

**50 CFR Part 675**

[Docket No. 95020640-5040-01; I.D. 051595D]

**Groundfish of the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Area; Greenland Turbot in the Aleutian Islands Subarea**

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

**ACTION:** Closure.

**SUMMARY:** NMFS is closing the directed fishery for Greenland turbot in the Aleutian Islands subarea (AI) of the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands management area (BSAI). This action is necessary to prevent exceeding the Greenland turbot total allowable catch (TAC) in that subarea.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** 12 noon, Alaska local time (A.l.t.), May 19, 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.

In accordance with § 675.20(a)(7)(ii), the Greenland turbot TAC for the AI was established by the 1995 final specifications (60 FR 8479, February 14, 1995) as 1,981 metric tons (mt).

In accordance with § 675.20(a)(8), the Director of the Alaska Region, NMFS (Regional Director), has established a directed fishing allowance of 681 mt,

with consideration that 1,300 mt will be taken as incidental catch in directed fishing for other species in the AI. The Regional Director has determined that the directed fishing allowance has been reached. Consequently, NMFS is prohibiting directed fishing for Greenland turbot in the AI.

Directed fishing standards 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.*

Dated: May 15, 1995.

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