DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration
49 CFR Parts 385, 390, and 395
[Docket No. FMCSA–2010–0167]
RIN 2126–AB20
Electronic On-Board Recorders and Hours of Service Supporting Documents
AGENCY: Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA), DOT.
ACTION: Notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM); extension of comment period.
SUMMARY: This notice extends the public comment period for the NPRM from April 4, 2011 to May 23, 2011.
DATES: Comments on the NPRM are due by May 23, 2011.
SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On February 17, 2011, the Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance requested that FMCSA extend the comment period for the Electronic On-Board Recorder and Hours of Service Supporting Documents Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, which published on February 1, 2011 (76 FR 5537), by 45 days. On March 1, 2011, the American Trucking Associations also requested a 45-day extension to the comment period.
FMCSA believes that other potential commenters to this rulemaking will benefit from an extension as well. Accordingly, FMCSA extends the comment period for all comments on the NPRM and its related documents to May 23, 2011.

SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES:

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
Fish and Wildlife Service
50 CFR Part 17
[Docket No. FWS–R8–ES–2011–0008; MO 92210–0–0008]
Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Initiation of Status Review for Longfin Smelt
AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.
ACTION: Initiation of status review and solicitation of new information.
SUMMARY: We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), under the authority of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (Act), announce the initiation of a status review for the longfin smelt (Spirinchus thaleichthys). To ensure that the status review is comprehensive, we are requesting scientific and commercial data and other information regarding this species. Based on the status review, we will issue a 12-month finding, which will address whether the listing may be warranted, as provided in section 4(b)(3)(B) of the Act.
DATES: To allow us adequate time to conduct this review, we request that we receive information on or before April 11, 2011. After this date, you must submit information directly to the Field Office (see FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT section below). Please note that we may not be able to fully address or incorporate information that we receive after the above requested date.
ADDRESSES: You may submit comments by one of the following methods:
• U.S. mail or hand-delivery: Public Comments Processing, Attn: FWS–R8–ES–2011–0008; Division of Policy and Directives Management; U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service; 4401 N. Fairfax Drive, Suite 222; Arlington, VA 22203.
We will post all information received on http://www.regulations.gov. This generally means that we will post any personal information you provide us (see the Request for Information section below for more details).
FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
Field Supervisor, San Francisco Bay-Delta Fish and Wildlife Office, 650 Capitol Mall, Eighth Floor, Sacramento, CA 95814; by telephone at 916–930–5603; or facsimile at 916–930–5654. If you use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD), please call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 800–877–8339.
SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:
Request for Information
To ensure the status review is complete and based on the best available scientific and commercial information, we request information on the longfin smelt. We request any additional information from governmental agencies, Native American Tribes, the scientific community, industry, and any other interested parties. We seek information on:
(1) The species’ biology, range, and population trends, including:
(a) Habitat requirements for feeding, breeding, and sheltering;
(b) Genetics and taxonomy;
(c) Historical and current range, including distribution patterns;
(d) Historical and current population levels, and current and projected trends; and
(e) Past and ongoing conservation measures for the species or its habitat.
(2) The factors that are the basis for making a listing determination for a species under section 4(a) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (Act; 16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.), which are:
(a) The present or threatened destruction, modification, or curtailment of its habitat or range;
(b) Overutilization for commercial, recreational, scientific, or educational purposes;
(c) Disease or predation;
(d) The inadequacy of existing regulatory mechanisms; or
(e) Other natural or manmade factors affecting its continued existence.
(3) The potential effects global climate change may have on the longfin smelt or its habitat.
If, after the status review, we determine that listing the longfin smelt is warranted, we will propose critical habitat (see definition in section 3(5)(A) of the Act), under section 4 of the Act, to the maximum extent prudent and determinable at the time we propose to list the species. Therefore, within the geographical range currently occupied by the longfin smelt, we also request data and information on:
(1) What may constitute “physical or biological features essential to the conservation of the species;”
(2) Where these features are currently found; and
(3) Whether any of these features may require special management considerations or protection.

In addition, we request data and information on “specific areas outside the geographical area occupied by the species” that are “essential to the conservation of the species.” Please provide specific comments and information as to what, if any, critical habitat you think we should propose for designation if the species is proposed for listing, and why such habitat meets the requirements of section 4 of the Act.

Please include sufficient information with your submission (such as scientific journal articles or other publications) to allow us to verify any scientific or commercial information you include.

Submissions merely stating support for or opposition to the action under consideration without providing supporting information, although noted, will not be considered in making a determination. Section 4(b)(1)(A) of the Act directs that determinations as to whether any species is an endangered or threatened species must be made “solely on the basis of the best scientific and commercial data available.”

You may submit your information concerning this status review by one of the methods listed in the ADDRESSES section. If you submit information via http://www.regulations.gov, your entire submission—including any personal identifying information—will be posted on the Web site. If you submit a hardcopy that includes personal identifying information, you may request at the top of your document that we withhold this personal identifying information from public review.

However, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so. We will post all hardcopy submissions on http://www.regulations.gov.

Information and supporting documentation that we received and used in preparing this finding is available for you to review at http://www.regulations.gov, or you may make an appointment during normal business hours at the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, San Francisco Bay-Delta Fish and Wildlife Office (see FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT).

Previous Federal Actions

On August 8, 2007, the Service received a petition from the Bay Institute, the Center for Biological Diversity, and the Natural Resources Defense Council to list the San Francisco Bay-Delta population of the longfin smelt as a distinct population segment (DPS) and to designate critical habitat for the species concurrent with the listing. The petition was clearly identified as a petition for a listing rule and contained the names, signatures, and addresses of the petitioning parties. On May 6, 2008, the Service published a 90-day finding (73 FR 24911) in which we concluded that the petition provided substantial information indicating that listing the San Francisco Bay-Delta Population of the longfin smelt as a distinct population segment (DPS) may be warranted, and we initiated a status review. On April 9, 2009, the Service published a 12-month finding (74 FR 16169) on the petition to list the San Francisco Bay-Delta population of the longfin smelt as a DPS and designate critical habitat for the species concurrent with the listing. We determined that the San Francisco Bay-Delta population of the longfin smelt did not meet the discreteness criterion of our Policy Regarding the Recognition of Distinct Vertebrate Population Segments (DPS policy) (February 7, 1996, 61 FR 4721), and therefore we did not undertake a significance review, since it is not a valid DPS.

On November 13, 2009, the Center for Biological Diversity (CBD) filed a complaint in the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California, challenging the Service on the merits of the 2009 determination. On February 1, 2011, the Service settled with the Center for Biological Diversity and agreed to conduct a range-wide 12-month finding to be published by September 30, 2011.

You may obtain copies of the 2009 determination, and other previous Federal actions relating to the longfin smelt, by mail from the San Francisco Bay-Delta Fish and Wildlife Office (see FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT section); on the Internet at http://www.fws.gov/sfbaydelta/; or by visiting the Federal eRulemaking Portal at http://www.regulations.gov.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

50 CFR Part 622

[Docket No. 110103005–1005–01]
RIN 0648–BA48

Fisheries of the Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico, and South Atlantic; Reef Fish Fishery of the Gulf of Mexico; Greater Amberjack Management Measures

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

ACTION: Proposed rule; reopening of comment period.

SUMMARY: NMFS is reopening the comment period to provide additional opportunity for public comment on the proposed rule that would implement a seasonal closure for the Gulf of Mexico (Gulf) greater amberjack recreational sector. The reopening of the comment period is to ensure that the public fully understands the intent of the greater amberjack regulatory amendment. NMFS is reopening the comment period for the proposed rule on March 10, 2011 and it will remain open through March 25, 2011. The intended effect of the proposed rule is to mitigate the social and economic impacts associated with implementing in-season closures.

DATES: The comment period for the proposed rule that published on January 24, 2011 (76 FR 4084), and closed on February 23, 2011, will reopen on March 10, 2011 and remain open through March 25, 2011.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments on the proposed rule identified by 0648–BA48 by any of the following methods:

• Mail: Rich Malinowski, Southeast Regional Office, NMFS, 263 13th Avenue, South, St. Petersburg, FL 33701. Instructions: All comments received are a part of the public record and will generally be posted to http://