In accordance with § 675.20(a)(7)(ii), the TAC for Atka mackerel in the Western Aleutian District was established by the final 1995 harvest specifications of groundfish (60 FR 8478, February 14, 1995), as 16,500 metric tons, as amended (60 FR 27488, May 24, 1995).

The Director, Alaska Region, NMFS, has determined, in accordance with § 675.20(a)(9), that the TAC for Atka mackerel in the Western Aleutian District has been reached. Therefore, NMFS is requiring that further catches of Atka mackerel in the Western Aleutian District be treated as prohibited species in accordance with § 675.20(c)(3), and is prohibiting their retention.

Classification

This action is taken under 50 CFR 675.20 and is exempt from review under E.O. 12866.

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

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