

§ 4.409 [Amended]

■ 11. In § 4.409, amend paragraph (b)(4) by removing the words “to file a response”.

■ 12. Revise § 4.411 to read as follows:

§ 4.411 Management of appeals.

The Board is vested with the general authority to regulate the course of appeals and the conduct of parties to ensure that appeals are resolved fairly, efficiently, and in compliance with applicable laws and orders.

■ 13. Revise § 4.413 to read as follows:

§ 4.413 Scope of review and burden to show error.

(a) *Scope of review.* The Board has authority to review decisions on appeal as fully and finally as might the Secretary, subject to any limitations on its authority imposed by the Secretary. The Board may at any time before issuance of its decision raise or consider any matter that it deems material, whether or not raised by the parties. The Board may affirm, modify, vacate, set aside, or reverse any decision properly brought before it for review, and may remand the matter as may be just under the circumstances.

(b) *Burden to show error.* Except as otherwise provided by law, the party appealing a decision of a bureau, office, or ALJ has the burden to show that an error was made.

Troy W. Finnegan,

Deputy Assistant Secretary, Exercising the Delegated Authority of the Assistant Secretary—Policy, Management and Budget.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**Bureau of Land Management****43 CFR Part 3100**

[Docket No. BLM–2025–0138; A2407–014–004–065516, #O2509–014–004–125222]

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Revisions to Regulations Regarding Oil and Gas Leasing; Fees, Rentals, and Royalties; Correction

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Direct final rule; request for comments; correction.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management is correcting a direct final rule that appeared in the **Federal Register** on April 29, 2026. The document revises existing regulations pertaining to royalty on production to

effectuate changes required by the One Big Beautiful Bill Act enacted on July 4, 2025.

DATES: This correction is effective on June 29, 2026, unless significant adverse comments are received on the direct final rule (91 FR 23017, April 29, 2026) by May 29, 2026. If significant adverse comments are received, notice will be published in the **Federal Register** before the effective date either withdrawing the rule and this correction or issuing a new final rule that responds to any significant adverse comments and withdraws this correction.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Peter Cowan, Senior Minerals Leasing Specialist, email: picowan@blm.gov; telephone: 720–838–1641. Individuals in the United States who are deaf, deafblind, hard of hearing, or have a speech disability may dial 711 (TTY, TDD, or TeleBraille) to access telecommunications relay services. Individuals outside the United States should use the relay services offered within their country to make international calls to the point-of-contact in the United States.

For a summary of the final rule, please see the abstract description of the document in Docket Number BLM–2025–0138 on www.regulations.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In FR Doc. 2026–08280 appearing on page 23017 in the **Federal Register** of Wednesday, April 29, 2026, the following corrections are made:

§ 3103.31 [Corrected]

■ 1. On page 23020, in the first column, in amendment 2, the section heading is corrected to read “§ 3103.31 Royalty on production.”

Lanny E. Erdos,

Director, Office of Surface Mining, Reclamation, and Enforcement, Exercising Authority of the Assistant Secretary, Land and Minerals Management.

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

[Docket No. 240506–0129; RTID 0648–XF790]

Fisheries of the Caribbean, Gulf of America, and South Atlantic; Reef Fish Fishery of the Gulf of America; 2026 Recreational Season Announcement and Harvest Closure for Gag

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 the recreational harvest of gag in the exclusive economic zone (EEZ) of the Gulf of America (Gulf) for the 2026 fishing year. The recreational fishing season for Gulf gag opens on September 1, and NMFS has projected that recreational landings of gag will reach the annual catch target (ACT) by October 1. Therefore, recreational fishing for gag in the Gulf EEZ will be open from September 1 through September 30 and will close on October 1, 2026. The recreational harvest of Gulf gag will remain closed through the end of the fishing year on December 31, 2026. NMFS implements this recreational AM to protect the gag resource.

DATES: This temporary rule is effective from October 1 through December 31, 2026.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: NMFS manages the Gulf reef fish fishery that includes gag under the Fishery Management Plan for the Reef Fish Resources of the Gulf (FMP). The Gulf Council (Council) prepared the FMP, and NMFS implements the FMP under the authority of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (Magnuson-Stevens Act) through regulations at 50 CFR part 622.

All weights described in this temporary rule are in gutted weight. The metric conversion for the imperial measurement used in this document is 1 pound (lb) equals approximately 0.45 kilograms.

On June 1, 2024, NMFS implemented the final rule for Amendment 56 to the FMP that modified management of gag

in the Gulf EEZ (89 FR 40419, May 10, 2024). The final rule revised the commercial and recreational catch levels, recreational AMs, and recreational fishing season. For the recreational sector in 2026, the annual catch limit (ACL) is 499,000 lb, and the ACT is 399,000 lb (table 2 in 50 CFR 622.41(d)(2)(i)). The recreational AM for gag states that if NMFS projects that recreational landings will reach the applicable recreational ACT during a fishing year, then NMFS will close the recreational sector for the remainder of the fishing year (50 CFR

622.41(d)(2)(ii)). Recreational harvest of gag is prohibited each year from January 1 through August 31 (50 CFR 622.34(e)).

The recreational fishing season for gag opens each year on September 1. Based on a review of recreational landings data from 2023 through 2025, NMFS projects that recreational landings will reach the recreational ACT for gag on October 1, 2026. Thus, in accordance with 50 CFR 622.41(d)(2)(ii), the recreational fishing season for gag will close on October 1, 2026. NMFS implements this AM to

reduce the chance of exceeding the recreational ACL and ACT, while allowing recreational fishermen the opportunity to harvest the gag ACT. During the closure from October 1 through December 31, 2026, the recreational bag and possession limits for gag harvested in or from the Gulf EEZ are zero. The possession of gag is also prohibited in state waters of the Gulf for any vessel issued a valid Federal charter vessel/headboat permit for Gulf reef fish.

Classification

NMFS issues this action pursuant to section 305(d) of the Magnuson-Stevens Act. This action is required by 50 CFR 622.41(d)(2)(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 are unnecessary and contrary to the public

interest. Such procedures are unnecessary because the regulation associated with the closure of recreational harvest of gag at 50 CFR 622.41(d)(2)(ii) has already been subject to notice and public comment, and all that remains is to notify the public of the closure. Prior notice and opportunity for public comment are contrary to the public interest because such procedures would require time and those affected by the length of the recreational fishing seasons, particularly for-hire operations that reserve trips for clients in advance, need as much notice as NMFS is able to provide to adjust their business plans to account for changes to the recreational fishing season.

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

Dated: May 19, 2026.

David R. Blankinship,

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

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