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National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Summer Flounder, Scup, and Black Sea Bass Fisheries; 2008 Scup Specifications; Correction

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

ACTION: Final rule; correction.

SUMMARY: On December 31, 2007, NMFS published in the *Federal Register* a final rule containing final specifications for the 2008 scup fishery. Inadvertently, table 3 of the final rule contained incorrect values for the 2008 Adjusted Quota Less Overages and Research Set-Aside (RSA) for the scup quota periods. This document corrects those values.

DATES: Effective February 25, 2008, through December 31, 2008.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Emily Bryant, Fishery Management Specialist, (978) 281-9244.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The final rule, including final quota specifications for the summer flounder, scup, and black sea bass fisheries, was published in the *Federal Register* on December 31, 2007 (72 FR 74197). Table 3 incorrectly lists the following Adjusted Quota Less Overages and RSA values for the scup quota periods: Winter I (2,367,373 lb, 1,074 mt), Summer (1,419,220 lb, 644 mt), Winter II (836,531 lb, 379 mt), and Total (4,623,124 lb, 2,097 mt). The correct amounts for the 2008 scup Adjusted Quota Less Overages and RSA are as follows: Winter I is 2,388,611 lb (1,083 mt); Summer is 1,437,558 lb (652 mt); Winter II is 844,036 lb (383 mt); and Total is 4,670,204 lb (2,118 mt).

Classification

Pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 553(b)(B), the Assistant Administrator finds good cause to waive prior notice and opportunity for additional public comment for this action because any delay of this action would be contrary to the public interest. As explained above, this rule corrects values for the 2008 Adjusted Quota Less Overages and RSA that had already been published in the *Federal Register*. To delay this correction notice will cause confusion over the available 2008 scup quota. The correct values for the adjusted quotas are greater than the values currently published in the *Federal Register* and a delay may negatively impact fishermen during the current Winter I quota period (January - April), who may not be able to harvest the full amount of quota allocated to the fishery. Moreover, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 553(d), the Assistant Administrator finds good cause to waive the 30-day delay in effective date for the reasons given above. Delaying the rule for 30 days may negatively impact fishermen because the correct quota value for all quota periods, including the current Winter I period, are greater than the published values. This may lead to less quota being harvested for the Winter I period than is actually allocated to fishermen.

Correction

Accordingly, the final rule FR Doc. 07-6252, published on December 31, 2007 (72 FR 74197), is corrected as follows:

1. On page 74199, in Table 3, the Adjusted quota less overages and RSA found in columns 11 and 12 for the Winter I Quota period in row 1 are corrected to read "2,388,611" lb and "1,083" mt, respectively.

2. On page 74199, in Table 3, the Adjusted quota less overages and RSA found in columns 11 and 12 for the Summer Quota period in row 2 are corrected to read "1,437,558" lb and "652" mt, respectively.

3. On page 74200, in Table 3, the Adjusted quota less overages and RSA found in columns 11 and 12 for the Winter II Quota period in row 3 are corrected to read "844,036" lb and "383" mt, respectively.

4. On page 74200, in Table 3, the Adjusted quota less overages and RSA found in columns 11 and 12 for the Total Quota in row 4 are corrected to read "4,670,204" lb and "2,118" mt, respectively.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Atlantic Bluefish Fisheries; 2008 Atlantic Bluefish Specifications

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

ACTION: Final rule; final specifications for the 2008 Atlantic bluefish fishery.

SUMMARY: NMFS issues final specifications for the 2008 Atlantic bluefish fishery, including state-by-state commercial quotas, a recreational harvest limit, and recreational possession limits for Atlantic bluefish off the east coast of the United States. The intent of these specifications is to establish the allowable 2008 harvest levels and possession limits to attain the target fishing mortality rate (F), consistent with the stock rebuilding program contained in Amendment 1 to the Atlantic Bluefish Fishery Management Plan (FMP), as well as ensuring compliance with the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (Magnuson-Stevens Act). The final specifications are modified from those contained in the proposed rule as a result of more recent information on recreational harvests.

DATES: This rule is effective March 26, 2008, through December 31, 2008.

ADDRESSES: Copies of the specifications document, including the Environmental Assessment (EA) and the Initial Regulatory Flexibility Analysis (IRFA) are available from Daniel Furlong, Executive Director, Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council, Room 2115, Federal Building, 300 South Street, Dover, DE 19901 6790. The specifications document is also accessible via the Internet at <http://www.nero.noaa.gov>. NMFS prepared a Final Regulatory Flexibility Analysis (FRFA), which is contained in the