G. Protest Activities

The Coast Guard respects the First Amendment rights of protesters. Protesters are asked to contact the person listed in the FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT section to coordinate protest activities so that your message can be received without jeopardizing the safety or security of people, places or vessels.

List of Subjects in 33 CFR Part 165

Harbors, Marine safety, Navigation (water), Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Security measures, Waterways.

For the reasons discussed in the preamble, the Coast Guard amends 33 CFR part 165 as follows:

PART 165—REGULATED NAVIGATION AREAS AND LIMITED ACCESS AREAS

§ 165.08–0149 Security Zone; Corpus Christi Ship Channel. Corpus Christi, TX.

1. The authority citation for part 165 continues to read as follows:


2. Add § 165.08–0149 to read as follows:

§ 165.08–0149 Security Zone; Corpus Christi Ship Channel. Corpus Christi, TX.

(a) Location. The following area is a security zone: all navigable waters encompassing a 500-yard radius around M/V ARC ENDURANCE while transiting loaded with cargo in the Corpus Christi Ship Channel.

(b) Effective period. This section is effective from March 18, 2019 through March 25, 2019.

(c) Regulations. (1) The general regulations in § 165.33 of this part apply. Entry into this zone is prohibited unless authorized by the Captain of the Port Sector Corpus Christi (COTP) or a designated representative. A designated representative is a commissioned, warrant, or petty officer of the U.S. Coast Guard assigned to units under the operational control of USCG Sector Corpus Christi.

(2) Persons or vessels desiring to enter or pass through the zone must request permission from the COTP Sector Corpus Christi on VHF–FM channel 16 or by telephone at 361–939–0450.

(3) If permission is granted, all persons and vessels shall comply with the instructions of the COTP or designated representative.

(d) Information broadcasts. The COTP or a designated representative will inform the public through Broadcast Notices to Mariners (BNMs) of the enforcement times and date for this security zone.

Dated: March 15, 2019.

E.J. Gaynor,
Captain, U.S. Coast Guard, Captain of the Port Sector Corpus Christi.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

48 CFR Part 825

RIN 2900–AQ18

VA Acquisition Regulation: Construction and Architect-Engineer Contracts; Correction

AGENCY: Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Final rule; correction.

SUMMARY: On March 19, 2019, the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) published a rule updating its VA Acquisition Regulation (VAAR) in phased increments. The changes seek to streamline and align the VAAR with the FAR and remove outdated and duplicative requirements and reduce burden on contractors. An error occurred in one amendatory instruction. This document corrects that error.

DATES: This correction is effective April 19, 2019.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Rafael N. Taylor, Senior Procurement Analyst, Procurement Policy and Warrant Management Services, 003A2A, 425 I Street NW, Washington, DC 20001, (202) 382–2787. (This is not a toll-free number.)

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On March 19, 2019, VA published a rule in the Federal Register (84 FR 9968) which contained an error in the description of the contents of subpart 825.2.

Correction

In FR Rule Doc. No. 2019–04900, appearing on page 9968 in the Federal Register of March 19, 2019, make the following correction:

Subpart 825.2—[Corrected]

1. On page 9971, in the third column, correct instruction number 4 to read as follows:

“5. Subpart 825.2, consisting of sections 825.202 and 825.205, is removed and reserved.”

Approved: March 19, 2019.

Consuela Benjamin,
Regulations Development Coordinator, Office of Regulation Policy & Management, Office of the Secretary, Department of Veterans Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

50 CFR Part 622

[Docket No. 171017999–8262–01]

RIN 0648–XG871

Reef Fish Fishery of the Gulf of Mexico; 2019 Recreational Accountability Measure and Closure for Gulf of Mexico Greater Amberjack

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

ACTION: Temporary rule; closure.

SUMMARY: NMFS implements an accountability measure (AM) for the greater amberjack recreational sector in the exclusive economic zone (EEZ) of the Gulf of Mexico (Gulf) for the 2018–2019 fishing year through this temporary rule. NMFS has determined that for the 2018–2019 fishing year, the recreational annual catch target (ACT) for Gulf greater amberjack has been met; therefore, the greater amberjack recreational season in the Gulf EEZ will not re-open on May 1, 2019, and will remain closed for the remainder of the current fishing year. This closure is necessary to protect the Gulf greater amberjack resource.

DATES: This rule is effective from 12:01 a.m., local time, May 1, 2019, until 12:01 a.m., local time, on August 1, 2019.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lauren Waters, NMFS Southeast Regional Office, telephone: 727–824–5305, email: lauren.waters@noaa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: NMFS manages the Gulf reef fish fishery, which includes greater amberjack, under the Fishery Management Plan for the Reef Fish Resources of the Gulf (FMP). The FMP was prepared by the Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council (Council) and is implemented by NMFS under the authority of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (Magnuson-Stevens Act) through regulations at 50 CFR part 622. All greater amberjack weights discussed in this temporary rule are in round weight.

The recreational fishing year for Gulf greater amberjack is August 1 through July 31 each year. The 2018–2019 recreational ACL for Gulf greater amberjack specified in 50 CFR 622.41(a)(2)(ii) is 1,086,970 lb (493,041 kg), and the recreational ACT specified...
in 50 CFR 622.39(a)(2)(ii)(B) is 902,185 lb (409,224 kg).

Regulations at 50 CFR 622.34(c) designate a seasonal closure for Gulf greater amberjack from November 1 to April 30 each fishing year before allowing recreational harvest during the month of May. However, under 50 CFR 622.41(a)(2)(ii), NMFS is required to close the recreational sector for greater amberjack when the recreational ACT is reached or is projected to be reached by filing a notification to that effect with the Office of the Federal Register. NMFS has determined that for the 2018–2019 fishing year, the recreational ACT has been met. Accordingly, the recreational sector for Gulf greater amberjack will not re-open on May 1, 2019, and the recreational season will remain closed for the rest of the 2018–2019 fishing year, which ends on July 31, 2019.

During the recreational closure, the bag and possession limits for greater amberjack in or from the Gulf EEZ are zero. The prohibition on possession in the Gulf on board a vessel for which a valid Federal charter vessel/headboat permit for Gulf reef fish has been issued applies regardless of whether greater amberjack were harvested in state or Federal waters.

The recreational sector for greater amberjack will reopen on August 1, 2019, the beginning of the 2019–2020 recreational fishing year.

Classification
The Regional Administrator for the NMFS Southeast Region has determined this temporary rule is necessary for the conservation and management of Gulf greater amberjack and is consistent with the Magnuson-Stevens Act and other applicable laws.

This action is taken under 50 CFR 622.41(a)(2)(i) and is exempt from review under Executive Order 12866.

These measures are exempt from the procedures of the Regulatory Flexibility Act because the temporary rule is issued without opportunity for prior notice and comment.

This action responds to the best scientific information available. The Assistant Administrator for NOAA Fisheries (AA) finds that the need to immediately implement this action to close the recreational sector for greater amberjack constitutes good cause to waive the requirements to provide prior notice and opportunity for public comment on this temporary rule pursuant to the authority set forth in 5 U.S.C. 553(b)(B), because such procedures are unnecessary and contrary to the public interest. Such procedures are unnecessary because the rule establishing the closure provisions was subject to notice and comment, and all that remains is to notify the public of the closure. Such procedures are contrary to the public interest because of the need to immediately implement this action to protect greater amberjack. Prior notice and opportunity for public comment would require time and would potentially allow the recreational sector to exceed the recreational ACL.

Authority: 16 U.S.C. 1801 et seq.
Dated: March 19, 2019.
Jennifer M. Wallace,
Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:
NMFS manages the Gulf reef fish fishery, which includes gray triggerfish, under the Fishery Management Plan for the Reef Fish Resources of the Gulf of Mexico (FMP). The FMP was prepared by the Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council (Council) and is implemented by NMFS under the authority of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (Magnuson-Stevens Act) through regulations at 50 CFR part 622. All gray triggerfish weights discussed in this temporary rule are in round weight.

The recreational annual catch limit (ACL) for Gulf gray triggerfish is 241,200 lb (109,406 kg), and the recreational ACT is 217,100 lb (98,475 kg) (50 CFR 622.41(b)(2)(iii)). As specified in 50 CFR 622.41(b)(2)(i), NMFS is required to close the recreational sector for gray triggerfish when the recreational ACT is reached or is projected to be reached by filing a notification to that effect with the Office of the Federal Register. NMFS has determined the 2019 recreational ACT for Gulf gray triggerfish will be reached by May 11, 2019. Accordingly, this temporary rule closes the recreational sector for Gulf gray triggerfish effective at 12:01 a.m., local time, on May 11, 2019, and it will remain closed through the end of the fishing year on December 31, 2019.

During the recreational closure, the bag and possession limits for gray triggerfish in or from the Gulf EEZ are zero. The prohibition on possession of Gulf gray triggerfish also applies in Gulf state waters for a vessel issued a valid Federal charter vessel/headboat permit for Gulf reef fish.

As specified in 50 CFR 622.34(f), there is a seasonal closure for Gulf gray triggerfish at the beginning of each fishing year from January 1 through the end of February; therefore, after the closure implemented by this temporary rule is effective on May 11, 2019, the recreational harvest or possession of Gulf gray triggerfish will not again be allowed until March 1, 2020.

Classification
The Regional Administrator for the NMFS Southeast Region has determined this temporary rule is necessary for the conservation and management of Gulf gray triggerfish and is consistent with the Magnuson-Stevens Act and other applicable laws.

This action is taken under 50 CFR 622.41(b)(2)(i) and is exempt from review under Executive Order 12866.

These measures are exempt from the procedures of the Regulatory Flexibility Act because the temporary rule is issued without opportunity for prior notice and comment.

This action responds to the best scientific information available. The