

end the following two sentences, "An operator permit issued pursuant to part 649 of this chapter satisfies the permitting requirement of this section. This requirement does not apply to operators of recreational vessels."

2. On page 57593, in the 1st column, in § 648.5, in paragraph (d), add to the end, the following sentence, "The applicant must also provide two recent (no more than 1 year old), color, passport-size photographs."

§ 648.107 [Corrected]

3. On page 57595, in the 1st column, revise amendatory instruction 13 and the section heading to read as follows:

13. Section 648.108 is added under Subpart G to read as follows:

§ 648.108 Framework adjustments to management measures.

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4. On page 57595, in the 2nd and 3rd columns, in § 648.127(a) and (a)(1) through (a)(4), the reference to "648.107" should read "648.108" each time it appears.

5. On page 57595, in the 3rd column, in § 648.147(a) and (a)(1) through (a)(4), the reference to "648.107" should read "648.108" each time it appears.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

50 CFR Part 648

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Northeast Multispecies Fishery; Amendment 9 to the Northeast Multispecies Fishery Management Plan; Correction

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

ACTION: Final rule; correction.

SUMMARY: The final rule to implement measures contained in Amendment 9 to the Northeast Multispecies Fishery Management Plan (FMP) was published on Friday, October 15, 1999. The final rule contained an error in the numbering of a paragraph related to vessel and individual commercial

permits. This document corrects the error.

DATES: Effective November 15, 1999.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The final rule to implement measures contained in Amendment 9 to the Northeast Multispecies FMP was published on October 15, 1999 (64 FR 55821). In § 648.4 of the final rule, amendatory instruction 3 indicated that paragraph (c)(2)(iii)(A) was revised. This amendatory instruction should have indicated that paragraph (c)(2)(iii) was revised. This correction to the final rule corrects the error contained in the October 15, 1999, final rule.

Amendatory instruction 3 and the related regulatory text is reprinted in its entirety to avoid any confusion on the part of the reader.

Correction

Accordingly, the publication on October 15, 1999, of the final rule to implement Amendment 9 to the Northeast Multispecies FMP (I.D. 122498C), which was the subject of document FR Doc. 99-26839, is corrected as follows:

On page 55825, second column, amendatory instruction 3 and the numbering of the regulatory text are corrected to read as follows:

3. In § 648.4, paragraph (c)(2)(iii) is revised to read as follows:

§ 648.4 Vessel and individual commercial permits.

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(c) * * *

(2) * * *

(iii) An application for a limited access multispecies permit must also contain the following information: For vessels fishing for NE multispecies with gillnet gear, with the exception of vessels fishing under the Small Vessel permit category, an annual declaration as either a Day or Trip gillnet vessel designation as described in § 648.82(k). A vessel owner electing a Day gillnet designation must indicate the number of gillnet tags that he/she is requesting and must include a check for the cost of the tags. A permit holder letter will be sent to the owner of each eligible gillnet vessel informing him/her of the costs associated with this tagging requirement and directions for obtaining tags. Once a vessel owner has elected this designation, he/she may not change the designation or fish under the other gillnet category for the remainder of the

fishing year. Incomplete applications, as described in paragraph (e) of this section, will be considered incomplete for the purpose of obtaining authorization to fish in the NE multispecies gillnet fishery and will be processed without a gillnet authorization.

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

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National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

50 CFR Part 679

Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone off Alaska

CFR Correction

In Title 50 of the Code of Federal Regulations, part 600 to End, revised as of October 1, 1998, § 679.21 is corrected in paragraph (d)(3)(i) by revising "Aftny" to read "After" and reinstating the following text between the words "After" and "weekly":

§ 679.21 Prohibited species bycatch management.

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(d) * * *

(3) * * *

(i) *Notification.* After consultation with the Council, NMFS will publish notification in the **Federal Register** specifying the proposed halibut PSC limit for vessels using trawl gear.

(ii) *Bycatch allowance.* The halibut PSC limit specified for vessels using trawl gear may be further apportioned as bycatch allowances to the fishery categories listed in paragraph (d)(3)(iii) of this section, based on each category's proportional share of the anticipated halibut bycatch mortality during a fishing year and the need to optimize the amount of total groundfish harvest under the halibut PSC limit. The sum of all bycatch allowances will equal the halibut PSC limit established under this paragraph (d).

(iii) *Trawl fishery categories.* For purposes of apportioning the trawl halibut PSC limit among fisheries, the following fishery categories are specified and defined in terms of round-weight equivalents of these GOA groundfish species for which a TAC has been specified under § 679.20: