

Because of the need to provide immediate guidance for the payment of benefits under plans with valuation dates during December 2017, PBGC finds that good cause exists for making the assumptions set forth in this amendment effective less than 30 days after publication.

PBGC has determined that this action is not a “significant regulatory action” under the criteria set forth in Executive Order 12866.

Because no general notice of proposed rulemaking is required for this amendment, the Regulatory Flexibility

Act of 1980 does not apply. See 5 U.S.C. 601(2).

List of Subjects in 29 CFR Part 4022

Employee benefit plans, Pension insurance, Pensions, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

In consideration of the foregoing, 29 CFR part 4022 is amended as follows:

PART 4022—BENEFITS PAYABLE IN TERMINATED SINGLE-EMPLOYER PLANS

■ 1. The authority citation for part 4022 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 29 U.S.C. 1302, 1322, 1322b, 1341(c)(3)(D), and 1344.

■ 2. In appendix B to part 4022, Rate Set 290 is added to the table in numerical order to read as follows:

Appendix B to Part 4022—Lump Sum Interest Rates for PBGC Payments

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| Rate set | For plans with a valuation date | | Immediate annuity rate (percent) | Deferred annuities (percent) | | | | |
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| | On or after | Before | | <i>i</i> ₁ | <i>i</i> ₂ | <i>i</i> ₃ | <i>n</i> ₁ | <i>n</i> ₂ |
| 290 | 12-1-17 | 1-1-18 | 0.75 | 4.00 | 4.00 | 4.00 | 7 | 8 |

■ 3. In appendix C to part 4022, Rate Set 290 is added to the table in numerical order to read as follows:

Appendix C to Part 4022—Lump Sum Interest Rates for Private-Sector Payments

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| Rate set | For plans with a valuation date | | Immediate annuity rate (percent) | Deferred annuities (percent) | | | | |
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| 290 | 12-1-17 | 1-1-18 | 0.75 | 4.00 | 4.00 | 4.00 | 7 | 8 |

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
50 CFR Part 300
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Fraser River Sockeye and Pink Salmon Fisheries; Inseason Orders

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

ACTION: Temporary orders; inseason orders.

SUMMARY: NMFS publishes Fraser River salmon inseason orders to regulate treaty and non-treaty (all citizen)

commercial salmon fisheries in U.S. waters. The orders were issued by the Fraser River Panel (Panel) of the Pacific Salmon Commission (Commission) and subsequently approved and issued by NMFS during the 2017 salmon fisheries within the U.S. Fraser River Panel Area. These orders established fishing dates, times, and areas for the gear types of U.S. treaty Indian and all citizen commercial fisheries during the period the Panel exercised jurisdiction over these fisheries.

DATES: The effective dates for the inseason orders are set out in this document under the heading Inseason Orders.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Peggy Mundy at 206-526-4323.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Treaty between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of Canada concerning Pacific Salmon was signed at Ottawa on January 28, 1985, and subsequently was given effect in the United States by the

Pacific Salmon Treaty Act (Act) at 16 U.S.C. 3631-3644.

Under authority of the Act, Federal regulations at 50 CFR part 300, subpart F, provide a framework for the implementation of certain regulations of the Commission and inseason orders of the Commission’s Fraser River Panel for U.S. sockeye and pink salmon fisheries in the Fraser River Panel Area.

The regulations close the U.S. portion of the Fraser River Panel Area to U.S. sockeye and pink salmon tribal and non-tribal commercial fishing unless opened by Panel orders that are given effect by inseason regulations published by NMFS. During the fishing season, NMFS may issue regulations that establish fishing times and areas consistent with the Commission agreements and inseason orders of the Panel. Such orders must be consistent with domestic legal obligations and are issued by the Regional Administrator, West Coast Region, NMFS. Official notification of these inseason actions is provided by two telephone hotline numbers described at 50 CFR

300.97(b)(1) and in 82 FR 19631 (April 28, 2017). The inseason orders are published in the **Federal Register** as soon as practicable after they are issued. Due to the frequency with which inseason orders are issued, publication of individual orders is impractical.

Inseason Orders

The following inseason orders were adopted by the Panel and issued for U.S. fisheries by NMFS during the 2017 fishing season. Each of the following inseason actions was effective upon announcement on telephone hotline numbers as specified at 50 CFR 300.97(b)(1) and in 82 FR 19631 (April 28, 2017); those dates and times are listed herein. The times listed are local times, and the areas designated are Puget Sound Management and Catch Reporting Areas as defined in the Washington State Administrative Code at Chapter 220–22.

Fraser River Panel Order Number 2017–01: Issued 12:55 p.m., August 22, 2017

Treaty Indian Fishery

Areas 4B, 5, and 6C: Open to drift gillnets 12 p.m. (noon), Wednesday, August 23, 2017, to 12 p.m. (noon), Saturday, August 26, 2017. Sockeye may be retained for ceremonial and subsistence purposes only.

Area 7: Open to reef nets from 5 a.m. to 9 p.m., Wednesday, August 23, 2017, from 5 a.m. to 9 p.m., Thursday, August 24, 2017, and from 5 a.m. to 9 p.m., Friday August 25, 2017. Sockeye may be retained for ceremonial and subsistence purposes only.

Fraser River Panel Order Number 2017–02: Issued 3:30 p.m., August 24, 2017

Treaty Indian Fishery

Area 7: Open to reef nets from 5 a.m. to 9 p.m., Saturday, August 26, 2017. Sockeye may be retained for ceremonial and subsistence purposes only.

Areas 6, 7, and 7A: Open to purse seines and gillnets from 5 a.m., Friday, August 25, 2017, to 9 a.m., Saturday, August 26, 2017. Sockeye may be retained for ceremonial and subsistence purposes only.

All Citizen Fishery

Areas 7 and 7A: Open for reef nets, with non-retention of sockeye, from 5 a.m. to 9 p.m., Friday, August 25, 2017, and from 5 a.m. to 9 p.m., Saturday, August 26, 2017.

Fraser River Panel Order Number 2017–03: Issued 2 p.m., August 28, 2017

Treaty Indian Fishery

Areas 4B, 5, and 6C: Open to drift gillnets from 12 p.m. (noon), Tuesday,

August 29, 2017, to 12 p.m. (noon), Friday, September 1, 2017. Sockeye may be retained for ceremonial and subsistence purposes only.

Areas 6, 7, and 7A: Open to purse seines and drift gillnets from 5 a.m., Wednesday, August 29, 2017, to 9 a.m., Thursday, August 31, 2017. Sockeye may be retained for ceremonial and subsistence purposes only.

Area 7: Open to reef nets from 5 a.m. to 9 p.m., Tuesday, August 29, 2017, and from 5 a.m. to 9 p.m., Wednesday, August 30, 2017. Sockeye may be retained for ceremonial and subsistence purposes only.

All Citizen Fishery

Areas 7 and 7A: Open to purse seines, with non-retention of sockeye, from 5 a.m. to 9 p.m., Tuesday, August 29, 2017.

Areas 7 and 7A: Open to gillnets, with non-retention of sockeye, from 8 a.m. to 11:59 p.m., Tuesday, August 29, 2017.

Areas 7 and 7A: Open to reef nets, with non-retention of sockeye, from 5 a.m. to 9 p.m., Tuesday, August 29, 2017, and from 5 a.m. to 9 p.m., Wednesday, August 30, 2017.

Fraser River Panel Order Number 2017–04: Issued 2:20 p.m., August 31, 2017

Treaty Indian Fishery

Areas 4B, 5, and 6C: Extend for drift gillnets from 12 p.m. (noon), Friday, September 1, 2017, to 12 p.m. (noon), Tuesday, September 5, 2017. Sockeye may be retained for ceremonial and subsistence purposes only.

Areas 6, 7, and 7A: Open to net fishing, excluding reef nets, from 5 a.m., Friday, September 1, 2017, to 9 p.m., Tuesday, September 5, 2017. Sockeye may be retained for ceremonial and subsistence purposes only.

Areas 7 and 7A: Open to reef nets from 5 a.m. to 9 p.m., daily from Friday, September 1, 2017, through Tuesday, September 5, 2017. Sockeye may be retained for ceremonial and subsistence purposes only.

All Citizen Fishery

Areas 7 and 7A: Open to purse seines, with non-retention of sockeye, from 5 a.m. to 9 p.m., daily from Friday, September 1, 2017, through Tuesday, September 5, 2017.

Areas 7 and 7A: Open to drift gillnets, with non-retention of sockeye, from 8:05 a.m. to 11:59 p.m., daily from Friday, September 1, 2017, through Tuesday, September 5, 2017.

Areas 7 and 7A: Open to reef nets, with non-retention of sockeye, from 5 a.m. to 9 p.m., daily from Friday, September 1, 2017, through Tuesday, September 5, 2017.

Areas 7 and 7A: Open to beach seines, with non-retention of sockeye, from 5 a.m., Friday, September 1, 2017, through 9 p.m., Tuesday, September 5, 2017.

Fraser River Panel Order Number 2017–05: Issued 12:50 p.m., September 5, 2017

Washington State and Treaty Indian tribes closed most United States Fraser River Panel water fisheries on Sunday, September 3, 2017, in response to concerns that the potential harvest of Fraser River pink salmon would exceed the United States share of the total allowable catch. The Fraser River Panel met Tuesday, September 5, 2017, and confirmed the earlier closure of several fisheries that were previously announced on Thursday, August 31, 2017, Fraser River Panel order number 2017–04. The Panel announced the earlier closure of the following Commercial salmon fisheries in Panel Area waters:

Treaty Indian Fishery

Areas 6, 7, and 7A: Open to net fishing, excluding reef nets, from 5 a.m., Friday, September 1, 2017, to 9 p.m., Sunday, September 3, 2017. Sockeye may be retained for ceremonial and subsistence purposes only.

Areas 7 and 7A: Open to reef nets from 5 a.m. to 9 p.m., daily from Friday, September 1, 2017, through Sunday, September 3, 2017. Sockeye may be retained for ceremonial and subsistence purposes only.

All Citizen Fishery

Areas 7 and 7A: Open to purse seines, with non-retention of sockeye, from 5 a.m. to 9 p.m., daily from Friday, September 1, 2017, through Sunday, September 3, 2017.

Areas 7 and 7A: Open to drift gillnets, with non-retention of sockeye, from 8:05 a.m. to 11:59 p.m., daily from Friday, September 1, 2017, through Sunday, September 3, 2017.

Areas 7 and 7A: Open to reef nets, with non-retention of sockeye, from 5 a.m. to 9 p.m., daily from Friday, September 1, 2017, through Sunday, September 3, 2017.

Areas 7 and 7A: Open to beach seines, with non-retention of sockeye, from 5 a.m., Friday, September 1, 2017, through 11:59 p.m., Sunday, September 3, 2017.

Fraser River Panel Order Number 2017–06: Issued 12:15 p.m., September 12, 2017

Treaty Indian and All Citizen Fisheries

Areas 6, 6A, and 7: Relinquish regulatory control effective 12:01 a.m., Sunday, September 24, 2017.

Classification

The Assistant Administrator for Fisheries NOAA (AA), finds that good cause exists for the inseason orders to be issued without affording the public prior notice and opportunity for comment under 5 U.S.C. 553(b)(B) as such prior notice and opportunity for comments is impracticable and contrary to the public interest. Prior notice and opportunity for public comment is impracticable because NMFS has insufficient time to allow for prior notice and opportunity for public comment between the time the stock abundance information is available to determine how much fishing can be allowed and the time the fishery must open and close in order to harvest the appropriate amount of fish while they are available.

The AA also finds good cause to waive the 30-day delay in the effective date, required under 5 U.S.C. 553(d)(3), of the inseason orders. A delay in the effective date of the inseason orders would not allow fishers appropriately controlled access to the available fish at that time they are available.

This action is authorized by 50 CFR 300.97, and is exempt from review under Executive Order 12866.

Authority: 16 U.S.C. 3636(b).

Dated: November 9, 2017.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

50 CFR Part 648

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Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Amendment 6 to the Tilefish Fishery Management Plan

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

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: This final rule implements management measures previously approved for Amendment 6 to the Tilefish Fishery Management Plan and publicizes status quo management measures for 2018. Amendment 6 was developed by the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council to establish management measures and 2017 harvest limits for the blueline tilefish fishery north of the Virginia/North Carolina border. The intended effect of this action is to establish permanent management measures for this fishery, consistent with requirements of the Magnuson-Stevens Act.

DATES: This rule is effective December 15, 2017.

ADDRESSES: Copies of Amendment 6 and the Environmental Assessment (EA), with its associated Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) and the Regulatory Impact Review (RIR), are available from the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council, 800 North State Street, Suite 201, Dover, DE 19901. The Amendment 6 EA/FONSI/RIR is also accessible online at: www.greateratlantic.fisheries.noaa.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Douglas Potts, Fishery Policy Analyst, 978–281–9341.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

This final rule concurrently approves Amendment 6 to the Tilefish Fishery Management Plan (FMP) on behalf of the Secretary of Commerce and finalizes implementing regulations. The Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council developed this amendment to establish management measures for the blueline tilefish fishery in Federal waters north of the Virginia/North Carolina border, consistent with the requirements of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (Magnuson-Stevens Act). We published a notice of availability on June 14, 2017 (82 FR 27223), announcing a 60-day period for the public to review and provide comments on whether we, acting on behalf of the Secretary of Commerce, should approve Amendment 6. This comment period ended on August 14, 2017. On June 28, 2017, we published a proposed rule (82 FR 29263) to implement the amendment's specific measures and solicited comments on the proposed measures for a 30-day period that ended on July 28, 2017.

We reviewed all comments received during these comment periods, whether directed at our approval decision or the

proposed regulations. See **Comments and Responses** section for more information. Now, on behalf of the Secretary of Commerce, we are approving and implementing Amendment 6, consistent with the review and approval process outlined in section 304 of the Magnuson-Stevens Act (16 U.S.C. 1854).

Amendment 6 Approved Measures

We are approving all Amendment 6 measures, as outlined in our June 28, 2017, proposed rule. However, given their complexity and novelty, development and implementation of permitting and reporting measures for private recreational vessels will take significantly more time than the other, more traditional management measures in this action. Therefore, we are approving, but delaying implementation of, the recreational permitting and reporting requirements. More information on the approved measures is outlined below.

Management Unit, FMP Objectives, Status Determination Criteria

The management unit for blueline tilefish encompasses the U.S. Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) from the North Carolina/Virginia border (36.550278 N. Latitude) extending north to the maritime boundary with Canada. This management unit is consistent with the Council's management unit for golden tilefish.

Amendment 6 establishes the management objectives of the current Tilefish FMP to apply for blueline tilefish as well, with the addition that, "management will reflect blueline tilefish's susceptibility of overfishing and the need of an analytical stock assessment."

Section 303(a)(10) of the Magnuson-Stevens Act requires that FMPs specify criteria for identifying when the fishery is overfished. Amendment 6 defines stock status determination criteria for blueline tilefish based on the results of the most recent approved stock assessment, which is consistent with all of the Council's other FMPs. The Council anticipates new stock status determination criteria will be established through a stock assessment currently being jointly conducted by the South Atlantic and Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Councils through the Southeast Data, Assessment, and Review process (SEDAR 50). The assessment report is expected in the fall of 2017.

The Magnuson-Stevens Act also requires all FMPs contain measures that are "necessary and appropriate for the conservation and management of the