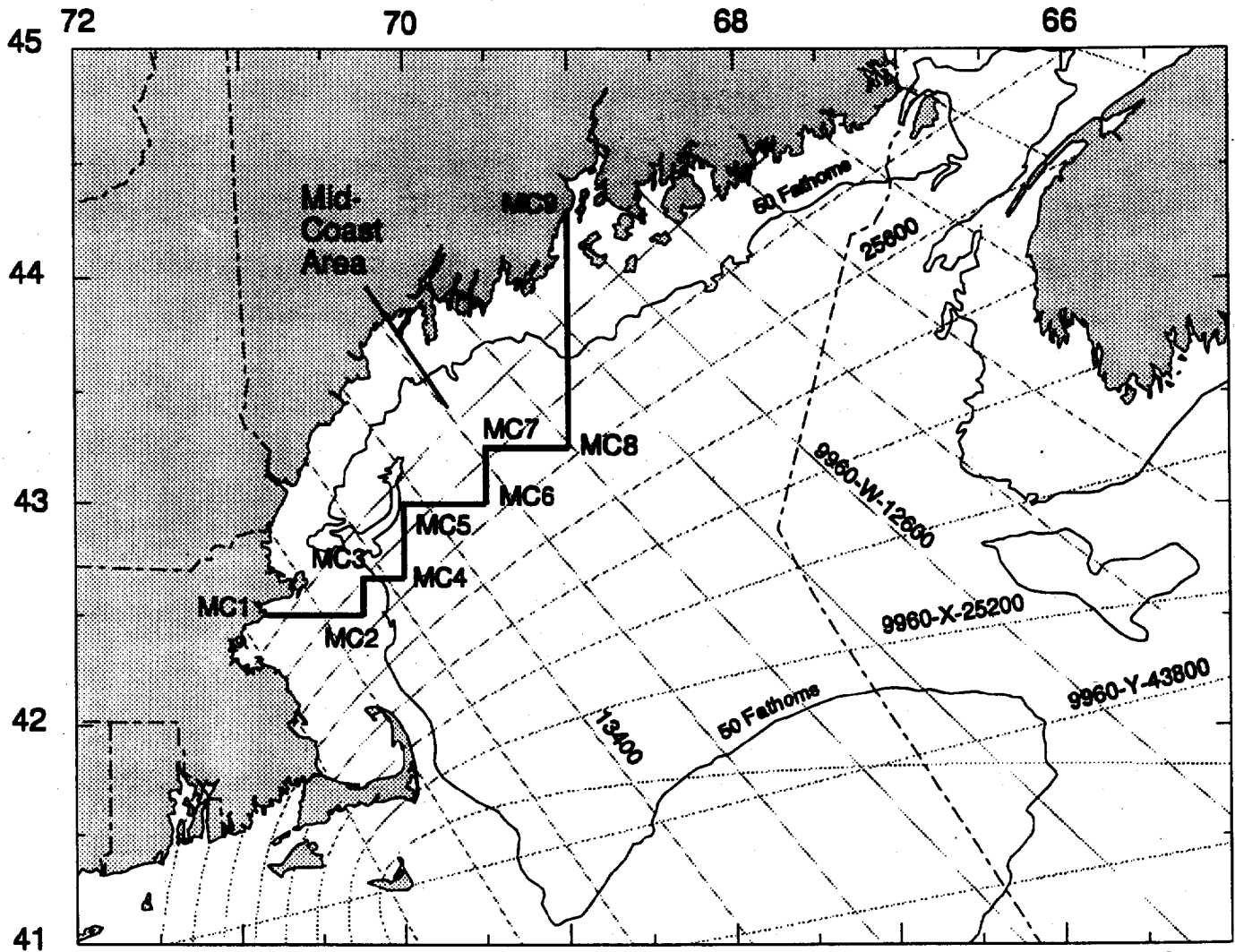


Figure 8 to Part 651—Revised Mid-Coast Closure Area for Protection of Harbor Porpoise



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Groundfish of the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Area; Pacific Ocean Perch and Other Red Rockfish in the Bering Sea Subarea

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 Ocean perch and the other red rockfish species group in the Bering Sea subarea of the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands management area (BSAI). This action is necessary to fully utilize the total allowable catch (TAC) amounts specified for Pacific Ocean perch and the other red rockfish species group in this area.

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

The directed fisheries for Pacific Ocean perch and the other red rockfish species group in the Bering Sea subarea were closed in the Final 1995 Harvest Specifications of Groundfish (60 FR 8479, February 14, 1995), in order to provide amounts anticipated to be needed for incidental catch in other fisheries. NMFS has determined that as of October 7, 1995, 716 metric tons (mt) of Pacific Ocean perch and 986 mt of the other red rockfish species group remain unharvested.

The Director, Alaska Region, NMFS, has determined that the 1995 TAC amounts for Pacific Ocean perch and for the other red rockfish species group in the Bering Sea subarea have not been reached. Therefore, NMFS is terminating the previous closures and is opening directed fishing for Pacific Ocean perch and for the other red rockfish species group in the Bering Sea subarea.

All other closures remain in full force and effect.

Classification

This action is taken under 50 CFR 675.20 and is exempt from review under E.O. 12866.

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

Dated: October 24, 1995.

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