

substantial number of small entities because the revision clarifies program policies and does not essentially change the impact of the regulations on small entities.

Paperwork Reduction Act

The Paperwork Reduction Act does not apply to this proposed rule because it contains no new information collection or recordkeeping requirements as defined in that Act and its regulations.

Executive Order No. 12866

The Committee has been exempted from the regulatory review requirements of the Executive Order by the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs. Additionally, the proposed rule is not a significant regulatory action as defined in the Executive Order.

List of Subjects

41 CFR Part 51-3

Government procurement,
Handicapped.

41 CFR Part 51-4

Reporting and recordkeeping
requirements.

For the reasons set out in the preamble, parts 51-3 and 51-4 of title 41, chapter 51 of the Code of Federal Regulations are proposed to be amended as follows:

1. The authority citation for parts 51-3 and 51-4 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 41 U.S.C. 46-48c.

PART 51-3—CENTRAL NONPROFIT AGENCIES

2. Section 51-3.2 is amended by revising paragraph (m) to read as follows:

§ 51-3.2 Responsibilities under the JWOD Program.

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(m) Review and forward to the Committee by December 1 of each year a completed original copy of the appropriate Annual Certification (Committee Form 403 or 404) for each of its participating nonprofit agencies covering the fiscal year ending the preceding September 30.

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PART 51-4—NONPROFIT AGENCIES

3. Section 51-4.3 is amended by revising the second sentence of paragraph (a) to read as follows:

§ 51-4.3 Maintaining qualification.

(a) * * * In addition, each such nonprofit agency must submit to its central nonprofit agency by November 1

of each year, two completed copies of the appropriate Annual Certification (Committee Form 403 or 404) covering the fiscal year ending the preceding September 30.

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Dated: July 28, 2003.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

50 CFR Parts 600 and 635

[Docket No. 030721180-3180-01; I.D. 010903D]

RIN 0648-AQ95

Atlantic Highly Migratory Species; Atlantic Shark Management Measures

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

ACTION: Proposed rule; notice of availability of draft Amendment 1 to the Fishery Management Plan for Atlantic Tunas, Swordfish, and Sharks (Amendment 1); request for comments.

SUMMARY: This proposed rule and Amendment 1 are necessary to ensure that shark regulations are based on the results of the 2002 stock assessments for large coastal sharks (LCS) and small coastal sharks (SCS). The results of these stock assessments indicate that the LCS complex continues to be overfished, and overfishing is occurring; that sandbar sharks are not overfished, but overfishing is occurring; that blacktip sharks are rebuilt and healthy; that the SCS complex is healthy; and that finetooth sharks are not overfished, but overfishing is occurring. Based on these results, NMFS proposes to revise the rebuilding timeframe for LCS to 27 years from 2004, to change the commercial regulations, to change the recreational regulations, to remove the deepwater/other sharks from the management unit, to establish criteria regarding adding or removing sharks from the prohibited species group, and to establish a display permit for fishermen who wish to harvest sharks only for public display. In Amendment 1, NMFS also proposes updates to essential fish habitat (EFH) identifications for sandbar, blacktip, finetooth, dusky, and nurse sharks.

DATES: Comments must be received no later than 5 p.m. on September 30, 2003.

Section 635.69 is currently stayed. However, NMFS intends to lift the stay and reinstate § 635.69 before the final rule is published.

Public hearings on this proposed rule will be held in August and September 2003. Specific dates and times for the public hearings will be announced in a separate document published in the **Federal Register**.

ADDRESSES: Written comments on the proposed rule should be submitted to Christopher Rogers, Chief, Highly Migratory Species (HMS) Management Division (SF/1), 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 or Internet. Comments regarding the collection-of-information requirements contained in this proposed rule should be sent to the HMS Management Division, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910, and to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget (OMB), Washington, DC 20503 (Attention: NOAA Desk Officer). For copies of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement/Regulatory Impact Review/Initial Regulatory Flexibility Analysis (DEIS/RIR/IRFA), contact Karyl Brewster-Geisz at 301-713-2347.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Karyl Brewster-Geisz, Heather Stirratt, or Chris Rilling at 301-713-2347 or fax 301-713-1917 or Greg Fairclough at 727-570-5741 or fax 727-570-5656.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Atlantic shark fisheries are managed under the authority of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (Magnuson-Stevens Act). The Fishery Management Plan for Atlantic Tunas, Swordfish, and Sharks (HMS FMP), finalized in 1999, is implemented by regulations at 50 CFR part 635.

Management History

NMFS has managed shark fisheries in the Atlantic Ocean, the Gulf of Mexico, and the Caribbean Sea under an FMP since 1993. Since 1997, management actions have been challenged in several lawsuits from commercial, recreational, and environmental interest groups. In December 2000, the court approved a settlement agreement regarding two lawsuits with the commercial industry. Consistent with the court-approved settlement agreement, among other things, NMFS conducted a non-NMFS