

inspections are conducted to ensure that ships have a reliable means of distress communications in an emergency.

6. We believe in the principle that government should be responsive to user needs and began this proceeding to promote flexibility, to improve our inspection process by removing unnecessary and inimical policies and, most importantly, provide better service to the public. In summary, we believe that it is both necessary and timely to commence a thorough review of the policies, rules and procedures that the Commission uses to regulate the inspection of compulsorily equipped ships. The primary purpose of this Notice is to compile a complete record that will (1) allow us to improve current inspections processes, (2) develop a technically sufficient regulatory environment for the inspection of ships subject to the GMDSS, and (3) provide an overall strategy on how to best utilize private sector entities to inspect compulsory ship stations.

## 7. Initial Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

An Initial Regulatory Flexibility Analysis is not required.

## List of Subjects in 47 CFR Part 80

Communications equipment, Radio, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

Federal Communications Commission.

**William F. Caton,**

*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

#### 50 CFR Part 285

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#### Atlantic Tuna Fisheries; Comment Period Extension

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

**ACTION:** Proposed rule; extension of comment period.

**SUMMARY:** On May 12, 1995, NMFS published a proposed rule to amend the Atlantic tuna fisheries that would address allocation issues in the Atlantic bluefin categories, simplify rules applicable to recreational tuna fishing, enhance data collection, improve enforcement efforts, and resolve/clarify other issues.

NMFS announces that it is extending the comment period for the 1995

proposed rule on Atlantic tuna fisheries from June 8 to June 16, 1995.

**DATES:** Written comments must be received on or before June 16, 1995.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments on the rulemaking for Atlantic bluefin, yellowfin and other tunas, should be sent to:

Richard B. Stone, Chief, Highly Migratory Species Management Division (F/CM4), Office of Fisheries Conservation and Management, National Marine Fisheries Service, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 14853, Silver Spring, MD 20910.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Chris Rogers, 301-713-2347.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** As a result of the initial hearings held in May 1995, and requests from the public, NMFS has determined that it is important for commenters to have additional time to submit their comments on this proposed rulemaking.

Therefore, NMFS is extending the comment period on the 1995 Atlantic tuna rulemaking from June 8, 1995, to June 16, 1995.

Dated: May 24, 1995.

**Richard H. Schaefer,**

*Director, Office of Fisheries Conservation and Management, National Marine Fisheries Service.*

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