

Fishery Conservation and Management

§ 660.24

Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Midway, Johnston or Palmyra Atolls, Kingman Reef, and Wake, Jarvis, Baker, or Howland Islands, Pacific pelagic management unit species that were harvested from closed areas with longline gear in violation of § 660.33(e).

(rr) Possess a light stick on board a vessel registered for use under either a Hawaii longline limited access permit or a longline general permit, on fishing trips that include any fishing north of the equator (0° lat.) in violation of § 660.33(f).

(ss) Possess or land more than 10 swordfish on board a vessel registered for use under either a Hawaii longline limited access permit or a longline general permit, from a fishing trip where any part of the trip included fishing north of the equator (0° lat.) in violation of § 660.33(h).

(tt) Operate a vessel registered for use under a Hawaii longline limited access permit or a longline general permit to fish for Pacific pelagic management unit species without having on-board a valid protected species workshop certificate issued by NMFS or a legible copy thereof in violation of § 660.36(c).

(uu) Use a large vessel to fish for Pacific pelagic management unit species within an American Samoa large vessel prohibited area except as allowed pursuant to an exemption issued under § 660.38.

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EFFECTIVE DATE NOTE: At 67 FR 56502, Sept. 4, 2002, § 660.22 was amended by revising the phrase "U.S. possessions in the Pacific Ocean area" to read "U.S. island possessions in the Pacific Ocean" each place that it appears; paragraph (i) was revised; and new paragraph (vv) was added, effective Oct. 4, 2002. For the convenience of the user, the revised text follows:

§ 660.22 Prohibitions.

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(i) Fish with longline gear within a longline fishing prohibited area, except as al-

lowed pursuant to an exemption issued under § 660.17 or § 660.27.

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(vv) Use a U.S. vessel employing pelagic handline or trolling methods to fish in the U.S. EEZ around the PRIA without a valid PRIA pelagic troll and handline fishing permit registered for use with that vessel.

§ 660.23 Notifications.

(a) The permit holder for a fishing vessel subject to the requirements of this subpart, or an agent designated by the permit holder, shall provide a notice to the Regional Director at least 72 hours (not including weekends and Federal holidays) before the vessel leaves port on a fishing trip, any part of which occurs in the EEZ around Hawaii. The vessel operator will be presumed to be an agent designated by the permit holder unless the Regional Director is otherwise notified by the permit holder. The notice must be provided to the office or telephone number designated by the Regional Director. The notice must provide the official number of the vessel, the name of the vessel, the intended departure date, time, and location, the name of the operator of the vessel, and the name and telephone number of the agent designated by the permit holder to be available between 8:00 a.m. to 5 p.m. (Hawaii time) on weekdays for NMFS to contact to arrange observer placement.

(b) The operator of any vessel subject to the requirements of this subpart who does not have on board a VMS unit while transiting the protected species zone as defined in § 660.12, must notify the NMFS Southwest Enforcement Office (see part 600 for address of Regional Director) immediately upon entering and immediately upon departing the protected species zone. The notification must include the name of the vessel, name of the operator, date and time (GMT) of access or exit from the protected species zone, and location by latitude and longitude to the nearest minute.

§ 660.24 Gear identification.

(a) *Identification.* The operator of each permitted vessel in the fishery management area must ensure that the