

(e) Use lists and tables wherever possible.

If you feel that we have not met these requirements, send us comments by one of the methods listed in the **ADDRESSES** section. To better help us revise the rule, your comments should be as specific as possible. For example, you should tell us the names of the sections or paragraphs that are unclearly written, which sections or sentences are too long, the sections where you feel lists or tables would be useful, etc.

National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)

We have determined that environmental assessments and environmental impact statements, as defined under the authority of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.), need not be prepared in connection with regulations adopted under section 4(a)

of the Act. We published a notice outlining our reasons for this determination in the **Federal Register** on October 25, 1983 (48 FR 49244).

References Cited

A complete list of all references cited in this proposed rule is available on the Internet at <http://www.regulations.gov> or upon request from the Branch of Foreign Species, Endangered Species Program, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

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List of Subjects in 50 CFR Part 17

Endangered and threatened species, Exports, Imports, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Transportation.

Proposed Regulation Promulgation

Accordingly, we propose to amend part 17, subchapter B of chapter I, title 50 of the Code of Federal Regulations, as set forth below:

PART 17—[AMENDED]

- 1. The authority citation for part 17 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 16 U.S.C. 1361–1407; 16 U.S.C. 1531–1544; 16 U.S.C. 4201–4245; Pub. L. 99-625, 100 Stat. 3500; unless otherwise noted.

- 2. Amend § 17.11(h) by adding a new entry for “Macaw, blue-throated” in alphabetical order under BIRDS to the List of Endangered and Threatened Wildlife to read as follows:

§ 17.11 Endangered and threatened wildlife.

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Species		Historic range	Vertebrate population where endangered or threatened	Status	When listed	Critical habitat	Special rules
Common name	Scientific name						
*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
BIRDS							
*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Macaw, blue-throated.	<i>Ara glaucogularis</i>	Bolivia	Entire	E	NA	NA
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Dated: December 31, 2012.

Rowan W. Gould,
Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

50 CFR Part 648

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Magnuson-Stevens Act Provisions; Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Northeast Multispecies Fishery; Proposed Rule To Implement a Targeted Acadian Redfish Fishery for Sector Vessels; Reopening of Comment Period

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and

Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Proposed rule; correction and reopening of comment period.

SUMMARY: This action reopens the comment period for an Acadian redfish-related proposed rule that published on November 8, 2012. The original comment period closed on November 23, 2012. This action clarifies a bycatch threshold incorrectly explained in the proposed rule. The public comment period is being reopened to solicit additional public comment on this correction.

DATES: The comment period for the proposed rule published November 8, 2012 (77 FR 66947), is reopened. Written comments must be received on or before January 22, 2013.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments on this document, identified by NOAA-NMFS-2012-0183, by any one of the following methods:

- **Electronic Submissions:** Submit all electronic public comments via the Federal e-Rulemaking Portal. Go to www.regulations.gov

#!docketDetail;D=NOAA-NMFS-2012-0183, click the “Comment Now!” icon, complete the required fields, and enter or attach your comments.

• **Fax:** (978) 281-9135, Attn: William Whitmore.

• **Mail:** Paper, disk, or CD-ROM comments should be sent to John K. Bullard, Regional Administrator, National Marine Fisheries Service, 55 Great Republic Drive, Gloucester, MA 01930. Mark the outside of the envelope: “Comments on Redfish Rule.”

Instructions: Comments sent by any other method, to any other address or individual, or received after the end of the comment period, may not be considered by NMFS. All comments received are a part of the public record and will generally be posted for public viewing on www.regulations.gov without change. All personal identifying information (e.g., name, address, etc.), confidential business information, or otherwise sensitive information submitted voluntarily by the sender will be publicly accessible. NMFS will accept anonymous comments (enter “N/A” in the required fields if you wish to

remain anonymous). Attachments to electronic comments will be accepted in Microsoft Word, Excel, or Adobe PDF file formats only.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
William Whitmore, Fisheries Policy Analyst, phone (978) 281-9182, fax (978) 281-9135.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: A proposed rule published on November 8, 2012 (77 FR 66947) that would implement addenda to fishing year (FY) 2012 Northeast (NE) multispecies sector operations plans and contracts to add additional exemptions from Federal fishing regulations for FY 2012 sectors. Specifically, the action would expand on a previously approved sector exemption by allowing groundfish sector trawl vessels to target redfish using nets with codend mesh as small as 4.5 inches (11.4 cm). In addition, the action proposed to implement an industry-funded at-sea monitoring program for sector trips targeting redfish with trawl nets with mesh sizes that are

less than the regulated mesh size requirement.

The proposed rule published in the **Federal Register** with a 15-day comment period that closed on November 23, 2012. At the request of the New England Fishery Management Council (Council) and industry, we extended the comment period through December 31, 2012.

After further review of the proposed rule, it was found that one of the threshold measures was incorrectly explained. The proposed rule included a bycatch threshold to help mitigate catches of sub-legal sized groundfish. The rule proposed that "total groundfish discards (excluding redfish discards), may not exceed 5 percent of all groundfish caught when directing on redfish with small mesh nets." This is incorrect. The bycatch threshold would account for total regulated groundfish discards, including redfish discards. This is how the threshold was explained and analyzed in the supplemental environmental assessment. Further, a

December 19, 2012, presentation on the exemption to the Council's Groundfish Committee also explained the threshold as including redfish discards. To clarify, the incorrect language would be replaced with "Additionally, to help mitigate catches of sub-legal sized groundfish, total groundfish discards (including redfish discards), may not exceed 5 percent of all groundfish caught when directing on redfish with small-mesh nets."

Because the language in the proposed rule is exactly opposite of what was intended, we are reopening the public comment period for 15 days to allow for additional public comment specifically on the correction to the proposed rule.

Dated: January 4, 2013.

Alan D. Risenhoover,
Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, performing the functions and duties of the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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