

PART 165—REGULATED NAVIGATION AREAS AND LIMITED ACCESS AREAS

1. The authority citation for Part 165 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 33 U.S.C. 1231; 50 U.S.C. 191, 33 CFR 1.05–1(g), 6.04–1, 6.04–6, and 160.5; 49 CFR 1.46.

§ 165.1101 [suspended]

2. Temporarily suspend § 165.1101 from 11:59 p.m. on February 11, 2003 to 11:59 p.m. on May 11, 2003.

3. Add new temporary § 165.T11–047 to read as follows:

§ 165.T11–047 Security Zone: San Diego Bay, CA.

(a) *Location.* The following area is a security zone: the water area within Naval Base, San Diego enclosed by the following points: Beginning at 32°41'16.5" N, 117°08'01" W (Point A); thence running southwesterly to 32°41'02.5" N, 117°08'08.5" W (Point B); to 32°40'55.0" N, 117°08'00.0" W (Point C); to 32°40'49.5" N, 117°07'55.5" W (Point D); to 32°40'44.6" N, 117°07'49.3" W (Point E); to 32°40'37.8" N, 117°07'43.2" W (Point F); to 32°40'30.9" N, 117°07'39.0" W (Point G); to 32°40'24.5" N, 117°07'35.0" W (Point H); to 32°40'17.2" N, 117°07'30.8" W (Point I); to 32°40'10.6" N, 117°07'30.5" W (Point J); to 32°39'59.0" N, 117°07'29.0" W (Point K); to 32°39'49.8" N, 117°07'27.2" W (Point L); to 32°39'43.0" N, 117°07'25.5" W (Point M); to 32°39'36.5" N, 117°07'24.2" W (Point N); thence running easterly to 32°39'38.5" N, 117°07'06.5" W (Point O); thence running generally northwesterly along the shoreline of the Naval Base to the place of beginning.

(b) *Effective Dates.* This section is effective from 11:59 p.m. on February 11, 2003 to 11:59 p.m. on May 11, 2003.

(c) *Regulations.* In accordance with the general regulations in § 165.33 of this part, entry into the area of this zone is prohibited unless authorized by the Captain of the Port or the Commander, Navy Region Southwest.

(d) *Enforcement.* The U.S. Coast Guard may be assisted in the patrol and enforcement of this security zone by the U.S. Navy.

Dated: January 28, 2003.

Stephen P. Metruck,

Commander, Coast Guard, Captain of the Port, San Diego.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration****50 CFR Part 223**

[Docket 020626160–2309–03; I.D. 061902C]

RIN 0648–AQ13

Taking of Threatened or Endangered Species Incidental to Commercial Fishing Operations

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

ACTION: Extension of public comment period for interim final rule.

SUMMARY: The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) is extending the public comment period through March 24, 2003 for an interim final rule published in the **Federal Register** on December 24, 2002. The purpose of the interim final rule is to prohibit fishing with drift gillnets in the California/Oregon (CA/OR) thresher shark/swordfish drift gillnet fishery in U.S. waters off southern California, south of Point Conception (34°27'N.) and west to the 120°W., from August 15 through August 31, and January 1 through January 31, when the Assistant Administrator for Fisheries publishes a notice that El Nino conditions are present. The comment period, which originally ended on February 7, 2003, is being extended to allow for additional public comment.

DATES: Written comments on the above mentioned interim final rule must be postmarked or transmitted by facsimile by 5 p.m., Pacific Standard Time, on March 24, 2003. Comments transmitted via e-mail or the Internet will not be accepted.

ADDRESSES: Written comments on the interim final rule should be sent to Tim Price, Protected Resources Division,

National Marine Fisheries Service, Southwest Region, 501 West Ocean Boulevard, Suite 4200, Long Beach, CA 90802–4213. Copies of the Environmental Assessment (EA) and biological opinion (BO) are available on the internet at <http://swr.ucsd.edu/> or may be obtained from Tim Price, Protected Resources Division, National Marine Fisheries Service, Southwest Region, 501 West Ocean Boulevard, Suite 4200, Long Beach, CA 90802–4213.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Tim Price, NMFS, Southwest Region, Protected Resources Division, (562) 980–4029.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On December 24, 2002, NMFS published an interim final rule (67 FR 78388) implementing the framework for prohibiting fishing with drift gillnets in the California/Oregon (CA/OR) thresher shark/swordfish drift gillnet fishery in U.S. waters off southern California, south of Point Conception (34°27'N.) and west to the 120°W., from August 15 through August 31, and January 1 through January 31, when the Assistant Administrator for Fisheries publishes a notice that El Nino conditions are present. This interim final rule also announced the criteria that will be used for determining whether El Nino conditions are present along southern California for the purpose of implementing the time and area closure. Based on these criteria, NMFS determined that El Nino conditions were not present for purposes of implementing the time and area closure for January 2003. In addition, comments were requested on an alternate closure that NMFS is evaluating.

The comment period is being extended in response to a request from the public to provide more time to review the loggerhead turtle entanglement data and the sea surface temperature data available on the NOAA Coastwatch West Coast Regional Node web page at <http://cwatchwc.ucsd.edu/>.

Dated: February 7, 2003.

William T. Hogarth,

Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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