

List of Subjects in 50 CFR Part 622

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

Dated:

For the reasons set out in the preamble, 50 CFR part 622 is proposed to be 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 paragraph in 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 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 South Atlantic black sea bass pot endorsement must have been issued to the vessel and it must be valid and on board the vessel, and the commercial vessel permit for South Atlantic snapper-grouper unlimited must be valid and on board the vessel. 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 or the commercial vessel permit for South Atlantic snapper-grouper unlimited 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 golden tilefish endorsement may be transferred between any two entities that

hold, or simultaneously obtain a South Atlantic snapper-grouper unlimited permit. Endorsements must be transferred independently from the South Atlantic snapper-grouper unlimited permit. NMFS will attribute applicable black sea bass landings associated with the black sea bass pot endorsement to the South Atlantic snapper-grouper unlimited permit associated with the endorsement at the time the black sea bass were landed. Only legal landings reported in compliance with applicable state and Federal regulations are acceptable.

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(1) * * * A vessel permit, license, or endorsement or a dealer permit 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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