Wednesday, May 11, 2011

• Amend 32—Harte Research Institute, Conference Room, 6300 Ocean Drive, Corpus Christi, TX 78412–5869, telephone: (361) 825–2000;
• Amend 32/ACL—Hilton Garden Inn, 4535 Williams Blvd., Kenner, LA 70065, telephone: (504) 712–0109;

Thursday, May 12, 2011

• ACL—Plantation Suites and Conference Center, 1909 Highway 361, Port Aransas, TX 78373, telephone: (361) 749–3866;

Monday, May 16, 2011

• Mackerel—Fisheries Research Lab, 195 Ludwig Annex, Grand Isle, LA 70358, telephone: (985) 787–2163;

Tuesday, May 17, 2011

• Mackerel—Hampton Inn, 506 West Bay Area Blvd., Webster, TX 77598, telephone: (281) 332–7952;

Wednesday, May 18, 2011

• Mackerel—Plantation Suites and Conference Center, 1909 Highway 361, Port Aransas, TX 78373, telephone: (361) 749–3866.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Policy for the Assessment of Civil Administrative Penalties and Permit Sanctions

AGENCY: Office of General Counsel (OGC), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of issuance; final policy.

SUMMARY: The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) announces the publication and issuance of a final Policy for the Assessment of Civil Administrative Penalties and Permit Sanctions (Penalty Policy).

DATES: The final Penalty Policy was issued on March 16, 2011, and became effective on that date.

ADDRESSES: The final Penalty Policy is available electronically on NOAA’s website at http://www.gc.noaa.gov/enforce-office1.html. A paper copy of the Penalty Policy may be requested by sending a self-addressed envelope (size 8.5 x 11 inches) to the individual under the heading FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Frank Sprtel by telephone at (301) 496–7147; by fax at (301) 427–2210; by e-mail at frank.sprtel@noaa.gov; or by mail at: Office of General Counsel for Enforcement and Litigation, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, 8484 Georgia Avenue, Suite 400, Silver Spring, MD 20910.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Penalty Policy is intended to provide guidance for the assessment of civil administrative penalties and permit sanctions under the statutes and regulations enforced by NOAA. As explained more fully in the text of the policy, the purpose of the Penalty Policy is to ensure that: (1) Civil administrative penalties and permit sanctions are assessed in accordance with the laws that NOAA enforces in a fair and consistent manner; (2) penalties and permit sanctions are appropriate for the gravity of the violation; (3) penalties and permit sanctions are sufficient to deter both individual violators and the regulated community as a whole from committing violations; (4) economic incentives for noncompliance are eliminated; and (5) compliance is expeditiously achieved and maintained to protect natural resources. Under this