

Authority: 5 U.S.C. 301; 16 U.S.C. 460k, 664, 668dd, and 715i.

§ 32.7 [Amended]

2. Section 32.7, *List of refuge units open to hunting and/or fishing*, is amended to add the alphabetical listing of "Great Bay National Wildlife Refuge" under the State of New Hampshire.

3. Section 32.48 *New Hampshire* is amended by adding the alphabetical listing of Great Bay National Wildlife Refuge to read as follows:

§ 32.48 New Hampshire.

Great Bay National Wildlife Refuge

A. Hunting of Migratory Game Birds.

Hunting of migratory game birds is permitted on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

1. Waterfowl hunting will not require a permit. Hunting will be allowed only from the immediate shoreline of the Bay.

2. Only portable blinds are permitted. All decoys, blinds, and boats must be removed after each day's hunt.

3. Waterfowl hunters will access shorelines by boat only.

B. Upland Game Hunting. [Reserved]

C. Big Game Hunting. Hunting of deer is permitted on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

1. Refuge Permits are required for the deer hunt.

2. Big game hunters are required to wear, in a conspicuous manner on the head, chest and back, a minimum of 400 square inches of solid-colored blaze orange clothing or material.

D. Sport Fishing. [Reserved]

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

50 CFR Part 675

[Docket No. 960129019-6019-01; I.D. 061496C]

Groundfish of the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Area; Yellowfin Sole by Vessels Using Trawl Gear

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

ACTION: Closure.

SUMMARY: NMFS is closing the directed fishery for yellowfin sole by vessels using trawl gear in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands management area (BSAI). This action is necessary to prevent exceeding the third seasonal bycatch allowance of Pacific halibut apportioned to the trawl yellowfin sole fishery in the BSAI.

EFFECTIVE DATE: 12 noon, Alaska local time (A.l.t.), June 17, 1996, until 12 noon, A.l.t., August 15, 1996.

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 third seasonal bycatch allowance of Pacific halibut for the BSAI trawl yellowfin sole fishery, which is defined at § 675.21(b)(1)(iii)(B)(1), was established by the Final 1996 Harvest Specifications of Groundfish (61 FR 4311, February 5, 1996) as 100 metric tons.

The Director, Alaska Region, NMFS, has determined, in accordance with § 675.21(c)(1)(iii), that the third seasonal bycatch allowance of Pacific halibut apportioned to the trawl yellowfin sole fishery in the BSAI has been caught. Therefore, NMFS is prohibiting directed fishing for yellowfin sole by vessels using trawl 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 50 CFR 675.21 and is exempt from review under E.O. 12866.

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

Dated: June 17, 1996.

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

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