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45 CFR Part 170

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For the reasons set forth in the preamble, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services amends 42 CFR part 495 and the Department amends 45 CFR subtitle A, subchapter D, part 170 as set forth below:

Title 42—Public Health

PART 495—STANDARDS FOR THE ELECTRONIC HEALTH RECORD TECHNOLOGY INCENTIVE PROGRAM

- 1. The authority citation for part 495 continues to read as follows:

Authority: Secs. 1102 and 1871 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1302 and 1395hh).

- 2. Section 495.6 is amended as follows:

■ a. In paragraph (f)(12)(ii)(B), by removing the phrase “all patients who are discharged” and adding in its place the phrase “all unique patients who are discharged”.

■ b. In paragraphs (l)(8)(ii)(A) and (B), by removing the phrases “all patients who are discharged” and adding in its place the phrases “all unique patients who are discharged”.

- c. By revising paragraph (m)(6)(ii).

The revision reads as follows:

§ 495.6 Meaningful use objectives and measures for EPs, eligible hospitals, and CAHs.

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(6) * * *

(ii) *Measures.* Hospital labs send structured electronic clinical lab results to the ordering provider for more than 20 percent of—

(A) The electronic lab orders received; or

(B) The lab orders received.

Title 45—Public Welfare

PART 170—HEALTH INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY STANDARDS, IMPLEMENTATION SPECIFICATIONS, AND CERTIFICATION CRITERIA AND CERTIFICATION PROGRAMS FOR HEALTH INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

- 3. The authority citation for part 170 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 42 U.S.C. 300jj–11; 42 U.S.C. 300jj–14; 5 U.S.C. 552.

- 4. Amend § 170.299 by revising paragraphs (f)(14) and (m)(5) to read as follows:

§ 170.299 Incorporation by reference.

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(14) HL7 Implementation Guide for CDA® Release 2: Quality Reporting Document Architecture—Category III, DSTU Release 1 (US Realm) Draft Standard for Trial Use, November 2012, IBR approved for § 170.205.

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(5) Data Element Catalog, Version 1.1, October 2012, IBR approved for § 170.204.

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Section 3004 of the Public Health Service Act and Sections 1102 and 1871 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1302 and 1395hh).

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program No. 93.778, Medical Assistance Program);

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program No. 93.773, Medicare—Hospital Insurance; and Program No. 93.774, Medicare—Supplementary Medical Insurance Program)

Dated: December 3, 2012.

Marilyn Tavenner,

Acting Administrator, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services.

Dated: December 3, 2012.

Kathleen Sebelius,

Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

50 CFR Part 622

[Docket No. 120718253–2644–02]

RIN 0648–BC30

Fisheries of the Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico, and South Atlantic; Snapper-Grouper Fishery Off the Southern Atlantic States; Transferability of Black Sea Bass Pot Endorsements

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

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: NMFS issues this final rule to implement a revision of a disapproved action from Amendment 18A (the Resubmittal) to the Fishery Management Plan (FMP) for the Snapper-Grouper Fishery of the South Atlantic Region (Amendment 18A), as prepared and submitted by the South Atlantic Fishery Management Council (Council). This final rule allows black sea bass pot endorsements to be transferred under specific conditions. The intent of this rule is to implement the transferability action originally submitted in Amendment 18A, as clarified in the Resubmittal.

DATES: This rule is effective January 7, 2013.

ADDRESSES: Electronic copies of Amendment 18A and the Resubmittal may be obtained from the Southeast Regional Office Web site at <http://sero.nmfs.noaa.gov/sf/SASnapperGrouperHomepage.htm>. Amendment 18A includes an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), a Regulatory Flexibility Act Analysis (RFA), a Regulatory Impact Review, and a Fishery Impact Statement. The Resubmittal includes a Regulatory Impact Review and a Fishery Impact Statement.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kate Michie, 727–824–5305.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The snapper-grouper fishery of the South Atlantic is managed under the FMP. The FMP was prepared by the Council and is implemented through regulations at 50 CFR part 622 under the authority of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (Magnuson-Stevens Act).

On August 22, 2012, NMFS published a notice of availability for the Rebutmittal and requested public

comments (77 FR 50672). On September 10, 2012, NMFS published a proposed rule and requested public comments (77 FR 55448). The rationale for the actions in this final rule can be found in the proposed rule, Amendment 18A, and the Resubmittal, and are not repeated here. The Resubmittal was approved by the Secretary on November 20, 2012.

This rule allows transfer of a black sea bass pot endorsement to an individual or entity that holds or simultaneously obtains a valid South Atlantic Unlimited Snapper-Grouper Permit. In order to be transferred, a black sea bass pot endorsement must be valid or renewable. Black sea bass pot endorsements may be transferred independently from the South Atlantic Unlimited Snapper-Grouper Permit with which it is associated. Landings history will not be transferred with the endorsement. NMFS will attribute black sea bass landings to the associated South Atlantic Unlimited Snapper-Grouper Permit regardless of whether the landings occurred before or after the endorsement was issued. Black sea bass pot endorsements will not be renewed automatically with the South Atlantic Snapper-Grouper Unlimited Permit with which it is associated. The endorsement must be renewed separately from the permit on the Federal Permit Application for Vessels Fishing in the Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ).

This rule also revises codified text in § 622.40, regarding issuance of the identification tags for black sea bass pots. Endorsement holders order identification tags through NMFS and a supplier issues the identification tags. Endorsement holders must apply for new tags each permit year at the same time they renew their permit and endorsement. Finally, this rule removes and reserves paragraph (a)(2) in § 622.43, thereby removing obsolete quota closure provisions for South Atlantic octocorals.

Comments and Responses

NMFS received four comments on the Resubmittal and the proposed rule, from three snapper-grouper fishery participants. One commenter opposed allowing the transfer of black sea bass pot endorsements and two commenters supported the action.

Comment 1: One commenter preferred that black sea bass pot endorsements retire with fishermen, or that black sea bass pots be phased out by not allowing black sea bass pot endorsements to be transferred, which could slowly shift the entire commercial sector to a strictly hook-and-line fishery.

Response: The Council considered not allowing black sea bass pot

endorsements to be transferred, which would have allowed the endorsement to retire with the fisherman. However, the Council chose to allow black sea bass pot endorsements to be transferred in order to maintain a consistent level of participation in the black sea bass pot segment of the snapper-grouper fishery and promote the harvest of black sea bass at optimum yield.

Comment 2: Two commenters suggested allowing fishermen who did not qualify for an endorsement to reenter the black sea bass pot segment of the snapper-grouper fishery as the quota (ACL) increases.

Response: This issue is outside the scope of this rulemaking, which implements a transferability provision for black sea bass pot endorsements. The Council did not consider and this rule does not address allowing increased participation in the black sea bass pot segment of the snapper-grouper fishery.

Comment 3: One commenter recommended removing the black sea bass size limits, or reverting the size limit back to 8 inches (20.3 cm) in order to reduce regulatory discards and give poor people access to lower priced small black sea bass while allowing fishermen to harvest more of the ACL.

Response: The Council considered the issue of minimum size limits for black sea bass in Amendment 18A; however, minimum size limits were not considered in the Resubmittal, and are outside the scope of this rulemaking.

Comment 4: Two commenters supported allowing black sea bass pot endorsements to be transferred.

Response: NMFS agrees. Allowing black sea bass pot endorsements to be transferred will maintain a consistent level of participation in the black sea bass pot segment of the snapper-grouper fishery and promote the harvest of black sea bass at optimum yield.

Changes From the Proposed Rule

The proposed rule made editorial changes to the first sentence in the codified text at 50 CFR 622.4(a)(2)(xv). After further consideration, NMFS has determined that these changes are unnecessary. The codified text at § 622.4(a)(2)(xv), which established the South Atlantic black sea bass pot endorsement, should remain consistent with the codified text at 50 CFR § 622.4(a)(2)(xiv), which established the Eastern Gulf reef fish bottom longline endorsement. Thus, the proposed changes to the first sentence of § 622.4(a)(2)(xv) will not be implemented in the final rule.

Classification

The Regional Administrator, Southeast Region, NMFS has determined that the actions contained in this final rule are necessary for the conservation and management of the snapper-grouper fishery in the South Atlantic and that they are consistent with the FMP, the Resubmittal, other provisions of the Magnuson-Stevens Act, and other applicable law.

This final rule has been determined to be not significant for purposes of Executive Order 12866.

The Chief Counsel for Regulation of the Department of Commerce certified to the Chief Counsel for Advocacy of the Small Business Administration during the proposed rule stage that this action would not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities. NMFS did not receive any comments or other new information concerning this certification. As a result, no Final Regulatory Flexibility Analysis is required and none has been prepared.

List of Subjects in 50 CFR Part 622

Fisheries, Fishing, Puerto Rico, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Virgin Islands.

Dated: December 3, 2012.

Alan D. Risenhoover,

Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, performing the functions and duties of the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, National Marine Fisheries Service.

For the reasons set out in the preamble, 50 CFR part 622 is amended as follows:

PART 622—FISHERIES OF THE CARIBBEAN, GULF, AND SOUTH ATLANTIC

- 1. The authority citation for part 622 continues to read as follows:

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

- 2. In § 622.4, the introductory text of paragraph (a)(2)(xv) is revised, paragraph (a)(2)(xv)(D) is added, and the first sentence in paragraph (g)(1) is revised to read as follows:

§ 622.4 Permits and fees.

(a) * * *

(2) * * *

(xv) *South Atlantic black sea bass pot endorsement.* For a person aboard a vessel, for which a valid commercial vessel permit for South Atlantic snapper-grouper unlimited has been issued, to use a black sea bass pot in the South Atlantic EEZ, a valid South Atlantic black sea bass pot endorsement must have been issued to the vessel and

must be on board. A permit or endorsement that has expired is not valid. This endorsement must be renewed annually and may only be renewed if the associated vessel has a valid commercial vessel permit for South Atlantic snapper-grouper unlimited or if the endorsement and associated permit are being concurrently renewed. The RA will not reissue this endorsement if the endorsement is revoked or if the RA does not receive a complete application for renewal of the endorsement within 1 year after the endorsement's expiration date.

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(D) *Transferability.* A valid or renewable black sea bass pot endorsement may be transferred between any two entities that hold, or simultaneously obtain, a valid South Atlantic snapper-grouper unlimited permit. Endorsements may be transferred independently from the South Atlantic snapper-grouper unlimited permit. NMFS will attribute black sea bass landings to the associated South Atlantic snapper-grouper unlimited permit regardless of whether the landings occurred before or after the endorsement was issued. Only legal landings reported in compliance with applicable state and Federal regulations are acceptable.

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(g) * * *

(1) * * * A vessel permit, license, or endorsement issued under this section is not transferable or assignable, except as provided in paragraph (m) of this section for a commercial vessel permit for Gulf reef fish, in paragraph (o) of this section for a king mackerel gillnet permit, in paragraph (q) of this section for a commercial vessel permit for king mackerel, in paragraph (r) of this section for a charter vessel/headboat permit for Gulf coastal migratory pelagic fish or Gulf reef fish, in paragraph (s) of this section for a commercial vessel moratorium permit for Gulf shrimp, in § 622.17(c) for a commercial vessel permit for golden crab, in § 622.18(b) for a commercial vessel permit for South Atlantic snapper-grouper, in § 622.19(b) for a commercial vessel permit for South Atlantic rock shrimp, in § 622.4(a)(2)(xiv)(D) for an eastern Gulf reef fish bottom longline endorsement, and in § 622.4(a)(2)(xv)(D) for a South Atlantic black sea bass pot endorsement.

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■ 3. In § 622.40, paragraph (d)(1)(i)(D) is revised to read as follows:

§ 622.40 Limitations on traps and pots.

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- (d) * * *
- (1) * * *
- (i) * * *

(D) A vessel that has on board a valid Federal commercial permit for South Atlantic snapper-grouper and a South Atlantic black sea bass pot endorsement that fishes in the South Atlantic EEZ on a trip with black sea bass pots, may possess only 35 black sea bass pots per vessel per permit year. Each black sea bass pot in the water or onboard a vessel in the South Atlantic EEZ, must have a valid identification tag attached. Endorsement holders must apply for new tags each permit year through NMFS to replace the tags from the previous year.

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§ 622.43 [Amended]

■ 4. In § 622.43, paragraph (a)(2) is removed and reserved.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

50 CFR Part 635

[Docket No. 110208116-2233-02]

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Atlantic Highly Migratory Species; Electronic Dealer Reporting Requirements; Correction

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

ACTION: Final rule; correction.

SUMMARY: This action is a technical amendment to a rule not yet in effect. It contains a correction to the final regulations regarding electronic dealer reporting, which published August 8, 2012, with an effective date of January 1, 2013.

DATES: Effective January 1, 2013, and is applicable beginning January 1, 2013.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Delisse Ortiz or Karyl Brewster-Geisz at 301-427-8503, or Jackie Wilson at 240-338-3936.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On June 28, 2011 (76 FR 37750), NMFS published a proposed rule that would among other things, require

electronic dealer reporting for all federal Atlantic HMS dealers. On August 8, 2012 (77 FR 47303), the final rule for electronic dealer reporting was published, with a delayed implementation of January 1, 2013. On June 22, 2012 (77 FR 37647), NMFS published a proposed rule that would implement the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (ICCAT) Recommendation 11-08, which prohibits retaining, transshipping, or landing silky sharks caught in association with ICAAT fisheries. On October 4, 2012 (77 FR 60632), NMFS published a final rule that implemented these silky shark management measures, with an effective date of November 5, 2012.

Need for Correction

Both the silky shark rule and the electronic dealer reporting rule made changes to regulatory text at § 635.31(c)(6). This document corrects the final electronic dealer reporting rule by revising the first sentence of § 635.31(c)(6) to make it consistent with amendments made to that section in the shark rule. The shark rule became effective on November 5, 2012, after publication, but prior to the effective date, of the electronic dealer final rule. Without this technical amendment, when the electronic dealer rule becomes effective on January 1, 2013, it would inadvertently undo the dealer prohibition on purchasing (first receiving) silky sharks contained in the shark rule and codified in § 635.31(c)(6). All other information remains unchanged and will not be repeated in this correction.

Correction of Publication

In the final rule that published in the **Federal Register** Wednesday, August 8, 2012 (77 FR 47303), the following correction is made. On page 47317, in column 3, in § 635.31, paragraph (c)(6) is correctly revised to read as follows:

§ 635.31 Restrictions on sale and purchase.

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(c) * * *

(6) A dealer issued a permit under this part may not first receive silky sharks, oceanic whitetip sharks or scalloped, smooth, or great hammerhead sharks from an owner or operator of a fishing vessel with pelagic longline gear on board, or from the owner of a fishing vessel issued both a HMS Charter/Headboat permit and a commercial shark permit when tuna, swordfish or billfish are on board the vessel,