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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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