

payment the disbursing official or head of agency will make, or a voucher presented to a certifying official for certification, which concerns the following type of claim made against the United States by a federal civilian employee:

(i) A claim for reimbursement of expenses incurred while on official temporary duty travel; and

(ii) A claim for reimbursement of expenses incurred in connection with relocation to a new duty station.

(2) A request for a Section 3529 decision shall be in writing; no particular form is required. The request must refer to a specific payment or voucher; it may not seek general legal advice. The request should—

(i) Explain why the official is seeking a Section 3529 decision, rather than taking action on his or her own regarding the matter;

(ii) State the question presented and include citations to applicable statutes, regulations, and cases;

(iii) Include—

(A) The name, address, telephone number, and facsimile machine number (if available) of the official making the request;

(B) The name, address, telephone number, and facsimile number (if available) of the employee affected by the specific payment or voucher; and

(C) Any other information which the official believes the Board should consider; and

(iv) Be sent to the Office of the Clerk of the Board, Room 7022, General Services Administration Building, 1800 F Street, NW., Washington, DC 20405. The Clerk's telephone number is: (202) 501-0116. The Clerk's facsimile machine number is (202) 501-0664. The Board's working hours are 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Eastern Time, on each day other than a Saturday, Sunday, or federal holiday.

(b) *Notice of docketing.* A request for a Section 3529 decision will be docketed by the Office of the Clerk of the Board. A written notice of docketing will be sent promptly to the official and the affected employee. The notice of docketing will identify the judge to whom the request has been assigned.

(c) *Service of copy.* The official submitting a request for a Section 3529 decision shall send to the affected employee copies of all material provided to the Board. All submissions to the Board shall indicate that a copy has been provided to the affected employee.

#### **§ 6105.3 Additional submissions [Rule 503].**

If the affected employee wishes to submit any additional information to

the Board, he or she must submit such information within 30 calendar days after receiving the copy of the request for decision and supporting material (or within 60 calendar days after receiving the copy, if the affected employee is located outside the 50 states and the District of Columbia). To expedite proceedings, if the employee does not wish to make an additional submission, the employee should so notify the Board and the agency.

#### **§ 6105.4 Proceedings [Rule 504].**

(a) *Requests for additional time.* The agency or the affected employee may request additional time to make any filing.

(b) *Conferences.* The judge will not engage in ex parte communications involving the underlying facts or merits of the request. The judge may hold a conference with the agency and the affected employee, at any time, for any purpose. The judge may provide the participants a memorandum reflecting the results of a conference.

(c) *Additional submissions.* The judge may require the submission of additional information at any time.

#### **§ 6105.5 Decisions [Rule 505].**

The judge will issue a written decision based upon the record, which includes submissions by the agency and the affected employee, and information provided during conferences. The agency and the affected employee will each be furnished a copy of the decision by the Office of the Clerk of the Board. In addition, all Board decisions are posted weekly on the Internet. The Board's Internet address is: [www.gsbcg.sga.gov](http://www.gsbcg.sga.gov).

#### **§ 6105.6 Reconsideration of Board decision [Rule 506].**

A request for reconsideration may be made by the agency or the affected employee. Such requests must be received by the Board within 30 calendar days after the date the decision was issued (or within 60 calendar days after the date the decision was issued, if the agency or the affected employee making the request is located outside the 50 states and the District of Columbia). The request for reconsideration should state the reasons why the Board should consider the request. Mere disagreement with a decision or re-argument of points already made is not a sufficient ground for seeking reconsideration.

Dated: May 5, 1997.

**Stephen M. Daniels,**  
Chairman, GSA Board of Contract Appeals.  
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## **DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

### **National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

#### **50 CFR Part 660**

[Docket No. 960429120-6120-01; I.D. 042997A]

### **Fisheries Off West Coast and Western Pacific States; West Coast Salmon Fisheries; Closure from Point Lopez to Point Mugu, CA**

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

**ACTION:** Closure; request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** NMFS announces that the commercial salmon fishery in the area from Point Lopez to Point Mugu, CA, was closed at 12 midnight (local time), April 22, 1997. The Regional Administrator, Northwest Region, NMFS, has determined that the commercial quota of 10,000 chinook salmon has been reached. This action is necessary to conform to the 1996 announcement of management measures for 1997 salmon seasons opening earlier than May 1 and is intended to ensure conservation of chinook salmon.

**DATES:** Effective 2400 hours local time, April 22, 1997, through 2400 hours local time April 30, 1997. Comments will be accepted through May 27, 1997.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments may be mailed to William Stelle, Jr., Regional Administrator, Northwest Region, NMFS, 7600 Sand Point Way NE., Seattle, WA 98115-0070, or William Hogarth, Acting Regional Administrator, Southwest Region, NMFS, 501 W. Ocean Blvd., Suite 4200, Long Beach, CA 90802-4132. Information relevant to this notice is available for public review during business hours at the Office of the Regional Administrator, Northwest Region, NMFS.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** William Robinson, 206-526-6140, or Rodney McInnis, 562-980-4030.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Regulations governing the ocean salmon fisheries at 50 CFR 660.409(a)(1) state that when a quota for the commercial or the recreational fishery, or both, for any salmon species in any portion of the fishery management area is projected by the Regional Administrator to be reached on or by a certain date, NMFS will, by an inseason action issued under 50 CFR 660.411, close the commercial or recreational fishery, or both, for all salmon species in the portion of the fishery management area to which the

quota applies as of the date the quota is projected to be reached.

In the 1996 management measures for 1997 ocean salmon fisheries opening earlier than May 1 (61 FR 20175, May 6, 1996), NMFS announced that the April 1997 commercial fishery in the area between Point Lopez and Point Mugu, CA, would open on April 15 and continue through April 28 or attainment of the 10,000 chinook salmon quota, whichever occurred first.

The best available information on April 21 indicated that catch and effort data and projections supported closure of the commercial fishery in this area at 12 midnight, April 22. The Regional Administrator consulted with representatives of the Pacific Fishery

Management Council and the California Department of Fish and Game in making this determination. The State of California will manage the commercial fishery in state waters adjacent to this area of the exclusive economic zone in accordance with this Federal action. As provided by the inseason action procedures of 50 CFR 660.411, actual notice to fishermen of this action was given prior to 2400 hours local time, April 22, 1997, by telephone hotline number 206-526-6667 or 800-662-9825 and by U.S. Coast Guard Notice to Mariners broadcasts on Channel 16 VHF-FM and 2182 kHz. Because of the need for immediate action to stop the fishery upon achievement of the quota, NMFS has determined that good cause

exists for this action to be issued without affording a prior opportunity for public comment. This action does not apply to other fisheries that may be operating in other areas.

#### **Classification**

This action is authorized by 50 CFR 660.409 and 660.411 and is exempt from review under E.O. 12866.

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

Dated: May 5, 1997.

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