 CFR 2.101; 37
CFR 2.102; 37 CFR 2.111; 37 CFR
2.119; 37 CFR 2.120; 37 CFR 2.121; 37
CFR 2.123; 37 CFR 2.125; 37 CFR
2.127; 37 CFR 2.134; 37 CFR 2.146; 37
CFR 3.141

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	09/09/98	63 FR 48081
Final Action Effective	10/09/98	

**Regulatory Flexibility Analysis
Required:** No

Government Levels Affected: None

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689. 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.

CFR Citation: 37 CFR 1.75

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Withdrawn	01/28/99	

**Regulatory Flexibility Analysis
Required:** No

Government Levels Affected: None

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Completed Actions

690. REVISION OF PATENT AND TRADEMARK FEES FOR FISCAL YEAR 1999

Priority: Routine and Frequent

CFR Citation: 37 CFR 1.16 to 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	12/08/98	63 FR 67578

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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691. CHANGES TO IMPLEMENT THE STANDARD FORMAT FOR PATENT APPLICATIONS

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; 37 CFR 5; 37 CFR 10

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Withdrawn	10/01/98	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Small Entities Affected: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE (DOC)

Long-Term Actions

Technology Administration (TA)

692. PROMOTION OF PRIVATE SECTOR INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGY PARTNERSHIPS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

CFR Citation: 15 CFR 1160 subpart A

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
ANPRM	To Be Determined	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected: Undetermined

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Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Interim Final Rule	08/14/95	60 FR 41811
Comment Period End	09/13/95	
Final Action	To Be Determined	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Government Levels Affected: Federal

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695. 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.

CFR Citation: 37 CFR 404

Timetable: Next Action Undetermined

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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693. RIGHTS TO INVENTIONS MADE BY NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS AND SMALL BUSINESS FIRMS UNDER GOVERNMENT GRANTS, CONTRACTS, AND COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS

Priority: Other Significant

CFR Citation: 37 CFR 401

694. ACQUISITION AND PROTECTION OF FOREIGN RIGHTS IN INVENTIONS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

CFR Citation: 37 CFR 101; 37 CFR 501

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Interim Final Rule	08/07/96	61 FR 40997
Final Action	To Be Determined	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Government Levels Affected: Federal

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