

\*\* Once per item.

(f) *Material Inspection and Receiving Report for embedded subassemblies, components, and parts requiring unique item identification.* The Contractor shall report at the time of delivery, as part of the Material Inspection and Receiving Report specified elsewhere in this contract, the following information:

(1) Unique item identifier of the item delivered under a contract line, subtitle, or exhibit line item that contains the embedded subassembly, component, or part.

(2) Unique item identifier of the embedded subassembly, component, or part, consisting of—

(i) Concatenated DoD unique item identifier; or

(ii) DoD recognized unique identification equivalent.

(3) Unique item identifier type. \*\*

(4) Issuing agency code (if DoD unique item identifier is used). \*\*

(5) Enterprise identifier (if DoD unique item identifier is used). \*\*

(6) Original part number. \*\*

(7) Serial number. \*\*

(8) Unit of measure.

(9) Description.

\*\* Once per item.

(g) The Contractor shall submit the information required by paragraphs (e) and (f) of this clause in accordance with the procedures at <http://www.acq.osd.mil/uid>.

(h) *Subcontracts.* If paragraph (c)(1)(iii) of this clause applies, the Contractor shall include this clause, including this paragraph (h), in all subcontracts issued under this contract.

(End of clause)

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

#### 50 CFR Part 622

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### Fisheries of the Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico, and South Atlantic; Reef Fish Fishery of the Gulf of Mexico; Referendum Procedures for a Potential Gulf of Mexico Red Snapper Individual Fishing Quota Program

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

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

**SUMMARY:** NMFS issues this proposed rule to provide information about the schedule, procedures, and eligibility

requirements for participating in referendums to determine whether an individual fishing quota (IFQ) program for the Gulf of Mexico commercial red snapper fishery should be prepared and, if so, whether it should subsequently be submitted to the Secretary of Commerce (Secretary) for review. This proposed rule revises a previously published proposed rule based on public comments that were received on the initial proposed rule. In response to those public comments, this proposed rule includes additional options regarding the procedure for weighting votes by eligible participants. NMFS is soliciting additional public comment on this proposed rule and, particularly, comments on the vote-weighting options. The intended effect of this proposed rule is to implement the referendums consistent with the requirements of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (Magnuson-Stevens Act).

**DATES:** Comments must be received no later than 5 p.m., eastern time, on January 20, 2004.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments on the proposed rule must be sent to Phil Steele, Southeast Regional Office, NMFS, 9721 Executive Center Drive N., St. Petersburg, FL 33702. Comments also may be sent via fax to 727–570–5583. Comments will not be accepted if submitted via e-mail or Internet.

Copies of supporting documentation for this proposed rule, which includes a regulatory impact review (RIR) and a Regulatory Flexibility Act Analysis (RFAA) are available from NMFS at the address above.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Phil Steele, telephone: 727–570–5305, fax: 727–570–5583, e-mail: [phil.steele@noaa.gov](mailto:phil.steele@noaa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The reef fish fishery in the exclusive economic zone (EEZ) of the Gulf of Mexico is managed under the Fishery Management Plan for the Reef Fish Resources of the Gulf of Mexico (FMP). The FMP was prepared by the Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council (Council) and is implemented under the authority of the Magnuson-Stevens Act by regulations at 50 CFR part 622.

The following is a restatement of the material contained in the original proposed rule, with minor changes regarding: Scheduling; date and location of the Council meeting where results of the initial referendum, if approved, would be presented; and clarification of an example stated in the original proposed rule regarding the landings categories (poundage ranges) to be used. See “Additional Alternatives for a Vote-

Weighting Formula,” which follows this restatement of the original proposed rule, for a description of other vote-weighting alternatives that are under consideration and are provided for public comment. Restatement of the Original Proposed Rule Material.

## Background

During the early to mid-1990s, the Council began development of an IFQ program for the commercial red snapper fishery in the Gulf of Mexico. Development of this program involved extensive interaction with the fishing industry, other stakeholders, and the public through numerous workshops, public hearings, and Council meetings. The program was approved by NMFS and was scheduled for implementation in 1996. However, Congressional action in late 1995 prohibited implementation of any new IFQ programs in any U.S. fishery, including the Gulf of Mexico red snapper fishery, before October 2000. Subsequent Congressional action, passage of HR5666, incorporated this prohibition and related provisions into the 1996 amendments to the Magnuson-Stevens Act and ultimately extended the prohibition until October 1, 2002. However, HR5666 also provided authority to the Council to develop a profile for any fishery under its jurisdiction that may be considered for a quota management system.

Under Section 407(c) of the Magnuson-Stevens Act, the Council is authorized to prepare and submit a plan amendment and regulations to implement an IFQ program for the commercial red snapper fishery, but only if certain conditions are met. First, the preparation of such a plan amendment and regulations must be approved in a referendum. If the result of the referendum is approval, the Council would be responsible for preparing any such plan amendment and regulations through the normal Council and rulemaking processes that would involve extensive opportunities for industry and public review and input at various Council meetings, public hearings, and during public comment periods on the plan amendment and regulations. Second, the submission of the plan amendment and regulations to the Secretary for review and approval or disapproval must be approved in a subsequent referendum. Both referendums must be conducted in accordance with Section 407(c)(2). Section 407(c)(2) also specifies that, “Prior to each referendum, the Secretary, in consultation with the Council, shall: (A) identify and notify all such persons holding permits with red snapper