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(3) An increase in protégé participation in DoD science and technology programs; and

(4) An increase in job creation of protégé firms from the date of execution of the mentor-protégé agreement until 5 years after completion of the mentor-protégé agreement.

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I-101 Definitions

As used in this appendix—

Affiliation means, with respect to a relationship between a mentor firm and a protégé firm, a relationship described under 13 CFR 121.103.

Eligible entity employing the severely disabled means a business entity operated on a for-profit or nonprofit basis that—

(1) Uses rehabilitative engineering to provide employment opportunities for severely disabled individuals and integrates severely disabled individuals into its workforce;

(2) Employs severely disabled individuals at a rate that averages not less than 20 percent of its total workforce;

(3) Employs each severely disabled individual in its workforce generally on the basis of 40 hours per week; and

(4) Pays not less than the minimum wage prescribed pursuant to section 6 of the Fair Labor Standards Act (29 U.S.C. 206) to those employees who are severely disabled individuals.

Severely disabled individual means an individual who is blind or severely disabled as defined in 41 U.S.C. 8501.

I-102 Participant Eligibility

(a) * * *

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(iv) Is an other than small business concern, unless approved by the Director of the Office of Small Business Programs (OSBP), Office of the Under Secretary of Defense, Acquisition and Sustainment (OUSD(A&S)), in accordance with 13 CFR 121.103 regarding "affiliation and relationship"; and

(3) Be capable of imparting value to a protégé firm because of experience gained as a DoD contractor or through knowledge of general business operations and Government contracting, as demonstrated by evidence that such entity—

(i) Received DoD contracts and subcontracts equal to or greater than \$100 million during the previous fiscal year;

(ii) Is a prime contractor to DoD with an active subcontracting plan; or

(iii) Has graduated from the 8(a) Business Development Program and provides documentation of its ability to serve as a mentor.

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(h) Within 30 days of any change in status affecting eligibility, mentors and protégés must give notice and explanation of pertinent facts to each other, the Director of OSBP, OUSD(A&S), and the Director, OSBP, of the military department or defense agency.

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I-104 Selection of Protégé Firms

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(c) Any interested party may file a protest of the selection of a protégé firm directly with the Director, OSBP, OUSD(A&S) or the Director, OSBP, of the cognizant military department or defense agency. In the event of a protest regarding the size or status of an entity selected to be a protégé firm, the Director, OSBP, OUSD(A&S), or the Director, OSBP, of the military department or defense agency must refer the protest to the SBA to resolve in accordance with 13 CFR part 121 (with respect to size) or other parts of title 13 of the CFR or this appendix (with respect to the protégé's socioeconomic status). The Director, OSBP, OUSD(A&S), or the Director, OSBP, of the military department or defense agency shall decide protests concerning all other aspects of a protégé's eligibility for the Program (e.g., nontraditional defense contractor or entity employing the severely disabled).

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I-105 Mentor Approval Process

(a) An entity seeking to participate as a mentor must apply to the Mentor-Protégé Program Director, OSBP, OUSD(A&S), to establish its initial eligibility as a mentor.

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(c) A template of the mentor application is available at <https://business.defense.gov/Programs/Mentor-Protégé-Program/MPP-Resources/>.

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I-106 Development of Mentor-Protégé Agreements

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(g) The agreement shall demonstrate, through its execution, how it will contribute to the overall mission of DoD and/or fill or address an identified critical gap or vulnerability. Focus areas include, but are not limited to, manufacturing, research and development, and knowledge-based services.

I-107 Elements of a Mentor-Protégé Agreement

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(k) A program participation term for the agreement that does not exceed 2 years. Requests for an extension of the agreement for a period not to exceed an additional 3 years are subject to the approval of the Director, OSBP, of the cognizant military department or defense agency. The justification must detail the unusual circumstances that warrant a term in excess of 2 years;

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I-110 Credit Agreements

Sections I-110.1 and I-110.2 apply to all credit agreements, including agreements that provide for both credit and reimbursement.

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I-111 Agreement Terminations

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(f) The Director, OSBP, OUSD(A&S) or the Director, OSBP, of the military department or defense agency is authorized to terminate the mentor-protégé agreement for the convenience of the Government (to include national security grounds, funding limits,

statutory requirements, or other considerations), as well as for cause upon written findings (e.g., either of the participants' failure to perform or provide adequate assurance of performance; failure to comply with laws, regulations, and policies; conflicts of interest; or default under any provisions of a DoD contract or agreement).

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I-113 Performance Reviews

DCMA will conduct annual performance reviews of the progress and accomplishments realized under approved mentor-protégé agreements. These reviews must verify data provided on the semiannual reports and must provide information as to—

(a) Whether all costs reimbursed to the mentor firm under the agreement were reasonably incurred to furnish assistance to the protégé in accordance with the mentor-protégé agreement and applicable regulations and procedures; and

(b) Whether the mentor and protégé accurately reported progress made by the protégé in employment, revenues, and participation in DoD contracts during the Program participation term and for 5 fiscal years following the expiration of the Program participation term.

Authority: 41 U.S.C. 1303 and 48 CFR chapter 1.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

50 CFR Part 300

[Docket No. 220325-0079; RTID 0648-XC261]

Pacific Halibut Fisheries; Catch Sharing Plan; Inseason Action

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

ACTION: Temporary rule; inseason adjustment; request for comments.

SUMMARY: This notice document announces additional season dates and increases the daily bag limit for some Pacific halibut recreational fisheries in the International Pacific Halibut Commission's (IPHC) regulatory Area 2A off Washington, Oregon, and California. Specifically, this action adds season dates such that the Oregon Central Coast subarea will be open 7 days per week starting September 1, and increases the daily bag limit from one to two fish starting September 1 in the Oregon Central and Southern Coast subareas. This action also provides notice of the closure of the California

subarea on August 7, 2022 that was announced by the IPHC on August 5, 2022. This action is intended to conserve Pacific halibut and provide angler opportunity where available.

DATES:

Effective date: This action is effective August 23, 2022, through October 31, 2022.

Comments due date: Submit comments on or before September 9, 2022.

ADDRESSES: Submit your comments, identified by NOAA–NMFS–2022–0003, by either of the following methods:

- *Electronic Submission:* Submit all electronic public comments via the Federal e-Rulemaking Portal. Go to <https://www.regulations.gov> and enter NOAA–NMFS–2022–0003 in the Search box. Click on the “Comment” icon, complete the required fields, and enter or attach your comments.

- *Mail:* Submit written comments to Scott M. Rumsey, c/o Kathryn Blair, West Coast Region, NMFS, 1201 NE Lloyd Blvd., Suite 1100, Portland, OR 97232.

Instructions: NMFS may not consider comments if they are sent by any other method, to any other address or individual, or received after the comment period ends. All comments received are a part of the public record and NMFS will post them for public viewing on www.regulations.gov without change. All personal identifying information (e.g., name, address, etc.), confidential business information, or otherwise sensitive information submitted voluntarily by the sender is publicly accessible. NMFS will accept anonymous comments (enter “N/A” in the required fields if you wish to remain anonymous).

Docket: This rule is accessible via the internet at the Office of the Federal Register website at <https://www.federalregister.gov/>. Background information and documents are available at the NOAA Fisheries website at <https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/action/2022-pacific-halibut-catch-sharing-plan> and at the Council’s website at <http://www.pcouncil.org>. Other comments received may be accessed through www.regulations.gov.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On April 1, 2022, NMFS published a final rule approving changes to the Pacific halibut Area 2A Catch Sharing Plan and implementing recreational (sport) management measures for 2022 (87 FR 19007), as authorized by the Northern

Pacific Halibut Act of 1982 (16 U.S.C. 773–773(k)). The 2022 Catch Sharing Plan provides a recommended framework for NMFS’ annual management measures and subarea allocations based on the 2022 Area 2A Pacific halibut catch limit of 1,490,000 pounds (lb) (675.9 metric tons (mt)) set by the International Pacific Halibut Commission (IPHC). These Pacific halibut management measures include recreational fishery season dates and subarea allocations.

Federal regulations at 50 CFR 300.63(c), “Flexible Inseason Management Provisions for Sport Halibut Fisheries in Area 2A,” allow the NMFS’ Regional Administrator to modify annual regulations during the season. These inseason provisions allow the Regional Administrator to modify sport (recreational) fishing periods, bag limits, size limits, days per calendar week, and subarea quotas, if it is determined it is necessary to meet the allocation objectives and the action will not result in exceeding the catch limit.

NMFS has determined that, due to continued lower than expected landings in portions of Oregon, inseason action to modify the 2022 annual regulations for the recreational fishery is warranted at this time to provide additional opportunity for fishery participations to achieve the Area 2A allocations as published in the final rule (87 FR 19007; April 1, 2022). As stated above, inseason modification of the fishing season is authorized by Federal regulations at 50 CFR 300.63(c). After consulting with representatives of the IPHC, the Pacific Fishery Management Council, and the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW), NMFS determined the following inseason action is necessary to meet the management objective of attaining the various state and subarea allocations, has little risk of the subarea or coastwide allocation being exceeded from this action, and is consistent with the inseason management provisions allowing for the modification of sport fishing periods and sport fishing days per calendar week. Notice of these additional dates and closure of the fisheries will also be announced on the NMFS hotline at 206–526–6667 or 800–662–9825.

In addition, the recreational (sport) management measures for 2022 (87 FR 19007; April 1, 2022) for the California Coast subarea state that the fishery is open May 1 through November 15, or until the subarea allocation is estimated to have been taken and the season is therefore closed, whichever is earlier. The California subarea allocation was estimated to have been taken on August 7, 2022, and therefore the fishery closed.

Closure of the California subarea was announced by the IPHC on August 5, 2022.

Inseason Action**Oregon Central Coast Subarea**

Description of the action: This inseason action implements additional dates for summer all-depth fishing in the Oregon Central Coast subarea, and increases the daily bag limit from one to two fish for the Oregon Central and Southern Coast subareas during the 2022 recreational fishery.

Reason for the action: The purpose of this inseason action is to provide additional opportunity for anglers in the Oregon Central Coast subarea by setting open season dates 7 days per week beginning September 1 through October 31. The fishery is currently scheduled to be open every Thursday through Saturday starting August 4. This action also allows for additional opportunity for anglers to retain up to two Pacific halibut per person per day in the Oregon Central and Southern Coast subareas beginning September 1. NMFS has determined that these additional dates and increased bag limit are warranted due to lower than expected landings through August 2022, and the expectation that a substantial amount of subarea allocation will go unharvested without additional fishing dates. As of August 10, anglers in the Oregon Central Coast subarea have harvested 129,155 lb (58.58 mt) of the 269,782 lb (122.37 mt) allocation (48 percent), leaving 140,627 lb (63.79 mt) remaining (52 percent of the subarea allocation). This is a result of poor weather and ocean conditions preventing anglers from safely participating in the recreational fishery off the coast of Oregon. After 163,231 lb (74.04 mt) of the subarea allocation went unharvested in 2021, NMFS included more season days in 2022 compared to 2021. NMFS previously published an inseason action on August 5, 2022 (87 FR 47944) to add additional fishing dates in this subarea. However, catch information to date shows that even with the increased fishing dates provided for in the final rule and inseason action, participants in the fishery are unlikely to harvest the full subarea allocation. Without the additional fishing days and increased bag limit in this action, there is likely to be substantial unharvested allocation in this subarea.

Notice of these additional dates will also be announced on the NMFS hotline at 206–526–6667 or 800–662–9825.

California Subarea

Description of the action: This inseason action provides notice of closure for the recreational fishery in the California subarea, effective Sunday, August 7 at 11:59 p.m..

Reason for the action: On August 3, 2022, NMFS received catch information indicating that the catch amount for the recreational Pacific halibut fishery off of California was projected to be 35,553 lb (16.13 mt); out of an allocation of 38,740 lb (17.57 mt), with 3,187 lb (1.45 mt) remaining. Weekly catch amounts have averaged 4,013 lb (1.82 mt) in 2022, which includes an outlying week of high catch. When this week is removed, the average catch per week is 3,247 lb (1.47 mt). Therefore, NMFS estimated that the subarea allocation would be attained by August 7, 2022, triggering the closure of the fishery. IPHC issued a media release on August 5, 2022, notifying the public of the closure on August 7. This inseason is providing notice that the recreational fishery off of the California coast is closed.

Weekly catch monitoring reports for the recreational fisheries in Washington, Oregon, and California are available on their respective state Fish and Wildlife agency websites. NMFS and the IPHC will continue to monitor recreational catch obtained via state sampling procedures until NMFS has determined there is not sufficient allocation for another full day of fishing, and the area is closed by the IPHC, or the season closes for Oregon on October 31, whichever is earlier.

Classification

NMFS issues this action pursuant to the Northern Pacific Halibut Act of 1982. This action is taken under the regulatory authority at 50 CFR 300.63(c), and is exempt from review under Executive Order 12866.

Pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 553(b)(3)(B), there is good cause to waive prior notice and an opportunity for public comment on this action, as notice and comment would be impracticable and contrary to the public interest. ODFW provided updated landings data to NMFS on August 4, 2022, showing that the fishery participants in the recreational fishery off of the Oregon Central Coast had only caught 47 percent of the subarea allocation. NMFS uses fishing rates from previous years to determine the number of recreational fishing dates needed to attain subarea allocations. The level of attainment of the allocation for 2022 is substantially lower than anticipated when the 2022 final rule setting the 2022 recreational fishery season dates was developed. This action should be

implemented as soon as possible to allow fishery participants to take advantage of the additional fishing dates prior to the end of the season. As the fishery in Oregon closes on October 31, 2022, implementing this action through proposed and final rulemaking would limit the benefit this action would provide to fishery participants. Without implementation of additional season dates, a significant portion of the Oregon subarea allocations are unlikely to be harvested, limiting economic benefits to the participants and not meeting the goals of the Catch Sharing Plan and the 2022 management measures. It is necessary that this rulemaking be implemented in a timely manner so that planning for these new fishing days can take place, and for business and personal decision making by the regulated public impacted by this action, which includes recreational charter fishing operations, associated port businesses, and private anglers who do not live near the coastal access points for this fishery, among others. To ensure the regulated public is fully aware of this action, notice of this regulatory action will also be provided to anglers through a telephone hotline, news release, and by the relevant state fish and wildlife agencies. NMFS will receive public comments for 15 days after publication of this action, in accordance with 50 CFR 300.63(c)(4)(ii). No aspect of this action is controversial, and changes of this nature were anticipated in the process described in regulations at 50 CFR 300.63(c).

For the reasons discussed above, there is also good cause under 5 U.S.C. 553(d)(3) to waive the 30-day delay in effective date and make this action effective immediately upon filing for public inspection, as a delay in effectiveness of this action would constrain fishing opportunity and be inconsistent with the goals of the Catch Sharing Plan and current management measures, as well as potentially limit the economic opportunity intended by this rule to the associated fishing communities. NMFS regulations allow the Regional Administrator to modify sport fishing periods, bag limits, size limits, days per calendar week, and subarea quotas, provided that the action allows allocation objectives to be met and will not result in exceeding the catch limit for the subarea. NMFS recently received information on the progress of landings in the recreational fisheries in the Oregon subarea, indicating additional dates and an increased bag limit should be added to the fishery to ensure optimal and sustainable harvest of the subarea

allocation. As stated above, it is in the public interest that this action is not delayed, because a delay in the effectiveness of these new dates would not allow the allocation objectives of the recreational Pacific halibut fishery to be met.

Dated: August 22, 2022.

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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 660

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Fisheries Off West Coast States; Modification of the West Coast Salmon Fisheries; Inseason Actions #26 Through #33

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

ACTION: Inseason modification of 2022 management measures.

SUMMARY: NMFS announces eight inseason actions in the 2022 ocean salmon fisheries. These inseason actions modify the recreational, commercial, and treaty Indian salmon fisheries in the area from the U.S./Canada border to Cape Falcon, Oregon.

DATES: The effective dates for the inseason actions are set out in this document under the heading Inseason Actions and the actions remain in effect until superseded or modified.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The 2022 annual management measures for ocean salmon fisheries (87 FR 29690; May 16, 2022), announced management measures for the commercial and recreational fisheries in the area from the U.S./Canada border to the U.S./Mexico border, effective from 0001 hours Pacific Daylight Time (PDT), May 16, 2022, until the effective date of the 2023 management measures, as published in the **Federal Register**. NMFS is authorized to implement inseason management actions to modify fishing seasons and quotas as necessary