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National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

50 CFR Part 672

[Docket No. 950509041-5041-01; I.D. 062995A]

Groundfish of the Gulf of Alaska; Northern Rockfish in the Western Regulatory Area

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

ACTION: Termination of a closure.

SUMMARY: NMFS is opening directed fishing for northern rockfish in the Western Regulatory Area in the Gulf of Alaska (GOA). This action is necessary to attain the total allowable catch (TAC) for northern rockfish in this area.

EFFECTIVE DATE: 12 noon, Alaska local time (A.l.t.), July 3, 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 GOA exclusive economic zone is managed by NMFS according to the Fishery Management 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 northern rockfish in the Western Regulatory Area was established by the final 1995 harvest specifications of groundfish (60 FR 8470, February 14, 1995) as 640 metric tons (mt). At the same time, the directed fishery for northern rockfish 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).

The Director, Alaska Region, NMFS, has determined that the 1995 TAC for northern rockfish in the Western Regulatory Area has not been reached; as of June 10, 1995, 623 mt remain

unharvested. Therefore, NMFS is terminating the closure and opening directed fishing for northern rockfish in the Western Regulatory Area.

All other closures remain in full force and effect.

Classification

This action is taken under 50 CFR 672.20 and is exempt from review under E.O. 12866.

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

Dated: June 29, 1995.

Richard H. Schaefer,
Director, Office of Fisheries Conservation and Management, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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50 CFR Part 672

[Docket No. 950206041-5041-01; I.D. 062995C]

Groundfish of the Gulf of Alaska; Pollock in Statistical Area 61

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

ACTION: Closure.

SUMMARY: NMFS is closing the directed fishery for pollock in Statistical Area 61 in the Gulf of Alaska (GOA). This action is necessary to prevent exceeding the third quarterly allowance of the total allowable catch (TAC) for pollock in this area.

EFFECTIVE DATE: 12 noon, Alaska local time (A.l.t.), July 2, 1995, until 12 noon, A.l.t., October 1, 1995.

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

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The groundfish fishery in the GOA exclusive economic zone is managed by NMFS according to the Fishery Management 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.

The third quarterly allowance of pollock TAC in Statistical Area 61 is 7,595 metric tons (mt) (60 FR 8470, February 14, 1995), determined in accordance with § 672.20(a)(2)(iv).

The Director, Alaska Region, NMFS (Regional Director), has determined, in accordance with § 672.20(c)(2)(ii), that the 1995 third quarterly allowance of pollock TAC in Statistical Area 61 soon

will be reached. Therefore, the Regional Director has established a directed fishing allowance of 6,835 mt after determining that 760 mt will be taken as incidental catch in directed fishing for other species in Statistical Area 61 in the GOA. Consequently, NMFS is prohibiting directed fishing for pollock in Statistical Area 61 in the GOA.

Directed fishing standards for applicable gear types may be found in the regulations at § 672.20(g).

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.*

Dated: June 30, 1995.

Richard H. Schaefer,
Director, Office of Fisheries Conservation and Management, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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[Docket No. 950206041-5041-01; I.D. 062995D]

Groundfish of the Gulf of Alaska; Pollock in Statistical Area 63

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

ACTION: Closure.

SUMMARY: NMFS is prohibiting directed fishing for pollock in Statistical Area 63 in the Gulf of Alaska (GOA). This action is necessary to prevent exceeding the third quarterly allowance of the total allowable catch (TAC) for pollock in this area.

EFFECTIVE DATE: 12 noon, Alaska local time (A.l.t.), July 5, 1995, until 12 noon, A.l.t., October 1, 1995.

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

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The groundfish fishery in the GOA exclusive economic zone is managed by NMFS according to the Fishery Management 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.

The third quarterly allowance of pollock TAC in Statistical Area 63 is 4,078 metric tons (mt) (60 FR 8470,