

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Cynthia G. Allen, EPA Region IX, (415) 947-4120.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This proposal addresses the following local rules: AVAPCD 701, ICAPCD 101, and MBUAPCD 415 and 433. In the Rules and Regulations section of this **Federal Register**, we are approving these local rules in a direct final action without prior proposal because we believe these SIP revisions are not controversial. If we receive adverse comments, however, we will publish a timely withdrawal of the direct final rule and address the comments in subsequent action based on this proposed rule. Please note that if we receive adverse comment on an amendment, paragraph, or section of this rule and if that provision may be severed from the remainder of the rule, we may adopt as final those provisions of the rule that are not the subject of an adverse comment.

We do not plan to open a second comment period, so anyone interested in commenting should do so at this time. If we do not receive adverse comments, no further activity is planned. For further information, please see the direct final action.

Dated: December 12, 2002.

**Keith Takata,**

*Acting Regional Administrator, Region IX.*

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

### 40 CFR Parts 52 and 70

[IA 167-1167; FRL-7458-7]

### Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans and Operating Permits Program; State of Iowa

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**ACTION:** Proposed rule.

**SUMMARY:** EPA proposes to approve a revision to the Iowa State Implementation Plan (SIP) and Operating Permits Programs. This revision pertains primarily to the state's construction and operating permits program. This revision will ensure consistency between the state and Federally-approved rules, and ensure Federal enforceability of the state's air program rule revision.

In the final rules section of the **Federal Register**, EPA is approving the state's submittal as a direct final rule without prior proposal because the Agency views this as a noncontroversial

revision amendment and anticipates no relevant adverse comments to this action. A detailed rationale for the approval is set forth in the direct final rule. If no relevant adverse comments are received in response to this action, no further activity is contemplated in relation to this action. If EPA receives relevant adverse comments, the direct final rule will be withdrawn and all public comments received will be addressed in a subsequent final rule based on this proposed action. EPA will not institute a second comment period on this action. Any parties interested in commenting on this action should do so at this time.

**DATES:** Comments on this proposed action must be received in writing by April 7, 2003.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments may be mailed to Wayne Kaiser, Environmental Protection Agency, Air Planning and Development Branch, 901 North 5th Street, Kansas City, Kansas 66101.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Wayne Kaiser at (913) 551-7603.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** See the information provided in the direct final rule which is located in the rules section of the **Federal Register**.

Dated: February 20, 2003.

**James B. Gulliford,**

*Regional Administrator, Region 7.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

#### 50 CFR Part 648

[Docket No. 030225045-3045-01; I.D. 020603A]

**RIN 0648-AQ29**

### Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act Provisions; Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Monkfish Fishery; Framework Adjustment 2

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

**ACTION:** Proposed rule; request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** NMFS proposes regulations to implement Framework Adjustment 2 to the Monkfish Fishery Management Plan (FMP) developed by the New England and Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Councils (Councils). Pursuant to the

Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (Magnuson-Stevens Act) and the FMP, this proposed rule would modify the monkfish overfishing definition reference points and optimum yield (OY) target control rule to be consistent with the most recent stock assessment and other scientific information. This rule also proposes an expedited process for setting annual target total allowable catch (TAC) and a method for adjusting monkfish trip limits and days-at-sea (DAS) allocations to achieve the annual target TACs. Based on this method, this proposed rule would establish a target TAC and corresponding trip limits and DAS allocations for fishing year (FY) 2003. In addition, this proposed rule would eliminate the default measures adopted in the original FMP that would result in elimination of the directed monkfish fishery and reduce incidental catch limits. Finally, this proposed rule would clarify the regulations pertaining to the monkfish area declaration requirements by specifying that vessels intending to fish under either a monkfish, multispecies, or scallop DAS, under the less restrictive measures of the Northern Fishery Management Area (NFMA), declare their intent to fish in the NFMA for a minimum of 30 days.

**DATES:** Public comments must be received on or before March 24, 2003.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments on the proposed rule should be sent to Patricia A. Kurkul, Regional Administrator (RA), Northeast Region, NMFS, One Blackburn Drive, Gloucester, MA 01930-2298. Mark the outside of the envelope "Comments on Monkfish Framework 2." Comments may also be submitted via facsimile (fax) to 978-281-9135. Comments will not be accepted if submitted via e-mail or the Internet.

Copies of Framework Adjustment 2 to the FMP, including the Environmental Assessment (EA), Regulatory Impact Review (RIR), and the Initial Regulatory Flexibility Analysis (IRFA) are available upon request from Paul Howard, Executive Director, New England Fishery Management Council (NEFMC), 50 Water Street, Newburyport, MA, 01950. Copies of the Framework 2 EA/RIR/IRFA are also available online at [www.nefmc.org](http://www.nefmc.org) under "Plans and Reports."

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The monkfish fishery is jointly managed by the Councils. The FMP contains default measures that would eliminate the