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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 April 2000 agenda. The purpose of the agenda is to provide information to the public on regulations currently under review, being proposed, or issued by the Department. The agenda is intended to facilitate comments and views by interested members of the public.

The Department's October 2000 regulatory agenda includes regulatory activities that are expected to be conducted during the period October 1, 2000, through September 30, 2001.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Specific: For additional information about specific regulatory actions listed in the agenda, contact the individual identified as the contact person.

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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 June 29, 2000, the Office of Management and Budget issued guidelines and procedures for the preparation and publication of the October 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.

Department of Commerce's Regulatory Plan

For this edition of the Department of Commerce's agenda, the most significant regulatory action is included in **The Regulatory Plan**, which appears in part II of this issue of the **Federal Register**. **The Regulatory Plan** entry is denoted by a bracketed bold reference, which directs the reader to the appropriate sequence number in part II.

Explanation of Information Contained in the Agenda

Within the Department, the Office of the Secretary and various operating units may issue regulations. Operating units, such as the 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 October 2000 regulatory agenda follows.

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505	Change in Reporting Requirements for BE-82, Annual Survey of Financial Services Transactions Between U.S. Financial Services Providers and Unaffiliated Foreign Persons	0691-AA38
506	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
507	Change in Reporting Requirements for BE-11, Annual Survey of U.S. Direct Investment Abroad	0691-AA40
508	Benchmark Survey of Selected Services Transactions With Unaffiliated Foreign Persons—2001 (Rulemaking Resulting From a Section 610 Review)	0691-AA41

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512	Furnishing Personal Census Data From Census of Population Schedules; General Requirements	0607-AA26
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536	License Exception CTP and PRC End-User Certificates	0694-AC12
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550	Libya: Expansion of Foreign Policy Controls	0694-AB28
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569	Revisions and Clarifications to the Commerce Control List; Chemical and Biological Weapons Controls; Australia Group	0694-AC13
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588	Amendment to Portions of Individual Fishing Quota Program Regulations	0648-AK50
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590	Adjustment of Management Program: Bottomfish Fisheries in the Hawaiian Islands	0648-AK82
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598	Regulatory Amendment To Allocate Lingcod and Bocaccio Rockfish Between Commercial and Recreational Groundfish Fisheries	0648-AL69
599	Regulatory Amendment To Establish Program for Collection and Use of Fees in Community Development Quota Program	0648-AL71
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610	Alaska Groundfish Fishery Management Plan Amendment To Revise Improved Retention/Improved Utilization Program	0648-AM39
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716	Regulatory Amendment to Modify the Management Program for the Western Pacific Pelagic Fisheries to Mitigate the Take of Seabirds	0648-AO35
717	2001 Quotas for Purse Seine Fisheries in the Eastern Pacific	0648-AO48
718	Modify the Scup Northern Gear Restricted Area in the Summer Flounder, Scup and Black Sea Bass Fishery Management Plan (FMP)	0648-AO56
719	Fisheries Off West Coast States and in the Western Pacific; Western Pacific Pelagic Fisheries; Hawaii-Based Pelagic Longline Area Closure; Emergency Interim Rule	0648-AO66
720	Establish Guidelines for Nonlethally Deterring Marine Mammals From Endangering Personal Safety or Damaging Public or Private Property	0648-AH19
721	General Authorization for Scientific Research Involving Level B Harassment	0648-AH20
722	Implementation of 1997 MMPA Amendments Affecting Yellowfin Tuna Purse Seine Fishing in the Eastern Tropical Pacific	0648-AI85

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Sequence Number	Title	Regulation Identification Number
723	Sea Turtle Conservation Regulations; Summer Flounder Fishery	0648-AM89
724	Endangered and Threatened Species: Listing Status for White Abalone	0648-AM90
725	Regulations Governing the Approach to Humpback Whales in Alaska	0648-AN29
726	Sea Turtle Conservation Regulations; Shrimp Fishery	0648-AN62
727	Changes and Implementation of the Taking of Marine Mammals Incidental to Commercial Fishing Operations; Atlantic Large Whale Take Reduction Plan Regulations	0648-AN88
728	Rule for Gear Modifications to the Atlantic Large Whale Take Reduction Plan	0648-AO60
729	Whaling Provisions: Aboriginal Subsistence Whaling Quotas	0648-AO68
730	Revision of Federal Consistency Regulations Under the Coastal Zone Management Act	0648-AD83
731	Operations of Motorized Personal Watercraft in the Gulf of the Farallones National Marine Sanctuary	0648-AK01
732	Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary; Tortugas Ecological Reserve (Reg Plan Seq. No. 22)	0648-AO18

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733	General Provisions for Domestic Fisheries—Standard Definitions	0648-AG46
734	Implementation of Data Collection and Reporting Requirements to the Fishery Management Plan for the American Lobster Fishery	0648-AJ75
735	Regulatory Amendment To Allocate Pacific Halibut to the Halibut Subsistence Fishery	0648-AK16
736	Rule To Implement Amendment 9 to the Fishery Management Plan for the Atlantic Mackerel, Squid, and Butterfish Fisheries	0648-AK80
737	Observer Funding Policy	0648-AL08
738	Crab Community Development Quota Reserves	0648-AL92
739	Steller Sea Lion Conservation Measures for the BSAI and GOA Pollock Fisheries	0648-AM32
740	Halibut Bycatch Accounting for the Yellowfin Sole	0648-AM76
741	Amendment 10 to the Atlantic Sea Scallop Fishery Management Plan	0648-AN16
742	Amendment 13 to the Northeast Multispecies Fishery Management Plan	0648-AN17
743	Amendment 1 to the Atlantic Herring Fishery Management Plan	0648-AN19
744	Amendment 14 to the Northeast Multispecies Fishery Management Plan	0648-AN20
745	Notice of Determination of Noncompliance; Notice of Intent To Implement a Moratorium on Fishing for Tautog in Rhode Island State Waters	0648-AN48
746	Deep-Sea Red Crab Fishery Management Plan	0648-AN68
747	Fishery Management Plan for Northeast Skate	0648-AO10
748	Multispecies Community Development Quota Program Bycatch Accounting	0648-AO26
749	Notice of Determination of Noncompliance; Notice of Intent to Implement a Moratorium on Fishing for American Shad in South Carolina State Waters	0648-AO34
750	Sea Turtle Monitoring and Conservation Measures for Nonshrimp Fisheries	0648-AE54
751	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
752	Amend Regulations Governing the Taking and Importing of Marine Mammals	0648-AH83
753	Endangered and Threatened Species: Take of Threatened Southern Oregon/Northern California Coast Evolutionarily Significant Unit (ESU) Coho Salmon	0648-AJ91
754	Sea Turtle Conservation; Shrimp Trawling Requirements	0648-AK66
755	Pacific Offshore Cetacean Take Reduction Plan	0648-AL70
756	Draft Policy for Evaluation of Conservation Efforts in Making Listing Decisions	0648-AL91
757	Designate Critical Habitat; Designation of Marine Areas as Critical Habitat for Pacific Salmon	0648-AN89
758	Endangered and Threatened Species: Permit Exemptions	0648-AO37
759	Endangered and Threatened Species: Permits: Suspension Criteria and Procedures and Revocation Criteria and Procedures	0648-AO59
760	Regional Marine Research Program	0648-AF20

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762	Amendment 1 to the Fishery Management Plan for Atlantic Bluefish	0648-AH63
763	Regulatory Amendment To Require Electronic Submission by Alaska Groundfish Processors of Weekly Production Reports and Check In/Out Reports	0648-AI66
764	Regulatory Amendment To Revise the Product Recovery Rate Codes for Certain Alaska Groundfish Products	0648-AI87
765	Regulatory Amendment To Implement Bycatch Reduction Measures	0648-AJ47
766	Rulemaking To Establish the North Pacific Loan Program	0648-AK07
767	Adjustment of Management Program for Pelagic Species Fisheries in the Western Pacific	0648-AK11
768	Amendment 52 to FMP for Groundfish Fishery of Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Area and Amendment 52 to FMP for Groundfish of Gulf of Alaska	0648-AK73
769	Amendment 17 to the Fishery Management Plan for the Reef Fish Resources of the Gulf of Mexico	0648-AK96
770	Regulatory Amendment To Change the Limited Entry, Sablefish Fishery Season Structure Fixed Gear	0648-AL12
771	Amendment 12 to the Fishery Management Plan for the Northeast Multispecies Fishery	0648-AL27
772	Amendment 57 to the Fishery Management Plan for Groundfish in the BSAI Prohibiting Directed Fishing for Pollock With Bottom Trawl Gear	0648-AL30
773	Comprehensive Amendment Addressing Essential Fish Habitat in Fishery Management Plans of the South Atlantic Region	0648-AL43
774	Regulatory Amendment To Allow Limited Entry Trawlers To Retain Groundfish Taken in Excess of Cumulative Trip Limits	0648-AL68
775	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
776	Regulatory Amendment to the Alaska Groundfish Regulations Pertaining to Scales Performance Criteria	0648-AL88
777	Amendment To Require a Specific Vessel Name Be Included on a License for a Vessel	0648-AL96
778	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
779	Establish a Control Date for Participation in the Recreational-for-Hire Sectors in the Gulf of Mexico Coastal Migratory Pelagics and Reef Fish Fisheries	0648-AM03
780	Regulatory Amendment Under the Fishery Management Plan (FMP) for Reef Fish Resources of the Gulf of Mexico To Establish Red Snapper Management Measures for 2000	0648-AM04
781	2000 Harvest Guidelines for the Northwestern Hawaiian Islands Lobster Fishery	0648-AM16
782	Effects of Spotter Aircraft Assistance in Atlantic Bluefin Tuna (BFT) Fishery	0648-AM27
783	Fishery Management Plan Amendment 11 to Rebuild C. Bairdi Stocks	0648-AM29
784	Recordkeeping and Reporting Requirements for 2000	0648-AM43
785	Specifications for the Summer Flounder, Scup, and Black Sea Bass Fisheries for Fishing Year 2000	0648-AM48
786	Initial Specifications for the Atlantic Mackerel, Squid, and Butterfish Fisheries for Fishing Year 2000	0648-AM49
787	Fishing Quotas for Fishing Year 2000 for Atlantic Surf Clam and Ocean Quahog Fisheries	0648-AM50
788	Rulemaking to Announce the Annual 2000 Management Measures for Pacific Halibut Fisheries Under the International Pacific Halibut Commission	0648-AM52
789	Emergency Interim Rule To Close Red Porgy Fishery of the South Atlantic Region	0648-AM55
790	BSAI FMP Amendment 58	0648-AM63
791	Establish a Control Date for the Dolphin and Wahoo Fisheries of the South Atlantic, Gulf of Mexico, and Caribbean	0648-AM67
792	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
793	Modify Dealer and Vessel Reports Requirements	0648-AM74
794	Amendment 12 to the Fishery Management Plan for Coastal Migratory Pelagic Resources of the Gulf of Mexico and South Atlantic	0648-AM75
795	Highly Migratory Species Fisheries; Time Area Closure of Pelagic Longline Fishery To Protect Small Swordfish	0648-AM79
796	Greater Amberjack Trip Limit under the Fishery Management Plan for Snapper-Grouper Fishery of the South Atlantic Region	0648-AM93
797	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	0648-AN07
798	Annual Specifications for Fishing Year 2000 for Atlantic Herring	0648-AN11
799	Framework Adjustment 12 to the Atlantic Sea Scallop Fishery Management Plan	0648-AN18
800	Recordkeeping and Reporting Requirement Revisions to the Alaska Groundfish Fisheries Logbooks	0648-AN22
801	Amendment 64 to the FMP for the Groundfish Fishery of the Bering Sea	0648-AN25
802	Regulatory Amendment to Establish/Modify Special Management Zones Under the Fishery Management Plan for the Snapper-Grouper Fishery of the South Atlantic Region	0648-AN35

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804	Framework 32 to the Northeast Multispecies Fisheries Management Plan (FMP)	0648-AN46
805	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
806	Final Rule To Implement Framework Adjustment 33 to the Northeast Multispecies Fishery Management Plan (FMP)	0648-AN51
807	Specifications for the Spiny Dogfish Fishery for the 2000 Fishing Year	0648-AN53
808	Atlantic Highly Migratory Species; Determination of State Jurisdiction for Landings Reporting	0648-AN56
809	Regulatory Amendment to Define Directed Fishing for Pollock Community Development Quota	0648-AN57
810	Notice of a Control Date for the Purposes of Controlling Entry in the Deep-Sea Red Crab Fishery	0648-AN61
811	Rule To Implement Quotas for the Spiny Dogfish Fishery for Fishing Year 2000	0648-AN67
812	2000 Quotas for Yellowfin Tuna Fishery in the Eastern Pacific Ocean	0648-AN73
813	Announcement of the Optimum Yield and Harvest Limit for Pacific Mackerel	0648-AN74
814	2000-2001 Management Measures for Commercial, Recreational, and Treaty Indian Salmon Fisheries Off the Coasts of Washington, Oregon, and California	0648-AN81
815	Regulatory Amendment To Close an Area Around Kodiak Island to Trawl Gear Fishing	0648-AN94
816	Regulatory Amendment to the Reef Fish Fishery Management Plan to Set Red Snapper Management Measures for the 2000 and 2001 Seasons	0648-AN96
817	Extension of an Interim Rule to Adjust Management Measures in the Recreational and Commercial Red Snapper Fisheries of the Gulf of Mexico Region	0648-AN99
818	Deletion of Regulatory References to Moratorium	0648-AO00
819	Final Rule Amends Regulations Implementing License Limitation for Permit Non-Severability	0648-AO01
820	Atlantic Highly Migratory Species: Atlantic Bluefin Tuna Specifications; Regulatory Amendment	0648-AO03
821	Emergency Rule To Close the Year 2000 Crustacean Fishery in the Northwestern Hawaiian Islands	0648-AO06
822	Notice of Control Date for Highly Migratory Species Fisheries of the West Coast	0648-AO11
823	Establishment of a Control Date for Possible Management Measures Limiting Participation by Gear Type in the Commercial Reef Fish Fisheries of the Gulf of Mexico	0648-AO12
824	Framework 35 to the Multispecies FMP - Raised Footrope Whiting Trawl Exempted Fishery	0648-AO15
825	2000 Provisional Quota for Bigeye Tuna in the Eastern Pacific Ocean (EPO)	0648-AO21
826	Reformat the regulations at 50 CFR Part 679	0648-AO29
827	Emergency Rule: Adjustment of the Summer Flounder Specifications for the Year 2000	0648-AO32
828	Establish a Control Date for the Commercial Penaeid Shrimp Fishery in the South Atlantic Exclusive Economic Zone	0648-AO39
829	Interim Regulations To Close All Critical Habitat in the BSAI and the GOA West of 144/W Longitude to Trawling for Groundfish	0648-AO44
830	Emergency Interim Rule to Prohibit Use of Trap Gear in Royal Red Shrimp Fishery of Gulf of Mexico Under Fishery Management Plan for Shrimp Fishery of Gulf of Mexico	0648-AO52
831	Atlantic Highly Migratory Species; Pelagic Longline Fishery; Sea Turtle Bycatch Reduction Measures	0648-AO67
832	Taking of Marine Mammals Incidental to Fisheries-Related Research	0648-AF50
833	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
834	North Atlantic Right Whale Protection	0648-AH47
835	Endangered and Threatened Species: Proposed Rule Governing Take of West Coast Steelhead	0648-AK94
836	Determination of Critical Habitat for Johnson's Seagrass	0648-AL82
837	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
838	List of Fisheries for 2000	0648-AM28
839	Regulations Governing the Taking of Marine Mammals by Alaskan Natives; Marking and Reporting Beluga Whales Harvested in Cook Inlet	0648-AM57
840	Rule Governing the Take of Seven Threatened Evolutionarily Significant Units (ESUs) of West Coast Salmonids ..	0648-AM59
841	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
842	Sea Turtle Conservation; Shrimp Fishery	0648-AN30
843	Dolphin-Safe Tuna Labeling; Official Mark	0648-AN37
844	Taking of Marine Mammals Incidental to Commercial Fishing Operations; Atlantic Large Whale Take Reduction Plan Regulations; Change in Effective Dates	0648-AN40
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847	Endangered and Threatened Species: Delisting and Redesignation of Critical Habitat for Umpqua River Cutthroat Trout	0648-AN90
848	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	0648-AN91
849	Taking of Marine Mammals Incidental to Commercial Fishing Operations Harbor Porpoise Take Reduction Plan Regulations; Change in Effective Dates	0648-AN93
850	Notice and Hearing on Section 103 Regulations	0648-AO17
851	Sea Turtle Conservation; Restrictions to Fishing Activities	0648-AO19
852	Sea Turtle Conservation; Restrictions Applicable to Shrimp Trawling Activities	0648-AO22
853	Sea Turtle Conservation; Shrimp Trawling Requirements	0648-AO43
854	Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary	0648-AE41
855	Licensing of Private Remote-Sensing Space Systems	0648-AC64

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857	Mandatory Reimbursement Rules for Relocation of Federal Spectrum	0660-AA14

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858	Request for Comment on Preliminary Draft Convention on Jurisdiction and Foreign Judgments and Civil and Commercial Judgments	0651-AB25

Patent and Trademark Office—Proposed Rule Stage

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859	Requirements for Registration to Practice Before the PTO in Patent Cases	0651-AA93
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862	Procedures for Service of Process, Obtaining Evidence, Indemnifying Employees, and Making a Claim Under the Federal Tort Claims Act	0651-AB22
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864	Rules of Practice Before the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences in Appeals Under 35 U.S.C. 134	0651-AB27

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Sequence Number	Title	Regulation Identification Number
865	Revision of Patent and Trademark Fees for Fiscal Year 2002	0651-AB01
866	Changes To Implement Optional Inter Partes Reexamination Proceedings	0651-AB04
867	Revised Interim Utility Examination Guidelines	0651-AB09
868	Revised Interim Guidelines for Examination of Patent Applications Under the 35 USC Section 112, Paragraph 1 "Written Description" Requirement	0651-AB10

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869	Complaints Regarding Invention Promoters	0651-AB12
870	Elimination of Certain Unnecessary or Obsolete Requirements in Patent Interference Practice	0651-AB15
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Sequence Number	Title	Regulation Identification Number
872	Madrid Protocol Implementation Act Rules Change	0651-AB16
873	Correspondence Filed in the Patent and Trademark Office	0651-AB17
874	Notification of Required and Optional Search Criteria for Computer-Implemented Business Method Patent Applications in Class 705 and Request for Comments	0651-AB26

Patent and Trademark Office—Completed Actions

Sequence Number	Title	Regulation Identification Number
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876	Consideration of Interlocutory Rulings at Final Hearing in Interference Processings	0651-AB03
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878	Changes To Implement Patent Term Adjustment Under Twenty-Year Patent Term	0651-AB06
879	Changes To Permit Payment of Patent and Trademark Office Fees by Credit Card	0651-AB07
880	Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice	0651-AB13
881	Design Patent Claim Language	0651-AB14
882	Request for Comments on Patent Law Treaty	0651-AB18
883	Notice of Public Roundtable and Request for Comments on Issues Related to Examination of Computer-Implemented Business Method Patent Applications	0651-AB20
884	Freedom of Information and Privacy Act Rules	0651-AB21
885	Supplemental Examination Guidelines for Determining the Applicability of 35 USC 112.6	0651-AB23

Technology Administration—Prerule Stage

Sequence Number	Title	Regulation Identification Number
886	Promotion of Private Sector Industrial Technology Partnerships	0692-AA13

Technology Administration—Proposed Rule Stage

Sequence Number	Title	Regulation Identification Number
887	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
888	Rights to Inventions Made by Nonprofit Organizations and Small Business Firms Under Government Grants, Contracts, and Cooperative Agreements	0692-AA14

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Sequence Number	Title	Regulation Identification Number
889	Acquisition and Protection of Foreign Rights in Inventions	0692-AA15

Technology Administration—Long-Term Actions

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890	Licensing of Government-Owned Inventions	0692-AA17

Department of Commerce (DOC)
Office of the Secretary (OS)

Proposed Rule Stage

501. • NONDISCRIMINATION ON THE BASIS OF RACE, COLOR, NATIONAL ORIGIN, HANDICAP, AND AGE IN PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES RECEIVING FEDERAL FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 42 USC 794; 42 USC 2000d to 2000d-7; 42 USC 6101 to 6107; EO 12250

CFR Citation: 15 CFR 8; 15 CFR 8b; 15 CFR 8c; 15 CFR 20

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The Department of Commerce proposes to make amendments to its regulations implementing Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (Title VI), Section 504 of The Rehabilitation Act of 1972 (section 504), and the Age Discrimination Act of 1975 (Age Discrimination Act). Together, these

statutes prohibit discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, disability, and age in programs or activities that receive Federal financial assistance. In 1988, the Civil Rights Restoration Act (CRRA) added definitions of “program or activity” and “program” to Title VI and added a definition of “program or activity” to Section 504 and the Age Discrimination Act. The added definitions were designed to clarify the broad scope of coverage of recipients’ programs or activities under these statutes. The promulgation of this proposed regulation explicitly incorporates the CRRA’s definition of “program or activity” and “program” into the Department’s Title VI, Section 504, and Age Discrimination Act regulations. The Department’s proposed regulation will be published as part of a joint

Notice of Proposed Rulemaking involving up to 24 Federal agencies.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	11/00/00	
NPRM Comment Period End	01/00/01	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Government Levels Affected: Federal

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Department of Commerce (DOC)
Office of the Secretary (OS)

Long-Term Actions

502. 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)
Office of the Secretary (OS)
Completed Actions
503. NONDISCRIMINATION ON THE BASIS OF SEX IN EDUCATION PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES RECEIVING OR BENEFITING FROM FEDERAL FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE
Priority: Other Significant

CFR Citation: 15 CFR 8a
Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	08/30/00	65 FR 52858
Final Action Effective	09/29/00	

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
504. 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 raise the threshold for reporting on the BE-577, Direct Transactions of U.S. Reporter with Foreign Affiliate, 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	09/21/00	65 FR 57121
NPRM Comment Period End	11/21/00	
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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505. 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	09/21/00	65 FR 57119
NPRM Comment Period End	11/20/00	
Final Action	12/00/00	
Final Action Effective	01/00/01	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Small Entities Affected: No

Government Levels Affected: State

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506. 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	09/21/00	65 FR 57118
NPRM Comment Period End	11/20/00	
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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Proposed Rule Stage

507. 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	09/21/00	65 FR 57123
NPRM Comment Period End	11/21/00	
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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RIN: 0691-AA40**508. • BENCHMARK SURVEY OF SELECTED SERVICES TRANSACTIONS WITH UNAFFILIATED FOREIGN PERSONS—2001 (RULEMAKING RESULTING FROM A SECTION 610 REVIEW)****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 provide for the conduct of the BE-20, Benchmark Survey of Selected Services

Transactions with Unaffiliated Foreign Persons—2001. The existing rule covers a similar survey for 1996 which has been completed and which the new survey will update.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	05/00/01	
NPRM Comment Period End	07/00/01	
Final Action	09/00/01	
Final Action Effective	10/00/01	

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

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509. BENCHMARK SURVEY OF FINANCIAL SERVICES TRANSACTIONS BETWEEN U.S. FINANCIAL SERVICES PROVIDERS AND UNAFFILIATED FOREIGN PERSONS—1999**Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**CFR Citation:** 15 CFR 801**Completed:**

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	11/02/99	64 FR 59119
Final Action Effective	12/02/99	

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Proposed Rule Stage

510. 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	12/00/00	

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

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Proposed Rule Stage

511. 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	12/00/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No**Government Levels Affected:** None**Agency Contact:** Stanley M. Domzalski, Assistant Chief (Services), National Processing Center, Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, 1201 East 10th Street, Jeffersonville, IN 47132

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RIN: 0607-AA25**512. 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	12/00/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No**Small Entities Affected:** No**Government Levels Affected:** None**Agency Contact:** Stanley M. Domzalski, Assistant Chief (Services), National Processing Center, Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, 1201 East 10th Street, Jeffersonville, IN 47132

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RIN: 0607-AA26**513. 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	12/00/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No**Small Entities Affected:** No**Government Levels Affected:** None**Agency Contact:** Stanley M. Domzalski, Assistant Chief (Services), National Processing Center, Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, 1201 East 10th Street, Jeffersonville, IN 47132

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RIN: 0607-AA27**Department of Commerce (DOC)
Bureau of the Census (CENSUS)****Final Rule Stage****514. REPORTING VALUE ON SHIPPER'S EXPORT DECLARATION FOR INLAND FREIGHT AND INSURANCE CHARGES****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**Legal Authority:** 13 USC 301; 13 USC 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**Small Entities Affected:** No**Government Levels Affected:** Federal**Agency Contact:** Frank Korpusik, Regulations, Outreach, & Education Branch, Foreign Trade Division, Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, Room 3148, FB-3, Washington, DC 20233
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RIN: 0607-AA29**515. REPORTING THE VALUE OF REPAIRS AND REPLACEMENT PARTS ON THE SHIPPER'S EXPORT DECLARATION****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**Legal Authority:** 13 USC 301; 13 USC 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

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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	11/00/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Small Entities Affected: No

Government Levels Affected: Federal

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

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 13 USC 301; 13 USC 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	11/00/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Small Entities Affected: No

Government Levels Affected: Federal

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Department of Commerce (DOC)
Bureau of the Census (CENSUS)

Completed Actions

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

Priority: Other Significant

CFR Citation: 15 CFR 30.4; 15 CFR 30.7

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Rule	07/10/00	65 FR 42556

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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518. • REPORT OF TABULATIONS OF POPULATION TO STATES AND LOCALITIES PURSUANT TO 13 USC 141(C) AND AVAILABILITY OF OTHER POPULATION INFORMATION

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 13 USC 141(c)

CFR Citation: 15 CFR 101

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The Department of Commerce is issuing a proposed rule setting forth how the Bureau of the Census will carry out its responsibilities to report tabulations of population to States and localities pursuant to 13 U.S.C. 141(c) and in making available certain other population information. The proposed rule endows the Director of the Census Bureau with the final authority to determine whether to release statistically corrected data as the P.L. 94-171 data and for other nonapportionment purposes.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	06/20/00	65 FR 38369
NPRM Comment Period End	08/04/00	
Final Rule	10/06/00	65 FR 59713
Final Rule Effective	11/06/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Small Entities Affected: No

Government Levels Affected: Local, State

Sectors Affected: None

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Department of Commerce (DOC)

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Economic Development Administration (EDA)

519. 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; 13 CFR 314**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 as well as corruptive, clarifying amendments to EDA's overall regulations.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Interim Final Rule	01/18/00	65 FR 2530
Interim Final Rule Effective	01/18/00	65 FR 2530
Interim Final Rule Comment Period End	03/20/00	
Final Action	11/00/00	

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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Department of Commerce (DOC)

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General Administration (ADMIN)

520. 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 Nonprofit Organizations" was published in the Federal Register (58 FR 62992). In the published revised circular, OMB specified as "required action" that Federal agencies responsible for awarding and administering grants and other agreements to recipients described therein, shall adopt the language of the Circular unless other provisions are required by Federal Statute or exceptions or deviations are approved by OMB. This interim final rule adopts the provisions of the Circular and its language to the maximum extent feasible with minor language changes made to make the language apply specifically to the DOC and its operating units.**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
Interim Final Rule	09/04/98	63 FR 47155
Interim Final Rule Effective	10/01/98	63 FR 47155
Interim Final Rule Comment Period End	11/03/98	63 FR 47155
Final Action	10/00/00	
Final Action Effective	10/00/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis**Required:** No**Government Levels Affected:** None**Agency Contact:** Elizabeth L. Dorfman, Acting Director, Office of Executive Assistance Management, Department of Commerce, Office of Administration, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20230
Phone: 202 482-4115**RIN:** 0605-AA09**521. PUBLIC INFORMATION, FREEDOM OF INFORMATION AND PRIVACY****Priority:** Other Significant**Legal Authority:** 5 USC 301; 5 USC 552 to 553; 44 USC 3101; 44 USC 3717; Reorganization Plan No. 5 of 1950**CFR Citation:** 15 CFR 4; 15 CFR 4a; 15 CFR 4b**Legal Deadline:** None**Abstract:** The Department of Commerce plans to amend the regulations pertaining to the Freedom of Information Act, Privacy Act, and declassification and public availability of national security information. The proposed rule contains new provisions implementing the Electronic Freedom of Information Act Amendment of 1996, reflects the principles established by the President and Attorney General in the FOIA Policy Memoranda of October 4, 1993, incorporates updated cost figures to be used in charging fees, and streamlines and clarifies the present regulations at 15 CFR parts 4, 4a and 4b.**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	05/31/00	65 FR 34606
Final Rule	01/00/01	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis**Required:** No**Government Levels Affected:** None**Additional Information:** None.**Agency Contact:** Andy McCready, Attorney Advisor, Department of Commerce, 14th & Pennsylvania Ave., N.W., Washington, DC 20230
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Department of Commerce (DOC)
International Trade Administration (ITA)
Long-Term Actions
522. PROCEDURES FOR CONDUCTING FIVE-YEAR (SUNSET) REVIEWS OF ANTIDUMPING AND COUNTERVAILING DUTY ORDERS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

CFR Citation: 19 CFR 351

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Interim Final Rule	03/20/98	63 FR 13516
Interim Final Rule Effective	03/20/98	63 FR 13516
Final Action	10/00/01	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Small Entities Affected: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 0625-AA51

Timetable: Next Action Undetermined

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Small Entities Affected: No

Government Levels Affected: Undetermined

Federalism: Undetermined

523. EXPORT TRADE CERTIFICATES OF REVIEW (15 CFR 325)

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

CFR Citation: 15 CFR 325

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Department of Commerce (DOC)
Bureau of Export Administration (BXA)
Proposed Rule Stage
524. • OFFSETS IN MILITARY EXPORTS

Priority: Other Significant

Legal Authority: PL 102-558, title I, sec 124; 106 Stat. 4207; 50 USC app 2099

CFR Citation: 15 CFR Part 701

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The Bureau of Export Administration (BXA) proposes to amend the National Security Industrial Base Regulations to refine current defense offset reporting requirements. These changes will allow BXA to more

accurately address the impact of offsets on the defense preparedness, industrial competitiveness, employment, and trade of the United States. These changes will also further standardize the data collection framework, thus reducing the burden of reporting requirements on U.S. firms.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	12/00/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Small Entities Affected: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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Department of Commerce (DOC)
Bureau of Export Administration (BXA)
Final Rule Stage
525. 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; 50 USC app 24091 et seq; 46 USC 466(c); EO 12924; Notice of August 3, 2000 (65 FR 48347, August 8, 2000); 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

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 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	12/00/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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526. REVISIONS TO THE EXPORT ADMINISTRATION REGULATIONS; ADDITIONS TO THE ENTITY LIST**Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**Legal Authority:** 18 USC 2501 et seq; EO 11912; EO 12924; Notice of August 3, 2000 (65 FR 48347, August 8, 2000); 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)**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 - Russian Entities	07/29/98	63 FR 40363
Final Action	01/00/01	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No**Government Levels Affected:** None**Agency Contact:** Sharron Cook, Policy Analyst, Department of Commerce, Bureau of Export Administration, 2096/MS 2705, 14th & Pennsylvania Ave. NW., Washington, DC 20230
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Email: scook@bxa.doc.gov**RIN:** 0694-AB60**527. IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CHEMICAL WEAPONS CONVENTION; REVISIONS TO THE EXPORT ADMINISTRATION REGULATIONS****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**Legal Authority:** 18 USC 2501 et seq; 50 USC app 2401 et seq; 40 USC 466(c); EO 11912; EO 12924; Notice of August 3, 2000 (65 FR 48347, August 8, 2000); 30 USC 185; 42 USC 6212; 10 USC 7429; 10 USC 7430(c); 50 USC 1710

et seq; 22 USC 3201 et seq; 42 USC 2139(a); 43 USC 1354

CFR Citation: 15 CFR 730 to 774**Legal Deadline:** None**Abstract:** This rule implements the Chemical Weapons Convention (CWC) that affect exports and reexports subject to the jurisdiction of the Commerce Department by amending the Export Administration Regulations. Specifically, this rule modifies an existing License Exception to permit the export of technology to foreign nationals during inspections of chemical facilities in the U.S. pursuant to the CWC and to permit the export or reexport of equipment for use in inspections in countries party to the CWC, adds licensing requirements for certain chemicals listed in the CWC, adds a requirement for an End-Use Certificate for exports of certain chemicals to those countries that are not a party to the CWC, and adds a notification and annual report requirement.**Timetable:**

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

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
Phone: 202 482-2440**RIN:** 0694-AB67**528. EXPORTS AND REEXPORTS OF EXPLOSIVE DETECTION SYSTEMS; EXPANSION OF FOREIGN POLICY CONTROLS****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**Legal Authority:** 18 USC 2501 et seq; 50 USC app 2401 et seq; 40 USC 466(c); EO 11912; EO 12924; Notice of August 3, 2000 (65 FR 48347, August 8, 2000); 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**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	12/00/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No**Government Levels Affected:** None**Agency Contact:** Kirsten Mortimer, Policy Analyst, Department of Commerce, Bureau of Export Administration, Washington, DC 20230
Phone: 202 482-2440**RIN:** 0694-AB87**529. 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 3, 2000 (65 FR 48347, August 8, 2000)**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	10/00/00	

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

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530. 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 3, 2000 (65 FR 48347, August 8, 2000)

CFR Citation: 15 CFR 748

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This rule clarifies and organizes the sections in the Export Administration Regulations that pertain to support documentation requirements for license applications.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Interim Final Rule	10/00/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: Undetermined

Small Entities Affected: Businesses

Government Levels Affected: Undetermined

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531. 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 3, 2000 (65 FR 48347, August 8, 2000)

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	12/00/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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532. 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 3, 2000 (65 FR 48347, August 8, 2000)

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	10/00/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Small Entities Affected: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 0694-AC06

533. 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	10/00/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Small Entities Affected: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 0694-AC07

534. 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 3, 2000 (65 FR 48347, August 8, 2000)

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

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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	01/00/01	

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

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RIN: 0694-AC09**535. 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 3, 2000 (65 FR 48347, August 8, 2000)

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

Abstract: On September 17, 1999, the President announced his decision to ease sanctions against North Korea. Under this new policy, most items subject to the EAR designated as EAR99 may be exported or reexported to North Korea without a license. In addition, BXA is changing the licensing policy for certain items on the Commerce Control List (CCL) destined to North Korean civil end-users from a policy of denial to case-by-case review. This regulation adds certain categories of items to the CCL for which a license will be required to North Korea. This easing of sanctions does not affect U.S. anti-terrorism or nonproliferation export controls on North Korea.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Interim Final Rule	06/19/00	65 FR 38148

Action	Date	FR Cite
Interim Final Rule	07/19/00	
Comment Period End		
Final Action	11/00/00	

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

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RIN: 0694-AC10**536. 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 3, 2000 (65 FR 48347, August 8, 2000)

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	02/00/01	

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

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RIN: 0694-AC12**537. 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 3, 2000 (65 FR 48347, August 8, 2000)

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	02/00/01	

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

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RIN: 0694-AC15**538. 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 3, 2000 (65 FR 48347, August 8, 2000)

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	01/00/01	

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Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Small Entities Affected: No**Government Levels Affected:** None

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539. 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: Notice of August 3, 2000 (65 FR 48347, August 8, 2000); 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 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	12/00/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Small Entities Affected: No**Government Levels Affected:** None

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540. 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 to 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	11/00/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Small Entities Affected: No**Government Levels Affected:** None

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541. 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; 15 CFR 732; 15 CFR 734; 15 CFR 736; 15 CFR 740; 15 CFR 746; 15 CFR 748; 15 CFR 752; 15 CFR 758; 15 CFR 772; 15 CFR 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	02/00/01	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Small Entities Affected: No**Government Levels Affected:** None

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542. • ENTITY LIST: ADDITIONS AND REVISIONS
Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 18 USC 2501 et seq; 30 USC 185; 30 USC 185; 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 3, 2000 (65 FR 48347, August 8, 2000)

CFR Citation: 15 CFR 730 to 799**Legal Deadline:** None

Abstract: The Export Administration Regulations (EAR) provide that the Bureau of Export Administration (BXA) may inform exporters, individually or through amendment to the EAR, that a license is required for exports or reexports to certain entities. The EAR contain a list of such entities called the

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Entity List. This rule makes additions, modifications and corrections to the Entity List.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	11/00/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Small Entities Affected: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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543. ● EXPORTS TO ERITREA AND ETHIOPIA; IMPOSITION OF FOREIGN POLICY CONTROLS

Priority: Other Significant

Legal Authority: 18 USC 2501 et seq; 30 USC 185; 42 USC 6212; 10 USC 7429; 10 USC 7430(c); 50 USC 1701 et seq; 22 USC 3201 et seq; 42 USC 2139(a); 43 USC 1354; 50 USC app 2401 et seq; 40 USC 466(c); EO 11912; EO 12924; Notice of August 3, 2000 (65 FR 48347, August 8, 2000)

CFR Citation: 15 CFR 730 to 799

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: Reacting to the continued fighting between Eritrea and Ethiopia and fulfilling its obligations to implement an international arms embargo mandated by the United Nations Security Council, the United States has banned the sale and supply of arms and related materiel of all types to Eritrea and Ethiopia, as well as technical assistance or training relating to these items. To supplement the State Department controls on items on the U.S. Munitions List, the Bureau of Export Administration is designating certain items on the Commerce Control List that are subject to the arms embargo and establishing a policy of denial for license applications to export such items to Eritrea and Ethiopia. No embargoed items may be exported to Eritrea or Ethiopia under any License Exception, including shipments of limited value (LVS).

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Final Rule	10/00/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Small Entities Affected: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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544. ● CRIME CONTROL ITEMS: REVISIONS TO THE COMMERCE CONTROL LIST

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 3, 2000 (65 FR 48347, August 8, 2000)

CFR Citation: 15 CFR 730 to 799

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This rule amends the Export Administration Regulations by expanding controls on restraint devices, such as handcuffs, and on discharge type arms, such as stun guns or shock batons. In addition, this rule modifies the license review policy to include consideration of whether there is civil disorder in the country or region or whether there is evidence that the government of the importing country may have violated internationally recognized human rights.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Interim Final Rule	09/13/00	65 FR 55177
Final Action	02/00/01	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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545. ● REVISIONS TO ENCRYPTION ITEMS

Priority: Other Significant

Legal Authority: 18 USC 2501 et seq; 30 USC 185; 42 USC 6212; 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 3, 2000 (65 FR 48347, August 8, 2000)

CFR Citation: 15 CFR 730 to 799

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This rule amends the Export Administration Regulations (EAR) and implements the July 17 White House announcement to allow the export and reexport of most encryption items, including U.S. products that use open cryptographic interface (OCI), to European Union (EU) member states, Australia, Czech Republic, Hungary, Japan, New Zealand, Norway, Poland and Switzerland under License Exception ENC.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Interim Final Rule	10/00/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Small Entities Affected: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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546. ● LICENSE EXCEPTION AVS: CUBA, LIBYA, SERBIA

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

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

Legal Authority: 50 USC 2401; 50 USC 1701; EO 12924; EO 13026; EO 12854;

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CFR Citation: 15 CFR 740

Legal Deadline: None

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Abstract: The Bureau of Export Administration (BXA) is amending the Export Administration Regulations (EAR) by allowing equipment, spares, and plane stores under the provisions of License Exception AVS on foreign registered aircraft subject to the EAR that are temporarily reexported to Libya and Serbia, and on U.S. or foreign registered aircraft subject to the EAR

that are temporarily exported or reexported to Cuba.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Interim Final Rule	12/00/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Small Entities Affected: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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Long-Term Actions

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547. TRANSFER OF DUAL-USE ITEMS 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	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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548. CHEMICAL WEAPONS CONVENTION REGULATIONS

Priority: Other Significant

CFR Citation: 15 CFR 710 et seq

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	07/21/99	64 FR 39193
Interim Final Rule	12/30/99	64 FR 73744
Next Action	Undetermined	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes

Small Entities Affected: Businesses, Governmental Jurisdictions

Government Levels Affected: Federal

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549. 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	07/07/95	
Period End		
Final Action	To Be Determined	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes

Small Entities Affected: Businesses

Government Levels Affected: State, Local

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550. LIBYA: EXPANSION OF FOREIGN 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

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551. 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

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552. 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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553. REVISIONS TO COMMERCE CONTROL LIST: ADDITION OF TECHNOLOGY AND SOFTWARE CONTROLS FOR CERTAIN CRIME CONTROL COMMODITIES**Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**CFR Citation:** 15 CFR 774 Supplement No. 1**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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RIN: 0694-AB53**554. 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**Agency Contact:** Hillary Hess

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RIN: 0694-AB59**555. 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**Agency Contact:** Sharron Cook

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RIN: 0694-AB62**556. 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
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Final Rule	03/17/00	65 FR 14444
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Final Rule	07/26/00	65 FR 45842
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Next Action Undetermined

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis**Required:** No**Small Entities Affected:** No**Government Levels Affected:** None**Agency Contact:** Hillary Hess

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RIN: 0694-AB73**557. REVISIONS TO THE EXPORT ADMINISTRATION REGULATIONS; COUNTRY GROUPS D:1 AND E:2; LICENSE EXCEPTION TMP****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**CFR Citation:** 15 CFR 730 to 774**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	To Be	Determined

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis**Required:** No**Government Levels Affected:** None**Agency Contact:** Sharron Cook

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RIN: 0694-AB76**558. 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

Action	Date	FR Cite
Interim Final Rule	11/26/99	64 FR 66372
Interim Final Rule	06/13/00	65 FR 37039
Next Action	Undetermined	

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RIN: 0694-AB90**559. EXPORT OF TECHNOLOGY AND SOFTWARE THROUGH ELECTRONIC TRANSMISSIONS, DOWNLOADS, AND PROGRAMMED ONTO HARDWARE****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**CFR Citation:** 15 CFR 700 to 799**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
ANPRM	To Be	Determined

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis**Required:** No**Government Levels Affected:** None**Agency Contact:** Sharron Cook

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RIN: 0694-AB97**560. SNAP: SIMPLIFIED NETWORK APPLICATION PROCESS****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**CFR Citation:** 15 CFR 748**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	To Be	Determined

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis**Required:** No**Small Entities Affected:** No**Government Levels Affected:** None**Agency Contact:** Sharron Cook

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RIN: 0694-AC20**561. SHORT SUPPLY CONTROLS: CRUDE OIL EXPORTS****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**CFR Citation:** 15 CFR 750; 15 CFR 754

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Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	To Be Determined	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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562. • REEXPORTS TO SERBIA OF FOREIGN REGISTERED AIRCRAFT SUBJECT TO THE EXPORT ADMINISTRATION

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 reinstating provisions of License Exception AVS for temporary reexports to Serbia of foreign registered aircraft subject to the EAR. This limited action is taken in support of the European Union's six-month suspension of its ban on flights to Serbia.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	07/27/00	65 FR 46091
Next Action	Undetermined	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Small Entities Affected: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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563. REVISION OF FOREIGN BOYCOTT PROVISIONS OF EXPORT ADMINISTRATION REGULATIONS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

CFR Citation: 15 CFR 760

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	06/01/00	65 FR 34942

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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565. REVISIONS TO THE COMMERCE CONTROL LIST BASED ON WASSENAAR ARRANGEMENT REVIEW

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

CFR Citation: 15 CFR 730 to 774

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	07/23/99	64 FR 40106
Correction	05/26/00	65 FR 34073

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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

Priority: Other Significant

CFR Citation: 15 CFR 730 to 774

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Withdrawn	08/25/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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564. CLARIFICATION OF ENHANCED PROLIFERATION CONTROL INITIATIVE (EPCI) "CATCH-ALL" PROVISION AND VALIDATED LICENSE REQUIREMENTS

Priority: Other Significant

CFR Citation: 15 CFR 700 to 799

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Withdrawn	08/25/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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566. 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

CFR Citation: 15 CFR 730 to 774

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Rule	07/10/00	65 FR 42565

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Completed Actions

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

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

CFR Citation: 15 CFR 774

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Withdrawn	08/23/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 0694-AC08

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

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

CFR Citation: 15 CFR 730 to 774

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	10/03/00	65 FR 58911

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 0694-AC13

570. REVISIONS TO LICENSE EXCEPTION CTP

Priority: Other Significant

CFR Citation: 15 CFR 730 to 774

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	10/13/00	65 FR 60852

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

Agency Contact: Kirsten Mortimer
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RIN: 0694-AC14

571. 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

CFR Citation: 15 CFR 730 to 774

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	07/12/00	65 FR 43130

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 0694-AC19

Department of Commerce (DOC)

Completed Actions

National Institute of Standards & Technology (NIST)

572. IMPLEMENTATION OF THE FASTENER QUALITY ACT

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

CFR Citation: 15 CFR 280

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Rule	06/28/00	65 FR 39798

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 0693-AB47

573. GUIDANCE ON FEDERAL CONFORMITY ASSESSMENT ACTIVITIES

Priority: Other Significant

CFR Citation: 15 CFR 287

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	08/10/00	65 FR 48894

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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Department of Commerce (DOC)

Prerule Stage

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)

NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE

574. • ESTABLISH CONTROL DATE TO LIMIT USE OF LIMITED ENTRY PERMITS OWNED BY OWNERS OF VESSELS ELIGIBLE FOR BENEFITS UNDER THE AMERICAN FISHERIES ACT

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

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1801 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 660

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) is considering management measures to protect the Pacific Coast groundfish fishery and its participants from adverse impacts caused by the AFA. At its June 2000 meeting, the Council voted, and unanimously agreed, to establish a control date of June 29, 2000, after which time limited entry permits owned by entities eligible for benefits under the AFA may be subject to restrictions on participation in the Pacific Coast groundfish fisheries. The Council is also considering restrictions on processing vessels in the catcher/processor and mothership sectors of the whiting fishery that have not previously been active in Pacific Coast groundfish fisheries.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
ANPRM	09/13/00	65 FR 55214
ANPRM Comment Period End	10/13/00	
NPRM	12/00/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Small Entities Affected: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 0648-AO45

575. 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	11/00/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected: Undetermined

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NATIONAL OCEAN SERVICE/OFFICE OF OCEAN AND COASTAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

576. • INSTALLING AND MAINTAINING COMMERCIAL SUBMARINE CABLES IN NATIONAL MARINE SANCTUARIES

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1431 et seq; 16 USC 1531 et seq; 16 USC 1361 et seq; 16 USC 1801 et seq; 16 USC 1451 et seq; ...

CFR Citation: 15 CFR 922

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: NOAA is evaluating whether changes to existing National Marine Sanctuary (NMS) regulations or some form of policy guidance is necessary to clarify NOAA's decisionmaking process regarding the installation and maintenance of commercial submarine cables within NMS. If changes or additional guidance are appropriate, this notice requests comments on what the changes or guidance should contain. This notice also requests comments on proposed principles on the installation of commercial submarine cables within the marine and coastal environment as a whole.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
ANPRM	08/23/00	65 FR 51264
ANPRM Comment Period End	10/23/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected: Undetermined

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RIN: 0648-AO36

Department of Commerce (DOC)

Proposed Rule Stage

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)

NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE**577. 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	10/00/00	

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

Undetermined

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Phone: 978 281-9200**RIN:** 0648-AF87**578. AMENDMENT 3 TO THE FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR THE REEF FISH FISHERY OF PUERTO RICO AND THE U.S. VIRGIN ISLANDS****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**Legal Authority:** 16 USC 1801 et seq**CFR Citation:** 50 CFR 622**Legal Deadline:** Final, Statutory, Final regulations to be published within 30 days of end of NPRM comment period.**Abstract:** Amendment 3 would restrict the use of gillnets, fish traps, and other gear in the exclusive economic zone of the Caribbean.**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	06/00/01	

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

Undetermined

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Phone: 727 570-5301**RIN:** 0648-AG87**579. 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	10/00/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis**Required:** Yes**Small Entities Affected:** Businesses**Government Levels Affected:** None**Agency Contact:** James L. Balsiger, 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-AI69**580. 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	10/00/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis**Required:** Undetermined**Government Levels Affected:** Federal, State, Local, Tribal**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-AJ08**581. 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	03/00/01	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis**Required:** Undetermined

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Proposed Rule Stage

Government Levels Affected: State
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RIN: 0648-AJ60

582. 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	10/00/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: Yes

Small Entities Affected: Businesses

Government Levels Affected: None

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583. 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	10/00/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected: Undetermined

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584. 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	10/00/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 0648-AK08

585. 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	10/00/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 0648-AK17

586. 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	09/05/00	65 FR 53646
NPRM Comment Period End	10/05/00	
Final Action	12/00/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: Yes

Small Entities Affected: Businesses

Government Levels Affected: Undetermined

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RIN: 0648-AK23

587. REGULATORY AMENDMENT TO REQUIRE MANDATORY OBSERVER COVERAGE IN THE AT-SEA PROCESSING SECTOR OF THE WHITING FISHERY

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1801 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 660

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

Abstract: Regulations would require observer coverage on vessels in the at-sea processing sector of the whiting fishery.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	10/00/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: Yes

Small Entities Affected: Businesses

Government Levels Affected: Federal

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RIN: 0648-AK26

588. 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	10/00/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: Yes

Small Entities Affected: Businesses, Governmental Jurisdictions

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 0648-AK50

589. 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	10/00/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 0648-AK70

590. 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	12/00/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: Yes

Small Entities Affected: Businesses

Government Levels Affected: Undetermined

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RIN: 0648-AK82

591. 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

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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	06/00/01	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected:

Undetermined

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592. 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	01/00/01	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected:

Undetermined

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RIN: 0648-AL41

593. 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	03/00/01	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: Yes

Small Entities Affected: Businesses

Government Levels Affected: Federal

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RIN: 0648-AL50

594. 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

(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	10/00/00	

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

595. 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

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Proposed Rule Stage

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
NPRM	06/00/01	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes

Small Entities Affected: Businesses

Government Levels Affected: Federal

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RIN: 0648-AL65

596. 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 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	05/00/01	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes

Small Entities Affected: Businesses

Government Levels Affected: Federal

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RIN: 0648-AL66

597. 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	01/00/01	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected: Undetermined

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RIN: 0648-AL67

598. 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	06/00/01	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes

Small Entities Affected: Businesses

Government Levels Affected: Federal, State

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RIN: 0648-AL69

599. 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.

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Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	10/00/00	

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

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RIN: 0648-AL71**600. FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR CALICO SCALLOP FISHERY IN THE SOUTH ATLANTIC REGION (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 FMP could include the following measures: (1) Definitions of management unit, MSY, OY, and overfishing; (2) requirement for a vessel permit to harvest or possess calico scallops in or from the South Atlantic EEZ; (3) designation of essential fish habitat for calico scallops; (4) prohibition on 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) requirement for use of transponders by calico scallop vessels.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	02/00/01	

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

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RIN: 0648-AL78**601. 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	12/00/00	

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.

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RIN: 0648-AL86**602. 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 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
NPRM	10/04/00	65 FR 59170
NPRM Comment Period End	11/03/00	
Final Action	01/00/01	

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

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RIN: 0648-AL93**603. 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

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exemption of CDQ vessels, and revise crab License Limitation Plan to establish recent participation requirements for qualification.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	10/00/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected: Undetermined

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RIN: 0648–AL95

604. 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	10/00/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes

Small Entities Affected: Businesses

Government Levels Affected: Undetermined

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RIN: 0648–AL97

605. 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	10/00/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected: Undetermined

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RIN: 0648–AL98

606. 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	10/00/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes

Small Entities Affected: Businesses

Government Levels Affected: Undetermined

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RIN: 0648–AM07

607. AMENDMENT 11 TO THE FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR THE SHRIMP FISHERY OF THE GULF OF MEXICO (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: Amendment 11 would extend the FMP requirements for using bycatch reduction devices in shrimp trawls in the EEZ from Cape San Blas, Florida, east and south to the boundary line (in South Florida) between the areas of jurisdiction of the Gulf of Mexico and South Atlantic Fishery Management Councils.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	03/00/01	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected: Undetermined

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608. 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	01/00/01	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 0648-AM26

609. 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	10/00/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes

Small Entities Affected: Businesses

Government Levels Affected: Undetermined

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RIN: 0648-AM30

610. 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	10/00/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes

Small Entities Affected: Businesses

Government Levels Affected: Undetermined

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RIN: 0648-AM39

611. 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	10/00/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Government Levels Affected: Undetermined

Agency Contact: James L. Balsiger, Regional Administrator, Alaska Region, NMFS, Department of Commerce, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, P.O. Box 21668, Juneau, AK 99802
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RIN: 0648-AM40

612. 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.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	10/00/00	

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

Undetermined

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RIN: 0648-AM44**613. 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	10/00/00	

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

Undetermined

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RIN: 0648-AM47**614. 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	10/00/00	

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

Undetermined

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RIN: 0648-AM51**615. 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	10/00/00	

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

Undetermined

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RIN: 0648-AM53**616. 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	01/00/01	

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

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RIN: 0648-AM91**617. 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	10/00/00	

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

Undetermined

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RIN: 0648-AM94**618. 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	12/00/00	

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

Undetermined

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RIN: 0648-AM96**619. 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, marine protected areas, no anchoring zones, etc.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	05/00/01	

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

Undetermined

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RIN: 0648-AM97**620. 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	12/00/00	

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

Undetermined

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RIN: 0648-AM98**621. 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 COAR to enhance socioeconomic databases used by management agencies to assess existing or proposed fisheries management measures.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	10/00/00	

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

Undetermined

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RIN: 0648-AN01**622. 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

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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
ANPRM	08/09/00	65 FR 48671
ANPRM Comment Period End	09/25/00	
NPRM	11/00/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: Undetermined

Small Entities Affected: Businesses

Government Levels Affected: None

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

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 issues regarding the impacts of the FMP's tailing permit provisions on State spiny lobster conservation efforts.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	01/00/01	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 0648-AN08

624. 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 would 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	03/00/01	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected: Undetermined

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RIN: 0648-AN09

625. 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 654

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

Abstract: Amendment 7 would adopt the relevant provisions of Florida's approved limited entry trap reduction program for the stone crab fishery and apply them to vessels fishing in the exclusive economic zone off Florida's west coast.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	01/00/01	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected:

Undetermined

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RIN: 0648-AN10

626. 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 a procedure that would allow the individual States to implement management measures that are conservation equivalent to Federal management measures for the recreational summer flounder fishery and to revise the plan to address disapproved EFH portions of Amendment 12.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	02/00/01	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: Undetermined

Small Entities Affected: Businesses, Organizations

Government Levels Affected: State, Federal

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Proposed Rule Stage

627. 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	10/00/00	

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

Undetermined

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Phone: 907 586-7228**RIN:** 0648-AN21**628. 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	10/00/00	

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

Undetermined

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RIN: 0648-AN23**629. 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	10/00/00	

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

Undetermined

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Phone: 907 586-7228**RIN:** 0648-AN24**630. 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	10/00/00	

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

Undetermined

Agency Contact: James L. Balsiger, 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-AN26**631. REGULATORY AMENDMENT TO IMPLEMENT AN AT-SEA OBSERVER PROGRAM ON ALL ENTRY AND OPEN ACCESS CATCHER VESSELS IN THE PACIFIC COAST GROUND FISH FISHERY****Priority:** Other Significant**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:** NMFS proposes to amend the regulations implementing the Pacific Coast Groundfish Fishery Management Plan to provide for an at-sea observation program on all limited entry and open access catcher vessels. This proposed rule would require vessels in the groundfish fishery to carry observers when notified by NMFS or its designated agent; establish notification requirements for vessels that may be required to carry observers, and establish responsibilities and define prohibited actions for vessels that are required to carry observers. The at-sea observation program is intended to improve estimates of total catch and fishing mortality.**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	09/14/00	65 FR 55495
NPRM Comment Period End	10/16/00	
Final Action	01/00/01	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis**Required:** Yes**Small Entities Affected:** Businesses**Government Levels Affected:** Federal**Agency Contact:** Donna Darm, 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

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Proposed Rule Stage

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RIN: 0648—AN27

632. 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	10/00/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected: Undetermined

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RIN: 0648—AN42

633. 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	10/00/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Undetermined

Small Entities Affected: Businesses

Government Levels Affected: Undetermined

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RIN: 0648—AN54

634. AMENDMENTS 61/61 FOR BSAI AND GOA GROUND FISH; AMENDMENT 13 FOR COMMERCIAL KING AND TANNER CRAB; AND AMENDMENT 8 FOR ALASKA SCALLOP 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: 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 and crab species from the Bering Sea and Gulf of Alaska.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	10/00/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected: Undetermined

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RIN: 0648—AN55

635. 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	10/00/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected: Undetermined

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Proposed Rule Stage

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RIN: 0648–AN63

636. 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	10/00/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected:

Undetermined

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RIN: 0648–AN65

637. QUOTAS FOR THE ATLANTIC BLUEFISH FISHERY 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 quotas for the Atlantic bluefish fishery in the exclusive economic zone 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–AN66

638. 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.

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	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–AN69

639. 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

640. 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

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RIN: 0648–AN71

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Proposed Rule Stage

641. 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	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
Phone: 978 281-9200**RIN:** 0648-AN72**642. 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	04/00/01	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Undetermined**Small Entities Affected:** Businesses**Government Levels Affected:** Undetermined**Federalism:** 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-AN75**643. AMENDMENT 9 TO THE FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLAN AMENDMENT FOR THE PELAGIC FISHERIES OF THE WESTERN PACIFIC REGION****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**Legal Authority:** 16 USC 1801 et seq**CFR Citation:** 50 CFR 660**Legal Deadline:** Final, Statutory, Final regulations to be published within 30 days of end of NPRM comment period.**Abstract:** This amendment would prevent or mitigate and conserve, manage, and allow full utilization of sharks.**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	10/00/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Undetermined**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-AN76**644. 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	01/00/01	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Undetermined**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-AN79**645. GENERIC AMENDMENT ADDRESSING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE TORTUGAS MARINE RESERVES UNDER THE FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLANS 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:** The Generic Tortugas Amendment 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). The Generic Tortugas Amendment would prohibit fishing for any species and the anchoring of fishing vessels within the reserves. Along with regulations issued by the Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary (under NOAA's National Ocean Service), the Generic Tortugas Amendment 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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Proposed Rule Stage

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RIN: 0648-AN83

646. REGULATORY AMENDMENT MODIFYING THE GULF OF MEXICO BRD PROTOCOL UNDER THE FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR THE SHRIMP FISHERY OF THE GULF OF MEXICO (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: In accordance with the FMP's framework procedure for regulatory adjustments, the Gulf Council requested that NMFS develop alternative data collection procedures and statistical tests to certify bycatch reduction devices (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 testing/certifying protocol's requirements while maintaining the scientific and statistical credibility in achieving the FMP's established bycatch reduction criterion.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	10/00/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected: None

Agency Contact: Joseph Powers, Acting 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-AN84

647. 2000-2001 GULF GROUP KING MACKEREL CATCH SPECIFICATIONS UNDER 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: 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 in the 2000-2001 fishing year.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	10/00/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected: None

Agency Contact: Joseph Powers, Acting 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-AN85

648. REGULATORY AMENDMENT MODIFYING THE SOUTH ATLANTIC BRD TESTING AND CERTIFICATION 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 procedure of the Fishery Management Plan for the shrimp fishery of the South Atlantic region, the South Atlantic Fishery Management Council proposes to modify the data collection procedures and statistical tests used to certify BRDs for use in the shrimp fishery. 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	10/00/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 0648-AN86

649. 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 under the provisions of the South Atlantic Fishery management Council's fishery management plans. To further conserve and manage Sargassum habitat, the Council proposes to restrict the commercial harvest of Sargassum to avoid further expansion of the current limited fishery and to reduce the potential for habitat loss.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	02/00/01	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected: None

Agency Contact: Joseph Powers, Acting 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-AN87

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Proposed Rule Stage

650. • ATLANTIC HIGHLY MIGRATORY SPECIES; ATLANTIC TUNAS REPORTING AND ALLOCATIONS

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

Unfunded Mandates: Undetermined

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

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 635

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: NMFS proposes to amend the Atlantic Highly Migratory Species (HMS) regulations to adjust the north-south division of the BFT Angling category, and to adjust the subquota percentages allocated to each zone in conjunction with the boundary line adjustment. NMFS also proposes to amend the regulations governing the Atlantic HMS fisheries to require mandatory dealer reporting of all purchases of Atlantic bigeye, albacore, yellowfin, and skipjack (BAYS) tunas. The proposed regulatory amendment is necessary to comply with the United States' obligations under the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, the Atlantic Tunas Convention Act, and the Fishery management Plan for Atlantic Tunas, Swordfish, and Sharks.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
ANPRM	04/10/00	65 FR 18960
ANPRM Comment Period End	05/22/00	
NPRM	10/00/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected: Undetermined

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RIN: 0648-AN97

651. • REGULATORY AMENDMENT TO EXTEND THE PACIFIC HALIBUT DONATION PROGRAM

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: This regulatory amendment would permanently extend a voluntary Pacific halibut donation program for groundfish fisheries off Alaska.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	09/20/00	65 FR 56860
NPRM Comment Period End	10/05/00	
Final Action	12/00/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 0648-AN98

652. • ANNUAL FRAMEWORK ADJUSTMENT (FRAMEWORK 14) FOR THE ATLANTIC SEA SCALLOP FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLAN 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 implement management measures for the scallop fishery for fishing year 2001. Measures would include days at sea allocations for 2001. In addition, the annual adjustment would include an access program for the Mid-Atlantic closed areas that may include shell stocking restrictions, possession/trip limit restrictions, bycatch restrictions and gear specification.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	12/00/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected: Undetermined

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RIN: 0648-AO07

653. • ANNUAL FRAMEWORK ADJUSTMENT FOR THE NORTHEAST MULTISPECIES FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLAN 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 the end of the NPRM comment period.

Abstract: This action would implement management measures for the Northeast multispecies fishery for fishing year 2001.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	02/00/01	

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-AO08

654. • ANNUAL FRAMEWORK ADJUSTMENT FOR THE MONKFISH FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLAN 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 the end of the NPRM comment period.

DOC—NOAA

Proposed Rule Stage

Abstract: This action would implement management measures for the monkfish fishery 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-AO09

655. • EMERGENCY INTERIM RULE FOR AMERICAN FISHERIES ACT 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: None

Abstract: The emergency interim rule would prevent a hiatus of AFA regulations in 2001 during the time that the final regulations under Amendment 61 to the FMP for the Groundfish Fishery of the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Area, Amendment 61 to the FMP for the Groundfish Fishery of the Gulf of Alaska, Amendment 13 to the FMP for the Commercial King and Tanner Crab Fishery of the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Area, and Amendment 8 to the FMP for the Alaska Scallop Fishery to implement AFA measures are under review and preparation by NMFS.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	01/00/01	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected: Undetermined

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RIN: 0648-AO14

656. • REVISIONS TO RECORDKEEPING AND REPORTING REQUIREMENTS FOR 2001

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: Revise regulations for the recordkeeping and reporting requirements for the year 2001; to make the regulations more user-friendly and to incorporate precepts of the Presidential common English request; to make technical edits and clarifications to existing requirements, standardization of text, removal of duplication, and creation of table formats to replace complicated numbered paragraphs, revisions and corrections to the text, figures, and tables; and removal of outdated text. Revise logbook and reporting form formats, including revisions to the combined International Pacific Halibut Commission/NMFS groundfish/ Individual Fishing Quota catcher vessel and catcher/processor logbooks by adding a new data field to indicate the type of seabird device used when fishing with hook-and-line gear; addition of new observer fields and an additional logsheet will be incorporated into each logbook for use by the observer, and addition of new management block on all logbooks and forms to describe fishery program plan (e.g., Community Development Quota, and the American Fisheries Act).

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	10/00/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes

Small Entities Affected: Businesses, Organizations

Government Levels Affected: Undetermined

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RIN: 0648-AO20

657. • AMENDMENT 3 TO THE FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR THE GOLDEN CRAB FISHERY OFF THE SOUTHERN ATLANTIC STATES

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 3 to the Fishery Management Plan for the Golden Crab Fishery off the Southern Atlantic States (FMP) would: (1) extend the use of cable for main lines through December 31, 2002; (2) require that escape panel or doors on traps must measure at least 11 7/8 inches by 11 7/8 inches; (3) remove the 5,000 pound harvest requirement for renewing the biannual permit; (4) allow up to a 20 percent increase in vessel size from the vessel size on the original permit; (5) create a sub-zone within the southern zone for smaller vessels, as agreed to by the affected fishermen; (6) allow two new vessels to be permitted to fish only in the northern zone; (7) specify MSY, OY, and status determination criteria; and (8) modify the framework to allow modifications to the subzone.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	10/00/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Undetermined

Small Entities Affected: Businesses

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 0648-AO23

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658. • EXTEND THE INTERIM 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: None

Abstract: This regulatory rulemaking will extend the Interim Observer Program.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	10/00/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected: Undetermined

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RIN: 0648-AO25

659. • AMENDMENT 14 TO THE FMP FOR THE KING AND TANNER CRAB FISHERIES - OPILIO REBUILDING PLAN

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

Unfunded Mandates: Undetermined

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1801 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 679

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

Abstract: Amendment 14 is intended to rebuild the c. opilio (snow crab) stock. The rebuilding plan would institute a precautionary harvest strategy and bycatch reduction measures in the crab fisheries. Both these measures would be implemented by the State of Alaska under the deferred management authority established in the current federal fishery management plan. No Federal regulations would be required at this time to implement the Council's recommended rebuilding plan.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	09/29/00	65 FR 58501
NPRM Comment Period End	10/28/00	
Final Action	01/00/01	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes

Small Entities Affected: Businesses, Organizations

Government Levels Affected: Undetermined

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RIN: 0648-AO27

660. • AMENDMENT 15 TO THE KING AND TANNER CRAB FMP - ST. MATTHEW BLUE KING CRAB REBUILDING PLAN

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

Unfunded Mandates: Undetermined

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1801 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 679

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

Abstract: Amendment 15 is intended to rebuild the St. Matthew blue king crab stock the rebuilding plan would institute a precautionary harvest strategy and bycatch reduction measures in the crab fisheries. Both these measures would be implemented by the State of Alaska under the deferred management authority established in the current Federal fishery management plan.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	08/29/00	65 FR 52405
NPRM Comment Period End	10/30/00	
Final Action	01/00/01	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes

Small Entities Affected: Businesses, Organizations

Government Levels Affected: Undetermined

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RIN: 0648-AO28

661. • AMENDMENT 12 TO THE PACIFIC COAST GROUND FISH FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLAN — OVERFISHED SPECIES REBUILDING PLANS PROCEDURAL FRAMEWORK

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 10 days of end of NPRM comment period.

Abstract: Amendment 12 to the Pacific Coast Groundfish Fishery Management Plan (FMP) is a procedural amendment that describes the process by which the Pacific Fishery Management Council will submit overfished species rebuilding plans to the Secretary for review and approval. Councils are required to create rebuilding plans for overfished species by the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act. Amendment 12 additionally acknowledges that the groundfish resource off the Pacific coast is fully utilized by U.S. fishing vessels and seafood processors, which means that for the foreseeable future, there will be no foreign or joint venture fishing for groundfish off the Pacific coast. Regulatory changes resulting from this amendment will be minor and of a "housekeeping" nature, essentially removing references to foreign and joint venture fishing from the 50 CFR 660 regulations that implement the FMP.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	10/06/00	65 FR 59811
NPRM Comment Period End	11/20/00	
Final Action	01/00/01	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Undetermined

Small Entities Affected: Businesses

Government Levels Affected: None

Agency Contact: Donna Darm, Regional Administrator, Northwest Region, NMFS, Department of

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RIN: 0648-AO31

662. • AMENDMENT 13 TO THE PACIFIC COAST GROUND FISH FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLAN — BYCATCH REDUCTION/REPORTING, FRAMEWORK CHANGES TO ANNUAL MANAGEMENT MEASURES PROCESS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1801 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 660

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

Abstract: Amendment 13 to the Pacific Coast Groundfish Fishery Management Plan (FMP) would make the FMP consistent with Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (Magnuson-Stevens Act) provisions on bycatch and standardized reporting methodologies. Amendment 13 would also revise the Council process for setting annual routine management measures, so that the Council may use that process to meet Magnuson-Stevens Act overfishing and bycatch requirements. Revisions to the annual management measures process are expected to improve the Pacific Fishery Management Council's flexibility in managing the fisheries to protect overfished and depleted stocks while allowing fisheries access to healthy stocks. Finally, Amendment 13 would update the FMP to remove unused and expired limited entry permit endorsements. Regulatory changes resulting from this amendment may include: standards and procedures for participation in an increased utilization program for the at-sea Pacific whiting fishery; amendments to the management measures framework at 50 CFR 660.323(b) to allow increased flexibility; and minor "housekeeping" changes to remove outdated references to unused and expired limited entry permit endorsements from the 50 CFR 660 subpart G regulations.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	10/00/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected:

Undetermined

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RIN: 0648-AO41

663. • REGULATING BYCATCH IN THE PURSE SEINE FISHERY AND ESTABLISHING A VESSEL REGISTER IN THE EASTERN PACIFIC OCEAN

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 955 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 300

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This rule would implement the conservation and management measures recommended by the Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission (IATTC) and approved by the Department of State to reduce bycatch in the tuna purse seine fisheries conducted in the Eastern Pacific Ocean (EPO). The rule would also establish reporting requirements so that the United States can provide the IATTC information on U.S. vessels that fish for tuna in the area of competence of the IATTC. Among measures recommended in 2000 is a regional vessel registry, with specification of vessel information to be provided. Currently, United States and State licensing programs do not generate all the required information so new rulemaking is required to ensure that the United States can meet its obligations to the IATTC.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	10/00/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Small Entities Affected: Businesses

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 0648-AO42

664. • ADJUSTMENT OF MANAGEMENT PROGRAM: PRECIOUS CORAL 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 end of NPRM comment period.

Abstract: This regulatory action would facilitate and enable adjustments to management measures for the precious coral fisheries around the main and Northwestern Hawaiian Islands. Possible regulatory changes include adjustments to harvest quotas, establishment and redesignation of precious coral beds, permit and notification/reporting requirements, etc. Also, under an amendment to the FMP, the current management program may be modified to allow for effective conservation and management of the precious coral resources.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	06/00/01	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Small Entities Affected: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 0648-AO47

665. • 2001-2002 MANAGEMENT MEASURES FOR COMMERCIAL, RECREATIONAL, AND TREATY INDIAN SALMON FISHERIES OFF THE COASTS OF WASHINGTON, OREGON, AND CALIFORNIA

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant.

Major status under 5 USC 801 is undetermined.

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1801 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 660

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: Annual management measures for the 2001-2002 fishing year, specify allowable ocean harvest

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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	04/00/01	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Undetermined

Small Entities Affected: Businesses

Government Levels Affected: State, Local, Tribal, Federal

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RIN: 0648-AO49

666. • ESTABLISHMENT OF NEW CONTROL DATE FOR PELAGIC FISHERY IN AMERICAN SAMOA

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1801 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 660

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This action would serve notice to all fishermen that their continued participation in the pelagic longline fishery in American Samoa may not necessarily be assured if, in the future, a limited access program is developed and implemented for this fishery.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	10/00/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Small Entities Affected: No

Government Levels Affected: Undetermined

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RIN: 0648-AO50

667. • AMENDMENT 10 TO FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR SHRIMP FISHERY OF GULF OF MEXICO (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: Amendment 10 would: Require vessels using shrimp trawls in the Gulf of Mexico EEZ to obtain permits for the purposes of identifying vessels and reporting; require all operators of federally permitted shrimp trawl vessels to obtain an operator permit; and, describe permit qualification criteria, application, issuance, and transferability requirements.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	02/00/01	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Undetermined

Small Entities Affected: Businesses

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 0648-AO51

668. • SPECIFICATIONS FOR FISHING YEAR 2001 FOR THE SPINY DOGFISH 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 the end of the NPRM comment period.

Abstract: The annual specifications for spiny dogfish would implement a coastwide quota and management measures to achieve a target fishing mortality rate specified in the Spiny Dogfish FMP.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	02/00/01	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected: Undetermined

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669. • OMNIBUS FRAMEWORK TO FMPS FOR SUMMER FLOUNDER, SCUP, BLACK SEA BASS, ATLANTIC MACKEREL, SQUID, BUTTERFISH, ATLANTIC SURF CLAM, OCEAN QUAHOG, SPINY DOGFISH, AND ATLANTIC BLUEFISH 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 the end of the NPRM period.

Abstract: This omnibus framework action is being developed to modify the quota setting process for all of the respective fishery management plans within the purview of Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council by allowing a portion of the respective quotas to be dedicated to research activities. The intent of this action is to facilitate the collection of data that the Council and public deem important for fishery management purposes.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	10/00/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected: Undetermined

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RIN: 0648-AO54

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670. • AMENDMENT 14 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 the end of the NPRM comment period.**Abstract:** Amendment 14 is being developed to implement management measures that would revise the process used for allocation of the annual scup TAC, discards and TAL. This action would also consider reestablishment of state-by-state quota allocations.**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	12/00/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Undetermined**Small Entities Affected:** Businesses, Organizations**Government Levels Affected:** State, Federal**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-AO55**671. • REGULATORY AND TECHNICAL AMENDMENT TO ADDRESS INACCURACIES IN CURRENT NORTHEAST FISHERIES REGULATIONS****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 modify the current regulations for the Fisheries of the Northeastern United States to fix problems and inaccuracies that have resulted from numerous regulatory changes.**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
Phone: 978 281-9200**RIN:** 0648-AO57**672. • MODIFY AMERICAN LOBSTER REGULATIONS UNDER ATLANTIC COASTAL FISHERIES COOPERATIVE MANAGEMENT ACT****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**Legal Authority:** 16 USC 5101 et seq**CFR Citation:** 50 CFR 697**Legal Deadline:** Final, Statutory, Final regulations to be published within 30 days of end of NPRM comment period.**Abstract:** This action would provide an exemption from the lobster trap regulations to black sea bass fishers in the southernmost lobster management area. The action would grant an option to substitute (for the gear restrictions) an incidental allowance equal to 100 lobsters per day to a maximum of five days to vessels having limited access eligibility in both the black sea bass and lobster fisheries and fishing in lobster management area 5. The program would be implemented through a new lobster permit category and provides dual black sea bass and lobster fishers an opportunity to fish as closely to historical practices as possible.**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
Phone: 978 281-9200**RIN:** 0648-AO58**673. • AMENDMENTS TO FMPS FOR GULF OF MEXICO REEF FISH AND GULF OF MEXICO AND SOUTH ATLANTIC COASTAL MIGRATORY PELAGIC RESOURCES TO LIMIT ENTRY INTO GULF RECREATIONAL-FOR-HIRE 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 end of NPRM comment period.**Abstract:** These amendments to the Fishery Management Plans (FMPs) for the Reef Fish Resources of the Gulf of Mexico and to the Fishery Management Plan for the Coastal Migratory Pelagic Resources of the Gulf of Mexico and South Atlantic would impose additional measures limiting entry into the recreational-for-hire (i.e., charter vessel and headboat) fisheries for reef fish and coastal migratory pelagic fish (e.g., king and Spanish mackerel) in the exclusive economic zone of the Gulf of Mexico. NMFS published an advanced notice of proposed rulemaking announcing that the Council was considering November 18, 1999, as a possible control date for this action (63 FR 64031). These measures would address the issue of the recreational sectors exceeding their annual allocations.**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	02/00/01	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Undetermined**Small Entities Affected:** Businesses**Government Levels Affected:** None**Agency Contact:** Joseph Powers, Acting 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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674. • FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR THE DOLPHIN AND WAHOO FISHERY OF THE ATLANTIC, CARIBBEAN, AND GULF OF MEXICO (FMP)**Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**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 the end of NPRM comment period.**Abstract:** This new FMP, as prepared jointly by the South Atlantic, Gulf of Mexico, and Caribbean Fishery Management Councils, is to provide a comprehensive management structure for dolphin and wahoo in the Atlantic Ocean, Gulf of Mexico, and Caribbean exclusive economic zone.**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	03/00/01	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Undetermined**Government Levels Affected:** Undetermined**Agency Contact:** Joseph Powers, Acting 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-AO63**675. • AMENDMENT 9 TO THE COASTAL PELAGIC SPECIES FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLAN****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**Legal Authority:** 16 USC 1801 et seq**CFR Citation:** 50 CFR 660**Legal Deadline:** Final, Statutory, Final regulations to be published within 30 days of end of NPRM comment period.**Abstract:** Amendment 9 would define maximum sustainable yield for market squid, and address bycatch provision requirements of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act. The amendment also addresses Indian treaty rights in the coastal pelagic species fisheries.**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	12/00/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Undetermined**Small Entities Affected:** Businesses**Government Levels Affected:** None**Agency Contact:** Dr. Rebecca Lent, Regional Administrator, Southwest Region, NMFS, Department of Commerce, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Suite 4200, 501 West Ocean Boulevard, Long Beach, CA 90802-4213
Phone: 562 980-4001**RIN:** 0648-AO64**676. • ATLANTIC HIGHLY MIGRATORY SPECIES; REDUCING POSSIBILITY OF SERIOUS INJURY AND MORTALITY OF RIGHT WHALES BY OPERATION OF THE SOUTHEAST ATLANTIC SHARK GILLNET FISHERY****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant. Major status under 5 USC 801 is undetermined.**Unfunded Mandates:** Undetermined**Legal Authority:** 16 USC 1801 et seq; 16 USC 971 et seq**CFR Citation:** 50 CFR 635**Legal Deadline:** None**Abstract:** This proposed rule would prohibit all fishermen who possess a valid Federal directed shark permit from leaving port with a shark gillnet on board without reporting to NMFS via an approved vessel monitoring system unit. This would allow NMFS to enforce existing closed critical habitat regulations off the coast of Florida during right whale season (November 15 through March 31).**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	10/00/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Undetermined**Government Levels Affected:** Undetermined**Agency Contact:** Bruce C. Morehead, Acting 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-AO65**677. 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	10/00/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Undetermined**Government Levels Affected:** Undetermined**Agency Contact:** Gene Nitta, Permits Analyst, Office of Protected Resources, Department of Commerce, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910
Phone: 301 713-2289**RIN:** 0648-AH26**678. 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

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for the purpose of educational or commercial photography.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	03/00/01	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected:

Undetermined

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RIN: 0648-AH31

679. 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 2001.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	11/00/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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680. 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	05/00/01	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: Undetermined

Small Entities Affected: Governmental Jurisdictions

Government Levels Affected: Undetermined

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681. RULEMAKING FOR THE INCIDENTAL TAKING OF MARINE MAMMALS DURING WORLDWIDE 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 worldwide 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	10/00/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Small Entities Affected: No

Government Levels Affected: Federal

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682. 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	12/00/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected: Undetermined

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683. TAKING OF MARINE MAMMALS 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	03/03/00	65 FR 11542
NPRM	11/00/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Government Levels Affected: Federal

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684. 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	12/00/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected: None

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685. LIST OF FISHERIES FOR 2001

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

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.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	11/00/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Small Entities Affected: Businesses

Government Levels Affected: None

Federalism: Undetermined

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686. ● DESIGNATED CRITICAL HABITAT: PROPOSED CRITICAL HABITAT FOR NORTHERN CALIFORNIA STEELHEAD

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1533

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 226

Legal Deadline: Final, Statutory, June 7, 2001.

Abstract: On June 7, 2000, NMFS listed the Northern California steelhead evolutionarily significant unit of steelhead as threatened under the Endangered Species Act. NMFS will now designate critical habitat for these steelhead.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	10/00/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Government Levels Affected: Undetermined

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687. ● ENDANGERED AND THREATENED SPECIES: PROPOSED RANGE EXTENSION FOR SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA STEELHEAD

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

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

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 222

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: In 1999, juvenile southern California steelhead were found in San Mateo Creek in northern San Diego county about 100 miles south of Malibu Creek and in Topanga Creek in

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northern Los Angeles county. Based on this new information a range extension up to and including San Mateo Creek and a revision of critical habitat to include San Mateo and Topanga Creeks will soon be proposed.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	10/00/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected: Undetermined

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688. • TAKING OF THE COOK INLET, ALASKA, STOCK OF BELUGA WHALES BY ALASKA NATIVES

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Unfunded Mandates: Undetermined

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1371

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 216

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: NMFS is regulating subsistence harvest of Cook Inlet Beluga to ensure that the harvest is sustainable and does not substantially delay the recovery of this marine mammal stock. Specific harvest levels and distribution of the harvest will be based upon Cooperative Agreements with Alaska Native Organizations.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	10/04/00	65 FR 59164
NPRM Comment Period End	11/27/00	
Final Action	01/00/01	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Small Entities Affected: Organizations, Governmental Jurisdictions

Government Levels Affected: Tribal, Federal

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689. • TAKING AND IMPORTING MARINE MAMMALS; TAKING MARINE MAMMALS INCIDENTAL TO OPERATION OF A LOW FREQUENCY SOUND SOURCE BY THE NORTH PACIFIC ACOUSTIC LABORATORY

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

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

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 216.70

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	08/24/00	65 FR 51584
NPRM	11/00/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Small Entities Affected: No

Government Levels Affected: Federal

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690. • TAKING OF MARINE MAMMALS INCIDENTAL TO COMMERCIAL FISHING OPERATIONS; HARBOR PORPOISE TAKE REDUCTION PLAN REGULATIONS; CHANGES TO LIST OF EXEMPTED WATERS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1361 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 229

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: On December 2, 1998, NMFS issued a final rule (63 FR 66464) implementing the Harbor Porpoise Take Reduction Plan (HPTRP). This rule would also change the list of exempted waters to include Delaware Bay, landward of the 72 COLREGS line (International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea, 1972).

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	10/00/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected: None

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691. • MARINE MAMMALS; SUBSISTENCE TAKING OF NORTHERN FUR SEALS; HARVEST ESTIMATES

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1151 et seq; 16 USC 1371(b)

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 216.21

Legal Deadline: Final, Statutory, April 1, 2000.

Abstract: To establish harvest estimates for the taking of fur seals by Alaska natives.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	10/00/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected: Tribal, Federal

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692. • CAPTIVE STELLER SEA LIONS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant
Unfunded Mandates: Undetermined
Legal Authority: 16 USC 1531-1543; subpart B, 3223.12; 16 USC 1361 et seq
CFR Citation: 50 CFR 223

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This rule is to provide exception to captive Steller sea lions (those captured before listing) to assist the public display community in commerce involving these animals.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	10/00/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected: Undetermined

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NATIONAL OCEAN SERVICE/OFFICE OF OCEAN AND COASTAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT**693. 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	10/00/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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694. 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 is considering issuing regulations to implement the Federal-agency consultation requirements of the National Marine Sanctuaries Act.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	10/00/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Small Entities Affected: No

Government Levels Affected: None

Federalism: Undetermined

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695. 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 proposed 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	10/00/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Small Entities Affected: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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696. 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	10/00/00	
Interim Final Rule	11/00/00	
Final Action	12/00/00	
Final Action Effective	12/00/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Small Entities Affected: Businesses, Governmental Jurisdictions

Government Levels Affected: State, Local, Federal

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697. 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	03/07/00	65 FR 11956
NPRM Comment Period End	04/21/00	
Final Action	10/00/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis**Required:** Yes**Small Entities Affected:** Businesses**Government Levels Affected:** None**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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698. 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 (technical amendment) 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	12/00/00	

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699. 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

Action	Date	FR Cite
Supplemental Comment Period End	12/23/99	
Final Action	10/00/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis**Required:** No**Government Levels Affected:** Federal**Agency Contact:** Andrew J. Kemmerer Ph.D., Director, Office of Habitat Conservation, NMFS, Department of Commerce, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910-3282

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700. 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	10/00/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis**Required:** No**Government Levels Affected:** None**Agency Contact:** Bruce C. Morehead, Acting 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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701. 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

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	06/26/00	65 FR 39342
NPRM Comment Period End	08/10/00	
Final Action	10/00/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected: None

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702. 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	10/00/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes

Small Entities Affected: Businesses

Government Levels Affected: None

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703. 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	06/12/00	65 FR 36810
NPRM Comment Period End	06/26/00	
Final Action	10/00/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes

Small Entities Affected: Businesses

Government Levels Affected: Undetermined

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704. 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	04/21/00	65 FR 21385
NPRM Comment Period End	06/05/00	
Final Action	10/00/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes

Small Entities Affected: Businesses

Government Levels Affected: Undetermined

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705. 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	08/16/00	65 FR 49959

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Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM Comment Period End	09/15/00	
Final Action	12/00/00	

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

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706. 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	07/17/00	65 FR 44018
NPRM Comment Period End	08/31/00	
Final Action	10/00/00	

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

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

Action	Date	FR Cite
Final Rule	10/00/00	

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

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708. 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 (EEZ) 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	05/19/00	65 FR 31871
NPRM Comment Period End	06/19/00	
Comment Period Extended	07/05/00	65 FR 41426
Final Action	10/00/00	

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

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RIN: 0648-AN03

709. 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 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

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using trade restrictions to encourage compliance with ICCAT recommendations.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM - Bluefin Tuna and Swordfish	05/24/00	65 FR 33517
NPRM - Atlantic Swordfish and Northern Albacore Tuna	05/24/00	65 FR 33519
NPRM Comment Period End - Bluefin Tuna and Swordfish	07/18/00	
NPRM Comment Period End - Atlantic Swordfish and Northern Albacore Tuna	07/18/00	
Final Action	10/00/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected: None

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710. 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	10/00/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Small Entities Affected: No

Government Levels Affected: Undetermined

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711. 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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712. 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

713. 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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714. • ATLANTIC COAST HORSESHOE CRAB EEZ REGULATIONS**Priority:** Other Significant**Legal Authority:** 16 USC 5101 et seq**CFR Citation:** 50 CFR 697**Legal Deadline:** None

Abstract: NMFS proposes to close a 30-nautical mile radius to fishing for horseshoe crabs in the EEZ beginning from the mouth of the Delaware Bay (measured from the territorial sea boundary midway between Cape May, New Jersey and Cape Henlopen, Delaware) and extending seaward, and to establish permitting a reporting requirements for vessels that harvest and dealers then sell horseshoe crabs from the EEZ and to prohibit transfers at sea of horseshoe crabs in the EEZ from Maine through Florida. The intent of these rules is to provide protection for the Atlantic coast stocks of horseshoe crabs and to ensure the effectiveness of the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission's Interstate Fishery Management Plan for Horseshoe Crabs.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	10/00/00	

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

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RIN: 0648—AO02

715. • NOTICE OF DETERMINATION OF NONCOMPLIANCE; NOTICE OF INTENT TO IMPLEMENT A MORATORIUM ON FISHING FOR HORSESHOE CRABS IN VIRGINIA STATE WATERS**Priority:** Other Significant. Major status under 5 USC 801 is undetermined.**Unfunded Mandates:** Undetermined**Legal Authority:** 16 USC 5101 et seq**CFR Citation:** 50 CFR 697**Legal Deadline:** Final, Statutory, January 5, 2001.

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 Virginia is not in compliance with the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission's Interstate Fishery Management Plan for horseshoe crab 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 horseshoe crabs within Virginia state waters to be effective on October 15, 2000, if Virginia is not found in compliance with the Commission Interstate Fishery Management Plan for horseshoe crabs.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	10/00/00	

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

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716. • REGULATORY AMENDMENT TO MODIFY THE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM FOR THE WESTERN PACIFIC PELAGIC FISHERIES TO MITIGATE THE TAKE OF SEABIRDS**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: NMFS proposes a rule under the Fishery Management Plan for the Pelagic Fisheries of the Western Pacific Region that would require operators of vessels registered for use under Hawaii pelagic longline limited access permits to use two or more of six specific bird mitigation techniques when fishing

with pelagic longline gear north of 25 degrees N. lat.; annually attend a protected species workshop conducted by NMFS; and release all hooked or entangled sea birds in a manner that maximizes their post-release survival. This proposed rule would reduce fishery impacts on black-footed and Laysan albatrosses that are accidentally hooked or entangled and killed by Hawaii pelagic longliners during the setting and hauling of longline gear. This proposed rule would also reduce the potential for interactions between pelagic longline fishing vessels and endangered short-tailed albatrosses, which are known to occasionally visit the Northwestern Hawaiian Islands.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	07/05/00	65 FR 41424
NPRM Comment Period End	08/21/00	
Final Action	10/00/00	

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

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717. • 2001 QUOTAS FOR PURSE SEINE FISHERIES IN THE EASTERN PACIFIC**Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**Legal Authority:** 16 USC 995 et seq**CFR Citation:** 50 CFR 300**Legal Deadline:** None

Abstract: This notice would advise the public and U.S. industries of the 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 recommendations of the IATTC as

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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	07/00/01	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Small Entities Affected: Businesses

Government Levels Affected: None

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718. • MODIFY THE SCUP NORTHERN GEAR RESTRICTED AREA IN THE SUMMER FLOUNDER, SCUP AND BLACK SEA BASS FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLAN (FMP)

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 the NPRM comment period.

Abstract: The framework adjustment action would modify the Gear Restricted Areas (GRA's) for the period November - December, 2000 in the scup section of the FMP.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	10/00/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected:

Undetermined

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719. • FISHERIES OFF WEST COAST STATES AND IN THE WESTERN PACIFIC; WESTERN PACIFIC PELAGIC FISHERIES; HAWAII-BASED PELAGIC LONGLINE AREA CLOSURE; EMERGENCY INTERIM RULE

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, Judicial, August 25, 2000.

Abstract: As ordered by the U.S. District Court for the District of Hawaii, NMFS issues an emergency interim rule that closes certain waters in the central and north Pacific Ocean to longline fishing, imposes fishing gear restrictions, effort limits, fish sale restrictions, and catch reporting requirements, and requires increased observer coverage in the Hawaii-based pelagic longline fishery. This rule replaces an emergency interim rule issued by NMFS on December 23, 1999, and subsequently extended on June 26, 2000. Like that rule, the intent of this rule is to reduce adverse impacts to sea turtles by the Hawaii longline fishery while NMFS prepares a comprehensive environmental impact statement that analyzes the environmental effects of fishing activities conducted under the Fishery Management Plan for Pelagic Fisheries of the Western Pacific Region.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	10/00/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected:

Undetermined

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720. 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	60 FR 22345
Interim Final Rule	10/00/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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721. 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.

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Legal Authority: 16 USC 1151 et seq Fur Seal Act; 16 USC 1631 et seq Marine Mammal Protection Act

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 216

Legal Deadline: Final, Statutory, August 30, 1994.

Abstract: This final rule is required by the 1994 amendments to the Marine Mammal Protection Act. These regulations establish a general authorization for bona fide scientific research on non-endangered and non-threatened marine mammals that may result in harassment with only the potential to disturb. Inclusion under the general authorization is achieved by letter of intent to the National Marine Fisheries Service and a letter of confirmation from the Service.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Interim Final Rule	10/03/94	59 FR 50372
Interim Final Rule Comment Period End	11/17/94	
Final Action	12/00/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Small Entities Affected: Businesses

Government Levels Affected: Federal, State, Local, Tribal

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

Priority: Economically Significant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1361 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 216.24

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This rule would implement the 1997 amendments to the Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA) regarding regulation of the U.S. yellowfin tuna fishery in the eastern tropical Pacific Ocean, and the regulation of yellowfin tuna into the United States from other nations.

Timetable:

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

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Government Levels Affected: Federal

Additional Information: Legislation amending the MMPA regarding the yellowfin tuna fishery will require implementation of regulations 3 months after the effective date of the legislation.

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723. 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	12/00/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Government Levels Affected: State, Federal

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724. ENDANGERED AND THREATENED SPECIES: LISTING STATUS 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

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: NMFS 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	05/05/00	65 FR 26167
Final Rule	04/00/01	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected: State, Federal

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725. 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	06/26/00	65 FR 39336
Final Action	11/00/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected: Federal

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726. 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 (ANPRM) 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 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	04/05/00	65 FR 17852
Final Action	10/00/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: Yes

Small Entities Affected: Businesses

Government Levels Affected: None

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727. 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.

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
Interim Final Rule	10/00/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected:

Undetermined

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728. • RULE FOR GEAR MODIFICATIONS TO THE ATLANTIC LARGE WHALE TAKE REDUCTION PLAN

Priority: Other Significant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1361

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 216

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This rule will provide gear modifications for lobster and gillnet fisheries to the ALWTRP.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Interim Final Rule	10/00/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Government Levels Affected: State, Federal

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729. • WHALING PROVISIONS: ABORIGINAL SUBSISTENCE WHALING QUOTAS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 916 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 230

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: NMFS is announcing the aboriginal subsistence whaling quota

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for gray whales, and other limitations deriving from regulations adopted at the 1997 Annual Meeting of the International Whaling Commission.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	10/00/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Government Levels Affected: Tribal

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NATIONAL OCEAN SERVICE/OFFICE OF OCEAN AND COASTAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

730. 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	04/14/00	65 FR 20269
Final Action	11/00/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Government Levels Affected: State, Federal

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731. 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	10/00/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Government Levels Affected: State

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RIN: 0648-AK01

732. • FLORIDA KEYS NATIONAL MARINE SANCTUARY; TORTUGAS ECOLOGICAL RESERVE

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NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE

733. 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

Agency Contact: Richard H. Schaefer
Phone: 301 427-2014

RIN: 0648-AG46

734. 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

Agency Contact: Patricia Kurkul
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RIN: 0648-AJ75

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

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

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 300

Timetable: Next Action Undetermined

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

Agency Contact: James L. Balsiger
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RIN: 0648-AK16

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736. RULE TO IMPLEMENT AMENDMENT 9 TO THE FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR THE ATLANTIC MACKEREL, SQUID, AND BUTTERFISH FISHERIES**Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**CFR Citation:** 50 CFR 648**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	To Be	Determined

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

Undetermined

Agency Contact: Patricia Kurkul

Phone: 978 281-9200

RIN: 0648-AK80**737. OBSERVER FUNDING POLICY****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**CFR Citation:** 50 CFR 679**Timetable:** Next Action Undetermined**Regulatory Flexibility Analysis****Required:** Yes**Small Entities Affected:** Businesses**Government Levels Affected:** None**Federalism:** Undetermined**Agency Contact:** Bruce C. Morehead

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RIN: 0648-AL08**738. CRAB COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT QUOTA RESERVES****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant. Major status under 5 USC 801 is undetermined.**CFR Citation:** 50 CFR 679**Timetable:** Next Action Undetermined**Regulatory Flexibility Analysis****Required:** No**Government Levels Affected:** None**Agency Contact:** James L. Balsiger

Phone: 907 586-7228

RIN: 0648-AL92**739. STELLER SEA LION CONSERVATION MEASURES FOR THE BSAI AND GOA POLLOCK FISHERIES****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant. Major status under 5 USC 801 is undetermined.**CFR Citation:** 50 CFR 679**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
Emergency Interim Final Rule (Effective 01/20/2000 to 07/19/2000)	01/25/00	65 FR 3892
Emergency Final Rule Effective Date Extended to 12/31/2000	06/12/00	65 FR 36795
NPRM	12/00/01	

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

Undetermined

Agency Contact: James L. Balsiger

Phone: 907 586-7228

RIN: 0648-AM32**740. 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

Agency Contact: James L. Balsiger

Phone: 907 586-7228

RIN: 0648-AM76**741. AMENDMENT 10 TO THE ATLANTIC SEA SCALLOP FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLAN****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**CFR Citation:** 50 CFR 648**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	10/00/01	

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

Undetermined

Agency Contact: Patricia Kurkul

Phone: 978 281-9200

RIN: 0648-AN16**742. AMENDMENT 13 TO THE NORTHEAST MULTISPECIES FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLAN****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**CFR Citation:** 50 CFR 648**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	10/00/01	

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

Undetermined

Agency Contact: Patricia Kurkul

Phone: 978 281-9200

RIN: 0648-AN17**743. AMENDMENT 1 TO THE ATLANTIC HERRING FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLAN****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**CFR Citation:** 50 CFR 648**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	10/00/01	

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

Undetermined

Agency Contact: Patricia Kurkul

Phone: 978 281-9200

RIN: 0648-AN19**744. AMENDMENT 14 TO THE NORTHEAST MULTISPECIES FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLAN****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**CFR Citation:** 50 CFR 648**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	To Be	Determined

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

Undetermined

Agency Contact: Patricia Kurkul

Phone: 978 281-9200

RIN: 0648-AN20

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745. NOTICE OF DETERMINATION OF NONCOMPLIANCE; NOTICE OF INTENT TO IMPLEMENT A MORATORIUM ON FISHING FOR TAUTOG IN RHODE ISLAND STATE WATERS**Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**CFR Citation:** 50 CFR 697**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	02/15/00	65 FR 7508
Final Action	05/30/00	65 FR 34443
Next Action Undetermined		

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No**Government Levels Affected:** State**Agency Contact:** Richard H. Schaefer
Phone: 301 427-2014**RIN:** 0648-AN48**746. DEEP-SEA RED CRAB FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLAN****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**CFR Citation:** 50 CFR 648**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	To Be	Determined

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Undetermined**Government Levels Affected:** Undetermined**Agency Contact:** Patricia Kurkul
Phone: 978 281-9200**RIN:** 0648-AN68**747. • FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR NORTHEAST SKATE****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 action would establish a fishery management plan for the 7 species of skates found in the Northeast. Management measures would be established to end overfishing on 4 of the 7 species of skate and to provide basic protection for the remaining 3 species.**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	10/00/01	

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
Phone: 978 281-9200**RIN:** 0648-AO10**748. • MULTISPECIES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT QUOTA PROGRAM BYCATCH ACCOUNTING****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 add language to exempt the full retention requirement of Community Development Quota (CDQ) and Prohibited Species Quota species for catch accounting when State law or other regulations required discard and allow vessels CDQ fishing to calculate maximum retainable bycatch for the retention of other CDQ species.**Timetable:** Next Action Undetermined**Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required:** Yes**Small Entities Affected:** Businesses, Organizations**Government Levels Affected:** Undetermined**Agency Contact:** James L. Balsiger, 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-AO26**749. • NOTICE OF DETERMINATION OF NONCOMPLIANCE; NOTICE OF INTENT TO IMPLEMENT A MORATORIUM ON FISHING FOR AMERICAN SHAD IN SOUTH CAROLINA STATE WATERS****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**Legal Authority:** 16 USC 5101 et seq**CFR Citation:** 50 CFR 697**Legal Deadline:** Final, Statutory, January 5, 2001.**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 South Carolina is not in compliance with the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission's Interstate Fishery Management Plan for American Shad and River Herring 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 American shad within South Carolina state waters to be effective on January 5, 2001, if South Carolina is not found in compliance with the Commission Interstate Fishery Management Plan for horseshoe crabs by December 15, 2000.**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	08/16/00	65 FR 49969
Next Action Undetermined		

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Undetermined**Government Levels Affected:** State**Agency Contact:** Richard H. Schaefer, Chief, Staff Office for Intergovernmental and Recreational Fisheries Affairs, Department of Commerce, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Suite 425, 8484 Georgia Avenue, Silver Spring, MD 20910
Phone: 301 427-2014**RIN:** 0648-AO34**750. SEA TURTLE MONITORING AND CONSERVATION MEASURES FOR NONSHRIMP FISHERIES****Priority:** Other Significant**CFR Citation:** 50 CFR 222; 50 CFR 223; 50 CFR 224**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
ANPRM	07/10/92	57 FR 30709

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

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes**Small Entities Affected:** Businesses**Government Levels Affected:** None**Agency Contact:** Therese Conant

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RIN: 0648-AE54**751. 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
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NPRM	05/31/95	60 FR 28379
NPRM Comment Period End	10/16/95	
Interim Final Rule Final Action	04/10/96 To Be Determined	61 FR 15884

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes**Small Entities Affected:** Businesses, Governmental Jurisdictions**Government Levels Affected:** Federal, State, Local**Agency Contact:** Kenneth R.

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RIN: 0648-AG80**752. AMEND REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE TAKING AND IMPORTING OF MARINE MAMMALS****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**CFR Citation:** 50 CFR 216**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
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NPRM	To Be Determined	
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Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Undetermined**Government Levels Affected:** Undetermined**Agency Contact:** Thomas J. McIntyre

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RIN: 0648-AH83**753. 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
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Interim Final Rule Final Action	07/18/97 To Be Determined	62 FR 38479
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Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No**Government Levels Affected:** Federal**Agency Contact:** Kellie Carter

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RIN: 0648-AJ91**754. SEA TURTLE CONSERVATION; SHRIMP TRAWLING REQUIREMENTS****Priority:** Other Significant**CFR Citation:** 50 CFR 222; 50 CFR 223**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
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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**Small Entities Affected:** Businesses**Government Levels Affected:** Federal**Agency Contact:** Therese Conant

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RIN: 0648-AK66**755. PACIFIC OFFSHORE CETACEAN TAKE REDUCTION PLAN****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**CFR Citation:** 50 CFR 229**Timetable:** Next Action Undetermined**Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required:** No**Small Entities Affected:** Businesses**Government Levels Affected:** None**Agency Contact:** Patricia Lawson

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RIN: 0648-AL70**756. DRAFT POLICY FOR EVALUATION OF CONSERVATION EFFORTS IN MAKING LISTING DECISIONS****Priority:** Info./Admin./Other. Major status under 5 USC 801 is undetermined.**CFR Citation:** 50 CFR 424**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
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NPRM Final Action	06/13/00 To Be Determined	65 FR 37102
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Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No**Government Levels Affected:** State, Local**Agency Contact:** Margaret C. Lorenz

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RIN: 0648-AL91**757. DESIGNATE CRITICAL HABITAT; DESIGNATION OF MARINE AREAS AS CRITICAL HABITAT FOR PACIFIC SALMON****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant. Major status under 5 USC 801 is undetermined.**CFR Citation:** 50 CFR 226**Timetable:** Next Action Undetermined**Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required:** Undetermined**Government Levels Affected:** Undetermined**Agency Contact:** Kellie Carter

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RIN: 0648-AN89**758. ● ENDANGERED AND THREATENED SPECIES: PERMIT EXEMPTIONS****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 222**Legal Deadline:** None

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Abstract: NMFS is providing exceptions to prohibitions to allow Federal and State employees to perform conservation activities.

Timetable: Next Action Undetermined

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 0648-AO37

759. ● ENDANGERED AND THREATENED SPECIES: PERMITS: SUSPENSION CRITERIA AND PROCEDURES AND REVOCATION CRITERIA AND PROCEDURES

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

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

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 222

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This rule will clarify endangered and threatened species permit suspension and revocation criteria and procedures under the Endangered Species Act.

Timetable: Next Action Undetermined

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected: Undetermined

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RIN: 0648-AO59

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760. REGIONAL MARINE RESEARCH PROGRAM

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

CFR Citation: Not Yet Determined

Timetable: Next Action Undetermined

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Small Entities Affected: No

Government Levels Affected: None

Federalism: Undetermined

Agency Contact: Don Scavia
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RIN: 0648-AF20

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National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)

761. 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

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 660

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Withdrawn	07/26/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: Yes

Government Levels Affected: Federal

Agency Contact: Donna Darm
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RIN: 0648-AE01

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

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 648

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Rule	07/26/00	65 FR 45844
Final Rule Effective	08/25/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: Yes

Government Levels Affected: None

Agency Contact: Patricia Kurkul
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RIN: 0648-AH63

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

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

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 679

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Withdrawn	08/14/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected: Undetermined

Agency Contact: James L. Balsiger
Phone: 907 586-7228

RIN: 0648-AI66

764. 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.

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 679

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Withdrawn	08/14/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

Agency Contact: James L. Balsiger
Phone: 907 586-7228

RIN: 0648-AI87

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765. REGULATORY AMENDMENT TO IMPLEMENT BYCATCH REDUCTION MEASURES

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

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 679

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Withdrawn	08/14/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: Yes

Government Levels Affected: None

Agency Contact: James L. Balsiger
Phone: 907 586-7228

RIN: 0648-AJ47

766. RULEMAKING TO ESTABLISH THE NORTH PACIFIC LOAN PROGRAM

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

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 679

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Withdrawn	08/15/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: Yes

Government Levels Affected: None

Agency Contact: James L. Balsiger
Phone: 907 586-7228

RIN: 0648-AK07

767. ADJUSTMENT OF MANAGEMENT PROGRAM FOR PELAGIC SPECIES FISHERIES IN THE WESTERN PACIFIC

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 660

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Withdrawn	08/02/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected: Undetermined

Agency Contact: Charles Karnella
Phone: 808 973-2937

RIN: 0648-AK11

768. 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.

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 679

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Withdrawn	08/14/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected: None

Agency Contact: James L. Balsiger
Phone: 907 586-7228

RIN: 0648-AK73

769. AMENDMENT 17 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	07/03/00	65 FR 41016
Final Action Effective	08/02/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

Agency Contact: Joseph Powers
Phone: 727 570-5301

RIN: 0648-AK96

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

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

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 660

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Withdrawn	07/26/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: Yes

Government Levels Affected: Federal

Agency Contact: Donna Darm
Phone: 206 526-6150

RIN: 0648-AL12

771. AMENDMENT 12 TO THE FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR THE NORTHEAST MULTISPECIES FISHERY

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 648

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	03/29/00	65 FR 16766
Final Action Effective	04/28/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: Yes

Government Levels Affected: None

Agency Contact: Patricia Kurkul
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RIN: 0648-AL27

772. 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

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 679

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	05/16/00	65 FR 31105
Final Action Effective	06/15/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

Agency Contact: James L. Balsiger
Phone: 907 586-7228

RIN: 0648-AL30

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

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 622

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	06/14/00	65 FR 37292
Final Action Effective	07/14/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: Yes

Government Levels Affected: Federal

Agency Contact: Joseph Powers
Phone: 727 570-5301

RIN: 0648-AL43

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774. REGULATORY AMENDMENT TO ALLOW LIMITED ENTRY TRAWLERS TO RETAIN GROUND FISH TAKEN IN EXCESS OF CUMULATIVE TRIP LIMITS**Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**CFR Citation:** 50 CFR 660**Completed:**

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Withdrawn	07/26/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis**Required:** Yes**Government Levels Affected:** Federal, State**Agency Contact:** Donna Darm
Phone: 206 526-6150**RIN:** 0648-AL68**775. 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**CFR Citation:** 50 CFR 622**Completed:**

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Rule	05/19/00	65 FR 31831
Final Action Effective	06/19/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis**Required:** No**Government Levels Affected:** None**Agency Contact:** Joseph Powers
Phone: 727 570-5301**RIN:** 0648-AL81**776. REGULATORY AMENDMENT TO THE ALASKA GROUND FISH REGULATIONS PERTAINING TO SCALES PERFORMANCE CRITERIA****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**CFR Citation:** 50 CFR 679**Completed:**

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	05/25/00	65 FR 33780
Final Action Effective	06/26/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis**Required:** No**Government Levels Affected:** None**Agency Contact:** James L. Balsiger

Phone: 907 586-7228

RIN: 0648-AL88**777. 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.**CFR Citation:** 50 CFR 679**Completed:**

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Withdrawn	08/02/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis**Required:** Undetermined**Government Levels Affected:** None**Agency Contact:** James L. Balsiger
Phone: 907 586-7228**RIN:** 0648-AL96**778. 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**CFR Citation:** 50 CFR 622**Completed:**

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Rule	05/11/00	65 FR 30362
Final Rule Effective	06/12/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis**Required:** Yes**Government Levels Affected:** None**Agency Contact:** Joseph Powers
Phone: 727 570-5301**RIN:** 0648-AM01**779. ESTABLISH A CONTROL DATE FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE RECREATIONAL-FOR-HIRE SECTORS IN THE GULF OF MEXICO COASTAL MIGRATORY PELAGICS AND REEF FISH FISHERIES****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**CFR Citation:** 50 CFR 622**Completed:**

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Withdrawn	08/04/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis**Required:** No**Government Levels Affected:** None**Agency Contact:** Joseph Powers
Phone: 727 570-5301**RIN:** 0648-AM03**780. REGULATORY AMENDMENT UNDER THE FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLAN (FMP) FOR REEF FISH RESOURCES OF THE GULF OF MEXICO TO ESTABLISH RED SNAPPER MANAGEMENT MEASURES FOR 2000****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**CFR Citation:** 50 CFR 622**Completed:**

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Withdrawn - Duplicate of RIN 0648-AN96	08/04/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis**Required:** Yes**Government Levels Affected:** Undetermined**Agency Contact:** Joseph Powers
Phone: 727 570-5301**RIN:** 0648-AM04**781. 2000 HARVEST GUIDELINES FOR THE NORTHWESTERN HAWAIIAN ISLANDS LOBSTER FISHERY****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**CFR Citation:** 50 CFR 660**Completed:**

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Withdrawn	08/02/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis**Required:** No**Government Levels Affected:** Undetermined**Agency Contact:** Charles Karnella
Phone: 808 973-2937**RIN:** 0648-AM16**782. EFFECTS OF SPOTTER AIRCRAFT ASSISTANCE IN ATLANTIC BLUEFIN TUNA (BFT) FISHERY****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant.

Major status under 5 USC 801 is undetermined.

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 635**Completed:**

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Withdrawn - Combined with RIN 0648-AN54	08/02/00	

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Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected:

Undetermined

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783. FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLAN AMENDMENT 11 TO REBUILD C. BAIRDI STOCKS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 679

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Action Effective	06/08/00	
Final Action	06/20/00	65 FR 38216

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: Yes

Government Levels Affected: None

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784. RECORDKEEPING AND REPORTING REQUIREMENTS FOR 2000

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

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 679

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Withdrawn	08/02/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: Yes

Government Levels Affected:

Undetermined

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

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 648

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Rule	05/24/00	65 FR 33486
Final Rule Effective	05/24/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: Yes

Government Levels Affected: State,

Federal

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

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 648

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Rule	03/28/00	65 FR 16341

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: Yes

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 0648-AM49

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

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 648

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Rule	05/22/00	65 FR 32042
Final Rule Effective	05/22/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: Yes

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 0648-AM50

788. RULEMAKING TO ANNOUNCE THE ANNUAL 2000 MANAGEMENT MEASURES FOR PACIFIC HALIBUT FISHERIES UNDER THE INTERNATIONAL PACIFIC HALIBUT COMMISSION

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 300

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	03/20/00	65 FR 14909

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

Agency Contact: James L. Balsiger

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RIN: 0648-AM52

789. EMERGENCY INTERIM RULE TO CLOSE RED PORGY FISHERY OF THE SOUTH ATLANTIC REGION

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 622

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Emergency Interim Rule	09/03/99	64 FR 48324
Comment Period End	10/04/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 0648-AM55

790. BSAI FMP AMENDMENT 58

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 679

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	10/12/00	65 FR 60587

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected: None

Agency Contact: James L. Balsiger

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RIN: 0648-AM63

791. ESTABLISH A CONTROL DATE FOR THE DOLPHIN AND WAHOO FISHERIES OF THE SOUTH ATLANTIC, GULF OF MEXICO, AND CARIBBEAN

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 622

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Withdrawn	10/18/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected: None

Agency Contact: Joseph Powers

DOC—NOAA

Completed Actions

Phone: 727 570-5301

RIN: 0648-AM67

792. 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

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 622

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Rule	05/19/00	65 FR 31827
Final Rule Effective	06/19/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: Yes

Government Levels Affected: None

Agency Contact: Joseph Powers

Phone: 727 570-5301

RIN: 0648-AM70

793. MODIFY DEALER AND VESSEL REPORTS REQUIREMENTS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 648

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	10/13/00	65 FR 60892

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 0648-AM74

794. AMENDMENT 12 TO THE FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR 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	06/01/00	65 FR 35040
Final Rule	08/31/00	65 FR 52955
Final Rule Effective	10/02/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected: None

Agency Contact: Joseph Powers

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RIN: 0648-AM75

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

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 635

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Review RFA Summary and Supplementary Information	04/26/00	65 FR 24440
Final Action	08/01/00	65 FR 47215

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 0648-AM79

796. GREATER AMBERJACK TRIP LIMIT UNDER THE FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR SNAPPER-GROUPER FISHERY OF THE SOUTH ATLANTIC REGION

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 622

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	05/19/00	65 FR 31507
Final Rule	09/13/00	65 FR 55203
Final Rule Effective	10/13/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: Yes

Government Levels Affected: None

Agency Contact: Joseph Powers

Phone: 727 570-5301

RIN: 0648-AM93

797. 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

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 622

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	05/16/00	65 FR 31132

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Rule	07/03/00	65 FR 41015
Final Rule Effective	08/02/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: Yes

Government Levels Affected: None

Agency Contact: Joseph Powers

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RIN: 0648-AN07

798. ANNUAL SPECIFICATIONS FOR FISHING YEAR 2000 FOR ATLANTIC HERRING

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 648

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Withdrawn - See RIN 0648-AI78	08/03/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected: Undetermined

Agency Contact: Patricia Kurkul

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RIN: 0648-AN11

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

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 648

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	03/03/00	65 FR 11478

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

Agency Contact: Patricia Kurkul

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RIN: 0648-AN18

800. RECORDKEEPING AND REPORTING REQUIREMENT REVISIONS TO THE ALASKA GROUND FISH FISHERIES LOGBOOKS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 679

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Withdrawn	08/14/00	

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Completed Actions

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected:

Undetermined

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RIN: 0648-AN22

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

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 679

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	05/26/00	65 FR 34133
Final Action	08/24/00	65 FR 51553

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: Yes

Government Levels Affected: None**Agency Contact:** James L. Balsiger

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RIN: 0648-AN25

802. REGULATORY AMENDMENT TO ESTABLISH/MODIFY SPECIAL MANAGEMENT ZONES UNDER THE FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR THE SNAPPER-GROUPER FISHERY OF THE SOUTH ATLANTIC REGION

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 622

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	07/03/00	65 FR 41041
Final Rule	10/16/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: Yes

Government Levels Affected: None**Agency Contact:** Joseph Powers

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RIN: 0648-AN35

803. AMENDMENT 12 TO THE FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR THE SNAPPER-GROUPER FISHERY OF THE SOUTH ATLANTIC REGION (FMP)

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 622

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	06/06/00	65 FR 35877

Reason**Date****FR Cite**

Final Rule 08/23/00 65 FR 51248

Final Rule Effective 09/22/00

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected: None**Agency Contact:** Joseph Powers

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RIN: 0648-AN39

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

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 648

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	03/29/00	65 FR 16780
Final Action Effective	04/28/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None**Agency Contact:** Patricia Kurkul

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RIN: 0648-AN46

805. 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

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 648

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Action Effective	06/15/00	
Final Action	06/19/00	65 FR 37903

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None**Agency Contact:** Patricia Kurkul

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RIN: 0648-AN49

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

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 648

Completed:**Reason****Date****FR Cite**

Final Rule 04/24/00 65 FR 21658

Final Action Effective 05/01/00

Final Action 07/14/00 65 FR 43687

Final Action Effective 08/28/00

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None**Agency Contact:** Patricia Kurkul

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RIN: 0648-AN51

807. SPECIFICATIONS FOR THE SPINY DOGFISH FISHERY FOR THE 2000 FISHING YEAR

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 648

Completed:**Reason****Date****FR Cite**

Interim Final Rule Effective 05/01/00

Interim Final Rule 05/04/00 65 FR 25887

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Government Levels Affected: State, Federal**Agency Contact:** Patricia Kurkul

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RIN: 0648-AN53

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

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 635

Completed:**Reason****Date****FR Cite**

Final Action Effective 04/13/00

Final Action 04/14/00 65 FR 20092

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None**Agency Contact:** Bruce C. Morehead

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RIN: 0648-AN56

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Completed Actions

809. REGULATORY AMENDMENT TO DEFINE DIRECTED FISHING FOR POLLOCK COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT QUOTA**Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**CFR Citation:** 50 CFR 679**Completed:**

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Withdrawn	08/02/00	

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

Undetermined

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RIN: 0648-AN57**810. NOTICE OF A CONTROL DATE FOR THE PURPOSES OF CONTROLLING ENTRY IN THE DEEP-SEA RED CRAB FISHERY****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**CFR Citation:** 50 CFR 648**Completed:**

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Correction Notice	03/17/00	65 FR 14519
ANPRM Comment	03/31/00	
Period End		

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

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RIN: 0648-AN61**811. RULE TO IMPLEMENT QUOTAS FOR THE SPINY DOGFISH FISHERY FOR FISHING YEAR 2000****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**CFR Citation:** 50 CFR 648**Completed:**

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Withdrawn - Duplicate of RIN 0648-AN53	08/03/00	

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

Undetermined

Agency Contact: Patricia Kurkul

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RIN: 0648-AN67**812. 2000 QUOTAS FOR YELLOWFIN TUNA FISHERY IN THE EASTERN PACIFIC OCEAN****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**CFR Citation:** 50 CFR 300**Completed:**

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	09/28/00	65 FR 58321

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis**Required:** Undetermined**Government Levels Affected:** None**Agency Contact:** Rebecca Lent

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RIN: 0648-AN73**813. ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE OPTIMUM YIELD AND HARVEST LIMIT FOR PACIFIC MACKEREL****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**CFR Citation:** 50 CFR 660**Completed:**

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	09/11/00	65 FR 54817

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis**Required:** No**Government Levels Affected:** None**Agency Contact:** Rebecca Lent

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RIN: 0648-AN74**814. 2000-2001 MANAGEMENT MEASURES FOR COMMERCIAL, RECREATIONAL, AND TREATY INDIAN SALMON FISHERIES OFF THE COASTS OF WASHINGTON, OREGON, AND CALIFORNIA****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**CFR Citation:** 50 CFR 660**Completed:**

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Action Effective	05/02/00	
Final Action	05/05/00	65 FR 26138

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis**Required:** No**Government Levels Affected:** State, Local, Tribal, Federal**Agency Contact:** Donna Darm

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RIN: 0648-AN81**815. REGULATORY AMENDMENT TO CLOSE AN AREA AROUND KODIAK ISLAND TO TRAWL GEAR FISHING****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**CFR Citation:** 50 CFR 679**Completed:**

Reason	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	07/03/00	65 FR 41044
Withdrawn - Court Ordered Injunction	08/14/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis**Required:** Undetermined**Government Levels Affected:** None**Federalism:** Undetermined**Agency Contact:** James L. Balsiger

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RIN: 0648-AN94**816. • REGULATORY AMENDMENT TO THE REEF FISH FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLAN TO SET RED SNAPPER MANAGEMENT MEASURES FOR THE 2000 AND 2001 SEASONS****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 and beyond, until changed, in accordance with the FMP's framework procedure for setting total allowable catch and associated measures. This rule would modify the recreational and commercial red snapper fishing season dates; allocate two thirds of the commercial red snapper quota for the spring fishing season, with the remainder for the fall fishing season; increase the recreational red snapper minimum size limit, and reinstate the 4-fish recreational red snapper bag limit for captain and crew of for-hire vessels (charter vessels and headboats). The objective is to maximize the economic benefits from the red snapper resource within the constraints of the stock rebuilding plan for this overfished resource.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	06/09/00	65 FR 36656
NPRM Comment	07/10/00	
Period End		

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Action	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	08/17/00	65 FR 50150
Final Action Effective	09/18/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: Yes

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

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RIN: 0648-AN96

817. • EXTENSION OF AN INTERIM RULE TO ADJUST MANAGEMENT MEASURES IN THE RECREATIONAL AND COMMERCIAL RED SNAPPER FISHERIES OF THE GULF OF MEXICO REGION

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant**Legal Authority:** 16 USC 1801 et seq**CFR Citation:** 50 CFR 622**Legal Deadline:** None

Abstract: An interim rule is in effect through June 19, 2000, that changes the management measures for the red snapper fishery in the exclusive economic zone of the Gulf of Mexico in order to reduce overfishing, as requested by the Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council. That interim rule modifies the recreational and commercial fishing seasons, 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). NMFS extends this interim rule for an additional 180 days. The intended effect is to reduce overfishing of red snapper in the Gulf of Mexico.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Interim Final Rule	06/09/00	65 FR 36643
Interim Final Rule Effective	06/19/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

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

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RIN: 0648-AN99

818. • DELETION OF REGULATORY REFERENCES TO MORATORIUM

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

Abstract: Final rule; technical amendment to remove reference to "moratorium" wherever it appears throughout the 50 CFR 679 regulations and revise some paragraphs dealing with the License Limitation Program where moratorium is referenced. A Moratorium Program "sunset date" ended the effect of that program on December 31, 1999, and the moratorium program was essentially replaced by the License Limitation Program.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	07/21/00	65 FR 45316
Final Action Effective	07/21/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 0648-AO00

819. • FINAL RULE AMENDS REGULATIONS IMPLEMENTING LICENSE LIMITATION FOR PERMIT NON-SEVERABILITY

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

Abstract: Implement a policy under the License Limitation Program that crab and groundfish licenses are non-severable. This rulemaking will implement transfer provisions that

make non-severable (1) area and area/species endorsements for a groundfish or crab license and (2) a crab license and a groundfish license based on history of a single vessel and initially issued to a single person.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Final Action Effective	05/11/00	
Final Action	05/16/00	65 FR 31003

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Small Entities Affected: No**Government Levels Affected:** None

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RIN: 0648-AO01

820. • ATLANTIC HIGHLY MIGRATORY SPECIES: ATLANTIC BLUEFIN TUNA SPECIFICATIONS; REGULATORY AMENDMENT

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 amend the Atlantic Highly Migratory Species (HMS) regulations to allow Purse Seine vessel owners to carry over unharvested bluefin tuna (BFT) quota between fishing years on a per vessel basis. NMFS also proposes BFT quota and effort control specifications for the 2000 fishing year. The proposed specifications are necessary to implement the 1998 recommendation of the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas required by the Atlantic Tunas Convention Act and to achieve domestic management objectives under the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	05/24/00	65 FR 33513
NPRM Comment Period End	06/19/00	
Final Action Effective	07/07/00	
Final Action	07/12/00	65 FR 42883

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

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RIN: 0648-AO03**821. • EMERGENCY RULE TO CLOSE THE YEAR 2000 CRUSTACEAN FISHERY IN THE NORTHWESTERN HAWAIIAN ISLANDS****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**Legal Authority:** 16 USC 1801 et seq**CFR Citation:** 50 CFR 660**Legal Deadline:** None

Abstract: NMFS issues a final rule to close the 2000 Northwestern Hawaiian Islands commercial lobster fishery, which was scheduled to open on July 1, 2000. This rule, which is authorized by the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, amends current regulations promulgated under the Fishery Management Plan for Crustacean Fisheries of the Western Pacific Region. NMFS is closing the lobster fishery to prevent the potential for overfishing lobster resources.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	04/28/00	65 FR 24906
NPRM Comment Period End	05/17/00	
Final Rule	06/26/00	65 FR 39314
Final Rule Effective	07/01/00	

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

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
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RIN: 0648-AO06**822. • NOTICE OF CONTROL DATE FOR HIGHLY MIGRATORY SPECIES FISHERIES OF THE WEST COAST****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 developing a Fishery Management Plan (FMP) for Highly Migratory Species (HMS) off the Pacific Coast that would place HMS species such as tuna, billfish, and sharks under Federal management. This document announces a control date of March 9, 2000, after which vessels participating in the commercial (troll, long line, drift gillnet, harpoon, purse seine), and charter boat fisheries for HMS may not be qualified if the Council determines that a program to limit entry to the fisheries is appropriate. The intended effect of this announcement is to discourage speculative entry into the Pacific Coast HMS fisheries while the Council determines whether, it will limit participation in the fisheries in the future. If the Council decides to limit future participation, it will decide on criteria at that time.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	05/31/00	65 FR 34635
Final Action Effective	06/30/00	

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

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RIN: 0648-AO11**823. • ESTABLISHMENT OF A CONTROL DATE FOR POSSIBLE MANAGEMENT MEASURES LIMITING PARTICIPATION BY GEAR TYPE IN THE COMMERCIAL REEF FISH FISHERIES OF THE GULF OF MEXICO****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**Legal Authority:** 16 USC 1801 et seq**CFR Citation:** 50 CFR 622**Legal Deadline:** None

Abstract: The Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council is considering whether there is a need to limit participation by gear type in the commercial reef fish fisheries in the exclusive economic zone (EEZ) of the Gulf of Mexico and, if there is a need, what management measures should be imposed to accomplish this. Possible measures include modifications to the existing limited entry program to control fishery participation, or effort, based on gear type, such as a requirement for a gear endorsement on the commercial reef fish vessel permit for the appropriate gear. Gear types which may be included are longlines, buoy gear, handlines, rod-and-reel, bandit gear, spearfishing gear, and powerheads used with spears. Announcement of a control date for gear eligibility is intended to discourage the use of different gear based on economic speculation during the Council's deliberation on the issues.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
ANPRM	07/12/00	65 FR 42978
ANPRM Comment Period End	08/12/00	
Withdrawn	08/14/00	

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

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RIN: 0648-AO12**824. • FRAMEWORK 35 TO THE MULTISPECIES FMP - RAISED FOOTROPE WHITING TRAWL EXEMPTED FISHERY****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**Legal Authority:** 16 USC 1801 et seq**CFR Citation:** 50 CFR 648**Legal Deadline:** None

Abstract: Framework 35 establishes an exempted small mesh whiting fishery in the Gulf of Maine. This rule would implement provisions to exempt a fishery from the Gulf of Maine/Georges

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Bank Regulated Mesh Area mesh size regulations and closed area restrictions.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	08/16/00	65 FR 49942

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 0648-AO15

825. • 2000 PROVISIONAL QUOTA FOR BIGEYE TUNA IN THE EASTERN PACIFIC OCEAN (EPO)

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: Not Yet Determined

CFR Citation: Not Yet Determined

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: Tuna quotas for the EPO are announced by NMFS after the Department of State (DOS) has approved recommended quotas of the Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission (IATTC), in which the U.S. is a member nation. The IATTC set a provisional bigeye quota for 2000 at 40,000 metric tons, a measure which has been approved by the DOS. The quota would be implemented by prohibiting purse seine sets on floating objects when the quota is reached. The quota is based on a scientific assessment of the status of the bigeye stock and on expected fishery patterns. For example, it is known that sets on floating objects result in mixed species catches with substantial catches of juvenile bigeye and yellowfin. By limiting sets on floating objects, the catch of juvenile bigeye is limited and the long-term sustainability of the stock is more likely to be maintained. The U.S. fleet fishes principally on floating objects and could be limited by these quotas, but U.S. participation in the EPO now is considerably lower than in the 1980s. Therefore, the economic impacts would not be expected to be significant. Further, all member nations' fleets would be subject to this regionwide quota. There is, however, a potential for early closure of the fishery if the quota is reached earlier than

projected; for example, if catch rates are higher than expected, or effort is higher than expected, or both, the quota could be taken before the end of the year. The IATTC intends to review available fishery data in June 2000 to determine if the provisional quota should be changed.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Withdrawn	08/02/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 0648-AO21

826. • REFORMAT THE REGULATIONS AT 50 CFR PART 679

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: Not Yet Determined

CFR Citation: Not Yet Determined

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This rulemaking is to reformat and simplify the regulations at 679. All regulatory text that addresses prohibitions will be removed from current locations in 679.22, 679.23, and 679.24 and relocated in 679.7.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Withdrawn	08/14/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 0648-AO29

827. • EMERGENCY RULE: ADJUSTMENT OF THE SUMMER FLOUNDER SPECIFICATIONS FOR THE YEAR 2000

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1801 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 648

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This action would establish a procedure to adjust the summer flounder fishing quota for the 2001 fishing year.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Interim Final Rule	08/02/00	65 FR 47648
Interim Final Rule Comment Period End	09/01/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Small Entities Affected: Businesses

Government Levels Affected: Federal, State

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RIN: 0648-AO32

828. • ESTABLISH A CONTROL DATE FOR THE COMMERCIAL PENAEID SHRIMP FISHERY IN THE SOUTH ATLANTIC EXCLUSIVE ECONOMIC ZONE

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1801 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 622

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: Publication of the ANPR for a control date in the Federal Register will inform the commercial shrimp fishery that the south Atlantic Fishery Management Council is considering potential management measures that would limit the number of participants in the penaeid shrimp fishery of the South Atlantic. Anyone entering that fishery after the control date will not be assured of future access should a management regime be implemented that limits the number of participants in the fishery. The control date also is intended to discourage new entry into the fishery based on economic

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speculation while the Council considers the issues and appropriate remedies. Implementation of any such program would require the Council's preparation of an amendment to the Fishery Management Plan for the Shrimp Fishery of the South Atlantic followed by Secretarial review, approval, and implementation by final rule.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
ANPRM	09/08/00	65 FR 54474
ANPRM Comment Period End	10/10/00	
Withdrawn	10/18/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Small Entities Affected: Businesses

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 0648-AO39

829. • INTERIM REGULATIONS TO CLOSE ALL CRITICAL HABITAT IN THE BSAI AND THE GOA WEST OF 144°W LONGITUDE TO TRAWLING FOR GROUND FISH

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1801 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 679

Legal Deadline: Final, Judicial, August 14, 2000.

Abstract: This rulemaking would implement a court-ordered injunction to close all critical habitat for groundfish to protect the western population of Steller sea lion. This action is necessary for agency compliance with the court order to provide for further mitigation of effects of the commercial groundfish fisheries on Steller sea lions and their critical habitat.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Interim Final Rule Effective	08/09/00	
Interim Final Rule	08/15/00	65 FR 49766

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Government Levels Affected: Federal

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RIN: 0648-AO44

830. • EMERGENCY INTERIM RULE TO PROHIBIT USE OF TRAP GEAR IN ROYAL RED SHRIMP FISHERY OF GULF OF MEXICO UNDER FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR SHRIMP FISHERY OF GULF OF MEXICO

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1801 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 622

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This emergency interim rule would prohibit the use of trap gear in the royal red shrimp fishery within the exclusive economic zone of the Gulf of Mexico. The intended effect of this rule is to prevent gear conflict and overfishing in the royal red shrimp fishery.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Interim Final Rule Effective	09/14/00	
Emergency Interim Final Rule	09/19/00	65 FR 56500
Interim Final Rule Comment Period End	10/19/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 0648-AO52

831. • ATLANTIC HIGHLY MIGRATORY SPECIES; PELAGIC LONGLINE FISHERY; SEA TURTLE BYCATCH REDUCTION MEASURES

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1801 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 635

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This emergency rule implements limited time and area closures to pelagic longlining in the northeast distant statistical area (Grand Banks) to reduce sea turtle interactions and requires all pelagic longline vessels in all areas to carry line-cutters and dipnets to reduce the mortality of incidentally captured sea turtles. 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
Interim Final Rule	10/13/00	65 FR 60889
Interim Final Rule Comment Period End	01/08/01	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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832. TAKING OF MARINE MAMMALS INCIDENTAL TO FISHERIES-RELATED RESEARCH

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 229; 50 CFR 216

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Withdrawn - No Action Planned	08/04/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected: Federal

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833. 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**CFR Citation:** 50 CFR 223**Completed:**

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	07/10/00	65 FR 42481
Final Action Effective	09/08/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No**Government Levels Affected:** Tribal**Agency Contact:** Kellie Carter
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Email: kellie.f.carter@noaa.gov**RIN:** 0648-AG15**834. NORTH ATLANTIC RIGHT WHALE PROTECTION****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**CFR Citation:** 50 CFR 222; 50 CFR 224**Completed:**

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Withdrawn	08/04/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No**Government Levels Affected:** None**Agency Contact:** Gregory Silber
Phone: 301 713-2322**RIN:** 0648-AH47**835. ENDANGERED AND THREATENED SPECIES: PROPOSED RULE GOVERNING TAKE OF WEST COAST STEELHEAD****Priority:** Other Significant**CFR Citation:** 50 CFR 223**Completed:**

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Combined With RIN 0648-AM59	07/10/00	65 FR 42422

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes**Government Levels Affected:** Federal, State, Tribal**Agency Contact:** Kellie Carter
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Email: kellie.f.carter@noaa.gov**RIN:** 0648-AK94**836. DETERMINATION OF CRITICAL HABITAT FOR JOHNSON'S SEAGRASS****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**CFR Citation:** 50 CFR 223**Completed:**

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	04/05/00	65 FR 17786
Final Action Effective	05/05/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No**Government Levels Affected:** None**Agency Contact:** Marta Nammack
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Email: marta.nammack@noaa.gov**RIN:** 0648-AL82**837. 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**CFR Citation:** 50 CFR 216**Completed:**

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Rule	05/25/00	65 FR 34014
Final Action Effective	05/25/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No**Government Levels Affected:** None**Agency Contact:** Kenneth R. Hollingshead
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Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	04/26/00	65 FR 24448
Final Action Effective	04/26/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No**Government Levels Affected:** None**Agency Contact:** Patricia Lawson
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Reason	Date	FR Cite
Interim Final Rule	05/24/99	64 FR 27925
Final Rule	10/01/99	64 FR 53269

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No**Government Levels Affected:** Tribal**Agency Contact:** Brad Smith
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Reason	Date	FR Cite
Withdrawn - Combined with RIN 0648-AK94	07/10/00	65 FR 42422

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Undetermined**Government Levels Affected:** Undetermined**Agency Contact:** Kellie Carter
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Email: kellie.f.carter@noaa.gov**RIN:** 0648-AM59**841. 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**CFR Citation:** 50 CFR 216.15(g); 50 CFR 216.23(e)**Completed:**

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Rule	05/31/00	65 FR 34590
Final Rule Effective	06/30/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

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Government Levels Affected: Tribal**Agency Contact:** Thomas C. Eagle

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842. SEA TURTLE CONSERVATION; SHRIMP FISHERY**Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**CFR Citation:** 50 CFR 222; 50 CFR 223**Completed:**

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Temporary Rule	10/25/99	64 FR 57397
Temporary Rule	12/13/99	64 FR 69416

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis**Required:** No**Government Levels Affected:** None**Agency Contact:** Therese Conant

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RIN: 0648-AN30

843. DOLPHIN-SAFE TUNA LABELING; OFFICIAL MARK**Priority:** Other Significant**CFR Citation:** 50 CFR 216**Completed:**

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	05/30/00	65 FR 34408
Final Action Effective	06/29/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis**Required:** No**Government Levels Affected:** None**Agency Contact:** Barbara Bach

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RIN: 0648-AN37

844. TAKING OF MARINE MAMMALS INCIDENTAL TO COMMERCIAL FISHING OPERATIONS; ATLANTIC LARGE WHALE TAKE REDUCTION PLAN REGULATIONS; CHANGE IN EFFECTIVE DATES**Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**CFR Citation:** 50 CFR 229**Completed:**

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Rule	12/30/99	64 FR 73434
Final Rule Effective	11/01/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis**Required:** No**Government Levels Affected:** State, Federal**Agency Contact:** Gregory Silber

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RIN: 0648-AN40

845. SEA TURTLE CONSERVATION REGULATIONS; RESTRICTIONS TO FISHING ACTIVITY**Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**CFR Citation:** 50 CFR 222; 50 CFR 223**Completed:**

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	12/16/99	64 FR 70196

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis**Required:** No**Government Levels Affected:** None**Agency Contact:** Therese Conant

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RIN: 0648-AN45

846. ENDANGERED AND THREATENED SPECIES: THREATENED STATUS FOR ONE EVOLUTIONARILY SIGNIFICANT UNIT OF STEELHEAD IN CALIFORNIA**Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**CFR Citation:** 50 CFR 223**Completed:**

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	06/07/00	65 FR 36074
Final Action Effective	08/07/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis**Required:** No**Government Levels Affected:** Federal**Agency Contact:** Kellie Carter

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RIN: 0648-AN58

847. ENDANGERED AND THREATENED SPECIES: DELISTING AND REDESIGNATION OF CRITICAL HABITAT FOR UMPQUA RIVER CUTTHROAT TROUT**Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**CFR Citation:** 50 CFR 224; 50 CFR 226**Completed:**

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	04/19/00	65 FR 20915
Final Action Effective	04/19/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis**Required:** No**Government Levels Affected:** None**Agency Contact:** Kellie Carter

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RIN: 0648-AN90

848. 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**CFR Citation:** 50 CFR 216.170**Completed:**

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Withdrawn - Duplicate of RIN 0648-AO24	08/04/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis**Required:** No**Government Levels Affected:** Federal**Agency Contact:** Kenneth R. Hollingshead

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RIN: 0648-AN91

849. 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.**CFR Citation:** 50 CFR 229**Completed:**

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Withdrawn	08/03/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis**Required:** Undetermined**Government Levels Affected:** Undetermined**Federalism:** Undetermined**Agency Contact:** Emily E. Hanson

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RIN: 0648-AN93

850. • NOTICE AND HEARING ON SECTION 103 REGULATIONS**Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**Legal Authority:** 16 USC 1373 et seq

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CFR Citation: 50 CFR 228

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: NMFS is reinstating procedures related to hearings on the record under section 103 of the Marine Mammal Protection Act.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	06/27/00	65 FR 39560
Final Action Effective	06/27/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Small Entities Affected: No

Government Levels Affected: Tribal, Federal

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851. ● SEA TURTLE CONSERVATION; RESTRICTIONS TO FISHING ACTIVITIES

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1531

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 222; 50 CFR 223

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: To close an area along North Carolina and Virginia to large mesh gillnets for sea turtle conservation.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	05/18/00	65 FR 31500

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Government Levels Affected: Federal

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RIN: 0648-AO19

852. ● SEA TURTLE CONSERVATION; RESTRICTIONS APPLICABLE TO SHRIMP TRAWLING ACTIVITIES

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1531

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 222; 50 CFR 223

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: Temporary rule to require the use of the leatherback TED modification in the shrimp fishery.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	05/25/00	65 FR 33779

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 0648-AO22

853. ● SEA TURTLE CONSERVATION; SHRIMP TRAWLING REQUIREMENTS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

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

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 222; 50 CFR 223

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: NMFS issues this temporary action to allow the use of limited tow times by shrimp trawlers as an alternative to the use of Turtle Excluder Devices (TEDs) in inshore waters of Galveston Bay, Texas, north of the Galveston jetties, east of the Galveston Island Interstate-45 Causeway, west of the "Shellfish Line" in East Bay (the line running from the entrance to Robinson Bayou to the tide gauge in Marsh Point), and, in Trinity Bay, south of the line running from the entrance of Double Bayou to Umbrella Point. Unusual, dense concentrations of marine organisms in this area are clogging TEDs, rendering the TEDs ineffective in expelling sea turtles from the shrimp nets as well as negatively impacting fishermen's catches.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	08/29/00	65 FR 52348

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Small Entities Affected: Businesses

Government Levels Affected: State, Federal

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RIN: 0648-AO43

854. THUNDER BAY NATIONAL MARINE SANCTUARY

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

CFR Citation: 15 CFR 922

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	06/22/00	65 FR 39041

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 0648-AE41

855. LICENSING OF PRIVATE REMOTE-SENSING SPACE SYSTEMS

Priority: Other Significant

CFR Citation: 15 CFR 960

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Rule	08/30/00	65 FR 46822

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Government Levels Affected: Federal

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RIN: 0648-AC64

Department of Commerce (DOC)

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National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA)

856. 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); 47 USC 902(b)(2)(M)**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. Thereafter, on February 10, 1999, the agency announced a public meeting to explore the future administration and management of the .us domain name

space, and conducted that meeting on March 9, 1999.

In an effort to develop a more concrete framework for the procurement of .us, on August 22, 2000, the agency published a request for comment on a draft statement of work and draft methods and procedures section, each of which is expected to be incorporated in a request for proposals for the management and administration of the .us domain space. (See 65 FR 50964, August 22, 2000.) The comment period closed on October 6, 2000.

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	02/10/99	64 FR 6633
Request for Comments	08/22/00	65 FR 50964
Comment Period End	10/06/00	

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

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RIN: 0660-AA11**857. • MANDATORY REIMBURSEMENT RULES FOR RELOCATION OF FEDERAL SPECTRUM****Priority:** Other Significant**Legal Authority:** 47 USC sec 921 et seq; PL 105-261; 112 Stat/1920(1998); 47 USC sec 923(g)**CFR Citation:** 47 CFR 301**Legal Deadline:** None

Abstract: The National Defense Authorization Act requires successful bidders of auctions of Federal spectrum to compensate the Federal incumbent users for the marginal costs associated with the relocation of a Federal station. This mandatory reimbursement applies to the 20MHz of spectrum identified for reallocation under the Balanced Budget Act of 1997, the 1710-1755MHz band identified under the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1993, and future allocations. The National Defense Authorization Act requires NTIA to develop reimbursement procedures which are to include a process for resolving differences between the Federal Government and commercial licenses regarding estimates of relocation or modification of costs. This NPRM will set forth those rules.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	12/00/00	

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

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Department of Commerce (DOC)
Patent and Trademark Office (PTO)

Prerule Stage

858. • REQUEST FOR COMMENT ON PRELIMINARY DRAFT CONVENTION ON JURISDICTION AND FOREIGN JUDGMENTS AND CIVIL AND COMMERCIAL JUDGMENTS
Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 35 USC 2

CFR Citation: Not Yet Determined

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) is seeking the views of the public concerning common jurisdictional rules for international civil and commercial cases and enforcement of judgements.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Notice	10/00/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Small Entities Affected: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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Department of Commerce (DOC)
Patent and Trademark Office (PTO)

Proposed Rule Stage

859. REQUIREMENTS FOR REGISTRATION TO PRACTICE BEFORE THE PTO IN PATENT CASES
Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 35 USC 2(b)(2)(D); 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	10/00/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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860. TECHNICAL AND NONTECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS FOR REGISTRATION TO PRACTICE BEFORE THE PTO IN PATENT CASES, DISCIPLINARY RULES, AND INVESTIGATIONS AND DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS
Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 35 USC 2(b)(2)(D); 35 USC 32

CFR Citation: 37 CFR 10

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This rulemaking amends the rules of practice before the PTO to include the technical and nontechnical requirements for registration to practice before the PTO in patent cases, as well as new Disciplinary Rules, and new rules regarding Investigations and Disciplinary Proceedings.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	02/00/01	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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861. 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	10/00/00	
Final Rule	11/00/00	
Final Action Effective	11/00/00	

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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862. • PROCEDURES FOR SERVICE OF PROCESS, OBTAINING EVIDENCE, INDEMNIFYING EMPLOYEES, AND MAKING A CLAIM UNDER THE FEDERAL TORT CLAIMS ACT**Priority:** Info./Admin./Other**Legal Authority:** 35 USC 2(b)(2); 28 USC 2672; 44 USC 3101**CFR Citation:** None**Legal Deadline:** None

Abstract: The United States Patent and Trademark Office proposes rules relating to litigation and claims against Office. Specifically, the rules will provide procedures for service of process, for obtaining Office documents and employee testimony, for indemnifying employees, and for making a claim against the Office under the Federal Tort Claims Act.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	10/00/00	

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

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863. • STUDY OF ALTERNATIVE FEE STRUCTURES**Priority:** Info./Admin./Other**Legal Authority:** PL 106-113, sec 4204**CFR Citation:** None

Legal Deadline: Other, Statutory, November 29, 2000, Study submission. Study required to be submitted to Congress no later than November 29, 2000.

Abstract: Study will address issues involving the patent fee structure to determine how best to encourage maximum participation of the U.S. inventors community.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Notice	10/02/00	65 FR 58746

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

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864. • RULES OF PRACTICE BEFORE THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES IN APPEALS UNDER 35 U.S.C. 134**Priority:** Info./Admin./Other**Legal Authority:** 35 USC 2(B)(2); 35 USC 6; 35 USC 134**CFR Citation:** 37 CFR 1.14; 37 CFR 1.191 to 1.198**Legal Deadline:** None

Abstract: The United States Patent and Trademark Office proposes to amend its rules of patent appellate practice to simplify proceedings and to reflect changes in recent legislation.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	04/00/01	

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

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865. REVISION OF PATENT AND TRADEMARK FEES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2002**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, 2001.

Abstract: This rulemaking revises certain patent and trademark fees to reflect fluctuations in the Consumer

Price Index (CPI) consistent with PL 105-358, as amended by PL 106-113.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	08/00/01	
Final Action Effective	10/00/01	

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

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866. 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

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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	04/06/00	65 FR 18154
NPRM Comment Period End	06/12/00	65 FR 18154
Final Rule	11/00/00	
Final Rule Effective	12/00/00	

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

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867. 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 1.74, 1.75, 1.104; 37 CFR 1.111 to 113**Legal Deadline:** None

Abstract: The Patent Office is publishing 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
Comment Period End	03/22/00	
Final Guidelines	10/00/00	

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

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868. 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, 1.104, 1.111 to 113**Legal Deadline:** None

Abstract: The Patent Office is publishing 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
Comment Period End	03/22/00	
Final Guidelines	10/00/00	

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

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869. 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 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	65 FR 3127
Final Action	10/00/00	
Final Action Effective	10/00/00	

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

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870. ELIMINATION OF CERTAIN UNNECESSARY OR OBSOLETE REQUIREMENTS IN PATENT INTERFERENCE PRACTICE**Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**Legal Authority:** 35 USC 2(b)(2); 35 USC 135(a)**CFR Citation:** 37 CFR 1.601(f), 1.606, 1.609; 37 CFR 1.671, 1.682, 1.683; 37 CFR 1.688**Legal Deadline:** None

Abstract: The United States Patent and Trademark Office amends its rules of practice in patent interferences to eliminate certain unnecessary or obsolete requirements.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Interim Final Rule	09/20/00	65 FR 56792
Interim Final Rule Comment Period End	10/20/00	

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

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871. • TREATMENT OF MISPLACED APPLICATION AND PATENT FILES

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 35 USC 2(B)(2)

CFR Citation: 37 CFR 1

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The United States Patent and Trademark Office is proposing to amend the rules of practice to provide for the replacement of application and patent files that cannot be located after a reasonable search. This change is designed to expedite the process of application and patent file reconstruction to minimize the processing or examination delays resulting when the Office cannot locate an application or patent file after a reasonable search.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	07/10/00	65 FR 42309
NPRM Comment Period End	08/09/00	65 FR 42309

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

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Small Entities Affected: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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Long-Term Actions

872. MADRID PROTOCOL IMPLEMENTATION ACT RULES CHANGE

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

CFR Citation: Not Yet Determined

Timetable: Next Action Undetermined

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Small Entities Affected: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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implemented Business Methods in Class 705. The Office is seeking comments concerning additional databases documenting practices, procedures, and developments in individual specific industries within the computer implemented business method field.

Timetable: Next Action Undetermined

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Small Entities Affected: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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873. CORRESPONDENCE FILED IN THE PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Priority: Info./Admin./Other

CFR Citation: 37 CFR 1.1

Timetable: Next Action Undetermined

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

874. • NOTIFICATION OF REQUIRED AND OPTIONAL SEARCH CRITERIA FOR COMPUTER-IMPLEMENTED BUSINESS METHOD PATENT APPLICATIONS IN CLASS 705 AND REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

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

CFR Citation: 37 CFR 1

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The United States Patent and Trademark Office is providing notification to the public of the required and optional search criteria used during examination of patent applications related to computer

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875. CHANGES TO IMPLEMENT THE PATENT BUSINESS GOALS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

CFR Citation: 37 CFR 1; 37 CFR 3; 37 CFR 5; 37 CFR 10

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Rule	09/08/00	65 FR 54604
Final Rule Effective	09/08/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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876. CONSIDERATION OF INTERLOCUTORY RULINGS AT FINAL HEARING IN INTERFERENCE PROCESSINGS**Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**CFR Citation:** 37 CFR 1.655(a)**Completed:**

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Interim Final Rule	03/16/99	64 FR 12900

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis**Required:** No**Government Levels Affected:** None**Agency Contact:** Fred E. McKelvey

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877. CHANGES TO IMPLEMENT EIGHTEEN-MONTH PUBLICATION OF PATENT APPLICATION**Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**CFR Citation:** 37 CFR 1; 37 CFR 3; 37 CFR 5**Completed:**

Reason	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	04/05/00	65 FR 17946
Final Rule	09/20/00	65 FR 57024
Final Rule Effective	11/29/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis**Required:** No**Government Levels Affected:** None**Agency Contact:** Robert W. Bahr

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878. CHANGES TO IMPLEMENT PATENT TERM ADJUSTMENT UNDER TWENTY-YEAR PATENT TERM**Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**CFR Citation:** 37 CFR 1**Completed:**

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Rule	09/18/00	65 FR 56366
Final Rule Effective	10/18/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis**Required:** No**Government Levels Affected:** None**Agency Contact:** Robert W. Bahr

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879. CHANGES TO PERMIT PAYMENT OF PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE FEES BY CREDIT CARD**Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**CFR Citation:** 37 CFR 1**Completed:**

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Rule	05/24/00	65 FR 33452
Final Rule Effective	06/05/00	65 FR 33452

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis**Required:** No**Government Levels Affected:** None**Agency Contact:** Robert W. Bahr

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880. CHANGES TO APPLICATION EXAMINATION AND PROVISIONAL APPLICATION PRACTICE**Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**CFR Citation:** 37 CFR 1**Completed:**

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Interim Final Rule	05/19/00	65 FR 14865
Comment Period End		
Interim Final Rule Effective	05/29/00	65 FR 14865
Final Rule	08/16/00	65 FR 50092
Final Rule Effective	08/16/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis**Required:** No**Government Levels Affected:** None**Agency Contact:** Robert W. Bahr

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881. DESIGN PATENT CLAIM LANGUAGE**Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**CFR Citation:** 37 CFR 1.151 to 154**Completed:**

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Withdrawn	10/01/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis**Required:** No**Government Levels Affected:** None**Agency Contact:** Magdalen Greenlief

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882. • REQUEST FOR COMMENTS ON PATENT LAW TREATY**Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**Legal Authority:** 35 USC 2**CFR Citation:** None**Legal Deadline:** None**Abstract:** The United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) requested comments to obtain the views of the public on the effort to simplify formal requirements in patent applications.**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
Notice	03/09/00	65 FR 12515
Comment Period End	04/21/00	65 FR 12515

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis**Required:** No**Small Entities Affected:** No**Government Levels Affected:** None**Agency Contact:** Lois E. Boland, Special Program Examiner, Department of Commerce, Patent and Trademark Office, Office of Legislative and International Affairs, Washington, DC 20231

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883. • NOTICE OF PUBLIC ROUNDTABLE AND REQUEST FOR COMMENTS ON ISSUES RELATED TO EXAMINATION OF COMPUTER-IMPLEMENTED BUSINESS METHOD PATENT APPLICATIONS**Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**Legal Authority:** 35 USC 2**CFR Citation:** None**Legal Deadline:** None**Abstract:** The United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) invited members of the public to participate in a roundtable discussion of topics related to computer-implemented business method patent.**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
Notice	06/22/00	65 FR 38811

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Regulatory Flexibility Analysis**Required:** No**Small Entities Affected:** No**Government Levels Affected:** None**Agency Contact:** Jennifer Lucas, Department of Commerce, Patent and Trademark Office, Office of Legislative and International Affairs, Washington, DC 20231

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RIN: 0651-AB20**884. • FREEDOM OF INFORMATION AND PRIVACY ACT RULES****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**Legal Authority:** 5 USC 552, 552a, 553; 31 USC 3717; 35 USC 2(b)(2), 21, 41, 122; 44 USC 3101**CFR Citation:** 37 CFR 102.1 to 102.11, 102.21 to 102.34**Legal Deadline:** None**Abstract:** The United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) is amending the rules of practice to provide rules to implement and enforce the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) and Privacy Act (PA). The proposed rules adopt the substance and scope of the Department of Commerce's proposed amended FOIA and PA rules published in the

Federal Register on May 31, 2000 (65 FR 34606-34625). A new part will be added to Subchapter B of Chapter One, Title 37, to include the FOIA and PA rules.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	07/07/00	65 FR 41903
NPRM Comment Period End	08/07/00	65 FR 41903
Final Action	08/31/00	65 FR 52916
Final Action Effective	10/02/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis**Required:** No**Small Entities Affected:** No**Government Levels Affected:** None**Agency Contact:** Joseph Gerard Piccolo, Associate Solicitor, Department of Commerce, Patent and Trademark Office, Box 8, Director of USPTO, Washington, DC 20231

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RIN: 0651-AB21**885. • SUPPLEMENTAL EXAMINATION GUIDELINES FOR DETERMINING THE APPLICABILITY OF 35 USC 112.6****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**Legal Authority:** 35 USC 2(b)(2); 35 USC 112; 35 USC 131; 35 USC 132**CFR Citation:** 37 CFR 1.75; 37 CFR 1.104**Legal Deadline:** None**Abstract:** The United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) has published supplemental guidelines to be used by office personnel in their review of patent applications. The guidelines concern claim language that involves 35 USC 112, Para. 6.**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
Notice	07/30/99	64 FR 41392
Final Action	06/21/00	65 FR 38510

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis**Required:** No**Small Entities Affected:** No**Government Levels Affected:** None**Agency Contact:** Magdalen Greenlief, Senior Legal Advisor, Department of Commerce, Patent and Trademark Office, Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, DC 20231

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RIN: 0651-AB23**Department of Commerce (DOC)
Technology Administration (TA)****Prerule Stage****886. 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**Agency Contact:** Philip J. Greene, Acting Chief Counsel for Technology Administration, Department of Commerce, Technology Administration, HCHB Room 5877, 14th & Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230

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**Department of Commerce (DOC)
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Proposed Rule Stage
887. 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
NPRM	10/00/00	
Final Rule	01/00/01	

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.

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**Department of Commerce (DOC)
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888. 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
Interim Final Rule Comment Period End	09/13/95	60 FR 41811
Final Action	10/00/00	
Final Action Effective	10/00/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected: Federal

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889. 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 will be making minor changes to the regulation.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Interim Final Rule	08/07/96	61 FR 40997
Interim Final Rule Effective	08/07/96	61 FR 40997
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
890. 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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