

Chronic lymphocytic leukemia

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

40 CFR Part 52

[MO 177-1177; FRL-7471-7]

Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; State of Missouri

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: EPA proposes to approve a revision to the Missouri State Implementation Plan (SIP) which pertains to the control of emissions from surface coating operations in the Kansas City, Missouri, area. This revision clarifies an inconsistency between the SIP approved version of the rule and the state adopted version. Approval of this revision will ensure consistency between the state and federally-approved rules, and ensure Federal enforceability of the revised state rule. In the final rules section of the **Federal Register**, EPA is approving the state's SIP revision as a direct final rule without prior proposal because the Agency views this as a noncontroversial revision amendment and anticipates no relevant adverse comments to this action. A detailed rationale for the approval is set forth in the direct final rule. If no relevant adverse comments are received in response to this action, no further activity is contemplated in relation to this action. If EPA receives relevant adverse comments, the direct final rule will be withdrawn and all public comments received will be addressed in a subsequent final rule based on this proposed action. EPA will not institute a second comment period on this action. Any parties interested in commenting on this action should do so at this time. Please note that if EPA receives adverse comment on part of this rule and if that part can be severed from the remainder of the rule, EPA may adopt as final those parts of the rule that are not the subject of an adverse comment.

DATES: Comments on this proposed action must be received in writing by April 25, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be mailed to Wayne Kaiser, Environmental Protection Agency, Air Planning and

Development Branch, 901 North 5th Street, Kansas City, Kansas 66101.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Wayne Kaiser at (913) 551-7603.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: See the information provided in the direct final rule which is located in the rules section of the **Federal Register**.

Dated: March 13, 2003.

Nat Scurry,

Acting Regional Administrator, Region 7.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

40 CFR Part 52

[KS 172-1172; FRL-7471-8]

Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans and Approval Under Sections 110 and 112(I); State of Kansas

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: EPA proposes to approve a State Implementation Plan (SIP) revision submitted by the state of Kansas. This revision applies to small businesses and creates a permit-by-rule that provides an alternative for certain small emission sources which otherwise would be required to apply for a full Class I or Class II operating permit. Small sources not operating at or above the major source thresholds are provided an option to operate under the conditions of this permit-by-rule in lieu of applying for the operating permit. Small sources which have emissions at 25 percent of the threshold levels are required to notify the state of their desire to operate under this regulation and to maintain the required records. Small sources which have emissions at 50 percent of the threshold levels are required to apply to the state, pay the appropriate fee and maintain the required records.

In the final rules section of the **Federal Register**, EPA is approving the state's SIP revision as a direct final rule without prior proposal because the Agency views this as a noncontroversial amendment and anticipates no relevant adverse comments to this action. A detailed rationale for the approval is set forth in the direct final rule. If no relevant adverse comments are received in response to this action, no further activity is contemplated in relation to this action. If EPA receives relevant adverse comments, the direct final rule

will be withdrawn and all public comments received will be addressed in a subsequent final rule based on this proposed action. EPA will not institute a second comment period on this action. Any parties interested in commenting on this action should do so at this time. Please note that if EPA receives adverse comment on part of this rule and if that part can be severed from the remainder of the rule, EPA may adopt as final those parts of the rule that are not the subject of an adverse comment.

DATES: Comments on this proposed action must be received in writing by April 25, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be mailed to Heather Hamilton, Environmental Protection Agency, Air Planning and Development Branch, 901 North 5th Street, Kansas City, Kansas 66101.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Heather Hamilton at (913) 551-7039.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: See the information provided in the direct final rule which is located in the rules section of the **Federal Register**.

Dated: March 13, 2003.

Nat Scurry,

Acting Regional Administrator, Region 7.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

50 CFR Part 600

[I.D. 031803A]

Magnuson-Stevens Act Provisions; General Provisions for Domestic Fisheries; Application for Exempted Fishing Permits (EFPs)

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

ACTION: Notification of a proposal for EFPs to conduct experimental fishing; request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Administrator, Northeast Region, NMFS (Regional Administrator) has made a preliminary determination that the subject EFP application contains all the required information and warrants further consideration. The Regional Administrator has also made a preliminary determination that the activities authorized under the EFP would be consistent with the goals and objectives of the Northeast Multispecies Fishery Management Plan (FMP).

However, further review and consultation may be necessary before a final determination is made to issue the EFP. Therefore, NMFS announces that the Regional Administrator proposes to issue an EFP that would allow one vessel to conduct fishing operations that are otherwise restricted by the regulations governing the fisheries of the Northeastern United States. The EFP would allow for exemptions from the days-at-sea (DAS) and Rolling Closure Area IV regulations. The experiment proposes to design and test a baited groundfish pot in a portion of the Gulf of Maine. Regulations under the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act require publication of this notification to provide interested parties the opportunity to comment on applications for proposed EFPs.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before April 10, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be sent to Patricia A. Kurkul, Regional Administrator, NMFS, Northeast Regional Office, 1 Blackburn Drive, Gloucester, MA 01930. Mark the outside of the envelope "Comments on UNH Baited Groundfish Pot EFP Proposal." Comments may also be sent via facsimile (fax) to (978) 281-9135.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Susan W. Chinn, Fishery Management Specialist, 978-281-9218.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: An application for an EFP was submitted on October 28, 2002, by University of New Hampshire (UNH) Cooperative Extension for an experiment funded by the Northeast Consortium to design and test a baited groundfish pot, with a final submission on February 3, 2003. The EFP would facilitate the development of a viable alternative to traditional fishing gear for cod and other groundfish based on examples that are already being used in Alaska, New Zealand, and Australia. This experiment is important because the use of baited pots to harvest groundfish could reduce seabed impact compared to trawling; reduce bycatch due to high selectivity of species and size enabled by the ability to control entrance size, mesh size, escape vents, and type of bait; and increase survivability of discards, because fish would be brought aboard alive and relatively unharmed.

The experiment would commence as soon as possible and extend through October 30, 2003. The field sampling portion of the baited groundfish pot study would require up to 20 days at sea on board one commercial fishing vessel using up to 10 pots per day. The pots would be constructed using wire mesh

materials with a poly netting roof. The prototype would be 5 ft x 5 ft x 2.5 ft (1.5 m x 1.5 m x 0.8 m) (length x width x height) with an expandable/collapsible roof of 5-ft (1.5-m) high netting to increase pot volume while keeping the physical size of the pot relatively small while on board. A total of 10 pots would be constructed and tested at sea during the experiment. Each pot would be deployed similarly to the method for lobster pot deployment. Weak links would be used and escape panels installed in accordance with lobster gear requirements.

During the sea trial phase, the first eight data collection trips would have a UNH Cooperative Extension scientist/researcher on board, and the catch would be measured according to NMFS sea sampling methodology and recorded on NMFS logbooks. All experimental activities would be conducted in the area bounded by the lines extending from 43°30' N. lat., 69°00' W. long., northward along 69°00' W. long., and westward along 43°30' N. lat., to their intersection with the Maine coastline. Estimated total daily landings, including discards for the 20 days, are 500 lb (226.8 kg) of mixed groundfish. Each day's catch would be sampled, measured, and returned to the sea as quickly as possible. It is expected that most fish would be released alive. A small portion of the catch might be retained for tagging and further research at the laboratory.

The EFP would be issued to one federally-permitted commercial multispecies vessel to exempt it from certain requirements of the FMP. Specifically, the vessel would be exempt from the DAS requirements at 50 CFR 648.82(a) and from Rolling Closure Area IV, specified at § 648.81(g)(1)(iv).

Based on the results of this EFP, this action may lead to future rulemaking.

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

Dated: March 20, 2003.

Richard W. Surdi,

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 648

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RIN 0648-AQ57

Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Atlantic Mackerel, Squid and Butterfish Fisheries; Framework Adjustment 3

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

ACTION: Proposed rule; request for comments.

SUMMARY: NMFS proposes to implement measures contained in Framework Adjustment 3 (Framework 3) to the Atlantic Mackerel, Squid, and Butterfish Fishery Management Plan (FMP). This action would extend the limited entry program for the Illex squid fishery for an additional year. This action is intended to further the objectives of the FMP and the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (Magnuson-Stevens Act).

DATES: Public comments must be received no later than 5 p.m., eastern standard time, on April 10, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Copies of Framework 3, including the Environmental Assessment (EA), Regulatory Impact Review (RIR) and Initial Regulatory Flexibility Analysis (IRFA) are available upon request from Daniel T. Furlong, Executive Director, Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council, 300 South New Street, Dover, DE 19904-6790. The EA/RIR/IRFA is accessible via the Internet at <http://www.nero.noaa.gov/ro/doc/com.htm>.

Comments on Framework 3 should be sent to: Patricia A. Kurkul, Regional Administrator, Northeast Regional Office, NMFS, One Blackburn Drive, Gloucester, MA 01930-2298. Please mark the envelope, "Comments-SMB Framework Adjustment 3." Comments also may be sent via facsimile (fax) to 978-281-9135. Comments will not be accepted if submitted via e-mail or Internet.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Paul H. Jones, Fishery Policy Analyst, 978-281-9273, fax 978-281-9135, e-mail Paul.H.Jones@noaa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In 1997, Amendment 5 to the FMP established a limited entry program for the Illex squid