

TABLE TO § 100.701—Continued

No.	Date	Event	Sponsor	Location
4	3rd week of September.	Swim Around Charleston.	Kathleen Wilson	Wando River, main shipping channel of Charleston Harbor, Ashley River, Charleston, South Carolina; A moving zone around all waters within a 75-yard radius around Swim Around Charleston participant vessels that are officially associated with the swim. The Swim Around Charleston swimming race consists of a 10-mile course that starts at Remley's Point on the Wando River in approximate position 32°48'49" N., 79°54'27" W., crosses the main shipping channel of Charleston Harbor, and finishes at the General William B. Westmoreland Bridge on the Ashley River in approximate position 32°50'14" N., 80°01'23" W.
5	2nd week of November.	Head of the South ...	Augusta Rowing Club.	Upper Savannah River mile marker 199 to mile marker 196, Georgia.
6	2nd week December	Charleston Harbor Christmas Parade of Boats.	City of Charleston	Charleston harbor, South Carolina, from Anchorage A through Shutes Folly, Horse Reach, Hog Island Reach, Town Creek Lower Reach, Ashley River, and finishing at City Marina.

Dated: January 11, 2016.

S.A. Buschman,

*Rear Admiral, U.S. Coast Guard, Commander,
Seventh Coast Guard District.*

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

50 CFR Part 17

[Docket No FWS-HQ-ES-2015-0176;
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RIN 1018-A104

Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Proposed Removal of the Scarlet-Chested Parakeet and Turquoise Parakeet From the List of Endangered and Threatened Wildlife

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Proposed rule; reopening of comment period.

SUMMARY: We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), announce the reopening of the public comment period on our September 2, 2003, proposed rule to remove the scarlet-chested parakeet (*Neophema splendida*) and the turquoise parakeet (*Neophema pulchella*) from the List (List) of Endangered and Threatened Wildlife under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended. We are taking this action to determine whether removing these species from the List is still warranted, and to ensure we get the best scientific and commercial information available.

DATES: We will consider comments received or postmarked on or before February 22, 2016. Comments submitted

electronically using the Federal eRulemaking Portal (see **ADDRESSES** section, below) must be received by 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time on the closing date.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments by one of the following methods:

(1) *Electronically:* Go to the Federal eRulemaking Portal: <http://www.regulations.gov>. In the Search field, enter FWS-HQ-ES-2015-0176, which is the docket number for this rulemaking. Then, click the Search button. You may submit a comment by clicking on "Comment Now!"

(2) *By hard copy:* Submit by U.S. mail or hand-delivery to: Public Comments Processing, Attn: FWS-HQ-ES-2015-0176, Division of Policy and Directives Management; U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service; MS: BPHC, 5275 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church, VA 22041-3803.

We request that you send comments only by the methods described above. We will post all comments on <http://www.regulations.gov>. This generally means that we will post any personal information you provide us (see the Public Comments section, below, for more information).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Janine Van Norman, Chief, Branch of Foreign Species, Ecological Services, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, MS: ES, 5275 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church, VA 22041-3803; telephone, 703-358-2171; facsimile, 703-358-1735. If you use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD), call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 800-877-8339.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

In our September 2, 2003 proposed rule (68 FR 52169), we proposed to remove the scarlet-chested parakeet (*Neophema splendida*) and the turquoise parakeet (*Neophema*

pulchella) from the List of Endangered and Threatened Wildlife under the Act, because the endangered designation no longer correctly reflected the current conservation status of these birds. Our review of the status of the species at the time showed that the wild populations of these species were stable and increasing, with more than 20,000 breeding-age turquoise parakeets and 10,000 breeding-age scarlet-chested parakeets found throughout their range. Furthermore, trade in wild caught specimens was strictly limited, and the species' were protected through domestic regulation within the range country (Australia), as well as through additional national and international treaties and laws. Currently, the Act prohibits the import, export and interstate and foreign commerce of these species, unless the individual can prove that the otherwise prohibited act enhances the propagation or survival of the species, or it is for scientific research. Removal of these species from the List means that the protections of the Act will no longer apply. However, protections under the Convention on International Trade of Endangered Fauna and Flora the Lacey Act and the Wild Bird Conservation Act (for wild-caught specimens only) would remain unchanged.

For more information on previous Federal actions concerning the scarlet-chested and turquoise parakeet, or information regarding the species' biology, status, distribution, and habitat, refer to the proposed rule published in the **Federal Register** on September 2, 2003 (68 FR 52169), which is available online at <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/granule/FR-2003-09-02/03-22225>, or by mail from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in Falls Church, VA (see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**).

Public Comments

We will accept written comments and information during this reopened comment period on our proposal to remove the scarlet-chested parakeet (*Neophema splendida*) and the turquoise parakeet (*Neophema pulchella*) from the List. We will consider information and recommendations from all interested parties. We intend that any final action resulting from the proposal be as accurate as possible and based on the best available scientific and commercial data.

If you submit a comment via <http://www.regulations.gov>, your entire comment—including any personal identifying information—will be posted on the Web site. We will post all hardcopy comments on <http://www.regulations.gov> as well. If you submit a hardcopy comment that includes personal identifying information, you may request at the top of your document that we withhold this information from public review. However, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

Comments and materials we receive, as well as supporting documentation we used in preparing the proposed listing, will be available for public inspection on <http://www.regulations.gov> at Docket No. FWS-HQ-ES-2015-0176, or by appointment, during normal business hours at the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Falls Church, VA (see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**).

Authors

The primary authors of this notice are staff members in the Ecological Services Program, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Falls Church, VA.

Authority

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

Dated: January 8, 2016.

Stephen Guertin,

Acting Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

50 CFR Part 679

RIN 0648-BF05

Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Western Alaska Community Development Quota Program

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

ACTION: Notice of availability of fishery management plan amendment; request for comments.

SUMMARY: The North Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) has submitted Amendment 109 to the Fishery Management Plan for Groundfish of the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area (FMP) to the Secretary of Commerce (Secretary) for review. If approved, Amendment 109 would amend the FMP to support increased participation in local small-scale groundfish fisheries managed under the Western Alaska Community Development Quota (CDQ) Program. Specifically, Amendment 109 would amend the description of observer coverage requirements in the FMP to allow catcher vessels less than or equal to 46 feet (ft) (14.0 meters (m)) length overall (LOA) using hook-and-line gear to be placed in the partial observer coverage category when groundfish CDQ fishing. In addition, Amendment 109 would exempt operators of registered catcher vessels greater than 32 ft (9.8 m) LOA and less than or equal to 46 ft LOA using hook-and-line gear from the requirement to obtain and carry a License Limitation Program (LLP) license when conducting groundfish CDQ fishing. Amendment 109 also would update descriptive information about the CDQ Program in the FMP and make several editorial revisions. The objective of Amendment 109 is to facilitate increased participation by residents of CDQ communities in the groundfish CDQ fisheries in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area (BSAI), and to support economic development in western Alaska. This action would benefit the six CDQ groups and the operators of local small hook-and-line catcher vessels that the CDQ groups authorize to participate in the groundfish CDQ fisheries by reducing the costs of participating in those fisheries.

DATES: Submit comments on or before March 21, 2016.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments on this document, identified by NOAA-NMFS-2015-0060, by any of the following methods:

- **Electronic Submission:** Submit all electronic public comments via the Federal eRulemaking Portal. Go to www.regulations.gov/#!docketDetail;D=NOAA-NMFS-2015-0060, click the "Comment Now!" icon, complete the required fields, and enter or attach your comments.
- **Mail:** Submit written comments to Glenn Merrill, Assistant Regional Administrator, Sustainable Fisheries Division, Alaska Region NMFS, Attn: Ellen Sebastian. Mail comments to P. O. Box 21668, Juneau, AK 99802-1668.

Instructions: Comments sent by any other method, to any other address or individual, or received after the end of the comment period, may not be considered by NMFS. All comments received are a part of the public record and will generally be posted for public viewing on www.regulations.gov without change. All personal identifying information (e.g., name, address), confidential business information, or otherwise sensitive information submitted voluntarily by the sender will be publicly accessible. NMFS will accept anonymous comments (enter "N/A" in the required fields if you wish to remain anonymous).

Electronic copies of the Regulatory Impact Review/Initial Regulatory Flexibility Analysis/Environmental Assessment prepared for this action (collectively the "Analysis") are available from <http://www.regulations.gov> or from the NMFS Alaska Region Web site at <http://alaskafisheries.noaa.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Sally Bibb, 907-586-7389.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Magnuson-Stevens Fishery and Conservation Act (Magnuson-Stevens Act) in section 304(a) requires that each regional fishery management council submit an amendment to a fishery management plan for review and approval, disapproval, or partial approval by the Secretary. The Magnuson-Stevens Act in section 304(a) also requires that the Secretary, upon receiving an amendment to a fishery management plan, immediately publish a notice in the **Federal Register** announcing that the amendment is available for public review and comment. The Council has submitted Amendment 109 to the Secretary for review. This notice announces that proposed Amendment 109 to the FMP is