

under State law and imposes no new enforceable duty on any State, local or tribal governments or the private sector. Similarly, EPA has also determined that this proposed rule contains no regulatory requirements that might significantly or uniquely affect small government entities. Thus, the requirements of section 203 of the UMRA do not apply to this rule.

5. Executive Order 13132: Federalism

Executive Order 13132, entitled "Federalism" (64 FR 43255, August 10, 1999), requires EPA to develop an accountable process to ensure "meaningful and timely input by State and local officials in the development of regulatory policies that have federalism implications." "Policies that have federalism implications" is defined in the Executive Order to include regulations that have "substantial direct effects on the States, on the relationship between the national government and the States, or on the distribution of power and responsibilities among various levels of government."

This proposed rule does not have federalism implications. It will not have substantial direct effects on the States, on the relationship between the national government and the States, or on the distribution of power and responsibilities among various levels of government, as specified in Executive Order 13132. This proposed rule only authorizes existing State rules as part of the State RCRA hazardous waste program.

6. Executive Order 13175: Consultation and Coordination With Indian Tribal Governments

Executive Order 13175, entitled "Consultation and Coordination with Indian Tribal Governments" (65 FR 67249, November 9, 2000), requires EPA to develop an accountable process to ensure "meaningful and timely input by tribal officials in the development of regulatory policies that have tribal implications." This proposed rule does not have tribal implications, as specified in Executive Order 13175. The rule proposes to authorize existing state rules and does not establish any regulatory policy with tribal implications. Thus, Executive Order 13175 does not apply to this proposed rule. EPA specifically solicits additional comment on this proposed rule from tribal officials.

7. Executive Order 13045: Protection of Children From Environmental Health and Safety Risks

Executive Order 13045 applies to any rule that: (1) Is determined to be

"economically significant" as defined under Executive Order 12866, and (2) concerns an environmental health or safety risk that EPA has reason to believe may have a disproportionate effect on children. If the regulatory action meets both criteria, the Agency must evaluate the environmental health or safety effects of the planned rule on children, and explain why the planned regulation is preferable to other potentially effective and reasonably feasible alternatives considered by the Agency.

This proposed rule is not subject to Executive Order 13045 because it is not economically significant as defined in Executive Order 12866 and because the Agency does not have reason to believe the environmental health or safety risks addressed by this proposed action present a disproportionate risk to children.

8. Executive Order 13211: Actions That Significantly Affect Energy Supply, Distribution, or Use

This rule is not subject to Executive Order 13211, "Actions Concerning Regulations that Significantly Affect Energy Supply, Distribution, or Use" (66 FR 28355, May 22, 2001) because it is not a "significant regulatory action" as defined under Executive Order 12866.

9. National Technology Transfer and Advancement Act

Section 12(d) of the National Technology Transfer and Advancement Act of 1995 ("NTAA"), Public Law 104-113, section 12(d) (15 U.S.C. 272) directs EPA to use voluntary consensus standards in its regulatory activities unless to do so would be inconsistent with applicable law or otherwise impractical. Voluntary consensus standards are technical standards (e.g., materials specifications, test methods, sampling procedures, and business practices) that are developed or adopted by voluntary consensus bodies. The NTAA directs EPA to provide Congress, through the OMB, explanations when the Agency decides not to use available and applicable voluntary consensus standards. This proposed rulemaking does not involve "technical standards" as defined by the NTAA. Therefore, EPA is not considering the use of any voluntary consensus standards.

List of Subjects in 40 CFR Part 271

Environmental protection, Administrative practice and procedure, Confidential business information, Hazardous materials transportation, Hazardous waste, Indians-lands, Intergovernmental relations, Penalties,

Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

Authority: This proposed action is issued under the authority of sections 2002(a), 3006 and 7004(b) of the Solid Waste Disposal Act as amended 42 U.S.C. 6912(a), 6926, 6974(b).

Dated: July 9, 2003.

Ronald Kreizenbeck,

Acting Regional Administrator, Region 10.

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COMMITTEE FOR PURCHASE FROM PEOPLE WHO ARE BLIND OR SEVERELY DISABLED

41 CFR Parts 51-3 and 51-4

Miscellaneous Amendments to Committee Regulations

AGENCY: Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled.

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: The Committee is proposing to change the dates by which the annual certifications by participating nonprofit agencies are due to the central nonprofit agencies and the Committee.

DATES: Submit comments on or before September 2, 2003.

ADDRESS: Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled, Jefferson Plaza 2, Suite 10800, 1421 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, Virginia 22202-3259.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: G. John Heyer (703) 603-0665. Copies of this notice will be made available on request in computer diskette format.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Committee is proposing to revise 41 CFR 51-3.2(m) and 51-4.3(a) to change the dates on which the Annual Certifications (Committee Form 403 or 404) submitted at the end of each Federal fiscal year by nonprofit agencies participating in the Committee's program are due to the central nonprofit agencies and the Committee. The purpose of this change is to ensure that the data is received in a more timely manner than is currently the case. The Committee is proposing to change the date the certification forms are due to the central nonprofit agencies from November 15 of each year to November 1, and the date the forms are due to the Committee from December 15 to December 1.

Regulatory Flexibility Act

I certify that this proposed revision of the Committee regulations will not have a significant economic impact on a

substantial number of small entities because the revision clarifies program policies and does not essentially change the impact of the regulations on small entities.

Paperwork Reduction Act

The Paperwork Reduction Act does not apply to this proposed rule because it contains no new information collection or recordkeeping requirements as defined in that Act and its regulations.

Executive Order No. 12866

The Committee has been exempted from the regulatory review requirements of the Executive Order by the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs. Additionally, the proposed rule is not a significant regulatory action as defined in the Executive Order.

List of Subjects

41 CFR Part 51-3

Government procurement, Handicapped.

41 CFR Part 51-4

Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

For the reasons set out in the preamble, parts 51-3 and 51-4 of title 41, chapter 51 of the Code of Federal Regulations are proposed to be amended as follows:

1. The authority citation for parts 51-3 and 51-4 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 41 U.S.C. 46-48c.

PART 51-3—CENTRAL NONPROFIT AGENCIES

2. Section 51-3.2 is amended by revising paragraph (m) to read as follows:

§ 51-3.2 Responsibilities under the JWOD Program.

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(m) Review and forward to the Committee by December 1 of each year a completed original copy of the appropriate Annual Certification (Committee Form 403 or 404) for each of its participating nonprofit agencies covering the fiscal year ending the preceding September 30.

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PART 51-4—NONPROFIT AGENCIES

3. Section 51-4.3 is amended by revising the second sentence of paragraph (a) to read as follows:

§ 51-4.3 Maintaining qualification.

(a) * * * In addition, each such nonprofit agency must submit to its central nonprofit agency by November 1

of each year, two completed copies of the appropriate Annual Certification (Committee Form 403 or 404) covering the fiscal year ending the preceding September 30.

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Dated: July 28, 2003.

Louis R. Bartalot,

Director, Program Analysis and Evaluation.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

50 CFR Parts 600 and 635

[Docket No. 030721180-3180-01; I.D. 010903D]

RIN 0648-AQ95

Atlantic Highly Migratory Species; Atlantic Shark Management Measures

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

ACTION: Proposed rule; notice of availability of draft Amendment 1 to the Fishery Management Plan for Atlantic Tunas, Swordfish, and Sharks (Amendment 1); request for comments.

SUMMARY: This proposed rule and Amendment 1 are necessary to ensure that shark regulations are based on the results of the 2002 stock assessments for large coastal sharks (LCS) and small coastal sharks (SCS). The results of these stock assessments indicate that the LCS complex continues to be overfished, and overfishing is occurring; that sandbar sharks are not overfished, but overfishing is occurring; that blacktip sharks are rebuilt and healthy; that the SCS complex is healthy; and that finetooth sharks are not overfished, but overfishing is occurring. Based on these results, NMFS proposes to revise the rebuilding timeframe for LCS to 27 years from 2004, to change the commercial regulations, to change the recreational regulations, to remove the deepwater/other sharks from the management unit, to establish criteria regarding adding or removing sharks from the prohibited species group, and to establish a display permit for fishermen who wish to harvest sharks only for public display. In Amendment 1, NMFS also proposes updates to essential fish habitat (EFH) identifications for sandbar, blacktip, finetooth, dusky, and nurse sharks.

DATES: Comments must be received no later than 5 p.m. on September 30, 2003.

Section 635.69 is currently stayed. However, NMFS intends to lift the stay and reinstate § 635.69 before the final rule is published.

Public hearings on this proposed rule will be held in August and September 2003. Specific dates and times for the public hearings will be announced in a separate document published in the **Federal Register**.

ADDRESSES: Written comments on the proposed rule should be submitted to Christopher Rogers, Chief, Highly Migratory Species (HMS) Management Division (SF/1), National Marine Fisheries Service, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910. Comments also may be sent via facsimile (fax) to 301-713-1917. Comments will not be accepted if submitted via e-mail or Internet. Comments regarding the collection-of-information requirements contained in this proposed rule should be sent to the HMS Management Division, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910, and to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget (OMB), Washington, DC 20503 (Attention: NOAA Desk Officer). For copies of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement/Regulatory Impact Review/Initial Regulatory Flexibility Analysis (DEIS/RIR/IRFA), contact Karyl Brewster-Geisz at 301-713-2347.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Karyl Brewster-Geisz, Heather Stirratt, or Chris Rilling at 301-713-2347 or fax 301-713-1917 or Greg Fairclough at 727-570-5741 or fax 727-570-5656.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Atlantic shark fisheries are managed under the authority of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (Magnuson-Stevens Act). The Fishery Management Plan for Atlantic Tunas, Swordfish, and Sharks (HMS FMP), finalized in 1999, is implemented by regulations at 50 CFR part 635.

Management History

NMFS has managed shark fisheries in the Atlantic Ocean, the Gulf of Mexico, and the Caribbean Sea under an FMP since 1993. Since 1997, management actions have been challenged in several lawsuits from commercial, recreational, and environmental interest groups. In December 2000, the court approved a settlement agreement regarding two lawsuits with the commercial industry. Consistent with the court-approved settlement agreement, among other things, NMFS conducted a non-NMFS