§ 600.1007 Reduction amendments.

(a) Each reduction amendment may contain provisions that are either dependent upon or independent of a program. Each provision of a reduction amendment is a dependent provision unless the amendment expressly designates the provision as independent.

(b) Independent provisions are effective without regard to any subsequent program actions.

(c) Dependent provisions are initially effective for the sole limited purpose of enabling initiation and completion of the pre-reduction processing stage of a program.

(d) All dependent provisions of a reduction amendment for a financed program are fully in force and effect for all other purposes only when NMFS either:

(1) For bidding results that conform to the fishing capacity reduction specifications and are not subject to any other condition, notifies bidders, under §600.1009(e)(3), that reduction contracts then exist between the bidders and the United States; or

(2) For bidding results that do not conform to the fishing capacity reduction specifications or are subject to any other condition, notifies bidders whose bids NMFS had conditionally accepted, under §600.1010(d)(8)(iii), that the condition pertaining to the reduction contracts between them and the United States is fulfilled.

(e) If NMFS does not, in accordance with this subpart and any special provisions in the implementation regulations, subsequently make all reduction payments that circumstances, in NMFS’ judgment, reasonably permit NMFS to make and, thus, complete a program, no dependent provisions shall then have any further force or effect for any purpose and all final regulations involving such dependent provisions shall then be repealed.

§ 600.1008 Implementation plan and implementation regulations.

(a) As soon as practicable after deciding to initiate a program, NMFS will prepare and publish, for a 60-day public comment period, a proposed implementation plan and implementation regulations. During the public comment period, NMFS will conduct a public hearing of the proposed implementation plan and implementation regulations in each state that the program affects.

(b) To the greatest extent practicable, NMFS will base the implementation plan and implementation regulations for a financed program on the business plan. The implementation
plan for a financed program will describe in detail all relevant aspects of implementing the program, including:

(1) The reduction fishery;
(2) The reduction methodology;
(3) The maximum reduction cost;
(4) The maximum reduction loan amount, if different from the maximum reduction cost;
(5) The reduction cost funding, if any, other than a reduction loan;
(6) The minimum acceptable reduction level;
(7) The potential amount of the fee;
(8) The criteria for determining the types and number of fishing permits or fishing vessels eligible to participate in the program;
(9) The invitation to bid and bidding procedures;
(10) The criteria for determining bid acceptance;
(11) The referendum procedures; and
(12) Any relevant post-referendum reduction procedures other than those in the implementation regulations or this subpart.

c) NMFS will base each implementation plan and implementation regulations for a subsidized program on the final development plan. The implementation plan will describe in detail all relevant aspects of implementing the program, including:

(1) The reduction fishery;
(2) The reduction methodology;
(3) The maximum reduction cost;
(4) The reduction-cost funding, if any, other than Federal appropriations;
(5) The criteria for determining the types and number of fishing permits or fishing vessels eligible to participate in the program;
(6) The invitation to bid and bidding procedures;
(7) The criteria for determining bid acceptance; and
(8) Any relevant post-bidding program procedures other than those in the implementation regulations or this subpart.

d) The implementation regulations will:

(1) Specify, for invitations to bid, bids, and reduction contracts under §600.1008:
   (i) Bidder eligibility,