

Compliance With EPA Policies for Information Resources Management (June 1996)

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(b) *General.* The Contractor shall perform any IRM related work under this contract in accordance with the IRM policies, standards and procedures set forth in this clause and noted below. Upon receipt of a work request (i.e. delivery order or work assignment), the Contractor shall check this listing of directives (see paragraph (d) for electronic access). The applicable directives for performance of the work request are those in effect on the date of issuance of the work request.

(1) IRM Policies, Standards and Procedures. The 2100 Series (2100–2199) of the Agency's Directive System contains the majority of the Agency's IRM policies, standards and procedures.

(2) Groundwater Program IRM Requirement. A contractor performing any work related to collecting Groundwater data; or developing or enhancing data bases containing Groundwater quality data shall comply with *EPA Order 7500.1A—Minimum Set of Data Elements for Groundwater.*

(3) EPA Computing and Telecommunications Services. *The Enterprise Technology Services Division (ETSD) Operational Directives Manual* contains procedural information about the operation of the Agency's computing and telecommunications services. Contractors performing work for the Agency's National Computer Center or those who are developing systems which will be operating on the Agency's national platforms must comply with procedures established in the Manual. (This document is only available through electronic access.)

(c) *Printed Documents.* Documents listed in (b)(1) and (b)(2) may be obtained from: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Office of Administration Facilities Management and Services Division Distribution Section Mail Code: 3204 401 M Street, S.W. Washington, D.C. 20460 Phone: (202) 260–5797

(d) *Electronic access.* (1) *Internet.* A complete listing, including full text, of documents included in the 2100 Series of the Agency's Directive System, as well as the two other EPA documents noted in this clause, is maintained on the EPA Public Access Server on the Internet. Gopher Access: *gopher.epa.gov* is the address to access the EPA Gopher. Select 'menu keyword search' from the menu and search on the term 'IRM Policy'. Look for IRM Policy, Standards and Guidance. World Wide Web Access: *http://www.epa.gov* is the address for the EPA's www homepage. From the homepage, search on the term 'IRM Policy' and look for IRM Policy, Standards and Guidance.

(2) *Dial-Up Modem.* All documents, including the listing, are available for browsing and electronic download through a dial-up modem. Dial (919) 558–0335 for access to the menu that contains the listing for EPA policies. Set the communication parameters to 8 data bits, no parity, 1 stop bit (8,N,1) Full Duplex, and the emulator to VT–100. The information is the same whether accessed through dial-up or the

Internet. For technical assistance, call 1–800–334–2405.

(End of Clause)

Dated: June 5, 1996.

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Director, Office of Acquisition Management.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

50 CFR Part 620

[Docket No. 960126016–6070–02; I.D. 062196D]

General Provisions for Domestic Fisheries; Withdrawal of Emergency Fishing Closure in Block Island Sound

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

ACTION: Termination of an emergency interim rule.

SUMMARY: NMFS terminates the emergency interim rule that closed a portion of Federal waters off the coast of Rhode Island, in Block Island Sound subsequent to an oil spill. Effective immediately, fishing in the previously closed area may resume in accordance with all State and federal regulations and Fishery Management Plans.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Effective June 25, 1996.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Daniel Morris at (508) 281–9388.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On January 19, 1996, an oil barge grounded and spilled more than 800,000 gallons (3.03 million liters) of heating oil into the waters of Block Island Sound, RI. On January 26, 1996, NMFS, at the request of, and in conjunction with, the State of Rhode Island, prohibited the harvest of seafood from an area of approximately 250 square miles (647 square kilometers(km)) in Block Island Sound. The original area of closure was announced and defined in an emergency interim rule published in the Federal Register on February 1, 1996 (61 FR 3602).

Following the oil spill and the initial closure action, State officials, in consultation with Federal agencies and the responsible party, developed a protocol for amending and reopening fishery closures in the affected area. The protocol set sampling, inspection, and analysis standards, to ensure that seafood harvested from the area would be wholesome and to provide the basis

for amending and reopening the fishery closures.

On March 13, 1996, based on the findings of seafood inspectors and at the request of state officials, NMFS opened the entire area to fishing for and landing of finfish and squid by gear types other than bottom trawl gear. This same action, published in the Federal Register on March 19, 1996 (61 FR 11164), expanded by approximately 28 square miles (72.5 square km), the area in which fishing for and landing lobsters, clams, and crabs is prohibited. Throughout the expanded closed area the use of lobster traps, bottom trawl or dredge gear was prohibited.

On April 9, 1996, the closure was amended further to allow all fishing to resume, with the exception of lobstering in an area of approximately 42 square miles (108.8 square km) to the east and north of Block Island, RI. This action was published in the Federal Register on April 15, 1996 (61 FR 16401).

On April 24, 1996, testing of lobsters from the portion of the closed area in the exclusive economic zone (EEZ) determined that oil-adulteration persisted in some of the samples. Therefore, the state requested that the closure in the EEZ, which was due to expire on May 1, 1996, be extended. NMFS complied with the state's request and extended the closure (61 FR 20175, May 6, 1996).

On June 3, 1996, at the request of the state and in response to seafood inspection results, NMFS reduced the area in the EEZ in which fishing for lobsters was prohibited (61 FR 27795, June 3, 1996). The new closure area in the EEZ consisted of approximately 12 square miles (31 square km) north and northeast of Block Island.

In accordance with the protocol for amending and reopening the fishery closures, inspection and chemical analysis of the remaining restricted species and closed areas have been conducted periodically. During the most recent round of inspection, evidence of oil adulteration was not discerned in any of the lobster samples. Therefore, NMFS, at the request of the State of Rhode Island, by this action, is terminating the interim emergency rule which prohibited fishing for lobsters in a section of Block Island Sound.

Classification

The Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, NOAA (AA), has determined that termination of the emergency interim rule is consistent with the Magnuson Conservation and Management Act and other applicable law.

Fishermen who operate in the area would suffer economic hardship unnecessarily if the current prohibition were to remain in effect. Hence, the AA finds that the foregoing constitutes good cause to waive the requirement to provide prior notice and the opportunity for public comment, pursuant to authority set forth at 5 U.S.C. 553(b)(B), as such procedures would be contrary to the public interest. Further, as this provision relieves a restriction, it is made effective immediately pursuant to authority at 5 U.S.C. 553(d)(1).

This emergency rule has been determined to be not significant for the purposes of E.O. 12866.

This emergency rule is exempt from the procedures of the Regulatory Flexibility Act because this rule is not required to be issued with prior notice and opportunity for public comment.

List of Subjects in 50 CFR Part 620

Fisheries, Fishing.

Dated: June 24, 1996.

Gary Matlock,

Program Management Officer, National Marine Fisheries Service.

For the reasons set out in the preamble, 50 CFR part 620 is amended as follows:

PART 620—GENERAL PROVISIONS FOR DOMESTIC FISHERIES

1. The authority citation for part 620 continues to read as follows:

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

2. In § 620.7, paragraph (m) is removed.

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