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.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
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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