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Proposed Rule Stage

section 9(a)(1)(A) and 9(a)(1)(D) through 9(a)(1)(G) for the Southern DPS and apply ESA section 9(a)(1)(B) and (a)(1)(C) prohibitions (called the “take prohibitions”) to specific activities that take Southern DPS fish or alter its habitat in a manner detrimental to the continued existence of the species. The 4(d) rule would include exceptions to the take prohibitions for activities

conducted in a way that NMFS deems adequate to protect or conserve the Southern DPS.

**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	10/00/08	
NPRM Comment Period End	12/00/08	

**Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required:** Yes

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**NATIONAL OCEAN SERVICE**

**83. • AMENDMENT TO DISCHARGE REGULATIONS IN GULF OF THE FARALLONES, MONTEREY BAY, AND CORDELL BANKS NATIONAL MARINE SANCTUARIES**

**Legal Authority:** 16 USC 1434 et seq

**Abstract:** This rule, part of the Joint Management Plan Review for the three northern California sanctuaries, addresses the need to revise NOAA’s discharge regulations for large vessels to be consistent with California law. The rule would prohibit discharge of treated waste from vessels 300 gross registered tons or more (that are not

cruise ships) while within the sanctuaries. If the vessel does not have the capacity to hold the waste while in the sanctuaries, it can discharge sewage like any other vessel in the sanctuary other than cruise ships. The rule also prohibits discharge of graywater from vessels 300 gross registered tons or more (that are not cruise ships while within the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary (MBNMS). (The Gulf of the Farallones and Cordell Bank National Marine Sanctuaries already prohibit discharge of graywater.) If the vessel does not have the capacity to hold the waste while in the MBNMS, it can discharge

graywater like any other vessel in the MBNMS other than cruise ships.

**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	05/00/08	
Final Action	01/00/09	

**Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required:** Yes

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**NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE**

**84. REQUIRE MANDATORY OBSERVER COVERAGE IN THE AT–SEA PROCESSING SECTOR OF THE WHITING FISHERY**

**Legal Authority:** 16 USC 1801 et seq

**Abstract:** This action amends the regulations implementing the Pacific Coast Groundfish Fishery Management Plan to provide for a mandatory, vessel-financed observer program on at-sea processing vessels.

**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	09/10/03	68 FR 53334
NPRM Comment Period End	10/10/03	
Interim Final Rule	06/07/04	69 FR 31751
Interim Final Rule Comment Period End	07/07/04	
Final Action	10/00/08	

**Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required:** Yes

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**85. REVISIONS TO THE SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH ACTIVITY, EXEMPTED FISHING, AND EXEMPTED EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITY REGULATIONS**

**Legal Authority:** 16 USC 1801 et seq

**Abstract:** The National Marine Fisheries Service amends the regulations at 50 CFR 600.745. The action is intended to provide clearer guidance to the public for obtaining appropriate acknowledgments and

permits and to facilitate the timely conduct of research to address bycatch and habitat issues in the fisheries.

**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	03/18/08	73 FR 14428
NPRM Comment Period End	04/04/08	
Final Action	06/00/08	

**Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required:** Yes

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**86. FRAMEWORK 4 TO THE FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR MONKFISH**

**Legal Authority:** 16 USC 1801 et seq