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NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION

NOAA ORGANIZATION HANDBOOK

TRANSMITTAL NO. 61

DATE: February 28, 2006

SUBJECT: DELEGATIONS OF AUTHORITY –
Assistant Administrator for Fisheries

THIS TRANSMITS – NOAA Organization Handbook Transmittal No. 61 (TM #61) comprised of delegation materials related to the National Marine Fisheries Service previously issued as TM #34, dated 5/31/1993; as amended by TM #40, dated 7/28/1995; and as TM #37, dated 1/30/1995; all as amended in accordance with Section 1.0, Introduction, of National Marine Fisheries Service's Policy Directive 02-110-12, issued as TM #60, dated February 28, 2006.

EFFECT ON OTHER ISSUANCES: Remove and discard superseded NOAA Delegations previously transmitted as TM #34 (dated 5/31/93); as TM #40 (dated 7/28/1995 and amending TR #34); and as TM #37 (dated 1/30/1995).

FILING INSTRUCTIONS: Please insert the attached pages in the appropriate place of the NOAA Organization Handbook or of Book I of the NOAA Directives System Handbook under Delegations of Authority, Organization Code FA0000, National Marine Fisheries Service.

File this transmittal sheet in the back of the Handbook.



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I. Reorganization Plan No. 4 of 1970 (5 U.S.C. App.), section 2(e)(4), established in NOAA the position of Assistant Administrator for Fisheries. The Assistant Administrator is responsible for all matters related to living marine resources that may arise in connection with the conduct of the functions of NOAA.

II. Department Organization Order 10-15 (January 15, 1988) delegates certain authority to the Under Secretary/Administrator. Section 3.05 of DOO 10-15 provides for redelegations of that authority to any employee of NOAA, subject to such conditions in the exercise of that authority as the Under Secretary/Administrator may prescribe. The Under Secretary/Administrator redelegates to the Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, with noted conditions and reservations, the authority to perform functions relating to:

A. Administrative/Management

1. Signature of material for publication in the Federal Register and the Code of Federal Regulations.
2. Determinations under Executive Order 12291, for regulations promulgated by NMFS.
3. Initial decision to deny program information requested from fisheries records under the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. 552.
4. Signature of certifications as Certifying Officer.
5. Exercise of NOAA's full Civilian Personnel Appointing Authority

B. Financial Assistance/Industry Services

1. Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946, 7 U.S.C. 1621-1627.
2. Agricultural Trade Development and Assistance Act of 1954, 7 U.S.C. 1704.
3. Cooperative fisheries associations, 15 U.S.C. 521-522.
4. Saltonstall-Kennedy Act, 15 U.S.C. 713c-3.

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5. The Fisheries Loan Fund, 16 U.S.C. 742c.
6. The Columbia Basin Fishery Development Act (Mitchell Act), 16 U.S.C. 755-757.
7. The Anadromous Fish Conservation Act, 16 U.S.C. 757a-757g.
8. The Interjurisdictional Fisheries Act, 16 U.S.C. 4101-4107, except the Secretary reserves authority to submit the biennial report to Congress (4106).
9. The Fishing Vessel and Gear Compensation Fund, 22 U.S.C. 1980.
10. The Fishermen's Contingency Fund, 43 U.S.C. 1841-46, except the Secretary reserves authority to submit the annual report to Congress (1846).
11. Capital construction funds under the Merchant Marine Act of 1936, 46 U.S.C. App. 1177.
12. Fisheries loan obligation guarantees under the Merchant Marine Act of 1936, 46 U.S.C. App. 1271 et seq.

C. Management of Living Marine Resources

1. The Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act, 16 U.S.C. 661-666c.
2. The Fish and Wildlife Act of 1956 and associated provisions, 16 U.S.C. 742a-742d, 742e-742j, 742k, 744-748, 750-753, 753a-753b, 754, 758-758d, 760a-760g.
3. The Fish and Wildlife Improvement Act of 1978, 16 U.S.C. 742l, 753a.
4. The Central, Western, and South Pacific Fisheries Development Act, 16 U.S.C. 758e-758e-5.
5. The Northern Pacific Halibut Act of 1982, 16 U.S.C. 773-773k.

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6. The New England Fishery Resources Restoration Act of 1990, 16 U.S.C. 777e-1.
7. Fish Research and Experimentation Program, 16 U.S.C. 778-778c.
8. The Sponge Act, 16 U.S.C. 781-785.
9. The Federal Power Act, 16 U.S.C. 803, 811, 823a.
10. Pacific Northwest Electric Power Planning and Conservation Act, 16 U.S.C. 839 et seq.
11. The Whaling Convention Act of 1949, 16 U.S.C. 916.
12. The Whale Conservation and Protection Study Act, 16 U.S.C. 917.
13. The Tuna Conventions Act of 1950, 16 U.S.C. 951-961.
14. The Atlantic Tunas Convention Act of 1975, 16 U.S.C. 971-971i.
15. The Eastern Pacific Tuna Licensing Act of 1984, 16 U.S.C. 972-972h.
16. The South Pacific Tuna Act of 1988, 16 U.S.C. 6973-973r.
17. The North Pacific Fisheries Act of 1954, 16 U.S.C. 1021-1035.
18. The Fur Seal Act Amendments of 1983, 16 U.S.C. 1151-1175, with the following exceptions:
 - a. Authority to appoint trustees (1166(c)).
 - b. Authority to transfer property (1165(a)).
 - c. Administration of Trust requirements (1166).
 - d. Administrative functions delegated to the Director, Western Administrative Support Center.

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19. Control or elimination of jellyfish or sea nettles, 16 U.S.C. 1201-1205.
20. Conservation of "Crown of Thorns" starfish, 16 U.S.C. 1211-1213.
21. The National Fishing Enhancement Act of 1984 (Artificial Reefs), 16 U.S.C. 1220.
22. The Estuarine Areas Act, 16 U.S.C. 1221-1226.
23. The Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, 16 U.S.C. 1361-1407.
24. The Dolphin Protection Consumer Information Act, 16 U.S.C. 1385.
25. The Endangered Species Act of 1973, 16 U.S.C. 1531-1543.
26. The Magnuson Fishery Conservation and Management Act, 16 U.S.C. 1801-1882, with the following reservations:
 - a. The Under Secretary must be advised before final action is taken with respect to the following functions:
 - i. Establishing guidelines to assist in the development of fishery management plans (1851(b));
 - ii. Appointing or removing members of the Regional Fishery Management Councils (1852(b)(2) or (5));
 - iii. Issuing preliminary fishery management plans and implementing regulations, if the Assistant Administrator considers the action to be controversial (1821(h));

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- iv. Approving, disapproving, partially disapproving, or issuing a fishery management plan or amendment, or issuing implementing or emergency regulations, if the Assistant Administrator considers the action to be controversial (1853 and 1854).
 - b. The Under Secretary/Administrator reserves the authority to issue a fishery management plan for highly migratory species or amendment to such plan or any implementing regulations (1854(f)(3)), whenever such action is requested by the Deputy Assistant Secretary for International Interests.
27. The Driftnet Impact Monitoring, Assessment and Control Act, 16 U.S.C. 1822 note.
 28. Certificates of legal origin for anadromous fish products, 16 U.S.C. 1822 note.
 29. The Atlantic Striped Bass Conservation Act, 16 U.S.C. 1851 note.
 30. The Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978, 16 U.S.C. 2401-2412.
 31. The Antarctic Marine Living Resources Convention Act of 1984, 16 U.S.C. 2431-2444.
 32. Small Hydroelectric Power Projects Act, 16 U.S.C. 2701-2708.
 33. The National Aquaculture Act, 16 U.S.C. 2801-2810.
 34. The Lacey Act Amendments of 1981, 16 U.S.C. 3371-3378.
 35. The Atlantic Salmon Convention Act of 1982, 16 U.S.C. 3601-3608.

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36. The Pacific Salmon Treaty Act of 1985, 16 U.S.C. 3631-3644, except that the Under Secretary/Administrator reserves authority to appoint panel members (3632), and to make the determination whether a State or Treaty Indian law, regulation, or order jeopardizes U.S. fulfillment of its international obligations (3635).
37. The Fish and Seafood Promotion Act, 16 U.S.C. 4003-4017, except that the Secretary retains authority to appoint or remove council members (4006(a)(5), 4009(f)).
38. The Nonindigenous Aquatic Nuisance Prevention and Control Act of 1990, 16 U.S.C. 4701-4741.
39. The Fishermen's Protective Act (Pelly Amendment), 22 U.S.C. 1978.
40. Designation of alternate U.S. commissioners, 22 U.S.C. 2672a-2672b.
41. Federal Water Pollution Control Act, 33 U.S.C. 1344.
42. The National Fishing Enhancement Act of 1984 (artificial reefs), 33 U.S.C. 2101 et seq.
43. The Water Resources Planning Act, 42 U.S.C. 1962-1962d-14.
44. Commerce, State, Justice Appropriations Act (shrimp embargo), Pub. L. 101-162.

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III. The following are redelegations of authority from the Assistant Administrator for Fisheries. Any further redelegations from the Assistant Administrator or from his delegates must be approved by the Assistant Administrator after clearance by the Office of General Counsel for Fisheries, and published as a NOAA Circular.

DELEGATIONS OF AUTHORITY
TO THE DEPUTY ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR FOR FISHERIES

Signature of material for publication in the Federal Register and the Code of Federal Regulations.

####END####

DELEGATIONS OF AUTHORITY
TO THE PROGRAM MANAGEMENT OFFICER

Signature of material for publication in the Federal Register and the Code of Federal Regulations.

####END####

DELEGATIONS OF AUTHORITY
TO THE DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF FISHERIES MANAGEMENT

Signature for publication in the Federal Register and the Code of Federal Regulations, for regulations that are exempt from Office of Management and Budget review procedures under Executive Order 12291.

####END####

DELEGATIONS OF AUTHORITY
TO THE DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ENFORCEMENT

Disposal of any item abandoned or forfeited to the United States in under any laws administered by the Secretary of Commerce relating to fish, wildlife, or plants (16 U.S.C. 7421(c)).

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DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY TO THE DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF PROTECTED RESOURCES

1. ~~Except as delegated to the Regional Directors for the Southwest and Northwest Regions, the conduct of informal consultations, including biological assessments, under section 7 of the Endangered Species Act, 16 U.S.C. 1536, in those instances where the activities cross regional boundaries, or where the Director, Office of Protected Resources, determines that the activities have national significance.~~
2. Except as delegated to the Regional Directors for the Northwest and Southwest Regions, ~~the conduct of formal consultations under section 7 and~~ the development of recovery plans under section 4 of the Endangered Species Act, U.S.C. 1531-1543.
3. Except as delegated to the Regional Directors for the Northwest, Southwest, and Southeast Regions, the issuance of permits and letters of authorization (LOAs) under the Marine Mammal Protection Act, 16 U.S.C. 1361-1407, and the Endangered Species Act, U.S.C. 1531-1543, including the issuance of pre-listing conservation agreements.
4. Signature for publication in the Federal Register and the Code of Federal Regulations, of notices of receipt of applications for permits and requests for LOAs, notices of issuance of permits and LOAs, and notices of meetings and hearings.

####END####

DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY TO THE DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF TRADE AND INDUSTRY SERVICE

1. Authority (except for issuing regulations) concerning capital construction funds under the Merchant Marine Act of 1936, 46 U.S.C. App. 1177.
2. Authority (except for issuing regulations) concerning fisheries loan obligation guarantees under the Merchant Marine Act of 1936, 46 U.S.C. App. 1271 et seq.
3. Authority (except for issuing regulations) concerning the

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Fishing Vessel and Gear Compensation Fund, 22 U.S.C. 1930.

4. Authority (except for issuing regulations) concerning the Fishermen's Contingency Fund, 43 U.S.C. 1841-46.

5. Authority (except for issuing regulations) concerning the Fisheries Loan Fund, 16 U.S.C. 742c.

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DELEGATIONS OF AUTHORITY TO THE REGIONAL DIRECTOR, NORTHEAST REGION

1. Authority under the Magnuson Fishery Conservation and Management Act, 16 U.S.C. 1801 et seq., with the concurrence of the Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, to approve, disapprove, or partially disapprove fishery management plans (FMPs) and amendments, except for FMPs covering highly migratory species. This authority may be redelegated only to the Deputy Regional Director.
2. Authority under the Magnuson Fishery Conservation and Management Act, 16 U.S.C. 1801 et seq., to make determinations, approve or disapprove recommendations, and take other actions authorized in regulations implementing FMPs, except for FMPs covering highly migratory species.
- ~~3. Conduct of informal consultations, including biological assessments, under section 7 of the Endangered Species Act, 16 U.S.C. 1536, for activities occurring within the region, except in those instances where the activities cross regional boundaries, or where the Director, Office of Protected Resources, determines that the activities have national significance.~~
4. Signature of certifications as Certifying Officer.
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DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY TO THE REGIONAL DIRECTOR, SOUTHEAST REGION

1. Authority under the Magnuson Fishery Conservation and Management Act, 16 U.S.C. 1801 et seq., with the concurrence of the Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, to approve, disapprove, or partially disapprove fishery management plans (FMPs) and amendments, except for FMPs covering highly migratory species. This authority may be redelegated only to the Deputy Regional Director.
2. Authority under the Magnuson Fishery Conservation and Management Act, 16 U.S.C. 1801 et seq., to make determinations, approve or disapprove recommendations, and take other actions authorized in regulations implementing FMPs, except for FMPs covering highly migratory species.
- ~~3. Conduct of informal consultations, including biological assessments under section 7 of the Endangered Species Act, 16 U.S.C. 1536, for activities occurring within the region, except those instances where the activities cross regional boundaries, or where the Director, Office of Protected Resources, determines that the activities have national significance.~~
4. Authority to issue permits, terms and conditions therein, and deny applications thereof, authorizing public or private experimentation aimed at improving shrimp retention efficiency of existing approved TEDs and at developing additional TEDs, or conducting fishery research as described in 50 CFR § 227.72(e) (5) (ii) and which occur only in the Southeast Region.
5. Signature of certification as Certifying Officer.

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DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY TO THE REGIONAL DIRECTOR, SOUTHWEST REGION

1. Authority under the Magnuson Fishery Conservation and Management Act, 16 U.S.C. 1801 et seq., with the concurrence of the Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, to approve, disapprove, or partially disapprove fishery management plans (FMPs) and amendments. This authority may be redelegated only to the Deputy Regional Director.
2. Authority under the Magnuson Fishery Conservation and Management Act, 16 U.S.C. 1801 et seq., to make determinations, approve or disapprove recommendations, and take other actions authorized in regulations implementing FMPs.
- ~~3. Conduct of informal consultations for all species except anadromous species (which are covered in paragraph 4 below), including biological assessments under section 7 of the Endangered Species Act, 16 U.S.C. 1536, for activities occurring within the region, except in those instances where the activities cross regional boundaries, or where the Director, Office of Protected Resources, determines that the activities have national significance.~~
- ~~4. Conduct of formal and informal consultations and issuance of biological opinions under section 7 of the Endangered Species Act, 16 U.S.C. 1536, for activities that may affect anadromous species for which the Southwest Region has primary ESA responsibility, including consultations and biological opinions for permits issued by the Regional Director, Southwest Region under section 10(a)(1)(B) of the Endangered Species Act, but excluding consultations and biological opinions for permits issued by the Director, Office of Protected Resources under section 10 of the Endangered Species Act and excluding formal consultations and biological opinions for other activities for which one or more of the subunits of the Department of Commerce is an action agency, with the following reservation: for activities the RD considers controversial, the RD must consult with F/PR and advise the AA before final action is taken.~~
5. Approval of pre-listing agreements and issuance of permits under section 10(a)(1)(B) of the Endangered Species Act, 16 U.S.C. 1539, for activities (excluding fish harvest)

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involving anadromous species for which the Southwest Region has primary ESA responsibility, with the following reservation: for activities the RD considers controversial, the RD must consult with F/PR and advise the AA before final action is taken.


6. Development and implementation of recovery plans under section 4 of the Endangered Species Act, 16 U.S.C. 1533, for listed anadromous species for which the Southwest Region has primary ESA responsibility, with the following reservation: for activities the RD considers controversial, the RD must consult with F/PR and advise the AA before final action is taken.
7. Signature of certification as Certifying Officer.
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DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY TO THE REGIONAL DIRECTOR, NORTHWEST REGION

1. Authority under the Magnuson Fishery Conservation and Management Act, 16 U.S.C. 1801 et seq., with the concurrence of the Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, to approve, disapprove, or partially disapprove fishery management plans (FMPs) and amendments. This authority may be redelegated only to the Deputy Regional Director.
2. Authority under the Magnuson Fishery Conservation and Management Act, 16 U.S.C. 1801 et seq., to make determinations, approve or disapprove recommendations, and take other actions authorized in regulations implementing FMPs.
- ~~3. Conduct of informal consultations for all species except anadromous species (which are covered in paragraph 4 below), including biological assessments under section 7 of the Endangered Species Act, 16 U.S.C. 1536, for activities occurring within the region, except those instances where the activities cross regional boundaries, or where the Director, Office of Protected Resources, determines that the activities have national significance.~~
- ~~4. Conduct of formal and informal consultations and issuance of biological opinions under section 7 of the Endangered Species Act, 16 U.S.C. 1536, for activities that may affect anadromous species for which the Northwest Region has primary ESA responsibility including consultations and biological opinions for permits issued by the Regional Director, Northwest Region under section 10(a)(1)(B) of the Endangered Species Act, but excluding consultations and biological opinions for permits issued by the Director, Office of Protected Resources under section 10 of the Endangered Species Act and excluding formal consultations and biological opinions for other activities for which one or more of the subunits of the Department of Commerce is an action agency, with the following reservation: for activities the RD considers controversial, the RD must consult with F/PR and advise the AA before final action is taken.~~
5. Approval of pre-listing agreements and issuance of permits under section 10(a)(1)(B) of the Endangered Species Act, 16 U.S.C. 1539, for activities (excluding fish harvest)

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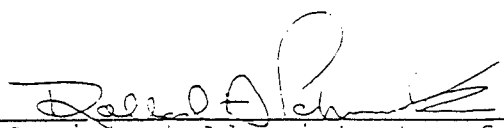
- involving anadromous species for which the Northwest Region has primary ESA responsibility, with the following reservation: for activities the RD considers controversial, the RD must consult with F/PR and advise the AA before final action is taken.
6. Development and implementation of recovery plans under section 4 of the Endangered Species Act, 16 U.S.C. 1533, for listed anadromous species for which the Northwest Region has primary ESA responsibility, with the following reservation: for activities the RD considers controversial, the RD must consult with F/PR and advise the AA before final action is taken.
 7. Signature of certification as Certifying Officer.
 8. Issuance of orders under 50 CFR 371.21 that establish fishing times and areas consistent with the Pacific Salmon Commission regime and in-season orders of the Fraser River Panel. This authority may be redelegated only to the Deputy Director, Northwest Region.

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DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY TO THE REGIONAL DIRECTOR, ALASKA REGION

1. Authority under the Magnuson Fishery Conservation and Management Act, 16 U.S.C. 1801 et seq., with the concurrence of the Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, to approve, disapprove, or partially disapprove fishery management plans (FMPs) and amendments. This authority may be redelegated only to the Deputy Regional Director.
2. Authority under the Magnuson Fishery Conservation and Management Act, 16 U.S.C. 1801 et seq., to make determinations, approve or disapprove recommendations, and take other actions authorized in regulations implementing FMPs.

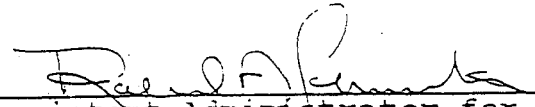
- ~~3. Conduct of informal consultations, including biological assessments, under section 7 of the Endangered Species Act, 16 U.S.C. 1536, for activities occurring within the region, except as delegated to the Regional Directors of the Northwest and Southwest Regions and except in those instances where the activities cross regional boundaries, or where the Director, Office of Protected Resources, determines that the activities have national significance.~~

4. Signature of certification as Certifying Officer.
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DELEGATIONS OF AUTHORITY TO THE DIRECTOR, NORTHEAST INSPECTION SERVICE

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DELEGATIONS OF AUTHORITY TO THE DIRECTOR, SOUTHEAST INSPECTION SERVICE

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DELEGATIONS OF AUTHORITY TO THE DIRECTOR, WESTERN INSPECTION SERVICE

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DELEGATIONS OF AUTHORITY TO THE CHIEF, DOCUMENTATION APPROVAL AND SUPPLY SERVICES DIVISION, NATIONAL SEAFOOD INSPECTION LABORATORY

Signature of certifications as Certifying Officer.
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Approved: *Marilyn G. Gester*
Assistant Administrator for
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REDELEGATIONS OF AUTHORITY FROM
THE ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR FOR FISHERIES

DELEGATIONS OF AUTHORITY

TYPE OF ACTION: Add x Change Delete

AUTHORITY DELEGATED TO: Chief, Permits and Documentation Division
Chief, Marine Mammal Division
Chief, Endangered Species Division
Office of Protected Resources, NMFS.

TYPE OF DELEGATION: Administrative

SOURCE OF AUTHORITY: Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972 (MMPA), 16 U.S.C. 1361. et seq.
Endangered Species Act of 1973 (ESA), 16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.

AUTHORITY TO DO WHAT: Signature for publication in the Federal Register and the Code of Federal Regulations of notices of receipt of applications for permits and requests for letters of authorization (LOAs); notices of issuance of permits and LOAs, and notices of meetings and hearings, as may be necessary for the issuance of permits and LOAs.

RESERVED AUTHORITY:

~~(1) Conduct of informal consultations, including biological assessments, under section 7 of the ESA, in those instances where the activities cross regional boundaries, or where the Office Director determines that the activities have national significance; and (2) Issuance of permits and LOAs under the MMPA, 16 U.S.C. 1361-1407, and the ESA, 16 U.S.C. 1531-1543.~~

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DELEGATED BY: C. A. Montano
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DATE: JAN 30 1995
(Effective date delegation(s))

APPROVING OFFICIAL: [Signature] 1/30/95
Assistant Administrator for Fisheries Date