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April 2000 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 2000 regulatory agenda includes regulatory activities that are expected to be conducted during the period April 1, 2000, through March 31, 2001.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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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 13, 2000, the Office of Management and Budget issued guidelines and procedures for the preparation and publication of the April 2000 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 National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), the Bureau of Export Administration, the Patent and Trademark Office, and the International Trade Administration, 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 2000 regulatory agenda follows.

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General Counsel.

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349	Change in Reporting Requirements for BE-93, Annual Survey of Royalties, License Fees, and Other Receipts and Payments for Intangible Rights Between U.S. and Unaffiliated Foreign Persons	0691-AA39
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385	Revisions to the North Korean Embargo Policy	0694-AC10
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440	Regulatory Amendment To Develop a C. Bairdi Vessel Incentive Program	0648-AK08
441	Adjustment of Management Program for Pelagic Species Fisheries in the Western Pacific	0648-AK11
442	Regulatory Amendment To Allocate Pacific Halibut to the Halibut Subsistence Fishery	0648-AK16
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445	Regulatory Amendment To Implement Observer Requirements for Processing Vessels Over 125 Feet: Pacific Coast Groundfish	0648-AK26
446	Amendment to Portions of Individual Fishing Quota Program Regulations	0648-AK50
447	Amendment 54 to FMP for Groundfish Fishery of Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Area and Amendment 54 to FMP for Groundfish of Gulf of Alaska	0648-AK70
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449	Amendment 59 to the Fishery Management Plan for Groundfish in the Gulf of Alaska To Close an Area	0648-AK74
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459	Regulatory Amendment To Fund Purchase of Limited Entry Trawl Permits To Reduce Excess Capacity in Pacific Coast Groundfish Fleet	0648-AL66
460	Adjustment of Management Program: Crustacean Fisheries in the Western Pacific	0648-AL67
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465	Comprehensive Amendment Addressing Sustainable Fisheries Act Requirements Regarding Overfishing, Bycatch, Fishing Communities and Provisions for Fishery Management Plans for the Caribbean	0648-AL86
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469	Amendment 6 - Definition of Overfishing for Salmon Fisheries Off Alaska	0648-AL98
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474	Adjustment of Management Program; Crustacean Fisheries of the Hawaiian Islands	0648-AM26
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568	Generic Sustainable Fisheries Act Amendment (SFA) to the FMPs for the Gulf of Mexico Addressing Requirements Regarding Overfishing, Bycatch, Fishing Communities, and other SFA Provisions	0648-AL81
569	Regulatory Amendment to the Alaska Groundfish Regulations Pertaining to Scales Performance Criteria	0648-AL88
570	Rule to Prohibit Fishing and Anchoring of Fishing Vessels in the EEZ Seaward of Navassa Island	0648-AL93
571	Amendment To Require a Specific Vessel Name Be Included on a License for a Vessel	0648-AL96
572	Framework Seasonal Adjustment of Harvest Levels and Procedures under the FMP for the Coastal Migratory Pelagic Resources of the Gulf of Mexico and South Atlantic	0648-AM01
573	2000 Harvest Guidelines for the Northwestern Hawaiian Islands Lobster Fishery	0648-AM16
574	Effects of Spotter Aircraft Assistance in Atlantic Bluefin Tuna (BFT) Fishery	0648-AM27
575	Specifications for the Summer Flounder, Scup, and Black Sea Bass Fisheries for Fishing Year 2000	0648-AM48
576	Initial Specifications for the Atlantic Mackerel, Squid, and Butterfish Fisheries for Fishing Year 2000	0648-AM49
577	Fishing Quotas for Fishing Year 2000 for Atlantic Surf Clam and Ocean Quahog Fisheries	0648-AM50
578	Rulemaking to Announce the Annual 2000 Management Measures for Pacific Halibut Fisheries Under the International Pacific Halibut Commission	0648-AM52
579	Emergency Interim Rule To Close Red Porgy Fishery of the South Atlantic Region	0648-AM55
580	BSAI FMP Amendment 58	0648-AM63
581	Regulatory Amendment Under the Fishery Management Plan for the Reef Fish Resources of the Gulf of Mexico to Establish Management Measures for Gag and Black Grouper	0648-AM70
582	Modify Dealer and Vessel Reports Requirements	0648-AM74
583	Highly Migratory Species Fisheries; Time Area Closure of Pelagic Longline Fishery To Protect Small Swordfish	0648-AM79
584	Simplification of Capital Construction Fund Rules	0648-AM95
585	Framework Adjustment 12 to the Atlantic Sea Scallop Fishery Management Plan	0648-AN18
586	Framework 32 to the Northeast Multispecies Fisheries Management Plan (FMP)	0648-AN46
587	Notice of Determination of Noncompliance; Notice of Intent To Implement a Moratorium on Fishing for Tautog in Rhode Island State Waters	0648-AN48
588	Framework Adjustment 13 to the FMP for the Atlantic Scallop Fishery and Framework Adjustment 34 to the FMP for Northeast Multispecies Fishery To Allow Scallop Dredge Vessels Access to the Georges Bank	0648-AN49
589	Final Rule To Implement Framework Adjustment 33 to the Northeast Multispecies Fishery Management Plan (FMP)	0648-AN51
590	Atlantic Highly Migratory Species; Determination of State Jurisdiction for Landings Reporting	0648-AN56
591	Distribute U.S. Allocations From the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Organization That Limit the Number of Participants	0648-AN60
592	Rule To Implement Quotas for the Spiny Dogfish Fishery for Fishing Year 2000	0648-AN67
593	2000 Quotas for the Purse Seine Fisheries in the Eastern Pacific Ocean	0648-AN73
594	Announcement of the Optimum Yield and Harvest Limit for Pacific Mackerel	0648-AN74
595	2001 Harvest Guidelines for the Northwestern Hawaiian Islands Lobster Fishery	0648-AN77
596	Announcement of the Optimum Yield and Harvest Limit for Pacific Sardine	0648-AN78
597	2000-2001 Management Measures for Commercial, Recreational, and Treaty Indian Salmon Fisheries Off the Coasts of Washington, Oregon, and California	0648-AN81
598	Pacific Coast Groundfish Fishery; Announcement of the 2001 Groundfish Fishery Specifications and Management Measures	0648-AN82
599	Limitation on Section 9 Protections Applicable to Salmon Listed as Threatened Under the Endangered Species Act, for Actions Under Tribal Resource Management Plans (Tribal Plans)	0648-AG15
600	Final Rule To Establish Guidelines for Nonlethally Deterring Marine Mammals From Endangering Personal Safety or Damaging Public or Private Property	0648-AH19
601	General Authorization for Scientific Research Involving Level B Harassment	0648-AH20
602	Endangered and Threatened Species: Proposed Rule Governing Take of West Coast Steelhead	0648-AK94

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603	Determination of Critical Habitat for Johnson's Seagrass	0648-AL82
604	Rulemaking for the Taking of Marine Mammals Incidental to Construction and Operation of Offshore Oil and Gas Platforms in the U.S. Beaufort Sea	0648-AM09
605	Regulations Governing the Taking of Marine Mammals by Alaskan Natives; Marking and Reporting Beluga Whales Harvested in Cook Inlet	0648-AM57
606	Rule Governing the Take of Seven Threatened Evolutionarily Significant Units (ESUs) of West Coast Salmonids ...	0648-AM59
607	Designation of the Cook Inlet, Alaska, Stock of Beluga Whales as Depleted Under the Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA) and Response to Petitions	0648-AM84
608	Sea Turtle Conservation Regulations; Summer Flounder Fishery	0648-AM89
609	Sea Turtle Conservation Regulations; Shrimp Fishery	0648-AN45
610	Endangered and Threatened Species: Delisting and Redesignation of Critical Habitat for Umpqua River Cutthroat Trout	0648-AN90
611	Taking of Marine Mammals Incidental to Commercial Fishing Operations Harbor Porpoise Take Reduction Plan Regulations; Change in Effective Dates	0648-AN93
612	Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary	0648-AE41
613	Operations of Motorized Personal Watercraft in the Gulf of the Farallones National Marine Sanctuary	0648-AK01
614	Licensing of Private Remote-Sensing Satellite Systems	0648-AC64

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Sequence Number	Title	Regulation Identification Number
615	General Provisions for Domestic Fisheries—Standard Definitions	0648-AG46
616	Amendment 3 to the Fishery Management Plan for the Reef Fish Fishery of Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands	0648-AG87
617	Implementation of Data Collection and Reporting Requirements to the Fishery Management Plan for the American Lobster Fishery	0648-AJ75
618	Observer Funding Policy	0648-AL08
619	Halibut Bycatch Accounting for the Yellowfin Sole	0648-AM76
620	Sea Turtle Monitoring and Conservation Measures for Nonshrimp Fisheries	0648-AE54
621	Taking of Marine Mammals Incidental to Fisheries-Related Research	0648-AF50
622	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
623	North Atlantic Right Whale Protection; Interim Final Rule	0648-AH47
624	Amend Regulations Governing the Taking and Importing of Marine Mammals	0648-AH83
625	Implementation of 1997 MMPA Amendments Affecting Yellowfin Tuna Purse Seine Fishing in the Eastern Tropical Pacific	0648-AI85
626	Endangered and Threatened Species: Take of Threatened Southern Oregon/Northern California Coast Evolutionarily Significant Unit (ESU) Coho Salmon	0648-AJ91
627	Sea Turtle Conservation; Shrimp Trawling Requirements	0648-AK66
628	Pacific Offshore Cetacean Take Reduction Plan	0648-AL70
629	Sea Turtle Conservation; Shrimp Fishery	0648-AN30
630	Dolphin-Safe Tuna Labeling; Official Mark	0648-AN37
631	Taking of Marine Mammals Incidental to Commercial Fishing Operations; Atlantic Large Whale Take Reduction Plan Regulations; Change in Effective Dates	0648-AN40
632	Designate Critical Habitat; Designation of Marine Areas as Critical Habitat for Pacific Salmon	0648-AN89
633	Regional Marine Research Program	0648-AF20

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Sequence Number	Title	Regulation Identification Number
634	Amendment 1 to the Fishery Management Plan for Corals and Reef-Associated Plants and Invertebrates for Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands	0648-AG88

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635	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	0648-AH41
636	Amendment 10 to the Pacific Coast Groundfish FMP Regarding Salmon Bycatch in Groundfish Trawl	0648-AJ22
637	Implementation of a Fishery Management Plan for Monkfish	0648-AJ44
638	Regulatory Amendment To Establish a Program for the Collection and Use of Fees in the Individual Fishing Quota Program	0648-AJ52
639	Amendment 16A to the Fishery Management Plan for the Reef Fish Resources of the Gulf of Mexico	0648-AK31
640	Endangered and Threatened Species: Proposed Threatened Status and Designated Critical Habitat for Hood Canal Summer-Run Chum Salmon and Columbia River Chum Salmon	0648-AK53
641	Rule To Implement a Fishery Management Plan for the Spiny Dogfish Fishery	0648-AK79
642	Amendment 9 to the Fishery Management Plan for the Coastal Migratory Pelagic Resources of the Gulf of Mexico and South Atlantic	0648-AK89
643	Regulatory Amendment To Establish a Sitka Sound Halibut Management Plan	0648-AL18
644	Regulatory Amendment To Revise the Recordkeeping and Reporting Requirements for 1999	0648-AL23
645	Amendment 9 to the Northeast Multispecies FMP To Address New Sustainable Fisheries Act Requirements, and Other Management Measures	0648-AL31
646	Comprehensive Amendment Addressing Sustainable Fishery Act Definitions and Other Required Provisions in Fishery Management Plans of the South Atlantic Region	0648-AL42
647	Implementation of Amendment 8 to the Northern Anchovy Fishery Management Plan	0648-AL48
648	Amendment 11 to the Pacific Coast Groundfish Fishery Management Plan	0648-AL52
649	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	0648-AL56
650	Amendment 16B to the Fishery Management Plan for the Reef Fish Resources of the Gulf of Mexico	0648-AL57
651	Recreational Measures for 1999 Summer Flounder, Scup, and Black Sea Bass Fisheries	0648-AL75
652	Amendments to Alaska Groundfish, Crab, and Scallop FMPs to Implement the American Fisheries Act	0648-AL99
653	Fishery Management Plan for Pelagic Sargassum Habitat of the South Atlantic Region	0648-AM15
654	Fishing Participation in 1999 in Non-Salmon Fishery	0648-AM18
655	Pacific Coast Groundfish Fishery; Announcement of the 2000 Groundfish Fishery Specifications and Management Measures	0648-AM21
656	Revisions to the License Limitation Program for the Commercial Crab Fisheries of the BSAI	0648-AM31
657	Gulf of Alaska Groundfish Regulatory Amendment To Reduce Maximum Retainable Bycatch Percentages of Shortrake/Rougheye Rockfish When Fishery Is Closed	0648-AM36
658	Interim Final Rule to Revise the List of Gear and Fisheries under Jurisdiction of Each Fishery Management Council or the Secretary of Commerce for Highly Migratory Species	0648-AM56
659	Established Control Date for the Commercial Gillnet Fishery for Atlantic Group King Mackerel North of Cape Lookout, NC	0648-AM60
660	Regulatory Amendment to Adjust Halibut Bycatch Accounting for Yellowfin Sole Fishery	0648-AM64
661	Disaster Assistance Program for the Northeast Multispecies Fishery	0648-AM68
662	Atlantic Bluefin Tuna Fishery Regulatory Adjustment Purse Seine Category Allocation Limit	0648-AM82
663	Emergency Interim Rule To Implement Major Provisions of the American Fisheries Act	0648-AM83
664	Notice of Control Date for the Atlantic Herring Fishery	0648-AM86
665	Interim Final Rule to Implement Interim Measures to Adjust the Gulf of Maine Cod Landing Limit for the Northeast Multispecies Fishery Management Plan (FMP)	0648-AM87
666	Emergency Interim Rule for Restricted Reopening of Limited Access Permit Application Process for Snapper-Grouper Permits in the South Atlantic Region	0648-AM92
667	Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Northeast Multispecies and Atlantic Sea Scallop Fishery Management Plans; Control Date for Capacity and Latent Effort	0648-AM99
668	1999 Quotas for the Purse Seine Fisheries in the Eastern Pacific Ocean	0648-AN04
669	Atlantic Highly Migratory Species Fisheries; Limited Access Permits	0648-AN05
670	Annual Framework Adjustment to the Northeast Multispecies Fishery Management Plan	0648-AN13
671	Framework Adjustment 32 to the Northeast Multispecies Fisheries Management Plan	0648-AN14
672	Framework Adjustment 31 to the Northeast Multispecies Fishery Management Plan	0648-AN15
673	AFA-Qualified Vessels in the Pacific Coast Groundfish Fisheries	0648-AN33
674	Post Buyback Fee Payout for Bering Sea Pollock Fisheries	0648-AN34
675	Announcement of the Optimum Yield and Harvest Limit for Sardine and Pacific Mackerel	0648-AN36
676	Pacific Coast Groundfish Fishery; Advance Notice of Proposed Rulemaking; Announcement of a Control Date	0648-AN38
677	Rule To Implement Changes to the 2000 Management Measures for the Red Snapper Fishery in the EEZ of the Gulf of Mexico	0648-AN41
678	Western Pacific Pelagic Fisheries; Hawaiian based Pelagic Longline Area Closure	0648-AN44

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679	Rule To Require Hawaii-Based Pelagic Longline Vessels To Use Line Clippers and Dipnets To Conserve Incidentally Hooked Sea Turtles, and To Comply With Guidelines for Handling Sea Turtles	0648-AN50
680	Proposed Rule To Require Certain Fish From Mexico To Retain Heads and Tails Intact in Order To Protect the Endangered Totoaba	0648-AF32
681	Designated Critical Habitat; Critical Habitat for 19 Evolutionarily Significant Units of Salmon and Steelhead in Washington, Oregon, Idaho, and California	0648-AG49
682	Proposed Rule To Authorize Lethal Takings of Marine Mammals by State Authorities	0648-AG79
683	Endangered and Threatened Species: Proposed Threatened Status and Designated Critical Habitat for Ozette Lake, Washington Sockeye Salmon	0648-AK52
684	Definition of Harm Under the ESA	0648-AK55
685	Revision of Critical Habitat for Snake River Spring/Summer Chinook Salmon	0648-AM41
686	Endangered and Threatened Species; Status of Chinook Salmon in Washington, Idaho, Oregon and California and Designation of Critical Habitat	0648-AM54
687	Designate Critical Habitat: Critical Habitat for the Oregon Coast Coho Salmon Evolutionarily Significant Unit	0648-AM58
688	Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary—Minor Boundary Revision	0648-AL07
689	Olympic Coast National Marine Sanctuary—Addition of Definition for Seabirds	0648-AL09
690	Hawaiian Islands Humpback Whale National Marine Sanctuary	0648-AN28
691	National Undersea Research Program Funding Regulations	0648-AH90
692	Policies and Procedures Regarding Program Evaluation and Competitive Funding Requirements Within the Office of Oceanic and Atmospheric Research	0648-AL45
693	NOAA Procedures for Implementing the National Environmental Policy Act	0648-AL58

National Telecommunications and Information Administration—Final Rule Stage

Sequence Number	Title	Regulation Identification Number
694	Improvement of Technical Management of Internet Names and Addresses	0660-AA11

Patent and Trademark Office—Proposed Rule Stage

Sequence Number	Title	Regulation Identification Number
695	Requirements for Registration To Practice Before the PTO in Patent Cases	0651-AA93
696	Changes To Implement Optional Inter Partes Reexamination Proceedings	0651-AB04
697	Changes To Implement Eighteen-Month Publication of Patent Application	0651-AB05
698	Changes To Implement Patent Term Adjustment Under Twenty-Year Patent Term	0651-AB06
699	Patent and Trademark Office Acquisition Regulations	0651-AB11

Patent and Trademark Office—Final Rule Stage

Sequence Number	Title	Regulation Identification Number
700	Changes To Implement the Patent Business Goals	0651-AA98
701	Revision of Patent and Trademark Fees for Fiscal Year 2001	0651-AB01
702	Changes To Permit Payment of Patent and Trademark Office Fees by Credit Card	0651-AB07
703	Revised Interim Utility Examination Guidelines	0651-AB09
704	Revised Interim Guidelines for Examination of Patent Applications Under the 35 USC Section 112, Paragraph 1 "Written Description" Requirement	0651-AB10
705	Complaints Regarding Invention Promoters	0651-AB12
706	Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice	0651-AB13
707	Design Patent Claim Language	0651-AB14
708	Rules of Practice in Patent Interferences	0651-AB15

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Sequence Number	Title	Regulation Identification Number
709	Correspondence Filed in the Patent and Trademark Office	0651-AB17

Patent and Trademark Office—Long-Term Actions

Sequence Number	Title	Regulation Identification Number
710	Technical Requirements for Registration To Practice Before the PTO in Patent Cases	0651-AA95
711	Consideration of Interlocutory Rulings at Final Hearing in Interference Processings	0651-AB03
712	Madrid Protocol Implementation Act Rules Change	0651-AB16

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Sequence Number	Title	Regulation Identification Number
713	Patent Application Electronic Submission Rules	0651-AA50
714	Official Insignia of Native American Tribes: Statutorily Required Study	0651-AB02
715	Clarification of Patent and Trademark Copy Fees	0651-AB08

Technology Administration—Prerule Stage

Sequence Number	Title	Regulation Identification Number
716	Promotion of Private Sector Industrial Technology Partnerships	0692-AA13
717	Amendment to Rights to Inventions Made by Nonprofit Organizations and Small Business Firms Under Government Grants, Contracts, and Cooperative Agreements	0692-AA18

Technology Administration—Final Rule Stage

Sequence Number	Title	Regulation Identification Number
718	Rights to Inventions Made by Nonprofit Organizations and Small Business Firms Under Government Grants, Contracts, and Cooperative Agreements	0692-AA14
719	Acquisition and Protection of Foreign Rights in Inventions	0692-AA15

Technology Administration—Long-Term Actions

Sequence Number	Title	Regulation Identification Number
720	Licensing of Government-Owned Inventions	0692-AA17

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

Final Rule Stage

345. 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	10/29/99	64 FR 58567
NPRM Comment Period End	12/28/99	
Final Rule	05/00/00	

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

346. 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

347. 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	09/00/00	
NPRM Comment Period End	11/00/00	
Final Action	01/00/01	
Final Action Effective	02/00/01	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Small Entities Affected: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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348. • CHANGE IN REPORTING REQUIREMENTS FOR BE-82, ANNUAL SURVEY OF FINANCIAL SERVICES TRANSACTIONS BETWEEN U.S. FINANCIAL SERVICES PROVIDERS AND UNAFFILIATED FOREIGN PERSONS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 22 USC 3101 to 3108; 15 USC 4908(C)

CFR Citation: 15 CFR 801

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This action will amend existing rule 15 CFR 801 to raise the threshold for reporting on the BE-82, Annual Survey of Financial Services Transactions Between U.S. Financial Services Providers and Unaffiliated

Foreign Persons and to bring the survey into conformity with the BE-80, Benchmark Survey of Financial Services Transactions Between U.S. Financial Services Providers and Unaffiliated Foreign Persons.

Timetable:

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

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Small Entities Affected: No

Government Levels Affected: State

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Proposed Rule Stage

349. • CHANGE IN REPORTING REQUIREMENTS FOR BE-93, ANNUAL SURVEY OF ROYALTIES, LICENSE FEES, AND OTHER RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR INTANGIBLE RIGHTS BETWEEN U.S. AND UNAFFILIATED FOREIGN PERSONS**Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**Legal Authority:** 22 USC 3101 to 3108**CFR Citation:** 15 CFR 801**Legal Deadline:** None

Abstract: This action will amend existing rule 15 CFR part 801 to increase the minimum reporting level on the BE-93, Annual Survey of Royalties, License Fees, and other Receipts and Payments for Intangible Rights between U.S. and Unaffiliated Foreign Persons.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	09/00/00	
NPRM Comment Period End	11/00/00	
Final Action	12/00/00	
Final Action Effective	01/00/01	

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

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RIN: 0691-AA39**350. • CHANGE IN REPORTING REQUIREMENTS FOR BE-11, ANNUAL SURVEY OF U.S. DIRECT INVESTMENT ABROAD****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 Part 806.14 to raise the threshold for reporting on the

BE-11, Annual Survey of U.S. Direct Investment Abroad and to bring the survey into conformity with the BE-10, Benchmark Survey of U.S. Direct Investment Abroad - 1999.

Timetable:

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

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE (DOC)

Final Rule Stage

Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA)

351. 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	07/09/99	64 FR 37049
NPRM Comment Period End	09/07/99	
Final Action	04/00/00	
Final Action Effective	04/00/00	

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE (DOC)

Completed Actions

Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA)

352. BENCHMARK SURVEY OF U.S. DIRECT INVESTMENT ABROAD—1999**Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**CFR Citation:** 15 CFR 806**Completed:**

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Notice of Proposed Rulemaking Period End	11/08/99	

Final Action 12/03/99 64 FR 67716

Final Action Effective 01/03/00

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

353. 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	06/00/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Small Entities Affected: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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354. 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	06/00/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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355. 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	06/00/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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356. 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	06/00/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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

Final Rule Stage

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

Priority: Other Significant

Legal Authority: 13 USC 301 to 307

CFR Citation: 15 CFR 30.4; 15 CFR 30.7

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The Census Bureau proposes to amend the FTSR definition of exporter for purposes of clarifying responsibility to report trade information. The FTSR also will be amended to reinforce the requirement for filing a power of attorney when an agent acts for an exporter specifying the essential provisions to be included with additional requirements if the exporter does not have a permanent U.S. residence.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	08/06/98	63 FR 41979
NPRM Comment Period End	10/05/98	
Second NPRM	10/04/99	64 FR 53861
Final Rule	05/00/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Small Entities Affected: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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358. 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 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	11/00/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Government Levels Affected: Federal

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359. 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	05/00/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Government Levels Affected: Federal

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RIN: 0607-AA30

360. 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	05/00/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Government Levels Affected: Federal

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE (DOC)**Final Rule Stage****Economic Development Administration (EDA)****361. ECONOMIC ADJUSTMENT PROGRAM—REVOLVING LOAN FUND (RLF) GRANTS****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:** 42 USC 3149**CFR Citation:** 13 CFR 308**Legal Deadline:** None**Abstract:** EDA will be publishing a final rule revising its Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) program as a result of recommendations made by a special task force established to examine program procedures and requirements.**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
Interim Final Rule	01/18/00	65 FR 2530
Interim Final Rule Effective	01/18/00	
Interim Final Rule Comment Period End	03/20/00	
Final Action	04/00/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis**Required:** No**Small Entities Affected:** No**Government Levels Affected:** State, Local, Tribal**Agency Contact:** Edward M. Levin, Chief Counsel, Department of Commerce, Economic Development Administration, 7th Floor, Room 7005, 14th and Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20230
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Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	12/14/99	64 FR 69867

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No**Government Levels Affected:** State, Local, Tribal**Agency Contact:** Edward M. Levin
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Reason	Date	FR Cite
Withdrawn	03/30/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No**Government Levels Affected:** None**Agency Contact:** Frank J. Monteferrante
Phone: 202 482-5575**RIN:** 0610-AA59**363. CIVIL RIGHTS GUIDELINES****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**CFR Citation:** None**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE (DOC)****Proposed Rule Stage****General Administration (ADMIN)****364. 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
Notice of Proposed Rulemaking	04/00/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No**Government Levels Affected:** None**Additional Information:** None.**Agency Contact:** Andy McCreedy, Attorney Advisor, Department of Commerce, 14th & Pennsylvania Ave., N.W., Washington, DC 20230
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE (DOC)
General Administration (ADMIN)

Final Rule Stage

365. 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

Action	Date	FR Cite
Interim Final Rule Effective	10/01/98	
Interim Final Rule Comment Period End	11/03/98	
Final Action	10/00/00	
Final Action Effective	10/00/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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

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366. 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
Interim Final Rule Effective	03/20/98	
Final Action	04/00/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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

Long-Term Actions

367. 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

Federalism: Undetermined

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE (DOC)
International Trade Administration (ITA)
Completed Actions
368. EXTEND PRODUCTION INCENTIVES BENEFITS TO JEWELRY MANUFACTURERS IN THE U.S. INSULAR POSSESSIONS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant
CFR Citation: 15 CFR 303

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Rule	12/01/99	64 FR 67148

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE (DOC)
Bureau of Export Administration (BXA)
Prerule Stage
369. EXPORT OF TECHNOLOGY AND SOFTWARE THROUGH ELECTRONIC TRANSMISSIONS, DOWNLOADS, AND PROGRAMMED ONTO HARDWARE

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 18 USC 2510 et seq; 30 USC 185; 42 USC 6212; 10 USC 7429; 10 USC 74301(e); 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, 1999 (64 FR 44101); ...

CFR Citation: 15 CFR 700-799

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The Bureau of Export Administration (BXA) is reviewing

technology and software export issues as they pertain to electronic transmissions and downloads, as well as programming onto hardware. BXA is considering how export controls on such technology transfers affect U.S. exporters. Specifically, BXA is seeking to gain a better understanding of how these transfers actually take place so that the Export Administration Regulations may be clarified in a manner that meets the export control objectives of the regulations while increasing the utility of the regulations to the public. BXA is particularly interested in the comments of those who have direct experience in the area of technology and software exports.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
ANPRM	05/00/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE (DOC)
Bureau of Export Administration (BXA)
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370. CHEMICAL WEAPONS CONVENTION REGULATIONS

Priority: Other Significant

Legal Authority: 22 USC 6701 et seq; EO 13128

CFR Citation: 15 CFR 710 et seq

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The final rule will make effective the proposed rule published July 21, 1999. The purpose of the regulation is to implement the provisions of the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production, Stockpiling and Use of Chemical Weapons and on their Destruction (Chemical Weapons Convention) and the Chemical Weapons Convention Implementation Act of 1998, requiring private facilities to submit information on certain activities involving toxic chemicals, and to make certain private facilities subject to periodic inspection by the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW), the international organization created to

administer the Convention and to monitor compliance by States Parties.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	07/21/99	64 FR 39193
Interim Final Rule	12/30/99	64 FR 73744
Correction	05/00/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes

Small Entities Affected: Businesses, Governmental Jurisdictions

Government Levels Affected: Federal

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

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 18 USC 2570 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 24091 et seq; 46 USC 466(c); EO 12924; Notice of August 10, 1999(64 FR 44101)

CFR Citation: 15 CFR 700 to 799

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: As a result of Brazil, Latvia, and Ukraine being admitted to the Nuclear Suppliers Group (NSG), this rule adds Brazil and Ukraine to Supplement Number 1 to part 740-, Country Group A, Column A:4 (Nuclear Suppliers) and removes Brazil and Ukraine from the Commerce Country Chart, NP Column 1 (Nuclear Nonproliferation). The subscribing governments have agreed to establish export licensing procedures for the

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transfer of items identified on the Annex to the “Nuclear-Related Dual-Use Equipment, Materials, and Related Technology List,” which is published by the International Atomic Energy Agency and adhered to by the United States and other subscribing governments in the Nuclear Suppliers Group.

This action will lessen the administrative burden on U.S. exporters by decreasing licensing requirements for exports of items controlled for nuclear nonproliferation reasons to Brazil and Ukraine.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	07/00/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 18 USC 2570 et seq; 30 USC 185; 42 USC 6212; 10 USC 7429; 10 USC 7430(e); 50 USC 1710 et seq; 22 USC 3201 et seq; 42 USC 2139(a); 43 USC 1354; 50 USC app 2401 et seq; 46 USC 466(c); EO 12924; Notice of August 10, 1999(64 FR 44101)

CFR Citation: 15 CFR 774 Supplement No. 1

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The Bureau of Export Administration is amending the Commerce Control List (CCL) of the Export Administration Regulations (15 CFR parts 730 to 774) to add technology and software controls for certain crime control commodities.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	07/00/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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373. 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 10, 1999(64 FR 44101)

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
Addition to Entity List	07/29/98	63 FR 40363
Russian Entities		
Final Action	08/00/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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374. 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, 1999 (64 FR 44101)

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	07/23/99	64 FR 40106
Correction	04/00/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 0694–AB86

375. EXPORTS AND REEXPORTS OF EXPLOSIVE DETECTION SYSTEMS; EXPANSION 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

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2139(a); 43 USC 1354; 50 USC app 2401 et seq; 40 USC 466(c); EO 11912; EO 12924; Notice of August 13, 1999(64 FR 44101)

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. This rule also expands the control of these explosive detection systems to Iraq. 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, Iraq, Sudan, and Syria for antiterrorism reasons.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	04/00/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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376. REVISIONS TO THE EXPORT ADMINISTRATION REGULATIONS: PARTIES TO A TRANSACTION AND THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES, ROUTED EXPORT TRANSACTIONS, SHIPPER'S EXPORT DECLARATIONS, AND EXPORT CLEARANCE

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, 1999 (64 FR 44101)

CFR Citation: 15 CFR 730 to 774

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
NPRM	10/04/99	64 FR 53854
Interim Final Rule	04/00/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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377. LICENSE EXCEPTIONS LVS AND APR FOR HIGH PERFORMANCE COMPUTERS; REVISIONS TO ECCN 4A003

Priority: Other Significant

Legal Authority: 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, 1999 (64 FR 44101); 18 USC 2501 et seq; 30 USC 185; 42 USC 6212; 10 USC 7429; 10 USC 7430(c)

CFR Citation: 15 CFR 730 to 774

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This rule amends the Commerce Control List by removing License Exception LVS eligibility for digital computers and electronic assemblies controlled under ECCN 4A003. This rule also amends License Exception APR (Additional Permissive Reexports) by removing License Exception APR eligibility for high performance computers with a CTP between 2,000 and 12,300 MTOPS when destined to a Computer Tier 3 country. This action is consistent with the provisions of sections 1211-1215 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1998 (NDAA) (P.L. 105-85, 111 Stat. 1629).

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	07/00/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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378. DEFINITION HARMONIZATION

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 50 USC app 2401 et seq; 50 USC 1701 et seq; EO 12924, 59 FR 43437, 3 CFR, 1994 Comp., p. 917; EO 13026, 61 FR 58767, 3 CFR, 1996 Comp., p. 228; Notice of August 10, 1999, 64 FR 44101 (August 13, 1999)

CFR Citation: 15 CFR 772

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This regulation harmonizes the list definitions of terms found in the EAR with the list that accompanied the Wassenaar Arrangement list of dual-use items.

Timetable:

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

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Small Entities Affected: Businesses

Government Levels Affected: Undetermined

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379. REWRITE OF SUPPORT DOCUMENTS IN SECTION 748 AND OTHER EDITORIAL CHANGES

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 50 USC app 2401 et seq; 50 USC 1701 et seq; EO 12924, 59 FR 43437, 3 CFR, 1994 Comp., p. 917; EO 13026, 61 FR 58767, 3 CFR, 1996 Comp., p. 228; Notice of August 10, 1999, 64 FR 44101 (August 13, 1999).

CFR Citation: 15 CFR 748

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This rule clarifies and organizes the sections in the Export

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Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Interim Final Rule	09/00/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: Undetermined

Small Entities Affected: Businesses

Government Levels Affected: Undetermined

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380. EXPORTS AND REEXPORTS TO SUDAN

Priority: Other Significant

Legal Authority: 18 USC 2501 et seq; 30 USC 185; 42 USC 6212; 10 USC 7429; 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, 1999 (64 FR 44101)

CFR Citation: 15 CFR 700 to 799

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The Bureau of Export Administration is amending the Export Administration Regulations (EAR) to reflect the imposition of economic sanctions on Sudan, as a result of the issuance of Executive Order 13067 on November 3, 1997. The Executive Order delegates implementation responsibility to the Department of the Treasury's Office of Foreign Assets Control, including authority for exports and certain reexports. In addition, this rule makes editorial revisions to the EAR relating to embargoes and anti-terrorism controls.

Timetable:

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

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 0694-AC05

381. ANTI-TERRORISM CONTROLS ON IRAQ

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, 1999 (64 FR 44101)

CFR Citation: 15 CFR 700 to 799

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The Bureau of Export Administration is amending the Export Administration Regulations to impose foreign policy controls on Iraq for anti-terrorism reasons.

Timetable:

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

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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382. EFFECT OF IMPORTED ARTICLES ON THE NATIONAL SECURITY

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 19 USC 1862; EO 12188 (45 FR 989, Jan. 4, 1980)

CFR Citation: 15 CFR 705

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The Department of Commerce is amending its regulation on the "Effect of Imported Articles on the National Security" to reduce the number of copies of a request or application for an investigation to be filed with the Department from 12 copies to 1 copy, plus the original, thereby reducing the burden on the applicant.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	05/00/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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383. REVISIONS TO THE COMMERCE CONTROL LIST: CLARIFICATIONS OF MISSILE TECHNOLOGY AND NUCLEAR NON-PROLIFERATION CONTROLS FOR EXPORT CONTROL CLASSIFICATION NUMBER 2B009

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 50 USC app 2401 et seq; 50 USC 1701 et seq; 10 USC 7420, 7430(e); 22 USC 287c, 3201 et seq, 6004; 30 USC 185(s), 185(u); 42 USC 2139a, 6212; 43 USC 1354; 46 USC app 466c; 50 USC app 5; EO 12924, 59 FR 43437, 3 CFR, 1994 Comp., p. 917; EO 13026, 61 FR 58767, 3 CFR, 1996 Comp., p. 228; Notice of August 10, 1999, 64 FR 44101 (August 13, 1999)

CFR Citation: 15 CFR 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 interim rule amends the CCL by revising Export Control Classification Number (ECCN) 2B009 to clearly describe the scope of controls for flow-forming and spin-forming machines controlled for missile technology and nuclear non-proliferation reasons.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	09/00/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Small Entities Affected: Businesses

Government Levels Affected: None

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384. EXPORTS TO THE GOVERNMENT OF SERBIA

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 50 USC app 2401 et seq, 1701 et seq; 22 USC 287c, 6004; EO 12854, 58 FR 36587, 3 CFR 1993 Comp., p. 614; EO 12918, 59 FR 28205, 3 CFR, 1994 Comp., p. 899; EO 12924, 59 FR 43437, 3 CFR, 1994 Comp., p. 917; EO 13088, 63 FR 32109, 3 CFR, 1998 Comp., p. 191; EO 13121 of April 30, 1999, 64 FR 24021 (May 5, 1999); Notice of August 10, 1999, 64 FR 44101 (August 13, 1999)

CFR Citation: 15 CFR 746

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The Bureau of Export Administration (BXA) is amending the Export Administration Regulations (EAR) to extend licensing requirements on exports or reexports of all items subject to the EAR to the Government of Serbia, or entities owned or controlled by the Government of Serbia, located outside of Serbia.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	05/00/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Small Entities Affected: Businesses

Government Levels Affected: None

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385. REVISIONS TO THE NORTH KOREAN EMBARGO POLICY

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; 42 USC 2139(a); 42 USC 2139(a); 50 USC app 2401 et seq; 40 USC 466(c); EO 11912; EO 12924; Notice of August

13, 1999 (64 FR 44101); Notice of August 13, 1998 (63 FR 44121)

CFR Citation: 15 CFR 730 to 774

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: On September 17, 1999, the President announced his decision to ease some sanctions against North Korea. Under the relaxed sanctions policy, the comprehensive embargo against North Korea is lifted and all non-sensitive items on the Commerce Control List (CCL), classified as EAR 99, may be exported or reexported to North Korea without a license. In addition, the licensing policy for some dual-use goods on the CCL destined for certain North Korean civil end-users will be relaxed. This easing of sanctions does not affect U.S. counterterrorism or nonproliferation export controls on North Korea.

Timetable:

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

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Small Entities Affected: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 0694—AC10

386. • LICENSE EXCEPTION CTP AND PRC END-USER CERTIFICATES

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, 1999 (64 FR 44101)

CFR Citation: 15 CFR 730 to 799

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The Bureau of Export Administration is amending the Export Administration Regulations by revising License Exception CTP with respect to requirements for the People's Republic of China (PRC) End-User Certificate.

Timetable:

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

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Small Entities Affected: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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387. • REVISIONS AND CLARIFICATIONS TO THE COMMERCE CONTROL LIST; CHEMICAL AND BIOLOGICAL WEAPONS CONTROLS; AUSTRALIA GROUP

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, 1999 (64 FR 44101)

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 1999 Australia Group agreement.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	04/00/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Small Entities Affected: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 0694—AC13

388. • REVISIONS TO LICENSE EXCEPTION CTP

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;

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EO 12924; Notice of August 13, 1999 (64 FR 44101)

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 License Exception CTP to reflect continuing technological advancement in the computer industry.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	03/10/00	65 FR 12919
Correction	03/15/00	65 FR 13879
Correction	04/00/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Small Entities Affected: No

Government Levels Affected: None

Sectors Affected: 001 None

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RIN: 0694—AC14

389. • EXPANSION OF LICENSE EXCEPTION GOV; EXPORTS AND REEXPORTS TO INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

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, 1999 (64 FR 44101) Notice of August 13, 1999 (64 FR 44101)

CFR Citation: 15 CFR 730 to 774

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The Bureau of Export Administration maintains the Export Administration Regulations. This rule expands availability of License Exception GOV to allow certain exports and reexports to the North Atlantic Treaty Organization and to the United Nations for those organizations' official use.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	08/00/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Small Entities Affected: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 0694—AC15

390. • MINIMUM NECESSARY OPERATION SOFTWARE INCLUDED IN DE MINIMIS COMMODITY CALCULATIONS

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; EO 11912; EO 12924; Notice of August 13, 1999 (64 FR 44101)

CFR Citation: 15 CFR 730 to 774

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This rule amends the Export Administration Regulations (EAR) by allowing certain, minimum necessary operation software, in object-code only, to be counted as a commodity in calculating the de minimis value of U.S. content in foreign produced items.

Timetable:

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

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Small Entities Affected: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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391. • REVISIONS TO THE EXPORT ADMINISTRATION REGULATIONS: IMPLEMENTATION OF THE WASSENAAR ARRANGEMENT LIST OF DUAL-USE ITEMS: REVISIONS TO CATEGORIES 1,2,3,4,5,6 AND 9 OF THE CCL AND REPORTING 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, 1999 (64 FR 44101)

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 final rule revises certain entries controlled for national security reasons in Categories 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 9 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	06/00/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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392. • SNAP: SIMPLIFIED NETWORK APPLICATION PROCESS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Reinventing Government: This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing

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

Legal Authority: 50 USC app. 2401 et seq; 50 USC 1701 et seq; EO 12924, 59 FR 43437, 3 CFR, 1994 Comp., p. 917; EO 13026, 61 FR 58767, 3 CFR, 1996 Comp., p. 228

CFR Citation: 15 CFR 748

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This final rule amends the Export Administration Regulations by incorporating information about access, usage, and requirements of the Simplified Network Application Process (SNAP). SNAP is an Internet access system that allows an authorized applicant to submit export or reexport applications, high performance computer notifications, commodity classification requests, and reporting forms to the Bureau of Export Administration (BXA) via the Internet.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	05/00/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Small Entities Affected: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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393. ● REVISIONS TO COUNTRY GROUP A:1 OF THE EXPORT ADMINISTRATION REGULATIONS TO ADD MEMBERS OF THE MISSILE TECHNOLOGY CONTROL REGIME

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 50 USC app. 2401 et seq; 50 USC 1701 et seq; EO 12924, 59 FR 43437, 3 CFR, 1994 Comp., p. 917; EO 13026, 61 FR 58767, 3 CFR, 1996 Comp., p. 228; Notice of August 10, 1999, 64 FR 44101 (August 13, 1999)

CFR Citation: 15 CFR 740

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This final rule amends Country Group A:2, Missile Technology

Control Regime (MTCR), to add the Czech Republic, Poland, Turkey, and Ukraine. Country Groups are used to identify groups of countries for ease of reference when stating license requirements, license review policy or eligibility for License Exceptions. These countries were recently admitted to the MTCR.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	04/00/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Small Entities Affected: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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394. ● REVISION TO THE EXPORT ADMINISTRATION REGULATIONS: REPLACEMENT LICENSES

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 50 USC app. 2401 et seq; 50 USC 1701 et seq; EO 12924, 59 FR 43437, 3 CFR, 1994 Comp., p. 917; EO 13026, 61 FR 58767, 3 CFR, 1996 Comp., p. 228; ...

CFR Citation: 15 CFR 748 and 750

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The Bureau of Export Administration (BXA) licenses items subject to the Export Administration Regulations (EAR) that are classified on the Commerce Control List (CCL) and require a license. The information on a license application is deemed to be a continuing representation of the existing facts or circumstances of the transaction. If a license application is under consideration by BXA, any material or substantive change in the terms of the order, or in the facts relating to the transaction, must be promptly reported to BXA. However, if a license has been issued and information submitted on the original license application has changed or will change, and these changes are not specifically excepted by the EAR, then the licensee must apply for either a new license or a replacement license

to obtain prior authorization for these changes before exporting or reexporting. This rule clarifies the instructions for applying for a replacement license.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	06/00/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Small Entities Affected: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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395. ● REVISIONS AND CLARIFICATIONS TO THE EXPORT ADMINISTRATION REGULATIONS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 50 USC app. 2401 et seq, 1701 et seq; EO 12924, 3 CFR, 1994 Comp., p. 917; EO 12938, 59 FR 59099, 3 CFR, 1994 Comp., p. 950; EO 13026, 3 CFR, 1996 Comp., p. 228; ...

CFR Citation: 15 CFR 730, 732, 734, 736, 740.; 15 CFR 746, 748, 752, 758, 772, and 774

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This rule amends the EAR by making certain revisions and clarifications and, in some cases, inserts material inadvertently omitted from previous rules.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	06/00/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Small Entities Affected: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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**396. • SHORT SUPPLY CONTROLS:
CRUDE OIL EXPORTS****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, 1999 (64 FR 44101)**CFR Citation:** 15 CFR 750 and 754**Legal Deadline:** None**Abstract:** The Bureau of Export Administration is amending the short supply provisions of the Export Administration Regulations to revise the restrictions on exports of crude oil.**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	05/00/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No**Government Levels Affected:** None**Agency Contact:** Willard Fisher, Export Administration Specialist, Department of Commerce, Bureau of Export Administration, 14th & Pennsylvania Ave. NW., Washington, DC 20230

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**397. 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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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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POLICY CONTROLS****Priority:** Other Significant**CFR Citation:** 15 CFR 746**Timetable:**

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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FROM U.S. MUNITIONS LIST TO THE
COMMERCE CONTROL LIST****Priority:** Other Significant**CFR Citation:** 15 CFR 774 Supplement No. 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
Next Action	Undetermined	

**400. ADMINISTRATION OF STATE
LOG EXPORTS BAN****Priority:** Other Significant**CFR Citation:** 15 CFR 754**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**402. 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 742**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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403. 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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404. 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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405. 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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406. IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CHEMICAL WEAPONS CONVENTION; REVISIONS TO THE EXPORT ADMINISTRATION REGULATIONS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

CFR Citation: 15 CFR 730 to 774

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Interim Final Rule	05/18/99	64 FR 27138
Interim Final Rule Correction	05/28/99	64 FR 28908
Interim Final Rule	09/13/99	64 FR 49380
Next Action	Undetermined	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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407. INDIA AND PAKISTAN SANCTIONS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

CFR Citation: 15 CFR 730 to 774

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 Rule	03/17/00	65 FR 14444
Next Action	Undetermined	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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408. 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

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Government Levels Affected: None

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409. EXPANSION OF LICENSE EXCEPTION CIV ELIGIBILITY FOR "MICROPROCESSORS" CONTROLLED BY ECCN 3A001

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

CFR Citation: 15 CFR 730 to 774

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Interim Final Rule	07/08/99	64 FR 36779
Interim Final Rule	11/26/99	64 FR 66372
Interim Final Rule	To Be	Determined

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

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

Priority: Other Significant

CFR Citation: 15 CFR 730 to 774

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Interim Final Rule	04/13/99	64 FR 17968

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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411. CLARIFICATION OF REPORTING REQUIREMENTS UNDER THE WASSENAAR ARRANGEMENT

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

CFR Citation: 15 CFR 730 to 774

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Withdrawn	02/09/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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412. EXPORTS AND REEXPORTS OF COMMERCIAL CHARGES AND DEVICES CONTAINING ENERGETIC MATERIALS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

CFR Citation: 15 CFR 730 to 774

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Interim Final Rule	09/01/99	64 FR 47666

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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413. REVISIONS TO THE COMMERCE CONTROL LIST; MEDICAL PRODUCTS CONTAINING BIOLOGICAL AGENTS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

CFR Citation: 15 CFR 730 to 774

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	10/07/99	64 FR 54520

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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414. EXPORTS TO KOSOVO

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

CFR Citation: 15 CFR 746

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	11/05/99	64 FR 60339

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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415. EDITORIAL CLARIFICATIONS AND REVISIONS TO THE EXPORT ADMINISTRATION REGULATIONS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

CFR Citation: 15 CFR 730 to 774

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Rule	03/20/00	65 FR 14858

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 0694-AC02

416. REVISIONS TO ENCRYPTION ITEMS

Priority: Other Significant

CFR Citation: 15 CFR 730 to 799

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Interim Final Rule	01/14/00	65 FR 2492

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 0694-AC11

417. • REVISION TO THE EXPORT ADMINISTRATION REGULATIONS; ADMINISTRATIVE ENFORCEMENT PROCEEDINGS

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, 1999 (64 FR 44101)

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 Part 766; Administrative Enforcement Proceedings. Specifically, this rule amends the EAR by providing that, notwithstanding certain circumstances, when determining whether to deny a person convicted of violating certain laws permission to apply for or use export licenses, including any License Exception, BXA will give prior notice of this administrative action and an opportunity for that person to make written comments to BXA stating why a denial is not appropriate.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	03/20/00	65 FR 14862

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Small Entities Affected: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE (DOC)

Final Rule Stage

National Institute of Standards & Technology (NIST)

418. IMPLEMENTATION OF THE FASTENER QUALITY ACT**Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**Legal Authority:** PL 104-113; PL 106-34; PL 101-592, sec 13; PL 105-234**CFR Citation:** 15 CFR 280**Legal Deadline:** None

Abstract: On June 6, 1999, Congress significantly amended the Fastener Quality Act (PL 101-592, as amended by PL 104-113 and PL 105-234) by passing PL 106-34, which limits the Department of Commerce's role to the following six activities: (1) laboratory accreditation; (2) receipt of affirmations from accreditation bodies accrediting laboratories or third parties who certify manufacturing systems as fastener quality assurance systems, affirming that the accreditation bodies meet the requirements of certain international standards; (3) receipt, evaluation, and approval or disapproval of petitions seeking approval of documents for purposes described in the Act; (4) operation of a hotline; (5) registration of trademarks; and (6) certain enumerated enforcement activities. The enforcement and registration provisions of the existing regulations will be amended to reflect changes in the Fastener Quality Act. The remainder of the existing regulations will be repeated, and new regulations necessary to implement the new

activities required by the Fastener Quality Act will be issued by the Department of Commerce.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Study	04/24/99	
NPRM	12/15/99	64 FR 69969
Final Rule	04/00/00	

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

Agency Contact: Subhas G. Malghan, Acting Deputy Director, Technology Services, Department of Commerce, National Institute of Standards & Technology, Room 306, Mail Stop 2000, Building 820, Gaithersburg, MD 20899
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RIN: 0693-AB47**419. 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
Notice of Proposed Rulemaking	11/03/99	64 FR 59691
Final Action	05/00/00	

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

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RIN: 0693-AB49

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE (DOC)

Completed Actions

National Institute of Standards & Technology (NIST)

420. NATIONAL TYPE EVALUATION PROGRAM**Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**CFR Citation:** Not Yet Determined**Completed:**

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Withdrawn	02/06/00	

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

Agency Contact: Tina Butcher
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RIN: 0693-AB45**421. NIST TRACEABLE REFERENCE MATERIALS PROGRAM****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**CFR Citation:** Not Yet Determined**Completed:**

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Withdrawn	02/22/00	

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

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RIN: 0693-AB46

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE (DOC)

Prerule Stage

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)

NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES
SERVICE**422. AMENDMENT 7 TO THE FISHERY
MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR THE
STONE CRAB 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 7 is expected to apply the provisions of Florida's proposed limited entry program for the stone crab fishery to vessels fishing in the exclusive economic zone off Florida's west coast.**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
ANPRM	11/00/00	

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

Undetermined

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Phone: 727 570-5301**RIN:** 0648-AN10**423. • NOTICE OF A CONTROL DATE
FOR THE PURPOSES OF
CONTROLLING ENTRY IN THE DEEP-
SEA RED CRAB FISHERY****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**Legal Authority:** 16 USC 1801 et seq.**CFR Citation:** 50 CFR 648**Legal Deadline:** None**Abstract:** This action would establish a control date for the deep-sea red crab fishery to enable the New England Fishery Management Council to inform the industry that the Council is considering future action to control the number of participants in the fishery. It announces that anyone entering the fishery after the control date would not be assured of future access, should a management regime that limits the number of participants in the fishing be prepared and implemented.**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
ANPRM	04/00/00	

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

Undetermined

Agency Contact: Patricia Kurkul, Regional Administrator, Northeast Region, Department of Commerce, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, One Blackburn Drive, Gloucester, MA 01930
Phone: 978 281-9200**RIN:** 0648-AN61**424. • SWIMMING OR RECREATIONAL
INTERACTION WITH WILD
POPULATION OF MARINE MAMMALS****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**Legal Authority:** 16 USC 1361 et seq**CFR Citation:** 50 CFR 216**Legal Deadline:** None**Abstract:** Announces that NMFS is considering whether to issue regulations that would prohibit the public from swimming with or otherwise interacting with dolphins and other marine mammals in the wild.**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
ANPRM	04/00/00	

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

Undetermined

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INCIDENTAL TO SHOCK TESTING
THE USS WINSTON CHURCHILL OFF
THE U.S. ATLANTIC COAST****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**Legal Authority:** 16 USC 1371(a)(5)**CFR Citation:** 50 CFR 216.151**Legal Deadline:** None**Abstract:** A request has been received from the U.S. Navy for a small take of marine mammals incidental to shock testing the USS Winston Churchill in the offshore waters of the Atlantic Ocean or Gulf of Mexico during 2001. Regulations will be proposed that would, if implemented, authorize the taking under the Marine Mammal Protection Act. Regulations can be implemented, and the takings authorized, if a determination is made that the taking will have no more than a negligible impact on marine mammal stocks that are being impacted.**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
ANPRM	04/00/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis**Required:** No**Government Levels Affected:** Federal**Agency Contact:** Kenneth R. Hollingshead, Fishery Biologist, Department of Commerce, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Office of Protected Resources, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910-3226
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Email: ken.hollingshead@noaa.gov**RIN:** 0648-AN59**426. • SEA TURTLE CONSERVATION
REGULATIONS; SHRIMP FISHERY****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**Legal Authority:** 16 USC 1801 et seq**CFR Citation:** 50 CFR 223**Legal Deadline:** None**Abstract:** NMFS issues this advance notice of proposed rulemaking (ANPR) to announce that it is considering publishing regulations that would make technical changes to the requirements for turtle excluder devices (TEDs) to increase their effectiveness. In particular, NMFS is considering increasing the size of TEC escape openings to allow larger turtles to escape. The options NMFS is currently considering are: Requiring the leatherback opening with a minimum 32-inch grid in all areas (71-inch opening), or requiring a 35-inch by 16-inch opening with a minimum 30-inch grid in all areas. In addition, NMFS is considering other modifications to the TED regulations, including modifying or decertifying hooped hard TEDs and weedless TEDs, changing the

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requirements for the types of flotation devices allowed, and extending the requirement to have a short flap and grid angle of no greater than 45 degree on bottom opening TEDs (other than TEDs equipped with the leatherback opening) to all areas in the U.S. Gulf of Mexico and the Southeast U.S. Atlantic. NMFS is also considering modifications to the leatherback contingency plan (50 CFR 223.206(d)(2)(iv)) to provide better protection to leatherback turtles.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
ANPRM	04/00/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: Yes

Small Entities Affected: Businesses

Government Levels Affected: None

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427. • RULEMAKING TO AUTHORIZE THE TAKING OF MARINE MAMMALS INCIDENTAL TO USE OF A LOW FREQUENCY SOUND SOURCE BY THE NAVY'S NORTH PACIFIC ACOUSTIC LABORATORY

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1371(a)(5)

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 216.170

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The U.S. Navy is expected to submit a request for a small take of marine mammals incidental to operation of a low frequency sound source by the North Pacific Acoustic Laboratory off Hawaii. Regulations can be implemented under the Marine

Mammal Protection Act to authorize the taking provided a determination can be made that the taking is small and having no more than a negligible impact on affected species or stocks of marine mammals.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
ANPRM	05/00/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Small Entities Affected: No

Government Levels Affected: Federal

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE (DOC)

Proposed Rule Stage

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)

NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE

428. 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	07/00/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: Yes

Small Entities Affected: Businesses

Government Levels Affected: Federal

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RIN: 0648-AE01

429. FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR TILEFISH

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 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	04/00/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected: Undetermined

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RIN: 0648-AF87

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430. 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.

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1801 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 679

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: Regulatory amendment to require electronic submission of catch and processing location reports by processors participating in the Alaska groundfish fisheries. The need for this action is to obtain more timely data on inseason fishing activities at less burden and cost to the industry and NMFS.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	04/00/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected:

Undetermined

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RIN: 0648-AI66

431. AMENDMENTS TO THE OBSERVER PROGRAM - AMENDMENT 47 TO THE FMP FOR BSAI GROUND FISH AND AMENDMENT 47 TO THE FMP FOR GOA GROUND FISH

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	04/00/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: Yes

Small Entities Affected: Businesses

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 0648-AI69

432. FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR THE ATLANTIC HERRING 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: This fishery management plan would supersede the preliminary management plan and regulate fishing activity in the EEZ.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	04/00/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected:

Undetermined

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RIN: 0648-AI78

433. 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

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

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	04/00/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 0648-AI87

434. REGULATORY AMENDMENT TO ESTABLISH PERMIT AND REPORTING REQUIREMENTS FOR PELAGIC TROLL AND HANDLINE VESSELS FISHING OFF PACIFIC REMOTE ISLANDS OF THE UNITED STATES

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 establish NMFS permit/reporting requirements for pelagic troll and handline vessels fishing in waters off U.S. Pacific Island possessions.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	05/00/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected: Federal, State, Local, Tribal

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RIN: 0648-AJ08

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435. REGULATORY AMENDMENT TO IMPLEMENT BYCATCH REDUCTION 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: Final, Statutory, Final regulations to be published within 30 days of end of NPRM comment period.

Abstract: Implement management measures to lower economic discards and provide bycatch reduction incentives.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	04/00/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: Yes

Small Entities Affected: Businesses

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-AJ47

436. AMEND THE FOREIGN FISHING REGULATIONS TO IMPLEMENT THE PROVISIONS OF A PACIFIC INSULAR AREA FISHERY AGREEMENT

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1801 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 600

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: Amend the foreign fishing regulations at 50 CFR part 600 subpart F to authorize foreign fishing under a Pacific Insular Area Fishery Agreement (PIAFA). Foreign fishing vessels fishing under a PIAFA would be authorized to fish in the EEZ around American Samoa, Guam, the Northern Mariana Islands and other U.S. insular areas in the Pacific. Prior to the negotiation of a PIAFA, American Samoa, Guam and the Northern Mariana Islands must develop a three-year Marine Conservation Plan (MCP) detailing the use of funds collected under a PIAFA. A MCP must be consistent with

relevant Fishery Management Plans. The Magnuson-Stevens Act further provides that fees received by the Secretary for foreign fishing under a PIAFA for American Samoa, Guam, or the Northern Mariana Islands shall be deposited into the United States Treasury and then covered over to the Treasury of the Pacific Insular Area for which the funds were collected.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	10/00/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected: State

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RIN: 0648-AJ60

437. ESTABLISH "CENTRAL REGISTRY FOR LIMITED ACCESS SYSTEM PERMITS"

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1801 et seq

CFR Citation: Not Yet Determined

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: Notice of Proposed Rulemaking and Request for Comments regarding establishment of a Central Registry for Limited Access System Permits as required by the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act section 305(h).

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
ANPRM	05/07/97	62 FR 24897
ANPRM Comment Period End	08/05/97	
NPRM	06/00/00	
NPRM Comment Period End	08/00/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: Yes

Small Entities Affected: Businesses

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 0648-AJ77

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

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

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	04/00/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected: Undetermined

Agency Contact: Dr. Gary C. 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

439. 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: 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.

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Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	04/00/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis**Required:** Yes**Small Entities Affected:** Businesses**Government Levels Affected:** None

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RIN: 0648-AK07**440. REGULATORY AMENDMENT TO DEVELOP A C. BAIRDI VESSEL INCENTIVE 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: Develop a C. bairdi crab fishery vessel incentive program.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	04/00/00	

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-AK08**441. 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 western Pacific pelagic fisheries to mitigate the take of seabirds.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	04/00/00	

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

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RIN: 0648-AK11**442. 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**Legal Authority:** 16 USC 773c**CFR Citation:** 50 CFR 300

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

Abstract: Establish measures to allocate halibut and manage the halibut subsistence fishery.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	04/00/00	

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

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RIN: 0648-AK16**443. 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**Legal Authority:** 16 USC 773c**CFR Citation:** 50 CFR 300

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

Abstract: Establish measures to manage the halibut charter boat industry off Alaska.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	04/00/00	

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-AK17**444. 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, coral size restrictions, and fishery-dependent data reporting requirements, etc.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	04/00/00	

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Regulatory Flexibility Analysis**Required:** Yes**Small Entities Affected:** Businesses**Government Levels Affected:** Undetermined**Agency Contact:** Dr. Charles Karnella, Administrator, Pacific Islands Area Office, Department of Commerce, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, 1601 Kapiolani Boulevard, Suite 1110, Honolulu, HI 96814-4700
Phone: 808 973-2937**RIN:** 0648-AK23**445. 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	05/00/00	

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, BIN C15700, 7600 Sand Point Way NE, Building 1, Seattle, WA 48115-0070
Phone: 206 526-6150**RIN:** 0648-AK26**446. 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	05/00/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis**Required:** Undetermined**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
Phone: 907 586-7228**RIN:** 0648-AK50**447. 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 percent 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	04/00/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis**Required:** Undetermined**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
Phone: 907 586-7228**RIN:** 0648-AK70**448. 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 the end of NPRM comment period.**Abstract:** These FMP amendments would establish a vessel registration program for critical fisheries.**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	06/00/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis**Required:** Undetermined**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
Phone: 907 586-7228**RIN:** 0648-AK73**449. 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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Proposed Rule Stage

Legal Deadline: Final, Statutory, Final regulations to 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 Edgecumbe to commercial fishing for groundfish and halibut. The closure would protect a unique habitat and protect rockfish and lingcod during a critical phase of their life cycle.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	04/00/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 0648-AK74

450. 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: 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	12/00/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected: Undetermined

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RIN: 0648-AK80

451. ADJUSTMENT OF MANAGEMENT PROGRAM: BOTTOMFISH FISHERIES IN THE 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 NPRM comment period.

Abstract: This regulatory action would facilitate and enable adjustments to management measures governing bottomfish fisheries of the main and Northwestern Hawaiian Islands. Possible measures include area closures, harvest limits, size limits, season closures, and permit and reporting requirements, etc.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	09/00/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: Yes

Small Entities Affected: Businesses

Government Levels Affected: Undetermined

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RIN: 0648-AK82

452. REVISE EXEMPTED FISHING REGULATIONS TO SPECIFY COMPENSATORY FISHING UNDER EXEMPTED FISHING

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

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	06/00/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected: Undetermined

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RIN: 0648-AK84

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

Abstract: Amendment 17 would extend the commercial reef fish vessel permit moratorium for 5 years to December 31, 2005. The current moratorium is scheduled to expire on December 31, 2000. The purpose of the moratorium is to provide a stable environment in the fishery for evaluation and development of a more comprehensive controlled access system for the entire commercial reef fish fishery.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	04/00/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Small Entities Affected: Businesses

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 0648-AK96

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454. 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	12/00/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes

Small Entities Affected: Businesses

Government Levels Affected: Federal

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RIN: 0648-AL12

455. REGULATORY AMENDMENT TO PROHIBIT FISHING BY VESSELS OVER 50 FEET FROM FISHING FOR PELAGIC MANAGEMENT UNIT SPECIES 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 from fishing for pelagic management

unit species within 50 nautical miles of American Samoa.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	04/00/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected: Undetermined

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RIN: 0648-AL41

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

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	04/00/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 0648-AL44

457. REGULATORY AMENDMENT TO ALLOW "STACKING" 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	11/00/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes

Small Entities Affected: Businesses

Government Levels Affected: Federal

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RIN: 0648-AL50

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

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(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 the 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 the amendment.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	04/00/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes

Small Entities Affected: Businesses, Governmental Jurisdictions, Organizations

Government Levels Affected: Federal, State, Local, Tribal

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).

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RIN: 0648-AL51

459. 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 interim final rule comment period.

Abstract: Regulations would authorize Federal purchase of Pacific Coast 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	11/00/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes

Small Entities Affected: Businesses

Government Levels Affected: Federal

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RIN: 0648-AL66

460. 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, under an amendment to the Western Pacific Crustaceans FMP, would add the EEZ waters off the U.S. Pacific Island Possessions and Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands as crustaceans management areas.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	11/00/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected: Undetermined

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RIN: 0648-AL67

461. 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 NPRM 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
NPRM	10/00/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes

Small Entities Affected: Businesses

Government Levels Affected: Federal, State

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RIN: 0648-AL68

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462. 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
NPRM	04/00/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis**Required:** Yes**Small Entities Affected:** Businesses**Government Levels Affected:** Federal, State**Agency Contact:** William Stelle, Regional Administrator, Northwest Region, NMFS, Department of Commerce, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, BIN C15700, 7600 Sand Point Way NE, Building 1, Seattle, WA 48115-0070
Phone: 206 526-6150**RIN:** 0648-AL69**463. 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	09/00/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No**Small Entities Affected:** Businesses**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
Phone: 907 586-7228**RIN:** 0648-AL71**464. FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLAN (FMP) FOR CALICO SCALLOP FISHERY IN THE SOUTH ATLANTIC REGION****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:** 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) prohibiting 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 degrees 30' N. Latitude, and to the East by the 100 fathom depth contour; and (5) requiring use of transponders by calico scallop vessels.**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	04/00/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes**Small Entities Affected:** Businesses**Government Levels Affected:** None**Agency Contact:** Dr. William T. Hogarth, Regional Administrator, Southeast Region, Department of Commerce, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, 9721 Executive Center Drive N., St. Petersburg, FL 33702-2432

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RIN: 0648-AL78**465. 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:** Final, Statutory, Final regulations to be published within 30 days of end of NPRM comment period.**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	06/00/00	

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.**Agency Contact:** Dr. William T. Hogarth, Regional Administrator, Southeast Region, Department of Commerce, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, 9721 Executive Center Drive N., St. Petersburg, FL 33702-2432
Phone: 727 570-5301**RIN:** 0648-AL86

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466. 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	06/00/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 0648-AL92

467. AMENDMENTS TO THE ALASKA GROUND FISH AND CRAB FMPS TO REVISE 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: Restrict license transfers, establish gear designation, remove exemption of CDQ vessels, and revise crab License Limitation Plan to establish recent participation requirements for qualification.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	04/00/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected: Undetermined

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RIN: 0648-AL95

468. 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	06/00/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: Yes

Small Entities Affected: Businesses

Government Levels Affected: Undetermined

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RIN: 0648-AL97

469. AMENDMENT 6 - 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: Amendment 6 to the Fishery Management Plan for salmon fisheries

in the EEZ off Alaska would define overfishing.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	06/00/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected: Undetermined

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RIN: 0648-AL98

470. FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLAN AMENDMENTS TO ESTABLISH PERMIT MORATORIA IN THE RECREATIONAL-FOR-HIRE SECTORS IN THE GULF OF MEXICO COASTAL MIGRATORY PELAGICS AND REEF FISH FISHERIES

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 NPRM comment period.

Abstract: 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. The ANPR announced that 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.

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Proposed Rule Stage

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
ANPRM	11/18/98	63 FR 64031
ANPRM Comment Period End	12/18/98	
NPRM	06/00/00	

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

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RIN: 0648-AM03

471. REGULATORY AMENDMENT UNDER THE FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR REEF FISH RESOURCES OF THE GULF OF MEXICO TO ESTABLISH RED SNAPPER TAC AND ASSOCIATED MANAGEMENT MEASURES FOR 2000

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 red snapper fishery 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 red snapper fishing in the exclusive economic zone of the Gulf of Mexico.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	06/00/00	

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

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RIN: 0648-AM04

472. 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	06/00/00	

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

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RIN: 0648-AM07

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

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant**Legal Authority:** 16 USC 1801 et seq**CFR Citation:** 50 CFR 622

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

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
NPRM	07/00/00	

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

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RIN: 0648-AM23

474. 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 to bank-specific fishing grounds, closed areas, gear restrictions, seasons, notification/reporting requirements, etc.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	06/00/00	

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

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RIN: 0648-AM26

DOC—NOAA

Proposed Rule Stage

475. 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	05/00/00	

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

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RIN: 0648-AM28**476. FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLAN AMENDMENT 11 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: Amendment 11 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	04/00/00	

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

Undetermined

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RIN: 0648-AM29**477. ENHANCED MEASURES TO MITIGATE SEABIRD BYCATCH IN THE ALASKA LONGLINE 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, One year from approval of overfishing definitions. 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	04/00/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis**Required:** Yes**Small Entities Affected:** Businesses**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-AM30**478. 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	04/00/00	

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-AM32**479. 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	04/00/00	

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

Undetermined

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RIN: 0648-AM34

480. ALASKA GROUND FISH FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLAN AMENDMENT TO REVISE IMPROVED RETENTION/IMPROVED UTILIZATION 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: Revise regulations
implementing Improved
Retention/Improved Utilization
Program.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	09/00/00	

**Regulatory Flexibility Analysis
Required:** Yes

Small Entities Affected: Businesses

Government Levels Affected:
Undetermined

Agency Contact: Steven Pennoyer,
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NMFS, Department of Commerce,
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RIN: 0648-AM39

481. 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	06/00/00	

**Regulatory Flexibility Analysis
Required:** No

Government Levels Affected:
Undetermined

Agency Contact: Steven Pennoyer,
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RIN: 0648-AM40

482. AMENDMENT 4 - 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	04/00/00	

**Regulatory Flexibility Analysis
Required:** Yes

Small Entities Affected: Businesses

Government Levels Affected:
Undetermined

Agency Contact: Steven Pennoyer,
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NMFS, Department of Commerce,
National Oceanic and Atmospheric
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RIN: 0648-AM42

483. 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	04/00/00	

**Regulatory Flexibility Analysis
Required:** Yes

Small Entities Affected: Businesses

Government Levels Affected:
Undetermined

Agency Contact: Steven Pennoyer,
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RIN: 0648-AM43

484. 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 observer coverage levels.

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Proposed Rule Stage

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	05/00/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: Yes

Small Entities Affected: Businesses**Government Levels Affected:**

Undetermined

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RIN: 0648-AM44

485. 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:** Final, 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 fishing year 2000.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	04/00/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected:

Undetermined

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RIN: 0648-AM46

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

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	04/00/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected:

Undetermined

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RIN: 0648-AM47

487. FMP AMENDMENT 53 TO THE FMP FOR GROUND FISH OF THE GULF OF ALASKA 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	06/00/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: Yes

Small Entities Affected: Businesses**Government Levels Affected:**

Undetermined

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RIN: 0648-AM51

488. OBSERVATION COVERAGE MULTISPECIES GROUND FISH

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant**Legal Authority:** 16 USC 1801 et seq**CFR Citation:** 50 CFR 675**Legal Deadline:** None

Abstract: Regulatory amendment to reduce observer coverage requirements for catcher vessels equal to or greater than 60 feet LOA fishing in the multispecies groundfish and halibut CDQ fisheries.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	04/00/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected:

Undetermined

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RIN: 0648-AM53

489. FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR THE DOLPHIN AND WAHOO FISHERIES OF THE SOUTH ATLANTIC, GULF OF MEXICO, AND CARIBBEAN (FMP)

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: The South Atlantic, Gulf of Mexico, and Caribbean Fishery Management Councils are preparing a new FMP for these fisheries. The ANPR informs the industry that the Council is considering future action to control the number of participants in the dolphin and wahoo commercial fisheries and establishes a control date. Anyone entering the commercial fisheries for dolphin or wahoo in the

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Proposed Rule Stage

South Atlantic EEZ after the control date would not be assured of future access to the fishery.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
ANPRM	05/21/99	64 FR 27750
ANPRM Comment Period End	06/21/99	
NPRM	09/00/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 0648-AM67

490. BSAI FMP AMENDMENT 66 TO THE FMP FOR THE GROUND FISH FISHERY OF THE BERING SEA AND ALEUTIAN ISLANDS AREA

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Unfunded Mandates: Undetermined

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1801 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 679

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: Remove squid from CDQ Program.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	04/00/00	

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-AM72

491. AMENDMENT 12 TO THE FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR 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 end of NPRM comment period.

Abstract: Amendment 12 would extend the current moratorium on the issuance of king mackerel permits to October 15, 2005, to allow the Councils (Gulf of Mexico and South Atlantic) additional time to consider various management strategies that include limited access or limited entry, with or without individual transferable quotas (ITQ) or individual fishing quotas (IFQ). If approved and implemented by final rule, Amendment 12 would keep the king mackerel fisheries of the Gulf of Mexico and South Atlantic regions from reverting to open access on October 15, 2000.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	04/00/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: Undetermined

Small Entities Affected: Businesses

Government Levels Affected: None

Agency Contact: Dr. William T. Hogarth, Regional Administrator, Southeast Region, Department of Commerce, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, 9721 Executive Center Drive N., St. Petersburg, FL 33702-2432
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RIN: 0648-AM75

492. ENDANGERED AND THREATENED SPECIES: LISTING STATUS AND DESIGNATION OF CRITICAL HABITAT FOR WHITE ABALONE

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

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

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 223; 50 CFR 224; 50 CFR 226

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: NMFR received a petition to list and designate critical habitat for white abalone under the Endangered Species Act. NMFS had already initiated a status review, as this species was on the candidate species list. NMFS has completed the status review and will publish a proposed rule to list

the species. NMFS will make a determination on whether to designate critical habitat later.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	04/00/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected:

Undetermined

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RIN: 0648-AM90

493. FRAMEWORK REGULATORY AMENDMENT FOR THE ATLANTIC HIGHLY MIGRATORY SPECIES (HMS) FISHERIES

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Unfunded Mandates: Undetermined

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

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 635

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: Framework regulatory amendment to the HMS FMP will adjust gear/permitting/reporting requirements.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	04/00/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: Undetermined

Small Entities Affected: Businesses

Government Levels Affected: None

Agency Contact: Dr. Gary C. 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-AM91

494. GREATER AMBERJACK TRIP LIMIT

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1801 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 622

DOC—NOAA

Proposed Rule Stage

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

Abstract: This rule would implement a 1,000 pound trip limit for greater amberjack in the exclusive economic zone of the south Atlantic region. The intent of this action is to lengthen the fishing season and minimize the possibility of a "derby" fishery.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	04/00/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: Yes

Small Entities Affected: Businesses

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 0648-AM93

495. AMENDMENT 62 TO THE FMP FOR THE GROUND FISH FISHERY OF THE BERING SEA AND ALEUTIAN ISLANDS MANAGEMENT AREA AND AMENDMENT 62 TO THE FMP FOR THE GROUND FISH OF THE GULF OF ALASKA

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 30, 2000.

Abstract: Fishery Management Plan amendment to comply with the requirements of the American Fisheries Act by revising inshore/offshore directed pollock allocations and replacement requirements for eligible vessels.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	07/00/00	

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-AM94

496. IMPLEMENTATION OF WESTERN PACIFIC COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1801 et seq

CFR Citation: Not Yet Determined

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This action would provide guidance on implementation of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act provisions that establish the Western Pacific Community Development Program and announcement of eligibility criteria for participation in the program, including collection of fees for observer and reporting requirements, etc.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	10/00/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected: Undetermined

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RIN: 0648-AM96

497. IMPLEMENTATION OF WESTERN PACIFIC CORAL REEF ECOSYSTEM FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLAN (FMP)

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 would implement the Western Pacific Coral Reef Ecosystem FMP. Possible initial

management measures include permit and reporting requirements, framework procedures, gear restrictions, harvest limits/restrictions, protected marine areas, no anchoring zones, etc.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	12/00/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: Yes

Small Entities Affected: Businesses, Governmental Jurisdictions

Government Levels Affected: Undetermined

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RIN: 0648-AM97

498. ADJUSTMENT OF MANAGEMENT PROGRAM: BOTTOMFISH 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 facilitate and enable adjustments to management measures for the bottomfish fisheries in Guam and American Samoa. Possible regulatory changes include closed areas, gear restrictions, seasons, permit and notification/reporting requirements, etc. Also, under an amendment to the FMP, the EEZ waters of the U.S. Pacific Island Possessions and Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana islands would be governed as bottomfish management areas.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	09/00/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: Yes

Small Entities Affected: Businesses, Governmental Jurisdictions

Government Levels Affected: Undetermined

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RIN: 0648-AM98

499. RECORDKEEPING AND REPORTING REQUIREMENT REVISIONS TO THE ALASKA GROUND FISH FISHERIES ALASKA COMMERCIAL OPERATOR'S ANNUAL REPORT (ACOAR)

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: Revision to the Recordkeeping and Reporting requirements will require the offshore groundfish fleet to file the Alaska Department of Fish and Game ACOAR to enhance socioeconomic databases used by management agencies to assess existing or proposed fisheries management measures.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	04/00/00	

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-AN01

500. PROHIBIT USE OF SET NET GEAR TO HARVEST GROUND FISH IN CERTAIN PORTIONS OF THE EXCLUSIVE ECONOMIC ZONE WATERS SEAWARD OF CALIFORNIA

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 rule would prohibit the use of set net gear to take groundfish species in a portion of the exclusive economic zone seaward of California. This rule has been requested by the Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) under procedures in the Pacific Groundfish Fishery Management Plan (FMP) that allow for implementing Federal regulations to conform to State regulations for the groundfish fishery in selected circumstances. The Council has determined that the State regulations prohibiting the use of set net gear used to take groundfish species in certain areas are consistent with the FMP and requested Federal adoption of consistent regulations in the EEZ. The conformance with State regulations is desired to ensure consistent application of conservation and management measures and enforcement in the EEZ and in State waters to the extent practicable.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	04/00/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Small Entities Affected: Businesses

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 0648-AN03

501. ATLANTIC HIGHLY MIGRATORY SPECIES FISHERIES; MINIMUM SIZE ADJUSTMENTS FOR ATLANTIC BILLFISH

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Unfunded Mandates: Undetermined

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

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 635

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: To achieve the landings reduction targets that were recommended by the International Commission for the Conservation of

Atlantic Tunas, NMFS will adjust the minimum sizes for retention and landing of Atlantic billfishes. This action is consistent with the framework provisions of Amendment 1 to the Atlantic Billfish Fishery Management Plan.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	04/00/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Undetermined

Small Entities Affected: Businesses

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 0648-AN06

502. SAFMC FRAMEWORK SEASONAL ADJUSTMENT OF HARVEST LEVELS AND PROCEDURES UNDER 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 end of NPRM comment period.

Abstract: The South Atlantic Fishery Management Council (SAFMC) prepared this regulatory amendment under the framework rulemaking procedure of the Fishery Management Plan for Coastal Migratory Pelagic Resources of the Gulf of Mexico and South Atlantic (FMP). The regulatory amendment 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 groups of King and Spanish mackerel for the 1999-2000 fishing year.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	04/00/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes

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Proposed Rule Stage

Small Entities Affected: Businesses

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 0648-AN07

503. AMENDMENT 7 TO THE FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR THE SPINY LOBSTER FISHERY OF THE GULF OF MEXICO AND SOUTH ATLANTIC

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1801 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 640

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

Abstract: Amendment 7 would address gear limitations in the spiny lobster fishery.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	11/00/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected: None

Agency Contact: Dr. William T. Hogarth, Regional Administrator, Southeast Region, Department of Commerce, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, 9721 Executive Center Drive N., St. Petersburg, FL 33702-2432
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RIN: 0648-AN08

504. AMENDMENT 18 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 18 is expected to address the need for improved conservation of grouper stocks in the Gulf of Mexico by establishing additional closed seasons and areas.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	10/00/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected:

Undetermined

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RIN: 0648-AN09

505. ANNUAL SPECIFICATIONS FOR FISHING YEAR 2000 FOR ATLANTIC HERRING

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1801 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 648

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This action would establish specifications for fishing year 2000 for the Atlantic Herring fishery. These quotas consist of an optimum yield, domestic harvest, domestic processing, joint venture processing, U.S. at-sea processing and total allowable level of foreign fishing.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	05/00/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected:

Undetermined

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RIN: 0648-AN11

506. AMENDMENT 13 TO THE SUMMER FLOUNDER, SCUP, AND BLACK SEA BASS FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLAN

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1801 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 648

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

Abstract: Amendment 13 is being developed to implement management measures that would extend the current rebuilding program for summer flounder. This action would extend rebuilding over the next 10 years.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	12/00/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: Undetermined

Small Entities Affected: Businesses, Organizations

Government Levels Affected: State, Federal

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RIN: 0648-AN12

507. AMENDMENT 10 TO THE ATLANTIC SEA SCALLOP FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLAN

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1801 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 648

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

Abstract: Amendment 10 would implement a management strategy that would incorporate rotational closed areas for rebuilding the sea scallop resource. This action may replace or modify the current DAS reduction schedule.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	01/00/01	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected:

Undetermined

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RIN: 0648-AN16

508. AMENDMENT 13 TO THE NORTHEAST MULTISPECIES FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLAN**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 action would amend the FMP to address the Magnuson-Stevens Act requirement to implement a stock rebuilding program for all of the regulated multispecies. Management measures may include a days-at-sea reduction, gear reductions and area management.**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	03/00/01	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Undetermined**Government Levels Affected:** Undetermined**Agency Contact:** Patricia Kurkul, Regional Administrator, Northeast Region, Department of Commerce, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, One Blackburn Drive, Gloucester, MA 01930
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RIN: 0648-AN17

509. AMENDMENT 1 TO THE ATLANTIC HERRING FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLAN**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 establish a controlled access system for a portion of the Atlantic herring fishery. The fishery slated for this action is Management Area I, i.e., Inshore Gulf of Maine. Vessels fishing in this area would need to have an exemption certificate based on past participation.**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	03/00/01	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Undetermined**Government Levels Affected:** Undetermined**Agency Contact:** Patricia Kurkul, Regional Administrator, Northeast Region, Department of Commerce, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, One Blackburn Drive, Gloucester, MA 01930
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510. AMENDMENT 14 TO THE NORTHEAST MULTISPECIES FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLAN**Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**Legal Authority:** 16 USC 1801 et seq**CFR Citation:** 50 CFR 648**Legal Deadline:** Final, Statutory, Final regulations to be published 30 days after the end of the NPRM comment period.**Abstract:** Amendment 14 would implement measures that would separate small mesh species (whiting, red hake, offshore hake, and ocean pout) from the Multispecies FMP and create a new FMP for small mesh species, i.e., the Small Mesh Multispecies Fishery Management Plan. This action proposes to provide for easier, more timely management of the species, to reduce complexity of the existing multispecies FMP and to aid in the rebuilding process for the small mesh species. Management measures for small mesh species may include measures developed under Amendment 12 in addition to a limited access permit program to be developed and possibly other measures.**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	01/00/01	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Undetermined**Government Levels Affected:** Undetermined**Agency Contact:** Patricia Kurkul, Regional Administrator, Northeast Region, Department of Commerce, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, One Blackburn Drive, Gloucester, MA 01930

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RIN: 0648-AN20

511. REGULATORY AMENDMENT TO CLARIFY THE ALASKA GROUND FISH INDIVIDUAL FISHING QUOTA PROGRAM APPEALS REGULATIONS**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:** Regulatory amendment to revise the procedures for filing motions of reconsideration to set out clearly the time periods for filing motions, extensions, and decisions.**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	05/00/00	

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
Phone: 907 586-7228

RIN: 0648-AN21

512. RECORDKEEPING AND REPORTING REQUIREMENT REVISIONS TO THE ALASKA GROUND FISH FISHERIES LOGBOOKS**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:** Recordkeeping and Reporting requirements include revisions in the logbook and form formats; revisions to the figures and tables; and revisions to the regulations to accommodate these changes. In addition, these recordkeeping and reporting requirement revisions will contain revisions to the combined International Pacific Halibut Commission/NMFS groundfish/ Individual Fishing Quota logbooks by adding a new data field

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to the catcher vessel and catcher processor logbooks to indicate the type of seabird device used when fishing with hook-and-line gear; new observer fields and an additional logsheet will be incorporated into each logbook for use by the observer.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	04/00/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected: Undetermined

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RIN: 0648-AN22

513. REGULATORY AMENDMENT TO REDEFINE VESSEL LENGTH OVERALL

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: This regulatory amendment would redefine and clarify the definition of vessel length overall.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	04/00/00	

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-AN23

514. AMENDMENT 63 TO THE FMP FOR THE GROUND FISH FISHERY OF THE BERING SEA AND ALEUTIAN ISLANDS MANAGEMENT AREA AND AMENDMENT 63 TO THE FMP FOR THE GROUND FISH OF THE GULF OF ALASKA

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: These FMP amendments will revise management measures for the sharks and skates in the BSAI and GOA.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	06/00/00	

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-AN24

515. AMENDMENT 64 TO THE FMP FOR THE GROUND FISH FISHERY OF THE BERING SEA

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: This FMP amendment will allocate Pacific cod among the fixed gear sectors in the BSAI.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	04/00/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected: Undetermined

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RIN: 0648-AN25

516. AMENDMENTS TO ALASKA FMPS FOR GROUND FISH, CRAB, AND SCALLOP TO REDUCE HALIBUT MORTALITY

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: These FMP amendments will implement a halibut mortality avoidance program.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	06/00/00	

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-AN26

517. REGULATORY AMENDMENT TO IMPLEMENT AN OBSERVER PROGRAM FOR VESSELS DELIVERING SHORE-SIDE; 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 establish provisions for an observer program on vessels that deliver shore-side for the purpose of estimating total catch, monitoring discards, and gathering biological data on groundfish species. The responsibilities of vessels that are required to carry observers are defined in this action.

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Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	06/00/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: Yes

Small Entities Affected: Businesses

Government Levels Affected: Federal

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RIN: 0648-AN27

518. • SPECIAL MANAGEMENT ZONES REGULATORY AMENDMENT TO THE FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR THE SNAPPER-GROUPER FISHERY OF THE SOUTH ATLANTIC REGION

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: In accordance with the framework procedure of the Fishery Management Plan for the Snapper Grouper Fishery of the South Atlantic Region, and in the exclusive economic zone off Georgia, NMFS proposes to (1) establish Special Management Zones (SMZs) around twelve new areas, and (2) expand the boundaries of seven existing SMZs. In these SMZs, fishing would be restricted to handheld hook-and-line gear, including manual, electric, and hydraulic reels, and to spearfishing gear, including powerheads; the use of powerheads would be restricted to bag limit harvested fish. This action will promote the orderly use of the fishery resources on and around the SMZs, reduce the potential user-group conflicts, and maintain the socioeconomic benefits of the SMZs to the maximum extent practicable.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	04/00/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected:

Undetermined

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RIN: 0648-AN35

519. • AMENDMENT 12 TO THE FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR THE SNAPPER-GROUPER FISHERY OF THE SOUTH ATLANTIC REGION

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: Proposed management measures in Amendment 12 are designed to rebuild the red porgy resource while minimizing economic hardship on commercial and recreational fishermen. The measures include: (1) setting the maximum sustainable yield (MSY) for red porgy as 1,987 metric tons; (2) setting the Optimum Yield (OY) for red porgy as the amount of harvest that can be taken by U.S. fishermen while maintaining the spawning potential ratio (SPR) at or above 45 percent static SPR; and (3) modifying the overfishing level and rebuilding timeframe.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	04/00/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected:

Undetermined

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RIN: 0648-AN39

520. • ANTARCTIC MARINE LIVING RESOURCES; VESSEL AND DEALER PERMITS, VESSEL MONITORING SYSTEMS AND CATCH DOCUMENTATION

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

Unfunded Mandates: Undetermined

Legal Authority: 16 USC 2431 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 300

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: Pursuant to a commitment the United States made under the Convention on the Conservation of Antarctic Marine Living Resources (CCAMLR), NOAA proposes regulations to revise permit requirements for U.S. vessels fishing in waters under the jurisdiction of CCAMLR and for U.S. importers of fish species subject to CCAMLR conservation measures.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	04/00/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected:

Undetermined

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RIN: 0648-AN42

521. • ATLANTIC HIGHLY MIGRATORY SPECIES; IMPLEMENTATION OF 1999 ICCAT RECOMMENDATIONS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

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

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 635

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: NMFS proposes regulations to reduce North Atlantic swordfish quotas for 2000-2002 to 2219 mt dw consistent with a 1999 recommendation of the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (ICCAT). The proposed rule would also lift a trade restriction on Panama regarding bluefin tuna and place

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additional restrictions for swordfish on Belize and Honduras. In addition, the proposed rule would prohibit the import of bluefin tuna from Equatorial Guinea. The proposed rule does not meet any of the criteria for significant actions under E.O. 12866 since it represents minor adjustments to existing regulations, is below the economic threshold of impact, and has no novel or legal policy issues associated with it.

This action is not controversial; all parties on the NMFS delegation supported a ten-year rebuilding program for North Atlantic swordfish at the recent ICCAT meeting. In addition, the U.S. industry supports using trade restrictions to encourage compliance with ICCAT recommendations.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	04/00/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected: None

Agency Contact: Dr. Gary C. 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-AN52

522. • SPECIFICATIONS FOR THE SPINY DOGFISH FISHERY FOR THE 2000 FISHING YEAR

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 action would establish annual measures for the Joint Spiny Dogfish FMP for fishing year 2000.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	04/00/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected: Undetermined

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RIN: 0648-AN53

523. • ATLANTIC HIGHLY MIGRATORY SPECIES; SPOTTER AIRCRAFT AND BLUEFIN TUNA ALLOCATIONS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

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

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 635

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This action would address the use of spotter aircraft to assist fishing vessels in the location and capture of Atlantic bluefin tuna. This action is necessary to achieve domestic management objectives for HMS fisheries. This action is controversial due to the many contentious issues involved, including the acceleration of catch rate in the General and Harpoon categories, which many constituents believe undermines the existing General category effort controls and NMFS' goal of achieving optimum yield in the bluefin tuna fishery.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	04/00/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: Undetermined

Small Entities Affected: Businesses

Government Levels Affected: Undetermined

Agency Contact: Dr. Gary C. 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-AN54

524. • MEASURES FOR THE POLLOCK FISHERY OF THE BERING SEA AND ALEUTIAN ISLANDS TO COMPLY WITH THE AMERICAN FISHERIES ACT

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: Other, Statutory, American Fisheries Act requires regulatory implementation prior to January 2000.

Abstract: Would implement (1) permitting requirements for AFA pollock catcher vessels, catcher vessel cooperatives, c/p motherships, and, shoreside processors; (2) new pollock allocation regime for allocations to catcher vessel cooperatives; (3) new recordkeeping & reporting requirements for vessels & processors; (4) new restrictions on participation of AFA pollock vessels in non-pollock fisheries; and (5) restrictions on ability of AFA pollock processors to process non-pollock groundfish & crab species from the Bering Sea & Gulf of Alaska.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	04/00/00	

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-AN55

525. • REGULATORY AMENDMENT TO DEFINE DIRECTED FISHING FOR POLLOCK COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT QUOTA

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1801 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 679

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This regulatory amendment would define directed fishing for the pollock CDQ fishery. This regulatory amendment will correctly accrue pollock caught in the CDQ fisheries between the pollock CDQ allocations and the pollock incidental catch allowance as required under the AFA; and will enforce closures to directed fishing for pollock CDQ in certain areas of the BSAI or during certain times of the year.

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Timetable:

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NPRM	04/00/00	

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

Undetermined

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RIN: 0648-AN57**526. • ATLANTIC HIGHLY MIGRATORY SPECIES; GULF OF MEXICO CLOSED AREA****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**Legal Authority:** 16 USC 1801 et seq; 16 USC 971 et seq**CFR Citation:** 50 CFR 635**Legal Deadline:** None

Abstract: NMFS issues a proposed regulation in accordance with framework procedures for adjusting management measures of the Final Fishery Management Plan for Atlantic Tunas, Swordfish and Sharks. This proposed regulation would prohibit all fishing for HMS within two areas in the eastern Gulf of Mexico that the Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council (Council) has identified to be important for spawning aggregations of gag, black grouper, and red grouper by eliminating bycatch mortality attributable to HMS fisheries. The intended effect of the closure is to support Council action to protect these gag/grouper spawning aggregations. This regulation would complement a similar regulation prepared by the Council that would close the two areas to all fisheries other than HMS fisheries. This action is not significant under the meaning of E.O. 12866 since it is below the economic threshold of impact, and has no novel or legal policy issues associated with it.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	04/00/00	

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

Undetermined

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RIN: 0648-AN63**527. • ANNUAL SPECIFICATIONS FOR FISHING YEAR 2001 FOR ATLANTIC HERRING****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 action would establish specifications for fishing year 2001 for the Atlantic herring fishery. These quotas consist of an optimum yield, domestic harvest, domestic processing, joint venture processing, U.S. at-sea processing and a total allowable level of foreign fishing.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	11/00/00	

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

Undetermined

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RIN: 0648-AN65**528. • QUOTAS FOR THE ATLANTIC BLUEFISH FISHERY FOR FISHING YEAR 2000****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 action would establish the quotas for the Atlantic Bluefish fishery in the exclusive economic zone for fishing year 2000.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	10/00/00	

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

Undetermined

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RIN: 0648-AN66**529. • DEEP-SEA RED CRAB FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLAN****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 action would establish a fishery management plan for the red crab fishery to address major current and potential issues in the fishery.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	12/00/00	

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

Undetermined

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RIN: 0648-AN68**530. • SPECIFICATIONS FOR THE ATLANTIC MACKEREL, SQUID, AND BUTTERFISH FISHERIES FOR FISHING YEAR 2001****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.

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Proposed Rule Stage

Abstract: This action would establish initial annual amounts, for fishing year 2001, of 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	12/00/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected: Undetermined

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RIN: 0648-AN69

531. ● RECREATIONAL MEASURES FOR THE SUMMER FLOUNDER, SCUP, AND BLACK SEA BASS FISHERIES FOR FISHING YEAR 2001

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 action would establish the possession limit, size limit, and other management measures for the recreational fisheries for fishing year 2001.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	02/00/01	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected: Undetermined

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RIN: 0648-AN70

532. ● SPECIFICATIONS FOR THE SUMMER FLOUNDER, SCUP, AND BLACK SEA BASS FISHERIES FOR THE FISHING YEAR 2001

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 action would establish allowable harvest levels and other management measures for fishing year 2001.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	10/00/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected: Undetermined

Agency Contact: Patricia Kurkul, Regional Administrator, Northeast Region, Department of Commerce, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, One Blackburn Drive, Gloucester, MA 01930
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RIN: 0648-AN71

533. ● SPECIFICATIONS FOR FISHING YEAR 2001 FOR THE 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 end of NPRM comment period.

Abstract: This action would establish allowable harvests of surf clams and ocean quahogs from the exclusive economic zone for fishing year 2001.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	12/00/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected: Undetermined

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RIN: 0648-AN72

534. ● REGULATORY AMENDMENT TO PREVENT OR MITIGATE THE TAKE OF SEA TURTLES IN THE WESTERN PACIFIC PELAGIC 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 regulatory action would modify the management program for the western Pacific pelagic fisheries to mitigate or prevent the take of sea turtles.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	04/00/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Undetermined

Small Entities Affected: Businesses

Government Levels Affected: Undetermined

Federalism: Undetermined

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RIN: 0648-AN75

535. ● FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLAN AMENDMENT TO PREVENT OR MITIGATE AND TO CONSERVE, MANAGE, AND ALLOW FOR UTILIZATION OF SHARKS

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 amendment would prevent or mitigate and conserve, manage, and allow full utilization of sharks.

DOC—NOAA

Proposed Rule Stage

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	05/00/00	

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

Undetermined

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RIN: 0648-AN76

536. • RESUBMISSION OF SUSTAINABLE FISHERIES ACT AMENDMENT CRUSTACEANS, BUTTERFISH, AND PELAGICS REGARDING OVERFISHING DEFINITIONS AND BYCATCH PROVISIONS

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 would bring these FMPs into compliance with the Sustainable Fisheries Act regarding previously disapproved overfishing definitions and bycatch provisions.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	04/00/00	

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

Undetermined

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RIN: 0648-AN79

537. • ESSENTIAL FISH HABITAT AMENDMENT 2 FOR 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 2 would amend the Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council's fishery management plans to establish a marine reserve for Riley's Hump (Tortugas South) and for the part of the Tortugas north area that is within the Council's jurisdiction (the Tortugas Ecological Reserve). Amendment 2 would restrict certain kinds of fishing activity and, along with regulations issued by the Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary (under NOAA's National Ocean Service), would protect unique and valuable reef resources.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	10/00/00	

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

Undetermined

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RIN: 0648-AN83

538. • REGULATORY AMENDMENT MODIFYING THE GULF OF MEXICO BRD PROTOCOL

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: In accordance with the framework procedures of the shrimp FMP, the Council requested that NMFS develop alternative data collection procedures and statistical tests to certify BRDs for use in the shrimp fishery of the Gulf of Mexico. The

regulation would provide additional flexibility in the sampling procedures to facilitate meeting the protocol's requirements while maintaining the scientific and statistical credibility in achieving the established bycatch reduction criterion.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	08/00/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis**Required:** Undetermined**Government Levels Affected:** None

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RIN: 0648-AN84

539. • 2000-2001 GULF GROUP KING MACKEREL CATCH SPECIFICATIONS

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: Based on results of a stock assessment conducted in March 2000, the Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council proposes changes in catch limits for Gulf group king mackerel.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	09/00/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis**Required:** Undetermined**Government Levels Affected:** None

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RIN: 0648-AN85

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Proposed Rule Stage

540. • REGULATORY AMENDMENT MODIFYING THE SOUTH ATLANTIC BRD PROTOCOL**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:** In accordance with the framework procedures of the shrimp FMP, the Council proposes to modify the data collection procedures and statistical tests used to certify BRDs for use in the shrimp fishery of the South Atlantic region. The regulation would provide additional flexibility in the sampling procedures to facilitate meeting the protocol's requirements while maintaining the scientific and statistical credibility in achieving the established bycatch reduction criterion.**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	08/00/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis**Required:** Undetermined**Government Levels Affected:** None**Agency Contact:** Dr. William T. Hogarth, Regional Administrator, Southeast Region, Department of Commerce, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, 9721 Executive Center Drive N., St. Petersburg, FL 33702-2432
Phone: 727 570-5301**RIN:** 0648-AN86**541. • FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR SARGASSUM HABITAT OF THE 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 end of NPRM comment period.**Abstract:** Sargassum habitat is defined as essential fish habitat for several managed fish stocks in the South Atlantic region. To further conserve and manage Sargassum habitat, the South Atlantic Fishery Management Council proposes to restrict the commercial harvest of Sargassum to avoid further expansion of the fishery and reduce the potential for habitat loss.**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	08/00/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis**Required:** Undetermined**Government Levels Affected:** None**Agency Contact:** Dr. William T. Hogarth, Regional Administrator, Southeast Region, Department of Commerce, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, 9721 Executive Center Drive N., St. Petersburg, FL 33702-2432
Phone: 727 570-5301**RIN:** 0648-AN87**542. • REGULATORY AMENDMENT TO CLOSE AN AREA AROUND KODIAK ISLAND TO TRAWL GEAR FISHING****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:** Regulatory amendment to close a specified area off Kodiak Island to fishing with trawl gear during a 2-week period in August. The regulatory amendment would be effective through 2003. The purpose of the closure would be to support an experiment designed and conducted by NMFS scientists to assess the effect of fishing on localized pollock distribution and abundance. This action is authorized under the Fishery Management Plan for Groundfish of the Gulf of Alaska.**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	04/00/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis**Required:** Undetermined**Government Levels Affected:** None**Federalism:** 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
Phone: 907 586-7228**RIN:** 0648-AN94**543. 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	04/00/00	

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

Undetermined

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Phone: 301 713-2289**RIN:** 0648-AH26**544. 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.

DOC—NOAA

Proposed Rule Stage

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	12/00/00	

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

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RIN: 0648-AH31

545. SECTION 4(D) OF ESA PROTECTIVE REGULATIONS FOR JOHNSON'S SEAGRASS, A THREATENED SPECIES

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

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

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 223

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: NMFS will issue protective regulations for Johnson's seagrass, a threatened species under section 4(d) of the Endangered Species Act (ESA). This will allow NMFS to tailor protective measures to best fit Johnson's seagrass.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	05/00/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Undetermined

Small Entities Affected: Governmental Jurisdictions

Government Levels Affected: Undetermined

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RIN: 0648-AL59

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

Priority: Info./Admin./Other. Major status under 5 USC 801 is undetermined.

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1531

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 424

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	04/00/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Government Levels Affected: State, Local

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RIN: 0648-AL91

547. RULEMAKING FOR THE INCIDENTAL TAKING OF MARINE MAMMALS DURING WORLD-WIDE DEPLOYMENT OF THE U.S. NAVY'S LOW FREQUENCY ACTIVE SONAR

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

Unfunded Mandates: Undetermined

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1361 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 216.101

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: NMFS has received an application from the U.S. Navy for authorization to take marine mammals incidental to the World-wide deployment of its new low frequency active sonar system. The U.S. Navy anticipates deployment of up to 4

shipboard systems within the next 5 years. 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 unmitigatable impact on Arctic subsistence needs. If an authorization is granted monitoring and reporting takings will be required.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
ANPRM	10/22/99	64 FR 57026
NPRM	04/00/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Small Entities Affected: No

Government Levels Affected: Federal

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RIN: 0648-AM62

548. NORTH ATLANTIC WHALE PROTECTION

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

Unfunded Mandates: Undetermined

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

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 216; 50 CFR 222

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: Investigate the need to adopt regulations to decrease negative action of whale watching.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
ANPRM	01/04/00	65 FR 270
NPRM	06/00/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected: Undetermined

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Proposed Rule Stage

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549. • REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE APPROACH TO HUMPBACK WHALES IN ALASKA

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

Unfunded Mandates: Undetermined

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

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 224.103

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: Proposed to amend 50 CFR 224.103 to prohibit the approach within 200 yds of a humpback whale (*Megaptera novaesnyliae*) in waters 200 miles off the coast of Alaska.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	04/00/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected: Undetermined

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550. • ENDANGERED AND THREATENED SPECIES: THREATENED STATUS FOR ONE EVOLUTIONARILY SIGNIFICANT UNIT OF STEELHEAD IN CALIFORNIA

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1531 et seq; 16 USC 742a et seq; 31 USC 9701

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 223

Legal Deadline: NPRM, Judicial, February 4, 2000.

Final, Judicial, May 31, 2000.

Abstract: NMFS is listing the Northern California Evolutionarily Significant Unit of Steelhead trout after deferring listing in 1999 due to the failure of state implementation of conservation regulations.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	02/11/00	65 FR 6960
NPRM Comment Period End	04/11/00	
Final Action	06/00/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Government Levels Affected: Federal

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RIN: 0648-AN58

551. • SEA TURTLE CONSERVATION REGULATIONS; FISHERIES

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1531 et seq; 16 USC 742a et seq; 31 USC 9701

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 223

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: NMFS proposes to amend the sea turtle handling and resuscitation regulations. Recent scientific and technical information indicate that the current procedures need to be updated. This measure is necessary to safely handle sea turtles that are incidentally captured during scientific research or in fishing operations.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	05/00/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 0648-AN64

552. • CHANGES AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE TAKING OF MARINE MAMMALS INCIDENTAL TO COMMERCIAL FISHING OPERATIONS; ATLANTIC LARGE WHALE TAKE REDUCTION PLAN REGULATIONS

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

Unfunded Mandates: Undetermined

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1361 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 889

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The Atlantic Large Whale Take Reduction Team has been reconvened in early 2000 to discuss modifications to the Atlantic Large Whale Take Reduction Plan. This proposed rule will promulgate changes in the plan.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	04/00/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected: Undetermined

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RIN: 0648-AN88

553. • LIST OF FISHERIES FOR 2001

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

Unfunded Mandates: Undetermined

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1361 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 229

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The list of fisheries, published pursuant to section 118 of the Marine Mammal Protection Act, classifies all U.S. commercial fisheries into 1 of 3 categories based on the level of incidental serious injury and mortality to marine mammals. Participants in fisheries placed in category I, II or III are subject to different regulatory requirements under 50 CFR 229.

DOC—NOAA

Proposed Rule Stage

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	08/00/00	

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

Undetermined

Federalism: Undetermined

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NATIONAL OCEAN SURVEY/OFFICE OF COASTAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT

554. 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 codify statutory provisions and clarify regulatory requirements.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	04/00/00	

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

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RIN: 0648-AD83
555. 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	06/00/00	

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

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RIN: 0648-AI91
556. 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 consultation requirements of the National Marine Sanctuaries Act.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	04/00/00	

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

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RIN: 0648-AL06
557. NATURAL RESOURCE DAMAGE ASSESSMENT UNDER THE OIL POLLUTION ACT OF 1990
Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant**Legal Authority:** 33 USC 2706(e)**CFR Citation:** 15 CFR 990**Legal Deadline:** None

Abstract: This rulemaking amends the natural resource damage assessment rule under the Oil Pollution Act of 1990, codified at 15 CFR 990, due to court remand (General Electric vs. Commerce, 128 F. 3d 767. DC Cir. 1997).

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	04/00/00	
NPRM Comment Period End	05/00/00	

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

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RIN: 0648-AM80

558. COASTAL ZONE MANAGEMENT ACT CONSISTENCY REGULATIONS
Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant**Legal Authority:** 16 USC 1431 et seq**CFR Citation:** 15 CFR 930 et seq**Legal Deadline:** None

Abstract: This rulemaking revises existing Federal regulations governing consistency promulgated in 1979. These changes reflect statutory changes in the Coastal Zone Management Act in 1990 and 1996 as well as experience of 18 years of implementation.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	04/00/00	
Interim Final Rule	07/00/00	
Final Action	08/00/00	
Final Action Effective	09/00/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis**Required:** No**Small Entities Affected:** Businesses, Governmental Jurisdictions

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Government Levels Affected: State, Local, Federal
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National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)

NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE

559. 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, This deadline is motivated by the Strahan v. Linnon litigation. 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	08/23/99	64 FR 45938
NPRM Comment Period End	10/07/99	
Final Action	04/00/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes

Small Entities Affected: Businesses

Government Levels Affected: Undetermined

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RIN: 0648—AH63

560. 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.

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1801 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 622; 50 CFR 640; 50 CFR 654

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. 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 at 50 CFR 622 without substantive change.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	04/00/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 0648—AJ28

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

Priority: Other Significant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1801 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 600

Legal Deadline: Final, Statutory, April 11, 1997, Final regulations to be published within 30 days of end of NPRM comment period.

Abstract: Guidelines to assist Fishery Management Councils in the description and identification of essential fish habitat (EFH) in fishery management plans, and in the consideration of actions to conserve and enhance EFH, and procedures for consultation, coordination, and recommendations to protect EFH.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
ANPRM	11/08/96	61 FR 57843
ANPRM	01/09/97	62 FR 1306
NPRM	04/23/97	62 FR 19723
Interim Final Rule	12/19/97	62 FR 66531
Interim Final Rule Comment Period End	03/19/98	
Supplemental Comment Period	11/08/99	64 FR 60731
Supplemental Comment Period End	12/23/99	
Final Action	09/00/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Government Levels Affected: Federal

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RIN: 0648—AJ30

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562. PROPOSED HIGHLY MIGRATORY SPECIES PROCESS**Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**Legal Authority:** 16 USC 1801 et seq; 16 USC 971 et seq**CFR Citation:** 50 CFR 635**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	04/00/00	

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

Agency Contact: Dr. Gary C. 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-AK40**563. 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
Interim Final Rule	05/00/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis**Required:** Yes**Small Entities Affected:** Businesses**Government Levels Affected:** None

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RIN: 0648-AK76**564. 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) possession limits and minimum mesh sizes; 2) an allowance for transfer of fish at sea; 3) additional framework measures for future management possibilities; and 4) a monitoring mechanism for continued response to changing conditions in the fishery.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	09/13/99	64 FR 49427
NPRM Comment Period End	10/28/99	
Final Action	04/00/00	

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

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RIN: 0648-AL27**565. 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	12/29/99	64 FR 73003
NPRM Comment Period End	02/14/00	
Final Action	04/00/00	

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

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RIN: 0648-AL30**566. 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: Final, Statutory, Final regulations to be published within 30 days of end of NPRM comment period.

Abstract: The comprehensive habitat amendment will identify essential fish

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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
NPRM	07/09/99	64 FR 37082
NPRM Comment Period End	08/23/99	
Final Action	04/00/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: Yes

Small Entities Affected: Businesses

Government Levels Affected: Federal

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RIN: 0648-AL43

567. 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	10/00/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: Yes

Small Entities Affected: Businesses

Government Levels Affected: Federal

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568. GENERIC SUSTAINABLE FISHERIES ACT AMENDMENT (SFA) TO THE FMPS FOR THE GULF OF MEXICO ADDRESSING REQUIREMENTS REGARDING OVERFISHING, BYCATCH, FISHING COMMUNITIES, AND OTHER SFA PROVISIONS

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: 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 that for these FMPs: (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	11/02/99	64 FR 59153
Final Rule	04/00/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 0648-AL81

569. 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: 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	12/02/99	64 FR 67555
NPRM Comment Period End	01/03/00	
Final Action	04/00/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected:

Undetermined

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RIN: 0648-AL88

570. RULE TO PROHIBIT FISHING AND ANCHORING OF FISHING VESSELS IN THE EEZ SEAWARD OF NAVASSA ISLAND

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1801 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 622

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: Rule to prohibit fishing and anchoring of fishing vessels in the exclusive economic zone (EEZ) within

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15 nautical miles seaward of the baseline of Navassa Island, a U.S. territory in the Caribbean Sea. This is to protect unique and unprotected marine resources in the area, including reef fish and invertebrates, especially coral, live rock, sponges, queen conch, and spiny lobsters, from unregulated harvest. These resources are in relatively pristine condition due to the area's isolation and distance from commercial fishing grounds of major fishing nations.

Timetable:

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

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 0648-AL93

571. 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	04/00/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 0648-AL96

572. FRAMEWORK SEASONAL ADJUSTMENT OF HARVEST LEVELS AND PROCEDURES UNDER THE FMP 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 end of NPRM comment period.

Abstract: The proposed regulatory amendment (1999-2000 mackerel catch specifications for the Gulf of Mexico) would: (1) maintain the Gulf group king mackerel annual total allowable catch at 10.6 million pounds; (2) re-establish a bag limit for Gulf group king mackerel for the captains and crews of for-hire vessels; (3) adjust the fishery opening date and allowable fishing days for the gillnet fishery for Gulf group king mackerel; (4) increase the total allowable catch of Gulf group Spanish mackerel to 9.1 million pounds; and (5) increase the recreational bag limit for Gulf group Spanish mackerel to 15 fish per person per day. These actions are intended to protect Gulf group king and Spanish mackerel from overfishing and maintain healthy stocks while still allowing catches by important commercial and recreational fisheries.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	12/21/99	64 FR 71398
NPRM Comment Period End	01/20/00	
Final Rule	04/00/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: Yes

Small Entities Affected: Businesses

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 0648-AM01

573. 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 bank-specific 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	07/00/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Government Levels Affected:

Undetermined

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RIN: 0648-AM16

574. 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

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	06/04/99	64 FR 29984
NPRM Comment Period End	06/22/99	
Final Action	04/00/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: Undetermined

Small Entities Affected: Businesses

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Government Levels Affected:

Undetermined

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575. 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:** Final, Statutory, Final regulations to be published within 30 days of end of NPRM comment period.**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	01/28/00	65 FR 4547
NPRM Comment Period End	02/28/00	
Final Rule	04/00/00	

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

Undetermined

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RIN: 0648-AM48

576. 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:** Final, Statutory, Final regulations to be published within 30 days of end of NPRM comment period.**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	01/05/00	65 FR 431
NPRM Comment Period End	02/04/00	
Final Rule	04/00/00	

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

Undetermined

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577. 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:** Final, Statutory, Final regulations to be published within 30 days of end of NPRM comment period.**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	01/04/00	65 FR 275
NPRM Comment Period End	02/02/00	
Final Rule	04/00/00	

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

Undetermined

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RIN: 0648-AM50

578. RULEMAKING TO ANNOUNCE THE ANNUAL 2000 MANAGEMENT MEASURES FOR PACIFIC HALIBUT FISHERIES UNDER THE INTERNATIONAL PACIFIC HALIBUT COMMISSION**Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**Legal Authority:** 16 USC 773**CFR Citation:** 50 CFR 300**Legal Deadline:** Final, Statutory, March 15, 2000.**Abstract:** Annual management measures for Pacific halibut fisheries and catch sharing plan for 2000.**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	01/04/00	65 FR 272
NPRM Comment Period End	01/04/00	
Final Action	04/00/00	

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

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RIN: 0648-AM52

579. EMERGENCY INTERIM RULE TO CLOSE RED PORGY FISHERY 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 red porgy fishery in the south Atlantic is severely overfished. This rule would prohibit the harvest and possession of red porgy in the south Atlantic region. The intent of this rule is to initiate rebuilding the red porgy resource within ten years.**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
Emergency Rule	09/03/99	64 FR 48324
Final Rule	04/00/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis**Required:** Yes**Small Entities Affected:** Businesses**Government Levels Affected:** None

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580. BSAI FMP AMENDMENT 58

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

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: Amendment 58 would revise the BSAI bycatch management program for chinook salmon.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	12/21/99	64 FR 71390
NPRM Comment Period End	02/04/00	
Final Action	04/00/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected:

Undetermined

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581. REGULATORY AMENDMENT UNDER THE FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR THE REEF FISH RESOURCES OF THE GULF OF MEXICO TO ESTABLISH MANAGEMENT MEASURES FOR GAG AND BLACK GROUPER

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 NPRM comment period.

Abstract: This regulatory amendment would increase the commercial and

recreational minimum size limits for gag and black grouper; prohibit the commercial harvest and the sale or purchase of gag, black grouper, and red grouper from February 15 to March 15 each year; and establish two areas in the eastern Gulf of Mexico that would be closed to all fishing (except fishing for highly migratory species). The intended effect of these proposed regulations is to protect the spawning aggregations for these species and to prevent overfishing.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	01/26/00	65 FR 4221
Final Rule	04/00/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: Undetermined

Small Entities Affected: Businesses

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 0648-AM70

582. MODIFY DEALER AND VESSEL REPORTS REQUIREMENTS

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 the end of the NPRM comment period.

Abstract: This rule would improve the collection of fisheries-dependent data by modifying and clarifying several report requirements for dealers and vessels issued a Federal summer flounder, scup, black sea bass, Atlantic sea scallops, Northeast multispecies Atlantic mackerel, squid, and butterfish, surf clam or ocean quahog permit.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	12/02/99	64 FR 67551
NPRM Comment Period End	01/03/00	
Final Action	04/00/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 0648-AM74

583. HIGHLY MIGRATORY SPECIES FISHERIES; TIME AREA CLOSURE OF PELAGIC LONGLINE FISHERY TO PROTECT SMALL SWORDFISH

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Unfunded Mandates: Undetermined

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

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 635

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: Implement time and area closures for pelagic longline gear to reduce incidental catch of juvenile swordfish and billfish.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	12/15/99	64 FR 69982
NPRM Comment Period End	03/01/00	
Final Action	05/00/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 0648-AM79

584. SIMPLIFICATION OF CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION FUND RULES

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: 46 USC 1177

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 259

Legal Deadline: None

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Abstract: To remove unnecessary regulatory provisions which are not required by the program statute.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Final Rule	04/00/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Small Entities Affected: Businesses

Government Levels Affected: None

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585. FRAMEWORK ADJUSTMENT 12 TO THE ATLANTIC SEA SCALLOP FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLAN

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1801 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 648

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This action would modify the 2000 fishing year scallop days-at-sea (DAS) schedule for full-time limited access vessels. The DAS schedule for fishing year 1999 would remain in place for the 2000 fishing year. The DAS schedule implemented under Amendment 7 to the FMP would remain in place for the fishing years beyond 2000.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	04/00/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Government Levels Affected: Undetermined

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RIN: 0648-AN18

586. • FRAMEWORK 32 TO THE NORTHEAST MULTISPECIES FISHERIES MANAGEMENT PLAN (FMP)

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1801 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 648

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This action would adjust measures to be implemented in Amendment 12 to the Northeast Multispecies Fishery Management Plan. Adjustments include replacing the whiting trip limit certificate program with a trip-by-trip call-in system and allowing vessels to use net strengtheners in their nets.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	04/00/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Undetermined

Small Entities Affected: No

Government Levels Affected: Undetermined

Agency Contact: Patricia Kurkul, Regional Administrator, Northeast Region, Department of Commerce, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, One Blackburn Drive, Gloucester, MA 01930

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RIN: 0648-AN46

587. • NOTICE OF DETERMINATION OF NONCOMPLIANCE; NOTICE OF INTENT TO IMPLEMENT A MORATORIUM ON FISHING FOR TAUTOG IN RHODE ISLAND STATE WATERS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 5101 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 697

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: In accordance with the Atlantic Coastal Fisheries Cooperative Management Act of 1993 (Act), the Secretary of Commerce (Secretary) has determined that the State of Rhode Island is not in compliance with the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission's Interstate Fishery Management Plan for tautog and has failed to implement measures necessary for the conservation of the fishery in question. Pursuant to the Act, a Federal moratorium on fishing for tautog within

Rhode Island state waters to be effective on June 15, 2000, if Rhode Island does not come into compliance by June 1, 2000.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	02/15/00	65 FR 7508
Final Action	06/00/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Government Levels Affected: State

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RIN: 0648-AN48

588. • FRAMEWORK ADJUSTMENT 13 TO THE FMP FOR THE ATLANTIC SCALLOP FISHERY AND FRAMEWORK ADJUSTMENT 34 TO THE FMP FOR NORTHEAST MULTISPECIES FISHERY TO ALLOW SCALLOP DREDGE VESSELS ACCESS TO THE GEORGES BANK

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1801 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 648

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: Framework Adjustment 13 to the Atlantic Sea Scallop FMP and Framework Adjustment 34 to the Northeast Multispecies FMP, prepared by the New England Fishery Management Council, creates a seasonal exemption program for fishing year 2000 that provides access by scallop vessels to Closed Area I, Closed Area II and the Nantucket Lightship Closed Area. Measures to control scallop harvest, finfish bycatch and habitat protection include: sea scallop trip and landing limits; days-at-sea (DAS) deductions; gear modifications; and total allowable catch (TAC) limits for both sea scallops and yellowtail flounder. The intent of this action is to provide scallop vessels with a short-term strategy to access these groundfish closed areas without compromising multispecies rebuilding or habitat protection, while the Council develops an amendment that would implement a long-term sea scallop areas rotational management plan.

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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-AN49

589. • FINAL RULE TO IMPLEMENT FRAMEWORK ADJUSTMENT 33 TO THE NORTHEAST MULTISPECIES FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLAN (FMP)

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1801 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 648

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: Framework 33 would implement management measures for the Northeast multispecies fishery for fishing year 2000.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Final Rule	04/00/00	

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

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RIN: 0648-AN51

590. • ATLANTIC HIGHLY MIGRATORY SPECIES; DETERMINATION OF STATE JURISDICTION FOR LANDINGS REPORTING

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

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

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 635

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This final rule exempts anglers from the requirement to report landings of Atlantic bluefin tuna landed in the state of Maryland through NMFS' automated landings reporting system. This regulatory change will relieve Maryland anglers of an unnecessary reporting burden as the state level landing tag and landing card system is duplicative of the federal requirement. This action is not significant under the meaning of E.O. 12866 since it is below the economic threshold of impact, and has no novel or legal policy issues associated with it.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	04/00/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Undetermined**Government Levels Affected:** None

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RIN: 0648-AN56

591. • DISTRIBUTE U.S. ALLOCATIONS FROM THE NORTHWEST ATLANTIC FISHERIES ORGANIZATION THAT LIMIT THE NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 5601 to 5610

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 300

Legal Deadline: Final, Statutory, March 1, 2000, March 1, 2000 Deadline Based on NAFO Fishing Season.

Abstract: This Rule would allow NMFS to create an auction procedure to distribute fishing privileges limited by Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Organization rules.

Timetable:

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

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

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592. • RULE TO IMPLEMENT QUOTAS FOR THE SPINY DOGFISH FISHERY FOR FISHING YEAR 2000

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1801 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 648

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The interim final rule would implement, on an interim basis, specifications for the spiny dogfish fishery for the 2000 fishing year.

Timetable:

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

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

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RIN: 0648-AN67

593. • 2000 QUOTAS FOR THE PURSE SEINE FISHERIES IN THE EASTERN PACIFIC OCEAN

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 955

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 300

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This notice would advise the public and U.S. industries of the 2000 quotas for yellowfin and bigeye tuna established by the Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission (IATTC) and approved by the Department of State. The notice would be published in accordance with a rule that established authority and procedures for the Southwest Regional Administrator, NMFS, to implement measures to carry out management

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recommendations of the IATTC as provided in the Tuna Conventions Act of 1950. Under that rule, among the actions that could be taken were announcing quotas, closure of the U.S. purse seine fishery for yellowfin tuna, closure of the U.S. 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
Final Action	11/00/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 0648-AN73

594. • ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE OPTIMUM YIELD AND HARVEST LIMIT FOR PACIFIC MACKEREL

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1801 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 660

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: NMFS announces the annual harvest guidelines for Pacific mackerel in the exclusive economic zone off the Pacific coast. The coastal pelagic species fishery management plan and its implementing regulations require NMFS to establish annual harvest guidelines for Pacific mackerel based on a formula in the FMP. The intended effect of this action is to establish allowable harvest levels for coastal pelagic species in the Pacific.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	06/00/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 0648-AN74

595. • 2001 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: Final, Statutory, February 28, 2001, Regulations require publication of the harvest guidelines by February 28, 2001.

Abstract: This action announces the 2001 bank-specific 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	02/00/01	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 0648-AN77

596. • ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE OPTIMUM YIELD AND HARVEST LIMIT FOR PACIFIC SARDINE

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1801 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 660

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: NMFS announces the annual harvest guidelines for Pacific sardine in the exclusive economic zone off the Pacific coast. The coastal pelagic species fishery management plan and its implementing regulations require NMFS to establish annual harvest

guidelines for Pacific sardine based on a formula in the FMP. The intended effect of this action is to establish allocate harvest levels for coastal pelagic species in the Pacific.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	12/00/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Small Entities Affected: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 0648-AN78

597. • 2000-2001 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

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 660

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: Annual management measures for the 2000-2001 fishing year, 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	04/00/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Undetermined

Small Entities Affected: Businesses

Government Levels Affected: State, Local, Tribal, Federal

Federalism: Undetermined

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RIN: 0648—AN81

598. • PACIFIC COAST GROUND FISH FISHERY; ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE 2001 GROUND FISH FISHERY SPECIFICATIONS AND MANAGEMENT MEASURES**Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**Legal Authority:** 16 USC 1801 et seq**CFR Citation:** 50 CFR 660**Legal Deadline:** None

Abstract: This action will announce the 2001 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.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	01/00/01	

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

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RIN: 0648—AN82

599. LIMITATION ON SECTION 9 PROTECTIONS APPLICABLE TO SALMON LISTED AS THREATENED UNDER THE ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT, FOR ACTIONS UNDER TRIBAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PLANS (TRIBAL PLANS)**Priority:** Other Significant**Legal Authority:** 16 USC 1531 through 1543 et seq; 31 USC 1361 et seq**CFR Citation:** 50 CFR 223**Legal Deadline:** None

Abstract: NMFS has under consideration a proposal to allow terminal area tribes to directly harvest threatened salmon in the terminal areas in accordance with approved tribal management plans.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	01/03/00	65 FR 108
Final Action	06/00/00	

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

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RIN: 0648—AG15

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

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	
Interim Final Rule	05/00/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis**Required:** No**Government Levels Affected:** None**Agency Contact:** Kenneth R.

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RIN: 0648—AH19

601. 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	07/00/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis**Required:** No**Small Entities Affected:** Businesses**Government Levels Affected:** Federal, Local, Tribal, State

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602. ENDANGERED AND THREATENED SPECIES: PROPOSED RULE GOVERNING TAKE OF WEST COAST STEELHEAD**Priority:** Other Significant**Legal Authority:** 16 USC 1531 et seq; 31 USC 9701 et seq; 16 USC 742a et seq**CFR Citation:** 50 CFR 223**Legal Deadline:** Final, Judicial, June 19, 2000.**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	12/30/99	64 FR 73479
Final Action	06/00/00	

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

Undetermined

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Email: kellie.f.carter@noaa.gov**RIN:** 0648-AK94**603. DETERMINATION OF CRITICAL HABITAT FOR JOHNSON'S SEAGRASS****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant. Major status under 5 USC 801 is undetermined.**Legal Authority:** 16 USC 1533 et seq**CFR Citation:** 50 CFR 223**Legal Deadline:** Final, Statutory, March 31, 2000.**Abstract:** 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	12/02/99	64 FR 67536
Final Action	04/00/00	

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

Undetermined

Additional Information: The Endangered Species Act requires the designation of critical habitat, if any is designated, at the time of final listing, but no later than, within one year of listing a species as threatened or endangered. However, because of a settlement agreement, the due date is March 31, 2000.**Agency Contact:** Marta Nammack, Office of Protected Resources, Department of Commerce, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910
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Email: marta.nammack@noaa.gov**RIN:** 0648-AL82**604. 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 Period End	03/31/99	
NPRM	10/22/99	64 FR 57010
Final Rule	04/00/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis**Required:** No**Government Levels Affected:** None**Agency Contact:** Kenneth R.Hollingshead, Fishery Biologist, Department of Commerce, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Office of Protected Resources, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910-3226
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Email: ken.hollingshead@noaa.gov**RIN:** 0648-AM09**605. REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE TAKING OF MARINE MAMMALS BY ALASKAN NATIVES; MARKING AND REPORTING BELUGA WHALES HARVESTED IN COOK INLET****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**Legal Authority:** 16 USC 1379(i)**CFR Citation:** 50 CFR 216.23**Legal Deadline:** None**Abstract:** This rule amends 50 CFR 216.23 to require the marking and reporting of beluga whales harvested from Cook Inlet, Alaska, by Alaskan natives. The marking and reporting is necessary to provide essential biological data for the management and conservation of the stock. The effect of the information will be to provide a more sound scientific basis for management of the stock.**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
Interim Final Rule	05/24/99	64 FR 27925
Final Action	04/00/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis**Required:** No**Small Entities Affected:** No**Government Levels Affected:** Tribal**Agency Contact:** Brad Smith, Department of Commerce, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, 222 W. 7th Avenue, Box 43, Anchorage, AK 99513
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Email: brad.smith@noaa.gov**RIN:** 0648-AM57**606. RULE GOVERNING THE TAKE OF SEVEN THREATENED EVOLUTIONARILY SIGNIFICANT UNITS (ESUS) OF WEST COAST SALMONIDS****Priority:** Economically Significant**Legal Authority:** 16 USC 1531 et seq; 16 USC 742a et seq; 31 USC 9701 et seq

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CFR Citation: 50 CFR 22**Legal Deadline:** None

Abstract: NMFS is proposing to issue protective regulations for seven Evolutionarily Significant Units (ESUs) of west coast salmon listed as threatened under the Endangered Species Act (ESA). These regulations will apply section 9(a) prohibitions except with respect to certain benign and beneficial actions and specific actions taken consistent with approved conservation and fishery management plans.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	01/03/00	65 FR 170
Final Action	04/00/00	

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

Undetermined

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607. DESIGNATION OF THE COOK INLET, ALASKA, STOCK OF BELUGA WHALES AS DEPLETED UNDER THE MARINE MAMMAL PROTECTION ACT (MMPA) AND RESPONSE TO PETITIONS

Priority: Other Significant**Legal Authority:** 16 USC 1362(3); 16 USC 1371(b); 16 USC 1383 et seq**CFR Citation:** 50 CFR 216.15(g); 50 CFR 216.23(e)**Legal Deadline:** Final, Statutory, October 6, 1999.

Abstract: The best available scientific information indicates that the Cook Inlet stock of beluga whales declined an average of 15 percent annually between 1994 and 1998, dropping from an estimated 653 whales in 1994 to fewer than 347 by 1998. Further, the 1994 estimate is significantly below anecdotal estimates of more than 1000 whales prior to 1980. Because of this decline, NMFS announced on November 19, 1998 that it would conduct a status review to determine

if the Cook Inlet stock of beluga whales should be listed as endangered or threatened under the Endangered Species Act (ESA) or designated as depleted under the Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA). Subsequently, NMFS received petitions to list the stock as endangered under the ESA and/or to designate the stock as depleted under the MMPA.

Based on the status review, NMFS concludes that this stock is below its Optimal Sustainable Population level. Therefore, NMFS proposes to designate the Cook Inlet stock of beluga whales as depleted under the MMPA. NMFS also proposes to regulate the Native harvest of Cook Inlet beluga whales under section 101(b)(3) of the MMPA.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	10/19/99	64 FR 56298
Final Rule	04/00/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis**Required:** No**Small Entities Affected:** No**Government Levels Affected:** Tribal

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RIN: 0648-AM84

608. SEA TURTLE CONSERVATION REGULATIONS; SUMMER FLOUNDER FISHERY

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant. Major status under 5 USC 801 is undetermined.**Legal Authority:** 16 USC 1531 et seq**CFR Citation:** 50 CFR 223; 50 CFR 222**Legal Deadline:** None

Abstract: The National Marine Fisheries Service intends to amend the Turtle Excluder Device (TED) requirements for summer flounder trawlers at 50 CFR 223.206(d)(2)(iii). The rule change would require the use of a TED extension with a hard TED. The extension could not be more than 3.5-inch stretched mesh. The extension could extend not more than 24 inches and not less than 36 inches in front of and behind the TED. New information came to light over the winter and during TED testing in June

1999 that TED installation in larger mesh results in many turtle captures and deaths. The fishery will begin at the beginning of October, and many preventable sea turtle deaths would occur if the rule is not in place prior. Bringing the rule into effect during the course of the fishery would also be disruptive to the fishermen.

The rule is not significant and the cost to the fishermen for compliance will be minimal: \$20 for materials and about 2 hours to reinstall the TED (many fishermen already reinstall their TEDs on an annual basis).

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Interim Final Rule	10/15/99	64 FR 55860
Final Action	04/00/00	

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

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609. ● SEA TURTLE CONSERVATION REGULATIONS; SHRIMP FISHERY

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant**Legal Authority:** 16 USC 1531 et seq; 16 USC 742a et seq; 31 USC 9701**CFR Citation:** 50 CFR 223.206(d)(4)**Legal Deadline:** None

Abstract: NMFS issues this document to require shrimpers, for a 30-day period, to use turtle excluder devices (TEDs) with a modified escape opening while operating in waters out to 10 nm of Florida from the Georgia border south to 28 degrees N. latitude. The action is necessary to protect the leatherback sea turtle which is too large to exit the standard TED opening. Fishermen have previously made this modification after the leatherback closures in South and North Carolina implemented by NMFS this spring. NMFS' gear specialists will provide on-site assistance to the fishermen. NMFS was notified by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission that unusually high numbers of

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endangered leatherback sea turtles have been stranded along northeast Florida beaches in November. From October 28 to November 29, 15 leatherback turtles have washed ashore from Nassau through Brevard Counties in shrimp zones 28, 29 and 30. By comparison, the total annual number of statewide strandings has averaged 23 over the past 10 years, and has averaged only 3 in zones 28-30 in November. Only 45-50 leatherback females nest in Florida each year and given that strandings are a minimum of the actual mortality, these deaths represent a serious impact to the survival and recovery of the local population. Under the provisions of 50 CFR 223.206(d)(4), NMFS may issue determinations that incidental takings during fishing activities are unauthorized and restrict fishing, for 30-day periods, to protect listed species of sea turtles.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	12/13/99	64 FR 69416
Final Action	04/00/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Undetermined**Government Levels Affected:** None

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RIN: 0648-AN45**610. • ENDANGERED AND THREATENED SPECIES: DELISTING AND REDESIGNATION OF CRITICAL HABITAT FOR UMPQUA RIVER CUTTHROAT TROUT****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**Legal Authority:** 16 USC 1531 to 1543 et seq; 16 USC 1361 et seq**CFR Citation:** 50 CFR 224; 50 CFR 226**Legal Deadline:** Final, Statutory, April 5, 2000.

Abstract: NMFS initiated a coastwide status review of cutthroat trout and now believes the Umpqua cutthroat trout belongs to a larger Evolutionarily Significant Unit that does not warrant listing.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	04/00/00	

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

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RIN: 0648-AN90**611. • TAKING OF MARINE MAMMALS INCIDENTAL TO COMMERCIAL FISHING OPERATIONS HARBOR PORPOISE TAKE REDUCTION PLAN REGULATIONS; CHANGE IN EFFECTIVE DATES****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant. Major status under 5 USC 801 is undetermined.**Unfunded Mandates:** Undetermined**Legal Authority:** 16 USC 1361 et seq**CFR Citation:** 50 CFR 229**Legal Deadline:** None

Abstract: On December 2, 1998, NMFS published a final rule (63 FR 66464) implementing the Harbor Porpoise Take Reduction Plan (HPTRP). Among other measures, the final rule required gear tags on all small and large mesh gillnet gear in the Mid-Atlantic by January 1, 2000. The net tag requirement in the HPTRP final rule was changed to one tag per net to be consistent with the net tag requirement in the Monkfish Fishery Management Plan (FMP). To be consistent with the effective date of the net tag requirement in the October 7, 1999, Monkfish FMP final rule (64 FR 54732), NMFS stays the effective date of the gear marking requirement in the HPTRP to May 1, 2000. The HPTRP final rule states that NMFS will give notice to vessel owners and operators with instructions informing them of the costs associated with this tagging requirement and directions for obtaining tags. Presently, NMFS is evaluating an appropriate vendor and will provide Mid-Atlantic vessel owners and operators in the affected fisheries with instructions and directions as indicated in the HPTRP final rule.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	04/00/00	

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

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RIN: 0648-AN93**NATIONAL OCEAN SURVEY/OFFICE OF COASTAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT****612. 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	04/00/00	

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

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613. 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 nearshore areas of the Gulf of the Farallones National Marine Sanctuary.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	04/23/99	64 FR 19945
NPRM Comment Period End	07/21/99	
Final Action	04/00/00	

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

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RIN: 0648-AK01**OFFICE OF THE ADMINISTRATOR****614. 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 proposed 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 facilitate the development of the U.S. commercial remote-sensing industry and thus promote the collection and widespread availability of Earth remote-sensing

data, while preserving essential U.S. national security interests and international obligations. 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
Notice of Inquiry	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
Final Rule	06/00/00	

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

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Long-Term Actions

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)

NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE

615. 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**616. AMENDMENT 3 TO THE FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR THE REEF FISH FISHERY OF PUERTO RICO AND THE U.S. VIRGIN ISLANDS****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**CFR Citation:** 50 CFR 622**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	06/00/01	

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

Undetermined

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RIN: 0648-AG87**617. 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**618. OBSERVER FUNDING POLICY****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**CFR Citation:** 50 CFR 679

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Long-Term Actions

Timetable: Next Action Undetermined

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: Yes

Government Levels Affected: None

Federalism: Undetermined

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RIN: 0648-AL08

619. HALIBUT BYCATCH ACCOUNTING FOR THE YELLOWFIN SOLE

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 679

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	To Be Determined	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected:

Undetermined

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620. SEA TURTLE MONITORING AND CONSERVATION MEASURES FOR NONSHRIMP FISHERIES

Priority: Other Significant

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 224; 50 CFR 222; 50 CFR 223

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
ANPRM	07/10/92	57 FR 30709
ANPRM Comment Period End	08/08/92	
NPRM	10/00/01	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: Yes

Government Levels Affected: None

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621. 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

Action	Date	FR Cite
ANPRM Comment Period End	01/08/92	
Final Action	To Be Determined	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected: Federal

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622. 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

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 216

Timetable:

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

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: Yes

Government Levels Affected: Federal, State, Local

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623. NORTH ATLANTIC RIGHT WHALE PROTECTION; INTERIM FINAL RULE

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 222; 50 CFR 224

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	To Be Determined	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 216

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	To Be Determined	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected:

Undetermined

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625. IMPLEMENTATION OF 1997 MMPA AMENDMENTS AFFECTING YELLOWFIN TUNA PURSE SEINE FISHING IN THE EASTERN TROPICAL PACIFIC

Priority: Economically Significant

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 216.24

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	06/14/99	64 FR 31806
Interim Final Rule	01/03/00	65 FR 30
Final Action	To Be Determined	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 223

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Interim Final Rule	07/18/97	62 FR 38479
Final Action	To Be Determined	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

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Long-Term Actions

Government Levels Affected: Federal**Agency Contact:** Kellie Carter

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**627. SEA TURTLE CONSERVATION;
SHRIMP TRAWLING REQUIREMENTS****Priority:** Other Significant**CFR Citation:** 50 CFR 222; 50 CFR 223**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
Interim Final Rule	04/13/98	63 FR 17948
Extension of Interim Final Rule	10/13/99	64 FR 55434
Final Action	To Be	Determined

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis**Required:** Yes**Government Levels Affected:** Federal**Agency Contact:** Therese Conant

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**628. PACIFIC OFFSHORE CETACEAN
TAKE REDUCTION PLAN****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**CFR Citation:** 50 CFR 229**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
Interim Final Rule	01/22/99	64 FR 3431
Next Action	Undetermined	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis**Required:** No**Government Levels Affected:** None**Agency Contact:** Vicki Cornish

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RIN: 0648-AL70

**629. ● SEA TURTLE CONSERVATION;
SHRIMP FISHERY****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**Legal Authority:** 16 USC 1531 et seq**CFR Citation:** 50 CFR 223**Legal Deadline:** None

Abstract: The sea turtle conservation regulations at 50 CFR 223.206(d)(2) authorize 2-week modifications to turtle excluder devices (TEDs) to protect leatherback turtles and authorize 30-day tow-time alternatives to TED use if environmental conditions render TEDs ineffective at excluding sea

turtles. The sea turtle conservation regulations at 50 CFR 223.206(d)(4) authorize 30-day restrictions on fisheries if the Assistant Administrator determines that the fishery's incidental take of sea turtles may likely jeopardize the continued existence of the listed species. These temporary actions are on a need only basis due to environmental/commercial conditions and are not scheduled.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Temporary Rule	10/25/99	64 FR 57397
Final Action	To Be	Determined

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

Undetermined

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RIN: 0648-AN30

**630. ● DOLPHIN-SAFE TUNA
LABELING; OFFICIAL MARK****Priority:** Economically Significant**Legal Authority:** 16 USC 1361 et seq.**CFR Citation:** 50 CFR 216**Legal Deadline:** None

Abstract: This rule established the official dolphin-safe mark.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	12/22/99	64 FR 71722
Final Action	To Be	Determined

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

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**631. ● TAKING OF MARINE MAMMALS
INCIDENTAL TO COMMERCIAL
FISHING OPERATIONS; ATLANTIC
LARGE WHALE TAKE REDUCTION
PLAN REGULATIONS; CHANGE IN
EFFECTIVE DATES**

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

Unfunded Mandates: Undetermined**Legal Authority:** Not Yet Determined**CFR Citation:** Not Yet Determined**Legal Deadline:** None

Abstract: The current gear marking requirements for northeast U.S. fisheries under a previous rule implementing the Atlantic Large Whale Take Reduction Plan are unlikely to provide useful information. The purpose of this suspension is to spare fishermen from unnecessary expenses while a better gear marking system is devised and implemented.

Timetable: Next Action Undetermined**Regulatory Flexibility Analysis****Required:** No**Government Levels Affected:** State, Federal**Federalism:** Undetermined

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**632. ● DESIGNATE CRITICAL
HABITAT; DESIGNATION OF MARINE
AREAS AS CRITICAL HABITAT FOR
PACIFIC SALMON**

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

Unfunded Mandates: Undetermined**Legal Authority:** 16 USC 1531 et seq.; 16 USC 742a et seq; 31 USC 9701**CFR Citation:** 50 CFR 226**Legal Deadline:** None

Abstract: NMFS is proposing to designate marine areas as critical habitat for Pacific Salmonids.

Timetable: Next Action Undetermined**Regulatory Flexibility Analysis****Required:** Undetermined

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Long-Term Actions

Government Levels Affected:
Undetermined

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Timetable: Next Action Undetermined

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633. REGIONAL MARINE RESEARCH PROGRAM

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant
CFR Citation: Not Yet Determined

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

Federalism: Undetermined

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Completed Actions

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)

634. 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

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 622

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	11/04/99	64 FR 60132
Final Action Effective	12/06/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 0648-AG88

635. 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

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 697

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	12/06/99	64 FR 68228

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 0648-AH41

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

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 660

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Withdrawn	02/15/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes

Government Levels Affected: Federal

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637. IMPLEMENTATION OF A FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR MONKFISH

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 648

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	10/07/99	64 FR 54732
Final Action Effective	11/08/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 0648-AJ44

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

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 679

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	12/27/99	64 FR 72302
NPRM Comment Period End	01/26/00	
Final Action	03/20/00	65 FR 14919

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 0648-AJ52

639. AMENDMENT 16A TO THE FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR THE REEF FISH RESOURCES OF THE GULF OF MEXICO

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 622

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	12/09/99	64 FR 68932

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 0648-AK31

640. ENDANGERED AND THREATENED SPECIES: PROPOSED THREATENED STATUS AND DESIGNATED CRITICAL HABITAT FOR HOOD CANAL SUMMER-RUN CHUM SALMON AND COLUMBIA RIVER CHUM SALMON

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 223; 50 CFR 226

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Completed Actions

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Incorporated Into RIN 0648-AG49	02/16/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 648

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	01/11/00	65 FR 1557
Final Action Effective	02/10/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: Yes

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 0648-AK79

642. AMENDMENT 9 TO THE FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR THE COASTAL MIGRATORY PELAGIC RESOURCES OF THE GULF OF MEXICO AND SOUTH ATLANTIC

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 622

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	11/04/99	64 FR 60151
NPRM Comment Period End	12/20/99	
Final Action	03/28/00	65 FR 16336

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: Yes

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 0648-AK89

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

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 679

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	09/29/99	64 FR 52468
Final Action Effective	10/29/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 0648-AL18

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

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 679

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	11/15/99	64 FR 61964
Final Action Effective	12/15/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 0648-AL23

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

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 648

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	10/15/99	64 FR 55821
Final Action Effective	11/15/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 622

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	11/02/99	64 FR 59126
Final Action Effective	12/02/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: Yes

Government Levels Affected: Federal

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RIN: 0648-AL42

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

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 660

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	12/15/99	64 FR 69888
Final Action Effective	01/14/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: Yes

Government Levels Affected: State, Federal

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RIN: 0648-AL48

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

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 660

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	09/10/99	64 FR 49092
Final Action Effective	10/12/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Government Levels Affected: State, Federal

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RIN: 0648-AL52

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Completed Actions

649. 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

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 648

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Rule	10/26/99	64 FR 57587
Final Rule Effective	11/26/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

Agency Contact: Patricia Kurkul
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RIN: 0648-AL56

650. AMENDMENT 16B TO THE FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR THE REEF FISH RESOURCES OF THE GULF OF MEXICO

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 622

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	10/25/99	64 FR 57403

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

Agency Contact: William T. Hogarth
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RIN: 0648-AL57

651. RECREATIONAL MEASURES FOR 1999 SUMMER FLOUNDER, SCUP, AND BLACK SEA BASS FISHERIES

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 648

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Rule	09/09/99	64 FR 48965
Final Rule Effective	09/09/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 0648-AL75

652. AMENDMENTS TO ALASKA GROUND FISH, CRAB, AND SCALLOP FMPS TO IMPLEMENT THE AMERICAN FISHERIES ACT

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 679

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Withdrawn	02/10/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

Agency Contact: Steven Pennoyer
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RIN: 0648-AL99

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

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 622

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Notice of Agency Decision	12/15/99	64 FR 69989

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes

Government Levels Affected: Federal

Agency Contact: William T. Hogarth
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RIN: 0648-AM15

654. FISHING PARTICIPATION IN 1999 IN NON-SALMON FISHERY

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 679

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Withdrawn	02/22/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

Agency Contact: Steven Pennoyer
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RIN: 0648-AM18

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

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 660

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Action Effective	01/01/00	
Final Action	01/04/00	65 FR 221

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes

Government Levels Affected: State, Federal, Tribal

Agency Contact: William Stelle
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RIN: 0648-AM21

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

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Duplicate of RIN 0648-AL95	02/10/00	

RIN: 0648-AM31

657. GULF OF ALASKA GROUND FISH REGULATORY AMENDMENT TO REDUCE MAXIMUM RETAINABLE BYCATCH PERCENTAGES OF SHORTRAKE/ROUGHEYE ROCKFISH WHEN FISHERY IS CLOSED

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 679

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	12/06/99	64 FR 68054
Final Action Effective	01/05/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

Agency Contact: Steven Pennoyer
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RIN: 0648-AM36

658. INTERIM FINAL RULE TO REVISE THE LIST OF GEAR AND FISHERIES UNDER JURISDICTION OF EACH FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL OR THE SECRETARY OF COMMERCE FOR HIGHLY MIGRATORY SPECIES

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

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

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Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	12/02/99	64 FR 67511

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No**Government Levels Affected:** None**Agency Contact:** Gary C. Matlock
Phone: 301 713-2334**RIN:** 0648-AM56**659. ESTABLISHED CONTROL DATE FOR THE COMMERCIAL GILLNET FISHERY FOR ATLANTIC GROUP KING MACKEREL NORTH OF CAPE LOOKOUT, NC****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**CFR Citation:** 50 CFR 622**Completed:**

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Withdrawn	05/24/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No**Government Levels Affected:** None**Agency Contact:** William T. Hogarth
Phone: 727 570-5301**RIN:** 0648-AM60**660. REGULATORY AMENDMENT TO ADJUST HALIBUT BYCATCH ACCOUNTING FOR YELLOWFIN SOLE FISHERY****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**CFR Citation:** 50 CFR 679**Completed:**

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Withdrawn	02/15/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No**Government Levels Affected:** None**Agency Contact:** Steven Pennoyer
Phone: 907 586-7228**RIN:** 0648-AM64**661. DISASTER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR THE NORTHEAST MULTISPECIES FISHERY****Priority:** Other Significant**CFR Citation:** Not Yet Determined**Completed:**

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	09/07/99	64 FR 48594

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No**Government Levels Affected:** None**Agency Contact:** Kevin Chu
Phone: 508 495-2367**RIN:** 0648-AM68**662. ATLANTIC BLUEFIN TUNA FISHERY REGULATORY ADJUSTMENT PURSE SEINE CATEGORY ALLOCATION LIMIT****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**CFR Citation:** 50 CFR 635**Completed:**

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	11/01/99	64 FR 58793

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No**Government Levels Affected:** None**Agency Contact:** Gary C. Matlock
Phone: 301 713-2334**RIN:** 0648-AM82**663. EMERGENCY INTERIM RULE TO IMPLEMENT MAJOR PROVISIONS OF THE AMERICAN FISHERIES ACT****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**CFR Citation:** 50 CFR 679**Completed:**

Reason	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	01/28/00	65 FR 4520
NPRM Comment Period End	02/28/00	
Withdrawn	02/29/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No**Government Levels Affected:** None**Agency Contact:** Steven Pennoyer
Phone: 907 586-7228**RIN:** 0648-AM83**664. NOTICE OF CONTROL DATE FOR THE ATLANTIC HERRING FISHERY****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**CFR Citation:** 50 CFR 648**Completed:**

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Withdrawn	02/16/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No**Government Levels Affected:** None**Agency Contact:** Patricia Kurkul

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RIN: 0648-AM86**665. INTERIM FINAL RULE TO IMPLEMENT INTERIM MEASURES TO ADJUST THE GULF OF MAINE COD LANDING LIMIT FOR THE NORTHEAST MULTISPECIES FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLAN (FMP)****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**CFR Citation:** 50 CFR 648**Completed:**

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Interim Final Rule	08/03/99	64 FR 42042
Interim Final Rule Effective	08/03/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No**Government Levels Affected:** None**Agency Contact:** Patricia Kurkul
Phone: 978 281-9200**RIN:** 0648-AM87**666. EMERGENCY INTERIM RULE FOR RESTRICTED REOPENING OF LIMITED ACCESS PERMIT APPLICATION PROCESS FOR SNAPPER-GROUPER PERMITS IN THE SOUTH ATLANTIC REGION****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**CFR Citation:** 50 CFR 622**Completed:**

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	09/03/99	64 FR 48326

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No**Government Levels Affected:** None**Agency Contact:** William T. Hogarth
Phone: 727 570-5301**RIN:** 0648-AM92**667. FISHERIES OF THE NORTHEASTERN UNITED STATES; NORTHEAST MULTISPECIES AND ATLANTIC SEA SCALLOP FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLANS; CONTROL DATE FOR CAPACITY AND LATENT EFFORT****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**CFR Citation:** 50 CFR 648

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Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Withdrawn	02/16/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No**Government Levels Affected:** None**Agency Contact:** Patricia Kurkul
Phone: 978 281-9200**RIN:** 0648-AM99**668. 1999 QUOTAS FOR THE PURSE SEINE FISHERIES IN THE EASTERN PACIFIC OCEAN****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**CFR Citation:** 50 CFR 300**Completed:**

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Rule	12/14/99	64 FR 67672
Final Rule Effective	12/14/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No**Government Levels Affected:** None**Agency Contact:** Rodney R. McInnis
Phone: 562 980-4001**RIN:** 0648-AN04**669. ATLANTIC HIGHLY MIGRATORY SPECIES FISHERIES; LIMITED ACCESS PERMITS****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**CFR Citation:** 50 CFR 635**Completed:**

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Withdrawn	02/16/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No**Government Levels Affected:** None**Agency Contact:** Gary C. Matlock
Phone: 301 713-2334**RIN:** 0648-AN05**670. ANNUAL FRAMEWORK ADJUSTMENT TO THE NORTHEAST MULTISPECIES FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLAN****Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
Duplicate of RIN 0648-AN51	02/14/00	

RIN: 0648-AN13**671. FRAMEWORK ADJUSTMENT 32 TO THE NORTHEAST MULTISPECIES FISHERIES MANAGEMENT PLAN****Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
Duplicate of RIN 0648-AN14	02/14/00	

RIN: 0648-AN14**672. FRAMEWORK ADJUSTMENT 31 TO THE NORTHEAST MULTISPECIES FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLAN****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**CFR Citation:** 50 CFR 648**Completed:**

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	01/05/00	65 FR 377
Final Action Effective	01/05/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No**Government Levels Affected:** None**Agency Contact:** Patricia Kurkul
Phone: 978 281-9200**RIN:** 0648-AN15**673. ● AFA-QUALIFIED VESSELS IN THE PACIFIC COAST GROUND FISH FISHERIES****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**Legal Authority:** 16 USC 1801 et seq.**CFR Citation:** 50 CFR 660**Legal Deadline:** None

Abstract: This document announces a control date of September 16, 1999, after which vessels eligible for benefits under the American Fisheries Act (AFA) may be subject to restrictions on participation in the Pacific Coast groundfish fisheries. The intended effect of announcing this control date is to discourage speculative entry into the Pacific coast groundfish fisheries by AFA-qualified vessels while the Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) develops recommendations to protect the Pacific Coast groundfish fisheries from adverse impacts caused by the AFA.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	11/24/99	64 FR 66158
Final Action Effective	12/27/99	

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

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RIN: 0648-AN33**674. ● POST BUYBACK FEE PAYOUT FOR BERING SEA POLLOCK FISHERIES****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: To implement an inshore fee system for the Bering Sea pollock fisheries to pay back the buyback loan which partly paid the cost of removing 9 offshore catcher processors.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Final Rule	02/03/00	65 FR 5278

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes**Small Entities Affected:** Businesses**Government Levels Affected:** None

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RIN: 0648-AN34**675. ● ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE OPTIMUM YIELD AND HARVEST LIMIT FOR SARDINE AND PACIFIC MACKEREL****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**Legal Authority:** 16 USC 1801 et seq**CFR Citation:** 50 CFR 660**Legal Deadline:** None

Abstract: NMFS announces the annual harvest guidelines for Pacific sardine and Pacific mackerel in the exclusive economic zone (EEZ) off the Pacific coast. The Coastal Pelagic Species Fishery Management Plan (FMP) and its implementing regulations require

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NMFS to establish annual harvest guidelines for Pacific sardine and Pacific mackerel based on a formulas appearing in the FMP. The intended effect of this action is to establish allowable harvest levels for coastal pelagic species off the Pacific coast.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	01/25/00	65 FR 3890
Final Action Effective	02/01/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Small Entities Affected: Businesses

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 0648-AN36

676. ● PACIFIC COAST GROUND FISH FISHERY; ADVANCE NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING; ANNOUNCEMENT OF A CONTROL DATE

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1801 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 660

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) is considering management measures to reduce harvest capacity in the open access portion of the Pacific Coast groundfish fishery in Federal waters off Washington, Oregon, and California. NMFS has previously made a similar announcement relating to the limited entry and recreational portions of the fishery. This document announces a control date for the open access portion of November 5, 1999, and is intended to promote awareness of potential eligibility criteria for future access to the open access portion of the Pacific Coast groundfish fishery. The announcement is intended to discourage new entries into this fishery and increased fishing effort based on economic speculation while the Council contemplates whether and how access should be controlled. Vessels entering the fisheries after November 5, 1999, may be subject to restrictions

different from those that apply to vessels in the fishery prior to November 5, 1999. If catch history is used as a basis for future participation in the fishery after November 5, 1999, would not count toward future allocations or participation in a limited access scheme. Because potential eligibility criteria for future management measures may be based on historical participation, fishery participants may need to preserve records that substantiate and verify their participation in the groundfish fishery in Federal waters.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	02/10/00	65 FR 6577
Final Action Effective	03/13/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 0648-AN38

677. ● RULE TO IMPLEMENT CHANGES TO THE 2000 MANAGEMENT MEASURES FOR THE RED SNAPPER FISHERY IN THE EEZ OF THE GULF OF MEXICO

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1801 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 622

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This interim rule implements changes to the management measures for the red snapper fishery in the exclusive economic zone (EEZ) of the Gulf of Mexico as requested by the Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council (Council) to reduce overfishing. This rule modifies the recreational and commercial fishing season periods, increases the recreational minimum size limit, and reinstates a 4-fish bag limit for the captain and crew of for-hire vessels (i.e., charter vessels and headboats).

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	12/20/99	64 FR 71056
Final Action Effective	01/19/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Small Entities Affected: Businesses

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 0648-AN41

678. ● WESTERN PACIFIC PELAGIC FISHERIES; HAWAIIAN BASED PELAGIC LONGLINE AREA CLOSURE

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1801 et seq.

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 660

Legal Deadline: Other, Judicial, December 26, 1999, Emergency Rule.

Abstract: NMFS issued an emergency rule to prohibit vessels registered for use under a Hawaii longline limited access permit from fishing with longline gear within the area north of 28 degrees N. lat. and between 168 degrees W. long. and 150 degrees W. long. NMFS is also prohibiting vessels registered for use with receiving vessel permits from receiving Pacific pelagic management unit species harvested with longline gear while those receiving vessels are in the closed area. No vessel may land or transship, shoreward of the outer boundary of the EEZ, pelagic fish harvested by longline gear in the closed area. The closure is an interim measure in response to the Order Setting Terms of Injunction issued by the U.S. District Court, District of Hawaii, dated November 23, 1999. The intended effect is to implement the court-ordered closure and reduce adverse impacts to sea turtles by curtailing activities of the Hawaiian longline fishery while an environmental impact statement (EIS) is being prepared.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Final Action Effective	12/23/99	
Final Action	12/27/99	64 FR 72290

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Small Entities Affected: Businesses

Government Levels Affected: Federal

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RIN: 0648-AN44

679. • RULE TO REQUIRE HAWAII-BASED PELAGIC LONGLINE VESSELS TO USE LINE CLIPPERS AND DIPNETS TO CONSERVE INCIDENTALLY HOOKED SEA TURTLES, AND TO COMPLY WITH GUIDELINES FOR HANDLING SEA TURTLES

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1801 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 660

Legal Deadline: NPRM, Judicial, March 26, 2000.

Abstract: NMFS issues a proposed rule which would require the possession and use of line clippers and dip nets aboard vessels registered for use under a Hawaii longline limited access permit to disengage sea turtles hooked or entangled by longline fishing gear. The proposed rule would require the use of specific methods for the handling, resuscitating, and releasing of sea turtles. The intended effect of the proposed measures is to minimize the mortality of, or injury to, sea turtles hooked or entangled by longline fishing gear.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	02/17/00	65 FR 8107
Final Action	03/25/00	65 FR 16346
Final Action Effective	04/27/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes

Small Entities Affected: Businesses

Government Levels Affected: Federal

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RIN: 0648-AN50

680. 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 224

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Withdrawn	02/16/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes

Government Levels Affected: None

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681. DESIGNATED CRITICAL HABITAT; CRITICAL HABITAT FOR 19 EVOLUTIONARILY SIGNIFICANT UNITS OF SALMON AND STEELHEAD IN WASHINGTON, OREGON, IDAHO, AND CALIFORNIA

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 226

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	02/16/00	65 FR 7764
Final Action Effective	03/17/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Government Levels Affected: Federal

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RIN: 0648-AG49

682. PROPOSED RULE TO AUTHORIZE LETHAL TAKINGS OF MARINE MAMMALS BY STATE AUTHORITIES

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 216

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Withdrawn	02/16/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Government Levels Affected: State

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683. ENDANGERED AND THREATENED SPECIES: PROPOSED THREATENED STATUS AND DESIGNATED CRITICAL HABITAT FOR OZETTE LAKE, WASHINGTON SOCKEYE SALMON

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 226; 50 CFR 223

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Incorporated Into RIN	02/16/00	0648-AG49

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Government Levels Affected: Federal

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RIN: 0648-AK52

684. DEFINITION OF HARM UNDER THE ESA

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 222

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	11/08/99	64 FR 60727

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 0648-AK55

685. REVISION OF CRITICAL HABITAT FOR SNAKE RIVER SPRING/SUMMER CHINOOK SALMON

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 226

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	10/25/99	64 FR 57399
Final Action Effective	11/24/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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686. ENDANGERED AND THREATENED SPECIES; STATUS OF CHINOOK SALMON IN WASHINGTON, IDAHO, OREGON AND CALIFORNIA AND DESIGNATION OF CRITICAL HABITAT

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant
CFR Citation: 50 CFR 223; 50 CFR 224; 50 CFR 226

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Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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687. DESIGNATE CRITICAL HABITAT: CRITICAL HABITAT FOR THE OREGON COAST COHO SALMON EVOLUTIONARILY SIGNIFICANT UNIT

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant
CFR Citation: 50 CFR 226

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Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Government Levels Affected: Federal

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688. MONTEREY BAY NATIONAL MARINE SANCTUARY—MINOR BOUNDARY REVISION

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant
CFR Citation: 15 CFR 922

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
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Withdrawn	02/22/00	
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Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 0648—AL07

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

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant
CFR Citation: 15 CFR 922

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Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 0648—AL09

690. • HAWAIIAN ISLANDS HUMPBACK WHALE NATIONAL MARINE SANCTUARY

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1431 et seq., subtitle C, title II, P.L. 102-587

CFR Citation: 15 CFR 922

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: Final regulation to implement Sanctuary's designation, incorporating items raised in the Governor of Hawaii's certification letter to the Secretary of Commerce. The rule makes minor modifications to the final regulation for the Hawaiian Islands Humpback Whale National Marine Sanctuary published on March 28, 1997 (62 FR 14799). Modifications were required by the Governor of Hawaii.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
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Final Rule	03/28/97	62 FR 14799
Final Rule	11/29/99	64 FR 66566

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Small Entities Affected: No

Government Levels Affected: Federal, State

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691. NATIONAL UNDERSEA RESEARCH PROGRAM FUNDING REGULATIONS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant
CFR Citation: Not Yet Determined

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
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Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 0648—AH90

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

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant
CFR Citation: 15 CFR 919 (New)

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
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Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Government Levels Affected: Federal, State

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693. NOAA PROCEDURES FOR IMPLEMENTING THE NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ACT

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant
CFR Citation: None

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
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Final Action	08/04/99	64 FR 42340
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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)

694. 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:** Not Yet Determined**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 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
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
Notice: Extension of Comment Period to 10/05/98	08/27/98	63 FR 45800
Notice: Public Meeting Final Action	02/10/99 04/00/00	64 FR 6633

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Undetermined**Government Levels Affected:** None

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE (DOC)

Proposed Rule Stage

Patent and Trademark Office (PTO)

695. REQUIREMENTS FOR REGISTRATION TO PRACTICE BEFORE THE PTO IN PATENT CASES**Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**Legal Authority:** 35 USC 31; 35 USC 32**CFR Citation:** 37 CFR 1.21; 37 CFR 10.7; 37 CFR 10.11**Legal Deadline:** None

Abstract: This rulemaking involves the restructuring of the administration and format of the Registration Examination for Patent Practitioners and the establishment of a continuing education requirement and annual fee for registered practitioners.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
ANPRM	09/30/96	61 FR 51072
ANPRM Comment Period End	12/06/96	
NPRM	04/00/00	

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

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RIN: 0651-AA93**696. CHANGES TO IMPLEMENT OPTIONAL INTER PARTES REEXAMINATION PROCEEDINGS****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**Legal Authority:** 35 USC 2(b)(2); PL 106-113**CFR Citation:** 37 CFR 1**Legal Deadline:** None

Abstract: Legislation has been enacted that allows a third party requesting reexamination either to use the current ex parte reexamination with no participation rights during the examination, or to have the option of using the new inter partes reexamination with the right to comment on each PTO action and

patent owner response. Election of inter partes reexamination, however, comes at the expense of being estopped from challenging at a later time, in any civil action, any fact determined in the inter partes reexamination. This rulemaking implements that legislation.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	04/00/00	
NPRM Comment Period End	06/00/00	

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

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RIN: 0651-AB04

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Proposed Rule Stage

697. CHANGES TO IMPLEMENT EIGHTEEN-MONTH PUBLICATION OF PATENT APPLICATION**Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**Legal Authority:** 35 USC 2(b)(2); PL 106-113**CFR Citation:** 37 CFR 1; 37 CFR 3; 37 CFR 5**Legal Deadline:** NPRM, Statutory, November 2000.

Abstract: Legislation has been enacted that mandates publication of pending patent applications at eighteen months from the earliest effective filing date, except those under a secrecy order. In addition, an applicant may request on filing that an application not be published, unless the subject matter of the application is the subject of an application filed outside the United States where it will be published at eighteen months from its earliest effective filing date. This rulemaking implements that legislation.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	04/00/00	
NPRM Comment Period End	06/00/00	

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

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RIN: 0651-AB05**698. CHANGES TO IMPLEMENT PATENT TERM ADJUSTMENT UNDER TWENTY-YEAR PATENT TERM****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**Legal Authority:** 35 USC 2(b)(2); PL 106-113**CFR Citation:** 37 CFR 1**Legal Deadline:** None

Abstract: Legislation has been enacted that provides patent term adjustment such that the term of a patent may extend beyond twenty years from its filing date, or its effective filing date under 35 USC 120, 121, or 365(c), if the issuance of the patent was subject to certain delays.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	04/00/00	
NPRM Comment Period End	06/00/00	

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

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RIN: 0651-AB06**699. • PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE ACQUISITION REGULATIONS****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**Legal Authority:** PL 106-113**CFR Citation:** Not Yet Determined**Legal Deadline:** None

Abstract: The Patent and Trademark Office is developing a new procurement process consistent with authority conveyed in the Performance Based Organization Legislation, PL 106-113. The Patent and Trademark Office will publish a notice to inform industry and businesses of the availability of new acquisition regulations.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	07/00/00	
Final Rule	09/00/00	
Final Action Effective	10/00/00	

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

Procurement: This is a procurement-related action for which there is no statutory requirement. There is no paperwork burden associated with this action.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE (DOC)

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Patent and Trademark Office (PTO)

700. CHANGES TO IMPLEMENT THE PATENT BUSINESS GOALS**Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant

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

Legal Authority: 35 USC 2(b)(2)**CFR Citation:** 37 CFR 1; 37 CFR 10; 37 CFR 3; 37 CFR 5**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 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 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	10/04/99	64 FR 53772
NPRM Comment Period End	11/04/99	
Final Rule	05/00/00	
Final Rule Effective	06/00/00	

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

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RIN: 0651-AA98

701. REVISION OF PATENT AND TRADEMARK FEES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2001**Priority:** Routine and Frequent

Legal Authority: 35 USC 41; 15 USC 1115; 35 USC 376; 15 USC 1051; 15 USC 1113; 15 USC 1123; PL 105-358; PL 106-113; 35 USC 2(b)(2)

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, 2000, Rules implement statutory changes that become effective October 30, 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 Office Reauthorization Act, Fiscal Year 1999 (PL 105-358).

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	08/00/00	
Final Action Effective	10/00/00	

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

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RIN: 0651-AB01

702. • CHANGES TO PERMIT PAYMENT OF PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE FEES BY CREDIT CARD**Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 35 USC 6; 35 USC 2(b)(2)

CFR Citation: 37 CFR 1**Legal Deadline:** None

Abstract: The Patent and Trademark Office is revising the rules of practice to provide for the payment of any patent or trademark fee by credit card.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	11/03/99	64 FR 59701
NPRM Comment Period End	12/03/99	
Final Rule	04/00/00	
Final Rule Effective	05/00/00	

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

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RIN: 0651-AB07

703. • REVISED INTERIM UTILITY EXAMINATION GUIDELINES**Priority:** Economically Significant

Legal Authority: 35 USC 2(b)(2); 35 USC 101; 35 USC 131 to 132

CFR Citation: 37 CFR 1, 71, 75, 104; 37 CFR 1, 111 to 113

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The Patent Office is publishing for public comment a revised version of guidelines used by office personnel in their review of patent applications for compliance with the statutorily mandated utility requirement.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Proposed Guidelines	12/21/99	64 FR 71440
Final Guidelines	05/00/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis**Required:** No**Small Entities Affected:** No**Government Levels Affected:** Federal

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704. • REVISED INTERIM GUIDELINES FOR EXAMINATION OF PATENT APPLICATIONS UNDER THE 35 USC SECTION 112, PARAGRAPH 1 "WRITTEN DESCRIPTION" REQUIREMENT**Priority:** Economically Significant

Legal Authority: 35 USC 2(b)(2); 35 USC 112; 35 USC 131 to 132

CFR Citation: 37 CFR 1, 75; 37 CFR 1, 75; 37 CFR 1, 104; 37 CFR 1, 111 to 113

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The Patent Office is publishing for public comment a revised version of guidelines used by office personnel in their review of patent applications for compliance with the "written description" requirement of 35 USC Section 112.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Notice of Interim Guidelines	06/15/98	63 FR 32639
Public Hearing	11/04/98	
Comment Period End	11/12/98	
Notice of Revised Interim Guidelines	12/21/99	64 FR 71427
Final Guidelines	05/00/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis**Required:** No**Small Entities Affected:** No**Government Levels Affected:** Federal

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705. • COMPLAINTS REGARDING INVENTION PROMOTERS**Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**Legal Authority:** 35 USC 2(b)(2); 35 USC 297; PL 106-113, sec 4001**CFR Citation:** 37 CFR Part 4**Legal Deadline:** None

Abstract: The Patent and Trademark Office (Office) has added rules of practice to implement the Office's procedures for accepting complaints under the Inventor's Rights Act of 1999. The Act requires the Office to provide a forum for publishing complaints concerning invention promoters.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Interim Final Rule	01/20/00	65 FR 3127
Interim Final Rule Effective	01/28/00	
Final Action	04/00/00	
Final Action Effective	04/00/00	

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

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RIN: 0651-AB12**706. • CHANGES TO APPLICATION EXAMINATION AND PROVISIONAL APPLICATION PRACTICE****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**Legal Authority:** 35 USC 2(b)(2); PL 106-113**CFR Citation:** 37 CFR 1**Legal Deadline:** Final, Statutory, May 5, 2000.

Abstract: Legislation was enacted that: (1) provides for continued examination of an application for a fee; (2) extends the pendency of a provisional application if the date that is twelve months after the filing date of the provisional application falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday; (3) eliminates the copendency requirement for a nonprovisional application under 35 USC 111(a) or 363 to claim the benefit under 35 USC 119(e) of a provisional application under 35 USC

111(b); and (4) provides for the conversion of a provisional application under 35 USC 111(b) to a nonprovisional application under 35 USC 111(a). This rulemaking implements that legislation.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Interim Final Rule	04/00/00	
Interim Final Rule Effective	05/00/00	
Interim Final Rule Comment Period End	06/00/00	

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

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RIN: 0651-AB13**707. • DESIGN PATENT CLAIM LANGUAGE****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**Legal Authority:** 35 USC 3(b)(2); 35 USC 171; 35 USC 259**CFR Citation:** 37 CFR 1.151 to 154**Legal Deadline:** None

Abstract: The PTO proposes to amend 37 CFR 1.153. This rule states the formalities required in a design patent claim. The proposed rule change will clarify that the term "substantially" may be used in a design patent claim.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Interim Final Rule Effective	06/00/00	
Interim Final Rule Comment Period End	09/00/00	

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

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RIN: 0651-AB14**708. • RULES OF PRACTICE IN PATENT INTERFERENCES****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**Legal Authority:** 35 USC 2(b)(2); 35 USC 135(a)**CFR Citation:** 37 CFR Part 42**Legal Deadline:** None

Abstract: The Patent and Trademark Office is amending its rules of practice in patent interferences to improve the speed, cost-effectiveness, and fairness of patent interference proceedings. Fifteen years of experience with the current set of rules shows that the current rules often fall short of their stated goal of making interferences faster, less expensive, and fairer. The rules have become inefficient and difficult to administer. The amendments would significantly increase the flexibility in the rules in order to improve the process.

Timetable:

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

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

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RIN: 0651-AB15**709. • CORRESPONDENCE FILED IN THE PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE****Priority:** Info./Admin./Other**Legal Authority:** 35 USC 2(b)(2); PL 106-113, sec 4701 et seq**CFR Citation:** 37 CFR 1.1

Legal Deadline: Final, Statutory, March 29, 2000, Effective date of change to officials' titles.

Abstract: The Patent and Trademark Office is revising the rules of practice

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to change its correspondence addresses to reflect the changes in the titles to various officials provided in the "American Inventors Protection Act of 1999."

Timetable:

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

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Small Entities Affected: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE (DOC)

Long-Term Actions

Patent and Trademark Office (PTO)

710. 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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711. CONSIDERATION OF INTERLOCUTORY RULINGS AT FINAL HEARING IN INTERFERENCE PROCESSINGS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

CFR Citation: 37 CFR 1.655(a)

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Interim Final Rule	03/16/99	64 FR 12900
Next Action	Undetermined	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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712. • MADRID PROTOCOL IMPLEMENTATION ACT RULES CHANGE

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 15 USC 1123; 37 USC 2

CFR Citation: Not Yet Determined

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The purpose of the rules change is to amend 37 CFR Par 2 to add new rule and change existing rules to implement the Madrid Protocol Implementation Act, which would amend the Trademark Act of 1946, 15 USC 1051 et seq., to provide for the registration and protection of

trademarks used in commerce, in order to carry out provisions of certain international conventions, and for other purposes. The Madrid Protocol Implementation Act (H.R. 769 and S. 671) is now pending in both the House and Senate. Because the legislation has not yet passed either the House or Senate, and is subject to amendment, we have not yet determined the specific rules that will be amended.

Timetable: Next Action Undetermined

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Small Entities Affected: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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Patent and Trademark Office (PTO)

713. PATENT APPLICATION ELECTRONIC SUBMISSION RULES

Priority: Other Significant

CFR Citation: 37 CFR 1

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Withdrawn	02/16/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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714. OFFICIAL INSIGNIA OF NATIVE AMERICAN TRIBES: STATUTORILY REQUIRED STUDY

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

CFR Citation: None

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Action (Report Delivered to Congress)	11/30/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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715. CLARIFICATION OF PATENT AND TRADEMARK COPY FEES**Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**CFR Citation:** 37 CFR 1.19(a)(1) and 2.6(b)(1)**Completed:**

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	12/02/99	64 FR 67486
Final Action Effective	12/02/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No**Government Levels Affected:** None**Agency Contact:** Wesley H. Gewehr
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE (DOC)

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Technology Administration (TA)

716. PROMOTION OF PRIVATE SECTOR INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGY PARTNERSHIPS**Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**Legal Authority:** 15 USC 1512; 15 USC 3710; 15 USC 205a**CFR Citation:** 15 CFR 1160 subpart A**Legal Deadline:** None**Abstract:** 15 CFR part 1160 subpart A will be reviewed to determine if it is consistent with existing technology policies relating to industry roadmaps.**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
ANPRM	10/00/00	

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

Undetermined

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Phone: 202 482-1984**RIN:** 0692-AA13**717. • AMENDMENT TO RIGHTS TO INVENTIONS MADE BY NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS AND SMALL BUSINESS FIRMS UNDER GOVERNMENT GRANTS, CONTRACTS, AND COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS****Priority:** Routine and Frequent**Unfunded Mandates:** This action may affect the private sector under PL 104-4.**Legal Authority:** 35 USC 206**CFR Citation:** 37 CFR 401**Legal Deadline:** NPRM, Statutory, June 30, 2000, To provide for an exception for support contractors.**Abstract:** This would require certain contractors to assign their rights if they make an invention under a Cooperative Research and Development Agreement.**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
ANPRM	06/00/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis**Required:** Undetermined**Small Entities Affected:** Businesses**Government Levels Affected:** Federal**Procurement:** This is a procurement-related action for which there is no statutory requirement. There is no paperwork burden associated with this action.**Agency Contact:** John H. Raubitschek, Patent Counsel, Department of Commerce, Technology Administration, RH4613, Washington, DC 20230
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE (DOC)

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Technology Administration (TA)

718. RIGHTS TO INVENTIONS MADE BY NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS AND SMALL BUSINESS FIRMS UNDER GOVERNMENT GRANTS, CONTRACTS, AND COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS**Priority:** Other Significant**Legal Authority:** 35 USC 206**CFR Citation:** 37 CFR 401**Legal Deadline:** None**Abstract:** We are evaluating the comments and will be making minor changes to the regulation which permitted electronic reporting of inventions.**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
Interim Final Rule	08/14/95	60 FR 41811
Comment Period End	09/13/95	
Final Action	06/00/00	
Final Action Effective	06/00/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis**Required:** Undetermined**Small Entities Affected:** No**Government Levels Affected:** Federal**Agency Contact:** Jon Paugh, Director, Technology Competitiveness, Department of Commerce, Technology Administration, 14th & Pennsylvania Ave., N.W., Washington, DC 20230
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RIN: 0692-AA14**719. ACQUISITION AND PROTECTION OF FOREIGN RIGHTS IN INVENTIONS****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**Legal Authority:** EO 10096; 15 USC 3710d**CFR Citation:** 37 CFR 101; 37 CFR 501**Legal Deadline:** None**Abstract:** On August 7, 1996, 37 CFR part 101 was abolished and 37 CFR part 501 expanded to cover foreign rights of inventions made by Federal employees.

We are evaluating the comments received on the interim final rule and

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will be making minor changes to the regulation.

Timetable:

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

Action	Date	FR Cite
Interim Final Rule Effective	08/07/96	
Final Action	01/00/01	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Government Levels Affected: Federal
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE (DOC)
Technology Administration (TA)

Long-Term Actions

720. LICENSING OF GOVERNMENT-OWNED INVENTIONS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

CFR Citation: 37 CFR 404

Timetable: Next Action Undetermined

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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