

## List of Subjects in 49 CFR Part 571

Imports, Incorporation by reference, Motor vehicle safety, Motor vehicles, Rubber and rubber products, Tires.

In consideration of the foregoing, NHTSA proposes to amend 49 CFR part 571 as follows:

**PART 571—[AMENDED]**

1. The authority citation for part 571 would continue to read as follows:

Authority: 49 U.S.C. 322, 30111, 30115, 30117, and 30166; delegation of authority at 49 CFR 1.50.

**§ 571.125 [Removed and reserved]**

2. § 571.125 would be removed, and reserved.

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE****National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration****50 CFR Part 641**

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**Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council; Public Hearings**

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

**ACTION:** Public hearings; request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council (Council) will convene five public hearings on Draft Amendment 14 to the Fishery Management Plan for Reef Fish Resources of the Gulf of Mexico (FMP) and a draft environmental assessment (EA).

**DATES:** Written comments will be accepted until July 1, 1996. The public hearings will be held from June 17 to

June 21, 1996. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for specific dates and times.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments should be sent to and copies of the draft amendment are available from Mr. Wayne E. Swingle, Executive Director, Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council, 5401 West Kennedy Boulevard, Tampa, FL 33609.

The hearings will be held in Florida. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for locations of the hearings and public accommodations.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Wayne E. Swingle, 813 228-2815.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Council will be holding public hearings on Draft Amendment 14 to the FMP and its draft EA. Amendment 14 includes management alternatives for regulating the fish trap fishery. Alternatives under consideration include: (1) Creation of a commercial vessel license system limiting participants in the trap fishery along with provisions for the transfer of vessel permits, (2) extending the current moratorium on the issuance of fish trap endorsements for 4 more years, (3) limiting permits to current trap fishery participants and phasing out the trap fishery after 10 years, and (4) evaluating the effectiveness of enforcement of trap rules over 2 years before taking further action. The current moratorium on new fish trap endorsements expires in February 1997. Amendment 14 also includes several alternatives related to area prohibitions on the use of fish traps including prohibiting: (1) The use of fish traps south of 24°54' N. lat. (i.e., off Dry Tortugas, FL);

(2) use of traps in the Gulf of Mexico west of Cape San Blas, FL (Appalachicola area); (3) use of traps on Riley's Hump (a 20 square mile (51 km) spawning aggregation site, south of Dry Tortugas); and (4) all fishing on Riley's Hump year round, making it a marine sanctuary. Amendment 14 would modify the provisions for tending traps and establish compliance conditions for the trap permit.

Additional management measures in Amendment 14 include: (1) Modifying the FMP framework procedure for

specifying total allowable catch by allowing the Regional Director, in addition to being able to open and close a commercial fishery, to reopen a closed commercial fishery if needed to ensure that the fishery quota is harvested; (2) modifying the transfer provisions for reef fish vessel permits (under the reef fish commercial vessel permit moratorium) to allow transfers of permits to an income qualifying operator; also allowing a vessel owner 1 year to meet the income qualifications if the permit has been issued based on income qualifications of the operator; and (3) prohibiting the harvest of Nassau grouper in the Gulf of Mexico because of resource declines.

The hearings are scheduled from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. as follows:

1. Monday, June 17, 1996—Holiday Inn Beachside, 3841 North Roosevelt Boulevard, Key West, FL 33040
2. Tuesday, June 18, 1996—Naples Depot Civic-Cultural Center, 1051 Fifth Avenue South, Naples, FL 33940
3. Wednesday, June 19, 1996—Plantation Inn and Golf Resort, West Fort Island Trail (CR 44W), Crystal River, FL 34423
4. Thursday, June 20, 1996—Steinhatchee Elementary School, First Avenue South, Steinhatchee, FL 32359
5. Friday, June 21, 1996—Crawfordville Board of County Commissioners Conference Room, Old Aaron Road (behind the Courthouse), Crawfordville, FL 32326

**Special Accommodations**

These hearings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Anne Alford at the Council (see **ADDRESSES**) by June 12, 1996.

Authority: 16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*

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