

PART 1852—SOLICITATION PROVISIONS AND CONTRACT CLAUSES

3. Add section 1852.203–70 to read as follows:

1852.203–70 Display of Inspector General Hotline Posters.

As prescribed in 1803.7001, insert the following clause:

Display of Inspector General Hotline Posters
(Date)

(a) The Contractor shall display prominently in common work areas within business segments performing work under this contract, Inspector General Hotline Posters available under paragraph (b) of this clause.

(b) Inspector General Hotline Posters may be obtained from NASA Office of Inspector General, Code W, Washington, DC, 20546–0001, (202) 358–1220.
(End of clause)

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration

49 CFR Parts 350, 390, 394, 395 and 398

[Docket No. FMCSA–97–2350]

RIN 2126–AA232

Public Hearings on Hours of Service of Drivers; Driver Rest and Sleep for Safe Operations

AGENCY: Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of hearings.

SUMMARY: The FMCSA is announcing the second through seventh public hearings for interested persons to present comments and views on the FMCSA's proposed revisions to its hours-of-service regulations (65 FR 25540, May 2, 2000). This action is necessary to inform the public about the dates, times, and locations of the hearings. The FMCSA hopes to hear from the public, specifically drivers of trucks and buses, about how the proposed hours-of-service regulations would improve highway safety and affect their professional, personal, and family life. All oral presentations will be transcribed and placed in the rulemaking docket for the FMCSA's consideration.

DATES: The second hearing will be June 7 and 8 in Ontario, CA. Subsequent hearings will be June 12 and 13 in

Golden, CO; June 15 and 16 in Kansas City, MO; June 20 and 21 in Indianapolis, IN; June 26 and 27 in Vernon, CT; and June 29 and 30 in Atlanta, GA. All will begin at 8:30 a.m. and end at 5 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The second session will be at the Ontario Convention Center, Meeting Room 104B, 2000 Convention Center Way, Ontario, CA. The third will be held at Auditorium 2, Jefferson County Fairgrounds, 15200 West Sixth Avenue, Golden, CO. The fourth will be at the Wagstaff Theater, American Royal Center Complex, 1701 American Royal Court, Kansas City, MO. The fifth will be at the Union Federal Southwest Pavilion, Indiana State Fairgrounds, 1202 East 38th Street, Indianapolis, IN. The sixth will be at the Quality Inn Conference Center, 51 Hartford Turnpike (Route 83, I–84, Exit 63), Vernon, CT. The seventh will be at the Atlanta South Truck Stop, 122 Truck Stop Way (I–75, Exit 201), Jackson, GA.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: *General Information.* For general information or if you have special needs contact Mr. Stanley Hamilton, Office of Regulatory Development, (202) 366–0665. *Specific Information.* For information concerning the rulemaking contact Mr. David Miller, Office of Driver and Carrier Operations, (202) 366–1790, or Mr. Charles Medalen, Office of the Chief Counsel, (202) 366–1354.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Electronic Access

Internet users may access all comment received by the U.S. DOT Dockets, Room PL–401, by using the universal resource locator (URL): <http://dms.dot.gov>. It is available 24 hours each day, 365 days a year. Please follow the instructions on line for more information and help.

An electronic copy of this document may be downloaded by using a computer, modem and suitable communications software from the Government Printing Office's Electronic Bulletin Board Service at (202) 512–1661. Internet users may reach the Office of the Federal Register's web page at <http://www.access.gpo.gov/nara>. Internet users may also find this document at the FMCSA's Motor Carrier Regulatory Information Service (MCREGIS) web site for notices at <http://www.fmcsa.dot.gov/rulesregs/fmcsr/rulemakings.htm>.

First Hearing Notice

The notice for the first hearing was published May 5, 2000 (65 FR 26166). The first hearing will be in Washington,

DC on May 31 and June 1 at the DOT headquarters, Room 2230, 400 Seventh Street, SW 20590.

Accessibility Needs

If you need special accommodations, such as sign language interpretation, please contact Mr. Stanley Hamilton, Office of Regulatory Development, (202) 366–0665.

Oral and Written Comments

Oral comments should be limited to 10 minutes or less. Written comments must be sent to: Docket Clerk, Attn: DOT Docket No. FMCSA–97–2350, U.S. DOT Dockets, Department of Transportation, Room PL–401, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590–0001. Persons who require acknowledgment of the receipt of their comments must enclose a stamped, self-addressed postcard. Comments may be reviewed at the above address from 9 a.m. through 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

Authority: 49 U.S.C. 322, 31502, and 31136; and 49 CFR 1.73.

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Julie Anna Cirillo,

Acting Deputy Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

50 CFR Part 679

[Docket No. 000211040–0040–01; I.D. 051100D]

Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Halibut Bycatch Mortality Allowance in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area

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

ACTION: Proposed reapportionment of Pacific halibut bycatch mortality allowance specified for the nontrawl fishery categories; request for comments.

SUMMARY: NMFS proposes the reapportionment of the 2000 halibut bycatch mortality allowance specified for the Pacific cod hook-and-line fishery category to the other nontrawl fishery category in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands management area (BSAI). This action is necessary to allow the harvest of species constrained by the other nontrawl halibut bycatch mortality

allowance, in particular Greenland turbot, while not further restricting the hook-and-line Pacific cod fishery. This action is intended to promote the goals and objectives of the Fishery Management Plan for the Groundfish Fishery of the Bering Sea and Aleutians Islands Area (FMP).

DATES: Comments on this action must be received at the following address no later than 4:30 p.m., A.l.t., June 6, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be mailed to Sue Salvesson, Assistant Regional Administrator, Sustainable Fisheries Division, Alaska Region, NMFS, P.O. Box 21668, Juneau, AK 99802-1668, Attn: Lori Gravel. Hand delivery or courier delivery of comments may be sent to the Federal Building, 709 West 9th Street, Room 453, Juneau, AK 99801. The final environmental assessment and final regulatory flexibility analysis prepared for the final 2000 total allowable catch specifications may be obtained from the same address.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Andrew Smoker, 907-586-7228.

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

The BSAI halibut prohibited species catch (PSC) limit for nontrawl gear is an amount of halibut equivalent to 900 metric tons (mt) of halibut mortality (§ 679.21(e)(2)(i)). The Final 2000 Harvest Specifications of Groundfish for the BSAI established the apportionment of the nontrawl halibut PSC limit to bycatch allowances for the Pacific cod hook-and-line and other nontrawl fisheries was established as 748 mt and

84 mt respectively (65 FR 8282, February 18, 2000). As of April 22, 2000, 593 mt remain in the total 2000 halibut bycatch mortality allowance for the hook-and-line Pacific cod fishery. The other non-trawl fishery opened on May 1, 2000.

The hook-and-line fishery for Pacific cod will reopen on September 1, 2000, and is projected to take as much as 300 mt of halibut mortality for the remainder of 2000. The directed fishery for Greenland turbot, a constituent and primary fishery of the other nontrawl category, may require an estimated 150 mt of halibut mortality to fully harvest the remaining directed fishing allowance of Greenland turbot.

NMFS has determined that a reapportionment of 75 mt of halibut bycatch mortality allowance from the hook-and-line Pacific cod to the other nontrawl fishery category is necessary to promote achieving the optimum yield harvest of the BSAI nontrawl fisheries. This reapportionment is based on the best available scientific information pertaining to bycatch rates reported by NMFS-certified observers.

Therefore, in order to provide greater opportunity to harvest the BSAI Greenland turbot total allowable catch (TAC) while not jeopardizing the opportunity to harvest the amount of the Pacific cod TAC allocated to hook-and-line vessels, NMFS proposes to increase the halibut bycatch mortality allowance specified for the other nontrawl fishery category by 75 mt and reduce the halibut bycatch mortality allowance specified for the Pacific cod hook-and-line fishery by the same amount. The halibut bycatch mortality specifications for the 2000 BSAI nontrawl fisheries are listed in Table 7 of the final 2000 harvest specifications (65 FR 8282, February 18, 2000). To accommodate the proposed action, the 2000 BSAI final harvest specifications would be amended by adding the following Table 7A.

TABLE 7A.—2000 BSAI PROHIBITED SPECIES BYCATCH ALLOWANCES FOR THE BSAI NON-TRAWL FISHERIES

Non-trawl fisheries	Halibut mortality (mt) BSAI
Pacific cod—Total ¹	673.
Jan. 1–April 30	457.
May 1–Sept. 1	0.
Sept. 15–Dec. 31	216.
Other non-trawl—Total	159.
May 1–Dec. 31	159.
Groundfish pot & jog	exempt .
Sablefish hook-and-line	exempt.

¹ Consistent with § 679.21(e)(5)(iv)(A), Any unused halibut PSC from the first trimester may be rolled over into the third trimester.

NMFS invites public comments on its proposal to reallocate the projected unused amount of halibut mortality from the hook-and-line Pacific cod fishery to the other nontrawl fishery category.

Classification

This action is authorized under 50 CFR 679.21(e)(4) and is exempt from OMB review under E.O. 12866.

NMFS prepared an environmental assessment (EA) and final regulatory flexibility assessment (FRFA) for the 2000 harvest specifications (See **ADDRESSES**). The proposed reapportionment of the BSAI nontrawl halibut PSC limit is intended to provide fuller opportunity to conduct the fishing activities considered in the EA/FRFA and is fully within the scope of these analyses.

Authority: 16 U.S.C. 773 *et seq.*, 1801 *et seq.* and 3631 *et seq.*

Dated: May 17, 2000.

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