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Economic Effect

This rulemaking was not subject to Office of Management and Budget review under Executive Order 12866. In addition, a review under the Regulatory Flexibility Act of 1980 (5 U.S.C. 601 et seq.) has revealed that the rulemaking would not have a significant effect on a substantial number of small entities, which include businesses, organizations or governmental jurisdictions. While there would be an increase in the sale of firearms, ammunition, hunting gear, etc., this proposed rule would have minimal effect on such entities as this is not a big hunting program and hunting is otherwise allowed in surrounding areas.

Federalism

This proposed rule will not have substantial direct effects on the States, on the relationship between the national government and the States, or on the distribution of power and responsibilities among the various levels of government. Therefore, in accordance with Executive Order 12612, it is determined that this rule does not have sufficient Federalism implications to warrant the preparation of a Federalism Assessment.

Environmental Considerations

Pursuant to the requirements of section 102(2)(C) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4332(2)(C)), an environmental assessment has been prepared for this opening. Based upon the Environmental Assessments, the Service issued a Finding of No Significant Impact with respect to the opening. A Section 7 evaluation was prepared pursuant to the Endangered Species Act with a finding that these openings are not likely to adversely affect a listed species or its critical habitat.

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List of Subjects in 50 CFR Part 32

Hunting, Fishing, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Wildlife, Wildlife refuges.

For the reasons set forth in the preamble, Part 32 of chapter I of Title 50 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* is amended to read as follows:

PART 32—[AMENDED]

1. The authority citation for Part 32 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 5 U.S.C. 301; 16 U.S.C. 460k, 664, 668dd, and 715i.

2. Section 32.54 *Ohio* is amended by revising paragraph (c) to read as follows:

§ 32.54 *Ohio*.

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Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge

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C. Big Game Hunting. Hunting of white-tailed deer is permitted on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

1. Permits are required.
2. Hunters are required to check in and out of the refuge each day that they hunt.
3. No shooting from refuge roads or dikes is permitted.

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Dated: October 20, 1995.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

50 CFR Parts 611, 672, 676, and 677

[Docket No. 951120272-5272-01; I.D. 110295A]

Groundfish of the Gulf of Alaska; Limited Access; Foreign Fishing; Interim 1996 Harvest Specifications

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

ACTION: Interim 1996 harvest specifications for groundfish; associated management measures; and closures.

SUMMARY: NMFS issues interim 1996 total allowable catch (TAC) amounts for each category of groundfish and specifications for prohibited species bycatch allowances for the groundfish fishery of the Gulf of Alaska (GOA). NMFS is closing certain fisheries as specified in the interim 1996 groundfish specifications. The intended effect is to conserve and manage the groundfish resources in the GOA.

EFFECTIVE DATE: 0001 hours, Alaska local time (A.L.T.), January 1, 1996, until the effective date of the Final 1996 Harvest Specifications for Groundfish, which will be published in the Federal Register.

ADDRESSES: The preliminary Stock Assessment and Fishery Evaluation (SAFE) Report, dated September 1995, is available from the North Pacific Fishery Management Council, 605 W. 4th Avenue, Suite 306, Anchorage, AK 99501-2252.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kaja Brix, 907-586-7228.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The domestic and foreign groundfish fisheries in the exclusive economic zone of the GOA are managed by NMFS according to the Fishery Management Plan for Groundfish of the Gulf of Alaska (FMP). The FMP was prepared by the North Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) and approved by NMFS under the authority of the Magnuson Fishery Conservation and Management Act (Magnuson Act). The FMP is implemented by regulations for the foreign fishery at 50 CFR part 611 and for the U.S. fisheries at 50 CFR parts 672, 676, and 677. General regulations that also pertain to the U.S. fisheries appear at 50 CFR part 620.

The Council met September 27 through October 2, 1995, to review scientific information concerning groundfish stocks. The preliminary specifications are based on the current stock assessments contained in the preliminary Gulf of Alaska Groundfish SAFE Report, dated September 1995, as well as recommendations by the GOA Groundfish Plan Team, Advisory Panel, and Scientific and Statistical Committee. The preliminary SAFE Report was prepared and presented to the Council by the GOA Groundfish Plan Team and summarizes the best available scientific information. Copies of the SAFE Report are available from the Council (see **ADDRESSES**). The Council recommended a preliminary total TAC amount of 267,917 metric tons (mt) and a preliminary total acceptable biological catch (ABC) amount of 477,110 mt for the 1996 fishing year.

Under § 672.20(c)(1)(ii), NMFS is publishing in the Proposed Rules section of this issue of the Federal Register for review and comment proposed initial harvest specifications for groundfish and associated management measures in the GOA for the 1996 fishing year. Those proposed specifications contain detailed