

and upon request from the Oregon Fish and Wildlife Office (see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**).

List of Subjects in 50 CFR Part 17

Endangered and threatened species, Exports, Imports, Plants, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Transportation, Wildlife.

Regulation Promulgation

Accordingly, we amend part 17, subchapter B of chapter I, title 50 of the

Code of Federal Regulations, as set forth below:

PART 17—ENDANGERED AND THREATENED WILDLIFE AND PLANTS

■ 1. The authority citation for part 17 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 16 U.S.C. 1361–1407; 1531–1544; and 4201–4245, unless otherwise noted.

■ 2. In § 17.12, in paragraph (h), amend the List of Endangered and Threatened Plants by revising an entry for “*Plagiobothrys hirtus*” in alphabetical order under FLOWERING PLANTS to read as follows:

§ 17.12 Endangered and threatened plants

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(h) * * *

| Scientific name | Common name | Where listed | Status | Listing citations and applicable rules |
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| FLOWERING PLANTS | | | | |
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| <i>Plagiobothrys hirtus</i> | Rough popcornflower. | Wherever found | T | 91 FR [INSERT Federal Register PAGE WHERE THE DOCUMENT BEGINS], [5/19/2026; 50 CFR 17.73(k) 4d. |
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■ 3. Amend § 17.73 by adding paragraph (k) to read as follows:

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§ 17.73 Species-specific rules—flowering plants

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(k) Threatened flowering plants—

(l) The prohibitions and exceptions in this paragraph (k) apply to the following species:

- (i) *Plagiobothrys hirtus* (rough popcornflower)
- (ii) Reserved.

(2) *Prohibitions.* The following prohibitions that apply to endangered plants also apply to the species identified under paragraph (k)(l). Except as provided under paragraph (k)(3) of this section, it is unlawful for any person subject to the jurisdiction of the United States to commit, to attempt to commit, to solicit another to commit, or cause to be committed, any of the following acts in regard to this species:

- (i) Import or export, as set forth at § 17.61(b) for endangered plants.
- (ii) Remove and reduce to possession from areas under Federal jurisdiction, maliciously damage or destroy the species on any such area; or remove, cut, dig up, or damage or destroy the species on any other area in knowing violation of any law or regulation of any State or in the course of any violation of a State criminal trespass law, as set forth at § 17.61(c)(1) for endangered plants.
- (iii) Interstate or foreign commerce in the course of commercial activity, as set forth at § 17.61(d) for endangered plants.
- (iv) Sale or offer for sale, as set forth at § 17.61(e) for endangered plants.

(3) *Exceptions from prohibitions.* In regard to the species identified in paragraph (k)(1) above, you may:

- (i) Conduct activities as authorized by permit under § 17.72.
- (ii) Remove and reduce to possession from areas under Federal jurisdiction, as set forth at § 17.71(b).
- (iii) Engage in any act prohibited under paragraph (k)(2) of this section with seeds of cultivated specimens, provided that a statement that the seeds are of “cultivated origin” accompanies the seeds or their container.

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

[Docket No. 231101–0256; RTID 0648–XF665]

Fisheries of the South Atlantic; 2026 Recreational Fishing Season Announcement for Blueline Tilefish in the South Atlantic

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

ACTION: Temporary rule; recreational fishing season.

SUMMARY: NMFS announces the 2026 recreational fishing season for blueline tilefish in South Atlantic Federal waters. Announcing the length of the recreational fishing season is the accountability measure (AM) for the recreational sector. For the 2026 fishing year, NMFS estimates that recreational landings of blueline tilefish will not reach the recreational annual catch limit (ACL) and therefore not close prior to the recreational fixed seasonal closure that begins on September 1, 2026. NMFS announces the season length for the recreational harvest of blueline tilefish in the South Atlantic to allow recreational fishermen to maximize their fishing opportunities while NMFS manages recreational harvest to protect the blueline tilefish resource.

DATES: This rule is effective from May 19, 2026 through December 31, 2026.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mary Vara, NMFS Southeast Regional Office, 727–824–5305, mary.vara@noaa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The snapper-grouper fishery of the South Atlantic includes blueline tilefish and is managed under the Fishery Management Plan for the Snapper-Grouper Fishery of the South Atlantic Region (FMP). The FMP was prepared by the South Atlantic Fishery Management Council and NMFS, approved by the Secretary of Commerce, 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.

Regulations at 50 CFR 622.193(z)(2) specify the recreational ACL for blueline

tilefish of 116,820 pounds or 52,989 kilograms, round weight, and the recreational AM. The recreational AM states that NMFS will project the length of the recreational fishing season for blueline tilefish based on catch rates from the previous fishing year and announce the end date of the recreational fishing season based on when NMFS projects the recreational ACL will be met. The fishing year for blueline tilefish is from January 1 through December 31, annually (50 CFR 622.7). However, the recreational sector for blueline tilefish is closed annually from January 1 through April 30, and from September 1 through December 31 (50 CFR 622.183(b)(7)). Data from the NMFS Southeast Fisheries Science Center informed NMFS' 2026 season length projection that recreational landings of blueline tilefish will not reach the recreational ACL during the 2026 fishing year. In 2026, there will not be an in-season closure based on the recreational AM being triggered during the open fishing season and the sector will remain open from May 1 through August 30. The recreational sector will then close as scheduled on September 1, 2026, in accordance with the annual closure period of September 1 through December 31 (50 CFR 622.183(b)(7)).

During the recreational closure, the bag and possession limits for blueline tilefish in or from South Atlantic Federal waters are zero. The next recreational fishing season for blueline tilefish begins on May 1, 2027.

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

Dated: May 15, 2026.

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Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

50 CFR Part 660

[Docket No. 260514-0235]

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Fisheries Off West Coast States; West Coast Salmon Fisheries; 2026 Specifications and Management Measures

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

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: Through this final rule, NMFS establishes fishery management measures for the ocean salmon fisheries off Washington, Oregon, and California for the season beginning May 16, 2026, until the effective date of the 2027 management measures which we expect to be May 16, 2027 (the 2026 ocean salmon fishing season), under the authority of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (MSA). The fishery management measures include fishing areas, seasons, quotas, legal gear, recreational fishing days and catch limits, harvest guidelines, possession and landing restrictions, and minimum lengths for salmon taken in the U.S. Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) off Washington, Oregon, and California. These measures are intended to prevent overfishing while achieving, on a continuing basis, the optimum yield from the fishery, to provide for the exercise of federally recognized fishing rights by West Coast Indian Tribes, to allow a portion of the salmon runs to escape the ocean fisheries in order to provide for spawning escapement, and to apportion the ocean harvest reasonably among non-Indian commercial and recreational fisheries.

DATES: This final rule is effective from 0001 hours Pacific Daylight Time, May 16, 2026, until the effective date of the 2027 management measures, as published in the **Federal Register**, which we expect to be 0001 hours Pacific Daylight Time, May 16, 2027.

ADDRESSES: The documents cited in this document are available on the Pacific Fishery Management Council's (Council) website (<https://www.pccouncil.org>) and the NMFS West Coast Region (WCR) website (<https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/action/2026-ocean-salmon-specifications-and-management-measures>).

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The ocean salmon fisheries in the EEZ (3-200 nautical miles (nmi); 5.6-370.4 kilometers (km)) off the coasts of Washington, Oregon, and California are managed under the Pacific Coast Salmon Fishery Management Plan (FMP). Regulations at 50 CFR part 660, subpart H, provide the mechanism for developing and promulgating preseason specifications and management measures and making inseason adjustments to the management measures within limits set by the FMP by notification in the **Federal Register**.

Regulations at 50 CFR 660.408 govern the establishment of annual management measures, and regulations at 50 CFR 660.409 govern the implementation of inseason adjustments. This rule implements the management measures for the 2026 ocean salmon fishing season.

Process Used To Establish 2026 Management Measures

Ocean salmon fishery management measures are established via a collaborative process with the Council, States, Tribes, fishing industry participants, anglers, and the public. The Council announced its annual preseason management process for the 2026 ocean salmon fishing season in the **Federal Register** on December 30, 2025 (90 FR 61127). NMFS published an additional notice of opportunity to submit public comments on the 2026 ocean salmon fishery management measures in the **Federal Register** on February 17, 2026 (91 FR 7263). These notices announced the availability of key documents, the dates and locations of meetings and public hearings regarding determining the annual proposed and final modifications to ocean salmon fishery management measures, and instructions on how to comment on those measures. The agendas for the March and April Council meetings, which included the development of the salmon measures, were published in the **Federal Register** (91 FR 5926, February 10, 2026, and 91 FR 13591, March 20, 2026) and posted on the Council's website prior to the meetings.

In accordance with the FMP, the Council's Salmon Technical Team (STT) and economist prepared four reports, which were made available on the Council's website upon their completion. The first of the reports, "Review of 2025 Ocean Salmon Fisheries," was prepared in February when the first increment of scientific information necessary for crafting management measures for the 2026 ocean salmon fishing season became available. The first report summarizes biological and socio-economic data from the 2025 ocean salmon fisheries and assesses the performance of the fisheries with respect to the 2025 management objectives for salmon stocks and stock complexes, as well as provides historical information for comparison. The second report, issued March 2026, "Preseason Report I Stock Abundance Analysis and Environmental Assessment Part 1 for 2026 Ocean Salmon Fishery Regulations" (PRE I), provides the 2026 salmon stock abundance projections and analyzes