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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: If you have questions about this notice, call Mr. John Mauro at (617) 223–8355. If you have questions on viewing material in the docket, call Renee V. Wright, Program Manager, Docket Operations, telephone 202–366–9826.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On May 14, 2008, we published in the *Federal Register* a notice of proposed rulemaking that proposed to revise the boundaries of three anchorage grounds adjacent to Ellis and Liberty Islands in Upper New York Bay (73 FR 27775). This notice of proposed rulemaking was entitled “Anchorage Regulations; Port of New York” and is available at docket number USCG–2008–0027. The reason we proposed to revise the boundaries of those three anchorages was to coordinate with a separate rulemaking proposing the expansion of two security zones adjacent to Ellis and Liberty Islands. The notice of proposed rulemaking proposing expansion of the security zones was published in the *Federal Register* on May 6, 2008, (73 FR 24889), and is available at docket number USCG–2007–0074.

Due to comments received regarding the proposed expansion of two security zones, we will not expand these two security zones; the decision not to expand them was recently published as part of the final rule concerning “Safety and Security Zones: New York Marine Inspection Zone and Captain of the Port Zone,” docket number USCG–2007–0074. This decision removes the need to revise the size of the three adjacent anchorage grounds.

Withdrawal

Because we will not expand the security zones discussed above, there is no need to revise the boundaries of the three anchorage grounds adjacent to Ellis and Liberty Islands in Upper New York Bay. Therefore, we are withdrawing our proposal to revise those anchorage grounds, which was published on May 14, 2008, in the *Federal Register* (73 FR 27775).

Authority

We issue this notice of withdrawal under the authority of 33 U.S.C. 471, 1221 through 1236, 2030, 2035 and

2071; 33 CFR 1.05–1; and Department of Homeland Security Delegation No. 0170.1.

Dated: November 13, 2008.

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Rear Admiral, U.S. Coast Guard, Commander,
First Coast Guard District.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Coast Guard

46 CFR Parts 71, 114, 115, 122, 170, 171, 172, 174, 175, 176, 178, 179, and 185

[Docket No. USCG–2007–0030]

RIN 1625–AB20

Passenger Weight and Inspected Vessel Stability Requirements

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DHS.

ACTION: Proposed rule; reopening of comment period.

SUMMARY: The Coast Guard is reopening the period for public comment on its notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) on regulations governing the stability of passenger vessels and the maximum number of passengers that may safely be permitted on board a vessel. The comment period will close on March 20, 2009.

DATES: The comment period for the proposed rule published at 73 FR 49244, August 20, 2008, and reopened at 73 FR 74426, December 8, 2008, is again reopened. Comments and related material must be received on or before March 20, 2009.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments identified by docket number USCG–2007–0030 using any one of the following methods:

- (1) *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* <http://www.regulations.gov>.
- (2) *Fax:* 202–493–2251.
- (3) *Mail:* Docket Management Facility (M–30), U.S. Department of Transportation, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12–140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Washington, DC 20590–0001.

(4) *Hand delivery:* Same as mail address above, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. The telephone number is 202–366–9329.

To avoid duplication, please use only one of these methods. For instructions on submitting comments, see the “Public Participation and Request for Comments” portion of the

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION section below.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: If you have questions on this notice, call Mr. William Peters, U.S. Coast Guard, Office of Design and Engineering Standards, Naval Architecture Division (CG–5212), telephone 202–372–1371. If you have questions on viewing or submitting material to the docket, call Renee V. Wright, Program Manager, Docket Operations, telephone 202–366–9826.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Public Participation and Request for Comments

The Coast Guard has requested comments as to all aspects of the rulemaking. We particularly encourage you at this time to submit comments and related material on the “Pontoon Vessel Passenger Crowding Stability Criteria Study, Appendix 1.” All comments received will be posted, without change, to <http://www.regulations.gov> and will include any personal information you have provided.

Submitting comments: If you submit a comment, please include the docket number for this notice (USCG–2007–0030) and provide a reason for each suggestion or recommendation. You may submit your comments and material online, or by fax, mail or hand delivery, but please use only one of these means. We recommend that you include your name and a mailing address, an e-mail address, or a phone number in the body of your document so that we can contact you if we have questions regarding your submission.

To submit your comment online, go to <http://www.regulations.gov>, select the Advanced Docket Search option on the right side of the screen, insert “USCG–2007–0030” in the Docket ID box, press Enter, and then click on the balloon shape in the Actions column. If you submit your comments by mail or hand delivery, submit them in an unbound format, no larger than 8½ by 11 inches, suitable for copying and electronic filing. If you submit them by mail and would like to know that they reached the Facility, please enclose a stamped, self-addressed postcard or envelope. We will consider all comments and material received during the comment period.

Viewing comments and Appendix 1: To view the comments and the “Pontoon Vessel Passenger Crowding Stability Criteria Study, Appendix 1” go to <http://www.regulations.gov>, select the Advanced Docket Search option on the right side of the screen, insert USCG–2007–0030 in the Docket ID box, press

Enter, and then click on the item in the Docket ID column. If you do not have access to the Internet, you may view the docket online by visiting the Docket Management Facility in Room W12-140 on the ground floor of the Department of Transportation West Building, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Washington, DC 20590, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. We have an agreement with the Department of Transportation to use the Docket Management Facility.

Privacy Act: Anyone can search the electronic form of comments received into any of our dockets by the name of the individual submitting the comment (or signing the comment, if submitted on behalf of an association, business, labor union, etc.). You may review a Privacy Act, system of records notice regarding our public dockets in the January 17, 2008 issue of the **Federal Register** (73 FR 3316).

Background and Purpose

On August 20, 2008, The Coast Guard published an NPRM entitled "Passenger Weight and Inspected Vessel Stability Requirements" (73 FR 49244). During the NPRM's original comment period, which ended November 18, 2008, members of the public requested that the Coast Guard add to the docket a study cited in support of certain stability findings that resulted in proposed changes to 46 CFR 171 in the NPRM.

The 12-page study, entitled the "Pontoon Vessel Passenger Crowding Stability Criteria Study," was added to the docket on October 30, 2008 (document number USCG-2007-0030-0139.1). Following the addition of the study, members of the public stated that they did not have sufficient time to review and comment on this study before the close of the comment period. On December 8, 2008, the Coast Guard reopened the comment period for 60 days to afford the public additional time to comment (73 FR 74426).

During the reopened comment period the Coast Guard became aware that an appendix to the study, that had not been previously released, would assist the public in understanding the Pontoon Vessel Passenger Crowding Stability Criteria Study. We added this information, entitled "Pontoon Vessel Passenger Crowding Stability Criteria Study, Appendix 1" to the docket on February 09, 2009 (document number USCG-2007-0030-0204.1). In order to ensure the public has sufficient time to utilize the information in the appendix we will reopen the comment period, which closed February 6, 2009, for 30 additional days. The comment period

will close on March 20, 2009. Additionally, you are reminded that you may comment on any aspect of the rulemaking, including on any comments placed in the docket. We may change the proposed rules in response to the comments received.

Dated: February 10, 2009.

J.G. Lantz,

Director of Commercial Regulations and Standards, U.S. Coast Guard.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

50 CFR Part 635

[Docket No. 080728943-9153-01]

RIN 0648-AX12

Atlantic Highly Migratory Species; 2009 Atlantic Bluefin Tuna Quota Specifications and Effort Controls

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

ACTION: Proposed rule; request for comments; notice of public hearings.

SUMMARY: NMFS proposes 2009 fishing year specifications for the Atlantic bluefin tuna (BFT) fishery to set BFT quotas for each of the established domestic fishing categories and to set effort controls (daily retention limits) for the General and Angling categories. This action is necessary to implement recommendations of the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (ICCAT), as required by the Atlantic Tunas Convention Act (ATCA), and to achieve domestic management objectives under the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (Magnuson-Stevens Act). NMFS solicits written comments and will hold public hearings to receive oral comments on these proposed actions.

DATES: Written comments must be received on or before March 20, 2009.

The public hearing dates are:

1. March 4, 2009, 3 p.m. to 5 p.m., Gloucester, MA.
2. March 17, 2009, 4 p.m. to 6 p.m., Silver Spring, MD.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments, identified by "0648-AX12", by any one of the following methods:

- Electronic Submissions: Submit all electronic public comments via the

Federal eRulemaking Portal <http://www.regulations.gov>

• Fax: 978-281-9340, Attn: Sarah McLaughlin

• Mail: Sarah McLaughlin, Highly Migratory Species Management Division, Office of Sustainable Fisheries (F/SF1), NMFS, 55 Great Republic Dr., Gloucester, MA 01930

Instructions: All comments received are a part of the public record and will generally be posted to Portal <http://www.regulations.gov> without change. All Personal Identifying Information (for example, name, address, etc.) voluntarily submitted by the commenter may be publicly accessible. Do not submit Confidential Business Information or otherwise sensitive or protected information.

NMFS will accept anonymous comments (enter "n/a" in the required fields if you wish to remain anonymous). Attachments to electronic comments will be accepted in Microsoft Word, Excel, WordPerfect, or Adobe PDF file formats only.

The hearing locations are:

1. Gloucester -- NMFS, 55 Great Republic Drive, Gloucester, MA 01930.
2. Silver Spring -- NOAA Science Center, 1301 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910.

Supporting documents including the 2009 draft Environmental Assessment, Initial Regulatory Flexibility Analysis, and Regulatory Impact Review are available by sending your request to Sarah McLaughlin at the mailing address specified above.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sarah McLaughlin, 978-281-9260.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Atlantic tunas are managed under the dual authority of the Magnuson-Stevens Act and ATCA. ATCA authorizes the Secretary of Commerce (Secretary) to promulgate regulations, as may be necessary and appropriate, to implement ICCAT recommendations. The authority to issue regulations under the Magnuson-Stevens Act and ATCA has been delegated from the Secretary to the Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, NOAA (AA).

Background

On October 2, 2006, NMFS published in the **Federal Register** (71 FR 58058) final regulations, effective November 1, 2006, implementing the Consolidated Atlantic Highly Migratory Species Fishery Management Plan (Consolidated HMS FMP), which consolidated management of all Atlantic HMS (i.e., sharks, swordfish, tunas, and billfish) into one comprehensive FMP. The implementing regulations for Atlantic HMS are at 50 CFR part 635.