

Register on September 26, 2008 [73 FR 56422]. The temporary delay in effective date is necessary to give Department officials the opportunity for further review of the issues of law and policy raised by this rule.

DATES: The effective date of the rule amending 45 CFR parts 302, 303, and 307, published in the September 26, 2008 **Federal Register** [73 FR 56422] is delayed until May 22, 2009.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

On September 26, 2008, we published a final rule following notice and comment period entitled "State Parent Locator Service; Safeguarding Child Support Information" in the **Federal Register** to address requirements for State Parent Locator Service responses to authorized location requests, State IV-D program safeguarding of confidential information, authorized disclosures of this information, and restrictions on the use of confidential data and information for child support purposes with exceptions for certain disclosures permitted by statute. The effective date given for the final rule was March 23, 2009.

In the March 3, 2009 **Federal Register** [74 FR 9171], we published a notice with comment period entitled, "State Parent Locator Service; Safeguarding Child Support Information: Proposed Delay of Effective Date." That notice solicited public comments on a contemplated 60-day delay in the effective date of the September 26, 2008 final rule.

II. Provisions of This Action

This action delays the effective date of the September 26, 2008 final rule. The effective date of the September 26, 2008 final rule, which would have been March 23, 2009, is now May 22, 2009. The delay in the effective date is necessary to give Department officials the opportunity for further review of the issues of law and policy raised by the rule.

III. Comments Received in Response to the March 3, 2009 Notice

We received fifteen comments in response to the March 3, 2009 notice with comment period on the contemplated 60-day delay in effective date of the "State Parent Locator Service; Safeguarding Child Support Information" final rule. Although the March 3, 2009 notice invited comments

generally on whether a delay in effective date was needed "to allow Department officials the opportunity for further review and consideration," it also generated focused comments recommending changes to several particular substantive areas of the final rule. The commenters generally supported delaying the effective date, and as a result, we are delaying the effective date to May 22, 2009, to allow sufficient time for Department officials to review issues of law and policy raised by the rule.

A summary of the comments received follows.

Comments: Three commenters supported delaying the implementation date of the final rule. Two of the commenters stated that the delay was necessary to allow additional time to implement the new requirements and the other commenter supported a delay in the effective date of the rule to allow an additional 60 days for review. One State submitted a comment indicating that it did not need an extension of the effective date in order to implement the regulation.

Several comments addressed the substance of the rule rather than the effective date. One commenter indicated that the final rule appeared to prohibit the State IV-D agency from disclosing confidential information, such as child support payment records, to other State agencies, including the State food assistance (Food Stamps) program and the State revenue (Tax) program. Another commenter stated that a delay in the effective date would give the Administration an opportunity to conduct a review of the child welfare data exchange provisions of the rule to ensure that the provisions of the rule conform with The Fostering Connections to Success and Increasing Adoptions Act (Pub. L. 110-351), signed into law on October 7, 2008, after the rule was finalized.

Several commenters raised specific policy objections to the September 26, 2008 final rule. Two commenters raised concerns about the rules for disclosure of confidential location information. Another commenter stated that the regulations need to be reviewed and revised to assure significantly greater protection of that information from use for non-child support purposes.

Additionally, a number of commenters focused on the disclosure of information to an "agent of a child" and raised concerns that some private collection agencies may not actually serve the child's best interests and raised concerns that these private entities are not subject to ethics and confidentiality rules, such as those

governing State agencies and attorneys, and there may be unintended adverse consequences of such disclosures.

Response: The Department believes that the comments received on the notice published in the **Federal Register** on March 3, 2009 [74 FR 9171] soliciting comments on the temporary delay in the effective date of the rule generally support a 60-day delay until May 22, 2009. Thus the Department is delaying the effective date of the final rule 60 days to allow sufficient time for Department officials to review issues of law and policy raised by the rule. (Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program No. 93.563, Child Support Enforcement)

Dated: March 17, 2009.

Charles E. Johnson,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

50 CFR Part 660

[Docket No. 071003556-81194-02]

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Fisheries Off West Coast States; Pacific Coast Groundfish Fishery; Amendment 15; Correction

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

ACTION: Final rule; correction.

SUMMARY: NMFS is correcting a final regulation that appeared in the **Federal Register** on March 10, 2009. The document contained the final regulations for a vessel license limitation program for the non-tribal sectors of the Pacific whiting fishery. The document was published with some errors, including errors in the final date of the application period, the final date of appeals period, and the effective date for the Pacific whiting vessel license requirement. This document corrects those errors.

DATES: These corrections are effective on April 9, 2009.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In FR Doc. E9–5066, appearing on page 10189 in the **Federal Register** on March 10, 2009, the following corrections are made:

Corrections to Preamble

1. On page 10190, in the second column, under the response to Comment 4, the application deadline is corrected to read May 11, 2009.

2. On page 10190, in the second column, under the response to Comment 5, the application deadline announced is corrected to read May 11, 2009.

Corrections to Regulatory Text

§ 660.306 [Corrected]

On page 10192, in the second column, in § 660.306 Prohibitions, in paragraph (f)(1), the date of April 9, 2009, is corrected to read May 11, 2009.

§ 660.333 [Corrected]

2. On page 10192, in the third column, in § 660.333 Limited entry fishery eligibility and registration, in paragraph (a) the date of April 9, 2009, is corrected to read May 11, 2009.

§ 660.336 [Corrected]

3. On page 10193, in the first column, in § 660.336 Pacific whiting vessel licenses, in paragraph (a)(1) introductory text, the date of April 9, 2009, is corrected to read May 11, 2009.

4. On page 10193, in the third column, in § 660.336 Pacific whiting vessel licenses, in paragraph (a)(3)(i), the date of April 9, 2009, is corrected to read May 11, 2009 wherever it appears.

5. On page 10194, in the first column, in § 660.336 Pacific whiting vessel licenses, in paragraph (a)(3)(ii), the date of April 9, 2009, is corrected to read May 11, 2009.

6. On page 10194, in the first column, in § 660.336 Pacific whiting vessel licenses, in paragraph (a)(3)(iii), the date of May 11, 2009, is corrected to read June 15, 2009.

§ 660.373 [Corrected]

7. On page 10194, in the third column, § 660.373 Pacific whiting (whiting) fishery management, paragraph (a) is revised to read as follows:

(a) *Sectors.* In order for a vessel to participate in a particular whiting fishery sector after May 11, 2009, that vessel must be registered for use with a sector-specific Pacific whiting vessel license under § 660.336.

(1) The catcher/processor sector is composed of catcher/processors, which are vessels that harvest and process whiting during a calendar year.

(2) The mothership sector is composed of motherships and catcher vessels that harvest whiting for delivery to motherships. Motherships are vessels

that process, but do not harvest, whiting during a calendar year.

(3) The shore-based sector is composed of vessels that harvest whiting for delivery to Pacific whiting shoreside first receivers. Notwithstanding the other provisions of 50 CFR Part 660, subpart G, a vessel that is 75 feet or less LOA that harvests whiting and, in addition to heading and gutting, cuts the tail off and freezes the whiting, is not considered to be a catcher/processor nor is it considered to be processing fish. Such a vessel is considered a participant in the shorebased whiting sector, and is subject to regulations and allocations for that sector.

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Dated: March 16, 2009.

James W. Balsiger,

Acting Assistant Administrator For Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

50 CFR Part 679

[Docket No. 0910091344–9056–02 and 0810141351–9087–02]

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Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Sablefish Managed Under the Individual Fishing Quota Program

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

ACTION: Temporary rule; opening.

SUMMARY: NMFS is opening directed fishing for sablefish with fixed gear managed under the Individual Fishing Quota (IFQ) Program. The season will open 1200 hrs, Alaska local time (A.l.t.), March 21, 2009, and will close 1200 hrs, A.l.t., November 15, 2009. This period is the same as the 2009 IFQ and Community Development Quota season for Pacific halibut adopted by the International Pacific Halibut Commission (IPHC). The IFQ halibut season is specified by a separate publication in the **Federal Register** of annual management measures.

DATES: Effective 1200 hrs, A.l.t., March 21, 2009, until 1200 hrs, A.l.t., November 15, 2009.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Obren Davis, 907–586–7228.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Beginning in 1995, fishing for Pacific halibut and sablefish with fixed gear in the IFQ regulatory areas defined in § 679.2 has been managed under the IFQ Program. The IFQ Program is a regulatory regime designed to promote the conservation and management of these fisheries and to further the objectives of the Magnuson–Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act and the Northern Pacific Halibut Act. Persons holding quota share receive an annual allocation of IFQ. Persons receiving an annual allocation of IFQ are authorized to harvest IFQ species within specified limitations. Further information on the implementation of the IFQ Program, and the rationale supporting it, are contained in the preamble to the final rule implementing the IFQ Program published in the **Federal Register**, November 9, 1993 (58 FR 59375) and subsequent amendments.

This announcement is consistent with § 679.23(g)(1), which requires that the directed fishing season for sablefish managed under the IFQ Program be specified by the Administrator, Alaska Region, and announced by publication in the **Federal Register**. This method of season announcement was selected to facilitate coordination between the sablefish season, chosen by the Administrator, Alaska Region, and the halibut season, chosen by the IPHC. The directed fishing season for sablefish with fixed gear managed under the IFQ Program will open 1200 hrs, A.l.t., March 21, 2009, and will close 1200 hrs, A.l.t., November 15, 2009. This period runs concurrently with the IFQ season for Pacific halibut announced by the IPHC. The IFQ halibut season will be specified by a separate publication in the **Federal Register** of annual management measures pursuant to 50 CFR 300.62.

Classification

This action responds to the best available information recently obtained from the fishery. The Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, NOAA, (AA), finds good cause to waive the requirement to provide prior notice and opportunity for public comment pursuant to the authority set forth at 5 U.S.C. 553(b)(B) as such requirement is impracticable and contrary to the public interest. This requirement is impracticable and contrary to the public interest as it would prevent NMFS from responding to the most recent fisheries data in a timely fashion and would delay the opening of the sablefish fishery thereby increasing bycatch and regulatory discards between the sablefish fishery and the halibut fishery,