

the Federal Register of May 4, 1981 (46 FR 24950).

List of Subjects in 40 CFR Part 185

Administrative practice and procedure, Food additives, Pesticides and pests, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

Dated: March 5, 1992.

Douglas D. Camp, Jr.

Director, Office of Pesticide Programs.

Therefore, part 185 of chapter I of title 40 of the Code of Federal Regulations is amended as follows:

PART 185—[AMENDED]

1. The authority citation for part 185 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 21 U.S.C. 348.

2. In § 185.1000, by adding paragraph (c), to read as follows:

§ 185.1000 Chlorpyrifos.

(c) A tolerance of 0.1 part per million is established for residues of chlorpyrifos, per se, in or on all food items (other than those already covered by a higher tolerance as a result of use on growing crops) in food service establishments where food and food products are prepared and served, as a result of the application of chlorpyrifos in microencapsulated form.

(1) Application of a microencapsulated product shall be limited solely to spot and/or crack and crevice treatment in food handling establishments where food and food products are prepared and served. All treatments shall be applied in such a manner as to avoid contamination of food or food contact surfaces.

(2) Spray concentrations shall be limited to a maximum of 0.5 percent of the active ingredient by weight.

(3) For crack and crevice treatment, equipment capable of delivering a pin stream of spray directly into cracks and crevices or capable of applying small amounts of insecticide into cracks and crevices shall be used.

(4) For spot treatment, an individual spot shall not exceed 2 square feet.

(5) To assure safe use of the insecticide, its label and labeling shall conform to that registered by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, and it shall be used in accordance with such label and labeling.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Office of the Secretary

43 CFR Part 20

Employee Responsibilities and Conduct

AGENCY: United States Department of the Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability of appendix C.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the availability of appendix C to 43 CFR part 20. This appendix lists positions within the Department of the Interior for which Confidential Statements of Employment and Financial Interests (DI-212) are required to be filed. Appendix C has been updated as of December 1, 1991 and has been printed as a agency document. This appendix will not be published in the *Federal Register* but will be available to the public upon request.

EFFECTIVE DATE: December 1, 1991.

ADDRESS: Copies of appendix C may be obtained from the Deputy Ethics Counselor for each bureau or office within the Department of the Interior. You may address your request to the Deputy Ethics Counselor, (also insert the name of the specific bureau or office), 1849 C Streets, NW., Washington, DC 20240.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Gabriele J. Paone or Mr. Mason Tsai, Departmental Ethics and Audit Liaison Staff, U.S. Department of the Interior, Washington, DC 20240, telephone number: (202) 208-5916.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Department of the Interior has received approval from the U.S. Office of Government Ethics to publish Appendix C to 43 CFR part 20 as an agency document. The availability of this document is hereby announced in the *Federal Register*. The initial notice of this annual process was provided with the publication of 43 CFR part 20 as a proposed rule on October 6, 1980 (45 FR 66370). This arrangement meets administrative requirements which affect only Department of the Interior employees and at the same time defrays the cost of publishing the appendix C listing in the *Federal Register*.

Appendix C lists Department of the Interior positions, in addition to GS (or GM)-15's for which a Confidential Statement of Employment and Financial Interests (Form DI-212) is required to be filed by 43 CFR 20.735-30. Positions identified in appendix C are effective for the February 1, 1992 filing deadline. The

appendix C listings of positions have been approved by the U.S. Office of Government Ethics.

List of Subjects in 43 CFR Part 20

Conflicts of interest, Government employees.

Authorities: Appendix C to part 20 of title 43 of the Code of Federal Regulations is published under Executive Order 12731, 30 FR 6459, 3 CFR 1964-65 Comp., as amended (18 U.S.C. 201 Note); 5 CFR 735.104; and 5 U.S.C. 301.

Each appendix C listing of positions was compiled by its respective bureau and office ethics counselor. Consolidation of bureau and office listings into one appendix C document was done by the Departmental Ethics and Audit Liaison Staff.

Dated: February 20, 1992.

Ed Kay,

Designated Agency Ethics Official and Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary—Policy, Management and Budget.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

47 CFR Part 73

[MM Docket No. 89-434; RM-6866, RM-6830, RM-7107]

Radio Broadcasting Services; Winter Park, Naples, and Okeechobee, FL

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to a settlement agreement among the parties, this document substitutes Channel 276C3 for Channel 276A at Naples, Florida, and modifies the license of Station WSGL-FM, Naples, accordingly. See 54 FR 41-468, published October 10, 1989. This document also substitutes Channel 276C2 for Channel 276A at Okeechobee, Florida, and modifies the license of Station WOKC-FM, Okeechobee, accordingly; and substitutes Channel 276C3 for Channel 276A at Winter Park, Florida, and modifies the license of Station WLOQ-FM, Winter Park, accordingly. The reference coordinates for Channel 276C3 at Naples are 26-01-45 and 81-43-25. The reference coordinates for Channel 276C2 at Okeechobee are 27-12-55 and 80-31-50. The reference coordinates for Channel 276C3 at Winter Park are 28-34-00 and 81-31-00. With this action, this proceeding is terminated.

EFFECTIVE DATE: May 4, 1992.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Robert Hayne, Mass Media Bureau, (202) 634-6530.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This is a synopsis of the Commission's Report and Order, MM Docket No. 89-434, adopted March 10, 1992, and released March 19, 1992. The full text of this Commission decision is available for inspection and copying during normal business hours in the FCC Dockets Branch (room 230), 1919 M Street NW., Washington, DC. The complete text of this decision may also be purchased from the Commission's copy contractors, Downtown Copy Center, (202) 452-1422, 1714 21st Street NW., Washington, DC 20036.

List of Subjects in 47 CFR Part 73

Radio Broadcasting.

PART 73—[AMENDED]

1. The authority citation for part 73 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 47 U.S.C. 154, 303.

§ 73.202 [Amended]

2. Section 73.202(b), the Table of FM Allotments under Florida, is amended by adding Channel 276C3 and removing Channel 276A at Naples; by adding Channel 276C3 and removing Channel 276A at Winter Park; and by adding Channel 276C2 and removing Channel 276A at Okeechobee.

Federal Communications Commission.

Michael C. Ruger,

Acting Chief, Allocations Branch, Policy and Rules Division, Mass Media Bureau.

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47 CFR Part 73

[MM Docket No. 91-359; RM-7835]

Radio Broadcasting Services; Hinesville, GA

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: This document substitutes channel 284C3 for channel 284A at Hinesville, Georgia, and modifies the construction permit for Station WHLV(FM) to specify operation on the higher powered channel, at the request of Bullie Broadcasting Corporation. See 56 FR 65875, December 19, 1991. Channel 284C3 can be allotted to Hinesville in compliance with the Commission's minimum distance separation requirements with a site restriction of 12.8 kilometers (7.9 miles) west, in order

to avoid a short-spacing to Station WFFV(FM), channel 283C, Atlantic Beach, Florida. The coordinates are North Latitude 31-52-18 and West Longitude 81-43-46. With this action, this proceeding is terminated.

EFFECTIVE DATE: May 4, 1992.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Nancy J. Walls, Mass Media Bureau, (202) 634-6530.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This is a synopsis of the Commission's Report and Order, MM Docket No. 91-359, adopted March 6, 1992, and released March 19, 1992. The full text of this Commission decision is available for inspection and copying during normal business hours in the FCC Dockets Branch (room 230), 1919 M Street NW., Washington, DC. The complete text of this decision may also be purchased from the Commission's copy contractors, Downtown Copy Center, (202) 452-1422, 1714 21st Street NW., Washington, DC 20036.

List of Subjects in 47 CFR Part 73

Radio broadcasting.

PART 73—[AMENDED]

1. The authority citation for part 73 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 47 U.S.C. 154, 303.

§ 73.202 [Amended]

2. Section 73.202(b), the Table of FM Allotments under Georgia, is amended by removing Channel 284A and adding Channel 284C3 at Hinesville.

Federal Communications Commission.

Michael C. Ruger,

Acting Chief, Allocations Branch, Policy and Rules Division, Mass Media Bureau.

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47 CFR Part 73

[MM Docket No. 91-232; RM-7755]

Radio Broadcasting Services; Wilburton and Antlers, OK

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: The Commission, at the request of Blue Mountain Broadcasting, substitutes Channel 279C1 for Channel 279A at Wilburton, Oklahoma, modifies Station KZUD's construction permit to specify operation on the higher class channel, and substitutes Channel 284A

for unoccupied and unapplied for Channel 281A at Antlers, Oklahoma. See 56 FR 40295, August 14, 1991.

Channel 279C1 can be allotted at Wilburton in compliance with the Commission's minimum distance separation requirements with a site restriction of 36.2 kilometers (22.5 miles) west to avoid short-spacings to Channel 276C2 at Atoka, Oklahoma, which is reserved for use by Station KHKC-FM; Station KKYK, Channel 279C, Little Rock, Arkansas; and Station KKIX, Channel 280C1, Fayetteville, Arkansas, at coordinates North Latitude 34-59-06 and West Longitude 95-41-53. Channel 284A can be allotted to Antlers without the imposition of a site restriction, at coordinates 34-13-54 and 95-36-06. With this action, this proceeding is terminated.

EFFECTIVE DATE: May 4, 1992.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Leslie K. Shapiro, Mass Media Bureau, (202) 634-6530.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This is a synopsis of the Commission's Report and Order, MM Docket No. 91-232, adopted March 9, 1992, and released March 19, 1992. The full text of this Commission decision is available for inspection and copying during normal business hours in the FCC Dockets Branch (room 230), 1919 M Street NW., Washington, DC. The complete text of this decision may also be purchased from the Commission's copy contractor, Downtown Copy Center, (202) 452-1422, 1714 21st Street NW., Washington, DC 20036.

List of Subjects in 47 CFR Part 73

Radio broadcasting.

PART 73—[AMENDED]

1. The authority citation for part 73 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 47 U.S.C. 154, 303.)

§ 73.202 [Amended]

2. Section 73.202(b), the Table of FM Allotments under Oklahoma, is amended by removing Channel 281A and adding Channel 284A at Antlers, and by removing Channel 279A and adding Channel 279C1 at Wilburton.

Federal Communications Commission.

Michael C. Ruger,

Acting Chief, Allocations Branch, Policy and Rules Division, Mass Media Bureau.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Highway Administration

49 CFR Part 391

Qualification of Drivers; Waiver Applications; Vision

AGENCY: Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of intent to accept applications for waivers.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the FHWA's intention to accept applications from drivers of commercial motor vehicles for waivers of certain vision requirements contained in the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations (FMCSRs). The waivers will be granted only upon meeting specific preconditions and agreeing to comply with other subsequent requirements. Waivers will be issued pending the resolution of a concurrent rulemaking action, or until the expiration of a stated time period, whichever occurs first. Demographic and work related data will be collected from the waiver drivers and compared to similar data collected from a control group of drivers who meet the current Federal vision requirements. The FHWA is seeking volunteers to participate in the control group. This action will preserve the jobs, at least temporarily, of those drivers who do not meet current Federal vision standards, but have met the qualification standards of State licensing agencies enabling them to obtain a license to operate commercial motor vehicles legally in intrastate commerce. The object of the waiver program is to provide objective data to be considered in relation to a rulemaking exploring the feasibility of relaxing the current absolute vision standards in 49 CFR part 391 in favor of a more individualized standard.

DATES: The FHWA will accept applications for waivers of its vision requirements, found at 49 CFR 391.41(b)(10), until September 21, 1992. The waiver application will be processed as quickly as possible. The waiver will be issued for a period of three years or until the current rulemaking addressing the FHWA's vision requirements is completed, whichever occurs first.

ADDRESSES: Applications for waiver must be submitted in legible form and mailed to the Vision Waiver Program, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Neill L. Thomas or Mrs. Eliane Viner, (202) 366-2981, Office of

Motor Carrier Standards, or Mr. Paul L. Brennan, Office of Chief Counsel, (202) 366-0834, Federal Highway Administration, Department of Transportation, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590. Office hours from 7:45 a.m. to 4:15 p.m., e.t., Monday through Friday, except legal holidays.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Federal government began regulating vision standards for drivers engaged in interstate commerce in the late 1930's. At that time, the standard was based on a consensus of experts in the fields of vision and driver safety. The vision standard has been amended several times in the direction of requiring more stringent visual capacity.

Current regulations in 49 CFR 391.41 prescribe "absolute" vision standards with virtually no possibility of waivers. Those drivers who are unable to meet those standards are precluded from operating commercial motor vehicles (CMV) in interstate commerce. Many more drivers are now or will be precluded from operating a CMV in intrastate commerce as more and more States adopt the Federal driver qualification requirements, especially as they relate to the issuance of CMV drivers' licenses by the various States. Section 206(f) of the Motor Carrier Safety Act of 1984 (Pub. L. 98-554, 98 Stat. 2832, 2835) authorizes the granting of a waiver from any part of the FMCSRs if it can be determined that "such waiver is not contrary to the public interest and is consistent with the safe operation of commercial motor vehicles."

The purpose of establishing vision standards for drivers of CMV's is to prevent individuals who will present an unreasonable and avoidable safety risk to other users of the highways from being allowed to operate vehicles which, because of their size or cargo, present a grave hazard. It is axiomatic that vision plays an essential role in the driving task. However, specifying a precise level of visual capability necessary for safe driving continues to be problematic because of the lack of empirical evidence on which to base a clearly defensible measure of acceptable visual performance. Furthermore, there has been little meaningful data forthcoming from the medical community that would be helpful in establishing a new vision standard that could embrace the concept of "individual determination" found in the recently enacted Americans With Disabilities Act, and its forerunner, the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (Pub. L. 93-112, 87 Stat. 355, as amended). Because good vision is such an integral part of safe driving, the FHWA must

proceed cautiously in any undertaking which has so obvious a potential for risk.

The FHWA has, therefore, decided to initiate a program which, it believes, will provide the necessary data and avoid any unreasonable enhancement of risk. This action will also preserve the jobs of drivers who are being subjected to more stringent vision standards for the first time and are faced with job loss. In some cases, the earning potential of an intrastate driver could be enhanced by operating under the interstate waiver program. The program will allow the FHWA to conduct a study comparing a group of experienced, visually deficient drivers with a control group of drivers who meet the Federal vision standard for a finite period of time, and perform an in-depth comparative analysis of both groups. It is anticipated that the FHWA will obtain sufficient empirical data, which, when analyzed, will provide a reliable basis for establishing visual requirements that are consistent with the goals of safety, yet provide maximum employment opportunity for those persons covered under the Americans With Disabilities Act and the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. The FHWA intends to use the data from this waiver program to support the rulemaking recently initiated to review the FHWA's driver vision standard (57 FR 6793, February 28, 1992).

In considering waivers, the FHWA believes it has a duty to take every reasonable precaution to avoid any adverse impact on highway safety. Therefore, waivers will only be granted to those persons with visual deficiencies who: (1) Are legally qualified and/or previously licensed to operate a CMV in their State of domicile or were legally qualified and licensed at the time of their last renewal period, but were denied a license solely because the State of license adopted the more stringent Federal vision standard; (2) have or had been operating a CMV for the four years preceding the application; (3) have had a driving record, for the same period of time as (2) above, that contains no conviction for a moving traffic violation involving the operation of a CMV, and no involvement in a reportable accident, from which the applicant received a citation for a moving traffic violation; (4) have at least 20/40 (Snellen), corrected or uncorrected, in the better eye; and (5) have been examined by an ophthalmologist or an optometrist identifying the visual condition, determining that the condition has not worsened since the person's last

required physical examination, and providing an opinion that the person can perform the driving tasks required to operate a CMV. By restricting waivers to drivers who meet those conditions, the FHWA believes it has minimized the risk while still allowing for a substantial number of applicants.

To successfully perform the comparative analysis which will be used to establish a basis for specific rulemaking action, a control group of drivers, the same size as the group of waived drivers, is necessary. The FHWA is, therefore, seeking drivers who meet the current Federal vision requirements as volunteers. These volunteers would be asked to submit the same demographic information required from waiver applicants. The volunteer drivers would also be asked to report the same work related information required by the waived drivers. The FHWA is seeking the cooperation of all motor carriers, owner-operators, drivers, trade associations, and labor unions to encourage drivers to volunteer for participation in this very important study. The FHWA will pursue further outreach efforts to enlist the necessary support. Those interested persons should submit the information requested below to the address shown below.

The FHWA will accept applications for waivers of its vision requirements, found at 49 CFR 391.41(b)(10), until September 21, 1992. The waiver application will be processed as quickly as possible. The waiver will be issued for a period of three years or until the current rulemaking addressing the FHWA's vision requirements is completed, whichever occurs first. Applications for waiver must be submitted in legible form and mailed to the Vision Waiver Program, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590.

The FHWA recognizes that States are already adapting their vision standards to accommodate the more stringent Federal requirement. This is being done because of the condition imposed on the receipt of Motor Carrier Safety Assistance Program funds and the certification required of applicants for the Commercial Driver's License. To date, the States receiving funds under the MCSAP have been allowed to grandfather the medical requirements for intrastate drivers. This could be a lifetime act for a driver as long as the condition for which the driver was waived does not become worse. Due to the pending rulemaking to incorporate the Tolerance Guidelines into 49 CFR part 350, and the medical studies being conducted by the FHWA, the grandfather provision, for new drivers,

will be extended for one year to March 31, 1993. The proposed tolerance guidelines will allow States latitude in establishing waiver programs for intrastate drivers and building a data base which should be beneficial to the FHWA in future rulemakings involving medical qualifications. The States will, under the MCSAP, continue to be required to meet the intrastate tolerance guidelines. Some States have already changed to the Federal standard, and may view this waiver program as a backward step. The FHWA hopes that such States are able to allow their qualified licensees to participate in the waiver program by applying the license standard operative in the State on April 1, 1990, even if it means requalifying drivers, who are able to meet the conditions for waivers stated herein, but who have been disqualified by virtue of the State's having adopted the Federal standard. Nothing contained herein is intended to require States to apply the Federal vision standard to drivers who operate wholly in intrastate commerce.

Prerequisites

Waiver applicants must submit the following information with their request for a waiver of the Federal vision requirements for drivers of CMV's operated in interstate commerce. Those persons who volunteer for participation as a control group driver will be expected to furnish the same data, except any information about a vision deficiency.

Name of applicant (first name, middle initial, last name);
Address (Street number and name);
City, State, and Zip Code;
Telephone Number (Area Code and Number);
Sex (Male or Female);
Date of Birth (Month, Day, and Year);
Age;
Social Security Number;
State Driver's License Number (Name of Issuing State and License Number);
Driver's License Classification Code;
Driver's License Date of Issuance (Month, Day, and Year);
Experience:
Number of years driving straight trucks;
Approximate number of miles driving straight trucks;
Number of years driving tractor trailer combinations;
Approximate number of miles driving tractor trailer combinations;
Number of years driving buses;
Approximate number of miles driving buses;
Anticipated Post-Waiver Operations:
Your employer's name, address and telephone number, if applicable;
The type of vehicle you will operate (Straight truck, tractor trailer combination, bus);

The commodities that will be transported (e.g., general freight, liquids in bulk (in cargo tanks), steel, dry bulk, large heavy machinery, refrigerated products);
The States in which you will drive;
The estimated number of miles you will drive per year;
The estimated number of daylight driving hours per week;
The estimated number of nighttime driving hours per week;
Documentation that you possessed a license to operate a CMV as of April 1, 1990 (e.g., photostatic copy of the driver's license; certification from the State licensing agency).

Documentation that you have operated a CMV for the four year period immediately preceding April 1, 1990 (e.g., a signed statement from the applicant's employer or a certified statement from applicant, in the event the applicant was operating as a motor carrier).

Documentation that your driving record for the four year period immediately preceding April 1, 1990 contains (1) no conviction for a moving traffic violation involving the operation of a CMV, and (2) no involvement in a reportable accident, from which the applicant received a citation for a moving traffic violation.

Documentation that you have been examined by an ophthalmologist or an optometrist and that person has: (1) Identified the visual deficiency and defined it, (2) certified that the visual deficiency has not worsened since the last vision examination required by your State's driver licensing agency, (3) certified that your visual acuity is at least 20/40 (Snellen), corrected or uncorrected, in the better eye, and (4) that in his/her opinion you can perform the driving tasks required to operate a CMV.

Waiver Requirements

There will be three special conditions attached to the issuance of any waiver issued to a visually deficient driver. The first two of these three special conditions will also apply to those drivers who voluntarily participate in the control group. Each waived driver will be required to:

(1) Report any conviction for a moving traffic violation involving the operation of a CMV to the FHWA within 15 days following the conviction. (A photostatic copy of the citation issued for which the conviction was declared will meet the reporting requirement.);

(2) Report any accident involvement whatsoever involving the operation of a CMV to the FHWA within 15 days following the accident. (A copy of an accident report prepared by a law

enforcement official or the motor carrier will meet the reporting requirement.); and

(3) Submit documentation that you have been examined by an ophthalmologist or an optometrist, each year, within 15 days before the anniversary date of the waiver issuance date and that person has certified that the visual deficiency has not worsened since the last vision examination required by the waiver.

(49 U.S.C. app. 2505; 49 U.S.C. 504 and 3102; 49 CFR 1.48.)

Issued on: March 18, 1992.

T.D. Larson,

Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

50 CFR Part 672

[Docket No. 911176-2018]

Groundfish of the Gulf of Alaska

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), NOAA, Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of closure.

SUMMARY: The Director, Alaska Region, NMFS (Regional Director), has determined that the first quarter's allowance of prohibited species catch (PSC) of Pacific halibut in the Gulf of

Alaska (GOA) has been caught. NMFS is prohibiting fishing for groundfish in the GOA with trawl gear other than pelagic trawl gear. This action is necessary to prevent the first quarter PSC allowance of Pacific halibut established for trawl gear from being exceeded. This action is intended to accomplish the goals and objectives of the Fishery Management Plan for Groundfish of the Gulf of Alaska (FMP).

EFFECTIVE DATES: 12 noon, Alaska local time (A.l.t.), March 22, 1992, through 12 midnight, A.l.t., March 31, 1992.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Patsy A. Bearden, Resource Management Specialist, NMFS, 907-586-7228.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The groundfish fishery in the United States exclusive economic zone within the GOA is managed by the Secretary of Commerce according to the FMP prepared by the North Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) under authority of the Magnuson Fishery Conservation and Management Act. The FMP is implemented by regulations appearing at 50 CFR 611.92 and parts 620 and 672.

Under 50 CFR 672.20(f)(2), annual Pacific halibut PSC limits are established and apportioned among the GOA regulatory areas and districts for trawl gear for the 1992 fishing year. Further, § 672.20(f)(2)(iii) provides that the PSC limit of Pacific halibut may be apportioned on a seasonal basis. The notice of final specifications of

groundfish total allowable catch (TAC) and Pacific halibut bycatch (57 FR 2844, January 24, 1992) establishes the 1992 seasonal apportionments of Pacific halibut for trawl gear as follows: January 1 through March 31, 600 metric tons (mt); April 1 through June 30, 600 mt; July 1 through September 29, 400 mt; and September 30 through December 31, 400 mt.

Under § 672.20(f)(1)(i), the Regional Director has determined that in the GOA, the domestic annual processing (DAP) trawl groundfish fisheries have reached the 600 mt PSC mortality limit of Pacific halibut apportioned to this gear type for the first quarter of 1992. Therefore, NMFS prohibits fishing by DAP vessels with trawl gear other than pelagic trawl gear in the GOA from 12 noon, A.l.t., March 22, 1992, through 12 midnight, A.l.t., March 31, 1992.

Classification

This action is taken under 50 CFR 672.20, and is in compliance with Executive Order 12291.

List of Subjects in 50 CFR Part 672

Fisheries, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

Authority: 16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*

Dated: March 20, 1992.

David S. Crestin,

Acting Director, Office of Fisheries Conservation and Management, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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