

For the reasons set out in the preamble, 50 CFR part 622 is proposed to be amended as follows:

**PART 622--FISHERIES OF THE CARIBBEAN, GULF OF MEXICO, AND SOUTH ATLANTIC**

1. The authority citation for part 622 continues to read as follows:

**Authority:** 16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*

2. In § 622.378, revise paragraph (a) to read as follows:

**§ 622.378 Seasonal closures of the Gulf migratory group king mackerel gillnet fishery.**

(a) *Seasonal closure of the gillnet component for Gulf migratory group king mackerel.* The gillnet component for Gulf migratory group king mackerel in or from the southern zone is closed each fishing year from July 1 until 6 a.m. eastern standard time on the day after the Martin Luther King Jr. Federal holiday. During the closure, a person aboard a vessel using or possessing a gillnet with a stretched-mesh size of 4.75 inches (12.1 cm) or larger in the southern zone may not fish for or possess Gulf migratory group king mackerel. (See § 622.369(a)(1)(iii) for a description of the southern zone.)

(b) [Reserved]

**Commented [SS1]:** Preferred Option 2. Removed closure language related to weekends and holidays from 622.378(a).