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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Defense Acquisition Regulations System

#### 48 CFR Parts 212, 225, and 252

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#### Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement; Contractor Personnel Authorized To Accompany U.S. Armed Forces (DFARS Case 2005-D013)

**AGENCY:** Defense Acquisition Regulations System, Department of Defense (DoD).

**ACTION:** Interim rule; extension of comment period.

**SUMMARY:** DoD is extending the comment period for the interim rule published at 71 FR 34826 on June 16, 2006. The interim rule implements DoD policy regarding contractor personnel authorized to accompany U.S. Armed Forces deployed outside the United States. The comment period is extended to accommodate significant interest expressed with regard to the interim rule.

**DATES:** The ending date for submission of comments is extended to September 18, 2006.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Amy Williams, Defense Acquisition Regulations System, OUSD(AT&L)DPAP(DARS), IMD 3C132, 3062 Defense Pentagon, Washington, DC 20301-3062. Telephone (703) 602-0328; facsimile (703) 602-0350. Please cite DFARS Case 2005-D013.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

#### 50 CFR Part 679

[Docket No. 060216045-6045-01; I.D. 080806G]

#### Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Atka Mackerel Lottery in Areas 542 and 543

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

**ACTION:** Temporary rule, notification of fishery assignments.

**SUMMARY:** NMFS is notifying the owners and operators of registered vessels of their assignments for the 2006 B season Atka mackerel fishery in harvest limit area (HLA) 542 and/or 543 of the Aleutian Islands subarea of the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands management area (BSAI). This action is necessary to allow the harvest of the 2006 B season HLA limits established for areas 542 and 543 pursuant to the 2006 and 2007 harvest specifications for groundfish in the BSAI.

**DATES:** Effective 1200 hrs, Alaska local time (A.l.t.), August 9, 2006, until 1200 hrs, A.l.t., December 31, 2006.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jennifer Hogan, 907-586-7228.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** NMFS manages the groundfish fishery in the BSAI exclusive economic zone according to the Fishery Management Plan for Groundfish of the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area (FMP) prepared by the North Pacific Fishery Management Council under authority of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act. Regulations governing fishing by U.S. vessels in accordance with the FMP appear at subpart H of 50 CFR part 600 and 50 CFR part 679.

In accordance with § 679.20(a)(8)(iii)(A), owners and operators of vessels using trawl gear for directed fishing for Atka mackerel in the HLA are required to register with NMFS. Eleven vessels have registered with NMFS to fish in the B season HLA fisheries in areas 542 and/or 543. In order to reduce the amount of daily

catch in the HLA by about half and to disperse the fishery over time and in accordance with § 679.20(a)(8)(iii)(B), the Acting Administrator, Alaska Region, NMFS, has randomly assigned each vessel to the HLA directed fishery for Atka mackerel for which they have registered and is now notifying each vessel of its assignment.

Vessels assigned to the first HLA directed fishery in area 542 in accordance with 50 CFR 679.20(a)(8)(iii) are as follows: Federal Fishery Permit number (FFP) 3400 Alaska Ranger, FFP 3819 Alaska Spirit, FFP 4093 Alaska Victory, FFP 3423 Alaska Warrior, FFP 4092 Constellation, and FFP 2800 U.S. Intrepid.

Vessels assigned to the second HLA directed fishery in area 542 in accordance with 50 CFR 679.20(a)(8)(iii) are as follows: FFP 2443 Alaska Juris, FFP 1879 American No. 1, FFP 2134 Ocean Peace, FFP 3835 Seafisher, and FFP 2733 Seafreeze Alaska.

Vessels assigned to the first HLA directed fishery in area 543 in accordance with 50 CFR 679.20(a)(8)(iii) are as follows: FFP 2443 Alaska Juris, FFP 2134 Ocean Peace, FFP 3835 Seafisher, and FFP 2733 Seafreeze Alaska.

Vessels assigned to the second HLA directed fishery in area 543 in accordance with 50 CFR 679.20(a)(8)(iii) are as follows: FFP 3400 Alaska Ranger, FFP 3819 Alaska Spirit, FFP 4093 Alaska Victory, FFP 3423 Alaska Warrior, and FFP 4092 Constellation.

#### Classification

The Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, NOAA (AA), finds good cause to waive the requirement to provide prior notice and opportunity for public comment pursuant to the authority set forth at 5 U.S.C. 553(b)(B) as such requirement is unnecessary. This notice merely advises the owners of these vessels of the results of a random assignment required by regulation. The notice needs to occur immediately to notify the owner of each vessel of its assignment to allow these vessel owners to plan for participation in the B season HLA fisheries in areas 542 and/or 543.

The AA also finds good cause to waive the 30-day delay in the effective date of this action under 5 U.S.C. 553(d)(3). This finding is based upon the reasons provided above for waiver of