

2001 and 66 FR 34603, June 20, 2001, on an interim basis until the Commission concludes its rural review proceeding and adopts changes, if any, to those rules as a result of that proceeding. Based on the recommendations of the Rural Task Force and the Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service (Joint Board), the Commission adopted a modified embedded cost support mechanism for rural carriers for a five-year period beginning on July 1, 2001. Thus, the Commission intended that the Rural Task Force plan would remain in effect until June 30, 2006. At the same time, the Commission expected to complete a review, with Joint Board input, of the rules relating to the rural high-cost support mechanism before the end of the five year period.

2. On June 28, 2004, the Commission asked the Joint Board to review the Commission's rules relating to high-cost support for rural carriers and to determine the appropriate rural mechanism to succeed the five-year plan adopted in the *Rural Task Force Order*. On August 16, 2004, the Commission released a Joint Board Public Notice seeking comment on the rural review issues referred to the Joint Board. On August 17, 2005, the Commission released another Joint Board Public Notice seeking comment on several proposals that state Joint Board members and staff had developed. The Joint Board has been diligently reviewing the record and considering what support mechanism should succeed the Rural Task Force plan. Nonetheless, the Commission finds that it may not have adequate time after the Joint Board issues a recommended decision in the rural review proceeding to develop a record on that recommendation and to adopt any changes to the current rules prior to June 30, 2006. In light of the ongoing Joint Board review, the interim nature of these rules, and the need to ensure continuity pending further Commission action, good cause exists to extend the rural high-cost support rules adopted in the *Rural Task Force Order*. The Commission also finds it has authority to adopt interim rules without notice and comment when necessary. 5 U.S.C. 553(b)(3)(B); see *Mid-Tex Elec. Coop., Inc. v. FERC*, 822 F.2d 1123 (D.C. Cir. 1987). Accordingly, the rural high-cost support rules adopted in the *Rural Task Force Order*, as amended, will remain in effect after this date until the Commission adopts new high-cost support rules for rural carriers.

3. Pursuant to the authority contained in sections 1–4, 201–205, 214, 218–220,

254, 303(r), 403, 405, and 410 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. 151–154, 201–205, 214, 218–220, 254, 303(r), 403, 405, and 410, that this *Order* in CC Docket No. 96–45 and WC Docket No. 05–337 is adopted.

4. The extension of the high-cost universal service support rules applicable to rural carriers shall be effective June 26, 2006.

Federal Communications Commission.

Marlene H. Dortch,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

50 CFR Part 665

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NOAA Information Collection Requirements Under the Paperwork Reduction Act; OMB Control Numbers; Fisheries off West Coast States; Fisheries in the Western Pacific; Correction

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

ACTION: Final rule; correcting amendment.

SUMMARY: This rule amends the regulations for fisheries in the western Pacific to correct errors that resulted from a recent regulatory reorganization. This action is necessary to remedy incorrect cross-references and administrative titles, and will result in accurately worded regulations.

DATES: Effective May 26, 2006.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Robert Harman, Pacific Islands Region, NMFS, 808 944–2271.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: NMFS published in the *Federal Register* a final rule that reorganized fishery regulations by creating a new part 665 for the regulations covering fisheries in the western Pacific (71 FR 17985, April 10, 2006). Regulations for western Pacific fisheries were formerly found in part 660, with west coast regulations. The instructions for implementing that reorganization rule contained several

errors. Most important was that the internal cross-references to other sections of the new part 665 still incorrectly referred to sections in old part 660 that no longer existed after the reorganization. Other errors included administrative titles that were not changed during the previous reorganization rule. This final rule corrects those errors. No substantive changes are being made to the regulations.

Classification

Pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 553(b)(B), the Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, NOAA, (AA) finds good cause to waive prior notice and opportunity for public comment, as such notice and comment would be unnecessary. These procedures are unnecessary because the regulations were subject to notice and comment when originally implemented, and no substantive changes are being made pursuant to this final rule. The only actions currently being taken are to correct errors in cross references created during the reorganization of the western Pacific regulations into a new part, and to correct several administrative titles. Pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 553(d), the 30-day delay in effectiveness does not apply to this rule because it is not a substantive rule.

This rule is exempt from review under Executive Order 12866.

Dated: May 22, 2006.

James W. Balsiger,

Acting Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, National Marine Fisheries Service.

■ For the reasons set out in the preamble, 50 CFR part 665 is correctly amended as follows:

PART 665—[CORRECTED]

■ 1. The authority citation for part 665 continues to read as follows:

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

■ 2. In part 665, remove all references to “660” every place it appears and replace it with “665”.

§ 665.41 [Corrected]

■ 3. In § 665.41, paragraph (c), remove “Pacific Area Office” and replace it with “Pacific Islands Regional Office”.

■ 4. In § 665.41, paragraphs (g)(4)(i), and (g)(4)(ii), remove “Regional Director” and replace it with “Regional Administrator”.

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