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NOTICE OF FINAL RULE FOR AMENDMENT 17 TO THE COASTAL MIGRATORY PELAGIC FISHERY MANGEMENT PLAN AND AMENDMENT 25 TO THE GULF OF MEXICO REEF FISH FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLAN *Small Entity Compliance Guide*

NOAA Fisheries Service has published the final rule for Amendments 17 to the Coastal Migratory Pelagic Fishery Management Plan (FMP) and 25 to the Gulf of Mexico Reef Fish FMP (Amendment 17/25) prepared by the Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council, and approved by both the Gulf and South Atlantic Fishery Management Councils in the *Federal Register*. The final rule was published on May 16, 2006, will become effective June 15, 2006.

This final rule implements a limited access system for charter vessel/headboat (for-hire) permits for the coastal migratory pelagic and reef fish fisheries in the exclusive economic zone of the Gulf of Mexico and will continue to cap participation at current levels. The intended effect of this rule is to provide for biological, social, and economic stability in these for-hire fisheries.

This bulletin serves as a Small Entity Compliance Guide and complies with section 212 of the Small Business Regulatory Fairness Enforcement Act of 1996. Any discrepancies between this document and the rule as published in the *Federal Register* will be resolved in favor of the *Federal Register*.

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