

among total erythrocytes in the bone marrow or peripheral blood).

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(ii) A test substance for which the results do not meet the criteria in paragraph (f)(2)(i) of this section is considered non-mutagenic in this test.

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(3) *Test report.* The test report shall include the following information:

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8. Section 799.9620 is amended by revising paragraph (e)(3)(ii) to read as follows:

§ 799.9620 TSCA neurotoxicity screening battery.

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(ii) Positive control data from the laboratory performing the testing shall provide evidence of the ability of the observational methods used to detect major neurotoxic endpoints including limb weakness or paralysis, tremor, and autonomic signs. Positive control data are also required to demonstrate the sensitivity and reliability of the activity-measuring device and testing procedures. These data should demonstrate the ability to detect chemically induced increases and decreases in activity. Positive control groups exhibiting central nervous system pathology and peripheral nervous system pathology are also required. Separate groups for peripheral and central neuropathology are acceptable (e.g. acrylamide and trimethyl tin). Permanently injurious substances need not be used for the behavioral tests. Historical data may be used if the essential aspects of the experimental procedure remain the same. Periodic updating of positive control data is recommended. New positive control data should also be collected when personnel or some other critical element in the testing laboratory has changed.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

48 CFR Part 1352

[Docket No. 981202294-8294-01]

RIN 0605-AA13

Solicitation Provisions and Contract Clauses; Women-Owned Small Business Sources

AGENCY: Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce (Department) is removing a section of the Commerce Acquisition Regulation (CAR) pertaining to the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) contract clause "Small, Small Disadvantaged and Women-Owned Small Business Subcontracting Plan." The FAR contains requirements for where the clause "Small, Small Disadvantaged and Women-Owned Small Business Subcontracting Plan" is required in solicitations and contracts. Since the CAR is intended to supplement and implement the FAR without paraphrasing or duplicating the FAR language, the Department is removing the section of the CAR which duplicates the FAR requirement.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This rule is effective July 30, 1999.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Lisa Jandovitz, 202-482-0202.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Federal Acquisition Regulations System was established for the codification and publication of uniform policies and procedures for acquisition by all executive agencies. The Federal Acquisition Regulations System consists of the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR), which is the primary document, and agency acquisition regulations that implement the FAR. The Commerce Acquisition Regulation (CAR) is codified at 48 CFR chapter 13. The solicitation provisions and contract clauses are codified at 48 CFR part 1352. The CAR is intended to supplement and implement the FAR without paraphrasing or duplicating FAR language. Therefore, section 1352.219-1 of Title 48 is being removed because it duplicates the FAR clause in 48 CFR 52-219-9 as prescribed by 48 CFR 19.708(b). There is no change in the solicitation provisions and contract clauses that will be used by the Department.

Rulemaking Requirements

This rule was determined to be "not significant" for purposes of Executive Order 12866. This rule does not contain a collection of information for purposes

of the Paperwork Reduction Act. This rule does not contain policies with Federalism implications sufficient to warrant preparation of a Federalism assessment under Executive Order 12612. The Department finds good cause to issue this rule without notice of proposal rulemaking and the opportunity for public participation. These procedures are unnecessary for this technical amendment to remove duplicate language that is codified in the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR). Retaining the present language could be confusing to the public. The rule will have no effect on procurement policy or cost or administrative impact on contractors or offerors. Because a notice of proposed rulemaking is not required by the Administrative Procedure Act (5 U.S.C. 553) or any other law for this rule, the analytical requirements of the Regulatory Flexibility Act are not applicable.

List of Subject in 48 CFR Part 1352

Government contracts, Government procurement.

For the reasons set forth in the preamble, 48 CFR part 1352 is amended to read as follows:

PART 1352—SOLICITATION PROVISIONS AND CONTRACT CLAUSES

1. The authority citation is revised to read as follows:

Authority: 41 U.S.C. 418b.

1352.219-1 [Removed]

2. Remove section 1352.219-1.

Dated: June 21, 1999.

Christine Makris,

Director, Acquisition Policy and Programs.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

50 CFR Part 679

[Docket No. 990304062-9062-01; I.D. 062399A]

Fisheries of the Economic Exclusive Zone Off Alaska; Shallow-water Species Fishery by Vessels using Trawl Gear 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 species that comprise the shallow-water species fishery by vessels using trawl gear in the Gulf of Alaska (GOA), except for vessels fishing for pollock using pelagic trawl gear in those portions of the GOA open to directed fishing for pollock. This action is necessary because the third seasonal apportionment of the 1999 halibut bycatch allowance specified for the trawl shallow-water species fishery in the GOA has been caught.

DATES: Effective 1200 hrs, Alaska local time (A.l.t.), July 4, 1999, until 1200 hrs, A.l.t., October 1, 1999.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mary Furuness, 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.

The Pacific halibut bycatch allowance for the GOA trawl shallow-water species

fishery, which is defined at § 679.21(d)(3)(iii)(A), was established by the Final 1999 Harvest Specifications of Groundfish for the GOA (64 FR 12094, March 11, 1999) for the third season, the period July 4, 1999, through September 30, 1999, as 200 metric tons.

In accordance with § 679.21(d)(7)(i), the Administrator, Alaska Region, NMFS (Regional Administrator), has determined that the third seasonal apportionment of the 1999 Pacific halibut bycatch allowance specified for the trawl shallow-water species fishery in the GOA has been caught.

Consequently, NMFS is prohibiting directed fishing for the shallow-water species fishery by vessels using trawl gear in the GOA, except for vessels fishing for pollock using pelagic trawl gear in those portions of the GOA open to directed fishing for pollock. The species and species groups that comprise the shallow-water species fishery are: pollock, Pacific cod, shallow-water flatfish, flathead sole, Atka mackerel, and "other species".

Maximum retainable bycatch amounts may be found in the regulations at § 679.20(e) and (f).

Classification

This action responds to the best available information recently obtained

from the fishery. It must be implemented immediately in order to prevent overharvesting the third seasonal apportionment of the 1999 Pacific halibut bycatch allowance specified for the trawl shallow-water species fishery in the GOA. A delay in the effective date is impracticable and contrary to the public interest. The fleet has already taken the third seasonal bycatch allowance of Pacific halibut. Further delay would only result in the 1999 Pacific halibut bycatch allowance specified for the trawl shallow-water species fishery in the GOA being exceeded. NMFS finds for good cause that the implementation of this action can not be delayed for 30 days. Accordingly, under 5 U.S.C. 553(d), a delay in the effective date is hereby waived.

This action is required by § 679.21 and is exempt from review under E.O. 12866.

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

Dated: June 23, 1999.

Bruce C. Morehead,

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

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