This document is issued under authority of 33 CFR 165.118 and 5 U.S.C. 552(a). In addition to this notification in the Federal Register, the Coast Guard will provide mariners with advanced notification of enforcement periods via the Local Notice to Mariners and Broadcast Notice to Mariners. If the COTP determines that these regulated areas need not be enforced for the full duration stated in this notice, a Broadcast Notice to Mariners may be used to grant general permission to enter these regulated areas.

Dated: May 18, 2015.
J.C. O’Connor III,
Captain, U.S. Coast Guard, Captain of the Port Boston.

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY
Coast Guard
33 CFR Part 165
[Docket No. USCG-2013–0320]
RIN 1625–AA00
Safety Zone; Chicago Harbor, Navy Pier Southeast, Chicago, IL
AGENCY: Coast Guard, DHS.
ACTION: Notice of enforcement of regulation.
SUMMARY: The Coast Guard will enforce the Navy Pier Southeast Safety Zone within the Chicago Harbor during specified periods from May 20, 2015 through January 1, 2016. This action is necessary and intended to ensure safety of life on the navigable waters of the United States immediately prior to, during, and immediately after various fireworks events. During the enforcement periods listed below, no person or vessel may enter the safety zone without permission of the Captain of the Port Lake Michigan.
DATES: The regulations in 33 CFR 165.931 will be enforced from 9:15 p.m. on May 20, 2015 through 12:30 a.m. on January 1, 2016, on the dates and times listed in the SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION section.
FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: If you have questions on this document, call or email LT Lindsay Cook, Waterways Management Division, Marine Safety Unit Chicago, telephone 630–986–2155, email address D09–DG–MSUChicago–Waterways@uscg.mil.
SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Coast Guard will enforce the Safety Zone; Chicago Harbor, Navy Pier Southeast, Chicago, IL listed in 33 CFR 165.931, on each Saturday from 10:00 p.m. until 10:30 p.m. and each Wednesday from 9:15 p.m. until 9:45 p.m. during the period starting May 20, 2015 through September 5, 2015. Additionally, this safety zone will also be enforced from 10:00 p.m. until 10:30 p.m. on September 12, 2015; and from 11:45 p.m. on December 31, 2015 until 12:30 a.m. on January 1, 2016.

This safety zone encompasses the waters of Lake Michigan within Chicago Harbor bounded by coordinates beginning at 41°53′26.5″ N., 087°35′26.5″ W.; then south to 41°53′7.6″ N., 087°35′26.3″ W.; then west to 41°53′7.6″ N., 087°36′23.2″ W.; then north to 41°53′26.5″ N., 087°36′24.6″ W.; then east back to the point of origin (NAD 83). All vessels must obtain permission from the Captain of the Port Lake Michigan, or an on-scene representative to enter, move within or exit the safety zone. Vessels and persons granted permission to enter the safety zone shall obey all lawful orders or directions of the Captain of the Port Lake Michigan, or an on-scene representative.

This document is issued under authority of 33 CFR 165.931 and 5 U.S.C. 552(a). In addition to this publication in the Federal Register, the Coast Guard will provide the maritime community with advance notification of these enforcement periods via broadcast Notice to Mariner or Local Notice to Mariners. If the Captain of the Port Lake Michigan determines that the safety zone need not be enforced for the full duration stated in this document, she may suspend enforcement and provide notice via a Broadcast Notice to Mariners. The Captain of the Port Lake Michigan or her on-scene representative may be contacted via VHF Channel 16.
Dated: May 18, 2015.
A.B. Cocanour,
Captain, U.S. Coast Guard, Captain of the Port, Lake Michigan.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
50 CFR Part 300
[Docket No. 150406346–5346–01]
RIN 0648–XD972
International Fisheries; Western and Central Pacific Fisheries for Highly Migratory Species; Closure of Purse Seine Fishery in the ELAPS in 2015
AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.
ACTION: Temporary rule; fishery closure.
SUMMARY: NMFS announces that the purse seine fishery in the Effort Limit Area for Purse Seine, or ELAPS, will close as a result of reaching the 2015 limit on purse seine fishing effort in the ELAPS. This action is necessary for the United States to implement provisions of a conservation and management measure adopted by the Commission for the Conservation and Management of Highly Migratory Fish Stocks in the Western and Central Pacific Ocean (WCPFC or Commission) and to satisfy the obligations of the United States under the Convention on the Conservation and Management of Highly Migratory Fish Stocks in the Western and Central Pacific Ocean (Convention), to which it is a Contracting Party.
DATES: Effective 00:00 on June 15, 2015 Universal Coordinated Time (UTC), until 24:00 on December 31, 2015 UTC.
FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Tom Graham, NMFS Pacific Islands Regional Office, 808–725–5032.
SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: U.S. purse seine fishing in the area of application of the Convention, or Convention Area, is managed, in part, under the Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Convention Implementation Act (16 U.S.C. 6901 et seq.), Regulations implementing the Act are at 50 CFR part 300, subpart O. On behalf of the Secretary of Commerce, NMFS promulgates regulations under the Act as may be necessary to carry out the obligations of the United States under the Convention, including implementation of the decisions of the Commission.
Pursuant to WCPFC Conservation and Management Measure 2014–01, NMFS issued regulations that established a limit of 1,828 fishing days that may be used by U.S. purse seine fishing vessels in the ELAPS in calendar year 2015 (see
interim rule at 80 FR 29220, published May 21, 2015, to be codified at 50 CFR 300.223). The ELAPS consists of the areas of the U.S. EEZ and the high seas that are in the Convention Area between the latitudes of 20° N. and 20° S. (see definition at 50 CFR 300.211). A fishing day means any day in which a fishing vessel of the United States equipped with purse seine gear searches for fish, deploys a fish aggregating device (FAD), services a FAD, or sets a purse seine, with the exception of setting a purse seine solely for the purpose of testing or cleaning the gear and resulting in no catch (see definition at 50 CFR 300.211).

Based on data submitted in logbooks and other available information, NMFS expects that the limit of 1,828 fishing days in the ELAPS will be reached, and in accordance with the procedures established at 50 CFR 300.223(a), announces that the purse seine fishery in the ELAPS will be closed starting at 00:00 on June 15, 2015 UTC, and will remain closed until 24:00 on December 31, 2015 UTC. Accordingly, it shall be prohibited for any fishing vessel of the United States equipped with purse seine gear to be used for fishing in the ELAPS from 00:00 on June 15, 2015 UTC until 24:00 December 31, 2015 UTC.

Classification

There is good cause under 5 U.S.C. 553(b)(B) to waive prior notice and opportunity for public comment on this action. Compliance with the notice and comment requirement would be impracticable and contrary to the public interest, since NMFS would be unable to ensure that the 2015 limit on purse seine fishing effort in the ELAPS is not exceeded. This action is based on the best available information on U.S. purse seine fishing effort in the ELAPS. The action is necessary for the United States to comply with its obligations under the Convention and is important for the conservation and management of bigeye tuna, yellowfin tuna, and skipjack tuna in the western and central Pacific Ocean. For the same reasons, there is good cause under 5 U.S.C. 553(d)(3) to establish an effective date less than 30 days after the date of publication of this notice.

This action is required by 50 CFR 300.223(a) and is exempt from review under Executive Order 12866.

Authority: 16 U.S.C. 6901 et seq.

Dated: June 3, 2015.

Emily H. Menashes,
Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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