DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
50 CFR Part 622
[L.D. 050500G]
Fisheries of the Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico, and South Atlantic; Shrimp Fishery of the Gulf of Mexico; Texas Closure

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

ACTION: Adjustment of the ending date of the Texas closure.

SUMMARY: NMFS announces an adjustment to the ending date of the annual closure of the shrimp fishery in the exclusive economic zone (EEZ) off Texas. The closure is normally from May 15 to July 15 each year. For 2000, the closure began on May 11, and will end at 30 minutes after sunset on July 5. The Texas closure is intended to prohibit the harvest of brown shrimp during their major emigration from Texas estuaries to the Gulf of Mexico so the shrimp may reach a larger, more valuable size and to prevent the waste of brown shrimp that would be discarded in fishing operations because of their small size.

DATES: The EEZ off Texas is open to trawl fishing from 30 minutes after sunset, May 15, 2001, or until 30 minutes after sunset on July 5, 2000.

Classification This action is authorized by 50 CFR 622.34(h) and is exempt from review under Executive Order 12866.

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

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VERIFIED: This document contains a correction to the final rule for recordkeeping and reporting that was published in the Federal Register on November 15, 1999.


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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: A final rule was published in the Federal Register on November 15, 1999 (64 FR 61964), to revise recordkeeping and reporting regulations. The requirement that the operator of a catcher vessel is required to make records available for inspection upon the request of an authorized officer was inadvertently omitted from 50 CFR part 679.

Correction In the final rule Revisions to Recordkeeping and Reporting Requirements published in 64 FR 61964, November 15, 1999, FR Doc. 99–28294, on page 61974, in the third column, remove § 679.5(a)(13)(i) and add in its place the following:

§ 679.5 [Corrected]
(a) * * *
(13) * * *
(i) Inspection. The operator of a catcher vessel or catcher/processor or mothership or the manager of a shoreside processor or the operator of a buying station must make all logbooks, reports, forms, and mothership-issued fish tickets required under this section available for inspection upon the request of an authorized officer for the time periods indicated in paragraph (a)(13)(ii) of this section.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
50 CFR Part 679
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Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Recordkeeping and Reporting; Correction

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

ACTION: Final rule; correction.

SUMMARY: This document contains a correction to the final rule for recordkeeping and reporting that was published in the Federal Register on November 15, 1999.