

Plan for Groundfish of the Gulf of Alaska (FMP) prepared by the North Pacific Fishery Management Council under authority of the Magnuson Fishery Conservation and Management Act. Fishing by U.S. vessels is governed by regulations implementing the FMP at 50 CFR parts 620 and 672.

In accordance with § 672.20(c)(1)(ii)(B), the annual TAC for POP in the Western Regulatory Area was established by the final 1995 harvest specifications of groundfish (60 FR 8470, February 14, 1995) as 1,014 metric tons (mt). At the same time, the directed fishery for POP in the Western Regulatory Area was closed under § 672.20(c)(2)(ii) in order to reserve amounts anticipated to be needed for incidental catch in other fisheries (60 FR 8470, February 14, 1995). NMFS has determined that as of June 3, 1995, 995 mt remain unharvested.

The Director, Alaska Region, NMFS, has determined that the 1995 TAC for POP in the Western Regulatory Area has not been reached. Therefore, NMFS is terminating the previous closure and is opening directed fishing for POP in the Western Regulatory Area.

All other closures remain in full force and effect.

#### Classification

This action is taken under § 672.20 and is exempt from review under E.O. 12866.

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

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#### 50 CFR Part 675

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#### Groundfish of the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Area; Atka Mackerel in the Central Aleutian District

**AGENCY:** National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

**ACTION:** Modification of a closure.

**SUMMARY:** NMFS is opening directed fishing for Atka mackerel in the Central Aleutian District of the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands management area (BSAI). This action is necessary to use the total allowable catch (TAC) for Atka mackerel in this area.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** 12 noon, Alaska local time (A.l.t.), July 1, 1995, until 12 midnight, A.l.t., December 31, 1995.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Andrew N. Smoker, 907-586-7228.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The groundfish fishery in the BSAI exclusive economic zone is managed by NMFS according to the Fishery Management Plan for the Groundfish Fishery of the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Area (FMP) prepared by the North Pacific Fishery Management Council under

authority of the Magnuson Fishery Conservation and Management Act. Fishing by U.S. vessels is governed by regulations implementing the FMP at 50 CFR parts 620 and 675.

In accordance with § 675.20(a)(7)(ii), the TAC for Atka mackerel in the Central Aleutian District was established by the final 1995 harvest specifications of groundfish as 50,000 metric tons (mt), as amended (60 FR 8479, February 14, 1995). The directed fishery for Atka mackerel was closed on April 25, 1995 in order to reserve amounts anticipated to be needed for incidental catch in other fisheries (60 FR 20916, April 28, 1995). NMFS has determined that as of June 3, 1995, 4,055 mt remain unharvested.

The Director, Alaska Region, NMFS, has determined that the 1995 TAC for Atka mackerel in the Central Aleutian District has not been reached. Therefore, NMFS is terminating the previous closure and is opening directed fishing for Atka mackerel in the Central Aleutian District.

All other closures remain in full force and effect.

#### Classification

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

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