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SUMMARY OF REVISIONS:

1. NOAA Fisheries' many obligations under the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, the Marine Mammal Protection Act, the Endangered Species Act, and other federal statutes and executive orders require the development and issuance of regulations. As stewards of the marine environment and servants of the American people, it is our duty to provide regulations that are correct, efficacious, complete, and as clearly stated as possible.
2. NOAA Fisheries will comply with the Administrative Procedures Act, Federal Advisory Committee Act, and other statutes, executive orders, and inter-agency regulations that address how public policies and regulations are to be developed, reviewed, and prepared for publication and dissemination.
3. Internal procedures directing how regulations and policies are reviewed and forwarded for clearance will be developed and followed to ensure efficiency, consistency, and the minimization of controversy and surprises. Such procedures will be reviewed for their currency and relevance annually.

Signed _____/d/_____

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