DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

50 CFR Part 672

[Docket No. 950206041-5041-01; I.D. 042195A]

Groundfish of the Gulf of Alaska; Trawl Fishery for Deep-water Species

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

ACTION: Closure.

SUMMARY: NMFS is prohibiting directed fishing for species that comprise the deep-water species fishery by vessels using trawl gear in the Gulf of Alaska (GOA). This action is necessary because the second seasonal bycatch allowance of Pacific halibut apportioned to the deep-water species fishery in the GOA has been caught.

EFFECTIVE DATE: 12 noon, Alaska local time (A.l.t.), April 22, 1995, until 12 noon, A.l.t., July 1, 1995.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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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(f)(1)(i) the deep-water species fishery, which is defined at § 672.20(f)(1)(i)(B)(2) was apportioned 300 metric tons of Pacific halibut prohibited species catch for the second season, the period April 1, 1995, through June 30, 1995 (60 FR 8470,

February 14, 1995).

The Director, Alaska Region, NMFS, has determined, in accordance with § 672.20(f)(3)(i), that vessels

participating in the trawl deep-water species fishery in the GOA have caught the second seasonal bycatch allowance of Pacific halibut apportioned to that fishery. Therefore, NMFS is prohibiting directed fishing for each species and species group that comprise the deepwater species fishery by vessels using trawl gear in the GOA. The species and species groups that comprise the deepwater species fishery are: All rockfish of the genera *Sebastes* and *Sebastolobus*, Greenland turbot, Dover sole, Rex sole, arrowtooth flounder, and sablefish.

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

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: April 21, 1995.

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Acting Director, Office of Fisheries Conservation and Management, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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[Docket No. 950206040-5040-01; I.D. 042195C]

Groundfish of the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Area; Trawl Pacific Cod Fishery

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

ACTION: Closure.

SUMMARY: NMFS is closing the directed fishery for Pacific cod by vessels using trawl gear in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands management area (BSAI). This action is necessary to prevent exceeding the first seasonal apportionment of the 1995 prohibited species bycatch mortality allowance of

Pacific halibut specified for the trawl Pacific cod fishery in the BSAI.

EFFECTIVE DATE: 12 noon, Alaska local time (A.l.t.), April 24, 1995, until 12 noon, A.l.t., October 25, 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.

The first seasonal bycatch mortality allowance of Pacific halibut for the BSAI trawl Pacific cod fishery, which is defined at § 675.21(b)(1)(iii)(E), was established as 1,450 metric tons by the final 1995 specifications of groundfish (60 FR 8479, February 14, 1995).

The Director, Alaska Region, NMFS, has determined, in accordance with § 675.21(c)(1)(iii), that the first seasonal apportionment of the Pacific halibut bycatch mortality allowance for the trawl Pacific cod fishery has been caught. Therefore, NMFS is prohibiting directed fishing for Pacific cod by vessels using trawl gear in the BSAI.

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

Classification

This action is taken under § 675.21 and is exempt from review under E.O. 12866.

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

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