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§ 22.80 [Amended]

- 71. Amend newly redesignated § 22.80 in paragraph (b) introductory text by removing the number “22.3” and adding in its place the number “22.6”.

§ 22.85 [Amended]

- 72. Amend newly redesignated § 22.85 by:
 - a. In paragraph (b)(8) introductory text, removing the number “22.26(c)(1)(iii)” and adding in its place the number “22.80(c)(1)(iii)”;
 - b. In paragraph (c)(1), by removing “(<http://www.fws.gov/permits/mbpermits/addresses.html>)”; and
 - c. In paragraph (e)(6)(iv), removing the number “22.25” and adding in its place the number “22.75”.

§ 22.90 [Amended]

- 73. Amend newly redesignated § 22.90 in paragraphs (a) and (b) by removing the number “22.26” and adding in its place the number “22.80”.

§ 22.100 [Transferred to Subpart D]

- 74. Amend newly redesignated § 22.100 by:
 - a. Transferring it from subpart C to subpart D; and
 - b. Revising the section heading.

The revision reads as follows:

§ 22.100 Eagle depredation permits.

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Subpart D—Provisions for Depredating Eagles

- 75. Revise the heading of subpart D to read as set forth above.

§§ 22.31 and 22.32 [Redesignated as §§ 22.120 and 22.122]

- 76. Redesignate §§ 22.31 and 22.32 as §§ 22.120 and 22.122, respectively.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

50 CFR Part 217

[Docket No. 211208-0254]

RIN 0648-BK69

Takes of Marine Mammals Incidental to Specified Activities; Taking Marine Mammals Incidental to U.S. Navy Construction at Naval Station Newport in Newport, Rhode Island

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

ACTION: Final rule; correction.

SUMMARY: On December 15, 2021, NOAA published a rule governing the take of marine mammals incidental to U.S. Navy (Navy) construction at Naval Station Newport in Newport, Rhode Island. The rule contained a systematic section numbering error in the regulatory text. This document corrects the section numbers to the added subpart.

DATES: Effective May 15, 2022 through May 14, 2027.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Stephanie Egger, 301-427-8401.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This document contains corrections to the regulatory text to the final regulations published on December 15, 2021, governing the take of marine mammals incidental to the Navy construction at Naval Station Newport in Newport, Rhode Island. This action is necessary to correct an error in where regulatory text where the section numbers were mislabeled in the **Federal Register**.

Correction

■ In FR Rule Doc. No. 2021-27133, published December 15, 2021, at 86 FR 71162, the section numbers for added subpart R are corrected from §§ 217.70 through 217.79 to §§ 217.170 through 217.179. In the following table, on pages 71178 through 71180, remove the section number indicated in the left column from wherever it appears in the regulatory text and add in its place the section number indicated in the right column:

| Remove | Add |
|--------|---------|
| 217.70 | 217.170 |
| 217.71 | 217.171 |
| 217.72 | 217.172 |
| 217.73 | 217.173 |
| 217.74 | 217.174 |

| Remove | Add |
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| 217.75 | 217.175 |
| 217.76 | 217.176 |
| 217.77 | 217.177 |
| 217.78 | 217.178 |
| 217.79 | 217.179 |

Dated: January 4, 2022.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

50 CFR Part 300

[Docket No. 210603-0121; RTID 0648-XB661]

International Fisheries; Western and Central Pacific Fisheries for Highly Migratory Species; Extension of Emergency Decisions of the Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission

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

ACTION: Temporary specifications.

SUMMARY: NMFS is extending the effective date of temporary specifications that implement three short-notice decisions of the Commission on the Conservation and Management of Highly Migratory Fish Stocks in the Western and Central Pacific Ocean (Commission or WCPFC). NMFS issued temporary specifications on June 11, 2021, to implement short-notice WCPFC decisions regarding purse seine observer coverage, purse seine transshipments at sea, and transhipment observer coverage. NMFS is extending the effective date of those temporary specifications until April 14, 2022. NMFS is undertaking this action under the authority of the Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Convention Implementation Act (WCPFC Implementation Act) to satisfy the obligations of the United States as a Contracting Party to the Convention on the Conservation and Management of Highly Migratory Fish Stocks in the Western and Central Pacific Ocean (Convention).

DATES: The temporary specifications are in effect from January 7, 2022, until April 14, 2022.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Rini Ghosh, NMFS Pacific Islands Regional Office, 808-725-5033.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under authority of the WCPFC Implementation Act (16 U.S.C. 6901 *et seq.*), NMFS published an interim final rule that established a framework to implement short-notice WCPFC decisions. NMFS simultaneously issued temporary specifications to implement three short-notice WCPFC decisions until September 14, 2021. Additional background information on the Commission, the Convention, the interim final rule, and temporary specifications, is available in the **Federal Register** document that includes the interim final rule and temporary specifications (86 FR 31178; June 11, 2021). Pursuant to a WCPFC decision, NMFS extended the effective date of the temporary specifications until January 13, 2022 (86 FR 48916; September 1, 2021).

WCPFC Emergency Decisions and NMFS Implementation

On April 8, 2020, in response to the international concerns over the health of observers and vessel crews due to COVID-19, the Commission made an intersessional decision to suspend the requirements for observer coverage on purse seine vessels on fishing trips in the Convention Area through May 31, 2020. The Commission subsequently extended that decision several times, and the current extension is effective until March 15, 2022.

On April 20, 2020, in response to the international concerns over the health of vessel crews and port officials due to COVID-19, the Commission made an intersessional decision to modify the prohibition on at-sea transshipment for purse seine vessels as follows—purse seine vessels can conduct at-sea transshipment in an area under the jurisdiction of a port State, if transshipment in port cannot be conducted, in accordance with the domestic laws and regulations of the port State. The Commission subsequently extended that decision and the current extension is effective until March 15, 2022. NMFS waived the requirement under 50 CFR 300.216(b)(1) by temporary specification until January 13, 2022.

On May 13, 2020, in response to the international concerns over the health of observers and vessel crews due to COVID-19, the Commission made an intersessional decision to suspend the requirements for observer coverage for at-sea transshipments. The Commission subsequently extended that decision and the current extension is effective

until March 15, 2022. NMFS waived the requirements under 50 CFR 300.215(d) and 50 CFR 300.216(b)(2) by temporary specification until January 13, 2022.

Extension of Temporary Specifications

NMFS is using the framework as set forth at 50 CFR 300.228 to extend the effective date of the temporary specifications implementing the three recent WCPFC intersessional decisions (WCPFC decisions dated April 8, 2020, April 20, 2020, and May 13, 2020), described above, that are in effect until March 15, 2022. The regulations to implement short-notice WCPFC decisions at 50 CFR 300.228 provide that temporary specifications to implement such short-notice decisions will remain in effect no longer than 30 days after the expiration of the underlying Commission decision.

Accordingly, the requirements of the following regulations are waived. Such waiver shall remain in effect until April 14, 2022, unless NMFS earlier rescinds or extends this waiver by publication in the **Federal Register**:

- 50 CFR 300.223(e)(1). During the term of this waiver, U.S. purse seine vessels are not required to carry WCPFC observers¹ on all fishing trips in the Convention Area. However, the regulations at 50 CFR 300.215(c)(1) that require all vessels with WCPFC Area Endorsements or for which WCPFC Area Endorsements are required to carry WCPFC observers when directed by NMFS remain in effect;

- 50 CFR 300.216(b)(1). During the term of this waiver, U.S. purse seine fishing vessels are not prohibited from at-sea transshipment conducted within the national waters of the coastal state, in accordance with applicable national laws. Transshipment on the high seas remains prohibited; and

- 50 CFR 300.216(b)(2) and 50 CFR 300.215(d). During the term of this waiver, owners and operators of U.S. commercial fishing vessels fishing for highly migratory species in the Convention Area are not prohibited from at-sea transshipment without a WCPFC observer on board the offloading or receiving vessel.

¹ A WCPFC Observer means a person authorized by the Commission in accordance with any procedures established by the Commission to undertake vessel observer duties as part of the Commission's Regional Observer Programme, including an observer deployed as part of a NMFS-administered observer program or as part of another national or sub-regional observer program, provided that such program is authorized by the Commission to be part of the Commission's Regional Observer Programme. See 50 CFR 300.211.

Classification

NMFS issues this action pursuant to the WCPFC Implementation Act and the regulations at 50 CFR 300.228. This action is exempt from review under Executive Order 12866.

There is good cause under 5 U.S.C. 553(b)(B) to waive prior notice and the opportunity for public comment on the interim final rule and temporary measures included in this action, because prior notice and the opportunity for public comment is unnecessary and would be contrary to the public interest. Opportunity for public comment is unnecessary because the regulations establishing the framework and providing notice of the Commission's decisions described above have already been subject to notice and public comment, and all that remains is to notify the public of the extension of those Commission decisions. NMFS will be responding to public comments received on the framework and those Commission decisions in a separate rule. In addition, the opportunity for public comment is unnecessary because the extensions of effective date of three short-notice WCPFC decisions have already gone into effect and as a contracting party to the Convention, NMFS is obligated to carry out those extensions.

For the reasons articulated above, there is also good cause under 5 U.S.C. 553(d)(3) to waive the 30-day delay in effective dates for the temporary measures.

Authority: 16 U.S.C. 6901 *et seq.*

Dated: January 4, 2022.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

50 CFR Part 622

[Docket No. 140819687-5583-02; RTID 0648-XB688]

Coastal Migratory Pelagic Resources of the Gulf of Mexico and Atlantic Region; 2021–2022 Commercial Closure for Spanish Mackerel in the Atlantic Southern Zone; Correction

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