



Southeast Fishery Bulletin

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NOAA Fisheries Service to Update Guidelines that Promote Safety in Fisheries Regulations

Comments sought for improving safety at sea

NOAA Fisheries Service is seeking public comment on an advanced notice of proposed rulemaking (ANPR) to revise the National Standard 10 Guidelines. National Standard 10 of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act states “Conservation and management measures shall, to the extent practicable, promote the safety of human life at sea.” The National Standard 10 Guidelines are the primary source of NOAA Fisheries guidance for the consideration of safety issues in fishery management. The ANPR filed with the *Federal Register* on April 20, 2011.

The current National Standard 10 Guidelines were published in 1998. Fishery management and fishing vessel safety science have changed and improved in recent years. NOAA Fisheries Service believes it is appropriate and timely to revise the National Standard 10 Guidelines and is seeking public comment on potential revisions to the guidelines. Through the revision of the Guidelines, NOAA Fisheries Service intends to enhance consideration of safety issues in fisheries management. Upon consideration of public input that NOAA Fisheries receives during this comment period, the agency will propose revisions to the National Standard 10 Guidelines, and then will hold another public comment period.

Request for Comments:

Written comments regarding the issues in the ANPR must be received by July 20, 2011.

See the Addresses section for information on where and how to submit comments. Also, a public meeting will be held on May 19, 2011, from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. at the NOAA Science Center, 1301 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD.

NOAA Fisheries Service may hold additional public meetings at other locations around the country during the comment period.

Addresses:

Electronic copies of the ANPR may be obtained from the Federal Register’s Web site at <http://www.archives.gov/federal-register/public-inspection/>, the e-Rulemaking Portal at <http://www.regulations.gov>, or the NMFS Web site at http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/sfa/domes_fish/index.htm.

Written comments and information concerning the ANPR may be submitted by any one of the following methods:

- via the Federal eRulemaking Portal: <http://www.regulations.gov>, using the identifier “0648-BA74”; or
- faxed to 301-713-1193, Attention Debra Lambert; or
- submitted by mail to Debra Lambert, National Marine Fisheries Service, NOAA, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13403, Silver Spring, MD 20910.

This bulletin provides only a summary of the information pertinent to the ANPR. Any discrepancies between this bulletin and the ANPR as published in the *Federal Register* will be resolved in favor of the *Federal Register*.

Need more information on these topics?

Additional information about the National Standard 10 guidelines can be found at:

http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/sfa/domes_fish/index.htm.