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National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Reef Fish Fishery of the Gulf of Mexico; Correction

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

ACTION: Correction to emergency interim rule.

SUMMARY: This document corrects the delay of effective date in an emergency interim rule published on February 29, 1996 (61 FR 7751). The emergency interim rule delayed indefinitely the effective date for implementation of the red snapper Individual Transferable Quota (ITQ) system for the Gulf of

Mexico, previously scheduled to begin April 1, 1996.

EFFECTIVE DATE: The delay of effective date published February 29, 1996 (61 FR 7751) for amendments originally published on November 29, 1995 (60 FR 61202) is corrected as of February 23, 1996, to extend through May 29, 1996.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

In issuing an emergency interim rule on February 29, 1996, NMFS inadvertently indicated that the scheduled April 1, 1996, effective date for the Gulf of Mexico red snapper ITQ system, implemented under FMP Amendment 8 (60 FR 61200, November 29, 1995), would be delayed indefinitely. Because an emergency interim rule issued under section 305(c) of the Magnuson Fishery Conservation and Management Act can amend a fishery management plan or plan amendment and its implementing rule only for the emergency period (limited to 90 days), the indefinite delay was in error.

Need for Correction

Accordingly, this action corrects the emergency interim rule to specify the correct ending date for the delay in the effective date for the final rule implementing the ITQ system. As published, the effective date section and amendatory instruction 2 are incorrect and need to be changed.

Correction of Publication

The publication on February 29, 1995, of the emergency interim rule (I.D. 020296B), which was the subject of FR DOC. 96-4432, is corrected as follows:

On page 7751, in the third column, under the preamble caption **EFFECTIVE DATES**, in the last paragraph, the phrase "are delayed indefinitely." is corrected to read "is delayed through May 29, 1996."

On page 7753, in the third column, on the last line of the introductory text of the amendatory instruction 2, the word "indefinitely" is corrected to read "through May 29, 1996."

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