

§ 412.25(e) when instead we were amending § 412.25(e)(1). Second, we inadvertently misquoted a portion of § 412.25(e)(1). Specifically, we stated that we were removing the phrase “paragraph (e)(2) and (e)(4)” in the existing regulations. However, the existing regulation states “paragraphs (e)(2) through (e)(4)”. Third, we made a typographical error in describing the phrase that was replacing the cross-reference described above. Specifically, we stated that “paragraph (e)(2) and (e)(5)” was replacing “paragraph (e)(2) and (e)(4).” (We note that our final regulations make paragraphs (e)(2) through (e)(5), not just paragraphs (e)(2) and (e)(5), applicable to satellite facilities.) Therefore, in section III. B. of this notice, we are correcting the aforementioned errors by revising the first amendatory statement of § 412.25 to indicate that in paragraph (e)(1) we are removing the cross-reference to “paragraphs (e)(2) through (e)(4)” and adding the cross-reference “paragraphs (e)(2) through (e)(5)” in its place.

On pages 48191, 48201, and 48202, in Table 5—List of Diagnosis-Related Groups (DRGS), Relative Weighting Factors, and Geometric and Arithmetic Mean Length of Stay (LOS), we inadvertently listed the incorrect DRG title for several DRGs and the incorrect major diagnosis category (MDC) for DRG 566 and DRG 572. Therefore, we are correcting these errors in section III. C. of this notice.

III. Correction of Errors

In FR Doc. 06–6692 of August 18, 2006 (71 FR 47870), make the following corrections:

A. Corrections to Errors in the Preamble

On page 47944, first column, second full paragraph, lines 1 and 5, the figure “583” is corrected to read “577”.

B. Corrections to Errors in the Regulations Text

§ 412.25 [Corrected]

On page 48137, first column, lines 10 through 14, in the first amendatory

statement for § 412.25, the sentence “In paragraph (e) introductory text, remove the cross-reference ‘paragraph (e)(2) and (e)(4)’ and add the cross-reference ‘paragraph (e)(2) and (e)(5)’ in its place.” is corrected to read, “In paragraph (e)(1), remove the cross-reference ‘paragraphs (e)(2) through (e)(4)’ and add the cross-reference ‘paragraphs (e)(2) through (e)(5)’ in its place.”

C. Corrections to Errors in the Addendum

Note: The addendum does not appear in the Code of Federal Regulations.

1. On pages 48191, 48201, and 48202 in Table 5—List of Diagnosis-Related Groups (DRGS), Relative Weighting Factors, and Geometric and Arithmetic Mean Length of Stay (LOS) the following DRG titles (column 6) are corrected to read as follows:

DRG	DRG title
DRG 303	Kidney and Ureter Procedures for Neoplasm.
DRG 304	Kidney and Ureter Procedures for Non-Neoplasm With CC.
DRG 305	Kidney and Ureter Procedures for Non-Neoplasm Without CC.
DRG 543	Craniotomy With Major Device Implant or Acute Complex CNS Principal Diagnosis.
DRG 568	Stomach, Esophageal & Duodenal Proc Age >17 W CC W/O Major GI DX.

2. On page 48202, in Table 5—List of Diagnosis-Related Groups (DRGS), Relative Weighting Factors, and Geometric and Arithmetic Mean Length of Stay (LOS),—

a. Row 9, DRG 566, the MDC (column 4) “06” is corrected to read “04”.

b. Row 15, DRG 572, the MDC (column 4) “08” is corrected to read “06”.

IV. Waiver of Proposed Rulemaking and Delay in Effective Date

We ordinarily publish a notice of proposed rulemaking in the **Federal Register** to provide a period for public comment before the provisions of a rule take effect in accordance with section 553(b) of the Administrative Procedure Act (APA) (5 U.S.C. 553(b)). However, we can waive this notice and comment procedure if the Secretary finds, for good cause, that the notice and comment process is impracticable, unnecessary, or contrary to the public interest, and incorporates a statement of the finding and the reasons therefore in the notice.

Section 553(d) of the APA ordinarily requires a 30-day delay in effective date of final rules after the date of their publication in the **Federal Register**.

This 30-day delay in effective date can be waived, however, if an agency finds for good cause that the delay is impracticable, unnecessary, or contrary to the public interest, and the agency incorporates a statement of the findings and its reasons in the rule issued.

Therefore, we are waiving proposed rulemaking and the 30-day delayed effective date for the technical corrections in this notice. This notice merely corrects typographical and technical errors in the preamble, regulations text, and addendum of the FY 2007 IPPS final rule and does not make substantive changes to the policies or payment methodologies that were adopted in the final rule. As a result, this notice is intended to ensure that the FY 2007 IPPS final rule accurately reflects the policies adopted in the final rule. Therefore, we find that undertaking further notice and comment procedures to incorporate these corrections into the final rule or delaying the effective date of these changes is unnecessary and contrary to the public interest.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program No. 93.773, Medicare—Hospital Insurance; and Program No. 93.774,

Medicare—Supplementary Medical Insurance Program)

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Ann C. Agnew,

Executive Secretary to the Department.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

50 CFR Part 635

[I.D. 092506B]

Atlantic Highly Migratory Species; Atlantic Bluefin Tuna Fisheries

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

ACTION: Temporary rule; inseason retention limit adjustment.

SUMMARY: NMFS has determined that the daily Atlantic bluefin tuna (BFT) retention limits for the Atlantic tunas General category should be adjusted to allow for a reasonable opportunity to

harvest the General category October through January time-period subquota. Therefore, NMFS increases the daily BFT retention limits for October to provide enhanced commercial General category fishing opportunities in all areas while minimizing the risk of an overharvest of the General category BFT quota.

DATES: The effective dates for the BFT daily retention limits are provided in Table 1 under **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Regulations implemented under the authority of the Atlantic Tunas Convention Act (16 U.S.C. 971 *et seq.*)

and the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (Magnuson-Stevens Act; 16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*) governing the harvest of BFT by persons and vessels subject to U.S. jurisdiction are found at 50 CFR part 635. The 2006 BFT fishing year began on June 1, 2006, and ends May 31, 2007. The final initial 2006 BFT specifications and General category effort controls were published on May 30, 2006 (71 FR 30619). These final specifications divided the General category quota among three subperiods (June through August, the month of September, and October through January) in accordance with the Highly Migratory Species Fishery Management Plan (1999 FMP) published in 1999 (May 29, 1999; 64 FR 29090), and implementing regulations at

§ 635.27. A three-fish General category retention limit was set for the first subperiod (June through August) due to the large amount of available quota and the low catch rate at the opening of the season. The three-fish General category retention limit was extended through the second subperiod (September) as catch rates remained low to provide enhanced fishing opportunities while minimizing the risk of exceeding available quota (71 FR 51529, August 30, 2006).

Daily Retention Limits

Pursuant to this action and the final initial 2006 BFT specifications, noted above, the daily BFT retention limits for Atlantic tunas General category are as follows:

TABLE 1. EFFECTIVE DATES FOR RETENTION LIMIT ADJUSTMENTS

Permit Category	Effective Dates	Areas	BFT Size Class Limit
General	September 1, 2006, through September 30, 2006, inclusive	All	Three BFT per vessel per day/trip, measuring 73 inches (185 cm) curved fork length (CFL) or larger
	October 1, 2006, through October 31, 2006, inclusive	All	Three BFT per vessel per day/trip, measuring 73 inches (185 cm) curved fork length (CFL) or larger
	November 1, 2006, through January 31, 2007, inclusive	All	One BFT per vessel per day/trip, measuring 73 inches (185 cm) CFL or larger

Adjustment of General Category Daily Retention Limits

Under § 635.23(a)(4), NMFS may increase or decrease the General category daily retention limit of large medium and giant BFT over a range from zero (on Restricted Fishing Days) to a maximum of three per vessel to allow for a reasonable opportunity to harvest the quota for BFT. As part of the final specifications on May 30, 2006 (71 FR 30619), NMFS adjusted the commercial daily BFT retention limit, in all areas, for those vessels fishing under the General category quota, to three large medium or giant BFT, measuring 73 inches (185 cm) or greater curved fork length (CFL), per vessel per day/trip. This retention limit was to remain in effect through August 31, 2006, inclusive, but on August 30, 2006, was extended through September (71 FR 51529). From October 1, 2006, through January 31, 2007, inclusive, the General category daily BFT retention limit was scheduled to revert to one large medium or giant BFT per vessel per day/trip.

The June through September time-period subquota allocations for the 2006 fishing year totaled approximately 1,038 metric tons (mt). As of September 15, 2006, 75.8 mt have been landed in the

General category and catch rates are less than 1.0 mt per day. If catch rates remain at current levels, approximately 11 mt would be landed during the remainder of September. This projection would bring the June through September time-period subquota landings to approximately 88.4 mt, resulting in an underharvest of approximately 951 mt. This carryover combined with the October through January time-period subquota allocation of 115.3 mt would allow for 1,066 mt to be harvested during the months of October through January. In combination with the subquota rollover from the June through August time-period, the expected rollover from September time-period subquota allocation, and the October through January subquota allocation, current catch rates, and the daily retention limit reverting to one large medium or giant BFT per vessel per day on October 1, 2006, NMFS anticipates the full October through January time-period subquota will not be harvested. Adding an excessive amount of unused quota from one time-period subquota to the subsequent time period subquota is undesirable because it effectively changes the time-period subquota allocation percentages established in the

1999 FMP and may contribute to excessive carry-overs to subsequent fishing years. In the past, however the fishery has had the capability of increasing landings rates dramatically in the latter Fall and Winter months, particularly off southern states. If the fishery was to perform at these past levels with very high landings rates (although not witnessed during the winter of 2005/2006) it would alleviate concern of excessive roll-overs from one fishing year to the next but raises the possibility of a curtailed season without full extension of fishing opportunities through January.

Therefore, based on a review of dealer reports, daily landing trends, available quota, and the availability of BFT on the fishing grounds, NMFS has determined that an increase in the General category daily BFT retention limit effective from October 1, 2006, through October 31, 2006, inclusive, is warranted. Thus, the General category daily retention limit of three large medium or giant BFT per vessel per day/trip (see Table 1) is extended through October 31, 2006. From November 1, 2006, through January 31, 2007, inclusive, the General category default daily BFT retention limit will be one large medium or giant

BFT per vessel per day/trip. NMFS anticipates that with a combination of the default retention limit starting on November 1, 2006, and the large amount of General category quota available, there will be sufficient quota for the coastwide General category season to extend into the winter months and allow for a southern Atlantic fishery to take place on an order of magnitude of prior years with minimal risk of landings exceeding available quota. However, to reduce the risks of excessive landings rates throughout the winter, NMFS has determined it necessary to only extend the three BFT daily retention limit for the one month of October and will re-examine the need to further extend the increased bag limit prior to November 1 based on landings rates and other fishery information. In addition, one of the preferred alternatives in the final Consolidated Highly Migratory Species FMP (July 14, 2006, 71 FR 40095), would formally allocate General category sub-quota to the December and January individual time-frames to provide for a late-season south Atlantic fishery.

This adjustment is intended to provide a reasonable opportunity to harvest the U.S. landings quota of BFT while maintaining an equitable distribution of fishing opportunities, to help achieve optimum yield in the General category BFT fishery, to collect a broad range of data for stock monitoring purposes, and to be consistent with the objectives of the 1999 FMP.

Monitoring and Reporting

NMFS selected the daily retention limits and their duration after examining current and previous fishing year catch and effort rates, taking into consideration public comment on the annual specifications and inseason management measures for the General category received during the 2006 BFT quota specifications rulemaking process, and analyzing the available quota for the 2006 fishing year. NMFS will continue to monitor the BFT fishery closely through dealer landing reports, the Automated Landings Reporting System, state harvest tagging programs in North Carolina and Maryland, and the Large Pelagics Survey. Depending on the level of fishing effort and catch rates of BFT, NMFS may determine that additional retention limit adjustments are necessary to ensure available quota is not exceeded or, to enhance scientific data collection from, and fishing opportunities in, all geographic areas.

Closures or subsequent adjustments to the daily retention limits, if any, will be published in the **Federal Register**. In

addition, fishermen may call the Atlantic Tunas Information Line at (888) 872-8862 or (978) 281-9260, or access the internet at www.hmspermits.gov, for updates on quota monitoring and retention limit adjustments.

Classification

The Assistant Administrator for NMFS (AA), finds that it is impracticable and contrary to the public interest to provide prior notice of, and an opportunity for public comment on, this action for the following reasons:

NMFS has recently become aware of increased availability of large medium and giant BFT off southern New England fishing grounds from fishing reports and landings data from dealers. This increase in abundance provides the potential to increase General category landings rates for a late season, southern New England fishery if participants are authorized to harvest three large medium or giant BFT per day. Although landings to date have been low (i.e. less than one mt/day) there is the potential for increased availability of BFT off the southern New England coast during the Fall to allow for an increase in fishery landing rates. The regulations implementing the 1999 FMP provide for inseason retention limit adjustments to respond to the unpredictable nature of BFT availability on the fishing grounds, the migratory nature of this species, and the regional variations in the BFT fishery. Adjustment of retention limits is also necessary to avoid excessive quota rollovers to subsequent General category time-period subquotas. Affording prior notice and opportunity for public comment to implement these retention limits is impracticable as it would preclude NMFS from acting promptly to allow harvest of BFT that are still available on southern New England fishing grounds. Analysis of available data shows that the General category BFT retention limit may be increased for the Atlantic tuna General and HMS Charter/Headboat permit holders with minimal risks of exceeding the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas allocated quota.

Delays in increasing the retention limits would be contrary to the public interest. Limited opportunities to harvest the respective quotas may have negative social and economic impacts to U.S. fishermen that either depend on catching the available quota within the time-periods designated in the 1999 FMP, or depend on multiple BFT retention limits to attract individuals to book charters. For both the General and the HMS Charter/Headboat sectors, the retention limits must be adjusted as

expeditiously as possible so the impacted sectors can benefit from the adjustment.

Therefore, the AA finds good cause under 5 U.S.C. 553(b)(B) to waive prior notice and the opportunity for public comment. For all of the above reasons, and because this action relieves a restriction (i.e., current default retention limit is one fish per vessel/trip but this action increases that limit and allows retention of more fish), there is also good cause under 5 U.S.C. 553(d) to waive the 30-day delay in effectiveness.

This action is being taken under 50 CFR 635.23(a)(4) and is exempt from review under Executive Order 12866.

Authority: 16 U.S.C. 971 *et seq.* and 1801 *et seq.*

Dated: September 27, 2006.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

50 CFR Part 660

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Fisheries Off West Coast States; Pacific Coast Groundfish Fishery; Specifications and Management Measures; Inseason Adjustments

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

ACTION: Inseason adjustments to groundfish management measures; request for comments.

SUMMARY: NMFS announces changes to management measures in the commercial and recreational Pacific Coast groundfish fisheries. These actions, which are authorized by the Pacific Coast Groundfish Fishery Management Plan (FMP), are intended to allow fisheries to access more abundant groundfish stocks while protecting overfished and depleted stocks.

DATES: Effective 0001 hours (local time) October 1, 2006. Comments on this rule will be accepted through November 2, 2006.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments, identified by I.D. 092106A by any of the following methods: