

five day written notice requirement in favor of a written report within fifteen days.

(xi) Notifications and submissions made under paragraph (b)(18) of this section shall be sent to the Regional Assistant Administrator for the Office of Partnerships and Regulatory Assistance, U.S. EPA, Region 8 and the Executive Secretary of the Utah Solid and Hazardous Waste Control Board.

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## FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

### 47 CFR Part 68

[CC Docket No. 99-216, FCC 00-400]

#### 2000 Biennial Regulatory Review of Adopting Technical Criteria and Approving Terminal Equipment

**AGENCY:** Federal Communications Commission.

**ACTION:** Final rule; announcement of effective date.

**SUMMARY:** The Federal Communications Commission (Commission) amended its rules governing the connection of terminal equipment to the public switched telephone network to streamline the standards development and approval processes. These rules contained information collection requirements that became effective on May 9, 2001.

**DATES:** Effective May 9, 2001.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Susan Magnotti, (202) 418-2320 (voice), smagnotti@fcc.gov, or Dennis Johnson, (202) 418-2320 (voice), dcjohnso@fcc.gov, of the Network Services Division, Common Carrier Bureau. The TTY number is (202) 418-0484.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On December 21, 2000, the Commission adopted the *Part 68 Streamlining Order* which amended the Commission's rules governing the connection of terminal equipment to the public switched telephone network in an effort to privatize and streamline the standards development and approval processes; a summary of the order was published in the **Federal Register**, 66 FR 7579 (January 24, 2001). Some of the regulations adopted in that order included information collection that required approval from the Office of Management and Budget. The order explained that "[t]he collections of information contained within are contingent upon approval by the OMB.

The Commission will publish a document at a later date establishing the effective date." OMB approved the amendments to 47 CFR 68.106-68.610 that establish those reporting requirements. See OMB No. 3060-0056. Accordingly, these regulations will become effective upon publication of this document in the **Federal Register**. This document constitutes publication of the effective date of the regulations. We note that the information collection requirements in § 68.105, as adopted in the *Part 68 Streamlining Order*, were originally established in a separate proceeding as part of the definition of the term "demarcation point" in 47 CFR 68.3 (1999), 15 FCC Rcd 22983 (2000). Therefore, that rule will become effective upon OMB approval in the *Competitive Networks* proceeding.

#### List of Subjects in 47 CFR Part 68

Communications common carriers, Terminal equipment, Part 68, Technical criteria.

Federal Communications Commission.

**Magalie Roman Salas,**  
*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

#### 50 CFR Part 648

[Docket No. 010208032-1109-02; I.D.121200L]

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#### Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Final 2001 Specifications for the Atlantic Bluefish Fishery; Regulatory Amendment

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

**ACTION:** Final 2001 specifications for the Atlantic bluefish fishery; regulatory amendment.

**SUMMARY:** NMFS issues 2001 specifications for the Atlantic bluefish fishery, including total allowable harvest levels (TAL), state-by-state commercial quotas, and recreational harvest limits and possession limits for Atlantic bluefish off the east coast of the United States. NMFS also amends the regulations implementing the Fishery Management Plan for Atlantic Bluefish (FMP) to insert an inadvertently omitted paragraph in the procedure for annually

setting TAL. This action is necessary to conserve and manage the bluefish resource and is intended to provide for sustainable fisheries.

**DATES:** The 2001 TAL, commercial quotas, and recreational harvest limits are effective May 9, 2001 through December 31, 2001.

The amendment to § 648.160 is effective June 8, 2001.

The amendment to § 648.164 is effective May 9, 2001.

**ADDRESSES:** Copies of supporting documents, including the Environmental Assessment, Regulatory Impact Review, Pre Regulatory Economic Evaluation (EA/RIR/PREE), and the Essential Fish Habitat Assessment are available from: Patricia A. Kurkul, Regional Administrator, Northeast Region, National Marine Fisheries Service, One Blackburn Drive, Gloucester, MA 01930-2298. The EA/RIR/PREE are accessible via the Internet at <http://www.nero.gov/ro/doc/nr.htm>.

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** NMFS implemented the FMP through regulations at 50 CFR part 648, subparts A and J. Section 648.160 requires annual specifications. The FMP, as adopted by the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council (Council) requires that the Council recommend, on an annual basis, TAL, which is composed of a commercial quota and a recreational harvest limit. NMFS published a proposed rule to establish the 2001 bluefish specifications and insert an inadvertently omitted paragraph into § 648.160 at 66 FR 10983, February 21, 2001, with a comment period ending March 23, 2001.

#### Final Specifications

##### 2001 TAL

The FMP requires that the TAL for any given year be set based on the fishing mortality rate (F) resulting from the stock rebuilding schedule contained in Amendment 1 to the FMP (F=0.41 for 2001) or on the estimated F for the fishing year preceding the Council submission of the recommended specifications, whichever F is lower. The 1999 bluefish fishery data were the most recent data that were complete when the specification process began for the 2001 bluefish fishery. Because the 1999 fishery produced an F of only 0.295 (equals a 33 percent exploitation rate for the bluefish fishery), the TAL is set to maintain this F in 2001.