

**THE GOVERNMENT OF THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION**

**DECREE #583  
of September 26, 2005**

**THE DETERMINATION AND APPROVAL OF TOTAL ALLOWABLE CATCHES  
OF AQUATIC BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES,  
AS WELL AS MAKING ADJUSTMENTS TO TAC**

In accordance with Article 28 of the Federal Law "The Harvest and Conservation of Aquatic Biological Resources", the Government of the Russian Federation hereby decrees the following:

1. Approve: the attached Regulations on the determination and approval of total allowable catches of aquatic biological resources, as well as making adjustments to TAC.

2. Consider the following null and void:

Russian Federation Government Decree #390 of May 21, 2001 "The Approval of Regulations on determination of total allowable catches of aquatic biological resources" (Collected Laws of the Russian Federation, 2001, #22, p. 2238);

Russian Federation Government Decree #209 of April 12, 2005 "Amendments to the Regulations on determination of total allowable catches of aquatic biological resources, approved by Russian Federation Government Decree #390 of May 21, 2001 " (Collected Laws of the Russian Federation, 2005, #16, p. 1459).

Chairperson of the Government  
of the Russian Federation  
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**REGULATIONS  
ON THE DETERMINATION AND APPROVAL  
OF TOTAL ALLOWABLE CATCHES OF AQUATIC BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES,  
AS WELL AS MAKING ADJUSTMENTS TO TAC**

1. The present Regulations shall establish the procedures and terms for determining and approving total allowable catches of aquatic biological resources for the fisheries basin and fishing areas in the internal waters of the Russian Federation, including the internal seas and the territorial waters of the Russian Federation, the continental shelf of the Russian Federation and in the exclusive economic zone of the Russian Federation, the Sea of Azov and the Caspian Seas (hereinafter, "total allowable catches"), as well as for making adjustments to TAC.

The present Regulations shall not apply to the procedures and terms for determining and approving total allowable catch amounts for pacific salmon, or for making adjustments to such TAC, which are established by the pacific salmon fisheries regulations.

2. Total allowable catches of aquatic biological resources shall be calculated in metric tons (for seaweeds, based on the weight of the dried mass, for marine mammals, crabs and stone crabs - by piece count).

3. Total allowable catch amounts must be determined annually by the Federal Fisheries Agency and approved by the Russian Federation Ministry of Agriculture based upon the conclusions of a Government Expert Review.

4. Materials supporting the total allowable catch amounts are to be prepared by the scientific research organizations subordinate to the Federal Fisheries Agency.

5. The Federal Fisheries Agency shall present materials in support of the total allowable catch amounts for the upcoming year to the Federal Natural Utilization Oversight service for Government Expert Review no later than 15 May annually.

The Federal Natural Utilization Oversight service shall perform the above-indicated expert review and forward its respective conclusions to the Federal Fisheries Agency.

6. On the basis of the conclusions of the Government Expert Review, the Federal Fisheries Agency shall submit its draft of total allowable catches for the upcoming year to the Russian Federation Ministry of Agriculture no later than 15 October annually.

7. The Russian Federation Ministry of Agriculture, after coordinating the draft of total allowable catches indicated in Point 6 of the present Regulations with the Russian Federation Ministry of Natural Resources, shall approve the total allowable catches no later than 1 November annually.

8. Materials supporting the adjustment of earlier-adopted total allowable catches shall be prepared by the scientific research organizations subordinate to the Federal Fisheries Agency based upon data obtained during the course of the commercial fishery and/or government monitoring of the aquatic biological resources.

9. The Federal Fisheries Agency shall present materials in support of amending earlier-adopted total allowable catch amounts to the Federal Natural Utilization Oversight service for Government Expert Review no later than 1 September of the current year.

The Federal Natural Utilization Oversight service shall perform the above-indicated expert review and forward its respective conclusions to the Federal Fisheries Agency.

10. On the basis of the Government Expert Review conclusions, the Federal Fisheries Agency shall submit its proposals on adjusting earlier-approved total allowable catch amounts to the Russian Federation Ministry of Agriculture no later than 15 days following the date of receipt of these conclusions.

11. The Russian Federation Ministry of Agriculture, in coordination with the Russian Federation Ministry of Natural Resources, shall approve the adjustment of the earlier-approved total allowable catch amounts no later than 15 days following the date of submission of the proposals of the Federal Fisheries Agency indicated in Point 10 of the present Regulations.

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