

of his or her duties in or for the Veterans Health Administration, if such person is assigned to a foreign country, detailed to State or political division thereof, or is acting under any other circumstances which would preclude the remedies of an injured third person against the United States, provided by sections 1346(b) and 2672 of title 28, United States Code, for such damage or injury.

(7) The General Counsel, the Principal Deputy General Counsel, the Deputy General Counsels and those authorized to act for them, are authorized to conduct investigations, examine witnesses, take affidavits, administer oaths and affirmations, and certify copies of public or private documents on all matters within the jurisdiction of the General Counsel.

(8) The General Counsel or the Principal Deputy General Counsel, acting as or for the General Counsel, is authorized to designate, in accordance with established standards, those legal opinions of the General Counsel which will be considered precedent opinions involving veterans' benefits under laws administered by the Department of Veterans Affairs.

(Authority: 38 U.S.C. 501, 512)

(9) Under the provisions of 38 U.S.C. 1729(c)(1), authority is delegated to the General Counsel, the Principal Deputy General Counsel, the Deputy General Counsel for General Law, the Chief Counsel, Revenue Law Group, or those authorized to act for them, to collect in full, compromise, settle, or waive any claim and execute the release thereof.

(Authority: 31 U.S.C. 3711(a)(2); 38 U.S.C. 501, 512).

(10) Except as prescribed in paragraph (g)(3) of this section, the General Counsel, the Principal Deputy General Counsel, the Deputy General Counsel for General Law, and the Chief Counsel, Information and Administrative Law Group, are authorized to make final Departmental decisions on appeals under the Freedom of Information Act, the Privacy Act, and 38 U.S.C. 5701, 5705 and 7332.

(Authority: 38 U.S.C. 512)

(11) All authority delegated in this paragraph to Chief Counsels will be exercised by them under the supervision of and in accordance with instructions issued by the General Counsel.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

50 CFR Part 622

[Docket No. 240506-0129]

RIN 0648-BM46

Fisheries of the Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico, and South Atlantic; Reef Fish Resources of the Gulf of Mexico; Amendment 56; Correction

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

ACTION: Final rule; correction.

SUMMARY: NMFS corrects the final rule published on May 10, 2024, to implement Amendment 56 to the Fishery Management Plan for the Reef Fish Resources of the Gulf of Mexico (Amendment 56). The final rule excluded a reference to the recreational annual catch target in the recreational accountability measures for gag. This correction fixes that omission.

DATES: This correction is effective on June 1, 2024.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jack McGovern, NMFS Southeast Regional Office, phone: 727-204-5518, email: john.mcgovern@noaa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In the final rule to implement Amendment 56 (89 FR 40419, May 10, 2024), NMFS modified the recreational accountability measures (AMs) in 50 CFR 622.41(d)(2)(ii) and (iii) to reflect the changes in Amendment 56. However, NMFS mistakenly omitted reference to the recreational annual catch target (ACT) in § 622.41(d)(2)(iii), which describes the recreational AMs that are applicable if recreational landings exceed the recreational annual catch limit (ACL) and gag in the Gulf of Mexico is overfished based on the most recent Status of U.S. Fisheries Report to Congress. Under those circumstances, NMFS reduces both the recreational ACL and ACT for the following fishing year by the amount of the recreational ACL overage in the previous fishing year. In the final rule preamble on page 40422 and in response to *Comment 23* on page 40430, NMFS correctly described the recreational AMs and corrects the final rule accordingly.

Federal Register Correction

Effective June 1, 2024, in rule document 2024-10208 at 89 FR 40419 in the issue of May 10, 2024, on page 40436, in the second column, in

amendatory instruction 5, paragraph (d)(2)(iii) is corrected to read as follows:

§ 622.41 [Corrected]

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(2) * * *

(iii) In addition to the measures specified in paragraph (d)(2)(ii) of this section, if the NMFS SRD estimates that gag recreational landings have exceeded the applicable ACL specified in paragraph (d)(2)(i) of this section and gag is overfished based on the most recent Status of U.S. Fisheries Report to Congress, the following measure will apply. The AA will file a notification with the Office of the Federal Register, at or near the beginning of the following fishing year, to reduce the recreational ACL and ACT for that following year by the amount of the ACL overage in the prior fishing year, unless the best scientific information available determines that a greater, lesser, or no overage adjustment is necessary.

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Dated: May 23, 2024.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

50 CFR Part 679

[Docket No. 240417-0111]

RIN 0648-BM42

Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Cook Inlet Salmon; Amendment 16; Correction

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

ACTION: Final rule; correction.

SUMMARY: On April 30, 2024, NMFS published a final rule to implement amendment 16 to the Fishery Management Plan for the Salmon Fisheries in the Exclusive Economic Zone off Alaska. The final rule included an incorrect length for drift gillnet gear and an unclear heading title. These corrections fix these errors.

DATES: Effective on May 30, 2024.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Adam Zaleski, 907-586-7228.