

Species		Historic range	Vertebrate population where endangered or threatened	Status	When listed	Critical habitat	Special rules
Common name	Scientific name						
ARACHNIDS							
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Spider, spruce-fir moss	<i>Microhexura montivaga</i>	U.S.A. (NC and TN)	NA	E	576	NA	NA
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Director, Fish and Wildlife Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

50 CFR Part 675

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

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

ACTION: Closure.

SUMMARY: NMFS is closing the directed fishery for Atka mackerel in the Eastern Aleutian District and Bering Sea subarea of the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands management area (BSAI). This action is

necessary to prevent exceeding the interim specification of Atka mackerel in these areas.

EFFECTIVE DATE: 12 noon, Alaska local time (A.l.t.), February 2, 1995, until 12 midnight, A.l.t., December 31, 1995.

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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)(i), the interim 1995 specifications of groundfish for the BSAI (59 FR 64346, December 14, 1994) established 2,864 metric tons (mt) as the interim allowance of Atka mackerel for the Eastern Aleutian District and the Bering Sea (BS) subarea.

The Director, Alaska Region, NMFS (Regional Director), has determined, in

accordance with § 675.20(a)(8), that the Atka mackerel total allowable catch (TAC) in the Eastern Aleutian District and BS subarea soon will be reached. Therefore, the Regional Director has established a directed fishing allowance of 2,464 mt after determining that 400 mt will be taken as incidental catch in directed fishing for other species in the Eastern Aleutian District and BS subarea. Consequently, NMFS is prohibiting directed fishing for Atka mackerel in the Eastern Aleutian District and the BS subarea.

Directed fishing standards for applicable gear types may be found in the regulations at § 675.20(h).

Classification

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

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

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