

by reference in this amendment under 5 U.S.C. 552(a), 1 CFR part 51, and 14 CFR part 97.20. The applicable FAA forms are FAA Forms 8260–3, 8260–4, 8260–5, 8260–15A, and 8260–15B when required by an entry on 8260–15A.

The large number of SIAPs, Takeoff Minimums and ODPs, their complex nature, and the need for a special format make publication in the **Federal Register** expensive and impractical. Further, airmen do not use the regulatory text of the SIAPs, Takeoff Minimums or ODPs, but instead refer to their graphic depiction on charts printed by publishers of aeronautical materials. Thus, the advantages of incorporation by reference are realized and publication of the complete description of each SIAP, Takeoff Minimums and ODP listed on FAA form documents is unnecessary. This amendment provides the affected CFR sections and specifies the types of SIAPs, Takeoff Minimums and ODPs with their applicable effective dates. This amendment also identifies the airport and its location, the procedure, and the amendment number.

Availability and Summary of Material Incorporated by Reference

The material incorporated by reference is publicly available as listed in the **ADDRESSES** section.

The material incorporated by reference describes SIAPs, Takeoff Minimums and/or ODPs as identified in the amendatory language for part 97 of this final rule.

The Rule

This amendment to 14 CFR part 97 is effective upon publication of each separate SIAP, Takeoff Minimums and ODP as Amended in the transmittal. Some SIAP and Takeoff Minimums and textual ODP amendments may have been issued previously by the FAA in a Flight Data Center (FDC) Notice to Airmen (NOTAM) as an emergency action of immediate flight safety relating directly to published aeronautical charts.

The circumstances that created the need for some SIAP and Takeoff Minimums and ODP amendments may require making them effective in less than 30 days. For the remaining SIAPs and Takeoff Minimums and ODPs, an effective date at least 30 days after publication is provided.

Further, the SIAPs and Takeoff Minimums and ODPs contained in this amendment are based on the criteria contained in the U.S. Standard for Terminal Instrument Procedures (TERPS). In developing these SIAPs and Takeoff Minimums and ODPs, the

TERPS criteria were applied to the conditions existing or anticipated at the affected airports. Because of the close and immediate relationship between these SIAPs, Takeoff Minimums and ODPs, and safety in air commerce, I find that notice and public procedure under 5 U.S.C. 553(b) are impracticable and contrary to the public interest and, where applicable, under 5 U.S.C 553(d), good cause exists for making some SIAPs effective in less than 30 days.

The FAA has determined that this regulation only involves an established body of technical regulations for which frequent and routine amendments are necessary to keep them operationally current. It, therefore—(1) is not a “significant regulatory action” under Executive Order 12866; (2) is not a “significant rule” under DOT Regulatory Policies and Procedures (44 FR 11034; February 26, 1979); and (3) does not warrant preparation of a regulatory evaluation as the anticipated impact is so minimal. For the same reason, the FAA certifies that this amendment will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities under the criteria of the Regulatory Flexibility Act.

List of Subjects in 14 CFR Part 97

Air Traffic Control, Airports, Incorporation by reference, Navigation (Air).

Issued in Washington, DC, on January 11, 2019.

Rick Domingo,

Executive Director, Flight Standards Service.

Adoption of the Amendment

Accordingly, pursuant to the authority delegated to me, Title 14, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 97 (14 CFR part 97) is amended by establishing, amending, suspending, or removing Standard Instrument Approach Procedures and/or Takeoff Minimums and Obstacle Departure Procedures effective at 0901 UTC on the dates specified, as follows:

PART 97—STANDARD INSTRUMENT APPROACH PROCEDURES

■ 1. The authority citation for part 97 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 49 U.S.C. 106(f), 106(g), 40103, 40106, 40113, 40114, 40120, 44502, 44514, 44701, 44719, 44721–44722.

■ 2. Part 97 is amended to read as follows:

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Napa, CA, Napa County, ILS OR LOC Z RWY 36L, Orig-D

Napa, CA, Napa County, LOC Y RWY 36L, Orig

Napa, CA, Napa County, NAPAA THREE Graphic DP
Napa, CA, Napa County, RNAV (GPS) X RWY 36L, Orig
Leadville, CO, Lake County, DAVVY TWO Graphic DP
Leadville, CO, Lake County, LOZUL FOUR Graphic DP
Leadville, CO, Lake County, RNAV (GPS) RWY 16, Amdt 1
Leadville, CO, Lake County, Takeoff Minimums and Obstacle DP, Amdt 2A
Crestview, FL, Bob Sikes, ILS OR LOC RWY 17, Amdt 1
Crestview, FL, Bob Sikes, RNAV (GPS) RWY 17, Orig-B
Crestview, FL, Bob Sikes, RNAV (GPS) RWY 35, Amdt 1C
Crestview, FL, Bob Sikes, VOR–A, Amdt 12B
Maurice, IA, Sioux County Rgnl, RNAV (GPS) RWY 17, Orig
Maurice, IA, Sioux County Rgnl, RNAV (GPS) RWY 35, Orig
Maurice, IA, Sioux County Rgnl, Takeoff Minimums and Obstacle DP, Orig
Shelbyville, IL, Shelby County, NDB–A, Amdt 3
Shelbyville, IL, Shelby County, RNAV (GPS) RWY 36, Orig-C
Fairmont, MN, Fairmont Muni, COPTER ILS RWY 31, Orig-B, CANCELED
Fairmont, MN, Fairmont Muni, ILS OR LOC RWY 31, Amdt 1
Fairmont, MN, Fairmont Muni, RNAV (GPS) RWY 13, Orig-A
Fairmont, MN, Fairmont Muni, VOR/DME RWY 13, Amdt 1B, CANCELED
Wellsboro, PA, Wellsboro Johnston, RNAV (GPS) RWY 10, Amdt 1
Wellsboro, PA, Wellsboro Johnston, RNAV (GPS) RWY 28, Amdt 1
Laurens, SC, Laurens County, RNAV (GPS) RWY 8, Amdt 1
Laurens, SC, Laurens County, RNAV (GPS) RWY 26, Amdt 1
Spartanburg, SC, Spartanburg Downtown Memorial/Simpson Field, RNAV (GPS) RWY 23, Amdt 1
Spartanburg, SC, Spartanburg Downtown Memorial/Simpson Field, Takeoff Minimums and Obstacle DP, Amdt 2
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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

14 CFR Part 97

[Docket No. 31234; Amdt. No. 3836]

Standard Instrument Approach Procedures, and Takeoff Minimums and Obstacle Departure Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: This rule amends, suspends, or removes Standard Instrument Approach Procedures (SIAPs) and

associated Takeoff Minimums and Obstacle Departure Procedures for operations at certain airports. These regulatory actions are needed because of the adoption of new or revised criteria, or because of changes occurring in the National Airspace System, such as the commissioning of new navigational facilities, adding new obstacles, or changing air traffic requirements. These changes are designed to provide for the safe and efficient use of the navigable airspace and to promote safe flight operations under instrument flight rules at the affected airports.

DATES: This rule is effective February 8, 2019. The compliance date for each SIAP, associated Takeoff Minimums, and ODP is specified in the amendatory provisions.

The incorporation by reference of certain publications listed in the regulations is approved by the Director of the Federal Register as of February 8, 2019.

ADDRESSES: Availability of matter incorporated by reference in the amendment is as follows:

For Examination

1. U.S. Department of Transportation, Docket Ops-M30, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, West Bldg., Ground Floor, Washington, DC 20590-0001;
2. The FAA Air Traffic Organization Service Area in which the affected airport is located;
3. The office of Aeronautical Navigation Products, 6500 South MacArthur Blvd., Oklahoma City, OK 73169 or,
4. The National Archives and Records Administration (NARA). For information on the availability of this material at NARA, call 202-741-6030, or go to: http://www.archives.gov/federal_register/code_of_federal_regulations/ibr_locations.html.

Availability

All SIAPs and Takeoff Minimums and ODPs are available online free of charge. Visit the National Flight Data Center online at nfdc.faa.gov to register. Additionally, individual SIAP and Takeoff Minimums and ODP copies may be obtained from the FAA Air Traffic Organization Service Area in which the affected airport is located.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This rule amends Title 14, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 97 (14 CFR part 97) by amending the referenced SIAPs. The complete regulatory description of each SIAP is listed on the appropriate FAA Form 8260, as modified by the National Flight Data Center (NFDC)/Permanent Notice to Airmen (P-NOTAM), and is incorporated by reference under 5 U.S.C. 552(a), 1 CFR part 51, and 14 CFR 97.20. The large number of SIAPs, their complex nature, and the need for a special format make their verbatim publication in the **Federal Register** expensive and impractical. Further, airmen do not use the regulatory text of the SIAPs, but refer to their graphic depiction on charts printed by publishers of aeronautical materials. Thus, the advantages of incorporation by reference are realized and publication of the complete description of each SIAP contained on FAA form documents is unnecessary.

This amendment provides the affected CFR sections, and specifies the SIAPs and Takeoff Minimums and ODPs with their applicable effective dates. This amendment also identifies the airport and its location, the procedure and the amendment number.

Availability and Summary of Material Incorporated by Reference

The material incorporated by reference is publicly available as listed in the **ADDRESSES** section.

The material incorporated by reference describes SIAPs, Takeoff Minimums and ODPs as identified in the amendatory language for part 97 of this final rule.

The Rule

This amendment to 14 CFR part 97 is effective upon publication of each separate SIAP and Takeoff Minimums and ODP as amended in the transmittal. For safety and timeliness of change considerations, this amendment incorporates only specific changes contained for each SIAP and Takeoff Minimums and ODP as modified by FDC permanent NOTAMs.

The SIAPs and Takeoff Minimums and ODPs, as modified by FDC permanent NOTAM, and contained in this amendment are based on the criteria contained in the U.S. Standard for Terminal Instrument Procedures (TERPS). In developing these changes to SIAPs and Takeoff Minimums and ODPs, the TERPS criteria were applied only to specific conditions existing at the affected airports. All SIAP

amendments in this rule have been previously issued by the FAA in a FDC NOTAM as an emergency action of immediate flight safety relating directly to published aeronautical charts.

The circumstances that created the need for these SIAP and Takeoff Minimums and ODP amendments require making them effective in less than 30 days.

Because of the close and immediate relationship between these SIAPs, Takeoff Minimums and ODPs, and safety in air commerce, I find that notice and public procedure under 5 U.S.C. 553(b) are impracticable and contrary to the public interest and, where applicable, under 5 U.S.C. 553(d), good cause exists for making these SIAPs effective in less than 30 days.

The FAA has determined that this regulation only involves an established body of technical regulations for which frequent and routine amendments are necessary to keep them operationally current. It, therefore—(1) is not a “significant regulatory action” under Executive Order 12866; (2) is not a “significant rule” under DOT regulatory Policies and Procedures (44 FR 11034; February 26, 1979); and (3) does not warrant preparation of a regulatory evaluation as the anticipated impact is so minimal. For the same reason, the FAA certifies that this amendment will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities under the criteria of the Regulatory Flexibility Act.

List of Subjects in 14 CFR Part 97

Air Traffic Control, Airports, Incorporation by reference, Navigation (Air).

Issued in Washington, DC, on January 11, 2019.

Rick Domingo,

Executive Director, Flight Standards Service.

Adoption of the Amendment

Accordingly, pursuant to the authority delegated to me, Title 14, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 97, (14 CFR part 97), is amended by amending Standard Instrument Approach Procedures and Takeoff Minimums and ODPs, effective at 0901 UTC on the dates specified, as follows:

PART 97—STANDARD INSTRUMENT APPROACH PROCEDURES

- 1. The authority citation for part 97 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 49 U.S.C. 106(f), 106(g), 40103, 40106, 40113, 40114, 40120, 44502, 44514, 44701, 44719, 44721–44722.

- 2. Part 97 is amended to read as follows:

By amending: § 97.23 VOR, VOR/DME, VOR or TACAN, and VOR/DME or TACAN; § 97.25 LOC, LOC/DME, LDA, LDA/DME, SDF, SDF/DME;

§ 97.27 NDB, NDB/DME; § 97.29 ILS, ILS/DME, MLS, MLS/DME, MLS/RNAV; § 97.31 RADAR SIAPs; § 97.33 RNAV

SIAPs; and § 97.35 COPTER SIAPs, Identified as follows:

* * * Effective Upon Publication

AIRAC date	State	City	Airport	FDC No.	FDC date	Subject
28-Feb-19	IA	Ames	Ames Muni	8/0236	1/8/19	RNAV (GPS) RWY 13, Amdt 1.
28-Feb-19	IA	Ames	Ames Muni	8/0248	1/8/19	RNAV (GPS) RWY 1, Amdt 2.
28-Feb-19	IA	Ames	Ames Muni	8/0250	1/8/19	RNAV (GPS) RWY 31, Amdt 1.
28-Feb-19	WI	Sheboygan	Sheboygan County Memorial	8/0455	1/8/19	ILS OR LOC/DME RWY 22, Amdt 5A.
28-Feb-19	WI	Sheboygan	Sheboygan County Memorial	8/0460	1/8/19	RNAV (GPS) RWY 4, Amdt 3A.
28-Feb-19	WI	Sheboygan	Sheboygan County Memorial	8/0462	1/8/19	RNAV (GPS) RWY 22, Amdt 3A.
28-Feb-19	WI	Sheboygan	Sheboygan County Memorial	8/0463	1/8/19	RNAV (GPS) RWY 31, Orig-A.
28-Feb-19	IN	Goshen	Goshen Muni	8/0748	1/8/19	ILS OR LOC RWY 27, Amdt 1.
28-Feb-19	MI	Mason	Mason Jewett Field	8/0979	1/8/19	RNAV (GPS) RWY 10, Orig-C.
28-Feb-19	MI	Mason	Mason Jewett Field	8/0981	1/8/19	RNAV (GPS) RWY 28, Orig-C.
28-Feb-19	IL	Alton/St Louis	St Louis Rgnl	8/1280	1/8/19	RNAV (GPS) RWY 35, Amdt 1A.
28-Feb-19	FL	Palatka	Palatka Muni—Lt Kay Larkin Field.	8/1650	1/8/19	RNAV (GPS) RWY 27, Orig-A.
28-Feb-19	FL	Palatka	Palatka Muni—Lt Kay Larkin Field.	8/1653	1/8/19	RNAV (GPS) RWY 9, Orig-B.
28-Feb-19	VA	Fredericksburg	Shannon	8/1909	1/8/19	RNAV (GPS) RWY 24, Orig-A.
28-Feb-19	PA	Chambersburg	Franklin County Rgnl	8/2099	1/8/19	RNAV (GPS) RWY 24, Orig-A.
28-Feb-19	NE	Valentine	Miller Field	8/2262	1/8/19	NDB RWY 32, Amdt 8.
28-Feb-19	NE	Valentine	Miller Field	8/2265	1/8/19	RNAV (GPS) RWY 32, Amdt 1.
28-Feb-19	TN	Cleveland	Cleveland Rgnl Jetport	8/2647	1/8/19	RNAV (GPS) RWY 3, Amdt 2.
28-Feb-19	NY	Weedsport	Whitfords	8/2807	1/8/19	Takeoff Minimums and Obstacle DP, Orig.
28-Feb-19	GA	Jekyll Island	Jekyll Island	8/2891	1/8/19	RNAV (GPS) RWY 18, Orig-A.
28-Feb-19	VA	Charlottesville	Charlottesville-Albemarle	8/3070	1/8/19	RNAV (GPS) Z RWY 21, Amdt 1A.
28-Feb-19	MS	Tunica	Tunica Muni	8/3448	1/8/19	RNAV (GPS) RWY 17, Amdt 3.
28-Feb-19	NC	Goldsboro	Wayne Executive Jetport	8/3790	1/8/19	ILS OR LOC RWY 23, Amdt 2A.
28-Feb-19	NC	Goldsboro	Wayne Executive Jetport	8/3791	1/8/19	RNAV (GPS) RWY 23, Amdt 1A.
28-Feb-19	KY	Louisville	Bowman Field	8/4188	1/8/19	NDB RWY 33, Amdt 16A.
28-Feb-19	KY	Louisville	Bowman Field	8/4190	1/8/19	RNAV (GPS) RWY 24, Amdt 3.
28-Feb-19	TX	Corsicana	C David Campbell Field—Corsicana Muni.	8/4230	1/8/19	NDB RWY 14, Amdt 4B.
28-Feb-19	TX	Corsicana	C David Campbell Field—Corsicana Muni.	8/4236	1/8/19	NDB RWY 32, Amdt 3B.
28-Feb-19	TX	Corsicana	C David Campbell Field—Corsicana Muni.	8/4239	1/8/19	VOR/DME—A, Amdt 1B.
28-Feb-19	TX	Corsicana	C David Campbell Field—Corsicana Muni.	8/4246	1/8/19	RNAV (GPS) RWY 32, Orig-B.
28-Feb-19	WV	Ravenswood	Jackson County	8/4456	1/8/19	RNAV (GPS) RWY 22, Orig-A.
28-Feb-19	VA	New Market	New Market	8/4507	1/8/19	RNAV (GPS)—B, Orig.
28-Feb-19	NM	Albuquerque	Albuquerque Intl Sunport	8/4554	1/8/19	ILS OR LOC RWY 8, Amdt 6.
28-Feb-19	NY	Rome	Griffiss Intl	8/5183	1/8/19	ILS OR LOC RWY 33, Amdt 2.
28-Feb-19	FL	Daytona Beach	Daytona Beach Intl	8/6099	1/8/19	ILS OR LOC RWY 7L, Amdt 32.
28-Feb-19	OR	Redmond	Roberts Field	8/6153	1/8/19	RNAV (GPS) Y RWY 29, Amdt 2A.
28-Feb-19	PR	San Juan	Fernando Luis Ribas Dominicki.	8/7172	1/8/19	RNAV (GPS) RWY 9, Orig.
28-Feb-19	AL	Vernon	Lamar County	8/7374	1/8/19	RNAV (GPS) RWY 35, Orig.
28-Feb-19	NC	Pinehurst/Southern Pines.	Moore County	8/7378	1/8/19	RNAV (GPS) RWY 23, Amdt 2A.
28-Feb-19	TN	Cleveland	Cleveland Rgnl Jetport	8/7395	1/8/19	RNAV (GPS) RWY 21, Amdt 2.
28-Feb-19	ME	Augusta	Augusta State	8/7919	1/8/19	RNAV (GPS)—B, Orig-B.
28-Feb-19	ME	Augusta	Augusta State	8/7920	1/8/19	RNAV (GPS) RWY 35, Orig-A.
28-Feb-19	FL	Williston	Williston Muni	8/8015	1/8/19	VOR RWY 23, Amdt 1A.
28-Feb-19	FL	Williston	Williston Muni	8/8062	1/8/19	RNAV (GPS) RWY 5, Orig-A.
28-Feb-19	FL	Williston	Williston Muni	8/8063	1/8/19	RNAV (GPS) RWY 23, Orig-A.
28-Feb-19	PA	Pottstown	Heritage Field	8/8126	1/8/19	VOR/DME—A, Amdt 4.
28-Feb-19	ME	Lincoln	Lincoln Rgnl	8/8127	1/8/19	RNAV (GPS) RWY 17, Orig-A.
28-Feb-19	PA	Collegeville	Perkiomen Valley	8/8333	1/8/19	RNAV (GPS)—C, Orig.
28-Feb-19	PA	Collegeville	Perkiomen Valley	8/8334	1/8/19	RNAV (GPS)—B, Orig.
28-Feb-19	NY	Olean	Cattaraugus County-Olean	8/8420	1/8/19	Takeoff Minimums and Obstacle DP, Amdt 3.
28-Feb-19	PA	Philadelphia	Philadelphia Intl	8/8689	1/8/19	ILS OR LOC RWY 26, Amdt 4C.
28-Feb-19	MA	Pittsfield	Pittsfield Muni	8/8690	1/8/19	Takeoff Minimums and Obstacle DP, Amdt 2.
28-Feb-19	SC	Georgetown	Georgetown County	8/8983	1/8/19	RNAV (GPS) RWY 23, Amdt 2A.
28-Feb-19	SC	Georgetown	Georgetown County	8/9737	1/8/19	RNAV (GPS) RWY 5, Orig-A.
28-Feb-19	IN	Rensselaer	Jasper County	8/9844	1/8/19	RNAV (GPS) RWY 18, Orig-B.

AIRAC date	State	City	Airport	FDC No.	FDC date	Subject
28-Feb-19	IN	Rensselaer	Jasper County	8/9845	1/8/19	RNAV (GPS) RWY 36, Orig-B.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

15 CFR 902

50 CFR Parts 679 and 680

[Docket No. 180327320-8999-02]

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Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Prohibit Directed Fishing for American Fisheries Act Program and Crab Rationalization Program Groundfish Sideboard Limits in the BSAI and GOA

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

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: NMFS issues regulations to modify management of the American Fisheries Act (AFA) Program and Crab Rationalization (CR) Program. This final rule has two actions. The first action modifies regulations for AFA Program and CR Program vessels subject to limits on the catch of specific species (sideboard limits) in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands (BSAI) Management Area and Gulf of Alaska (GOA) Management Area. This first action establishes regulations to prohibit directed fishing for specific groundfish species rather than prohibiting directed fishing each year through the BSAI and GOA annual harvest specifications. The second action removes the requirement for the designated representatives of AFA inshore cooperatives to submit a weekly catch report. This rule is intended to reduce administrative burdens associated with managing sideboard limits through annual harvest specifications without changing NMFS's inseason management of sideboard limits. Additionally, this rule reduces reporting burdens for the designated representatives and members of AFA inshore cooperatives. This rule is intended to promote the goals and objectives of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, the Fishery Management Plan for Groundfish of the Bering Sea and

Aleutian Islands Management Area, the Fishery Management Plan for Groundfish of the Gulf of Alaska, the Fishery Management Plan for Bering Sea/Aleutian Islands King and Tanner Crabs, and other applicable laws.

DATES: This rule is effective March 11, 2019.

ADDRESSES: Electronic copies of the final Regulatory Impact Review (the "Analysis") and the Categorical Exclusion prepared for this action are available from www.regulations.gov or from the NMFS Alaska Region website at alaskafisheries.noaa.gov. All public comment letters submitted during the comment period may be obtained from www.regulations.gov/#!docketDetail;D=NOAA-NMFS-2018-0045.

Written comments regarding the burden-hour estimates or other aspects of the collection-of-information requirements contained in this final rule may be submitted by mail to NMFS Alaska Region, P.O. Box 21668, Juneau, AK 99802-1668, Attn: Ellen Sebastian, Records Officer; in person at NMFS Alaska Region, 709 West 9th Street, Room 420A, Juneau, AK; and to OIRA by email to OIRA_Submission@omb.eop.gov or by fax to 202-395-5806.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Obren Davis, (907) 586-7228.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Authority for Action

NMFS manages the groundfish fisheries in the exclusive economic zone of the BSAI and GOA under the Fishery Management Plan for Groundfish of the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area (BSAI FMP), and the Fishery Management Plan for Groundfish of the Gulf of Alaska (GOA FMP), respectively. NMFS manages vessels subject to specific limitations on the catch of specific species or species groups (sideboard limits) under the AFA Program under the BSAI and GOA FMPs, and NMFS manages vessels and License Limitation Program (LLP) licenses subject to sideboard limits under the CR Program under the Fishery Management Plan for Bering Sea/Aleutian Islands King and Tanner Crabs (Crab FMP). The North Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) prepared these FMPs under the authority of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (Magnuson-Stevens Act), 16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.* Regulations implementing

the BSAI and GOA FMPs are located at 50 CFR part 679. Regulations implementing the Crab FMP are located at 50 CFR part 680. General regulations governing U.S. fisheries also appear at 50 CFR part 600.

NMFS published the proposed rule for this action on August 16, 2018 (83 FR 40733), with comments invited through September 17, 2018. NMFS received one comment during the applicable comment period. A summary of this comment and the response by NMFS are provided under the heading "Comments and Responses" below.

A detailed review of the regulations to modify the management of AFA Program and CR Program sideboard limits, as well as the removal of the requirement for AFA inshore cooperatives to submit a weekly catch report, and the rationale for these revisions are provided in the preamble to the proposed rule (83 FR 40733, August 16, 2018) and are briefly summarized in this final rule.

Background

This final rule includes two actions. The first action revises §§ 679.64 and 680.22 for sideboard limits that apply to two categories of vessels that operate in the BSAI or GOA: (1) AFA catcher/processors (C/Ps) listed in § 679.4(l)(2)(i) (described as AFA C/Ps in this rule), and AFA catcher vessels (CVs) permitted to harvest Bering Sea pollock as established in § 679.4(l)(3); and (2) vessels and LLP licenses subject to sideboard restrictions in the GOA based on criteria as established in § 680.22(a) under the CR Program. This first action prohibits directed fishing for groundfish species or species groups that are subject to sideboard limits that are not large enough to support directed fishing as that term is defined at § 679.2. In addition, under the first action, this rule removes the regulation at § 679.64(a)(1)(ii)(B) listing a sideboard limit for AFA C/Ps in one management area (Central Aleutian Islands (Central AI)) for one species (Atka mackerel) that is currently subject to a more restrictive harvest limit under existing regulations at § 679.91(c)(2)(ii) and Table 33 to 50 CFR part 679.

The first action under this rule is necessary to streamline and simplify NMFS's management of applicable groundfish sideboard limits. NMFS calculates numerous AFA Program and CR Program sideboard limits as part of