

§ 87.82 Sampling and analytical procedures for measuring smoke exhaust emissions.

The system and procedures for sampling and measurement of smoke emissions shall be as specified by Appendix 2 to International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) Annex 16, Volume II, Environmental Protection, Aircraft Engine Emissions, Second Edition, July 1993 (including Amendment 3 of March 20, 1997), which are incorporated herein by reference. This incorporation by reference was approved by the Director of the Federal Register in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 552(a) and 1 CFR part 51. These materials are incorporated as they exist on the date of the approval and a notice of any change in these materials will be published in the **Federal Register**. Frequent changes are not anticipated. Copies may be inspected at U.S. EPA, Air and Radiation Docket and Information Center, 1301 Constitution Ave., NW., Room B102, EPA West Building, Washington, DC 20460, or at the Office of the Federal Register, 800 North Capitol Street, NW., 7th Floor, Suite 700, Washington DC. Copies of this document can be obtained from the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO), Document Sales Unit, 999 University Street, Montreal, Quebec, Canada H3C 5H7.

7. Section 87.89 is revised to read as follows:

§ 87.89 Compliance with smoke emission standards.

Compliance with each smoke emission standard shall be determined by comparing the plot of SN as a function of power setting with the applicable emission standard under this part. The SN at every power setting must be such that there is a high degree of confidence that the standard will not be exceeded by any engine of the model being tested. An acceptable alternative to testing every engine is described in Appendix 6 to International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) Annex 16, Environmental Protection, Volume II, Aircraft Engine Emissions, Second Edition, July 1993 (including Amendment 3 of March 20, 1997), which is incorporated herein by reference. This incorporation by reference was approved by the Director of the Federal Register in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 552(a) and 1 CFR part 51. These materials are incorporated as they exist on the date of the approval and a notice of any change in these materials will be published in the **Federal Register**. Frequent changes are not anticipated. Copies may be inspected at U.S. EPA, Air and Radiation Docket and

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

50 CFR Part 17

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Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Listing of the Central California Distinct Population Segment of the California Tiger Salamander; Reclassification of the Sonoma County and Santa Barbara County Distinct Populations from Endangered to Threatened; Special Rule

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Proposed rule; reopening of comment period.

SUMMARY: We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, announce the reopening of the comment period for the proposed rule that would: List the Central California distinct population segment (DPS) of the California tiger salamander (*Ambystoma californiense*) as a threatened species under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (Act) (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*); reclassify the Sonoma County and Santa Barbara County DPSs of the California tiger salamander from endangered to threatened; and exempt, under section 4(d) of the Act, existing routine ranching activities on private or Tribal lands from section 9 prohibitions for the Central California DPS of the California tiger salamander and, if reclassified to threatened, for the Santa Barbara and Sonoma County DPSs. Comments previously submitted need not be resubmitted, as they will be incorporated into the public record as part of this reopened comment period and will be fully considered in the final rule.

DATES: Comments and information from all interested parties will be accepted until 5 p.m. on October 31, 2003.

ADDRESSES: (1) You may submit written comments to the Field Supervisor (Attn:

CTS), U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Sacramento Fish and Wildlife Office, 2800 Cottage Way, Suite W-2605, Sacramento, CA 95825.

(2) You may send comments by electronic mail (e-mail) to: catiger@R1.fws.gov. See the "Public Comments Solicited" section below for file format and other information on electronic filing.

(3) You may hand-deliver comments to our Sacramento Fish and Wildlife Office at the address above.

Comments and materials received, as well as supporting documentation used in the preparation of the proposed rule, will be available for public inspection, by appointment, during normal business hours, at the above address. You may obtain copies of the proposed rule from the above address, by calling 916/414-6600, or from our Web site at <http://sacramento.fws.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Adam Zerrenner or Arnold Roessler of the Sacramento Fish and Wildlife Office, 2800 Cottage Way Room W-2605, Sacramento, CA 95825 (telephone 916/414-6600, facsimile 916/414-6713, or visit our Web site at <http://sacramento.fws.gov/>). Information regarding this proposal is available in alternative formats upon request.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On May 23, 2003, we published a proposed rule to list the Central California DPS of the California tiger salamander as a threatened species (68 FR 28647). The rule also proposed to reclassify the Sonoma County and Santa Barbara County DPSs from endangered to threatened. In addition, the proposed rule included a special rule to exempt, under section 4(d) of the Act, existing routine ranching activities from "take" prohibitions under section 9 of the Act for the Central California DPS of the California tiger salamander and, if reclassified to threatened, for the Santa Barbara and Sonoma County DPSs. On July 3, 2003, we published a document to extend the comment period for the proposed rule to September 22, 2003 (68 FR 39892). For further information regarding background biological information, previous Federal actions, factors affecting the species, and conservation measures available to these three DPSs of the California tiger salamander, please refer to the proposed rule (68 FR 28647; May 23, 2003).

Public Comments Solicited

We intend that any final action resulting from this proposal will be as accurate and as effective as possible.

Therefore, we are soliciting comments from the public, other concerned governmental agencies, the scientific community, industry, or any other interested party concerning this proposed rule. The Public Comments Solicited section of the proposed rule (68 FR 28647; May 23, 2003) includes a list of topics for which we are particularly seeking comments.

Previously submitted comments need not be resubmitted. If you submit comments by electronic mail (e-mail), please submit them as an ASCII file and avoid the use of special characters and any form of encryption. Please also include "Attn: RIN 1018-AI68" and your name and address in your e-mail message. If you do not receive a confirmation from the system that we have received your e-mail message, contact us directly by calling the Sacramento Fish and Wildlife Office (see ADDRESSES).

Author

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Authority

The authority for this action is the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*).

Dated: September 24, 2003.

Steve Williams,

Director, Fish and Wildlife Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

50 CFR Part 622

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RIN 0648-AM23

Fisheries of the Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico, and South Atlantic; Shrimp Fishery of the Gulf of Mexico; Amendment 10

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

ACTION: Proposed rule; request for comments.

SUMMARY: NMFS issues this proposed rule to implement Amendment 10 to the Fishery Management Plan for the Shrimp Fishery of the Gulf of Mexico

(Amendment 10), as prepared and submitted by the Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council (Council). This proposed rule would require, with limited exceptions, the use of NMFS-certified bycatch reduction devices (BRDs) in shrimp trawls in the Gulf of Mexico exclusive economic zone (Gulf EEZ) east of 85°30' W. long. (approximately Cape San Blas, FL). In addition, this proposed rule would identify the certified BRDs currently authorized for use in the Gulf EEZ east of 85°30' W. long. and would modify the *Gulf Of Mexico Bycatch Reduction Device Testing Protocol Manual* to reflect the specific bycatch reduction criterion applicable for certification of BRDs used in this area of the Gulf EEZ. The intended effect of this proposed rule is to reduce bycatch in the Gulf of Mexico shrimp fishery to the extent practicable.

DATES: Comments must be received no later than 4:30 p.m., eastern time, on November 14, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Written comments on the proposed rule should be sent to Dr. Steve Branstetter, Southeast Regional Office, NMFS, 9721 Executive Center Drive N., St. Petersburg, FL 33702. Comments also may be sent via fax to (727) 570-5583. Comments will not be accepted if submitted via e-mail or Internet.

Requests for copies of Amendment 10, which includes an environmental assessment, regulatory impact review (RIR), initial regulatory flexibility analysis (IRFA), and a social impact assessment should be sent to the Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council, 3018 U.S. Highway 301 North, Suite 1000, Tampa, FL 33619-2266; telephone: 813-228-2815; fax: 813-225-7015; e-mail: gulfcouncil@gulfcouncil.org.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Steve Branstetter, telephone: (727) 570-5305, fax: (727) 570-5583, e-mail: Steve.Branstetter@noaa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The fishery for shrimp in the Gulf EEZ is managed under the Fishery Management Plan for the Shrimp Fishery of the Gulf of Mexico (FMP). The FMP was prepared by the Council, approved by NMFS, and implemented under the authority of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (Magnuson-Stevens Act) by regulations at 50 CFR part 622.

Background

The Magnuson-Stevens Act requires that fishery management plans establish a standardized reporting methodology to

assess the amount and type of bycatch occurring in the fishery, and include measures that minimize bycatch and minimize the mortality of bycatch which cannot be avoided. Previously, the Council prepared, and NMFS approved and implemented (63 FR 18139, April 14, 1998), Amendment 9 to the FMP to address bycatch in the Gulf shrimp fishery in the western Gulf. Amendment 9 focused primarily on reducing the shrimp trawl bycatch of juvenile red snapper and required use of NMFS-certified BRDs, with limited exceptions, shoreward of the 100-fathom (fm)(183-m) depth contour west of 85°30' W. long. Bycatch of juvenile red snapper occurs principally in the western Gulf. Amendment 10 and this proposed rule would extend the requirement for use of appropriately certified BRDs to the eastern Gulf to further reduce shrimp trawl bycatch in compliance with the Magnuson-Stevens Act requirements.

BRD Requirement

Amendment 10 specifies that the bycatch reduction criterion for certification of a BRD to be used in the Gulf EEZ east of 85°30' W. long. is a minimum of 30-percent reduction, by weight, of finfish bycatch. This proposed rule would require a shrimp trawler in the Gulf EEZ east of 85°30' W. long., the approximate longitude of Cape San Blas, FL, to have an appropriate NMFS-certified BRD installed in each net rigged for fishing. A shrimp trawler is defined as any vessel that is equipped with one or more trawl nets whose on-board or landed catch of shrimp is more than 1 percent, by weight, of all fish comprising its on-board or landed catch.

Currently available BRDs that would meet the applicable bycatch reduction criterion for the eastern Gulf and would be certified for use in that area include: Fisheye, Gulf Fisheye, Jones-Davis, Extended funnel, and Expanded mesh. Descriptions of these BRDs and minimum construction and installation requirements are provided in 50 CFR part 622 appendix D. As additional BRDs are tested and certified by NMFS, they would be added to the list of certified BRDs by publication of a notice in the **Federal Register**.

This proposed rule would exempt the following gear from the BRD requirement: (1) A single try net with a headrope length of 16 ft (4.9 m) or less; (2) up to two rigid-frame roller trawls of 16 ft (4.9 m) or less; (3) vessels trawling for royal red shrimp (*i.e.*, provided that at least 90 percent of all shrimp on board or offloaded are royal red shrimp); and (4) vessels trawling for groundfish