

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

40 CFR Part 271

[EPA-R06—RCRA-2006-0914; FRL-8241-4]

Louisiana: Final Authorization of State Hazardous Waste Management Program Revisions

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: The State of Louisiana has applied to EPA for Final authorization of the changes to its hazardous waste program under the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA). EPA proposes to grant Final authorization to the State of Louisiana. In the "Rules and Regulations" section of this **Federal Register**, EPA is authorizing the changes by an immediate final rule. EPA did not make a proposal prior to the immediate final rule because we believe this action is not controversial and do not expect comments that oppose it. We have explained the reasons for this authorization in the preamble to the immediate final rule. Unless we get written comments which oppose this authorization during the comment period, the immediate final rule will become effective on the date it establishes, and we will not take further action on this proposal. If we receive comments that oppose this action, we will withdraw the immediate final rule and it will not take effect. We will then respond to public comments in a later final rule based on this proposal. You may not have another opportunity for comment. If you want to comment on this action, you must do so at this time.

DATES: Send your written comments by December 13, 2006.

ADDRESSES: Send written comments to Alima Patterson, Region 6, Regional Authorization Coordinator, (6PD-O), Multimedia Planning and Permitting Division, at the address shown below. You can examine copies of the materials submitted by the State of Louisiana during normal business hours at the following locations: EPA Region 6, 1445 Ross Avenue, Dallas, Texas 75202-2733, phone number (214) 665-6444; or Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality, 602 N. Fifth Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70884-2178, phone number (225) 219-3559. Comments may also be submitted electronically or through hand delivery/courier; please follow the detailed instructions in the **ADDRESSES** section of the immediate

final rule which is located in the Rules section of this **Federal Register**.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Alima Patterson, (214) 665-8533.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: For additional information, please see the immediate final rule published in the "Rules and Regulations" section of this **Federal Register**.

Dated: September 26, 2006.

Richard E. Greene,

Acting Regional Administrator, Region 6.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

50 CFR Part 635

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Atlantic Highly Migratory Species; Atlantic Commercial Shark Management Measures

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

ACTION: Proposed rule; extension of comment period.

SUMMARY: This action extends the comment period for an October 5, 2006, proposed rule regarding the first 2007 fishing season for Atlantic sharks to November 17, 2006. This extension is due to late dealer reports that significantly changed landings estimates of large and small coastal sharks during the first trimester of 2006. This action releases the revised landings estimates.

DATES: The deadline for written comments on the October 5, 2006 (71 FR 58778), proposed rule has been extended from November 13 to no later than 5 p.m. on November 17, 2006.

ADDRESSES: Written comments on the proposed rule may be submitted to Michael Clark, Highly Migratory Species Management Division via:

- *E-mail:* SF1.091106B@noaa.gov.
- *Mail:* 1315 East-West Highway,

Silver Spring, MD 20910. Please mark on the outside of the envelope "Comments on Proposed Rule for 2007 1st Trimester Season Lengths and Quotas".

- *Fax:* 301-713-1917.

• *Federal e-Rulemaking Portal:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. Include in the subject line the following identifier: "I.D. 091106B".

Copies of the associated draft Environmental Assessment (EA) and other relevant documents are available on the Highly Migratory Species Management Division's Web site at <http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/sfa/hms> or by contacting Michael Clark (see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Michael Clark or Karyl Brewster-Geisz by phone: 301-713-2347 or by fax: 301-713-1917.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Atlantic shark fishery is managed under the authority of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (Magnuson-Stevens Act). NMFS recently finalized a Consolidated Highly Migratory Species Fishery Management Plan (HMS FMP) that consolidated and replaced previous FMPs for Atlantic Billfish and Atlantic Tunas, Swordfish, and Sharks (October 2, 2006; 71 FR 58058). The HMS FMP is implemented by regulations at 50 CFR part 635.

On October 5, 2006, NMFS published a proposed rule (71 FR 58778) that requested comments on the draft EA and scheduled three public hearings throughout October 2006 to receive comments from fishery participants and other members of the public regarding the first 2007 fishing season for Atlantic sharks. On October 20, 2006, NMFS was notified that the Southeast Fishery Science Center (SEFSC) had not received all of the dealer reports for the 2006 first trimester, and that some landings had not been accounted for in the proposed rule or in previously released landing updates. Based on late dealer reports that had the potential to change landings estimates of large and small coastal sharks in the Gulf of Mexico and South Atlantic during the first trimester of 2006, NMFS notified the public (71 FR 64213; November 1, 2006) that NMFS was receiving late landing reports and extended the comment period from November 1, 2006, to 5 p.m. on November 13, 2006.

Since October 20, NMFS has been working to ensure that revised estimates are accurate; however, some dealers still have not reported. Due to the additional landing reports received by SEFSC, total landings of LSC and small coastal sharks (SCS) in the GOM and South Atlantic have increased. Revised landings from reports received as of November 6, 2006, are summarized in Table 1. A side-by-side comparison of the landings published in the proposed rule (71 FR 58778; October 5, 2006) and the revised estimates received from NMFS Southeast Fisheries Science Center (SEFSC) on November 6, 2006 are presented in Table 2.

TABLE 1.—REVISED LANDING ESTIMATES FOR THE 2006 FIRST TRIMESTER SEASON FROM THE PELAGIC DEALER COMPLIANCE (PDC) AND THE AUTOMATED LANDINGS REPORTING SYSTEM (ALS)

Species groups	Region	Season closure date	2006 1st Season quota (mt dw)	Estimated landings (mt Dw)	Percent quota taken
Large Coastal Sharks	Gulf of Mexico	CLOSED April 15	222.8	336.6	151.1
	South Atlantic	CLOSED March 15	141.3	393.1	278.2
	North Atlantic	CLOSED April 30	5.3	0.2	3.8
Small Coastal Sharks	Gulf of Mexico		14.8	78.0	527
	South Atlantic	CLOSED April 30	284.6	44.5	15.6
	North Atlantic		18.7	0.0	0
Blue Sharks			91.0	0.04	0
Porbeagle Sharks	No Regional Quotas	CLOSED April 30	30.7	0.5	1.5
Other Pelagics			162.7	19.9	12.2

TABLE 2.—A COMPARISON OF LCS AND SCS LANDINGS PUBLISHED IN THE OCTOBER 5, 2006 PROPOSED RULE AND THE REVISED LANDINGS ESTIMATES RECEIVED NOVEMBER 6, 2006

Species groups	Region	2006 1st Season quota (mt dw)	Landings in proposed rule (mt dw)	Revised landings as of 11/6/06 (mt dw)	Under (+) and over (–) harvest in proposed rule (mt dw)	Revised under (+) and over (–) harvest as of 11/6/06 (mt dw)
Large Coastal Sharks (LCS)	Gulf of Mexico	222.8	103.1	336.6	119.7	– 113.8
	South Atlantic	141.3	326.1	393.1	– 184.3	– 251.8
	North Atlantic	5.3	0.3	0.2	5.0	5.1
Small Coastal Sharks (SCS)	Gulf of Mexico	14.8	5.0	78.0	9.8	– 63.2
	South Atlantic	284.6	42.1	44.5	242.5	240.1
	North Atlantic	18.7	0.1	0.0	18.6	18.7

NMFS is currently considering options to address the overharvest of LCS and SCS in the GOM, and is reviewing options for the South Atlantic as outlined in the proposed rule (71 FR 58778). In order to provide opportunity for public constituents to review the

revised landings and provide comment, NMFS is extending the public comment period on the proposed rule and draft EA to 5 p.m., November 17, 2006.

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

Dated: November 7, 2006.

James Burgess,

Acting Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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