

round weight, multiply the processed weight times the PRR.

(i) *Headed and gutted.* The PRR for headed and gutted lingcod is 1.5. Therefore, the cumulative trip limit for headed and gutted lingcod is 13,333.3 lb (6,048 kg) processed weight per vessel per month, which corresponds to 20,000 lb (9,072 kg) round weight. (The State of Washington currently uses a PRR of 1.5.)

(ii) *Gutted, with the head on.* The PRR for lingcod that has only been eviscerated is 1.1. Therefore, the cumulative trip limit for gutted lingcod is 18,182 lb (8,246 kg) processed weight per vessel per month, which corresponds to 20,000 lb (9,072 kg) round weight.

7. *Introductory Text is Added to paragraph IV.J.(60 FR 2344) to Clarify that Length Measurement is the Same in the Recreational and Commercial Fisheries.*

IV.J. *Recreational Fishery.* Length measurement for lingcod is explained at paragraphs IV.A.(6) and IV.G.(1)(a).

Classification

The determination to take this action is based on the most recent data available. The aggregate data upon which the determination is based are available for public inspection at the office of the Regional Director, Northwest Region, (see ADDRESSES) during business hours. There was an opportunity for public comment at the April Council meeting. Supporting documents were available for public inspection prior to, and at, the Council meeting. The Secretary therefore finds good cause under 5 U.S.C. 553(b)(B) to waive the requirements for publication of a general notice of proposed rulemaking. Most actions taken in this rule relieve restrictions and therefore, according to 5 U.S.C. 553(d)(1), are not subject to the 30-day delayed effectiveness requirement of the Administrative Procedure Act. The only action that does not relieve a restriction is the reduction in the rockfish bag limit off the State of Washington. This action, however, is being implemented by the State of Washington on May 1, 1995, and NMFS finds that it is necessary to have consistent state and Federal bag limits. NMFS finds that need for consistency is good cause to waive the 30-day delay in effectiveness under 5 U.S.C. 553(d)(3). This action is taken under the authority of 50 CFR 663.21(a) and 50 CFR 663.23(c)(1)(i)(C), (1)(i)(E), and (3)(B), and is exempt from review under E.O. 12866.

Dated: May 1, 1995.

Richard H. Schaefer,

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

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[Docket No. 950206040-5040-01; I.D. 042195B]

Groundfish of the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Area; Yellowfin Sole

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 first seasonal bycatch allowance of Pacific halibut apportioned to the trawl yellowfin sole fishery category in the BSAI.

EFFECTIVE DATE: 12 noon, Alaska local time (A.l.t.), May 1, 1995, until 12 noon, A.l.t., August 1, 1995.

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 first 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 as 280 metric tons by the final 1995 initial specifications (60 FR 8479, February 14, 1995).

The Director, Alaska Region, NMFS, has determined, in accordance with § 675.21(c)(1)(iii), that the first 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.

Directed fishing standards 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: May 1, 1995.

Richard W. Surdi,

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

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Groundfish of the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Area; Greenland Turbot/Arrowtooth Flounder/Sablefish

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

ACTION: Closure.

SUMMARY: NMFS is closing the directed fishery for species in the Greenland turbot/arrowtooth flounder/sablefish fishery category by vessels using trawl gear in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands management area (BSAI). This action is necessary to prevent exceeding the 1995 Pacific halibut bycatch mortality allowance apportioned to the trawl Greenland turbot/arrowtooth flounder/sablefish fishery category in the BSAI.

EFFECTIVE DATE: 12 noon, Alaska local time (A.l.t.), May 3, 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 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 1995 Pacific halibut bycatch mortality allowance apportioned to the trawl Greenland turbot/arrowtooth flounder/sablefish fishery category, which is defined at § 675.21(b)(1)(iii)(C), was established as 120 metric tons by the 1995 final specifications (60 FR 8479, February 14, 1995).

The Director, Alaska Region, NMFS, has determined, in accordance with