The Audio Division modified the FM Table of Allotments by substituting Channel 293A for vacant Channel 291A at Knox City, Texas; Channel 288C2 for vacant Channel 239C2 at Rule, Texas; Channel 255C3 for vacant Channel 291C3 at Crowell, Texas; and Channel 251C3 for vacant Channel 255C3 at Quanah, Texas. Channel 255C3 can be allotted to Crowell, Texas at reference coordinates 34°03′58″ NL and 99°43′52″ WL, at a site 9.2 km (5.7 miles) north of Crowell. Channel 293A can be allotted to Knox City, Texas at reference coordinates 33°25′55″ NL and 99°47′43″ WL, at a site 2.7 km (1.6 miles) northeast of Knox City. Channel 251C3 can be allotted at Quanah, Texas at reference coordinates 34°24′09″ NL and 99°46′02″ WL, at a site 11.9 km (7.4 miles) north of Quanah. Channel 288C2 can be allotted at Rule, Texas at reference coordinates 33°10′29″ NL and 99°49′26″ WL, at a site 6.6 km (4.1 miles) east of Rule. See SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION, supra.


FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Rolanda F. Smith or Nazifa Sawez, Media Bureau, (202) 418–2700.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This is a synopsis of the Commission’s Report and Order, adopted January 27, 2010, and released January 29, 2010. The full text of this Commission decision is available for inspection and copying during normal business hours in the FCC’s Reference Information Center at Portals II, CY–A257, 445 Twelfth Street SW., Washington, DC 20554. This document may also be purchased from the Government Accountability Office pursuant to the Congressional Review Act, see 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

The allotment changes that were adopted herein were subject to the final outcome of proceedings in MM Docket No. 00–148, and none of the vacant channels allocated in this proceeding will be available for auction until final resolution in MM Docket No. 00–148. In this instance, the proceedings in MM Docket No. 00–148 are considered final. See Quanah, Texas, et al., 76 FR 42573, published July 19, 2011. Thus, the FM broadcast construction permits for Channel 288C2 at Rule, Texas (MM–FM957–C2) and Channel 255C3 at Crowell, Texas (MM–FM1034–C3) will be auctioned in the upcoming FM Auction 94, scheduled for March 26, 2013. Channel 293A at Knox City, Texas and Channel 251C3 at Quanah, Texas will be auctioned in a future FM auction that will be announced in a subsequent Commission Order.
List of Subjects in 47 CFR Part 73
Radio, Radio broadcasting.
Federal Communications Commission.
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Assistant Chief, Audio Division, Media Bureau.

For the reasons discussed in the preamble, the Federal Communications Commission amends 47 CFR part 73 as follows:

PART 73—RADIO BROADCAST SERVICES

§ 73.202 [Amended]

1. Section 73.202(b), the Table of FM Allotments under Texas, is amended by removing Channel 293C3 at Crowell and by adding Channel 255C3 at Crowell; by removing Channel 291A at Knox City and by adding Channel 293A at Knox City; by removing Channel 255C3 at Quanah and by adding Channel 251C3 at Quanah; and by removing Channel 239C2 at Rule and by adding Channel 288C2 at Rule.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

50 CFR Part 622
[Docket No. 120919471–2584–01]
RIN 0646–BC59

Temporary Rule to Increase the Commercial Annual Catch Limit for South Atlantic Yellowtail Snapper

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

ACTION: Temporary rule; emergency action.

SUMMARY: NMFS issues this temporary rule to increase the commercial annual catch limit (ACL) for yellowtail snapper, as requested by the South Atlantic Fishery Management Council (Council). NMFS has determined that the commercial ACL may be increased from 1,142,589 lb (518,270 kg) to 1,596,510 lb (724,165 kg). This temporary rule will be effective for 180 days, unless superseded by subsequent rulemaking, although NMFS may extend the rule’s effectiveness for an additional 186 days pursuant to the Magnuson-Stevens Act. The intent of this temporary rule is to preserve a significant economic opportunity for the yellowtail snapper component of the South Atlantic snapper-grouper fishery that might otherwise be foregone and to help achieve optimum yield (OY) for the fishery.

DATES: This temporary rule is effective November 7, 2012, through May 6, 2013. Comments may be submitted through December 7, 2012.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments on the temporary rule identified by “NOAA–NMFS–2012–0207” by any of the following methods:


Mail: Kate Michie, 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://www.regulations.gov without change. All Personal Identifying Information (for example, name, address, etc.) voluntarily submitted by the commenter may be publicly accessible. Do not submit Confidential Business Information or otherwise sensitive or protected information. NMFS will accept anonymous comments (enter N/A in the required field if you wish to remain anonymous).

To submit comments through the Federal e-Rulemaking Portal: http://www.regulations.gov, enter “NOAA–NMFS–2012–0207” in the search field and click on “search.” After you locate the temporary rule, click the “Submit a Comment” link in that row. This will display the comment web form. You can then enter your submitter information (unless you prefer to remain anonymous), and type your comment on the web form. You can also attach additional files (up to 10MB) in Microsoft Word (.doc), WordPerfect, or Adobe PDF file formats only.

Comments received through means not specified in this rule will not be considered.

For further assistance with submitting a comment, see the “Commenting” section at http://www.regulations.gov/#/faqs or the Help section at http://www.regulations.gov.

Electronic copies of the documents in support of this temporary rule may be obtained from the Southeast Regional Office Web site, http://sero.nmfs.noaa.gov/sf/SASnapperGrouperHomepage.htm.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kate Michie, Southeast Regional Office, NMFS, telephone: 727–824–5305, email: Kate.Michie@noaa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: NMFS and the Council manage the snapper-grouper fishery off the southern Atlantic states under the Fishery Management Plan for the Snapper-Grouper Fishery of the South Atlantic Region (FMP). The Council prepared the FMP and NMFS implements the FMP through regulations at 50 CFR part 622 under the authority of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (Magnuson-Stevens Act). Section 305(c) of the Magnuson-Stevens Act (16 U.S.C. 1855(c)) provides the legal authority for the promulgation of emergency regulations.

Background

The final rule for the Comprehensive Annual Catch Limit Amendment (Comprehensive ACL Amendment) to the Fishery Management Plan (FMP) for the Snapper-Grouper Fishery of the South Atlantic Region, and several other plans (77 FR 15916, March 16, 2012), effective April 16, 2012, implemented, in part, ACLs and accountability measures (AMs) for yellowtail snapper, as required by National Standard 1 of the Magnuson-Stevens Act. The commercial ACL for yellowtail snapper implemented through the final rule for the Comprehensive ACL Amendment is 1,142,589 lb (518,270 kg), round weight. The AM implemented through that rule states that the commercial sector will close if commercial landings reach or are projected to reach the commercial ACL.

On September 4, 2012 (77 FR 53776), NMFS published a temporary rule to close the commercial sector for yellowtail snapper in the South Atlantic on September 11, 2012, because NMFS determined that the commercial ACL for yellowtail snapper would be reached by that date. However, updated information revealed that yellowtail snapper could remain open for additional time until the ACL was reached. NMFS announced through a Fishery Bulletin on September 10, 2012, the cancellation of the previously announced closure. NMFS published a temporary rule on September 13, 2012 (77 FR 56563) with similar information. This would have been the first time yellowtail snapper would have closed in season since the ACL was first implemented in April 2012.

A new stock assessment for yellowtail snapper was completed by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWCC), Fish and Wildlife Research Institute (FWRI), in May 2012,