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II. Discussion and Analysis

NASA reviewed the public comments received in the development of the final rule. The six comments received were advertisements for personal services from the same respondent and completely unrelated to the purpose of this rule. Therefore, no change was made to the final rule as a result of the public comments received.

III. Executive Orders 12866 and 13563

Executive Orders (E.O.s) 12866 and 13563 direct agencies to assess all costs and benefits of available regulatory alternatives and, if regulation is necessary, to select regulatory approaches that maximize net benefits (including potential economic, environmental, public health and safety effects, distributive impacts, and equity). E.O. 13563 emphasizes the importance of quantifying both costs and benefits, of reducing costs, of harmonizing rules, and of promoting flexibility. This is not a significant regulatory action and, therefore, was not subject to review under section 6(b) of E.O. 12866, Regulatory Planning and Review, dated September 30, 1993. This rule is not a major rule under 5 U.S.C. 804.

IV. Regulatory Flexibility Act

A final regulatory flexibility analysis has been prepared consistent with the Regulatory Flexibility Act, 5 U.S.C. 601, *et seq.*, and is summarized as follows:

The National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) is issuing a final rule to amend the NASA FAR Supplement (NFS) to remove NFS clause 1852.243–70, Engineering Change Proposals (ECPs) basic clause with its Alternate I & II and associated information collection from the NFS because the NFS clause is no longer used in procurements and is duplicative to FAR requirements. NASA conducted a retrospective review of its regulations and determined NFS clause 1852.243–70 should be removed along with the corresponding information collection requirement OMB Control No. 2700–054.

No changes were made to the final rule as a result of public comments received. Comments received in response to the proposed rule were advertisements for personal services and deemed out of scope.

NASA does not expect this final rule to have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities

within the meaning of the Regulatory Flexibility Act, 5 U.S.C. 601 *et seq.*, because we are removing a NFS clause and its associated information collection requirements for contractors. By removing this clause, the information collection burden on contractors will be reduced, thus providing all entities, both large and small, with a positive benefit.

This rule does not include any new reporting, recordkeeping, or other compliance requirements for small businesses. There are no significant alternatives that could further minimize the already minimal impact on businesses, small or large.

V. Paperwork Reduction Act

The rule contains information collection requirements that require the approval of the OMB under the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. chapter 35); however, the changes to the NFS removes the information collection requirements previously approved under OMB Control Number 2700–0054, entitled NFS 1843 Contract Modifications for Engineering Change Proposals (ECP).

List of Subjects in 48 CFR Parts 1801, 1843, and 1852

Government procurement.

Manuel Quinones,
NASA FAR Supplement Manager.

Accordingly, 48 CFR parts 1801, 1843, and 1852 are amended as follows:

■ 1. The authority citation for parts 1801, 1843 and 1852 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 51 U.S.C. 20113(a) and 48 CFR chapter 1.

PART 1801—FEDERAL ACQUISITION REGULATIONS SYSTEM

■ 2. Revise section 1801.106 to read as follows:

1801.106 OMB approval under the Paperwork Reduction Act.

The following OMB control numbers apply:

NFS Segment	OMB control No.
1823	2700–0089
1827	2700–0052
1852.223–70	2700–0160
NF 533	2700–0003
NF 1018	2700–0017

PART 1843—CONTRACT MODIFICATIONS

■ 3. Revise section 1843.205–70 to read as follows:

1843.205–70 NASA contract clauses.

The contracting officer may insert a clause substantially as stated at 1852.243–72, Equitable Adjustments, in solicitations and contracts for—

(a) Dismantling, demolishing, or removing improvements; or

(b) Construction, when the contract amount is expected to exceed the simplified acquisition threshold and a fixed-price contract is contemplated.

PART 1852—SOLICITATION PROVISIONS AND CONTRACT CLAUSES

1852.243–70 [Removed and Reserved]

■ 4. Section 1852.243–70 is removed and reserved.

1852.243–72 [Amended]

■ 5. Amend section 1852.243–72 by removing “1843.205–70(b)” and adding “1843.205–70” in its place.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

50 CFR Part 679

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Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Groundfish by Vessels Using Trawl Gear in the of the Gulf of Alaska

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

ACTION: Temporary rule; opening.

SUMMARY: NMFS is opening directed fishing for groundfish by vessels using trawl gear in the Gulf of Alaska (GOA). This action is necessary to fully use the 2016 groundfish total allowable catch in the GOA.

DATES: Effective 1200 hours, Alaska local time (A.l.t.), October 28, 2016, through 2400 hours, A.l.t., December 31, 2016.

Comments must be received at the following address no later than 4:30 p.m., A.l.t., November 15, 2016.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments on this document, identified by FDMS Docket Number NOAA–NMFS–2015–0110, by any of the following methods:

- **Electronic Submission:** Submit all electronic public comments via the Federal e-Rulemaking Portal. Go to

www.regulations.gov/

#!docketDetail;D=NOAA-NMFS-2015-0110, click the "Comment Now!" icon, complete the required fields, and enter or attach your comments.

- **Mail:** Address written comments to Glenn Merrill, Assistant Regional Administrator, Sustainable Fisheries Division, Alaska Region NMFS, Attn: Ellen Sebastian. Mail comments to P.O. Box 21668, Juneau, AK 99802-1668.

Instructions: Comments sent by any other method, to any other address or individual, or received after the end of the comment period, may not be considered by NMFS. All comments received are a part of the public record and will generally be posted for public viewing on www.regulations.gov without change. All personal identifying information (e.g., name, address), confidential business information, or otherwise sensitive information submitted voluntarily by the sender will be publicly accessible. NMFS will accept anonymous comments (enter "N/A" in the required fields if you wish to remain anonymous). Attachments to electronic comments will be accepted in Microsoft Word, Excel, or Adobe PDF file formats only.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Josh Keaton 907-586-7228.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: NMFS manages the groundfish fishery in the GOA exclusive economic zone according to the Fishery Management Plan for Groundfish of the Gulf of Alaska (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 appear at subpart H of 50 CFR part 600 and 50 CFR part 679.

NMFS prohibited directed fishing for groundfish by vessels using trawl gear in the GOA, effective 1200 hours, A.L.T., October 22, 2016 (81 FR 74313) under § 679.21(d)(6)(i). That action was necessary because the annual prohibited species catch (PSC) limit for Pacific halibut specified for vessels using trawl gear in the GOA was reached.

As of October 25, 2016, NMFS has determined that approximately 250 metric tons of the trawl Pacific halibut PSC limit remains. Therefore, in accordance with § 679.25(a)(1)(i), (a)(2)(i)(C), and (a)(2)(iii)(D), and to fully utilize the 2016 groundfish total allowable catch, NMFS is terminating the previous closure and is opening directed fishing for groundfish by vessels using trawl gear in the GOA. The Administrator, Alaska Region (Regional Administrator) considered the following factors in reaching this decision: (1) The current harvest of Pacific halibut PSC in the trawl fishery of the GOA and, (2) the harvest capacity and stated intent on future harvesting patterns of vessels in participating in this fishery.

Classification

This action responds to the best available information recently obtained from the fishery. The Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, NOAA (AA), finds good cause to waive the requirement to provide prior notice and opportunity for public comment pursuant to the authority set forth at 5

U.S.C. 553(b)(B) as such requirement is impracticable and contrary to the public interest. This requirement is impracticable and contrary to the public interest as it would prevent NMFS from responding to the most recent fisheries data in a timely fashion and would delay the opening of directed fishing for groundfish by vessels using trawl gear in the GOA. NMFS was unable to publish a notice providing time for public comment because the most recent, relevant data only became available as of October 25, 2016.

The AA also finds good cause to waive the 30-day delay in the effective date of this action under 5 U.S.C. 553(d)(3). This finding is based upon the reasons provided above for waiver of prior notice and opportunity for public comment.

Without this inseason adjustment, NMFS could not allow the trawl deep-water species fishery in the GOA to be harvested in an expedient manner and in accordance with the regulatory schedule. Under § 679.25(c)(2), interested persons are invited to submit written comments on this action to the above address until November 15, 2016.

This action is required by §§ 679.21 and 679.25 and is exempt from review under Executive Order 12866.

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

Dated: October 26, 2016.

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

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