

(b) The contracting officer shall insert the provision at 552.216-74, Ordering Information, in solicitations for stock items and in other Federal Supply Service solicitations when FSS alone will issue delivery orders. If the contract will authorize paper delivery orders, use Alternate I. If a Federal Supply Multiple Award Schedule contract permitting other agencies to issue delivery orders is contemplated, use Alternate II.

3. Section 552.216-73 is revised to read as follows:

**552.216-73 Placement of orders.**

As prescribed in 516.505(a), insert the following clause:

**Placement of Orders (XXX 1993)**

(a) Delivery orders (orders) will be placed by:

[Contracting Officer insert names of Federal agencies]

(b) Orders may be placed through Electronic Data Interchange (EDI) or mailed in paper form. EDI orders shall be placed using the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) X12 Standard for Electronic Data Interchange (EDI) format.

(c) GSA's Federal Supply Service (FSS), if specified in paragraph (a) above, will place all orders by EDI using computer-to-computer EDI, whenever possible. If computer-to-computer EDI is not possible, an alternative method allowing the Contractor to receive orders by facsimile transmission will be used. Subject to the Contractor's agreement, other agencies may place orders by EDI.

(d) When computer-to-computer EDI procedures will be used to place orders, the Contractor shall enter into one or more Trading Partner Agreements (TPA) with each Federal agency placing orders electronically in order to ensure mutual understanding by the parties of certain electronic transaction conventions and to recognize the rights and responsibilities of the parties as they apply to this method of placing orders. The TPA must identify, among other things, the third party provider(s) through which electronic orders are placed, the transaction sets used, security procedures, and guidelines for implementation.

(e) The Contractor shall be responsible for providing its own hardware and software necessary to transmit and receive data electronically. Additionally, each party to the TPA shall be responsible for the costs associated with its use of third party provider services.

(f) Nothing in the TPA will invalidate any part of this contract between the Contractor and the General Services Administration. All terms and conditions of this contract that otherwise would be applicable to a mailed order shall apply to the electronic order.

(g) The basic content and format of the TPA will be provided by: General Services Administration, Systems Inventory and Operations Management Center (FCS), Washington, DC 20406, Telephone: [Contracting Officer insert, FAX: appropriate telephone numbers]

*Alternate I (XXX 1993).* As prescribed in 516.505(a), substitute the following paragraphs (a), (b), (c), and (d) for paragraphs (a), (b), (c), and (d), of the basic clause:

(a) All delivery orders (orders) under this contract will be placed by the General Services Administration's Federal Supply Service (FSS). The Contractor is not authorized to accept orders from any other agency. Violation of this restriction may result in termination of the contract pursuant to the default clause of this contract.

(b) All orders shall be placed by Electronic Data Interchange (EDI) using the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) X12 Standard for Electronic Data Interchange (EDI) format.

(c) Transmission will be computer-to-computer EDI, whenever possible. If computer-to-computer EDI is not possible, an alternative method allowing the Contractor to receive orders by facsimile transmission will be used.

(d) When computer-to-computer EDI procedures will be used to place orders, the Contractor shall enter into a Trading Partner Agreement (TPA) with FSS in order to ensure mutual understanding by the parties of certain electronic transaction conventions and to recognize the rights and responsibilities of the parties as they apply to this method of placing orders. The TPA must identify, among other things, the third party provider(s) through which electronic orders are placed, the transaction sets used, security procedures, and guidelines for implementation.

*Alternate II (XXX 1993).* As prescribed in 516.505(a), substitute the following paragraph (a) for paragraph (a) of the basic clause:

(a) Delivery orders under this contract may be placed by either the using Federal agencies or the General Services Administration's Federal Supply Service (FSS).

4. Section 552.216-74 is added to read as follows:

**552.216-74 Ordering Information.**

As prescribed in 516.505(b), insert the following provision:

**Ordering Information (XXX 1993)**

(a) In accordance with the Placement of Orders clause of this solicitation, the offeror elects to receive orders placed by GSA's Federal Supply Service (FSS) by either ( ) facsimile transmission or ( ) computer-to-computer Electronic Data Interchange (EDI).

(b) An offeror electing to receive computer-to-computer EDI is requested to indicate below the name, address, and telephone number of the representative to be contacted regarding establishment of an EDI interface.

(c) An offeror electing to receive orders by facsimile transmission is requested to indicate below the telephone number(s) for facsimile transmission equipment where orders should be forwarded.

(End of Provision)

*Alternate I (XXX 1993).* As prescribed in 516.505(b), add the following paragraph (d) to the basic provision:

(d) If the Placement of Orders clause provides for the mailing of orders, the offeror is requested to include the postal mailing address.

*Alternate II (XXX 1993).* As prescribed in 516.505(b), add the following paragraphs (d) and (e) to the basic provision:

(d) For mailed orders, the offeror is requested to include the postal mailing address(es) where paper form orders should be mailed.

(e) Offerors marketing through dealers are requested to indicate below whether those dealers will be participating in the proposed contract.

Yes ( ) No ( )

If "yes" is checked, ordering information to be inserted above shall reflect that in addition to offeror's name, address, and facsimile transmission telephone number, orders can be addressed to the offeror's name, c/o nearest local dealer. In this event, two copies of a list of participating dealers shall accompany this offer, and shall also be included in Contractor's Federal Supply Schedule pricelist.

Dated: November 29, 1993.

**Richard H. Hopf, III,**  
Associate Administrator for Acquisition Policy.

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

**50 CFR Part 646**

[I.D.]

**Snapper-Grouper Fishery of the South Atlantic**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of availability of an amendment to a fishery management plan and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** NMFS announces that the South Atlantic Fishery Management Council has submitted Amendment 6 to the Fishery Management Plan for the Snapper-Grouper Fishery of the South Atlantic for review by the Secretary of

Commerce (Secretary). Written comments are requested from the public.

**DATES:** Written comments must be received on or before March 31, 1994.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments must be mailed to the Southeast Regional Office, NMFS, 9450 Koger Boulevard, St. Petersburg, FL 33702.

Requests for copies of Amendment 6, which includes a regulatory impact review/initial regulatory flexibility analysis and an environmental assessment, should be sent to the South Atlantic Fishery Management Council, 1 Southpark Circle, suite 306, Charleston, SC 29407-4699; FAX 803-769-4520.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Peter J. Eldridge, 813-893-3161.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Magnuson Fishery Conservation and Management Act (Magnuson Act) requires that a council-prepared amendment to a fishery management plan be submitted to the Secretary for review and approval, disapproval, or partial disapproval. The Magnuson Act also requires that the Secretary, upon receiving an amendment, immediately publish a notice that the amendment is available for public review and comment. The Secretary will consider public comment in determining approvability of the amendment.

Amendment 6 proposes to: (1) Establish quotas and trip limits for snowy grouper and golden tilefish—quotas would be reduced in equal amounts in each of 3 years beginning with 1994; (2) impose a trip limit of one warsaw grouper and one speckled hind per vessel and prohibit sale of these species; (3) include tilefish species in the current grouper bag limit; (4) require that vessel logbooks be submitted by all permitted vessels; and (5) close the Oculina Bank habitat area of particular concern to fishing for snapper-grouper species and prohibit fishing while anchored in that area.

Proposed regulations to implement Amendment 6 are scheduled for publication within 15 days.

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

**Dated:** February 1, 1994.

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*Chief, Plans and Regulations Division,  
National Marine Fisheries Service.*

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## 50 CFR Part 651

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### Northeast Multispecies Fishery

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

**ACTION:** Notice of availability of a Secretarial amendment to a fishery management plan and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** NMFS announces that, acting on behalf of the Secretary of Commerce (Secretary), it has prepared a Secretarial amendment (Amendment 6) to the Fishery Management Plan for the Northeast Multispecies Fishery (FMP) and is making it available for public review and comment. Written comments are requested from the public.

**DATES:** Written comments on the amendment must be received on or before March 26, 1994.

**ADDRESSES:** Copies of the Secretarial Amendment/Environmental Assessment/Regulatory Impact Review may be obtained from Richard B. Roe, Director, Northeast Region, National Marine Fisheries Service, Northeast Regional Office, National Marine Fisheries Service, One Blackburn Drive, Gloucester, MA 01930. Comments should be sent to the same address; please mark the envelope "Multispecies Secretarial Amendment Comments."

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Richard Seamans, 508-281-9244.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Amendment 6 was prepared by NMFS under authority of section 304(c)(1)(B) of the Magnuson Fishery Conservation and Management Act (Magnuson Act), which provides for the Secretary to prepare an FMP or FMP amendment when the appropriate Council does not submit a revised amendment to replace a disapproved portion of an FMP amendment. The Secretary does not intend to implement this amendment unless absolutely necessary.

In response to a severely overfished condition of haddock, cod, and yellowtail flounder, the Council submitted Amendment 5 to the FMP, which was approved January 3, 1994, except for two measures that were disapproved on September 30, 1993. The two disapproved measures were a 5,000-pound (2,268-kg) possession limit for haddock and an exemption to the FMP regulations for winter flounder when fishing in state waters. The 5,000-pound (2,268-kg) possession limit for haddock was disapproved because the

Secretary determined it was inadequate to protect haddock stocks on the Georges Bank and in the Gulf of Maine, which are at historically low levels of abundance.

An emergency rule was implemented effective from January 3, 1994, through April 2, 1994 (59 FR 26, January 3, 1994), that contains the following measures: (1) A possession limit for haddock for all vessels permitted under the multispecies fishery, except scallop dredge vessels, which are prohibited from possessing or landing haddock; (2) a closure of the Closed Area II to all vessels except scallop dredge vessels and lobster pot vessels from January through May; (3) an expansion of Closed Area II by 20 minutes longitude west and 15 minutes latitude south, along its western and southern boundaries; (4) a suspension of the February through May closure of Closed Area I to all vessels except those using sink gillnet gear; (5) a prohibition on transfer of fish at sea; and (6) a ban on pair trawling in the multispecies fishery.

Amendment 5 to the Fishery Management Plan for the Northeast Multispecies Fishery was approved on January 3, 1994, and has several measures also contained in the emergency rule. Since Amendment 5 is scheduled for implementation before the current emergency rule expires on April 2, 1994, those measures are not contained in proposed Amendment 6. Measures contained in Amendment 5 that are not contained in proposed Amendment 6 are: (1) An expansion of the size of Closed Area II; (2) a suspension of the closure of Closed Area I to all vessels except vessels using sink gillnet gear; (3) a prohibition on the transfer of fish at sea; and (4) a ban on pair trawling.

Proposed Amendment 6 contains two measures: (1) A 500-pound (226.8-kg) possession limit for haddock, for all vessels permitted under the multispecies fishery, except sea scallop dredge vessels which are prohibited from possessing or landing haddock, and (2) a closure of Closed Area II to all vessels, except lobster pot vessels and scallop dredge vessels, from January through June, on an annual basis.

NMFS is interested in receiving comments on Amendment 6, the EA and RIR and will consider all public comments before a decision is made whether or not to approve the Amendment. Proposed regulations to implement Amendment 6 will be published within 15 days after the submission of the amendment to the New England Fishery Management Council for its consideration and

comment as required under section  
304(c)(2)(A)(iii) of the Magnuson Act.

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

Dated: February 1, 1994.

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Acting Director, Office of Fisheries  
Conservation and Management, National  
Marine Fisheries Service.

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