PART 654—STONE CRAB FISHERY OF THE GULF OF MEXICO

Subpart A—General Measures

§ 654.1 Purpose and scope.
(a) The purpose of this part is to implement the Fishery Management Plan for the Stone Crab Fishery of the Gulf of Mexico, prepared by the Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council under the Magnuson-Stevens Act.
(b) This part governs conservation and management of stone crab and restricts the trawl fishery in the management area.

§ 654.2 Definitions.
In addition to the definitions in the Magnuson-Stevens Act and in § 620.2 of this chapter, the terms used in this part have the following meanings:
Management area means the EEZ off the coast of Florida from a line extending directly south from the Alabama/Florida boundary (87°31'06" W. long.) to a line extending directly east from the Dade/Monroe County, FL boundary (25°20.4' N. lat.).
Regional Administrator (RA) for the purposes of this part, means the Administrator, Southeast Region, NMFS, 9721 Executive Center Drive N., St. Petersburg, FL 33702, or a designee.
Stone crab means Menippe mercenaria, M. adina, or their interbreeding hybrids, or a part thereof.

Subpart B—Management Measures

§ 654.20 Seasons.
§ 654.21 Harvest limitations.
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§ 654.25 Prevention of gear conflicts.
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