

(1) Logbooks acceptable to meeting the reporting requirements of this section may be found at <http://swr.nmfs.noaa.gov/logbooks.htm>, and may include:

- (i) The logbook required under § 300.21 implementing the Tuna Conventions Act of 1950;
 - (ii) The logbook required under § 660.14 implementing the Fishery Management Plan for the Pelagic Fisheries of the Western Pacific Region;
 - (iii) The logbook required by § 300.17 implementing the High Seas Fishing Compliance Act of 1995.
 - (iv) Any logbook required by the fishery management agency of the States of California, Oregon, or Washington.
- (2) Any holder of a permit who does not maintain and submit a logbook for a fishing trip under any of the above authorities must obtain a copy of the appropriate logbook from the SFD and maintain and submit the form provided by SFD.

(3) The Regional Administrator may, after consultation with the Council, initiate rulemaking to modify the information to be provided on the fishing logbook forms.

(b) Any person who is required to do so by the applicable state law must make and/or file, retain, or make available any and all reports of HMS containing all data, and in the exact manner, required by the applicable state law.

§ 660.709 Annual specifications.

(a) *Procedure.* (1) In June of each year, the HMSMT will deliver a preliminary SAFE report to the Council for all HMS with any necessary recommendations for harvest guidelines, quotas or other management measures to protect HMS.

(2) In September of each year, the HMSMT will deliver a final SAFE report to the Council. The Council will adopt any necessary harvest guidelines, quotas or other management measures for public review.

(3) In November each year, the Council will take final action to propose any necessary harvest guidelines, quotas, or other management measures and make its recommendations to NMFS. The proposal shall include description of the purpose of the specifications and analyze the impacts of implementing such specifications.

(4) The Regional Administrator will implement through rulemaking any necessary and appropriate harvest guidelines, quotas, or other management measures based on the SAFE report, recommendations from the Council, and the requirements contained in the FMP.

(b) Fishing seasons for all species will begin on April 1 of each year at 0001

hours local time and terminate at 2400 hours local time on March 31 of each subsequent year.

(c) Harvest guidelines, quotas, and other management measures announced for a particular year will remain in effect the following year unless changed through the public review process described in paragraph (a) of this section.

(d) Irrespective of the normal review process, the Council may recommend management action to conserve and manage the fisheries at any time. The Council may adopt a management cycle different from the one described in this section provided that such change is made by a majority vote of the Council and a 6-month notice of the change is given. To the extent such recommendations are found necessary and reasonable, NMFS will implement them through rulemaking.

§ 660.710 Closure of directed fishery.

(a) When a quota has been taken, the Regional Administrator will announce in the **Federal Register** the date of closure of the fishery for the species of concern.

(b) When a harvest guideline has been taken, the Regional Administrator will initiate review of the species of concern according to section 8.4.8 of the FMP and publish in the **Federal Register** any necessary and appropriate regulations following Council recommendations.

§ 660.711 General catch restrictions.

(a) *Prohibited species.* HMS under the FMP for which quotas have been achieved and the fishery closed are prohibited species. In addition, the following are prohibited species:

- (1) Any species of salmon
- (2) Great white shark
- (3) Basking shark
- (4) Megamouth shark
- (5) Pacific halibut

(b) *Incidental landings.* HMS caught by gear not authorized by this subpart may be landed in incidental amounts as follows:

(1) Drift gillnet vessels with stretched mesh less than 14 inches may land up to 10 HMS per trip, except that no swordfish may be landed.

(2) Bottom longline vessels may land up to 20 percent by weight of management unit sharks in landings of all species or 3 management unit sharks, whichever is greater.

(3) Trawl and pot gear may land up to 1 percent by weight of management unit sharks in a landing of all species or 2 management unit sharks, whichever is greater.

(c) *Marlin prohibition.* The sale of striped marlin is prohibited.

(d) *Sea turtle handling and resuscitation.* All sea turtles taken incidentally in fishing operations by any HMS vessel must be handled in accordance with 50 CFR part 223.206(d)(1).

§ 660.712 Longline fishery.

(a) Gear and fishing restrictions. (1) Owners and operators of vessels registered for use of longline gear may not use longline gear to fish for or target HMS within the U.S. EEZ.

(2) Owners and operators of vessels registered for use of longline gear may not use longline gear to fish for or target swordfish (*Xiphias gladius*) west of 150° W. long. and north of the equator (0° N. lat.).

(3) A person aboard a vessel registered for use of longline gear fishing for HMS west of 150° W. long. and north of the equator (0° N. lat.) may not possess or deploy any float line that is shorter than or equal to 20 m (65.6 ft or 10.9 fm). As used in this paragraph, float line means a line used to suspend the main longline beneath a float.

(4) From April 1 through May 31, owners and operators of vessels registered for use of longline gear may not use longline gear in waters bounded on the south by 0° lat., on the north by 15° N. lat., on the east by 145° W. long., and on the west by 180° long.

(5) From April 1 through May 31, owners and operators of vessels registered for use of longline gear may not receive from another vessel HMS that were harvested by longline gear in waters bounded on the south by 0° lat., on the north by 15° N. lat., on the east by 145° W. long., and on the west by 180° long.

(6) From April 1 through May 31, owners and operators of vessels registered for use of longline gear may not land or transship HMS that were harvested by longline gear in waters bounded on the south by 0° lat., on the north by 15° N. lat., on the east by 145° W. long., and on the west by 180° long.

(7) No light stick may be possessed on board a vessel registered for use of longline gear during fishing trips that include any fishing west of 150° W. long. and north of the equator (0° N. lat.). A light stick as used in this paragraph is any type of light emitting device, including any fluorescent glow bead, chemical, or electrically powered light that is affixed underwater to the longline gear.

(8) When a conventional monofilament longline is deployed in waters west of 150° W. long. and north of the equator (0° N. lat.) by a vessel registered for use of longline gear, no fewer than 15 branch lines may be set