

38°30'00" N. Lat. on the north
105°00'00" W. Long. on the east
37°30'00" N. Lat. on the south
105°50'00" W. Long. on the west

Rectangle 3:

40°08'00" N. Lat. on the north
107°00'00" W. Long. on the east
39°56'00" N. Lat. on the south
107°15'00" W. Long. on the west

Washington, D.C. Area

Rectangle

38°40'00" N. Lat. on the north
78°50'00" W. Long. on the east
38°10'00" N. Lat. on the south
79°20'00" W. Long. on the west

or

(2) Within a radius of 178 km of

38°48'00" N. Lat./78°52'00" W. Long.

(3) In addition, no application seeking authority to operate in the 17.8–19.7 GHz band will be accepted for filing if the proposed station is located within 20 km (or within 55 km if the application is for an outdoor low power operation pursuant to § 101.147(r)(10)) of the following coordinated:

Denver, CO area: 39°43'00" N. Lat./

104°46'00" W. Long.

Washington, DC area: 38°48'00" N. Lat./

76°52'00" W. Long.

Note to § 101.123: The coordinates cited in this section are specified in terms of the "North American Datum of 1983 (NAD 83)" with an accuracy of ±30 meters with respect to the "National Spacial Reference System".

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

50 CFR Part 679

[Docket No. 961107312–7021–02; I.D. 101697B]

Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Reallocation of Pacific Cod

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and

Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Reallocation.

SUMMARY: NMFS is reallocating the projected unused amount of Pacific cod from trawl catcher/processors to vessels using hook-and-line or pot gear in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands management area (BSAI) and is reallocating Pacific cod from vessels using jig gear to vessels using hook-and-line or pot gear in the BSAI. These actions are necessary to allow the 1997 total allowable catch (TAC) of Pacific cod to be harvested. They are intended to promote the goals and objectives of the Fishery Management Plan for the Groundfish Fishery of the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Area (FMP).

DATES: Effective 1200 hrs, Alaska local time (A.l.t.) October 22, 1997.

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 FMP prepared by the North Pacific Fishery Management Council under authority of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act. Fishing by U.S. vessels is governed by regulations implementing the FMP at subpart H of 50 CFR part 600 and 50 CFR part 679.

In accordance with § 679.20(c)(5), the Pacific cod TAC for the BSAI was established as 270,000 metric tons (mt) by the Final 1997 Harvest Specifications for Groundfish for the BSAI (62 FR 7168, February 18, 1997). Of this amount, 5,400 mt was allocated to vessels using jig gear, 126,900 mt to vessels using trawl gear, and 137,700 mt to vessels using hook-and-line or pot gear. The amount of Pacific cod TAC allocated to trawl gear vessels was further allocated 50 percent to catcher vessels (63,450 mt) and 50 percent (63,450 mt) to catcher/processor vessels pursuant to § 679.20(a)(7)(i)(B).

Pursuant to § 679.20(a)(7)(ii)(A) NMFS made the projected unused

amount of trawl catcher/processor Pacific cod (2,000 mt) available to the trawl catcher vessel sector. The trawl catcher vessel portion was increased to 65,450 mt (62 FR 51609, October 2, 1997).

The Administrator, Alaska Region, NMFS (Regional Administrator), has determined that trawl catcher/processors will not be able to harvest 10,000 (mt) of Pacific cod allocated to those vessels under § 679.20(a)(7)(i)(A).

Therefore, in accordance with § 679.20(a)(7)(ii), NMFS apportions the projected unused amount, 10,000 mt of Pacific cod from vessels using trawl gear to vessels using hook-and-line or pot gear.

The Regional Administrator has determined that vessels using jig gear will not harvest 5,000 mt of Pacific cod by the end of the year. Therefore, in accordance with § 679.20(a)(7)(iii) NMFS is reallocating the unused amount of 5,000 mt of Pacific cod allocated to vessels using jig gear to vessels using hook-and-line or pot gear.

Classification

This action is taken under 50 CFR 679.20 and is exempt from OMB review under E.O. 12866.

The Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, NOAA, has determined, under section 553(b)(B) and (d)(3) of the Administrative Procedure Act and 50 CFR 679.20(b)(3)(iii)(A), that good cause exists for waiving the opportunity for public comment and the 30-day delayed effectiveness period for this action. Fisheries are currently taking place that will be supplemented by this apportionment. Delaying the implementation of this action would be disruptive and costly to these ongoing operations.

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

Dated: October 22, 1997.

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Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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