

States' ability to discharge traditional State governmental functions.

Executive Order 12372 (Intergovernmental Review)

Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Number [Insert number], [Insert Program Name]. The regulations implementing Executive Order 12372 regarding intergovernmental consultation on Federal programs and activities [apply/do not apply] to this program.

Paperwork Reduction Act

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA) (44 U.S.C. 3501, *et seq.*), Federal agencies must obtain approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for each collection of information they conduct, sponsor, or require through regulations. The DOT has determined that this proposal does not contain collection of information requirements for the purposes of the PRA.

National Environmental Policy Act

The agency has analyzed this proposed action for the purpose of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321) and has determined that this proposed action would not have any effect on the quality of the environment.

Regulation Identification Number

A regulation identification number (RIN) is assigned to each regulatory action listed in the Unified Agenda of Federal Regulations. The Regulatory Information Service Center publishes the Unified Agenda in April and October of each year. The RIN contained in the heading of this document can be used to cross reference this action with the Unified Agenda.

List of Subjects in 49 CFR Part 29

Administrative practice and procedure, Government contracts, Grant programs, Loan programs, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

Issued this 22nd day of September, 2005, at Washington, DC.

Norman Y. Mineta,
Secretary of Transportation.

In consideration of the foregoing, the DOT proposes to amend title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, part 29, as set forth below:

PART 29—GOVERNMENTWIDE DEPARTMENT AND SUSPENSION (NONPROCUREMENT)

1. The authority citation for part 29 continues to read as follows:

Authority: Sec. 2455, Pub. L. 103–355, 108 Stat. 3327 (31 U.S.C. 6101 note); E.O. 11738 (3 CFR, 1973 Comp., p. 799); E.O. 12549 (3 CFR, 1986 Comp., p. 189); E.O. 12689 (3 CFR 1989 Comp., p. 235).

2. In § 29.220, add paragraph (c) to read as follows:

§ 29.220 Are any procurement transactions included as covered transactions?

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(c) The contract is awarded by any contractor, subcontractor, supplier, consultant or its agent or representative in any transaction, regardless of tier, to be funded or provided by the DOT under a nonprocurement transaction that is expected to equal or exceed \$25,000. [See optional lower tier coverage shown in the diagram in the appendix to this part.]

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

50 CFR Part 635

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Atlantic Highly Migratory Species; Amendments to the Fishery Management Plan for Atlantic Tunas, Swordfish, and Sharks and the Fishery Management Plan for Atlantic Billfish

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

ACTION: Extension of comment period; rescheduling of the Joint Advisory Panel meeting.

SUMMARY: Due to the need to reschedule three public hearings regarding the draft Consolidated Highly Migratory Species (HMS) Fishery Management Plan (FMP), and the extended recovery period needed for the Gulf region constituents from Hurricanes Katrina and Rita, NMFS is extending the comment period to provide adequate opportunity for public comment on the draft Consolidated HMS FMP and its proposed rule. NMFS is extending the comment period until March 1, 2006. The original comment period was scheduled to conclude on October 18, 2005. The three public hearings were cancelled in **Federal Register** documents on September 7 and 23, 2005. The draft Consolidated HMS FMP

and its proposed rule describe a range of management measures that could impact fishermen and dealers for all HMS fisheries. NMFS is also rescheduling the October 11–13, 2005, HMS and Billfish Advisory Panels (AP) meeting to February 21–23, 2006. The intent of this meeting is to consider alternatives for the conservation and management of HMS as presented in the draft Consolidated HMS FMP and its proposed rule.

DATES: Written comments on the August 19, 2005 (70 FR 48804), proposed rule and the draft HMS FMP must be received no later than 5 p.m. on March 1, 2006.

The rescheduled AP meeting will be held from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Tuesday, February 21, 2006, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Wednesday, February 22, 2006, and from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Thursday, February 23, 2006.

ADDRESSES: The AP meeting will be held at the Holiday Inn, 8777 Georgia Avenue (Rt. 97), Silver Spring, MD 20910.

Written comments on the proposed rule and draft HMS FMP may be submitted to Karyl Brewster-Geisz, Highly Migratory Species Management Division by any of the following:

- Email: SF1.060303D@noaa.gov. Include in the subject line the following identifier: Atlantic HMS FMP.

- Mail: 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910. Please mark the outside of the envelope "Comments on Draft HMS FMP."

- Fax: 301–427–2592.
- Federal e-Rulemaking Portal: <http://www.regulations.gov>.

Copies of the draft HMS FMP and other relevant documents are available on the Highly Migratory Species Management Division's website at www.nmfs.noaa.gov/sfa/hms or by contacting Karyl Brewster-Geisz at 301–713–2347.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For more information concerning the draft Consolidated HMS FMP and its proposed rule contact: Karyl Brewster-Geisz, Margo Schulze-Haugen, or Heather Stirratt at 301–713–2347 or fax 301–713–1917; Russ Dunn at 727–824–5399 or fax 727–824–5398; or Mark Murray-Brown at 978–281–9260 or fax 978–281–9340. For information regarding the rescheduled AP meeting contact Heather Stirratt at the specified number above.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Atlantic HMS fisheries are managed under the dual authority of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (Magnuson-Stevens Act) and the

Atlantic Tunas Convention Act (ATCA). The FMP for Atlantic Tunas, Swordfish, and Sharks, finalized in 1999, the FMP for Atlantic Billfish, finalized in 1988, and amendments to those FMPs are implemented by regulations at 50 CFR part 635.

On August 19, 2005 (70 FR 48804), NMFS published a proposed rule, requested comments on the draft Consolidated HMS FMP, and scheduled 24 public hearings throughout September and October 2005 to receive comments from fishery participants and other members of the public regarding the proposed rule and draft Consolidated HMS FMP. On September 7, 2005 (70 FR 53146), NMFS

announced the cancellation of two public hearings (in New Orleans, LA, and Orange Beach, AL) due to Hurricane Katrina and one meeting location change. Later, on September 23, 2005 (70 FR 55814), NMFS announced the cancellation of a third public hearing (in Key West, FL) due to Hurricane Rita. NMFS intends to reschedule all three public hearings at a later date and will publish the dates, times, and locations of those hearings in the **Federal Register**. In order to incorporate these rescheduled hearings into the public comment period, and to provide adequate opportunities for public comment by constituents, NMFS is extending the public comment period

on the proposed rule and draft HMS FMP to 5 p.m., March 1, 2006.

Finally, NMFS has cancelled the October 11–13, 2005, AP meeting, and rescheduled the meeting for February 21–23, 2006, at the Holiday Inn in Silver Spring, MD.

Authority: 5 U.S.C. 561 and 16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*

Dated: September 30, 2005.

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National Marine Fisheries Service.*

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