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information, contact Chris Hoidal or Rodrick Seeley, Director, Southwest Regional Office, by email at chris.hoidal@dot.gov or rodrick.m.seeley@dot.gov, respectively.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Meeting Details and Agenda

PHMSA is holding a public meeting to assist with the implementation process for the gas transmission final rule, 84 FR 52180, and hazardous liquid pipeline final rule, 84 FR 52260, that were published in the **Federal Register** on October 1, 2019. PHMSA will provide an overview of the regulations, key regulatory milestones, and regulatory expectations to demonstrate compliance.¹ PHMSA will also discuss the benefits of pipeline operators developing an effective safety culture, including safety management systems. PHMSA will solicit and discuss how operators may further control safety risks in operations by taking into account the operator's specific organizational structures and processes related to safety of operations, including compliance with new and existing regulations.

As part of the implementation process, PHMSA has developed draft FAQs for the new regulations. PHMSA subject matter experts on the two rules will lead a discussion on the FAQs and proposed answers. PHMSA will solicit additional FAQ topics on regulatory requirements from operators, regulators, and the public. The FAQs are intended to assist in the implementation of these final rules by providing clarification, guidance, information sources, and affirmation to operators as they strive to comply with new safety regulations. PHMSA has included the initial set of draft FAQs for the meeting in Docket No. PHMSA-2019-0225, and encourages the public to submit comments on the draft FAQs.

PHMSA intends for the public comments to help identify key areas where additional clarifying information is necessary for operators and the general public and to prioritize addressing those areas.

The final meeting agenda, presentations, clarifying statements, and FAQs will be published on a publicly

¹ The American Gas Association, American Petroleum Institute, American Public Gas Association, and Interstate Natural Gas Association of America submitted a joint petition for reconsideration of the gas transmission final rule on October 31, 2019. A copy of the petition is available for review at <https://www.regulations.gov/document?D=PHMSA-2011-0023-0472>. The petition for reconsideration is currently under review by PHMSA; therefore, PHMSA does not intend to address the issues raised by the petition in the draft FAQs or at this meeting.

available DOT website at <https://primis.phmsa.dot.gov/meetings/MtgHome.mtg?mtg=146>.

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Deputy Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

50 CFR Part 622

[Docket No. 140819687-5583-02]

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Coastal Migratory Pelagic Resources of the Gulf of Mexico and Atlantic Region; 2019-2020 Commercial Trip Limit Reduction for Spanish Mackerel in the Atlantic Southern Zone

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

ACTION: Temporary rule; trip limit reduction.

SUMMARY: NMFS reduces the commercial trip limit of Atlantic migratory group Spanish mackerel in the southern zone of the Atlantic exclusive economic zone (EEZ) to 500 lb (227 kg) in round or gutted weight per day. This commercial trip limit reduction is necessary to maximize the socioeconomic benefits of the fishery.

DATES: This temporary rule is effective from 6 a.m. eastern time on January 29, 2020, until 12:01 a.m. eastern time on March 1, 2020.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mary Vara, NMFS Southeast Regional Office, telephone: 727-824-5305, or email: mary.vara@noaa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The fishery for coastal migratory pelagic fish in the Atlantic includes king mackerel, Spanish mackerel, and cobia on the east coast of Florida, and is managed under the Fishery Management Plan for the Coastal Migratory Pelagic Resources of the Gulf of Mexico and Atlantic Region (FMP). The FMP was prepared by the Gulf of Mexico and South Atlantic Fishery Management Councils and is implemented by NMFS under the authority of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (Magnuson-Stevens Act) by regulations at 50 CFR part 622. All

weights described for the Atlantic migratory group of Spanish mackerel (Atlantic Spanish mackerel) apply as either round or gutted weight.

For management purposes, the commercial sector of Atlantic Spanish mackerel is divided into northern and southern zones. The southern zone consists of Federal waters off South Carolina, Georgia, and the east coast of Florida. The southern zone boundaries for Atlantic Spanish mackerel extend from the border of North Carolina and South Carolina (which is a line extending in a direction of 135°34'55" from true north beginning at 33°51'07.9" N lat. and 78°32'32.6" W long. to the intersection point with the outward boundary of the EEZ) to the border of Miami-Dade and Monroe Counties, Florida (at 25°20'24" N lat).

The southern zone commercial quota for Atlantic Spanish mackerel is 2,667,330 lb (1,209,881 kg). Seasonally variable trip limits are based on an adjusted commercial quota of 2,417,330 lb (1,096,482 kg). The adjusted commercial quota is calculated to allow continued harvest in the southern zone at a set rate for the remainder of the current fishing year, through February 29, 2020, in accordance with regulations at 50 CFR 622.385(b)(2).

NMFS reduced the commercial trip limit for Atlantic Spanish mackerel in or from the southern zone to 1,500 lb (680 kg) on December 24, 2019 (84 FR 70904, December 26, 2019). That temporary rule is effective through end of the fishing year, or until the commercial trip limit is reduced to 500 lb (227 kg) when 100 percent of the adjusted quota is reached or is projected to be reached, whichever occurs first. NMFS has determined that 100 percent of the adjusted commercial quota for Atlantic Spanish mackerel has been reached and is reducing the commercial trip limit. Atlantic Spanish mackerel in or from the southern zone may not be possessed on board or landed from a vessel with a Federal commercial permit for Atlantic Spanish mackerel in amounts exceeding 500 lb (227 kg) per day (50 CFR 622.385(b)(1)(ii)(C)).

The commercial trip limit of 500 lb (227 kg) per day applies to Atlantic Spanish mackerel in or from the southern zone effective at 6 a.m. eastern time on January 29, 2020, until 12:01 a.m. eastern time on March 1, 2020, unless changed by subsequent notification in the **Federal Register**.

Classification

The Regional Administrator for the NMFS Southeast Region has determined this temporary rule is necessary for the conservation and management of

Atlantic Spanish mackerel and is consistent with the FMP, the Magnuson-Stevens Act, and other applicable laws.

This action is taken under 50 CFR 622.385(b)(1)(ii)(C) 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 opportunity for comment.

This action responds to the best scientific information available. The Assistant Administrator for NOAA Fisheries (AA) finds that the need to immediately reduce the trip limit for the commercial sector for Atlantic Spanish mackerel constitutes good cause to waive the requirements to provide prior notice and the opportunity for public comment pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 553(b)(B) as such procedures are unnecessary and contrary to the public interest. Such procedures are unnecessary because the rules implementing the commercial quotas and trip limits have already been subject to notice and comment, and all that remains is to notify the public of the trip limit reduction.

Prior notice and opportunity for public comment is contrary to the public interest, because any delay in the trip limit reduction of the commercial harvest could result in the commercial quota being exceeded. There is a need to immediately implement this action to protect the Atlantic Spanish mackerel resource, because the capacity of the fishing fleet allows for rapid harvest of the commercial quota. Prior notice and opportunity for public comment would require additional time and could potentially result in a harvest well in excess of the established commercial quota.

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

Authority: 16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*

Dated: January 24, 2020.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

50 CFR Part 679

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Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Reallocation of Pollock in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands

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

ACTION: Temporary rule.

SUMMARY: NMFS is reallocating the projected unused amounts of the Community Development Quota (CDQ) pollock directed fishing allowance (DFA) from the Aleutian Islands subarea to the Bering Sea subarea. This action is necessary to provide opportunity for harvest of the 2020 total allowable catch of pollock, consistent with the goals and objectives of the Fishery Management Plan for Groundfish of the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area (BSAI).

DATES: Effective 1200 hrs, Alaska local time (A.l.t.), January 29, 2020, until the effective date of the final 2020 and 2021 harvest specifications for BSAI groundfish, unless otherwise modified or superseded through publication of a notification in the **Federal Register**.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Steve Whitney, 907-586-7228.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: NMFS manages the groundfish fishery in the BSAI exclusive economic zone according to the Fishery Management Plan for Groundfish of the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area (FMP) prepared by the North Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) under authority of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act. Regulations governing fishing by U.S. vessels in accordance with the FMP appear at subpart H of 50 CFR part 600 and 50 CFR part 679.

In the Aleutian Islands subarea, the portion of the 2020 pollock total allowable catch (TAC) allocated to the CDQ DFA is 1,900 mt as established by the final 2019 and 2020 harvest specifications for groundfish in the BSAI (84 FR 9000, March 13, 2019), and as adjusted by an inseason adjustment (85 FR 19, January 2, 2020).

As of January 15, 2020, the Administrator, Alaska Region, NMFS, (Regional Administrator) has