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**DATES:** Comments must be received in writing by May 1, 2006.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit your comments, identified by Docket ID Number R03-OAR-2006-0151 by one of the following methods:

A. <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the on-line instructions for submitting comments.

B. E-mail: [frankford.harold@epa.gov](mailto:frankford.harold@epa.gov).

C. Mail: EPA-R03-OAR-2006-0151, Harold A. Frankford, Office of Air Programs, Mailcode 3AP20, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region III, 1650 Arch Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19103.

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**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** For further information, please see the information provided in the direct final action, with the same title, that is located in the "Rules and Regulations" section of this **Federal Register** publication.

Dated: March 21, 2006.

**William Early,**

*Acting Regional Administrator, Region III.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

**Bureau of Land Management**

**43 CFR Part 4100**

[WO-220-1020-24 1A]

**Grazing Administration—Exclusive of Alaska**

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability.

**SUMMARY:** The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) announces the availability of the Addendum to the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) to support amendments of the regulations governing grazing administration. The Addendum responds to comments received on the Draft EIS.

**DATES:** The Addendum to the Final Environmental Impact Statement is available for review through April 29, 2006.

**ADDRESSES:** Copies of the Addendum are available at BLM State Offices in 10 western states and the BLM Washington DC office. See the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for a table of BLM State Offices.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

E. Lynn Burkett on (202) 468-4110 for information relating to the Addendum or Ted Hudson at (202) 452-3042 for information relating to the rulemaking process. Persons who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may contact these individuals through the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8330, 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Copies of the Addendum are available at the following BLM State Offices:

| BLM state offices    | Address                                                        | Phone Nos.     |
|----------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|
| Arizona .....        | One North Central Ave., Phoenix, AZ 85004-4427 .....           | (602) 417-9500 |
| California .....     | 2800 Cottage Way, Room W-1834, Sacramento, CA 95825-1886 ..... | (916) 978-4600 |
| Colorado .....       | 2850 Youngfield St., Lakewood, CO 80215-7093 .....             | (303) 239-3700 |
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| Montana .....        | 5001 Southgate Drive, Billings, MT, 59107 .....                | (406) 896-5012 |
| Nevada .....         | 1340 Financial Blvd., Reno, NV 89502 .....                     | (775) 861-6590 |
| New Mexico .....     | 1474 Rodeo Rd., P.O. Box 27115, Santa Fe, NM, 87507-0115 ..... | (505) 438-7501 |
| Oregon .....         | 333 S.W. 1st Ave., Portland, OR 97204 .....                    | (503) 808-6024 |
| Utah .....           | 440 West 200 South Suite 500, Salt Lake City, UT 84101 .....   | (801) 539-4010 |
| Wyoming .....        | 5353 Yellowstone Road, P.O. Box 1828, Cheyenne, WY 82009 ..... | (307) 775-6001 |
| Washington, DC ..... | 1620 L St., NW., Washington DC 20036 .....                     | (202) 452-7749 |

If you have Internet access, you can download the Addendum by going to <http://www.blm.gov/grazing> and follow the directions found at that site.

During the nine years since implementation of the 1995 grazing reforms, a number of discrete concerns have been raised regarding the administration of grazing management. Among other things, the rulemaking addresses a variety of these discrete, administrative issues related to the current regulatory scheme without altering the fundamental structure of the grazing regulations.

The BLM published the proposed rule on December 8, 2003 (68 FR 68452), inviting public comments until February 6, 2004. On January 2, 2004, the BLM issued the Draft EIS for a 60-day public comment period which was extended on January 16, 2004 to March 2, 2004 (69 FR 2559). The Final Environmental Impact Statement was issued December 2004.

**Authority:** 40 CFR 1506(b).

**Julie Jacobson,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

#### 50 CFR Part 622

[Docket No. 060322083-6083-01; I.D. 032006C]

**RIN 0648-AU04**

#### Fisheries of the Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico, and South Atlantic; Gulf of Mexico Recreational Grouper Fishery Management Measures

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

**ACTION:** Proposed rule; request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** NMFS issues this proposed rule to implement a regulatory amendment to the Fishery Management Plan for the Reef Fish Resources of the Gulf of Mexico (FMP) prepared by the Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council (Council). This proposed rule would establish a recreational bag limit for Gulf red grouper of one fish per person per day; prohibit the captain and crew of a vessel operating as a charter vessel or headboat from retaining any Gulf grouper, i.e., establish a zero bag

limit for captain and crew; and establish a seasonal closure of the recreational fishery for gag, red grouper, and black grouper in or from the Gulf exclusive economic zone (EEZ). The intended effect of this proposed rule is to maintain recreational landings at levels consistent with the red grouper rebuilding plan while minimizing potential shift of fishing effort to associated grouper species.

**DATES:** Written comments on the proposed rule must be received no later than 5 p.m., eastern time, on May 1, 2006.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments on the proposed rule by any of the following methods:

- E-mail: 0648-

AU04.Proposed@noaa.gov. Include in the subject line the following document identifier: 0648-AU04.

- Federal e-Rulemaking Portal: <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.

- Mail: Andy Strelcheck, Southeast Regional Office, NMFS, 263 13<sup>th</sup> Avenue South, St. Petersburg, FL 33701.

- Fax: 727-824-5308; Attention: Andy Strelcheck.

Copies of the regulatory amendment, which includes a Regulatory Impact Review (RIR), an Initial Regulatory Flexibility Analysis (IRFA), and an Environmental Assessment (EA) may be obtained from the Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council, 2203 N. Lois Avenue, Suite 1100, Tampa, FL 33607; telephone: 813-348-1630; fax: 813-348-1711; e-mail:

[gulfcouncil@gulfcouncil.org](mailto:gulfcouncil@gulfcouncil.org). Copies of the regulatory amendment may also be downloaded from the Council's website at <http://www.gulfcouncil.org>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Andy Strelcheck, telephone: 727-824-5374, fax: 727-824-5308, e-mail: [andy.strelcheck@noaa.gov](mailto:andy.strelcheck@noaa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The reef fish fishery of the Gulf of Mexico is managed under the FMP. The FMP was prepared by the Council and is implemented under the authority of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (Magnuson-Stevens Act) by regulations at 50 CFR part 622.

#### Background

On July 15, 2004, NMFS implemented Secretarial Amendment 1 to the FMP to establish a red grouper rebuilding plan, including a 5.31 million-lb (2.42 million-kg), gutted weight, commercial quota and a 1.25 million-lb (0.57 million-kg), gutted weight, recreational target catch level for red grouper (69 FR 33315). In 2004, recreational red

grouper landings totaled 3.18 million lb (1.44 million kg), gutted weight -significantly exceeding the target catch level. In March 2005, the Council requested NMFS implement interim regulations for the recreational red grouper fishery to return landings to levels specified in Secretarial Amendment 1. NMFS implemented interim regulations in August 2005, to reduce recreational red grouper landings (70 FR 42510, July 25, 2005). Those regulations were amended and extended in January 2006, for an additional 180 days (71 FR 3018, January 19, 2006).

#### Provisions of This Proposed Rule

The purpose of this proposed rule is to establish more permanent management measures for the recreational grouper fishery consistent with the regulatory amendment prepared by the Council. These measures are needed to restrict recreational red grouper landings to levels specified in the rebuilding plan and to prevent or minimize increases in fishing mortality on gag and black grouper resulting from any shift in fishing effort from red grouper to these species because of the more restrictive recreational red grouper regulations. Gag are not overfished or undergoing overfishing, but landings have been above recommended catch levels since 2000; therefore, gag should not be subjected to increased fishing mortality. Black grouper are included in the seasonal closure because they are similar in appearance to gag and are difficult for many recreational fishermen to distinguish from gag. If black grouper were not included in the seasonal closure, compliance with the closure would be compromised because of the species identification problem.

This proposed rule would establish a red grouper recreational bag limit of one fish per person per day; prohibit the captain and crew of a vessel operating as a charter vessel or headboat from retaining any Gulf grouper, i.e., establish a zero bag limit for captain and crew; and establish a seasonal closure of the recreational fishery for gag, red grouper, and black grouper in or from the Gulf exclusive economic zone (EEZ) from February 15 to March 15 each year. Cumulatively, these measures are expected to reduce recreational red grouper landings by approximately 34 percent and recreational landings of gag and black grouper by 7 percent. The proposed restriction on possession of any grouper by captain and crew while under charter is intended to restrict allowable bag limits on board for-hire vessels to paying clients who are fishing recreationally, excluding captain and