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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Coast Guard

33 CFR Part 165

[Docket No. USCG-2026-0940]

Safety Zones; Recurring Safety Zones in Captain of the Port Northern Great Lakes

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DHS.

ACTION: Notification of enforcement of regulation.

SUMMARY: The Coast Guard will enforce various safety zones for maritime events in the Captain of the Port Northern Great Lakes zone. Enforcement of these safety zones is necessary to protect the safety of life and property on the navigable waters immediately prior to, during, and immediately after the events. During the periods in question, the Coast Guard will enforce restrictions upon, and control movement of, vessels in a specified area immediately prior to, during, and immediately after events. During each enforcement period, vessels must stay out of the established safety zone and may only enter with permission from the designated representative of the Captain of the Port Northern Great Lakes.

DATES: The regulations in 33 CFR 165.918 will be enforced for the safety zones identified in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section below for the dates and times specified.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: If you have questions about this notification of enforcement, contact LT Rebecca Simpson, Sector Northern Great Lakes Waterways Management Division, U.S. Coast Guard; telephone 906-635-3223, email ssmprevention@uscg.mil.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Coast Guard will enforce the following annual safety zones in the Captain of the Port Northern Great Lakes zone listed in the Table to 33 CFR 165.918:

(a) *Event No. (20):* Elk Rapids Harbor Days Fireworks (Elk Rapids, MI) from 10:00 p.m. through 10:30 p.m. on August 8, 2026.

(b) *Event No. (21):* Nautical City Fireworks (Rogers City, MI) from 10:00

p.m. through 10:30 p.m. on August 16, 2026. In the event of inclement weather, this event will be held on August 23, 2026.

In addition to this notice of enforcement in the **Federal Register**, the Coast Guard will provide the maritime community with advance notification of this enforcement period via Broadcast Notice to Mariners or Local Notice to Mariners. If the COTP Northern Great Lakes determines that the safety zones need not be enforced for the full duration stated in this notice, he or she may suspend such enforcement and notify the public of the suspension via Broadcast Notice to Mariners and grant general permission to enter the safety zones.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

50 CFR Part 622

[Docket No. 1206013412-2517-02]

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Fisheries of the Caribbean, Gulf of America, and South Atlantic; Reef Fish Fishery in the Gulf of America; 2026 Commercial Closure for Greater Amberjack

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

ACTION: Temporary rule; closure.

SUMMARY: NMFS is closing the 2026 commercial fishing season for greater amberjack in the Gulf of America (Gulf). Federal regulations require NMFS to close commercial harvest for greater amberjack if landings reach the commercial annual catch target (ACT) during the fishing year, which NMFS has projected will occur by August 5, 2026. The commercial closure for greater amberjack will remain closed through the rest of 2026. This action is necessary to protect the greater amberjack resource in the Gulf.

DATES: The commercial closure is effective from August 8, 2026, through December 31, 2026.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kelli O'Donnell, NMFS Southeast Regional Office, at 727-824-5305 or kelli.odonnell@noaa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: NMFS manages the reef fish fishery and greater amberjack in Gulf Federal waters under the Fishery Management Plan for the Reef Fish Resources of the Gulf (FMP). NMFS and the Gulf Fishery Management 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).

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

For Gulf greater amberjack, the commercial annual catch limit (ACL) and commercial ACT (the latter of which is equivalent to the commercial quota) are 101,000 lb and 93,930 lb, respectively (50 CFR 622.41(a)(1)(iii) and 622.39(a)(1)(v)). On February 5, 2026, NMFS reduced the commercial harvest levels for Gulf greater amberjack, in accordance with the current accountability measure at 50 CFR 622.41(a)(1)(ii), because commercial landings in 2025 exceeded the commercial ACL (91 FR 5243). During the rest of 2026 fishing year, which ends on December 31, the commercial ACL is 92,816 lb and the commercial ACT is 85,746 lb.

Under 50 CFR 622.41(a)(1)(i), NMFS is required to close the greater amberjack commercial sector if NMFS estimates that commercial landings will reach the commercial ACT during the fishing year. NMFS has projected that the reduced 2026 commercial ACT of 85,746 lb will be reached by August 5, 2026. Accordingly, NMFS closes the commercial harvest of greater amberjack from the Gulf Federal waters from August 8, 2026, through December 31, 2026.

During the commercial closure, the sale or purchase of greater amberjack taken from Gulf Federal waters is prohibited. The prohibition on sale or purchase does not apply to the sale or purchase of greater amberjack that were harvested, landed ashore, and sold prior to the effectiveness of this temporary rule and were held in cold storage by a dealer or processor. The commercial harvest of greater amberjack will re-open on January 1, 2027, the beginning of the following commercial fishing season.

Classification

NMFS issues this action pursuant to section 305(d) of the Magnuson-Stevens

Act. This action is required by 50 CFR 622.41(a)(1), 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 regulations associated with the closure of the greater amberjack commercial sector at 50 CFR 622.41(a)(1) have already been subject to notice and public comment, and all that remains is to notify the public of the commercial closure. Prior notice and opportunity for public comment are contrary to the public interest because there is a need to immediately implement this action to protect the greater amberjack stock. Prior notice and opportunity for public comment would require time and could result in a commercial harvest that exceeds the reduced commercial Act.

For the same reasons already stated, the NMFS 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: August 3, 2026.

Shannon Bettridge,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

50 CFR Part 635

[Docket No. 220919-0193; RTID 0648-XF816]

Atlantic Highly Migratory Species; Atlantic Bluefin Tuna Fisheries; Closure of the Angling Category Gulf of Maine Area Trophy Fishery for 2026

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

ACTION: Temporary rule; closure.

SUMMARY: NMFS closes the Angling category Gulf of Maine area fishery for large medium and giant ("trophy") (*i.e.*, measuring 73 inches (185 centimeters (cm)) curved fork length or greater) Atlantic bluefin tuna (BFT). This action applies to Highly Migratory Species

(HMS) Angling and HMS Charter/Headboat permitted vessels when fishing recreationally.

DATES: Effective 11:30 p.m., local time, August 4, 2026, through December 31, 2026.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Lindsay Mullins, lindsay.mullins@noaa.gov, or Larry Redd, Jr., larry.redd@noaa.gov by email, or by phone at 301-427-8503.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Atlantic BFT fisheries are managed under the 2006 Consolidated HMS Fishery Management Plan (HMS FMP) and its amendments, pursuant to the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (Magnuson-Stevens Act; 16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*) and consistent with the Atlantic Tunas Convention Act (ATCA; 16 U.S.C. 971 *et seq.*). ATCA is the implementing statute for binding recommendations of the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (ICCAT). The HMS FMP and its amendments are implemented by regulations at 50 CFR part 635. Section 635.27(a) divides the U.S. BFT quota, established by ICCAT and as implemented by the United States among the various domestic fishing categories, per the allocations established in the HMS FMP and its amendments. NMFS is required under the Magnuson-Stevens Act at 16 U.S.C. 1854(g)(1)(D) to provide U.S. fishing vessels with a reasonable opportunity to harvest quotas under relevant international fishery agreements such as the ICCAT Convention, which is implemented domestically pursuant to ATCA.

Under § 635.28(a)(1), NMFS files a closure notice with the Office of the Federal Register for publication when a BFT quota (or subquota) is reached or is projected to be reached. Retaining, possessing, or landing BFT under that quota category is prohibited on and after the effective date and time of a closure notice for that category, for the remainder of the fishing year, until the opening of the subsequent quota period or until such date as specified.

Every year, the BFT fishing year starts on January 1 and ends on December 31. The Angling category opens on January 1 and continues through December 31 or until the applicable quota or subquota is reached or projected to be reached, whichever comes first. As described in § 635.27(a), the current baseline U.S. BFT quota is 1,316.14 metric tons (mt) (not including the 25 mt ICCAT allocated to the United States to account for bycatch of BFT in pelagic longline fisheries in the Northeast Distant Gear Restricted Area per § 635.27(a)(3)). The

Angling category baseline quota is 297.4 mt, of which 9.2 mt (3.1 percent of the annual Angling category quota) is sub-allocated for the harvest of large medium and giant (trophy) BFT by vessels fishing under the Angling category quota, with 2.3 mt (25 percent of the annual large medium and giant BFT Angling category quota) allocated for each of the following areas: north of 42° N latitude (lat.) (the Gulf of Maine area); south of 42° N lat. and north of 39°18' N lat. (the southern New England area); south of 39°18' N lat. and outside of the Gulf of America (the southern area); and the Gulf of America region. Trophy BFT measure 73 inches (185 cm) curved fork length or greater. This closure action applies to the Gulf of Maine area.

Separate from this action, NMFS published a proposed rulemaking that would implement the 2025 ICCAT recommendation (Recommendation 25-05) regarding western BFT management (91 FR 24789, May 7, 2026). Consistent with the recommendation, that proposed rule would increase the baseline U.S. BFT quota from 1,316.14 to 1,509.98 mt and adjust all the subquotas accordingly. In that proposed rule, the Angling category baseline quota would increase from 297.4 to 341.3 mt and each trophy area subquota would increase from 2.3 to 2.6 mt. The comment period on that proposed rule ended on June 8, 2026. Any final rule implementing ICCAT Recommendation 25-05 would likely be effective in mid-2026 or later.

Angling Category Trophy Bluefin Tuna Gulf of Maine Area Fishery Closure

Based on landings data from the NMFS Automated Catch Reporting System, as well as average catch rates and anticipated fishing conditions, NMFS has determined the Angling category Gulf of Maine area trophy BFT subquota of 2.3 mt has been reached and exceeded. Therefore, retaining, possessing, or landing large medium or giant (*i.e.*, measuring 73 inches (185 cm) curved fork length or greater) BFT in the Gulf of Maine trophy area by persons aboard HMS Angling and HMS Charter/Headboat permitted vessels (when fishing recreationally) must cease at 11:30 p.m. local time on August 4, 2026. This closure will remain effective through December 31, 2026. This action applies to HMS Angling and HMS Charter/Headboat permitted vessels when fishing recreationally for BFT and is taken consistent with the regulations at § 635.28(a)(1). This action is intended to prevent further overharvest of the Angling category Gulf of Maine area trophy BFT subquota. NMFS previously