

the most recent period; (3) if the exporter is not a firm covered in this review, or the original investigation, but the manufacturer is, the cash deposit rate will be the rate established for the most recent period for the manufacturer of the merchandise; and (4) the cash deposit rate for all other manufacturers or exporters of this merchandise will continue to be 60.79 percent, the all others rate established in the final results of the less than fair value investigation (59 FR 41431, August 12, 1994).

The deposit requirements, when imposed, shall remain in effect until publication of the final results of the next administrative review.

This notice serves as a final reminder to importers of their responsibility under 19 CFR 353.26 to file a certificate regarding the reimbursement of antidumping duties prior to liquidation of the relevant entries during this review period. Failure to comply with this requirement could result in the Secretary's presumption that reimbursement of antidumping duties occurred and the subsequent assessment of double antidumping duties.

This notice serves as the only reminder to parties subject to administrative protective order (APO) of their responsibility concerning the disposition of proprietary information disclosed under APO in accordance with 19 CFR 353.34(d). Timely written notification of return/destruction of APO materials or conversion to judicial protective order is hereby requested. Failure to comply with the regulation and the terms of an APO is a sanctionable violation.

This administrative review and notice are in accordance with section 751(a)(1) of the Act and 19 CFR 353.22.

Dated: January 7, 1997.

Robert S. LaRussa,

Acting Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.

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National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Amendments 44/44; Definition of Overfishing

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

ACTION: Approval of fishery management plan amendments.

SUMMARY: NMFS announces the approval of Amendments 44/44 to the Fishery Management Plan for Groundfish of the Gulf of Alaska and the Fishery Management Plan for the Groundfish Fishery of the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Area (FMPs). These amendments revise definitions of acceptable biological catch (ABC) and overfishing levels (OFLs) for groundfish species or species groups. This action is necessary to ensure that conservation and management measures continue to be based upon the best scientific information available and is intended to advance the North Pacific Fishery Management Council's (Council's) ability to achieve, on a continuing basis, the optimum yield from fisheries under its authority.

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 9, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Copies of Amendments 44/44 and the environmental assessment and related economic analysis prepared for the proposed action are available from the North Pacific Fishery Management Council, 605 West 4th Avenue, Suite 306, Anchorage, AK 99501-2252; telephone 907-271-2809.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: James Hale, 907-586-7228.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In response to the national standards established in the Magnuson Fishery Conservation and Management Act and advisory guidelines codified at 50 CFR part 600, subpart D, the Council developed an objective and measurable definition of overfishing and, in 1991, implemented that definition under Amendments 16 and 21 to the FMPs (56 FR 2700, January 24, 1991). In the years since implementation of that definition, fishery scientists have had the opportunity to evaluate the efficacy of current definitions of ABC and overfishing. In light of that experience and with increased understanding of the reference fishing mortality rates used to define ABCs and overfishing, fishery scientists have raised several concerns about the present definitions and the extent to which they reflect and account for levels of uncertainty about fish populations. Consequently, NMFS' Overfishing Definitions Review Panel and the Council's Scientific and Statistical Committee recommended redefining ABC and overfishing to facilitate more conservative, risk-averse management measures when stock size and mortality rates are not fully known.

Amendments 44/44 revise the definitions of OFL and ABC consistent with these recommendations.

A Notice of Availability of Amendments 44/44, which describes the proposed amendments and solicited comments from the public until December 10, 1996, was published in the Federal Register (October 17, 1996; 61 FR 54145). One comment was received in support of the amendments. After review under the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (Magnuson-Stevens Act), NMFS determined that Amendments 44/44 are consistent with the Magnuson-Stevens Act and other applicable laws and approved Amendments 44/44 on January 9, 1997. Additional information on this action is contained in the October 17, 1996, Notice of Availability (61 FR 54145).

No regulatory changes are necessary to implement these FMP amendments.

Authority: 16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*

Dated: January 10, 1997.

Bruce Morehead,

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

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Endangered Species; Permits

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

ACTION: Notice of receipt of application for a research permit (P625).

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that Sarah V. Mitchell of NOAA Gray's Reef National Marine Sanctuary (P625) has applied in due form for a scientific research permit to take listed loggerhead sea turtles.

DATES: Written comments or requests for a public hearing on this application must be received on or before February 18, 1997.

ADDRESSES: The application and related documents are available for review by appointment in the following offices:

Office of Protected Resources, F/PR3, NMFS, 1315 East-West Hwy., Room 13307, Silver Spring, MD 20910-3226 (301-713-1401); and

Director, Southeast Region, NMFS, NOAA, 9721 Executive Center Drive, St. Petersburg, FL 33702-2432 (813-893-3141).

Written comments, or requests for a public hearing on this application should be submitted to the Chief, Endangered Species Division, Office of Protected Resources.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Sarah V. Mitchell, NOAA Gray's Reef National

Marine Sanctuary (P625), requests a research permit under the authority of the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (ESA) (16 U.S.C. 1531–1543) and NMFS regulations governing listed fish and wildlife permits (50 CFR parts 217–227).

The applicant requests a five-year research permit to take up to 25 listed loggerhead sea turtles each year in the waters within and adjacent to the Gray's Reef National Marine Sanctuary and on Wassaw, Ossabaw, Sapelo, or Blackbeard Islands on the Georgia coast. The turtles would be taken for examination, tagging, testing, observation, collection of biological information, rehabilitation if necessary, and release. Turtles would be acquired by takes from the wild and also from sources authorized to incidentally capture. Animals would be tagged with flipper (incone), and PIT (passive inductive transponder) tags, radio, sonic, or satellite telemeters. Biological information would be collected in the form of blood samples. All information gathered would augment an extensive sea turtle database used to study population trends, migrations, habitat, and diving behavior.

Those individuals requesting a hearing should set out the specific reasons why a hearing on this particular application would be appropriate (see ADDRESSES). The holding of such hearing is at the discretion of the Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, NOAA. All statements and opinions contained in this application summary are those of the applicant and do not necessarily reflect the views of NMFS.

Dated: January 13, 1997.

Robert C. Ziobro,

*Acting Chief, Endangered Species Division,
Office of Protected Resources, National
Marine Fisheries Service.*

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Endangered Species; Permits

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

ACTION: Receipt of an application for modification 1 to scientific research permit 994 (P497D).

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the Idaho Cooperative Fish and Wildlife Research Unit at Moscow, ID (ICFWRU) has applied in due form for a modification to a permit that authorizes a take of threatened species for the purpose of scientific research.

DATES: Written comments or requests for a public hearing on this application must be received on or before February 18, 1997.

ADDRESSES: The application and related documents are available for review in the following offices, by appointment:

Office of Protected Resources, F/PR3, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910–3226 (301–713–1401); and

Environmental and Technical Services Division, 525 NE Oregon Street, Suite 500, Portland, OR 97232–4169 (503–230–5400).

Written comments or requests for a public hearing should be submitted to the Chief, Endangered Species Division, Office of Protected Resources.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: ICFWRU requests a modification to a permit under the authority of section 10 of the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (ESA) (16 U.S.C. 1531–1543) and the NMFS regulations governing ESA-listed fish and wildlife permits (50 CFR parts 217–227).

Permit 994 currently authorizes ICFWRU (P497D) takes of adult, threatened, Snake River spring/summer and fall chinook salmon (*Oncorhynchus tshawytscha*) associated with a study designed to assess the passage success of migrating adult salmonids at the four dams and reservoirs in the lower Columbia River in the Pacific Northwest, evaluate fish responses to specific flow and spill conditions, and evaluate measures to improve passage. For modification 1, ICFWRU proposes to include adult sockeye salmon in the study, a percentage of which will be adult, endangered, Snake River sockeye salmon (*Oncorhynchus nerka*). Adult sockeye salmon are proposed to be captured, anesthetized, fitted with radio transmitters and identifier tags, allowed to recover from the anesthetic, and released. Once returned to the river, the movement and migration timing of each fish will be recorded at fixed-site and mobile receiver stations as the fish migrate upstream. Primary benefits of the study will be the ability to identify areas in the fishways that are problematic for adult passage and to determine the proportion of salmonids that pass the upstream dams and enter tributaries to spawn, enter hatcheries, are taken in fisheries, or are losses between the dams. Modification 1 is requested for the duration of the permit. Permit 994 expires on December 31, 2000.

Those individuals requesting a hearing (see ADDRESSES) should set out the specific reasons why a hearing on this application would be appropriate.

The holding of such hearing is at the discretion of the Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, NOAA. All statements and opinions contained in this application summary are those of the applicant and do not necessarily reflect the views of NMFS.

Dated: January 13, 1997.

Robert C. Ziobro,

*Acting Chief, Endangered Species Division,
Office of Protected Resources, National
Marine Fisheries Service.*

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COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION

Chicago Mercantile Exchange: Proposed Amendments Relating to the Delivery Procedures, Quality Standards and Quality Price Differentials, and Speculative Position Limit Specifications for the Live Cattle Futures Contract

AGENCY: Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

ACTION: Notice of proposed contract market rule change.

SUMMARY: The Chicago Mercantile Exchange (CME) has submitted proposed amendments to its live cattle futures contract. The primary proposed amendments will: (1) Modify the par yield grade and weight range specifications and the sources and calculation methods for establishing price differentials for non-par quality grades, yield grades, and carcass-weights; (2) extend the delivery period for live-graded deliveries by five business days; (3) change the last trading day of expiring contract months; and (4) increase to 600 from 300 contracts the spot month speculative position limit applicable on those days preceding the last five trading days, with the existing limit of 300 contracts being retained during the last five trading days of the contract month.

In accordance with section 5a(a)(12) of the Commodity Exchange Act and acting pursuant to the authority delegated by Commission Regulation 140.96, the Acting Director of the Division of Economic Analysis (Division) of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission (Commission) has determined, on behalf of the Commission, that the proposed amendments are of major economic significance. On behalf of the Commission, the Division is requesting comment on this proposal.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before February 18, 1997.