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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

49 CFR Parts 1002 and 1108

[STB Ex Parte No. 560]

Arbitration of Certain Disputes Subject to the Statutory Jurisdiction of the Surface Transportation Board

AGENCY: Surface Transportation Board, DOT.

ACTION: Final rule; correction.

SUMMARY: This document corrects the final rule published in the **Federal Register** on September 2, 1997, 62 FR 46217, allowing arbitration of certain disputes subject to the jurisdiction of the Surface Transportation Board, to include the necessary small business impact certification.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 2, 1997.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
Ellen Hanson, (202) 565-1558. [TDD for the hearing impaired: (202) 565-1695.]

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Surface Transportation Board (Board) has adopted rules providing a means for the binding, voluntary arbitration of certain disputes subject to the statutory jurisdiction of the Board. By oversight, the Board's certification that these rules will not have a significant economic effect on a substantial number of small entities (set forth on page 12 of the Board's decision) was not included in the **Federal Register** notice. Accordingly, in the final rule published on September 2, 1997 (62 FR 46217), make the following correction:

On page 46217, in the first column, at the end of the last complete paragraph add the following sentence: "The Board certifies that these rules will not have a significant economic effect on a substantial number of small entities."

By the Board, Vernon A. Williams,
Secretary.

Vernon A. Williams,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

50 CFR Part 285

[I.D. 090897C]

Atlantic Tuna Fisheries; Atlantic Bluefin Tuna General Category

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

ACTION: Closure.

SUMMARY: NMFS has determined that the 1997 Atlantic bluefin tuna (ABT) September period General category subquota will be attained by September 13, 1997. Therefore, the General category fishery for September will be closed effective at 11:30 p.m. on September 13, 1997. This action is being taken to prevent overharvest of the adjusted 195 metric tons (mt) subquota for the September period.

DATES: Effective 11:30 p.m. local time on September 13, 1997, through September 30, 1997.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
Sarah McLaughlin, 301-713-2347, or Pat Scida, 508-281-9260.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:
Regulations implemented under the authority of the Atlantic Tunas Convention Act (16 U.S.C. 971 *et seq.*) governing the harvest of ABT by persons and vessels subject to U.S. jurisdiction are found at 50 CFR part 285. Section 285.22 subdivides the U.S. quota recommended by the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (ICCAT) among the various domestic fishing categories.

General Category Closure

NMFS is required, under § 285.20(b)(1), to monitor the catch and landing statistics and, on the basis of these statistics, to project a date when the catch of ABT will equal the quota and publish a **Federal Register** announcement to close the applicable fishery.

Implementing regulations for the Atlantic tuna fisheries at 50 CFR 285.22 provide for a subquota of 187 mt of large medium and giant ABT to be harvested from the regulatory area by vessels permitted in the General category during the period beginning September 1 and ending September 30. Due to an underharvest of 8 mt in the June-August period subquota, the September period subquota was adjusted to 195 mt. Based on reported catch and effort, NMFS projects that this revised subquota will

be reached by September 13, 1997. Therefore, fishing for, retaining, possessing, or landing large medium or giant ABT by vessels in the General category must cease at 11:30 p.m. local time September 13, 1997. For the remainder of September, previously designated restricted-fishing days are waived, and anglers aboard General category vessels may fish under rules applicable for the Angling category. The General category will reopen October 1, 1997 with a quota of 72 mt for the October-December period. Note that this October-December period subquota includes a 10-mt set aside for the New York Bight fishery. If necessary, the October-December period subquota will be adjusted based on actual landings from the current period.

The intent of this closure is to prevent overharvest of the September period subquota established for the General category.

Classification

This action is taken under 50 CFR 285.20(b) and 50 CFR 285.22 and is exempt from review under E.O. 12866.

Authority: 16 U.S.C. 971 *et seq.*

Dated: September 10, 1997.

Gary C. Matlock,

*Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries,
National Marine Fisheries Service.*

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

50 CFR Part 679

[Docket No. 961126334-7025-02; I.D. 091097D]

Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pollock in Statistical Area 630 of the Gulf of Alaska

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

ACTION: Closure.

SUMMARY: NMFS is prohibiting directed fishing for pollock in Statistical Area 630 of the Gulf of Alaska (GOA). This action is necessary to prevent exceeding the 1997 total allowable catch (TAC) for pollock in this area.

DATES: Effective 1200 hrs, Alaska local time (A.l.t.), September 12, 1997, until 2400 hrs, A.l.t., December 31, 1997.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Thomas Pearson, 907-486-6919.