

**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION****Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration**

**49 CFR Parts 370, 371, 373, 375, 376, 378, 379, 380, 382, 387, 390, 391, 395, 396, and 398**

[Docket No. FMCSA–2012–0376]

RIN 2126–AB47

**Electronic Documents and Signatures; Correction**

**AGENCY:** Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA), DOT.

**ACTION:** Final rule; correction and withdrawal of regulatory guidance.

**SUMMARY:** FMCSA corrects the electronic documents and signatures final rule published on April 16, 2018 that amended FMCSA regulations to allow the use of electronic records and signatures to satisfy FMCSA's regulatory requirements. This document corrects an amendatory instruction, removes two extra commas at the end of two phrases, and adds "of this section" to a cross reference in a paragraph. Finally, FMCSA rescinds its January 4, 2011, interpretations and regulatory guidance.

**DATES:** This correction is effective June 15, 2018. As of June 15, 2018, the document published at 76 FR 411 on Jan. 4, 2011, is withdrawn.

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In FR Doc. 2018–07749, appearing on page 16210 in the *Federal Register* of Monday, April 16, 2018, the following corrections are made:

■ 1. In the preamble, on page 16218, in the second column, under the heading "49 CFR 390.31," following the sentence that reads "The requirement that the Agency be able to inspect records applies regardless of whether the copy is in paper or electronic form", add a new paragraph to read as follows: "In consideration of the final rule on electronic documents and signatures, the Agency rescinds Questions 1 through 13 (76 FR 411, Jan. 4, 2011) (<https://www.fmcsa.dot.gov/regulations/title49/section/390.31>)."

**§ 376.12 [Corrected]**

■ 2. On page 16224, in the third column, in amendment 17, the instruction "Amend § 376.12 by revising paragraphs (f), (g), and (l) to read as follows:" is corrected to read "Amend § 376.12 by revising the section heading and paragraphs (f), (g), and (l) to read as follows:".

**§ 390.5 [Corrected]**

■ 3. On page 16226, in the third column, in § 390.5, the phrase "1701–1710," is corrected to read "1701–1710,".

**§ 390.5T [Corrected]**

■ 4. On page 16226, in the third column, in § 390.5T, the phrase "1701–1710," is corrected to read "1701–1710,".

**§ 395.15 [Corrected]**

■ 5. On page 16227, in the second column, in § 395.15(b)(5) the phrase "in paragraph (b)(4)" is corrected to read "in paragraph (b)(4) of this section".

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE****National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration****50 CFR Part 253**

[Docket No. 170404355–8455–02]

RIN 0648–BG80

**Merchant Marine Act and Magnuson-Stevens Act Provisions; Fishing Vessel, Fishing Facility and Individual Fishing Quota and Harvesting Rights Lending Program Regulations**

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

**ACTION:** Final rule; response to comments.

**SUMMARY:** NMFS' Fisheries Finance Program (FFP) provides long-term financing to the commercial fishing and aquaculture industries for fishing vessels, fisheries facilities, aquaculture facilities, and certain designated individual fishing quota (IFQ). Section 302 of the Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2015 included new authority to finance the purchase of harvesting rights in a fishery that is federally managed under a limited access system. Through this final rule, the FFP adds a new

section to the existing FFP regulations to implement this statutory change. The net effect of this change to the regulations will be to provide additional authority for the program to lend, and providing FFP financing to additional fisheries while leaving the original IFQ authority to Fishery Management Councils to use as needed.

**DATES:** This final rule is effective June 25, 2018.

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Under the authority of Chapter 537 of Title 46 of the United States Code, 46 U.S.C. 53701, *et seq.*, the FFP may provide long-term financing to the commercial fishing and aquaculture industries for fishing vessels, fisheries facilities, aquaculture facilities, and certain designated individual fishing quota (IFQs). Section 302 of the Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2015 (Pub. L. 114–120) amended Chapter 537, providing the FFP with the authority to finance the purchase of harvesting rights in a fishery that is federally managed under a limited access system. This amendment is codified at 46 U.S.C. 53702(b)(4)(B). On October 31, 2017, NMFS published a proposed rule to add a new section to the existing FFP regulations to implement this statutory change and requested public comment (82 FR 50363). NMFS received eight responses, of which two were not related to the rulemaking five were in support and one was neutral. The net effect of this final rule is to provide additional authority for the program to lend, while leaving the original IFQ authority to Fishery Management Councils (FMCs) to use as needed.

**Existing IFQ Loan Authority**

46 U.S.C. 53706 authorizes the FFP to finance or refinance the purchase of individual fishing quotas in accordance with section 303(d)(4) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (MSA), now codified at 16 U.S.C. 1853a(g). Under this provision of the MSA, an FMC may submit, and NMFS may approve and implement, a loan program to aid in (1) the acquisition of IFQ by fishermen who fish from "small vessels," and (2) the first time purchase of IFQ by "entry level fishermen." Therefore, under this authority, the FFP cannot initiate or implement a lending program to finance or refinance the purchase of IFQ until the appropriate FMC submits a request to NMFS and provides guidance for the requisite criteria.