

adding in its place the words "Small Business Specialist", by removing "SDBUS" and adding in its place "SBS", and by removing the words "Small and Disadvantaged Utilization Specialists" and adding in its place the words "Small Business Specialists".

15. Section 1519.201-1 is redesignated as section 1519.201-71 and section 1519.201-2 is redesignated as section 1519.201-72.

16. Section 1519.201-72 is amended by removing the sentence "The SDBUS is not precluded from being assigned the responsibility for the labor surplus area program prescribed by FAR Part 20" in paragraph (b).

17. Section 1519.201-72 is amended by removing the words "small purchase limitation" and adding, in its place the words "simplified acquisition threshold" in paragraph (c)(3).

#### **1527.409 [Amended]**

18. Section 1527.409 is amended by removing the words "small purchase limitation and, as appropriate, in small purchases" and adding in its place the words "simplified acquisition threshold and, as appropriate, in simplified acquisition procedures."

#### **PART 1532—[AMENDED]**

19. Part 1532 is amended to add subpart 1532.2 to read as follows:

##### **Subpart 1532.2—Commercial Item Purchase Financing**

#### **1532.201 Statutory authority.**

Authority for making the determination under FAR 32.201 is delegated to a level above the Contracting Officer.

#### **1533.103-70 [Removed]**

20. Section 1533.103-70 is removed.

#### **1535.007-70 [Amended]**

21. Section 1535.007-70, paragraph (c) is amended by adding "(TSCA)" after the words "Business Information" in the first sentence.

22. Subpart 1542.7 is amended to add Section 1542.703-2 to read as follows:

#### **1542.703-2 Certificate of indirect costs.**

The Head of the Contracting Activity may waive the certification requirement set forth in FAR 42.703-2.

23. Section 1552.209-71 is amended by revising paragraph (c) to read as follows:

#### **1552.209-71 Organizational conflicts of interest.**

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(c) When the procurement is accomplished through simplified

acquisition procedures, use of the clause is optional.

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#### **1552.210-70 [Amended]**

24. Section 1552.210-70 is redesignated as section 1552.211-70.

#### **1552.210-72 [Amended]**

25. Section 1552.210-72 is redesignated as section 1552.211-72.

#### **1552.210-75 [Amended]**

26. Sections 1552.210-75 through 1552.210-79 are redesignated as sections 1552.211-75 through 1552.211-79.

#### **1552.210-80 [Amended]**

27. Section 1552.210-80 is redesignated as section 1552.209-75.

#### **1552.211-78 [Amended]**

28. In newly designated section 1552.211-78, remove the words "management consulting" and replace with the words "advisory and assistance".

#### **1552.212-70 [Amended]**

29. Section 1552.212-70 is redesignated as section 1552.211-73.

#### **1552.212-71 [Amended]**

30. Section 1552.212-71 is redesignated as 1552.211-74.

31. The heading of the clause in section 1552.215-70 is revised to read as follows:

#### **1552.215-70 EPA Source Evaluation and Selection Procedures—Procurements (SEP 1996)**

As prescribed in 1515.605, insert the following provision: EPA SOURCE EVALUATION AND SELECTION PROCEDURES - PROCUREMENTS (SEP 1996)

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32. The heading of the clause and the title of the clause in section 1552.235-76 are revised to read as follows:

#### **1552.235-76 Treatment of Confidential Business Information (TSCA) (APR 1996)**

As prescribed in 1535.007-70(c), insert the following clause:

#### **TREATMENT OF CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS INFORMATION (TSCA) (APR 1996)**

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Dated: September 30, 1996.

Betty L. Bailey,

Director, Office of Acquisition Management.

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## **DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

### **Surface Transportation Board**

**49 CFR Parts 1011, 1104, 1111, 1112, 1113, 1114, 1115, and 1121**

[STB Ex Parte No. 527]

### **Expedited Procedures for Processing Rail Rate Reasonableness, Exemption and Revocation Proceedings**

**AGENCY:** Surface Transportation Board.

**ACTION:** Final rules; postponement of effective date.

**SUMMARY:** The Surface Transportation Board (Board) amended its *Rules of Practice* at 49 CFR 1100-1149 in a decision served October 1, 1996 and published in the Federal Register on October 8, 1996 (61 FR 52710). The rules were scheduled to become effective November 7, 1996. The Board is postponing the effective date of the rules to November 16, 1996 to allow sufficient time to consider the petitions to reopen that have been filed in this proceeding.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** Effective November 6, 1996, the effectiveness of the final rules published on October 8, 1996 (61 FR 52710) is delayed until November 16, 1996.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Thomas J. Stilling, (202) 927-7312. [TDD for the hearing impaired: (202) 927-5721.]

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Board issued final rules in a decision in this proceeding served October 1, 1996, and published in the Federal Register on October 8, 1996 (61 FR 52710), with an effective date of November 7, 1996. Joseph C. Szabo, for and on behalf of United Transportation Union-Illinois Legislative Board, filed a petition to reopen and a petition to stay a portion of the decision pending disposition of its petition to reopen. The National Industrial Traffic League (NITL) filed a petition for reopening and reconsideration.

Under the authority of 49 U.S.C. 721(a), I am issuing a "housekeeping" postponement of the effective date of the final rules to November 16, 1996, so that the Board will have sufficient time to consider the issues raised in the petitions of Mr. Szabo and the NITL. The Board intends to act on those petitions by November 16, 1996.

This action will not significantly affect either the quality of the human environment or the conservation of energy resources.

Decided: November 1, 1996.

By the Board, Chairman Morgan.  
Vernon A. Williams,  
*Secretary.*

For the reasons set forth in the preamble, the effective date of the final rules published at 61 FR 52710 (October 8, 1996) is delayed until November 16, 1996.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

#### 50 CFR Part 285

[I.D. 103096A]

#### Atlantic Tuna Fisheries; Adjustments

**AGENCY:** National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

**ACTION:** Fishery reopening.

**SUMMARY:** NMFS has determined that the Atlantic bluefin tuna (ABT) General category quota, as adjusted, has not been reached. Therefore, NMFS reopens the General category fishery for large medium and giant ABT for all areas for three days. Closure of this three day fishery will be strictly enforced. Subsequent to this closure, the General category fishery for large medium and giant ABT for areas inside the New York Bight will remain open until the set-aside quota is reached. This action is being taken to extend scientific data collection on certain size classes of ABT while preventing overharvest of the adjusted subquotas for the affected fishing categories.

**EFFECTIVE DATES:** The General category fishery for large medium and giant ABT will open for all areas beginning Saturday, November 2, at 1 a.m. local time and close on Monday, November 4, at 11:30 p.m. local time. The General category fishery for large medium and giant ABT for areas inside the New York Bight will remain open until further notice.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** John Kelly, 301-713-2347, or Mark Murray-Brown, 508-281-9260.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Regulations implemented under the authority of the Atlantic Tunas Convention Act (16 U.S.C. 971 *et seq.*) governing the harvest of ABT by persons and vessels subject to U.S. jurisdiction are found at 50 CFR part 285. Section 285.22 subdivides the U.S. quota

recommended by the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas among the various domestic fishing categories.

NMFS is required, under § 285.20(b)(1), to monitor the catch and landing statistics and, on the basis of these statistics, to project a date when the catch of ABT will equal the quota and publish a Federal Register announcement to close the applicable fishery.

#### General Category Reopening

Implementing regulations for the Atlantic tuna fisheries at § 285.22 provide for a quota of 541 mt of large medium and giant ABT to be harvested from the regulatory area by vessels fishing under the General category quota during calendar year 1996. The General category ABT quota is further subdivided into monthly quotas to provide for broad temporal and geographic distribution of scientific data collection and fishing opportunities.

NMFS previously adjusted the General category October subquota to 60 mt for all areas outside the New York Bight and announced a closure date of October 2, 1996 (61 FR 50765, September 27, 1996). NMFS subsequently adjusted the General category October subquota by transferring 30 mt from the Incidental longline category under the authority of implementing regulations at 50 CFR 285.22(f) (61 FR 53677, October 15, 1996). Thus, the October General category quota was adjusted to 90 mt, with an additional 10 mt reserved for the New York Bight. Since the quota adjustment, NMFS has reopened the General category fishery for areas outside the New York Bight for one day on three occasions (61 FR 53677, October 15, 1996, 61 FR 55119, October 24, 1996, and 61 FR 55926, October 30, 1996). Due to various reasons, such as weather and fishing success, the full 90 mt October General category quota still has not been taken. Therefore NMFS reopens the General category fishery for large medium and giant ABT for all areas for three days, November 2-4, 1996. Closure of this three day fishery will be strictly enforced.

The New York Bight set-aside is not affected by this action and the General category fishery for large medium and giant ABT for areas inside the New York Bight will remain open until the set-aside quota is reached. However, during this three day opening, November 2-4, 1996, large medium and giant ABT harvested and landed in the New York Bight area will not be counted against the New York Bight set-aside quota, but

will be counted against the remaining quota for the General category fishery.

Analysis of landings data for 1992-1995 indicate that total landings for the Incidental Longline categories for November and December have been small. Additionally, the purse seiners have stopped fishing for ABT prior to the 251 mt Purse Seine category quota being taken. Therefore, given the above information, the reopening of the General category is not expected to result in the total 1996 ABT quota being exceeded.

#### Classification

This action is taken under 50 CFR 285.20(b), 50 CFR 285.22, and 50 CFR 285.24 and is exempt from review under E.O. 12866.

Authority: 16 U.S.C. 971 *et seq.*

Dated: November 1, 1996.

Richard Surdi,

*Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.*

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#### 50 CFR Part 679

[Docket No. 960129018-6018-01; I.D. 102996B]

#### Scallop Fishery Off Alaska; Shelikof District of Registration Area K

**AGENCY:** National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

**ACTION:** Closure; inseason adjustment; request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** NMFS is closing the fishery for scallops in the Shelikof District of Registration Area K to prevent localized overfishing of scallops in that District. This action is necessary to prevent overfishing of scallops. It is intended to promote the goals and objectives of the Fishery Management Plan for the Scallop Fishery off Alaska.

**DATES:** Effective 1200 hrs, Alaska local time (A.l.t.), October 31, 1996, through 2359 hrs, A.l.t., June 30, 1997. Comments must be received at the following address no later than 4:30 p.m., A.l.t., November 18, 1996.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments may be sent to Ronald J. Berg, Chief, Fisheries Management Division, Alaska Region, NMFS, P.O. Box 21668, Juneau, AK 99802, Attn: Lori Gravel, or be delivered to the fourth floor of the Federal Building, 709 West 9th Street, Juneau, AK.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Andrew Smoker, 907-586-7228.