

producers with a greater choice in the kinds of watches they assemble, thereby affording them an opportunity to increase shipments and raise territorial employment.

The rule also raises from \$35,000 to \$38,650 the maximum dollar amount of wages creditable in the calculation of the value of the production incentive certificate by amending Sec.

303.14(a)(1)(i). The increase in the maximum creditable wage limit is intended to keep pace with inflation. The ceiling was last raised in 1994.

Finally, the amendment eliminates subparagraphs (1) and (2) of Sec. 303.14(d) and consolidates provisions on new entrant invitations in a revised Sec. 303.14(d). There currently is no producer in Guam, leaving the Virgin Islands as the only territory with an active industry. The change removes the need to amend the regulations when such production shifts occur.

Under the Administrative Procedure Act, 5 U.S.C. 553(d)(1), the effective date of this rule need not be delayed for 30 days because this rule relieves restrictions. The restrictions are relieved by raising the value limit on watches which are allowed into the United States free of duty and raising the creditable wage ceiling used in the calculation of the duty refund.

Regulatory Flexibility Act. In accordance with the Regulatory Flexibility Act, 5 U.S.C. 601 et seq., the Assistant General Counsel for Legislation and Regulation has certified to the Chief Counsel, Small Business Administration, that the rule will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities. This is because the rulemaking affects only the five watch companies currently participating in the insular possessions watch program, all of which are located in the Virgin Islands. Although there is a reduction of the 1999 Virgin Islands territorial share of duty-exemption, the reduced amount still represents more than twice the amount of duty-free shipments used in 1997. Accordingly, the reduction for the 1999 annual duty-exemption for the Virgin Islands will not impose any cost or have any economic effect on these small companies.

Similarly, updating the creditable wage ceiling, simplifying and updating the new entrant invitation language, and raising the value limit for watches eligible for duty-exemption will not impose any cost or have any other adverse economic effect on the producers.

Paperwork Reduction Act. This rulemaking involves information collection activities subject to the

Paperwork Reduction Act of 1980, 44 U.S.C. 3501 et seq. which are currently approved by the Office of Management and Budget under control numbers 0625-0040 and 0625-0134. The amendments will not increase the information burden on the public.

Notwithstanding any other provision of the law, no person is required to respond to, nor shall any person be subject to a penalty for failure to comply with a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB Control Number.

It has been determined that the rulemaking is not significant for purposes of Executive Order 12866.

List of Subjects in 15 CFR Part 303

Administrative practice and procedure, American Samoa, Customs duties and inspection, Guam, Imports, Marketing quotas, Northern Mariana Islands, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Virgin Islands, Watches and jewelry.

For reasons set forth above, we are amending 15 CFR Part 303 as follows:

PART 303 [AMENDED]

1. The authority citation for 15 CFR Part 303 continues to read as follows:

Authority: Pub. L. 94-241, 90 Stat. 263 (48 U.S.C. 1681, note); Pub. L. 97-446, 96 Stat. 2331 (19 U.S.C. 1202, note); Pub. L. 103-465, 108 Stat. 4991.

§ 303.14 [Amended]

2. Section 303.14(a)(1)(i) is amended by removing “\$35,000” and adding “\$38,650” in its place.

3. Section 303.14(b)(3) is amended by removing “\$200” and adding “\$500” in its place.

4. Section 303.14(d) is revised to read as follows:

§ 303.14 Allocation factors and miscellaneous provisions.

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(d) *New entrant invitations.*

Applications from new firms are invited for any unused portion of any territorial share.

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5. Section 303.14(e) is amended by removing “2,640,000” and adding “2,240,000” in its place.

Joseph A. Spetrini,

Acting Assistant Secretary for Import Administration, Department of Commerce.

Allen Stayman,

Director, Office of Insular Affairs, Department of the Interior.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

47 CFR Part 73

[MM Docket No. 96-226; RM-8893]

Radio Broadcasting Services; Sturgis, KY

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: The Commission, at the request of JoeMyers Productions, Inc., allots Channel 267A at Sturgis, Kentucky, as the community's first local aural transmission service. See 61 FR 20405, November 14, 1996. Channel 267A can be allotted to Sturgis in compliance with the Commission's minimum distance separation requirements at city reference coordinates. The coordinates for Channel 267A at Sturgis are North Latitude 37-32-54 and West Longitude 87-59-06. With this action, this proceeding is terminated.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 26, 1998. A filing window for Channel 267A at Sturgis, Kentucky, will not be opened at this time. Instead, the issue of opening a filing window for this channel will be addressed by the Commission in a subsequent order.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sharon P. McDonald, Mass Media Bureau, (202) 418-2180.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This is a synopsis of the Commission's Report and Order, MM Docket No. 96-226, adopted September 2, 1998, and released September 11, 1998. The full text of this Commission decision is available for inspection and copying during normal business hours in the FCC Reference Center (Room 239), 1919 M Street, NW., Washington, DC. The complete text of this decision may also be purchased from the Commission's copy contractors, International Transcription Service, Inc., (202) 857-3800, 1231 20th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20036.

List of Subjects in 47 CFR Part 73

Radio broadcasting.

Part 73 of Title 47 of the Code of Federal Regulations is amended as follows:

PART 73—[AMENDED]

1. The authority citation for Part 73 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 47 U.S.C. 154, 303, 334, 336.

§ 73.202 [Amended]

2. Section 73.202(b), the Table of FM Allotments under Kentucky, is amended by adding Sturgis, Channel 267A.

Federal Communications Commission.

John A. Karousos,

Chief, Allocations Branch, Policy and Rules Division, Mass Media Bureau.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration****50 CFR Part 285**

[I.D. 091198C]

Atlantic Tuna Fisheries; Atlantic Bluefin Tuna

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

ACTION: Catch limit adjustment.

SUMMARY: NMFS adjusts the daily catch limit for the Angling category fishery for Atlantic bluefin tuna (BFT) in the northern area (New Jersey and states north). The duration of the catch limit adjustment is limited to September 18 through September 27, 1998, whereupon the northern area daily catch limit will revert to one large school or small medium BFT per vessel. This action is being taken to provide increased fishing opportunities in the northern area without risking overharvest of this category.

DATES: The daily catch limit adjustment is effective 1 a.m., local time, September 18, 1998, until 11:30 p.m., local time, September 27, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Pat Scida, 978-281-9260, or Sarah McLaughlin, 301-713-2347.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Regulations implemented under the authority of the Atlantic Tunas Convention Act (ATCA, 16 U.S.C. 971 *et seq.*) governing the harvest of BFT by persons and vessels subject to U.S. jurisdiction are found at 50 CFR part 285.

Implementing regulations for the Atlantic tuna fisheries at § 285.24 allow for adjustments to the daily catch limits in order to provide for maximum utilization of the quota spread over the longest possible period of time. The Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, NOAA, may increase or reduce the per angler catch limit for any size class BFT or may change the per angler limit to a

per boat limit or a per boat limit to a per angler limit.

NMFS is responsible for implementing the ICCAT recommendation to limit the annual catch of school BFT to 8 percent by weight of the total annual domestic quota, i.e., 1,344 metric tons (mt). In addition, it is NMFS' goal to increase the geographical and temporal distribution of data collection and fishing opportunities for all fishermen in the Angling category.

Between January 1, 1998, and July 15, 1998, NMFS maintained the northern area (north of 38°47' N. lat.) daily catch limit at one school, large school, or small medium BFT per vessel (measuring 27 to less than 73 inches (69 to less than 185 cm)). Effective July 16, 1998, NMFS adjusted the daily catch limit to one large school or small medium BFT (measuring 47 to less than 73 inches (119 to less than 185 cm)) per vessel. NMFS has determined, based on preliminary 1998 northern area catch estimates of landings to date and on the availability of BFT in the northern area, that a catch limit adjustment is warranted to provide the greatest geographic and temporal range of fishing opportunities without risking overharvest.

The daily catch limit for the northern area is adjusted as follows: No more than three school, large school, or small medium BFT (measuring 27 to less than 73 inches (69 to less than 185 cm)) per vessel, of which no more than one may be a school BFT (measuring 27 to less than 47 inches (69 to less than 119 cm)). This daily catch limit adjustment is effective September 18 through September 27, 1998, whereupon the daily catch limit will revert to one large school or small medium BFT (measuring 47 to less than 73 inches (119 to less than 185 cm)).

These catch limits have been selected based on catch rates for the 1998 fishing season. Therefore, NMFS will continue to monitor the Angling category fishery closely through the Automated Catch Reporting System and the Large Pelagic Survey. Depending on the level of fishing effort and catch rates of BFT, NMFS may determine that an interim closure or an additional catch limit adjustment is necessary to enhance scientific data collection from the northern area. Closures or subsequent adjustments to the daily catch limit, if any, shall be announced through publication in the **Federal Register**. In addition, anglers may call the Atlantic Tunas Information Line at 888-USA-TUNA (888-872-8862), 301-713-1279, or 978-281-9305 for updates on quota monitoring and catch limit adjustments.

Anglers aboard Charter/Headboat vessels, when engaged in recreational fishing for school, large school, and small medium BFT, are subject to the same rules as anglers aboard Angling category vessels. All BFT landed under the Angling category quota must be reported within 24 hours of landing to the NMFS Automated Catch Reporting System by phoning 888-USA-TUNA (888-872-8862).

Pursuant to § 285.7, and under the authority of ATCA, NMFS has authorized fisheries biologists from the Massachusetts Division of Marine Fisheries to conduct joint research with NMFS comparing the effects of circle and straight hooks on BFT and Atlantic yellowfin tuna (YFT). A combined total of 200 BFT and/or YFT (averaging 40 lb.) may be collected off the Massachusetts and Rhode Island coasts under this authorization, which is effective June 29 through October 31, 1998. Assuming that all 200 tunas collected are BFT, approximately 3.6 mt would be deducted from the northern area Angling category subquota, specifically from the allocation for school BFT, measuring less than 47 inches (119 cm).

Classification

This action is taken under 50 CFR 285.24(d)(3) and is exempt from review under E.O. 12866.

Authority: 16 U.S.C. 971 *et seq.*

Dated: September 14, 1998.

Bruce C. Morehead,

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 679**

[Docket No. 971208297-8054-02; I.D. 091198D]

Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pollock in Statistical Area 610 in the Gulf of Alaska

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

ACTION: Closure.

SUMMARY: NMFS is prohibiting directed fishing for pollock in Statistical Area 610 in the Gulf of Alaska (GOA). This action is necessary to prevent exceeding