

Subpart 1301.1—Purpose, Authority, Issuance

- 2. Revise § 1301.105–3 to read as follows:

§ 1301.105–3 Copies.

Copies of the FAR in CFR form may be purchased from the Bookstore of the Government Publishing Office (GPO), Washington, DC 20402.

Subpart 1301.3—Agency Acquisition Regulations**§ 1301.304 [Removed and Reserved]**

- 3. Remove and reserve § 1301.304.

PART 1302—DEFINITIONS OF WORDS AND TERMS

- 4. The authority citation for part 1302 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 41 U.S.C. 414; 48 CFR 1.301–1.304.

- 5. Revise the heading for part 1302 to read as set forth above.

PART 1303—IMPROPER BUSINESS PRACTICES AND PERSONAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

- 6. The authority citation for part 1303 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 41 U.S.C. 414; 48 CFR 1.301–1.304.

Subpart 1303.1—Safeguards**§ 1303.101–3 [Removed and Reserved]**

- 7. Remove and reserve § 1303.101–3.

Subchapter D—Socioeconomic Program**PART 1322—APPLICATION OF LABOR LAWS TO GOVERNMENT ACQUISITIONS**

- 8. The authority citation for part 1322 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 41 U.S.C. 414; 48 CFR 1.301–1.304.

Subpart 1322.10—Service Contract Act of 1965, as Amended

- 9. Revise § 1322.1001 to read as follows:

§ 1322.1001 Definitions.

The DOC labor advisor is the Deputy General Counsel for Administration.

PART 1323—ENVIRONMENT, ENERGY AND WATER EFFICIENCY, RENEWABLE ENERGY TECHNOLOGIES, AND OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY

- 10. The authority citation for part 1323 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 41 U.S.C. 414; 48 CFR 1.301–1.304.

- 11. Revise the heading for part 1323 to read as set forth above.

Subpart 1323.5—[Removed and Reserved]

- 12. Remove and reserve subpart 1323.5.

PART 1326—OTHER SOCIOECONOMIC PROGRAMS

- 13. The authority citation for part 1326 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 41 U.S.C. 414; 48 CFR 1.301–1.304.

- 14. Add subpart 1326.5, consisting of § 1326.5, to read as follows:

Subpart 1326.5—Drug-Free Workplace**§ 1326.5 Suspension of payments, termination of contract and debarment and suspension actions.**

The designee authorized to waive a determination to suspend contract payments, terminate a contract for default, or debar or suspend a contractor for Drug-Free Workplace violations, is set forth in CAM 1301.70. This authority may not be delegated.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration****50 CFR Part 622**

[Docket No. 140818679–5356–02; RTID 0648–XF640]

Reef Fish Fishery of the Gulf of America; 2026 Red Snapper Recreational For-Hire Fishing Season in the Gulf of America

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

ACTION: Temporary rule; closure.

SUMMARY: NMFS announces the 2026 recreational fishing season for the Federal charter vessel/headboat (for-hire) component for red snapper in the

exclusive economic zone (EEZ) of the Gulf of America (Gulf) through this temporary rule. The red snapper recreational for-hire component in the Gulf EEZ opens on June 1, 2026, and will close at 12:01 a.m., local time, on October 26, 2026. This closure is necessary to prevent the Federal for-hire component from exceeding its quota and to prevent overfishing of the Gulf red snapper resource.

DATES: The closure is effective at 12:01 a.m., local time, on October 26, 2026, until 12:01 a.m., local time, on January 1, 2027.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Daniel Luers, NMFS Southeast Regional Office, 727–209–5988, daniel.luers@noaa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Gulf reef fish fishery, which includes red snapper, is managed under the Fishery Management Plan for the Reef Fish Resources of the Gulf (FMP). The Gulf Council prepared the FMP, which was approved by the Secretary of Commerce, and is implemented by NMFS through regulations at 50 CFR part 622 under the authority of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (Magnuson-Stevens Act).

Through this temporary rule, NMFS announces the recreational fishing season for the red snapper recreational sector for-hire component in the Gulf for the 2026 fishing year. The final rule implementing Amendment 40 to the FMP established two components within the recreational sector fishing for Gulf red snapper: the private angling component and the Federal for-hire component (80 FR 22422, April 22, 2015). Amendment 40 also allocated the red snapper recreational annual catch limit (recreational quota) between the components and established separate seasonal closures for the two components. The Federal for-hire component's red snapper annual catch target (ACT) is 9 percent below the for-hire component quota (87 FR 74014, December 2, 2022; 50 CFR 622.41(q)(2)(iii)(B)).

The red snapper for-hire component seasonal closure is projected based on an evaluation of when landings are expected to reach the component's ACT. Projecting the for-hire component's seasonal closure using the ACT reduces the likelihood of the harvest exceeding the component quota and the total recreational quota. The Federal for-hire component ACT for red snapper in the Gulf EEZ is 3,076,322 pounds (1,395,396 kilograms), round weight (50 CFR 622.41(q)(2)(iii)(B)).

NMFS has determined that the 2026 Federal Gulf red snapper for-hire fishing

season will be 147 days. This is 19 days longer than the 2025 season (90 FR 20127, May 12, 2025; 90 FR 55513, December 12, 2025).

NMFS considered season length projections based on average catch rates for 2021–2023, 2021–2025, and 2023–2025, and using only 2025 preliminary landings. This resulted in a range of season lengths from 97 to 214 days. NMFS decided to set the season at 147 days based on catch rates from the 2023–2025 fishing seasons, which takes into account the variability during the most recent 3-year time period. Therefore, the 2026 recreational season for the Federal for-hire component will begin at 12:01 a.m., local time, on June 1, 2026, and close at 12:01 a.m., local time, on October 26, 2026.

On and after the effective date of the Federal for-hire component closure, the bag and possession limits for red snapper for Federal for-hire vessels are zero. When the Federal for-hire component is closed, these bag and possession limits apply in the Gulf on board a vessel for which a valid Federal for-hire permit for Gulf reef fish has been issued, without regard to where such species were harvested, *i.e.*, in state or Federal waters. In addition, a person aboard a vessel that has been issued a charter vessel/headboat permit for Gulf reef fish any time during the fishing year may not harvest or possess red snapper in or from the Gulf EEZ when the Federal charter vessel/headboat component is closed.

NMFS will monitor landings of the Federal for-hire component for red snapper during the 2026 fishing season. If landings of the for-hire component from the season are less than that of the component ACT, then NMFS may reopen the fishing season to allow harvest of the remaining component ACT (50 CFR 622.8(c)).

Classification

NMFS issues this action pursuant to section 305(d) of the Magnuson-Stevens Act. This action is taken under 50 CFR 622.41(q)(2)(i) and (ii), which was issued pursuant to section 304(b) of the Magnuson-Stevens Act, and is exempt

from review under Executive Order 12866.

Pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 553(b)(B), there is good cause to waive prior notice and an opportunity for public comment on this action, as notice and comment is unnecessary and contrary to the public interest. Such procedures are unnecessary because the rules implementing the red snapper for-hire quota and ACT, and the requirement to close the for-hire component when its ACT is projected to be reached have already been subject to notice and comment, and all that remains is to notify the public of the closure. Such procedures are contrary to the public interest because many for-hire operations book trips for clients in advance and require as much notice as NMFS is able to provide to adjust their business plans to account for the fishing season.

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

Dated: March 31, 2026.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

50 CFR Part 679

[Docket No. 260305–0067; RTID 0648–XF647]

Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone off Alaska; Gulf of Alaska; Final 2026 and 2027 Harvest Specifications for Groundfish; 2026 Rockfish Program Cooperative Allocations

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

ACTION: Temporary rule.

SUMMARY: NMFS is providing notification for the Rockfish Program

cooperative allocations as described in the final rule that published on March 11, 2026, implementing the final 2026 and 2027 harvest specifications and prohibited species catch limits for the groundfish fishery of the Gulf of Alaska (GOA). These allocations are necessary to provide the Rockfish Program cooperative amounts for 2026, thus allowing commercial fishermen to maximize their economic opportunities in this fishery. This notification comports with the Fishery Management Plan for Groundfish of the GOA (FMP).

DATES: Effective 1200 hours, Alaska local time (A.l.t.), April 1, 2026, through 1200 hours, A.l.t., December 31, 2026.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Abby Jahn, 907–586–7228.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: NMFS manages the groundfish fishery in the GOA exclusive economic zone according to the FMP prepared and recommended by the North Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) under authority of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (Magnuson-Stevens Act). Regulations governing fishing by U.S. vessels in accordance with the FMP appear at subpart H of 50 CFR part 600 and 50 CFR parts 679 and 680.

As described in the final 2026 and 2027 harvest specifications for groundfish of the GOA, allocations among vessels belonging to catcher vessel (CV) cooperatives or catcher/processor (CP) cooperatives are not included in the final harvest specifications (91 FR 11902, March 11, 2026). Rockfish Program applications for CV cooperatives and CP cooperatives are not due to NMFS until March 1 of each calendar year; therefore, NMFS cannot calculate 2026 and 2027 Rockfish Program cooperative allocations in conjunction with the final harvest specifications (§ 679.81(f)). NMFS has received the 2026 Rockfish Program applications and has calculated the 2026 allocations for CV cooperatives and CP cooperatives, as set forth in § 679.81(b), (c), (d), and (e). NMFS is listing the 2026 allocations in table 1.

TABLE 1—2026 ROCKFISH PROGRAM COOPERATIVE ALLOCATIONS

Cooperative	Rockfish program species	2026 allocation
Rockfish Program Entry Level	Pacific Ocean Perch	5
	Northern Rockfish	5
	Dusky Rockfish	50
Gulf of Alaska Best Use Cooperative (CP)	Pacific Ocean Perch	9,544.93
	Northern Rockfish	1,300.08
	Dusky Rockfish	1,971.90
	Pacific cod	0
	Rougheye/Blackspotted rockfish	215.46
	Sablefish	337.73