We are adding a citation to entries for two American Petroleum Institute (API) Recommended Practices (RP) in the table of Documents Incorporated by Reference and correcting a section of the regulations to incorporate by reference the two documents.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** February 3, 2000. The incorporation by reference of publications listed in the regulation is approved by the Director of the Federal Register as of February 3, 2000.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Alexis London, Rules Processing Team, Engineering and Operations Division, (703) 787–1600.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Background**

The final regulations that are the subject of these corrections updated one API document incorporated by reference (API RP 500) and added a new document incorporated by reference (API RP 505). These regulations affect all operators and lessees on the Outer Continental Shelf.

The regulation at 30 CFR 250.410(e) on safety precautions in mud-handling areas currently incorporates by reference the out–of–date document “API RP 500B.” The final regulations should have revised § 250.410(e) to reference “API RP 500” or “API RP 505” as it did for various other sections of our regulations. The list of citations for API RP 500 and API RP 505 in the table of documents incorporated by reference in § 250.198(e) should have then included § 250.410(e).

**Need for Correction**

As published, the final regulations contain errors that may prove to be misleading and are in need of clarification.

**Correction of Publication**

Accordingly, the publication of the final regulations on January 4, 2000, which were the subject of FR Doc. 00–26, is corrected as follows:

§ 250.198 [Corrected]

On pages 218 and 219, in the table for § 250.198(e), the entries for API RP 500 and API RP 505 are corrected to read as follows:

§ 250.198 Documents incorporated by reference.

*(e) * * * *

On page 219, in the 3rd column following the amendment to § 250.1629, an amendment to § 250.410 is added as follows:

9. In § 250.410, in paragraph (e), the title of the document incorporated by reference “API RP 500B” is revised to read “API RP 500 or API RP 505”.

**Dated:** June 19, 2000.

E. P. Danenberger,
Chief, Engineering and Operations Division.
[FR Doc. 00–16250 Filed 6–28–00; 8:45 am]

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

**Coast Guard**

33 CFR Parts 1, 3, 20, 62, 66, 67, 70, 74, 80, 100, 114, 117, 118, 127, 144, 151, 153, 154, 157, 160, 161, 162, 165, 181, and 183

[USCG–2000–7223]

**Technical Amendments; Organizational Changes; Miscellaneous Editorial Changes and Conforming Amendments**

**AGENCY:** Coast Guard, DOT.

**ACTION:** Final rule.

**SUMMARY:** This rule makes editorial and technical changes throughout Title 33 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) to update the title before it is recodified on July 1, 2000. It corrects addresses, updates cross-references, makes conforming amendments, and makes other technical corrections. This rule will have no substantive effect on the regulated public.

**DATES:** This final rule is effective June 30, 2000.

**ADDRESSES:** Documents as indicated in this preamble are available for inspection or copying at the Docket Management Facility, [USCG–2000–7223], U.S. Department of Transportation, room PL–401, 400 Seventh Street SW., Washington, DC, 20590–0001, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. You may also find this docket on the Internet at http://dms.dot.gov.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For questions on this rule, contact Ms. Janet Walton, Project Manager, Standards Evaluation and Development Division (G–MSR–2), Coast Guard, telephone 202–267–0257. For questions on viewing, or submitting material to, the docket, contact Dorothy Beard, Chief, Dockets, Department of Transportation, telephone 202–366–9329.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Discussion of the Rule**

Each year Title 33 of the Code of Federal Regulations is recodified on July 1. This rule makes editorial changes throughout the title, corrects addresses, updates cross-references, and makes other technical and editorial corrections to be included in the recodification. Some editorial changes are discussed individually in the following paragraphs. This rule does not change any substantive requirements of existing regulations.

We did not publish a notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) for this regulation. Under 5 U.S.C. 553(b)(B), the Coast Guard finds that good cause exists for not publishing an NPRM. This rule consists only of corrections and editorial and conforming amendments to Title 33 of the Code of Federal Regulations. These changes will have no substantive effect on the public and publishing an NPRM and providing an opportunity for public comment is
unnecessary. Under 5 U.S.C. 553(d)(3), the Coast Guard finds that, for the same reasons, good cause exists for making this rule effective less than 30 days after publication in the Federal Register.

Section 20.304

The Coast Guard published an Interim Rule, Rules of Practice, Procedure, and Evidence for Administrative Proceedings of the Coast Guard, on May 24, 1999 [USCG–1999–3472] [64 FR 28054]. We published a correction to the Interim Rule, on June 28, 1999, that corrected Table 20.304(D)—How To Serve Filed Documents. With the publication of the July 1, 1999, codification of 33 CFR, we discovered that the table was still printed incorrectly. This rulemaking sets out the table the way it was intended.

Sections 127.611, 127.1511, 154.500, Appendix A, B, and C to Part 154, and Sections 183.114, and 183.516

On December 1, 1999, the Coast Guard published a Direct Final Rule, Update of Standards from the American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) [USCG–1999–5151] [64 FR 67170]. On March 1, 2000, we published a confirmation of effective date for the rule [65 FR 10943]. Because we did not change the sections in the CFR where the standard numbers did not contain a year date, we are now adding a cross-reference back to the Incorporation by reference section in each part for each of the sections listed.

Section 151.19

The Frequency of Inspection Final Rule [USCG–1999–4976], published on February 9, 2000 (65 FR 6494), established a 5-year Certificate of Inspection cycle to harmonize the Coast Guard’s inspections with internationally required certificates. We published the final rule to establish the frequency of inspection requirements to meet the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1974, and the International Convention on Load Line compliance date of February 3, 2000. This rule changes section 151.19 to conform to the February final rule.

Section 153.205

This rule updates the addresses and telephone numbers in Table 1, Addresses and Telephone Numbers of Coast Guard District Offices and EPA Regional Offices.

Section 154.1035

This rule sets out paragraph (e)(3)(iii) with the correct location of the words “classified” and “classification”. The words are reversed in the current codification.

Regulatory Evaluation

This rule is not a significant regulatory action under section 3(f) of Executive Order 12866 and does not require an assessment of potential costs and benefits under section 6(a)(3) of that Order. It has not been reviewed by the Office of Management and Budget under that Order. It is not significant under the regulatory policies and procedures of the Department of Transportation (DOT) (44 FR 11040; February 26, 1979). We expect the economic impact of this rule to be so minimal that a full Regulatory Evaluation under paragraph 10e of the regulatory policies and procedures of DOT is unnecessary. As this rule involves internal agency practices and procedures, it will not impose any costs on the public.

Collection of Information

This rule calls for no new collection of information under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501–3520).

Federalism

We have analyzed this rule under E.O. 13132 and have determined that this rule does not have implications for federalism under that Order.

Unfunded Mandates Reform Act

The Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1995 (2 U.S.C. 1531–1538) governs the issuance of Federal regulations that require unfunded mandates. An unfunded mandate is a regulation that requires a State, local, or tribal government or the private sector to incur direct costs without the Federal Government’s having first provided the funds to pay those costs. This proposed rule would not impose an unfunded mandate.

Taking of Private Property

This rule will not effect a taking of private property or otherwise have taking implications under E.O. 12630, Governmental Actions and Interference with Constitutionally Protected Property Rights.

Civil Justice Reform

This rule meets applicable standards in sections 3(a) and 3(b)(2) of E.O. 12988, Civil Justice Reform, to minimize litigation, eliminate ambiguity, and reduce burden.

Protection of Children

We have analyzed this rule under E.O. 13045, Protection of Children from Environmental Health Risks and Safety

Risks. This rule is not an economically significant rule and does not concern an environmental risk to health or risk to safety that may disproportionately affect children.

Environment

We considered the environmental impact of this rule and concluded that, under figure 2–1, paragraph (34(a) and (b), concerning regulations that are editorial or procedural and concerning internal agency functions or organization. A “Categorical Exclusion Determination” is available in the docket where indicated under Addresses.

List of Subjects

33 CFR Part 1

Administrative practice and procedure, Authority delegations (Government agencies), Freedom of information, Penalties.

33 CFR Part 3

Organization and functions (Government agencies).

33 CFR Part 20

Administrative law judges, Administrative practice and procedure, Appeals, Discovery, Evidence, Hearings.

33 CFR Part 62

Navigation (water).

33 CFR Part 66

Intergovernmental relations, Navigation (water), Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

33 CFR Part 67

Continental shelf, Navigation (water), Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

33 CFR Part 70

Navigation (water), Penalties.

33 CFR Part 74

Navigation (water).

33 CFR Part 80

Navigation (water), Treaties, Waterways.

33 CFR Part 100

Marine safety, Navigation (water), Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Waterways.

33 CFR Part 114

Bridges.
PART 1—GENERAL PROVISIONS

1. The authority citation for part 1 continues to read as follows:
   Authority: 14 U.S.C. 633; Sec. 6079(d), Pub. L. 100–690, 102 Stat. 4181; 49 CFR 1.46.

2. In § 1.07–10, in paragraph (a), add after the word “Commander” and before the word “in” the words “or other designated official”; and revise paragraph (b) to read as follows:

§ 1.07–10 Reporting and investigation.

(b) Reports of any investigation conducted by the Coast Guard or received from any other agency which indicate that a violation may have occurred may be forwarded to a District Commander or other designated official for further action. This is normally the District Commander of the District in which the violation is believed to have occurred, or the District in which the reporting unit or agency is found. The report is reviewed to determine if there is sufficient evidence to establish a prima facie case. If there is insufficient evidence, the case is either returned for further investigation or closed if further action is unwarranted. The case is closed in situations in which the investigation has established that a violation did not occur, the violator is unknown, or there is little likelihood of discovering additional relevant facts. If it is determined that a prima facie case does exist, a case file is prepared and forwarded to the Hearing Officer, with a recommended action. A record of any prior violations by the same person or entity, is forwarded with the case file.

PART 3—COAST GUARD AREAS, DISTRICTS, MARINE INSPECTION ZONES, AND CAPTAIN OF THE PORT ZONES

3. The authority citation for part 3 continues to read as follows:

§ 3.05–35 [Amended]

4. In § 3.05–35(b), remove the words “thence proceeds along a line northwesterly to 40°40’ N. latitude, 73°40’ W. longitude” and add, in their place, the words “thence proceeds along a line northwesterly to 40°40’ N. latitude, 73°40’ W. longitude”.

PART 20—RULES OF PRACTICE, PROCEDURE, AND EVIDENCE FOR FORMAL ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEEDINGS OF THE COAST GUARD

5. The authority citation for part 20 continues to read as follows:
10. Revise §66.05–30(b) to read as follows:

§66.05–30 Notice to Mariners.

(b) Notices to Mariners which concern the establishment, disestablishment, or change of State aids to navigation, including regulatory markers, may be published whenever the aids to navigation concerned are covered by navigational charts or maps issued by the U.S. Coast and Geodetic Survey or the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

PART 67—AIDS TO NAVIGATION ON ARTIFICIAL ISLANDS AND FIXED STRUCTURES

11. The authority citation for part 67 continues to read as follows:


§67.50–25 [Amended]

12. In §67.50–25(e), remove the words “328 Custom House Building, New Orleans, Louisiana 70130” and add, in their place, the words “Hale Boggs Federal Building, 500 Camp Street, New Orleans, LA 70130–3396”.

PART 70—INTERFERENCE WITH OR DAMAGE TO AIDS TO NAVIGATION

13. The authority citation for part 70 continues to read as follows:


§70.05–20 [Amended]

14. In §70.05–20, remove the authority citation following the section.

PART 74—CHARGES FOR COAST GUARD AIDS TO NAVIGATION WORK

15. The authority citation for part 74 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 14 U.S.C. 81, 85, 86, 92, 93, 141, 633, 642, 647; 49 CFR 1.46(b).

§74.20–1 [Amended]

16. In §74.20–1(a), remove the words “COMDTNOTE 7310 (series) which is available at the Office of the Comptroller” and add, in their place the words “COMDTINST 7310 (series) which is available from the District Budget Office”.

PART 80—COLREGS DEMARCATION LINES

17. The authority citation for part 80 continues to read as follows:


18. In §80.501, revise paragraph (h) to read as follows:

§80.501 Tom’s River, NJ to Cape May, NJ.

(h) A line drawn from Cape May Inlet East Jetty Light 4 to Cape May Inlet West Jetty Light 5.

PART 100—MARINE EVENTS

19. The authority citation for part 100 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 33 U.S.C. 1233 through 1236; 49 CFR 1.46; 33 CFR 100.35.

20. In §100.114(a), in the Fireworks Display Table—

a. In the entry for New York: 6.5, remove the word “years” and add, in its place, the word “yards”;

b. In the entry for New York: 10.1, remove the numbers “6:45 to 8:45” and add in their place, the numbers “6:45 p.m. to 8:45 p.m.”; and

c. Revise the entries for Massachusetts: 6.6, Maine: 7.51, Maine: 8.12, New York: 9.8, and Massachusetts: 10.2 as follows:

§100.114 Fireworks displays within the First Coast Guard District.

(a) * * *
PART 114—GENERAL

28. The authority citation for part 114 continues to read as follows:
   Authority: 33 U.S.C. 401, 491, 499, 521, 525, and 535; 14 U.S.C. 633; 49 U.S.C. 1655(g); 49 CFR 1.46(c).

§ 114.10 [Amended]
29. In § 114.10, add the word “for” immediately before the words “the reasonable needs of navigation”.

PART 117—DRAWBRIDGE OPERATION REGULATIONS

30. The authority citation for part 117 continues to read as follows:
   Authority: 33 U.S.C. 499; 49 CFR 1.46; 33 CFR 1.05–1(g); section 117.255 also issued under the authority of Pub. L. 102–587, 106 Stat. 5039.

§ 117.101 [Amended]
31. In § 117.101(b), remove the words “Illinois Central” and add, in their place, the words “Canadian National/Illinois Central”.

§ 117.123 [Amended]
32. In § 117.123(b)(2), remove the words “33 CFR 165.203” and add, in their place, the words “33 CFR 165.817”.

§ 117.171 [Amended]
33. In § 117.171(b), remove the words “yardmaster at Stockton” and add, in their place, the words “Manager of Structures at San Bernardino”.

§ 117.381 [Amended]
34. In § 117.381, remove the words “Union Pacific (Camas Prairie)” and add, in their place, the words “Camas Prairie”.

§ 117.465 [Amended]
35. In § 117.465(e), remove the words “The draws of the S649 bridge, mile 66.1 and the new S649 bridge, mile 66.6” and add, in their place, the words “The draw of the S649 bridge, mile 66.6”.

§ 117.484 [Amended]
36. In § 117.484 introductory text, remove the words “Illinois Central” and add, in their place, the words “Canadian National/Illinois Central”.

§ 117.666 [Amended]
37. In § 117.666(a), remove the words “Illinois Central” and add, in their place, the words “Canadian National/Illinois Central”.

§ 117.861 [Amended]
38. In § 117.861, remove the words “Burlington Northern Santa Fe” and add, in their place, the words “Portland and Western”.

§ 117.863 [Removed]

§ 117.865 [Amended]
40. In § 117.865, remove the words “Willamette and Pacific” and add, in their place, the words “Portland and Western”.

§ 117.881 [Amended]
41. In § 117.881(a), remove the words “Willamette and Pacific” and add, in their place, the words “Portland and Western”.

42. Revise § 117.1063 to read as follows:

§ 117.1063 Willapa River South Fork.
The draw of the Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission bridge across the South Fork Willapa River, mile 0.3, at Raymond, shall open on signal if at least 24 hours notice is given.

PART 118—BRIDGE LIGHTING AND OTHER SIGNALS

43. The authority citation for part 118 continues to read as follows:
   Authority: 33 U.S.C. 494; 14 U.S.C. 85, 633; 49 CFR 1.46(b) and (c).

§ 118.3 [Amended]
44. In § 118.3(b), remove the words “Office of the Federal Register, Washington, DC 20408 and at U.S. Coast Guard, Room 1410, 2100 Second Street,
§ 154.106)".

56. In §154.1035(e)(2), revise the introductory text, revise the second sentence to read as follows:

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PART 154—EQUIPMENT TO PREVENT OIL POLLUTION

57. The authority citation for part 154 continues to read as follows:


PART 155—REMOVAL OF HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES FROM OCEANS

58. In §155.620, the words "ASTM F–1121" and add, in their place, the words "ASTM F 1122".
§ 154.1035 Specific requirements for facilities that could reasonably be expected to cause significant and substantial harm to the environment.

(a) * * * * *

(b) * * * *

(c) * * * *

(d) * * * *

For oil spill removal organization(s) classified by the Coast Guard, the classification must be noted in this section of the plan.

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Appendix A to Part 154 [Amended]

57. In Appendix A to part 154—

a. In paragraph 7.1, remove the words “ASTM F1155” and add, in their place, the words “ASTM F 1155 (incorporated by reference, see § 154.106)”;

b. In paragraph 8.4, remove the words “ASTM F722” and add, in their place, the words “ASTM F 722 (incorporated by reference, see § 154.106)” and remove the words “ASTM F1155” and add, in their place, the words “ASTM F 1155 (incorporated by reference, see § 154.106)”;

c. In paragraph 8.6, remove the words “ASTM F722” and add, in their place, the words “ASTM F 722 (incorporated by reference, see § 154.106)”.

Appendix B to Part 154 [Amended]

58. In Appendix B to part 154—

a. In paragraph 7.1, remove the words “ASTM F1155” and add, in their place, the words “ASTM F 1155 (incorporated by reference, see § 154.106)”;

b. In paragraph 8.4, remove the words “ASTM F722” and add, in their place, the words “ASTM F 722 (incorporated by reference, see § 154.106)” and remove the words “ASTM F1155” and add, in their place, the words “ASTM F 1155 (incorporated by reference, see § 154.106)”;

c. In paragraph 8.6, remove the words “ASTM F722” and add, in their place, the words “ASTM F 722 (incorporated by reference, see § 154.106)”.

Appendix C to Part 154 [Amended]

59. In Appendix C to part 154—

a. In paragraph 2.3.1, remove the words “ASTM F 715” and add, in their place, the words “ASTM F 715 (incorporated by reference, see § 154.106)”;

b. In paragraph 6.3, remove the words “ASTM F 631” and add, in their place, the words “ASTM F 631 (incorporated by reference, see § 154.106)”.

PART 157—RULES FOR THE PROTECTION OF THE MARINE ENVIRONMENT RELATING TO TANK VESSELS CARRYING OIL IN BULK

60. The authority citation for part 157 continues to read as follows:


§ 157.17 [Amended]

61. In § 157.17, remove the cross reference note following the section.

PART 160—PORTS AND WATERWAYS SAFETY—GENERAL

62. The authority citation for part 160 continues to read as follows:


§ 160.201 [Amended]

63. In § 160.201, remove paragraph (c)(6) and redesignate paragraphs (c)(7), (8), and (9) as (c)(6), (7), and (8).

PART 161—VESSEL TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT

64. The authority citation for part 161 continues to read as follows:


65. In Table 161.35(C) in § 161.35, revise the entry for “P” to read as follows:

§ 161.35 Vessel Traffic Service Houston/ Galveston.

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PART 162—INLAND WATERWAYS NAVIGATION REGULATIONS

66. The authority citation for part 162 continues to read as follows:


§ 162.65 [Amended]

67. In § 162.65(b)(2)(iv) and (b)(6), remove the words “Inland Rules and the Pilot Rules for Inland Waters” and add, in their place, the words “Navigation Rules, International-Inland, Commandant Instruction M16672.2 (series)”.

PART 165—REGULATED NAVIGATION AREAS AND LIMITED ACCESS AREAS

69. The authority citation for part 165 continues to read as follows:


§ 165.510 [Amended]

70. In § 165.510(0)(5), remove the words “46 CFR 85.25–70” and add, in their place, the words “46 CFR 85.25–70”.

§ 165.514 [Amended]

71. In § 165.514(a), remove the words “Bogue Sound-New River Light 58” and add, in their place, the words “Bogue Sound-New River Daybeacon 58”; and in paragraph (d), remove the words “or (910) 815–4895”.

72. Revise § 165.804(d) to read as follows:

§ 165.804 Snake Island, Texas City, Texas; mooring and fleeting of vessels-safety zone.

* * * * *

(d) In an emergency, vessels shall advise the Captain of the Port, Houston-
Galveston, of the nature of the emergency via the most rapid means available.

§ 165.903 [Amended]
73. In § 165.903—
   a. In paragraph (a)(1), remove the word “Conrail” and add, in its place, the words “Norfolk and Southern”;
   b. In paragraph (a)(4) remove the word “Nick’s” and add, in its place, the word “Tiffany’s”; and
   c. In paragraph (a)(11) remove the words “Jim’s Steak House” and add, in their place, the words “The Club Aqua”.

§§ 165.515 and 165.530 [Amended]
74. In addition to the amendments set forth above, in 33 CFR part 165, remove the number “1±800±325±8100” and add, in its place, the number “(910) 343±4895” and add, in their place, the words “The Club Aqua”. 

§ 181.4 Incorporation by reference.
(a) * * * * *
(b) * * *
Underwriters Laboratories, Inc. (UL) 12 Laboratory Drive, Research Triangle Park, NC 27709±3995
* * * * *

PART 183—BOATS AND ASSOCIATED EQUIPMENT
77. The authority citation for part 183 continues to read as follows:
   Authority: 46 U.S.C. 4302 and 4310; 49 CFR 1.46.

78. In § 183.5(b), revise the heading and address for “Underwriters Laboratories, Inc.” to read as follows:
§ 183.5 Incorporation by reference.
(a) * * * * *
(b) * * *
Underwriters Laboratories, Inc. (UL) 12 Laboratory Drive, Research Triangle Park, NC 27709±3995
* * * * *

§ 183.114 [Amended]
79. In § 183.114, in paragraphs (b), (c), (d), and (e), remove the words “ASTM D±471” and add, in their place, the words “ASTM D 471 (incorporated by reference, see § 183.5)”; and in paragraph (b), remove the words “ASTM D–2842” and add, in their place, the words “ASTM D 2842 (incorporated by reference, see § 183.5)”.

§ 183.516 [Amended]
80. In § 183.516:
   a. In paragraphs (a)(1)(i) and (ii), remove the words “ASTM D–471” and add, in their place, the words “ASTM D 471 (incorporated by reference, see § 183.5)”;
   b. In paragraph (b), remove the words “ASTM D–1621” and add, in their place, the words “ASTM D 1621 (incorporated by reference, see § 183.5)”;
   c. In paragraph (c), remove the words “ASTM D–1622” and add, in their place, the words “ASTM D 1622 (incorporated by reference, see § 183.5)”.

81. In § 183.607, in paragraph (a) introductory text, remove the words “Room 4210, 2100 Second Street, SW., Washington, DC 20593” and add, in their place, the words “2100 Second Street, SW., Washington, DC 20593–0001”; and revise paragraphs (a)(2) and (3) to read as follows:
§ 183.607 Incorporation by reference.
(a) * * * * *
(b) * * *
(2) ASTM Standard D 471. American Society for Testing and Materials, 100 Barr Harbor Drive, West Conshohocken, PA 19428±2950.
(3) UL Standard 1128, Underwriters Laboratories, Incorporated, 12 Laboratory Drive, Research Triangle Park, NC 27709–3995.

Dated: June 20, 2000.
Joseph J. Angelo,
Acting Assistant Commandant for Marine Safety and Environmental Protection.

§ 648.22 requires the closure of the directed Loligo squid fishery in the EEZ when 90 percent of the DAH for Loligo squid is harvested in either Period I or II, or 95 percent is harvested in Period III. NMFS is further required to notify, in advance of the closure, the Executive Directors of the Mid-Atlantic, New England, and South Atlantic Fishery Management Councils; mail notification of the closure to all holders of Loligo squid permits at least 72 hours

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:
Regulations governing the Loligo squid fishery are found at 50 CFR part 648. The regulations require annual specifications for initial optimum yield as well as the amounts for allowable biological catch, domestic annual harvest (DAH), domestic annual processing, joint venture processing, and total allowable levels of foreign fishing for the species managed under the Atlantic Mackerel, Squid, and Butterfish Fishery Management Plan. The procedures for setting the annual initial specifications are described in § 648.21.

The 2000 specification of DAH for Loligo squid was set at 13,000 mt (65 FR 16341, March 28, 2000). This amount is allocated by trimester based on the following table.

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The regulations require that the closure of this fishery be effective 0001 hours, July 2, 2000, through 0001 hours, September 1, 2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
Allison Ferreira, Fishery Management Specialist, 978±281–9103, fax 978±281–9135, e mail allison.ferreira@noaa.gov.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

§ 50 CFR Part 648
[Docket No. 991228354–0078–02; I.D. 002900C]

Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Atlantic Mackerel, Squid, and Butterfish Fisheries; Closure of Fishery for Loligo Squid

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

ACTION: Closure.

SUMMARY: NMFS announces that the directed fishery for Loligo squid in the exclusive economic zone (EEZ) will be closed. Vessels issued a Federal permit to harvest Loligo squid may not retain or land more than 2,500 lb (1.13 mt) per trip of Loligo squid for the remainder of the quota period. This action is necessary to prevent the fishery from exceeding the Period II quota and allow for rebuilding of this overfished stock, while allowing for fishing throughout the year.

DATES: Effective 0001 hours, July 2, 2000, through 0001 hours, September 1, 2000.

BILLY 29.---Loligo 4-Month Period ALLOCATIONS

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