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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

49 CFR Parts 567, 571, 574 and 575

[Docket No. NHTSA-00-8011]

RIN 2127-AI54

Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards; Tires

AGENCY: National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), Department of Transportation.

ACTION: Extension of comment period.

SUMMARY: NHTSA has received a petition asking the agency to extend the comment period for its proposal to establish new and more stringent tire performance requirements in a new Federal motor vehicle safety standard. The standard would apply to all new tires for use on vehicles with a gross vehicle weight rating of 10,000 pounds or less. In the proposal, NHTSA established a deadline for the submission of written comments of May 6, 2002. In light of that petition and the need to ensure that all interested parties have a sufficient amount of time to fully develop their comments, the agency is extending the deadline for the submission of written comments.

DATES: Written comments must be received by June 5, 2002.

ADDRESSES: You may submit your comments in writing to: Docket Management, Room PL-401, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC, 20590. Alternatively, you may submit your comments electronically by logging onto the Docket Management System website at <http://dms.dot.gov>. Click on "Help & Information" or "Help/Info" to view instructions for filing your comments electronically. Regardless of how you submit your comments, you should mention the docket number of this document.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

For technical and policy issues: Mr. George Soodoo or Mr. Joseph Scott, Office of Crash Avoidance Standards, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC, 20590.

Telephone: (202) 366-2720. Fax: (202) 366-4329.

For legal issues: Nancy Bell, Attorney Advisor, Office of the Chief Counsel, NCC-20, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 400 Seventh Street, SW, Washington, DC, 20590. Telephone: (202) 366-2992. Fax: (202) 366-3820.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The agency issued the notice of proposed rulemaking pursuant to the Transportation Recall Enhancement, Accountability, and Documentation (TREAD) Act, Pub. L. 106-414. The NPRM was published on Tuesday, March 5, 2002 (67 FR 10050). Section 10 of the Act directs the Secretary of Transportation to conduct a rulemaking to revise and update the tire safety standards published at 49 CFR 571.109 and 571.119, and to complete the rulemaking, i.e., issue a final rule, by June 1, 2002.

The Rubber Manufacturers Association, which represents manufacturers of finished rubber products, including tire manufacturers, has petitioned for an extension of the comment period on the notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM). RMA said that it was requesting an extension so that it can complete the testing contemplated in a test matrix it has designed to generate data that will enable it to analyze tire temperature as a function of load, inflation pressure and speed relationships and so that it can then evaluate the results of that testing. The RMA's petition and its test matrix have been submitted to the above-mentioned docket.

In considering the extension request, NHTSA weighed the statutory deadline, the complexity and importance of this rulemaking, and the basis for the request. The agency does not wish to inhibit the ability of any party to fully develop useful technical information and seeks to provide additional time for all interested parties to prepare and submit useful information. Consequently, NHTSA believes that it is in the best interest of all parties involved to extend the period for the submission of written comments in this proceeding to June 5, 2002.

However, given the statutory deadline, NHTSA wishes to note that it does not anticipate granting any further extensions of the comment period in this proceeding. Please note also that the agency will consider comments submitted after June 5, 2002, only to the extent that it is possible to do so without causing additional expense or delay.

Issued: April 23, 2002.

Stephen R. Kratzke,

Associate Administrator for Safety Performance Standards.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

50 CFR Part 600

[I.D. 041802D]

Magnuson-Stevens Act Provisions; General Provisions for Domestic Fisheries; Applications for Exempted Fishing Permits (EFPs)

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

ACTION: Notification of a proposal for EFPs to conduct experimental fishing; request for comments.

SUMMARY: NMFS has made a preliminary determination that an application to issue an EFP to one vessel submitted by the Mount Desert Oceanarium of Southwest Harbor, ME contains all the information required by the regulations governing exempted experimental fishing under the provisions of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (Magnuson-Stevens Act) and warrants further consideration.

The exemption would allow one fishing vessel to fish for, retain and land small numbers of regulated multispecies, monkfish, spiny dogfish, and several unmanaged species for the purpose of public display. NMFS has made a preliminary determination that the activities authorized under this EFP would be consistent with the goals and objectives of the Fishery Management Plans (FMPs) for these species. However, further review and consultation may be necessary before a final determination is made to issue an EFP. Therefore, NMFS announces that it intends to issue an EFP that would allow one vessel to conduct fishing operations otherwise restricted by the regulations governing fisheries of the northeastern United States.

Regulations under the Magnuson-Stevens Act require publication of this notification to provide interested parties the opportunity to comment on applications for proposed EFPs (see 50 CFR 600.745).

DATES: Comments on this notification must be received at the appropriate

address or fax number (see **ADDRESSES**) on or before May 14, 2002.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be sent to Patricia Kurkul, Regional Administrator, NMFS, Northeast Regional Office, 1 Blackburn Drive, Gloucester, MA 01930. Mark on the outside of the envelope "Comments on Exempted Fishing Permit Application."

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Myles Raizin, Fishery Policy Analyst, 978-281-9104.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Mount Desert Oceanarium of Southwest Harbor, ME submitted an application for an EFP on March 11, 2002 to collect several species of fish for public display. The target species would include winter flounder (blackbacks), witch flounder (dabs), yellowtail flounder, American plaice (grey sole), Atlantic halibut, monkfish, eel pouts, sculpins, sea ravens, Atlantic cod, wolffish, spiny dogfish, little skate, barndoor skate, and various species of the Phyla Arthropoda (not including lobsters) and several species of Echinodermata.

A single chartered vessel would use a shrimp trawl with 2-inch (5.08-cm) mesh to collect marine fish over a 3-day period from May 7, 2002, through May 27, 2002. The specimens would be cared for in chilled and aerated seawater while on board the fishing vessel and would be transferred live to tanks the day they are caught. They would then be brought to shore, maintained in tanks for public display for a period of time not to exceed 5 months and returned to the sea in October 2002.

Collection would be made using a 2-inch (5.08-cm) mesh shrimp net within the Small Mesh Northern Shrimp Fishery Exemption Area (Area) off Maine. Since the shrimp fishery would be closed at the time of collection, an exemption from the Northeast multispecies minimum mesh regulation of 6-inch (15.24-cm) diamond/6.5-inch (16.51-cm) square mesh at 50 CFR 648.80(a)(2) for vessels operating in the Area would be required. If the target species cannot be located in the Area, an exemption from the Northeast multispecies minimum mesh regulation of 6-inch (15.24-cm) diamond/6.5-inch (16.51-cm) square mesh at 50 CFR 648.80(a)(2) would be required to allow collection farther east and southeast in portions of the Gulf of Maine/Georges Bank Regulated Mesh Area.

In addition, the applicant has requested exemptions from monkfish and multispecies days-at-sea requirements at 50 CFR 648.92 and 648.82. The target species would include winter flounder (blackbacks),

witch flounder (dabs), yellowtail flounder, American plaice (grey sole), Atlantic halibut, monkfish, eel pouts, sculpins, sea ravens, Atlantic cod, wolffish, spiny dogfish, little skate, barndoor skate, and several species of the Phyla Arthropoda (excluding lobsters) and Echinodermata.

The applicant would retain a maximum of six fish per species, juveniles and adults combined. The applicant has requested exemption from minimum fish sizes and possession limits at 50 CFR 648.83, 648.86, 648.89, 648.93, 648.94 (multispecies and monkfish fisheries), 648.103, 648.105 (summer flounder fishery), 648.124, 648.125 (scup fishery), and 648.143, 648.145 (black sea bass fishery).

Any fishing activity conducted outside the scope of the exempted fishing activity would be prohibited.

Based on the results of this EFP, this action may lead to future rulemaking.

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

Dated: April 23, 2002.

Bruce C. Morehead,

Acting director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

50 CFR Part 635

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Atlantic Highly Migratory Species; Sea Turtle and Whale Protection Measures; Fishing Vessel Permits; Charter Boat Operations

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

ACTION: Notice of public hearings; extension of comment period; request for comments.

SUMMARY: NMFS will hold four public hearings to receive comments from fishery participants and other members of the public on two proposed rules. The first would implement sea turtle and whale protection measures for the bottom longline, pelagic longline, and shark gillnet fisheries for Atlantic highly migratory species (HMS). The comment period on this proposed rule is extended to May 20, 2002, to coincide with the comment period of the supporting Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (DSEIS) issued for the rule.

The second proposed rule would amend the consolidated regulations governing the Atlantic HMS fisheries to define operations and regulations for HMS Charter/Headboats (CHBs), require an Atlantic HMS recreational permit, adjust the timeframe for permit category changes for Atlantic HMS and Atlantic tunas permits, clarify the regulations regarding the retention of Atlantic bluefin tuna (BFT) in the Gulf of Mexico by recreational and HMS CHB vessels, and clarify NMFS' authority to set different BFT recreational fishing retention limits by vessel type (e.g., charter boats, headboats). To accommodate people unable to attend a hearing or wishing to provide written comments, NMFS also solicits written comments on these proposed rules.

DATES: See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for hearing dates and times.

Written comments on the proposed rule implementing protection measures for sea turtles and whales must be received no later than 5 p.m., eastern standard time, on May 20, 2002, which was extended from May 10, 2002.

ADDRESSES: See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for hearing locations.

For copies of the proposed rule implementing protection measures for sea turtles and whales and the DSEIS contact Tyson Kade or Margo Schultze-Haugen at 301-713-2347, or write to Christopher Rogers.

For copies of the proposed rule on CHB and recreational HMS permits, contact Brad Mchale or Pasquale Scida at 978-281-9260.

Written comments on these proposed rules should be sent to Christopher Rogers, Chief, Highly Migratory Species Management Division, Office of Sustainable Fisheries (F/SF1), National Marine Fisheries Service, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910. Comments also may be sent via facsimile (fax) to 301-713-1917. Comments will not be accepted if submitted via e-mail.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Tyson Kade and Margo Schulze-Haugen at 301-713-2347 about the sea turtle and whale protection measures and Brad Mchale and Pasquale Scida at 978-281-9260 about CHB and recreational HMS permits.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The proposed regulations that are the subjects of these hearings are necessary to address requirements of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act and the Endangered Species Act.

A complete description of the sea turtle and whale protection measures and the purpose and need for the