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**Groundfish of the Gulf of Alaska;
Pollock in Area 62**

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

ACTION: Closure.

SUMMARY: NMFS is prohibiting directed fishing for pollock in Statistical Area 62 in the Gulf of Alaska (GOA). This action is necessary to prevent exceeding the second quarterly allowance for pollock in this area.

EFFECTIVE DATE: 12 noon, Alaska local time (A.l.t.), June 5, 1995, until 12 noon, A.l.t., July 1, 1995.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The groundfish fishery in the GOA exclusive economic zone is managed by NMFS according to the Fishery Management Plan for Groundfish of the Gulf of Alaska (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 672.

The second quarterly allowance of pollock total allowable catch in Statistical Area 62 was established by the final 1995 harvest specifications of groundfish (60 FR 8470, February 14, 1995) as 3,826 metric tons (mt), determined in accordance with § 672.20(c)(1)(ii)(A).

The Director of the Alaska Region, NMFS (Regional Director), has determined, in accordance with

§ 672.20(c)(2)(ii), that the 1995 second quarterly allowance of pollock in Statistical Area 62 soon will be reached. Therefore, the Regional Director has established a directed fishing allowance of 3,443 mt after determining that 383 mt will be taken as incidental catch in directed fishing for other species in Statistical Area 62 in the GOA. Consequently, NMFS is prohibiting directed fishing for pollock in Statistical Area 62.

Directed fishing standards for applicable gear types may be found in the regulations at § 672.20(g).

Classification

This action is taken under 50 CFR 672.20 and is exempt from review under E.O. 12866.

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

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