

submitting the VSP electronically can be found at <http://www.uscg.mil/HQ/MSC>.

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## PART 189—INSPECTION AND CERTIFICATION

■ 77. The authority citation for part 189 continues to read as follows:

**Authority:** 33 U.S.C. 1321(j); 46 U.S.C. 2113, 3306, 3307; E.O. 12234, 45 FR 58801, 3 CFR, 1980 Comp., p. 277; E.O. 12777, 56 FR 54757, 3 CFR, 1991 Comp., p. 351; Department of Homeland Security Delegation No. 0170.1.

■ 78. In § 189.55–15, revise paragraph (a)(2) to read as follows:

### § 189.55–15 Procedure for submittal of plans.

(a) \* \* \*

(2) The plans may be submitted by visitors directly to the Commanding Officer, U.S. Coast Guard Marine Safety Center, 1900 Half Street, SW., Suite 1000, Room 525, Washington, DC 20024, or transmitted by mail to: Commanding Officer, U.S. Coast Guard Marine Safety Center, JR10–0525, 2100 2nd Street, SW., Washington, DC 20593, in a written or electronic format. Information for submitting the VSP electronically can be found at <http://www.uscg.mil/HQ/MSC>. In this case, the plans will be returned directly to the submitter, with a copy of the action being forwarded to the interested Officer in Charge, Marine Inspection.

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Dated: September 13, 2007.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

#### 50 CFR Part 648

[Docket No. 061020273–6321–02]

RIN 0648–XC70

#### Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Scup Fishery; Commercial Quota Harvested for 2007 Summer Period

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

**ACTION:** Temporary rule; closure.

**SUMMARY:** NMFS announces the closure of the scup commercial coastwide fishery from Maine through North Carolina for the Summer Period. Regulations governing the scup fishery require publication of this notification to advise the coastal states from Maine through North Carolina that this quota has been harvested and to advise Federal vessel permit holders and Federal dealer permit holders that no commercial quota is available for landing scup in these states. Federally permitted commercial vessels may not land scup in these states for the remainder of the 2007 Summer quota period (through October 31, 2007).

**DATES:** Effective 0001 hours, September 21, 2007, through October 31, 2007.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Emily Bryant, Fishery Management Specialist, (978) 281–9244.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Regulations governing the scup fishery are found at 50 CFR part 648. The regulations at 50 CFR 648.121 require the Regional Administrator to monitor the commercial scup quota for each quota period and, based upon dealer reports, state data, and other available information, to determine when the commercial quota for a period has been harvested. NMFS is required to publish a notification in the **Federal Register**

advising and notifying commercial vessels and dealer permit holders that, effective upon a specific date, the scup commercial quota has been harvested and no commercial quota is available for landing scup for the remainder of the Summer Period. Based upon recent projections, the Regional Administrator anticipates that the Federal commercial quota of 3,464,914 lb (1,572 mt) for the 2007 Summer Period will be fully harvested by or before October 31, 2007. To maintain the integrity of the 2008 Summer Period quota by avoiding or minimizing quota overages, the commercial scup fishery will close for the remainder of the Summer Period (through October 31, 2007) in Federal waters.

In 50 CFR 648.4(b) provides that Federal scup moratorium permit holders agree as a condition of the permit not to land scup in any state after NMFS has published a notification in the **Federal Register** stating that the commercial quota for the period has been harvested and that no commercial quota for scup is available. Therefore, effective 0001 hours, September 21, 2007, further landings of scup by vessels holding Federal scup moratorium permits are prohibited through October 31, 2007. Effective 0001 hours, September 21, 2007, federally permitted dealers are also advised that they may not purchase scup from federally permitted vessels that land in coastal states from Maine through North Carolina for the remainder of the Summer Period (through October 31, 2007). The Winter II Period for commercial scup harvest will open on November 1, 2007.

#### Classification

This action is required by 50 CFR part 648 and is exempt from review under Executive Order 12866.

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

Dated: September 17, 2007.

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