

**PART 1813—SIMPLIFIED ACQUISITION PROCEDURES**

4–5. In section 1813.301–73, paragraph (a) is revised to read as follows:

**1813.301–73 Program officials.**

(a) The Langley Research Center, Office of Procurement (Code AG), is the agency program coordinator.

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**PART 1815—CONTRACTING BY NEGOTIATION**

6. Section 1815.203–71 is revised to read as follows:

**§ 1815.203–71 Headquarters reviews.**

For RFPs requiring Headquarters review and approval, the procurement officer shall submit an electronic copy of the RFP to the Associate Administrator for Procurement (Code HS). Any significant information relating to the RFP or the planned evaluation methodology omitted from the RFP itself should also be provided.

**PART 1816—TYPES OF CONTRACTS**

7. In section 1816.505, paragraph (b)(4) is redesignated as paragraph (b)(6).

8. In section 1816.506–70, the reference “(See NHB 9501.2)” is revised to read “(see NPG 9501.2, NASA Contractor Financial Management Reporting System)”.

**PART 1837—SERVICE CONTRACTING**

9. In section 1837.203, the reference “(see NMI 3304.1, Employment of Experts and Consultants)” is revised to read “(see NPD 3000.1, Management of Human Resources)”.

**PART 1842—CONTRACT ADMINISTRATION AND AUDIT SERVICES**

10. In section 1842.202, paragraph (b)(1) is redesignated as (b)(i).

**PART 1847—TRANSPORTATION**

11. Section 1847.200–70 is revised to read as follows:

**1847.200–70 Charter of aircraft.**

When acquiring aircraft by charter, contracting officers shall comply with NPG 7900.3, Aircraft Operations Management.

**PART 1852—SOLICITATION PROVISIONS AND CONTRACT CLAUSES**

12. Section 1852.211–70 is removed.

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

**50 CFR Part 635**

[I.D. 091599A]

**Atlantic Highly Migratory Species Fisheries; Atlantic Bluefin Tuna**

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

**ACTION:** Adjustment of General category daily retention limit on previously designated restricted-fishing days.

**SUMMARY:** NMFS has determined that the Atlantic bluefin tuna (BFT) General category restricted-fishing day (RFD) schedule should be adjusted, i.e., certain RFDs should be waived, in order to allow for maximum utilization of the General category quota. Therefore, NMFS increases the daily retention limit from zero to one large medium or giant BFT on the following previously-designated RFDs for 1999: September 19, 20, 26, and 27, and October 1.

**DATES:** Effective September 16, 1999.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Pat Scida or Brad McHale, 978–281–9260.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Regulations implemented under the authority of the Atlantic Tunas Convention Act (16 U.S.C. 971 *et seq.*) and the Magnuson-Stevens Act (16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*) governing the harvest of BFT by persons and vessels subject to U.S. jurisdiction are found at 50 CFR part 635. General category effort controls (including time-period subquotas and RFDs) are specified annually under §§ 635.23(a) and 635.27(a). The 1999 General category effort controls were implemented June 1, 1999 (64 FR 29806, June 3, 1999).

**Adjustment of Daily Retention Limit for Selected Dates**

Under § 635.23 (a)(4), NMFS may increase or decrease the daily retention limit of large medium and giant BFT over a range from zero (on RFDs) to a maximum of three per vessel to allow for maximum utilization of the quota for BFT.

Based on a review of dealer reports, daily landing trends, and the availability of BFT on the fishing grounds, NMFS has determined that adjustment to the RFD schedule, and, therefore, an increase of the daily retention limit for selected, previously designated RFDs, is necessary. Therefore, NMFS adjusts the daily retention limit for September 19, 20, 26, and 27, and October 1, to one large medium or giant BFT per vessel. October 1 was designated as an RFD to facilitate enforcement of the October reopening after an anticipated closure in September. However, since the September subquota will most likely not be reached, it is no longer necessary for October 1 to be an RFD. Note that NMFS is not waiving the “market-smart” RFDs on Wednesdays in September that correspond to Japanese market closures (September 22 and 29).

The intent of this adjustment is to allow for maximum utilization of the General category quota (specified under § 635.27(a)) in order to help achieve optimum yield in the fishery, to collect a broad range of data for stock monitoring purposes, and to be consistent with the objectives of the HMS FMP.

**Classification**

This action is taken under § 635.23(a)(4) and is exempt from review under E.O. 12866.

**Authority:** 16 U.S.C. 971 *et seq.* and 1801 *et seq.*

Dated: September 16, 1999.

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

**50 CFR Part 660**

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**Fisheries Off West Coast States and in the Western Pacific; Pacific Coast Groundfish Fishery; Fixed Gear Sablefish Mop-Up**

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

**ACTION:** Announcement of fixed gear sablefish mop-up fishery; fishing restrictions, request for comments.