

TABLE 1—EPA APPROVED NORTH CAROLINA REGULATIONS—Continued

State citation	Title/subject	State effective date	EPA approval date	Explanation
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GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION	DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE			
48 CFR Part 522	National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration			
	50 CFR Part 216			
	[Docket No. 080310408–81008–02]			
	RIN 0648–AW55			
	Marine Mammals; Subsistence Taking of Northern Fur Seals; Harvest Estimates			
	AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.			
	ACTION: Final estimates of annual fur seal subsistence needs.			
	SUMMARY: Pursuant to the regulations governing the subsistence taking of northern fur seals, NMFS is publishing the annual fur seal subsistence harvests on St. George and St. Paul Islands (the Pribilof Islands) for 2005 to 2007, and the annual estimates for the fur seal subsistence needs for 2008 through 2010. NMFS estimates the annual subsistence needs are 1,645–2,000 seals on St. Paul and 300–500 seals on St. George.			
	DATES: Effective September 22, 2008.			
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	SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:			
	Electronic Access			
	A Final Environmental Impact Statement is available on the Internet at the following address: http://www.fakr.noaa.gov/protectedresources/seals/fur.htm .			
	The subsistence harvest from the depleted stock of northern fur seals on the Pribilof Islands, AK, is governed by regulations found in 50 CFR part 216, subpart F, Taking for Subsistence Purposes. The regulations require NMFS to publish every 3 years a summary of the harvest in the preceding 3 years and a discussion of the number of fur seals expected to be taken over the next 3 years to satisfy the subsistence			
	requirements of residents of the Pribilof Islands (St. Paul and St. George). After a 30-day comment period, NMFS must publish a final notification of the expected annual harvest levels for the next 3 years.			
	On June 3, 2008 (73 FR 31666), NMFS published the summary of the 2005–2007 fur seal harvests and provided a 30-day comment period on proposed estimates of subsistence needs for 2008–2010. One comment letter was received on the proposed estimates. The letter identified one substantive point: The northern fur seal harvest is unnecessary. NMFS responds that the harvest of northern fur seals meets the dietary and cultural needs of the Pribilof Island Alaska Native residents (Pribilovians). The harvest is authorized by the Fur Seal Act and the Marine Mammal Protection Act and continues a tradition as reported in numerous government documents dating back to the late 1800s. NMFS estimates the annual subsistence needs are 1,645–2,000 juvenile male fur seals on St. Paul and 300–500 juvenile male fur seals on St. George. Background information related to these estimates was included in the proposed harvest estimates published in the Federal Register on June 3, 2008.			
	Classification			
	<i>National Environmental Policy Act</i>			
	NMFS prepared an EIS evaluating the impacts on the human environment of the subsistence harvest on northern fur seals. The final EIS is available on the Internet (see Electronic Access).			
	<i>Executive Order 12866 and Regulatory Flexibility Act</i>			
	This action has been determined to be not significant under Executive Order (E.O.) 12866. The Chief Counsel for Regulation, Department of Commerce, certified to the Chief Counsel for Advocacy of the Small Business Administration at the proposed rule stage that this action would not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities. Because the harvest of northern fur seals on the Pribilof Islands, AK, is for subsistence purposes only, the estimate of subsistence need would not have an economic effect on any small entities.			
	Correction			
	In the final rule document appearing in the issue of August 8, 2008:			
	1. On page 46202, second column, last paragraph under “Background,” remove “deleted in its entirety because of its potential for conflict” and add “revised to ensure consistency” in its place.			
	Dated: August 18, 2008.			
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	<i>Acting Director, Regulatory Secretariat.</i>			
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