

the contract's filing with the Commission, accompanied by remittance of a \$99 service fee, and must include:

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**PART 535—OCEAN COMMON CARRIER AND MARINE TERMINAL OPERATOR AGREEMENTS SUBJECT TO THE SHIPPING ACT OF 1984**

■ 16. The authority citation for part 535 continues to read as follows:

**Authority:** 5 U.S.C. 553; 46 U.S.C. 305, 40101–40104, 40301–40307, 40501–40503, 40901–40904, 41101–41109, 41301–41302, and 41305–41307.

■ 17. Amend § 535.401 by revising paragraph (g) and the first sentence of paragraph (h) to read as follows:

**§ 535.401 General requirements.**

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(g) The filing fee is \$3,529 for new agreements and any agreement modifications requiring Commission review and action; \$537 for agreements processed under delegated authority (for types of agreements that can be processed under delegated authority, see § 501.27(e) of this chapter); \$303 for carrier exempt agreements; and \$89 for terminal exempt agreements.

(h) The fee for a request for expedited review of an agreement pursuant to § 535.605 is \$151. \* \* \*

**PART 540—PASSENGER VESSEL FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY**

■ 18. The authority citation for part 540 continues to read as follows:

**Authority:** 5 U.S.C. 552, 553; 31 U.S.C. 9701; 46 U.S.C. 305, 44101–44106.

■ 19. Amend § 540.4 by revising paragraph (e) to read as follows:

**§ 540.4 Procedure for establishing financial responsibility.**

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(e) An application for a Certificate (Performance), excluding an application for the addition or substitution of a vessel to the applicant's fleet, must be accompanied by a filing fee remittance of \$3,272. An application for a Certificate (Performance) for the addition or substitution of a vessel to the applicant's fleet must be accompanied by a filing fee remittance of \$1,652. Administrative changes, such as the renaming of a vessel will not incur any additional fees.

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■ 20. Amend § 540.23 by revising the last two sentences of paragraph (b) to read as follows:

**§ 540.23 Procedure for establishing financial responsibility.**

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(b) \* \* \* An application for a Certificate (Casualty), excluding an application for the addition or substitution of a vessel to the applicant's fleet, must be accompanied by a filing fee remittance of \$1,441. An application for a Certificate (Casualty) for the addition or substitution of a vessel to the applicant's fleet must be accompanied by a filing fee remittance of \$718.

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**PART 550—REGULATIONS TO ADJUST OR MEET CONDITIONS UNFAVORABLE TO SHIPPING IN THE FOREIGN TRADE OF THE UNITED STATES**

■ 21. The authority citation for part 550 continues to read as follows:

**Authority:** 5 U.S.C. 553; 46 U.S.C. 301–307; sec. 19(a)(2), (e), (f), (g), (h), (i), (j), (k) and (l) of the Merchant Marine Act, 1920, 46 U.S.C. 42101 and 42104–42109; and sec. 10002 of the Foreign Shipping Practices Act of 1988, 46 U.S.C. 42301–42307.

■ 22. Revise the last sentence of § 550.402 to read as follows:

**§ 550.402 Filing of petitions.**

\* \* \* The petition must be accompanied by remittance of a \$291 filing fee.

**PART 555—ACTIONS TO ADDRESS ADVERSE CONDITIONS AFFECTING U.S.-FLAG CARRIERS THAT DO NOT EXIST FOR FOREIGN CARRIERS IN THE UNITED STATES**

■ 23. The authority citation for part 555 continues to read as follows:

**Authority:** 5 U.S.C. 553; sec. 10002 of the Foreign Shipping Practices Act of 1988 (46 U.S.C. 42301–42307).

■ 24. Amend § 555.4 by revising the last sentence of paragraph (a) to read as follows:

**§ 555.4 Petitions.**

(a) \* \* \* The petition must be accompanied by remittance of a \$291 filing fee.

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**PART 560—ACTIONS TO ADDRESS CONDITIONS UNDULY IMPAIRING ACCESS OF U.S.-FLAG VESSELS TO OCEAN TRADE BETWEEN FOREIGN PORTS**

■ 25. The authority citation for part 560 continues to read as follows:

**Authority:** 5 U.S.C. 553; secs. 13(b)(6), 15 and 17 of the Shipping Act of 1984, 46 U.S.C.

305, 40104, and 41108(d); sec. 10002 of the Foreign Shipping Practices Act of 1988 (46 U.S.C. 42301–42307).

■ 26. Amend § 560.3 by revising the last sentence of paragraph (a)(2) to read as follows:

**§ 560.3 Petitions for relief.**

(a) \* \* \*

(2) \* \* \* The petition must be accompanied by remittance of a \$291 filing fee.

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By the Commission.

**Rachel Dickon,**

*Secretary.*

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**Coastal Migratory Pelagic Resources of the Gulf of Mexico and Atlantic Region; 2018–2019 Commercial Accountability Measure and Closure for King Mackerel in the Gulf of Mexico Western Zone**

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

**ACTION:** Temporary rule; closure.

**SUMMARY:** NMFS implements an accountability measure (AM) for commercial king mackerel in the western zone of the Gulf of Mexico (Gulf) exclusive economic zone (EEZ) through this temporary rule. NMFS has determined that the commercial quota for king mackerel in the western zone of the Gulf EEZ will be reached on October 5, 2018. Therefore, NMFS closes the western zone of the Gulf EEZ to commercial king mackerel fishing on October 5, 2018. This closure is necessary to protect the Gulf king mackerel resource.

**DATES:** The closure is effective at noon, local time, on October 5, 2018, until 12:01 a.m., local time, on July 1, 2019.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Susan Gerhart, NMFS Southeast Regional Office, telephone: 727–824–5305, email: [susan.gerhart@noaa.gov](mailto:susan.gerhart@noaa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The fishery for coastal migratory pelagic fish includes king mackerel, Spanish

mackerel, and cobia, and is managed under the Fishery Management Plan for the Coastal Migratory Pelagic Resources of the Gulf of Mexico and Atlantic Region (FMP). The FMP was prepared by the Gulf of Mexico and South Atlantic Fishery Management Councils and is implemented by NMFS under the authority of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (Magnuson-Stevens Act) by regulations at 50 CFR part 622. All weights for Gulf king mackerel below apply as either round or gutted weight.

On April 11, 2017, NMFS published a final rule to implement Amendment 26 to the FMP in the **Federal Register** (82 FR 17387). That final rule adjusted the management boundaries, zones, and annual catch limits for Gulf migratory group king mackerel (Gulf king mackerel). The commercial quota for the Gulf king mackerel in the western zone is 1,116,000 lb (506,209 kg) for the current fishing year, July 1, 2018, through June 30, 2019 (50 CFR 622.384(b)(1)(i)).

The western zone of Gulf king mackerel is located in the EEZ between a line extending east from the border of the United States and Mexico, and 87°31.1' W. long., which is a line extending south from the state boundary of Alabama and Florida. The western zone includes the EEZ off Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi, and Alabama.

Regulations at 50 CFR 622.388(a)(1)(i) require NMFS to close the commercial sector for Gulf king mackerel in the western zone when the commercial quota is reached, or is projected to be reached, by filing a notification to that effect with the Office of the Federal Register. NMFS has determined the commercial quota of 1,116,000 lb

(506,209 kg) for Gulf king mackerel in the western zone will be reached on October 5, 2018. Accordingly, the western zone is closed to commercial fishing for Gulf king mackerel effective at noon, local time, on October 5, 2018, through June 30, 2019, the end of the current fishing year.

During the closure, a person on board a vessel that has been issued a valid Federal commercial or charter vessel/headboat permit for coastal migratory pelagic fish may continue to retain king mackerel in the western zone under the recreational bag and possession limits specified in 50 CFR 622.382(a)(1)(ii) and (a)(2), as long as the recreational sector for Gulf king mackerel is open (50 CFR 622.384(e)(1)).

Also during the closure, king mackerel from the closed zone, including those harvested under the bag and possession limits, may not be purchased or sold. This prohibition does not apply to king mackerel from the closed zone that were harvested, landed ashore, and sold prior to the closure and were held in cold storage by a dealer or processor (50 CFR 622.384(e)(2)).

#### Classification

The Regional Administrator for the NMFS Southeast Region has determined this temporary rule is necessary for the conservation and management of Gulf king mackerel and is consistent with the Magnuson-Stevens Act and other applicable laws.

This action is taken under 50 CFR 622.384(e) and 622.388(a)(1)(i), and is exempt from review under Executive Order 12866.

These measures are exempt from the procedures of the Regulatory Flexibility

Act because the temporary rule is issued without opportunity for prior notice and comment.

This action responds to the best scientific information available. The Assistant Administrator for NOAA Fisheries (AA) finds good cause to waive the requirements to provide prior notice and opportunity for public comment pursuant to the authority set forth at 5 U.S.C. 553(b)(B) as such procedures are unnecessary and contrary to the public interest. Such procedures are unnecessary because the rule implementing the commercial quota and the associated AM has already been subject to notice and public comment, and all that remains is to notify the public of the closure. Additionally, allowing prior notice and opportunity for public comment is contrary to the public interest because of the need to immediately implement this action to protect the king mackerel stock. The capacity of the fishing fleet allows for rapid harvest of the commercial quota. Prior notice and opportunity for public comment would require time and could potentially result in a harvest well in excess of the established commercial quota.

For the aforementioned reasons, the AA also finds good cause to waive the 30-day delay in the effectiveness of this action under 5 U.S.C. 553(d)(3).

**Authority:** 16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*

Dated: October 1, 2018.

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