DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

49 CFR Parts 1152 and 1201

[Ex Parte No. 274 (Sub-No. 26)]

Abandonment Proceedings:
Elimination of the Revenue and Cost Data for All Years Prior to the Base Year Period

AGENCY: Surface Transportation Board.

ACTION: Proposed rule; discontinuance of proceeding.

SUMMARY: This proceeding is being discontinued, because its subject matter is being addressed in another (broader) pending rulemaking proceeding.

DATES: This proceeding is discontinued on March 20, 1996.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Beryl Gordon, (202) 927-5610. [TDD for the hearing impaired: (202) 927-5721.]


For abandonments and discontinuances, the new law (the law in effect on and after January 1, 1996) differs in several important respects from the old law. Compare new 49 U.S.C. 10903-10905 with old 49 U.S.C. 10903-10906. To implement the changes in the law and to streamline and update the pertinent abandonment and discontinuance regulations, we recently issued a notice of proposed rulemaking (NPR), proposing a substantial revision of those regulations codified at 49 CFR part 1152. See Abandonment and Discontinuance of Rail Lines and Rail Transportation Under 49 U.S.C. 10903, STB Ex Parte No. 537 (Mar. 15, 1996). Comments in that proceeding are due 45 days from the date of publication in the Federal Register.

Previously, by NPR published in Ex Parte No. 274 (Sub-No. 26) on November 9, 1992 (57 FR 53307), the ICC proposed to modify its part 1152 regulations by eliminating the requirement that applications for abandonment or discontinuance include revenue and cost data for the 2 calendar years prior to the date of filing the application. The ICC also proposed a conforming amendment to 49 CFR part 1201. Because the subject matter addressed in the NPR in the Ex Parte No. 537 proceeding is being addressed in the more comprehensive proceeding instituted by the NPR in the STB Ex Parte No. 537 proceeding, we are discontinuing the proceeding in Ex Parte No. 274 (Sub-No. 26).

Environmental and Energy Considerations

This action will not significantly affect either the quality of the human environment or the conservation of energy resources.

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

This action will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities.

It is ordered:

This proceeding is discontinued.

Decided: March 14, 1996.

By the Board, Chairman Morgan, Vice Chairman Simmons, and Commissioner Owen.

Vernon A. Williams,

Secretary

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

50 CFR Part 672

[I.D. 022396A]

Groundfish of the Gulf of Alaska;
Pollock Seasonal Allowances; Correction

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

ACTION: Correction to a Notice of Availability of an amendment to a fishery management plan; request for comments.

SUMMARY: This document contains a correction to a Notice of Availability (I.D. 022396A), which was published Friday, March 1, 1996 (61 FR 8023).

DATES: Comments on Amendment 45 should be submitted on or before April 26, 1996.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kent Lind, 907-271-2809.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The Magnuson Fishery Conservation and Management Act (Magnuson Act) requires that each Regional Fishery Management Council submit any fishery management plan or plan amendment it prepares to NMFS for review and approval, disapproval, or partial approval. The Magnuson Act also requires that NMFS, upon receiving a fishery management plan or amendment, immediately publish a document that the fishery management plan or amendment it prepares to NMFS for review and approval, disapproval, or partial approval. The Magnuson Act also requires that NMFS, upon receiving a fishery management plan or amendment, immediately publish a document that the fishery management plan or amendment is available for public review and comment. NMFS will consider the public comments received during the comment period in determining whether to approve the FMP or amendment.

Need for correction

The Notice of Availability that is the subject of this correction pertains to a completely different fishery.

Correction of Publication

Accordingly, the publication on Friday, March 1, 1996, the Notice of
Availability (I.D. 022396A), which was the subject of FR Doc 96-4748, is corrected as follows:

1. On page 8023, in the second column, in the Part Heading 50 CFR Part “675” is corrected to read 50 CFR Part “672”.

2. On page 8023, under the SUMMARY, on the fourth line, “the Groundfish Fishery of the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands” is corrected to read “Groundfish of the Gulf of Alaska”.

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

Dated: March 14, 1996.

Richard W. Surdi,
Acting Director, Office of Fisheries Conservation and Management, National Marine Fisheries Service.
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50 CFR Part 676
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Limited Access Management of Federal Fisheries In and Off of Alaska

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

ACTION: Notice of availability of amendments to fishery management plans; request for comments.

SUMMARY: The North Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) has submitted Amendment 33 to the Fishery Management Plan (FMP) for the Groundfish Fishery of the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Area (BSAI) and Amendment 37 to the FMP for Groundfish of the Gulf of Alaska (GOA). These amendments are necessary to assist persons to fully utilize the fishery resources in and off of Alaska. This will be accomplished by allowing persons using individual fishing quota (IFQ) resulting from sablefish quota share (QS) assigned to vessel categories B and C to process non-IFQ species. The Council intends that amendments promote management and conservation of IFQ species and further the goals and objectives contained in the FMPs that govern their management. Comments are requested from the public.

DATES: Comments on the FMP amendments must be received by May 14, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Comments on the proposed FMP amendments must be submitted to Ronald J. Berg, Chief, Fisheries Management Division, Alaska Region, NMFS, Room 453, 709 W. 9th Street, Juneau, AK 99801, or P.O. Box 21668, Juneau, AK 99802, Attention: Lori J. Gravel. Copies of the proposed amendments and the Environmental Assessment/Regulatory Impact Review (EA/RIR) prepared for the amendments may be obtained from the North Pacific Fishery Management Council, 605 West 4th Avenue, Suite 306, Anchorage, AK 99501-2252.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: John Lepore, 907-586-7228.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Magnuson Fishery Conservation and Management Act (Magnuson Act; 16 U.S.C. 1801 et seq.) requires that each Regional Fishery Management Council submit any fishery management plan or plan amendment it prepares to NMFS for review and approval, disapproval, or partial disapproval. The Magnuson Act also requires that NMFS, upon reviewing the plan or amendment, must immediately publish a notice that the plan or amendment is available for public review and comment.

Amendments 33 and 37 would allow a category of persons using IFQ resulting from sablefish QS assigned to either vessel category B or C to process non-IFQ species. Several changes to the regulatory text implementing the IFQ program are necessary to accomplish this task. First, the definitions of “freezer vessel” and “catcher vessel” are eliminated and the definition of “processing” is added. Second, references to the eliminated definitions are removed and replaced with alternative language. Third, a provision is added that specifically prescribes who may, and when they may, process non-IFQ species.

NMFS will consider the public comments received during the comment period in determining whether to approve the proposed amendments. The proposed regulations are scheduled to be published within 15 days of this document.

Dated: March 14, 1996.

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