

energy supply, distribution, and use. This proposed rule would not significantly affect energy supplies, distribution, and use. Therefore, this action is a not a significant energy action and no Statement of Energy Effects is required.

Clarity of this Regulation: We are required by Executive Orders 12866 and 12988 and by the Presidential Memorandum of June 1, 1998, to write all rules in plain language. This means that each rule we publish must:

- (a) Be logically organized;
- (b) Use the active voice to address readers directly;
- (c) Use clear language rather than jargon;
- (d) Be divided into short sections and sentences; and
- (e) Use lists and tables wherever possible.

If you feel that we have not met these requirements, send us comments by one of the methods listed in the **ADDRESSES** section. To better help us revise the rule, your comments should be as specific as possible. For example, you should tell us the numbers of the sections or paragraphs that are unclearly written, which sections or sentences are too long, the sections where you feel lists or tables would be useful, *etc.*

Public Comments

You may submit your comments and materials concerning this rule by one of the methods listed in the **ADDRESSES** section. We will not accept comments sent by e-mail or fax or to an address not listed in the **ADDRESSES** section.

We will post your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—on <http://www.regulations.gov>. If you provide personal identifying information in your written comments, you may request at the top of your document that we withhold this information from public review. However, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

Comments and materials we receive, as well as supporting documentation we used in preparing this proposed rule, will be available for public inspection on <http://www.regulations.gov>, or by appointment, during normal business hours, at the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service; Division of Management Authority; 4401 N. Fairfax Drive, Suite 212; Arlington, VA 22203; telephone, (703) 358-2093.

List of Subjects in 50 CFR Part 17

Endangered and threatened species, Exports, Imports, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Transportation.

Proposed Regulation Promulgation

For the reasons given in the preamble, we propose to amend part 17, subchapter B of chapter I, title 50 of the Code of Federal Regulations, as follows:

PART 17—[AMENDED]

1. The authority citation for part 17 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 16 U.S.C. 1361–1407; 16 U.S.C. 1531–1544; 16 U.S.C. 4201–4245; Pub. L. 99–625, 100 Stat. 3500; unless otherwise noted.

2. Amend § 17.21 by revising paragraph (g)(6) to read as set forth below:

§ 17.21 Prohibitions.

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(g) * * *

(6) *Exemption from registration requirement.*

(i) If the conditions in paragraph (g)(6)(ii) of this section are met, then any person subject to the jurisdiction of the United States seeking to engage in any of the activities authorized by paragraph (g)(1) of this section may do so without first registering with the Service with respect to the following species:

(A) The bar-tailed pheasant (*Syrnaticus humiae*), Elliot's pheasant (*S. ellioti*), Mikado pheasant (*S. mikado*), brown eared pheasant (*Crossoptilon mantchuricum*), white eared pheasant (*C. crossoptilon*), cheer pheasant (*Catreus wallichii*), Edward's pheasant (*Lophura edwardsi*), Swinhoe's pheasant (*L. swinhoii*), Chinese monal (*Lophophorus lhuysii*), and Palawan peacock pheasant (*Polyplectron emphanum*);

(B) Parakeets of the species *Neophema pulchella* and *N. splendida*;

(C) The Laysan duck (*Anas laysanensis*); and

(D) The white-winged wood duck (*Cairina scutulata*).

(ii) *Conditions for exemption to register.* The following conditions must exist for persons dealing with the species listed in paragraph (g)(6)(i) of this section to be eligible for exemption from the requirement to register with the Service:

(A) The purpose of the activity is to enhance the propagation or survival of the affected exempted species.

(B) Such activity does not involve interstate or foreign commerce, in the course of a commercial activity, with respect to nonliving wildlife.

(C) Each specimen to be reimported is uniquely identified by a band, tattoo, or other means that was reported in writing to an official of the Service at a port of export prior to export of the specimen from the United States.

(D) No specimens of the taxa in paragraph (g)(6) of this section that were taken from the wild may be imported for breeding purposes absent a definitive showing that the need for new bloodlines can be met only by wild specimens, that suitable foreign-bred, captive individuals are unavailable, and that wild populations can sustain limited taking. In addition, an import permit must be issued under § 17.22.

(E) Any permanent exports of such specimens meet the requirements of paragraph (g)(4) of this section.

(F) Each person claiming the benefit of the exception in paragraph (g)(1) of this section must maintain accurate written records of activities, including births, deaths, and transfers of specimens, and make those records accessible to Service agents for inspection at reasonable hours as set forth in §§ 13.46 and 13.47.

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Dated: August 4, 2011.

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Acting Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

50 CFR Part 679

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Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Allocating Gulf of Alaska Fishery Resources; Notice of Rockfish Program Public Workshops

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

ACTION: Notice of public workshops.

SUMMARY: NMFS will present two public workshops on the Central Gulf of Alaska Rockfish Program (Rockfish Program) for potentially eligible participants and other interested parties. At each workshop, NMFS will provide an overview of the proposed Rockfish Program, discuss the key differences between the Rockfish Program and the Rockfish Pilot Program, provide information on the proposed rule comment process, and answer these public workshops to assist fishery participants in understanding and reviewing the proposed rule that would implement this new Rockfish Program.

DATES: Two workshops will be held on the following dates:

1. Monday, August 29, 2011, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Alaska Daylight Time, Kodiak, AK.
2. Tuesday, August 30, 2011, 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Pacific Daylight Time, Seattle, WA.

ADDRESSES: The workshops will be held at the following locations:

1. Kodiak—Kodiak Fisheries Research Center (Main Conference Room), 301 Research Court, Kodiak, AK 99615.
2. Seattle—Mountaineers Program Center (Cascade Room), 7700 Sand Point Way, NE, Seattle, WA 98115.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Gwen Herrewig, 907-586-7091.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On July 28, 2011 (76 FR 45217), NMFS published a Notice of Availability to implement the proposed Central Gulf of Alaska (GOA) Rockfish Program as Amendment 88 to the Fishery Management Plan for Groundfish of the Gulf of Alaska. NMFS anticipates publication of the proposed rule to implement the Central GOA Rockfish Program prior to workshop held in Kodiak on Monday, August 29, 2011. The proposed Rockfish Program is necessary to replace the Central Gulf of Alaska Rockfish Pilot Program (Pilot Program) that is scheduled to expire December 31, 2011. Amendment 88 was approved by the North Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) on June 14, 2010. Although some modifications were recommended by the Council, the proposed Rockfish Program would retain the conservation, management, safety, and economic gains realized under the Pilot Program. The recommended modifications would

improve the functionality of the Rockfish Program and resolve identified issues in the management and viability of the fisheries. The proposed Rockfish Program would include similar implementation, management, monitoring, and enforcement measures to those developed under the Pilot Program, however, the new program would:

- Change the qualifying years for eligibility of quota share (QS);
- Use a different suite of years to determine the allocation of QS and sideboard limits;
- Assign to rockfish cooperatives a specific portion of the Central GOA total allowable catch of species historically harvested in the rockfish fisheries;
- Assign a specific amount of halibut prohibited species catch to cooperatives and conserve a portion of the halibut that will remain unallocated;
- Restrict the entry level fishery to longline gear only;
- Relax the requirements to form a cooperative;
- Specify the location where harvesters in cooperatives may deliver rockfish;
- Remove the requirement that harvesters in a catcher vessel cooperative deliver to a specific processor;
- Discontinue the limited access fishery;
- Simplify sideboards, and slightly modify sideboards for catcher/processors;
- Implement a cost recovery program, except for the entry level longline fishery;
- Establish a catch monitoring and control plan specialist; and

- Be authorized for 10 years, from January 1, 2012, until December 31, 2021.

NMFS is conducting public workshops for fishery participants to provide assistance in reviewing the proposed requirements of this new program. At each workshop, NMFS will provide an overview of the proposed Rockfish Program, discuss the key differences between the Rockfish Program and the Pilot Program, and provide information on the public comment process for the proposed rule. NMFS anticipates discussing key elements of the proposed Rockfish Program at the meeting, such as eligibility and the QS application process; cooperative and opt-out provisions; entry level longline fishery, sideboards, deliveries, and cooperative quota transfer provisions; monitoring and enforcement; and electronic reporting. Additionally, NMFS will answer questions from workshop participants. For further information on the proposed Rockfish Program, please visit the NMFS Alaska Region Web site at <http://alaskafisheries.noaa.gov>.

Special Accommodations

These workshops are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for special accommodations should be directed to Gwen Herrewig (see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**) at least 5 working days before the workshop date.

Dated: August 17, 2011.

Galen Tromble,

Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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