

7. Two new sections, §§ 1446.310 and 1446.311, are added to subpart C to read as follows:

**§ 1446.310 Additional peanut support levels.**

(a) The national support rate for additional peanuts for the 1996 crop is \$132 per short ton.

(b) The national support rate for additional peanuts for the 1997 crop is \$132 per short ton.

**§ 1446.311 Minimum CCC sales price for certain peanuts.**

(a) The minimum CCC sales price for additional peanuts to be sold from the price support loan inventory for export edible use from the 1996 crop is \$400 per short ton.

(b) The minimum CCC sales price for additional peanuts to be sold from the price support loan inventory for export edible use from the 1997 crop is \$400 per short ton.

Signed at Washington, DC, on October 26, 1997.

**Bruce R. Weber,**

*Acting Administrator, Farm Service Agency and Acting Executive Vice President, Commodity Credit Corporation.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**

**Commodity Credit Corporation**

**7 CFR Part 1437**

**RIN 0560-AF23**

**Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program; Correction**

**AGENCY:** Commodity Credit Corporation, USDA.

**ACTION:** Interim rule with request for comments; correction.

**SUMMARY:** In the interim rule published in the **Federal Register** on October 17, 1997 (62 FR 53929) the comment period was inadvertently omitted. This correction announces the comment period.

**DATES:** The interim rule was effective on October 17, 1997. Comments on this rule must be received on or before January 26, 1998 to be assured of consideration.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments should be mailed to Sean O'Neill, Chief, Noninsured Assistance Branch (NAB), Production, Emergencies, and Compliance Division (PECD), Farm Service Agency (FSA), United States Department of Agriculture, STOP 0517,

1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, D.C. 20250-0526; telephone (202) 720-9003.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Sean O'Neill, Chief, Noninsured Assistance Branch (NAB), Production, Emergencies, and Compliance Division (PECD), Farm Service Agency (FSA), United States Department of Agriculture, STOP 0517, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, D.C. 20250-0526; telephone (202) 720-9003.

Signed at Washington, DC, on November 18, 1997.

**Keith Kelly,**

*Executive Vice President, Commodity Credit Corporation.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

**15 CFR Part 922**

[Docket No. 971014243-7243-01]

**Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary**

**AGENCY:** Sanctuaries and Reserves Division (SRD), Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management (OCRM), National Ocean Service (NOS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Department of Commerce (DOC).

**ACTION:** Final rule.

**SUMMARY:** The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) is amending the regulations for the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary (MBNMS or Sanctuary) to allow the delegation of the authority to object to or impose terms or conditions on the exercise of any valid lease, permit, license, approval or other authorization issued after January 1, 1993 (the effective date of the MBNMS designation) from the Director of the Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management (Director) to other Federal officials below the Director's level; for example, the Sanctuary Manager.

**DATES:** This rule will be effective on November 25, 1997.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Scott Kathey at (408) 647-4251 or Elizabeth Moore at (301) 713-3141 ext. 170.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**I. Summary of the Proposed Regulatory Amendment**

The MBNMS regulations at 15 CFR 922.132(a) prohibit a relatively narrow range of activities and thus make it unlawful for any person to conduct them or cause them to be conducted.

Under 15 CFR 922.49 (Notification and review of applications for leases, licenses, permits, approvals or other authorizations to conduct a prohibited activity), the MBNMS prohibitions do not apply to any activity authorized by any valid lease, permit, license, approval or other authorization issued after the effective date of the Sanctuary designation (i.e., January 1, 1993 for the MBNMS) by any Federal, State or local authority of competent jurisdiction, provided that the applicant for such authorization complies with the procedures of section 922.49. The Director is required to notify the applicant whether he or she has an objection to issuance of the authorization and what terms and conditions he or she deems necessary to protect Sanctuary resources or qualities.

Section 922.134(a) of the MBNMS regulations states "The authority granted the Director under § 922.49 to object to or impose terms or conditions on the exercise of any valid lease, permit, license, approval or other authorization issued after January 1, 1993 may not be delegated or otherwise assigned to other Federal officials below the Director's level." This provision prevents the Director from delegating this authority to the Sanctuary Manager of the MBNMS or any other Federal official below the Director's level. The Sanctuary Manager currently has the delegated authority to issue Sanctuary permits. Further, the MBNMS is the only Sanctuary of the twelve in the National Marine Sanctuary Program in which the authority to object to or impose terms and conditions under § 922.49 cannot be and has not been delegated to the Sanctuary Manager. Consequently, this rule amends the MBNMS regulations to allow for the delegation to the Sanctuary Manager or any other Federal official below the Director's level of the authority to object to or impose terms or conditions on the exercise of any valid lease, permit, license, approval or other authorization issued after January 1, 1993, pursuant to § 922.49.