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mesh size means the smallest distance allowed between the inside of one knot to the inside of the opposing knot when the mesh is stretched, regardless of twine size.

*Offloading* means removing HMS from a vessel.

*Permit holder* means a permit owner.

*Permit owner* means a person who owns an HMS permit for a specific vessel fishing with specific authorized fishing gear.

*Person, as it applies to fishing conducted under this subpart*, means any individual, corporation, partnership, association or other entity (whether or not organized or existing under the laws of any state), and any Federal, state, or local government, or any entity of any such government that is eligible to own a documented vessel under the terms of 46 U.S.C. 12102(a).

*Processing or to process* means the preparation or packaging of HMS to render it suitable for human consumption, industrial uses or long-term storage, including, but not limited to, cooking, canning, smoking, salting, drying, filleting, freezing, or rendering into meal or oil, but does not mean heading and gutting or freezing at sea unless additional preparation is done.

*Prohibited species* means those species and species groups whose retention is prohibited unless authorized by other applicable law (for example, to allow for examination by an authorized observer or to return tagged fish as specified by the tagging agency).

*Quota* means a specified numerical harvest objective, the attainment (or expected attainment) of which causes closure of the fishery for that species or species group.

*Recreational charter vessel* means a vessel that carries fee-paying passengers for the purpose of recreational fishing.

*Recreational fishing* means fishing with authorized recreational fishing gear for personal use only and not for sale or barter.

*Regional Administrator* means the Administrator, Southwest Region, NMFS, 501 W. Ocean Boulevard, Suite 4200, Long Beach, CA 90802–4213, or a designee.

*Special Agent-In-Charge (SAC)* means the Special Agent-In-Charge, NMFS,

Office of Enforcement, Southwest Region, or a designee of the Special Agent-In-Charge.

*Sustainable Fisheries Division (SFD)* means the Assistant Regional Administrator for Sustainable Fisheries, Southwest Region, NMFS, or his or her designee.

*Tranship* means offloading or otherwise transferring HMS or products thereof to a receiving vessel.

*Vessel monitoring system unit (VMS unit)* means the hardware and software equipment owned by NMFS, installed on vessels by NMFS, and required by this subpart K to track and transmit the positions from fishing vessels.

§ 660.703 Management area.

The fishery management area for the regulation of fishing for HMS has the following designations and boundaries:

(a) Southern boundary—the United States-Mexico International Boundary, which is a line connecting the following coordinates:

- 32°35'22" N. lat. 117°27'49" W. long.
- 32°37'37" N. lat. 117°49'31" W. long.
- 31°07'58" N. lat. 118°36'18" W. long.
- 30°32'31" N. lat. 121°51'58" W. long.

(b) Northern boundary—the United States-Canada Provisional International Boundary, which is a line connecting the following coordinates:

- 48°29'37.19" N. lat. 124°43'33.19" W. long.
- 48°30'11" N. lat. 124°47'13" W. long.
- 48°30'22" N. lat. 124°50'21" W. long.
- 48°30'14" N. lat. 124°54'52" W. long.
- 48°29'57" N. lat. 124°59'14" W. long.
- 48°29'44" N. lat. 125°00'06" W. long.
- 48°28'09" N. lat. 125°05'47" W. long.
- 48°27'10" N. lat. 125°08'25" W. long.
- 48°26'47" N. lat. 125°09'12" W. long.
- 48°20'16" N. lat. 125°22'48" W. long.
- 48°18'22" N. lat. 125°29'58" W. long.
- 48°11'05" N. lat. 125°53'48" W. long.
- 47°49'15" N. lat. 126°40'57" W. long.
- 47°36'47" N. lat. 127°11'58" W. long.
- 47°22'00" N. lat. 127°41'23" W. long.
- 46°42'05" N. lat. 128°51'56" W. long.
- 46°31'47" N. lat. 129°07'39" W. long.

(c) Adjacent waters on the high seas in which persons subject to this subpart may fish.

§ 660.704 Vessel identification.

(a) *General*. This section only applies to commercial fishing vessels that fish for HMS off or land HMS in the States