§ 401.420 [Amended]

a. In paragraph (a), remove the text "$191" and add, in its place, the text "$127"; and in paragraph (b), remove the text "$1,867" and add, in its place, the text "$1,989";

b. In paragraph (b), remove the text "$119" and add, in its place, the text "$127"; and remove the text "$1,867" and add, in its place, the text "$1,989"; and

c. In paragraph (c)(1), remove the text "$705" and add, in its place, the text "$751"; and in paragraph (c)(3), remove the text "$191" and add, in its place, the text "$127"; and remove the text "$1,867" and add, in its place, the text "$1,989".

§ 401.428 [Amended]

6. In § 401.428, remove the text "$719" and add, in its place, the text "$766".

Dated: January 28, 2011.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

50 CFR Part 622

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Fisheries of the Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico, and South Atlantic; Coastal Migratory Pelagic Resources of the Gulf of Mexico and South Atlantic

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

ACTION: Temporary rule; closure.

SUMMARY: NMFS closes the southern Florida west coast subzone in the exclusive economic zone (EEZ) of the Gulf of Mexico (Gulf) to commercial king mackerel fishing using run-around gillnets. This closure is necessary to protect the Gulf king mackerel resource. 

DATES: The closure is effective 6 a.m., local time, February 2, 2011, through 6 a.m., local time, January 17, 2012. 


SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The fishery for coastal migratory pelagic fish (king mackerel, Spanish mackerel, cobia, little tunny, and, in the Gulf of Mexico only, dolphin and bluefish) is managed under the Fishery Management Plan for the Coastal Migratory Pelagic Resources of the Gulf of Mexico and South Atlantic (FMP). The FMP was prepared by the Gulf of Mexico and South Atlantic Fishery Management Councils (Councils) and is implemented under the authority of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (Magnuson-Stevens Act) by regulations at 50 CFR part 622.

Based on the Councils' recommended total allowable catch and the allocation ratios in the FMP, on April 30, 2001 (66 FR 17368, March 30, 2001), NMFS implemented a commercial quota of 2.25 million lb (1.02 million kg) for the eastern zone (Florida) of the Gulf migratory group of king mackerel. That quota is further divided into separate quotas for the Florida east coast subzone and the northern and southern Florida west coast subzones. On April 27, 2000, NMFS implemented the final rule (65 FR 16336, March 28, 2000) that divided the Florida west coast subzone of the eastern zone into northern and southern subzones, and established their separate quotas. The quota implemented for the southern Florida west coast subzone is 1,040,625 lb (472,020 kg). That quota is further divided into two equal quotas of 520,312 lb (236,010 kg) for vessels in each of two groups fishing with run-around gillnets and hook-and-line gear (50 CFR 622.42(c)(1)(i)(A)(2)(ii)).

The southern subzone is that part of the Florida west coast subzone, which from November 1 through March 31, extends south and west from 26°19.8′ N. lat. (a line directly west from the Lee./
in the commercial quota being exceeded. There is a need to immediately implement this action to protect the king mackerel resource because the capacity of the fishing fleet allows for rapid harvest of the quota. Prior notice and opportunity for public comment would require time and would potentially result in a harvest well in excess of the established quota.

For the aforementioned reasons, the AA also finds good cause to waive the 30-day delay in effectiveness under 5 U.S.C. 553(d)(3).

This action is taken under 50 CFR 622.43(a) and is exempt from review under Executive Order 12866.

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

Dated: February 1, 2011.

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