

(e)(2)(iii) of this section shall be subject to the restrictions in Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2016, Public Law 114–113, Div. E, Title VI, section 631, 129 Stat. 2242, 2470 (2015), unless and until such restrictions are no longer in effect.

■ 3. Section 54.312 is amended by adding paragraph (d) to read as follows:

§ 54.312 Connect America Fund for Price Cap Territories—Phase I.

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(d) *Eligibility for support after Connect America Phase II auction.* (1) A price cap carrier that receives monthly baseline support pursuant to this section and is a winning bidder in the Connect America Phase II auction shall receive support at the same level as described in paragraph (a) of this section for such area until the Wireline Competition Bureau determines whether to authorize the carrier to receive Connect America Phase II auction support for the same area. Upon the Wireline Competition Bureau's release of a public notice approving a price cap carrier's application submitted pursuant to § 54.315(b) and authorizing the carrier to receive Connect America Fund Phase II auction support, the carrier shall no longer receive support at the level of monthly baseline support pursuant to this section for such area. Thereafter, the carrier shall receive monthly support in the amount of its Connect America Phase II winning bid.

(2) Starting the first day of the month following the first authorization of Connect America Phase II auction support nationwide, no price cap carrier that receives monthly baseline support pursuant to this section shall receive such monthly baseline support for areas that are ineligible for Connect America Phase II auction support.

(3) To the extent Connect America Phase II auction support is not awarded at auction for an eligible area, as determined by the Wireline Competition Bureau, the price cap carrier shall have the option of continuing to receive support at the level described in paragraph (a) of this section until further Commission action.

(4) Starting the first day of the month following the authorization of Connect America Phase II auction support to a winning bidder other than the price cap carrier that receives monthly baseline support pursuant to this section for such area, the price cap carrier shall no longer receive monthly baseline support pursuant to this section.

(5) Notwithstanding the foregoing schedule, the phase-down of support below the level described in paragraph (a) of this section shall be subject to the

restrictions in Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2016, Public Law 114–113, Div. E, Title VI, section 631, 129 Stat. 2242, 2470 (2015), unless and until such restrictions are no longer in effect.

■ 4. Section 54.313 is amended by adding paragraph (m) to read as follows:

§ 54.313 Annual reporting requirements for high-cost recipients.

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(m) Any price cap carrier or fixed competitive eligible telecommunications carrier that elects to continue receiving support pursuant to § 54.312(d) or § 54.307(e)(2)(iii) shall provide certifications, starting July 1, 2020 and for each subsequent year they receive such support, that all such support the company received in the previous year was used to provide voice service throughout the high-cost and extremely high-cost census blocks where they continue to have the federal high-cost eligible telecommunications carrier obligation to provide voice service pursuant to § 54.201(d) at rates that are reasonably comparable to comparable offerings in urban areas. Any price cap carrier or fixed competitive eligible telecommunications carrier that solely receives support pursuant to § 54.312(d) or § 54.307(e)(2)(iii) in its designated service area shall not be subject to reporting requirements in any other paragraphs in this section for such support.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

50 CFR Part 300

[Docket No. 180809745–8745–01]

RIN 0648–BI40

International Affairs; Antarctic Marine Living Resources Convention Act; Correction

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

ACTION: Final rule; technical amendment.

SUMMARY: NMFS is hereby making a technical amendment to our regulations without altering the substance of the regulations. This change will correct a paragraph mis-numbering.

DATES: This final rule is effective March 11, 2019.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mi Ae Kim, Office of International Affairs and Seafood Inspection, NMFS (phone 301–427–8365, or email *mi.ae.kim@noaa.gov*).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

NMFS previously published a final rule to implement revisions and updates to NMFS' Antarctic Marine Living Resources Convention Act (AMRLCA) regulations under 50 CFR part 300, subpart G, to streamline the regulations, reflect current measures adopted by the Commission for the Conservation of Antarctic Marine Living Resources (CCAMLR or Commission), and make other adjustments. The final rule published in the **Federal Register** on January 19, 2017 (82 FR 6221). NMFS has identified that 50 CFR 300.105(h) includes two paragraphs numbered as (h)(3). This rule solely corrects that mis-numbering by numbering the second paragraph as (h)(4) and does not make any substantive changes to the regulations.

Classification

This final rule has been determined to be not significant for the purposes of Executive Order 12866.

The Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, NOAA (AA), finds that the need to immediately implement this regulatory correction constitutes good cause to waive the requirements to provide prior notice and opportunity for public comment pursuant to the authority set forth in 5 U.S.C. 553(b)(B) of the Administrative Procedure Act (APA), because prior notice and opportunity for public comment on this final rule is unnecessary and contrary to the public interest. Such procedures are unnecessary and contrary to the public interest, because the rules implementing revisions and updates to NMFS' Antarctic Marine Living Resources Convention Act (AMRLCA) regulations have already been subject to notice and comment and not correcting the regulatory text would result in confusion and uncertainty for the affected entities.

For the aforementioned reasons, the AA also finds good cause to waive the 30-day delay in the effectiveness of this action under 5 U.S.C. 553(d)(3).

These measures are thus exempt from the procedures of the Regulatory Flexibility Act because prior notice and comment are not required under the APA.

List of Subjects in 50 CFR Part 300

Antarctica, Antarctic marine living resources, Catch documentation scheme, Fisheries, Fishing, Intergovernmental relations, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

Dated: March 5, 2019.

Samuel D. Rauch III,

Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, National Marine Fisheries Service.

Accordingly, 50 CFR part 300 is corrected by making the following correcting amendments:

PART 300—INTERNATIONAL FISHERIES REGULATIONS**Subpart G—Antarctic Marine Living Resources**

■ 1. The authority citation for part 300, subpart G, continues to read as follows:

Authority: 16 U.S.C. 2431 *et seq.*, 31 U.S.C. 9701 *et seq.*

■ 2. Amend § 300.105 by revising paragraph (h) to read as follows:

§ 300.105 Preapproval for importation of frozen *Dissostichus* species.

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(h) NMFS will not issue a preapproval certificate for any shipment of *Dissostichus* species:

(1) Identified as originating from a high seas area designated by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations as Statistical Area 51 or Statistical Area 57 in the eastern and western Indian Ocean outside and north of the Convention Area;

(2) Determined to have been harvested or transhipped in contravention of any CCAMLR Conservation Measure in force at the time of harvest or transshipment;

(3) Determined to have been harvested or transhipped by a vessel identified by CCAMLR as having engaged in illegal, unreported and unregulated (IUU) fishing; or

(4) Accompanied by inaccurate, incomplete, invalid, or improperly validated CDS documentation or by a SVDCD.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration****50 CFR Part 648**

[Docket No: 181031994-9022-02]

RIN 0648-XG872

Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Atlantic Herring Fishery; 2019 Management Area 2 Sub-Annual Catch Limit Harvested

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

ACTION: Temporary rule; closure.

SUMMARY: Effective on March 9, 2019, NMFS is closing the directed fishery for Herring Management Area 2, based on a projection that a threshold catch amount for that management area has been reached. Beginning March 9, 2019, through December 31, 2019, no person may, or attempt to fish for, possess, transfer, receive, land, or sell more than 2,000 lb (907.2 kg) of Atlantic herring per trip or calendar day in or from Management Area 2 from a vessel issued and holding a valid herring permit. For the duration of this action, federally permitted dealers may not possess or receive, or attempt to possess or receive, more than 2,000 lb (907.2 kg) of herring from Management Area 2 per trip or calendar day from vessels issued and holding a valid herring permit. This action is necessary to comply with the regulations implementing the Atlantic herring Fishery Management Plan and is intended to prevent overharvest of herring in Management Area 2.

DATES: Effective 00:01 hr local time, March 9, 2019, through 24:00 local time, December 31, 2019.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Daniel Luers, Fishery Management Specialist, (978) 282-8457.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Regional Administrator of NMFS for the Greater Atlantic Region monitors the herring fishery catch in each of the management areas based on vessel and dealer reports, state data, and other available information. The regulations at 50 CFR 648.201 require that when the Regional Administrator projects that herring catch will reach 92 percent of the sub-ACL allocated in Management Area 2 designated in the Atlantic Herring Fishery Management Plan (FMP), through notification in the **Federal Register**, NMFS must prohibit for the remainder of the fishing year, vessels from fishing for, possessing,

transferring, receiving, landing, or selling, or attempting to fish for, possess, transfer, receive, land or sell, more than 2,000 lb (907.2 kg) of herring per trip or calendar day in or from the specified management area from a vessel issued and holding a valid herring permit.

The Regional Administrator has projected, based on vessel and dealer reports, state data, and other available information, that the herring fleet will have caught 92 percent of the herring sub-ACL allocated to Management Area 2 by March 9, 2019. Therefore, effective 00:01 hr local time, March 9, 2019, no person may, or attempt to, fish for, possess, transfer, receive, land, or sell more than 2,000 lb (907.2 kg) of herring per trip or calendar day, in or from Management Area 2, through December 31, 2019, from a vessel issued or holding a valid herring permit. Vessels that have entered port before 00:01 hr local time, March 9, 2019, may land and sell more than 2,000 lb (907.2 kg) of herring from Area 2 from that trip. A vessel may transit through Area 2 with more than 2,000 lb (907.2 kg) of herring on board, provided all herring was caught outside of Area 2 and all fishing gear is stowed and not available for immediate use as defined by § 648.2.

Effective 00:01 hr local time, March 9, 2019, through 24:00 hr local time, December 31, 2019, federally permitted dealers may not purchase, possess, receive, sell, barter, trade or transfer, or attempt to purchase, possess, receive, sell, barter, trade or transfer more than 2,000 lb (907.2 kg) of herring per trip or calendar day from Management Area 2 from a vessel issued and holding a valid herring permit, unless it is from a trip landed by a vessel that entered port before 00:01 hr local time, March 9, 2019.

Classification

This action is required by 50 CFR part 648 and is exempt from review under Executive Order 12866.

NMFS finds good cause pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 553(b)(3)(B) to waive prior notice and the opportunity for public comment because it would be contrary to the public interest and impracticable. Further, in accordance with 5 U.S.C. § 553(d)(3), NMFS also finds good cause to waive the 30-day delayed effectiveness. NMFS is required by Federal regulation to put in place a 2,000-lb (907.2-kg) herring trip limit for Management Area 2 through December 31, 2019. The 2019 herring fishing year opened on January 1, 2019. Data indicating the herring fleet will have landed at least 92 percent of the 2019 sub-ACL allocated to Management Area