

exempted under 15.804-1; or (3) for utility services at rates not exceeding those established to apply uniformly to the general public, plus any applicable reasonable connection charge.

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Dated: October 13, 1995.

Edward C. Loeb,

*Deputy Project Manager for the Implementation of the Federal Acquisition Streamlining Act of 1994.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

#### 50 CFR Part 675

[Docket No. 950206040-5040-01; I.D. 101395B]

#### Groundfish of the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Area; Pacific Cod by Vessels Using Hook-and-Line and Pot Gear

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

**ACTION:** Closure.

**SUMMARY:** NMFS is prohibiting directed fishing for Pacific cod by vessels using

hook-and-line and pot gear in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area (BSAI). This action is necessary to prevent exceeding the 1995 apportionment of the Pacific cod total allowable catch (TAC) allocated to vessels using hook-and-line or pot gear in the BSAI.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** 12 noon, Alaska local time (A.l.t.), October 16, 1995, until 12 midnight, A.l.t., December 31, 1995.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Nick Hindman, 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.

In accordance with § 675.20(a)(7)(ii), the Pacific cod TAC for the BSAI was established by the Final 1995 Specifications of Groundfish (60 FR 8479, February 14, 1995), increased by an apportionment from the reserve (60 FR 32278, June 21, 1995) to 250,000 metric tons (mt), and further increased by a reallocation from jig gear (60 FR 52129, October 5, 1995). The 1995

Pacific cod TAC allocated to vessels using hook-and-line or pot gear is 111,800 mt, pursuant to § 675.20(a)(3)(iv).

In accordance with § 675.20(a)(8), the Director, Alaska Region, NMFS (Regional Director), has determined that the 1995 Pacific cod TAC allocated to vessels using hook-and-line or pot gear in the BSAI has been reached. Therefore, the Regional Director has established a directed fishing allowance of 111,600 mt, with consideration that 200 mt will be taken as incidental catch in directed fishing for other species by vessels using hook-and-line and pot gear in the BSAI. Consequently, NMFS is prohibiting directed fishing for Pacific cod by vessels using hook-and-line gear in the BSAI.

Maximum retainable bycatch amounts 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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