

plastic materials (other than those incorporating reflex reflectors) used for outer lenses shall not be greater than 30 percent haze as measured by ASTM D 1003-92, *Haze and Luminous Transmittance of Transparent Plastic*;

(c) After the outdoor exposure test, plastic materials used for reflex reflectors and for lenses used in front of reflex reflectors shall not show surface deterioration, crazing, dimensional changes, color bleeding, delamination, loss of surface luster, or haze that exceeds 7 percent as measured under ASTM D 1003-92.

(d) The thickness of the test specimens specified in paragraph 3.2.2 of SAE J576 JUL91 may vary by as much as ±0.25 mm.

(e) After exposure to the heat test as specified in subparagraph (f) of this paragraph, and after cooling to room ambient temperature, a test specimen shall show no change in shape and general appearance discernable to the naked eye when compared with an unexposed specimen. The trichromatic coefficients of the samples shall conform to the requirements of SAE J578c, "Color Specification for Electric Signal Lighting Devices", February 1977.

(f) Two samples of each thickness of each plastic material are used in the heat test. Each sample is supported at the bottom, with at least 51 mm. of the sample above the support, in the vertical position in such a manner that, on each side, the minimum uninterrupted area of exposed surface is not less than 3225 sq. mm. The samples are placed for two hours in a circulating air oven at 79 ± 3 degrees C.

(g) All outdoor exposure tests shall be 3 years in duration, whether the material is exposed or protected. Accelerated weathering procedures are not permitted.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

50 CFR Part 672

[Docket No. 950206041-5041-01; I.D. 082895A]

Groundfish of the Gulf of Alaska; Pacific Cod with Jig and Pot Gear for Processing by the Inshore Component in the Central Regulatory Area

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 Pacific cod by vessels catching Pacific cod with jig and pot gear for processing by the inshore component in the Central Regulatory Area of the Gulf of Alaska (GOA). This action is necessary to use the total allowable catch (TAC) for Pacific cod in this area.

EFFECTIVE DATE: 12 noon, Alaska local time (A.l.t.), September 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 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 allocation of Pacific cod for the inshore component in the Central Regulatory Area of the GOA was established by the Final 1995 Harvest Specifications of Groundfish (60 FR 8470, February 14, 1995) as 41,085 metric tons (mt). The directed fishery for Pacific cod by vessels catching Pacific cod for processing by the inshore component in the Central Regulatory Area of the GOA was closed under § 672.20(c)(2)(ii) on March 22, 1995, in order to reserve amounts anticipated to be needed for incidental catch in other fisheries (60 FR 15521, March 24, 1995). NMFS has determined that as of August 8, 1995, 4,313 mt remain unharvested.

The Director, Alaska Region, NMFS, has determined that the 1995 TAC for Pacific cod for processing by the inshore component in the Central Regulatory Area of the GOA has not been reached.

Therefore, NMFS is terminating the previous closure and is opening directed fishing for Pacific cod by vessels catching Pacific cod for processing by the inshore component in the Central Regulatory Area of the GOA. All other closures remain in full force and effect.

This action opens the directed fishery for Pacific cod by vessels catching Pacific cod with jig and pot gear for processing by the inshore component in the Central Regulatory Area of the GOA. Directed fishing for groundfish with hook-and-line and trawl gear is currently prohibited (60 FR 26694, May 18, 1995; 60 FR 37600, July 21, 1995; 60 FR 37601, July 21, 1995).

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: August 29, 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. 082995A]

Groundfish of the Gulf of Alaska; Trawling in the Western Regulatory Area

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

ACTION: Inseason adjustment; request for comments.

SUMMARY: NMFS issues an inseason adjustment closing the season for all groundfish by vessels using trawl gear, except fishing for pollock by vessels using pelagic trawl gear, in the Western Regulatory Area of the Gulf of Alaska (GOA). This action is necessary to prevent overfishing of Pacific ocean perch (POP).

DATES: Effective 12 noon, Alaska local time (A.l.t.), September 1, 1995, until 12 midnight, A.l.t., December 31, 1995. Comments must be received no later than 4:30 p.m., A.l.t., September 18, 1995.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be sent to Ronald J. Berg, Chief, Fisheries Management Division, Alaska Region, NMFS, P.O. Box 21668, Juneau, AK 99802, Attn. Lori Gravel, or be delivered

to the fourth floor of the Federal Building, 709 West 9th Street, Juneau, AK.

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 (Magnuson Act). Fishing by U.S. vessels is governed by regulations implementing the FMP at 50 CFR parts 620 and 672.

The Magnuson Act requires that conservation and management measures prevent overfishing. The 1995 overfishing level for POP in the Western Regulatory Area of the GOA is established by the final 1995 harvest specifications of groundfish (60 FR 8470, February 14, 1995) as 1,482 metric tons (mt). The directed fishery for POP closed in the Western Regulatory Area

on July 20, 1995 (60 FR 37601, July 21, 1995). As of July 29, 1995, 1,420 mt of POP have been caught.

Substantial trawl fishing effort will be directed at remaining amounts of groundfish in the GOA during 1995. These fisheries can have significant catches of POP.

The Director, Alaska Region, NMFS, has determined, in accordance with § 672.22(a)(1)(i) and (a)(4), that closing the season by prohibiting directed fishing for all groundfish by vessels using trawl gear, except fishing for pollock by vessels using pelagic trawl gear, in the Western Regulatory Area of the GOA is necessary to prevent overfishing of POP and is the least restrictive measure to achieve that purpose. Without this prohibition of directed fishing, significant incidental catch of POP would occur by trawl vessels.

Therefore, NMFS is closing the season for all groundfish by vessels using trawl gear, except fishing for pollock by vessels using pelagic trawl gear, in the Western Regulatory Area of the GOA.

The Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, NOAA, finds for good cause that providing prior notice and public comment or delaying the effective date of this action is impracticable and contrary to the public interest. Without this inseason adjustment, POP in the Western Regulatory Area of the GOA will be overfished, jeopardizing the long-term capacity of that stock. Under § 672.22(c)(2), interested persons are invited to submit written comments on this action until September 18, 1995 (see **ADDRESSES**).

Classification

This action is taken under § 672.22 and is exempt from review under E.O. 12866.

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

Dated: August 29, 1995.

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

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