

TABLE 2—LIST OF FISHERIES COMMERCIAL FISHERIES IN THE ATLANTIC OCEAN, GULF OF MEXICO, AND CARIBBEAN—Continued

| Fishery Description | Estimated # of vessels/persons | Marine mammal species and stocks incidentally injured and killed |
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| LONGLINE/HOOK-AND-LINE FISHERIES: | | |
| Gulf of Maine tub trawl groundfish bottom longline/ hook-and-line .. | 46 | Harbor seal, WNA Gray seal, Northwest North Atlantic Humpback whale, WNA Humpback whale, WNA |
| Gulf of Maine, U.S. Mid-Atlantic tuna, shark, swordfish hook-and-line/harpoon. | 26,223 | |
| Southeastern U.S. Atlantic, Gulf of Mexico, and Caribbean snapper-grouper and other reef fish bottom longline/hook-and-line. | >5,000 | None documented |
| Southeastern U.S. Atlantic, Gulf of Mexico shark bottom longline/ hook-and-line. | 124 | None documented |
| Southeastern U.S. Atlantic, Gulf of Mexico, U.S. Mid-Atlantic pelagic hook-and-line/harpoon. | 1,446 | None documented |
| TRAP/POT FISHERIES | | |
| Caribbean mixed species trap/pot | >501 | None documented |
| Caribbean spiny lobster trap/pot | >197 | None documented |
| Florida spiny lobster trap/pot | 2,145 | Bottlenose dolphin, Eastern Gulf of Mexico coastal |
| Gulf of Mexico blue crab trap/pot | 4,113 | Bottlenose dolphin, Western GMX coastal Bottlenose dolphin, Northern GMX coastal Bottlenose dolphin, Eastern GMX coastal Bottlenose dolphin, GMX Bay, Sound, & Estuarine West Indian manatee, FL |
| Gulf of Mexico mixed species trap/pot | unknown | None documented |
| Southeastern U.S. Atlantic, Gulf of Mexico golden crab trap/pot | 10 | None documented |
| Southeastern U.S. Atlantic, Gulf of Mexico stone crab trap/pot | 4,453 | None documented |
| U.S. Mid-Atlantic eel trap/pot | >700 | None documented |
| STOP SEINE/WEIR/POUND NET FISHERIES: | | |
| Gulf of Maine herring and Atlantic mackerel stop seine/weir | 50 | North Atlantic right whale, WNA Humpback whale, WNA Minke whale, Canadian east coast Harbor porpoise, GME/BF Harbor seal, WNA Gray seal, Northwest North Atlantic |
| U.S. Mid-Atlantic crab stop seine/weir | 2,600 | None documented |
| U.S. Mid-Atlantic mixed species stop seine/weir/ pound net (except the North Carolina roe mullet stop net). | 751 | None documented |
| DREDGE FISHERIES: | | |
| Gulf of Maine mussel | >50 | None documented |
| Gulf of Maine, U.S. Mid-Atlantic sea scallop dredge | 233 | None documented |
| U.S. Mid-Atlantic/Gulf of Mexico oyster | 7,000 | None documented |
| U.S. Mid-Atlantic offshore surf clam and quahog dredge | 100 | None documented |
| HAUL/BEACH SEINE FISHERIES: | | |
| Caribbean haul/beach seine | 15 | West Indian manatee, Antillean |
| Gulf of Mexico haul/beach seine | unknown | None documented |
| Southeastern U.S. Atlantic, haul/beach seine | 25 | None documented |
| DIVE, HAND/MECHANICAL COLLECTION FISHERIES: | | |
| Atlantic Ocean, Gulf of Mexico, Caribbean shellfish dive, hand/mechanical collection. | 20,000 | None documented |
| Gulf of Maine urchin dive, hand/mechanical collection | >50 | None documented |
| Gulf of Mexico, Southeast Atlantic, Mid-Atlantic, and Caribbean cast net. | unknown | None documented |
| COMMERCIAL PASSENGER FISHING VESSEL (CHARTER BOAT) FISHERIES: | | |
| Atlantic Ocean, Gulf of Mexico, Caribbean commercial passenger fishing vessel. | 4,000 | None documented |

List of Abbreviations Used in Table 2: FL--Florida; GA--Georgia; GME/BF-- Gulf of Maine/Bay of Fundy; GMX--Gulf of Mexico; NC--North Carolina; SC-- South Carolina; TX--Texas; WNA--Western North Atlantic.

Classification

The Chief Counsel for Regulation of the Department of Commerce certified to the Chief Counsel for Advocacy of the Small Business Administration that this proposed rule would not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities. For

convenience, the factual basis leading to the certification is repeated below.

Under existing regulations, all fishers participating in Category I or II fisheries must register under the MMPA, obtain an Authorization Certificate, and pay a fee of \$25. The Authorization Certificate authorizes the taking of marine mammals incidental to commercial fishing operations. NMFS has estimated that approximately 40,000 fishing

vessels operate in Category I or II fisheries, and therefore, are required to register. However, registration has been integrated with existing state or Federal registration programs for the majority of these fisheries so that the majority of fishers do not need to register separately under the MMPA. Currently, approximately 5,800 fishers register directly with NMFS under the MMPA authorization program.