

levels of government, as specified in Executive Order 13132. This rule amends the EPA Acquisition Regulation relating to internal agency procedures addressing business ownership categories of contractors who receive EPA awards. Thus, the requirements of section 6 of the Executive Order do not apply to this rule.

J. Submission to Congress and the General Accounting Office

The Congressional Review Act, 5 U.S.C. 801 *et seq.*, as added by the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act of 1996, generally provides that before a rule may take effect, the agency promulgating the rule must submit a rule report, which includes a copy of the rule, to each House of Congress and to the Comptroller General of the United States. EPA will submit a report containing this rule and other required information to the U.S. Senate, the U.S. House of Representatives, and the Comptroller General of the United States prior to publication of the rule in the **Federal Register**. A major rule cannot take effect until 60 days after it is published in the **Federal Register**. This action is not a "major rule" as defined by 5 U.S.C. 804(2).

Authority: The provisions of this regulation are issued under 5 U.S.C. 301; section 205(c), 63 Stat. 390, as amended 40 U.S.C. 486(c).

List of Subjects in 48 CFR Parts 1504 and 1552

Government procurement.

Therefore, 48 CFR Chapter 15 is amended as set forth below:

1. The authority citation for Parts 1504 and 1552 is revised to read as follows:

Authority: 5 U.S.C. 301; Sec. 205(c), 63 Stat. 390, as amended, 40 U.S.C. 486(c); 41 U.S.C. 418b.

2. Part 1504 is amended by adding subpart 1504.6 as follows:

PART 1504—ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

Subpart 1504.6—Contract Reporting

1504.670 Business Ownership Representation.

Contracting officers shall insert the clause at 1552.204-70, Business Ownership Representation, in solicitations and contracts with an estimated dollar value greater than the simplified acquisition threshold. Completion of the clause by the successful awardee is voluntary.

3. Subpart 1552.2 is amended by adding 1552.204-70 as follows:

1552.204-70 Business Ownership Representation.

As prescribed in 1504.670, insert the following clause in solicitations and contracts:

Business Ownership Representation (JAN 2001)

The successful awardee shall check one or more of the categories below that represents its business ownership and return this information to the contracting officer within ten (10) calendar days after award. Completion of this clause by the successful awardee is voluntary.

"Ownership," as used in this clause, means: (a) At least 51 percent of the concern is owned by one or more individuals from a category listed below; or, in the case of any publicly owned business, at least 51 percent of the stock of the concern is owned by one or more such individuals; and (b) The management and daily business operations of the concern are controlled by one or more such individuals.

Ethnicity

- Hispanic or Latino.
- Not Hispanic or Latino.

Race

- American Indian, Eskimo, or Aleut.
- Asian or Pacific Islander.
- Black or African American.
- White.

(End of clause)

Dated: November 29, 2000.

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Acting Director, Office of Acquisition Management.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

50 CFR Part 300

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Fraser River Sockeye and Pink Salmon Fisheries; Inseason Orders

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

ACTION: Inseason orders.

SUMMARY: NMFS publishes the Fraser River salmon inseason orders regulating salmon fisheries in U.S. waters. The orders were issued by the Fraser River

Panel (Panel) of the Pacific Salmon Commission (Commission) and subsequently approved and issued by NMFS during the 2000 sockeye and pink salmon fisheries within the U.S. Fraser River Panel Area. These orders established fishing times, areas, and types of gear for U.S. treaty Indian and all-citizen fisheries during the period the Commission exercised jurisdiction over these fisheries. Due to the frequency with which inseason orders are issued, publication of individual orders is impracticable. The 2000 orders are therefore being published in this document to avoid fragmentation.

DATES: Each of the following inseason actions was effective upon the dates and times as specified at 50 CFR 300.97(b)(1). Comments will be accepted through December 20, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be mailed to Donna Darm, Acting Regional Administrator, Northwest Region, NMFS, 7600 Sand Point Way N.E., BIN C15700-Bldg. 1, Seattle, WA 98115-0070. Information relevant to this document is available for public review during business hours at the office of the Regional Administrator, Northwest Region, NMFS.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: William L. Robinson, 206-526-6140.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The treaty between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of Canada Concerning Pacific Salmon was signed at Ottawa on January 28, 1985, and subsequently was given effect in the United States by the Pacific Salmon Treaty Act (Act) at 16 U.S.C. 3631-3644.

Under authority of the Act, Federal regulations at 50 CFR part 300 subpart F provide a framework for implementation of certain regulations of the Commission and inseason orders of the Commission's Panel for U.S. sockeye and pink salmon fisheries in the Fraser River Panel Area.

The regulations close the Fraser River Panel Area (U.S.) to U.S. sockeye and pink salmon fishing unless opened by Panel orders or by inseason regulations published by NMFS that give effect to Panel orders. During the fishing season, NMFS may issue regulations that establish fishing times and areas consistent with the Commission agreements and inseason orders of the Panel. Such orders must be consistent with domestic legal obligations. The Regional Administrator, Northwest Region, NMFS, issues the inseason orders. Official notification of these inseason actions of NMFS is provided by two telephone hotline numbers described at 50 CFR 300.97(b)(1).

Inseason orders must be published in the **Federal Register** as soon as practicable after they are issued. Due to the frequency with which inseason orders are issued, publication of individual orders is impractical. Therefore, the 2000 orders are therefore being published in this document to avoid fragmentation.

The following inseason orders were adopted by the Panel and issued for U.S. fisheries by NMFS during the 2000 fishing season. The times listed are local times, and the areas designated are Puget Sound Management and Catch Reporting Areas as defined in the Washington State Administrative Code at Chapter 220–22.

Order No. 2000–1: Issued 5 p.m., July 21, 2000

Treaty Indian Fishery

Areas 4B, 5 and 6C: Open for drift gillnets from 6 p.m. July 21, 2000, to 12 noon July 26, 2000.

Order No. 2000–2: Issued 1 p.m. July 25, 2000

Treaty Indian Fishery

Areas 4B, 5, and 6C: Open for drift gillnets from 12 noon July 26, 2000, to 12 noon July 29, 2000.

Areas 6, 7 and 7A: Open for net fishing from 4 a.m. to 8 p.m. on July 26, 2000.

All Citizen Fishery

Areas 7 and 7A: Purse seine fishery open from 6 a.m. to 3 p.m. on July 27, 2000. Drift gillnet fishery open from 3 p.m. to 11:59 p.m. on July 27, 2000. Reef net fishery open from 5 a.m. to 9 p.m. on July 29, 2000.

Order No. 2000–3: Issued 4 p.m., July 25, 2000, and supersedes all previous inseason orders

Treaty Indian Fishery

Areas 4B, 5, and 6C: Drift gillnet open from 12 noon July 26, 2000, to 12 noon July 29, 2000.

Areas 6, 7 and 7A: Open for net fishing from 4 a.m. July 26, 2000, to 8 a.m. July 27, 2000.

All Citizen Fishery

Areas 7 and 7A: Drift gillnet fishery open 8 a.m. to 11:59 p.m. July 27, 2000. Purse seine fishery open 5 a.m. to 9 p.m. July 28, 2000. Reef net fishery open from 5 a.m. to 9 p.m. on July 29, 2000, and July 30, 2000.

Order No. 2000–4: Issued 4 p.m. August 2, 2000, and supersedes all previous inseason orders

All Citizen Fishery

Areas 7 and 7A: Purse seine fishery open from 5 a.m. to 9 p.m. August 3,

2000, and from 5 a.m. to 9 p.m. August 4, 2000. Drift gillnet fishery open from 7:15 a.m. to 11:59 p.m. August 3, 2000, and from 7:15 a.m. to 11:59 p.m. August 4, 2000.

Order No. 2000–5: Issued at 4:00 p.m., August 5, 2000

Treaty Indian Fishery

Areas 4B, 5 and 6C: Open for drift gillnets from 6 p.m. August 5 to 6:00 p.m. August 7, 2000.

Areas 6, 7 and 7A: Open for net fishing from 12:00 noon August 6, 2000, to 6:00 p.m. August 7, 2000.

Order No. 2000–6: Issued at 4:00 p.m. August 8, 2000

All Citizen Fishery

Areas 7 and 7A: Reef net fishery open from 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. August 9, 2000. Purse seine fishery open from 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. August 10, 2000. Drift gillnet fishery open from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on August 10, 2000.

Order No. 2000–7: Issued at 4:00 p.m. August 15, 2000

All Citizen Fishery

Areas 7 and 7A south and east of a line from Iwersen's Dock on Point Roberts to Georgina Point Light at the entrance to Active Pass in British Columbia: Purse seine fishery open from 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on August 16, 2000. Drift gillnet fishery open from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. August 16, 2000.

Order No. 8–2000: Issued at 4:00 p.m. August 22, 2000

United States Fraser River Panel Area Waters

Areas 4B, 5 and 6C, relinquish regulatory control effective August 27, 2000.

Areas 6 and 7 and Area 7A south and east of a line from Iwersen's Dock on Point Roberts to Georgina Point Light at the entrance to Active Pass in British Columbia, relinquish regulatory control effective August 27, 2000.

Classification

Because these fisheries have been closed, NMFS has determined that good cause exists for this notification to be issued without affording a prior opportunity for public comment because such notification would be unnecessary, impracticable, and contrary to the public interest.

This action is authorized by 50 CFR 300.97, and is exempt from review under Executive Order 12866.

Authority: 16 U.S.C. 3636(b).

Dated: November 28, 2000.

Bruce C. Morehead,

Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

50 CFR Part 635

[I.D. 111400A]

Atlantic Highly Migratory Species (HMS) Fisheries; Large Coastal, Pelagic, and Small Coastal Shark Species

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

ACTION: Fishing season notification.

SUMMARY: NMFS notifies eligible participants of the opening and closing of fishing seasons for Atlantic large coastal sharks (LCS), small coastal sharks (SCS), and pelagic sharks.

DATES: The fishery opening for LCS is effective January 1, 2001; the LCS closure is effective from 11:30 p.m. local time March 24, 2001, through June 30, 2001. The fishery opening for SCS and pelagic sharks is January 1, 2001; no closure dates for these fisheries are included in this document.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Margo Schulze-Haugen or Karyl Brewster-Geisz, 301-713-2347; fax 301-713-1917.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Atlantic shark fishery is managed under the Fishery Management Plan for Atlantic Tunas, Swordfish, and Sharks (HMS FMP), and its implementing regulations found at 50 CFR part 635 issued under authority of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*).

On June 30, 1999, NMFS received a Court Order from Judge Steven D. Merryday enjoining NMFS from enforcing the 1999 regulations, 64 FR 29090 (May 28, 1999), regarding Atlantic shark commercial catch quotas and fish-counting methods (including the counting of dead discards and state commercial landings after Federal closures) that are different from the quotas and fish counting methods prescribed by the 1997 Atlantic shark regulations, 62 FR 16648 (April 7, 1997). On June 12, 2000, the Court issued