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**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

**Office of the Secretary**

**49 CFR Part 1**

[OST Docket No. 1; Amdt. 1-273]

**Organization and Delegation of Powers and Duties Delegations of Authority to the Maritime Administrator**

**AGENCY:** Office of the Secretary, DOT.  
**ACTION:** Final rule.

**SUMMARY:** The Secretary of Transportation (Secretary) hereby delegates to the Maritime Administrator authority to carry out the Merchant Marine Decorations and Medals Act of 1988, Pub. L. 100-324 (46 App. U.S.C. 2001 et seq.). The act authorizes the Secretary to award decorations and medals of appropriate design (including ribbons, ribbon bars, emblems, rosettes, miniature facsimiles, plaques, citations, or other suitable devices or insignia) for individual acts or service in the United States merchant marine. This amendment revises language in subparagraph 1.66(k) to cite the current statutory authority.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** This rule becomes effective September 20, 1995.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Patricia Thomas, Maritime Industry Analyst, Office of Maritime Labor, Training, and Safety, Maritime Administration, MAR-250, Room 7302, 400 Seventh Street SW, Washington, DC 20590, (202) 366-5755, or Steven B. Farbman, Office of the Assistant General Counsel for Regulation and Enforcement (C-50), Department of Transportation, Room 10424, 400 Seventh Street SW, Washington, DC 20590, (202) 366-9306.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Maritime Administration (MARAD) has been delegated authority to carry out the Merchant Marine Medals Act of 1956 (46 App. U.S.C. 249 et seq.) since enactment. Delegation is through the Secretary of Transportation at 49 CFR 1.66(k). The 1956 act was repealed by the Merchant Marine Decorations and Medals Act of 1988, Pub. L. 100-324, (46 App. U.S.C. 2001 et seq.). The act authorizes the Secretary to award decorations and medals of appropriate design (including ribbons, ribbon bars,

emblems, rosettes, miniature facsimiles, plaques, citations, or other suitable devices or insignia) for individual acts or service in the United States merchant marine. This amendment revises language in subparagraph 1.66(k) to cite the current statutory authority. Since this amendment relates to departmental management, organization, procedure, and practice, notice and comment are unnecessary, and the rule may become effective in fewer than 30 days after publication in the Federal Register.

List of Subjects in 49 CFR Part 1

Authority delegations (Government agencies), Organizations and functions (Government agencies).

In consideration of the foregoing, Part 1 of Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, is amended as follows:

**PART 1—[AMENDED]**

1. The authority citation for Part 1 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 49 U.S.C. 322; Pub.L. 101-552, 28 U.S.C. 2672, 31 U.S.C. 3711(a)(2).

**§ 1.66 [Amended]**

2. Section 1.66 is amended by revising paragraph (k) to read as follows:

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(k) Carry out the Merchant Marine Decorations and Medals Act of 1988 (46 App. U.S.C. 2001 et seq.);

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Issued at Washington, DC this 7th day of September, 1995.

Federico Peña,  
*Secretary of Transportation.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

**50 CFR Part 301**

[Docket No. 950106003-5070-02; I.D. 091495A]

**Pacific Halibut Fisheries; Area 2A Non-treaty Commercial Fishery Reopening**

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

**ACTION:** Inseason action.

**SUMMARY:** The Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, NOAA, on behalf of the International Pacific Halibut Commission (IPHC), publishes this inseason action pursuant to IPHC regulations approved by the U.S. Government to govern the Pacific halibut fishery. This action is intended to enhance the conservation of the Pacific halibut stock.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** Area 2A non-treaty commercial fishery reopening 8 a.m. through 6 p.m., local time, September 12, 1995.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Steven Pennoyer, 907-586-7221; William W. Stelle, Jr., 206-526-6140; or Donald McCaughran, 206-634-1838.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The IPHC, under the Convention between the United States of America and Canada for the Preservation of the Halibut Fishery of the Northern Pacific Ocean and Bering Sea (signed at Ottawa, Ontario, on March 2, 1953), as amended by a Protocol Amending the Convention (signed at Washington, DC, on March 29, 1979), has issued this inseason action pursuant to IPHC regulations governing the Pacific halibut fishery. The regulations have been approved by NMFS (60 FR 14651, March 20, 1995). On behalf of the IPHC, this inseason action is published in the Federal Register to provide additional notice of its effectiveness, and to inform persons subject to the inseason action of the restrictions and requirements established therein.

**Inseason Action**

*1995 Halibut Landing Report Number 14*

**Area 2A Non-treaty Commercial Fishery To Reopen**

The August 29 fishing period in Area 2A resulted in a catch of 20,000 lb (9.07 metric tons (mt)). The revised total commercial catch from Area 2A to date is 93,000 lb (42.18 mt), leaving approximately 12,000 lb (5.44 mt) to be taken.

Area 2A will reopen on September 12 for 10 hours from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. local time. The fishery is restricted to waters that are south of Point Chehalis, WA (46°53'18" N. lat.) under regulations promulgated by NMFS. Fishing period limits as indicated in the following table will be in effect for this opening.