



Council Regulations Revisions

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Task:

Update to reflect the Requirements of MSRA
and other applicable law

Status:

Regulations are drafted

Regulatory package is substantially complete

Package still needs economic, legal and
policy review

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Updates 50 CFR 600 subparts A, B, and C.

- Subpart A – General
(definitions)
- Subpart B – Regional Fishery Management Councils
(operations)
- Subpart C – Council Membership
(financial disclosure)

Subpart A – General (definitions)

- Technical changes for number of Regions and Centers
- Add definitions for AP and FIAC to help clarify what SSC is and is not

Subpart B – Regional Fishery Management Councils (operations)

- Correct latitude of boundary between Virginia and North Carolina
- Add requirement for SOPPs to be posted on the Internet
- Add section establishing requirements for CCC, including membership, FACA exemption, and notice requirements per MSRA
- Update references to OMB Circulars to OMB regulations
- Add section establishing requirements for SSC (essentially quotes the MSA as amended but reserves discussion of stipends and peer review)
- Update meeting procedure requirements to reflect MSRA changes to notifications process

Subpart C – Council Membership

- Add section specifying procedures for the Pacific Council tribal Indian representative to designate an alternate (follows requirements designating state representative alternates)
- Technical amendment to remove obsolete language (initial 1986 appointment date) in language addressing council terms
- Add new language reflecting nominee submission requirements for Gulf Council
- Reinsert actual language of oath of office in regulations
- Update financial disclosure regulations to reflect changes made by MSRA, including adding SSC requirements. SSC disclosures go to Regions

SOPP Amendment Approval Process

Task:

Need a clear process *within* NOAA to overcome tracking/response problems.

Status:

Procedural Directive has been drafted and is under review.

Procedure modeled on regulatory submission process and RSP to the extent possible

Formal process will have Councils submit SOPPs through ROs, highlighting changes.

Informal frontloading process will be key in moving SOPPs quickly, especially when changes are non-MSA related.

Technical Revisions to 50 CFR 600

Task:

Update Part 600 for MSRA changes needing technical amendments

Status:

The MSRA has been reviewed and a table of changes developed
A rule for implementing these technical amendments is being drafted.

Although the changes will do nothing more than repeat the language of the Act, a proposed rule may be required due to Office of Federal Register requirements regarding technical changes.

Technical Revisions to 50 CFR 600

Examples of Changes:

- Revisions to TALFF language
- Addition of new definitions such as “regional fishery association
- Revision of Caribbean Council’s jurisdiction (actually redefine “Caribbean” in 50 CFR 622.2)

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