

## I. Background

On January 11 2017, EDA published a Final Rule in the **Federal Register** (82 FR 3131) implementing the Regional Innovation Program as authorized by section 27 of the Stevenson-Wydler Technology Innovation Act of 1980, as amended. Through the RIS Program, the centerpiece of the Regional Innovation Program, EDA currently awards grants for capacity building programs that provide proof-of concept and commercialization assistance to innovators and entrepreneurs and for operational support for organizations that provide essential early-stage funding to startup companies. The Final Rule lays out the overarching regulatory framework for the RIS Program, including its mission and objectives, applicant eligibility requirements, allowable investment rates, eligible project activities, and required application components. In the Final Rule, the Agency also responds to the one germane comment it received during the 60-day Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) comment period that was open between September 21, 2016 and November 21, 2016 (81 FR 64805).

## II. Provisions of This Action

This action delays the effective date of the Final Rule from February 10, 2017 to March 21, 2017. This action is issued in accordance with the Memorandum that required temporary postponement of rules, that have been published in the **Federal Register** but have not yet taken effect, for 60 days from the date of the Memorandum for the purpose of reviewing questions of fact, law, and policy.

## III. Determination of Exemption From Notice and Comment

To the extent that the requirements of 5 U.S.C. 553 apply to this action, there is good cause to exempt this action from notice and comment pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 553(b)(B). EDA is delaying the effective date for this action to give DOC officials the opportunity to further review and consider new regulations, consistent with the Memorandum. Given the imminence of the new effective date, seeking prior public comment on this temporary delay would be impractical, unnecessary, and also contrary to the public interest in the orderly promulgation and implementation of regulations.

Dated: January 25, 2017.

**Thomas Guevara,**

*Deputy Assistant Secretary for Regional Affairs, Performing the non-exclusive duties of the Assistant Secretary for Economic Development.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

#### 15 CFR Part 902

#### 50 CFR Parts 300 and 679

[Docket No. 151001910-6999-02]

RIN 0648-BF42

### Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Allow the Use of Longline Pot Gear in the Gulf of Alaska Sablefish Individual Fishing Quota Fishery; Amendment 101

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

**ACTION:** Stay of final rule.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the memorandum of January 20, 2017, from the Assistant to the President and Chief of Staff, entitled “Regulatory Freeze Pending Review,” published in the **Federal Register** on January 24, 2017 (the Memorandum), this action stays the final rule NMFS published on December 28, 2016, in order to delay its effective date.

**DATES:** Effective January 31, 2017, the final rule amending 15 CFR part 902 and 50 CFR parts 300 and 679 that published on December 28, 2016, at 81 FR 95435, is stayed to March 12, 2017.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Rachel Baker, 907-586-7228.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On December 28, 2016, NMFS published this final rule to implement Amendment 101 to the Fishery Management Plan for Groundfish of the Gulf of Alaska (GOA FMP) for the sablefish individual fishing quota (IFQ) fisheries in the Gulf of Alaska (GOA). This final rule authorizes the use of longline pot gear in the GOA sablefish IFQ fishery. In addition, this final rule establishes management measures to minimize potential conflicts between hook-and-line and longline pot gear used in the sablefish IFQ fisheries in the GOA. This final rule also includes regulations developed under the Northern Pacific Halibut Act of 1982 (Halibut Act) to authorize

harvest of halibut IFQ caught incidentally in longline pot gear used in the GOA sablefish IFQ fishery. This final rule is necessary to improve efficiency and provide economic benefits for the sablefish IFQ fleet and minimize potential fishery interactions with whales and seabirds. This action is intended to promote the goals and objectives of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, the Halibut Act, the GOA FMP, and other applicable laws.

On January 20, 2017, the White House issued a memo instructing Federal agencies to temporarily postpone the effective date for 60 days after January 20, 2017, of any regulations or guidance documents that have published in the **Federal Register** but not yet taken effect, for the purpose of “reviewing questions of fact, law, and policy they raise.” Because its effective date has already passed, we are enacting this stay of the rule published on December 28, 2016, at 81 FR 95435 (see **DATES** above) until March 12, 2017.

#### List of Subjects

##### 15 CFR Part 902

Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

##### 50 CFR Part 300

Administrative practice and procedure, Antarctica, Canada, Exports, Fish, Fisheries, Fishing, Imports, Indians, Labeling, Marine resources, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Russian Federation, Transportation, Treaties, Wildlife.

##### 50 CFR Part 679

Alaska, Fisheries, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

Dated: January 26, 2017.

**Alan D. Risenhoover,**

*Acting Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, National Marine Fisheries Service.*

For the reasons set out in the preamble, NMFS amends 15 CFR part 902, and 50 CFR parts 300 and 679 as follows:

## Title 15—Commerce and Foreign Trade

### PART 902—NOAA INFORMATION COLLECTION REQUIREMENTS UNDER THE PAPERWORK REDUCTION ACT: OMB CONTROL NUMBERS

■ 1. The authority citation for part 902 continues to read as follows:

**Authority:** 44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*

#### § 902.1 [Amended]

■ 2. In § 902.1, in the table in paragraph (b), under the entry “50 CFR”, entries

for “679.24(a)”, “679.42(a) through (j)”, and “679.24”, “679.42(b), (k)(2), and (l)” are stayed until March 12, 2017.

## Title 50—Wildlife and Fisheries

### PART 300—INTERNATIONAL FISHERIES REGULATIONS

#### Subpart E—Pacific Halibut Fisheries

■ 3. The authority citation for part 300, subpart E, continues to read as follows:

**Authority:** 16 U.S.C. 773–773k.

#### § 300.61 [Amended]

■ 4. In § 300.61, the definitions of “Fishing” and “IFQ halibut” are stayed until March 12, 2017.

### PART 679—FISHERIES OF THE EXCLUSIVE ECONOMIC ZONE OFF ALASKA

■ 5. The authority citation for part 679 continues to read as follows:

**Authority:** 16 U.S.C. 773 *et seq.*; 1801 *et seq.*; 3631 *et seq.*; Pub. L. 108–447; Pub. L. 111–281.

#### § 679.2 [Amended]

■ 6. In § 679.2, the definition of “Authorized fishing gear,” paragraphs (4)(i), (iii), and (iv), and the definition of “IFQ halibut” are stayed until March 12, 2017.

#### § 679.5 [Amended]

■ 7. In § 679.5, paragraph (a)(4)(i), the note to the table at paragraph (c)(1)(vi)(B), paragraphs (c)(2)(iii)(A), (c)(3)(i)(B), (c)(3)(ii)(A)(1), (c)(3)(ii)(B)(1), (c)(3)(iv)(A)(2), (c)(3)(iv)(B)(2), (c)(3)(v)(G), (l)(1)(iii)(F) and (G), and (l)(1)(iii)(H) and (I) are stayed until March 12, 2017.

#### § 679.7 [Amended]

■ 8. In § 679.7, paragraphs (a)(6) introductory text, (a)(6)(i), (a)(13) introductory text, (a)(13)(ii) introductory text, (a)(13)(iv), and (f)(17) through (25) are stayed until March 12, 2017.

#### § 679.20 [Amended]

■ 9. In § 679.20, paragraph (a)(4)(i), the paragraph (a)(4)(ii) heading, and paragraph (a)(4)(ii)(A) are stayed until March 12, 2017.

#### § 679.23 [Amended]

■ 10. In § 679.23, paragraph (g)(2) is stayed until March 12, 2017.

#### § 679.24 [Amended]

■ 11. In § 679.24, paragraphs (a)(3), (b)(1)(iii), (c)(2)(i)(A) and (B), and (c)(3) are stayed until March 12, 2017.

#### § 679.42 [Amended]

■ 12. In § 679.42, paragraphs (b)(1) and (2), (k)(1) and (2), and paragraph (l) are stayed until March 12, 2017.

#### § 679.51 [Amended]

■ 13. In § 679.51, paragraphs (a)(1)(i) introductory text and (a)(1)(i)(B) are stayed until March 12, 2017.

#### Table 15 to Part 679—[Amended]

■ 14. In Table 15 to part 679, entries for “Pot”, “Authorized gear for sablefish harvested from any GOA reporting area”, and “Authorized gear for halibut harvested from any IFQ regulatory area”, and “Authorized gear for halibut harvested from any IFQ regulatory area in the BSAI” are stayed until March 12, 2017.

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## DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

### 24 CFR Part 574

[Docket No. FR 5339–C–04]

RIN 2502–AI94

#### Housing Counseling: New Certification Requirements; Correction

**AGENCY:** Office of the General Counsel, HUD.

**ACTION:** Final rule; correction.

**SUMMARY:** On December 14, 2016, HUD published a final rule implementing changes to HUD’s housing counseling statute to improve the effectiveness of housing counseling in HUD programs by, among other things: Establishing the Office of Housing Counseling and giving this office the authority over the establishment, coordination, and administration of all regulations, requirements, standards, and performance measures under programs and laws administered by HUD that relate to housing counseling; requiring that organizations providing housing counseling required under or in connection with HUD programs be approved to participate in the Housing Counseling Program (Housing Counseling Agencies, or HCAs) and have all individuals providing such housing counseling certified by HUD as competent to provide such services; prohibiting the distribution of housing counseling grant funds awarded to agencies participating in HUD’s Housing Counseling Program that are found in violation of Federal election laws or that have employees found in violation of

Federal election laws; and requiring the reimbursement to HUD of housing counseling grant funds that HUD finds were misused. After publication, HUD discovered an incorrect amendatory instruction. This document makes the necessary correction. The effective date for HUD’s final rule of January 13, 2017 is unchanged.

**DATES:** *Effective* January 31, 2017.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

With respect to this supplementary document, contact Ariel Periera, Associate General Counsel for Legislation and Regulations, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street SW., Room 10238, Washington, DC 20410; telephone number 202–708–1793 (this is not a toll-free number). Persons with hearing or speech impairments may access this number through TTY by calling the toll-free Federal Relay Service at 800–877–8339.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In the final rule FR Doc. 2016–29822, published in the **Federal Register** on December 14, 2016 (81 FR 90632), the following correction is made:

On page 90659, in the third column, revise amendatory instruction 17 to read “Add § 574.660 to read as follows:”.

Dated: January 4, 2017.

**Aaron Santa Anna,**

*Assistant General Counsel for Regulations.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Internal Revenue Service

#### 26 CFR Part 1

[TD 9805]

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#### Guidance Under Section 355(e) Regarding Predecessors, Successors, and Limitation on Gain Recognition; Guidance Under Section 355(f); Correction

**AGENCY:** Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.

**ACTION:** Temporary regulations; correction.

**SUMMARY:** This document contains corrections to temporary regulations (TD 9805) that published in the **Federal Register** on Monday, December 19, 2016 (81 FR 91738). The temporary regulations provide guidance regarding the distribution by a distributing corporation of stock or securities of a