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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**  
**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

**50 CFR Parts 611, 672, and 676**  
 [Docket No. 960129018-6018-01; I.D. 110295B]

**Groundfish of the Gulf of Alaska; Limited Access; Foreign Fishing; Final 1996 Harvest Specifications; Correction**

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

**ACTION:** Final 1996 harvest specifications of groundfish and associated management measures; correction.

**SUMMARY:** This document contains corrections to the Final 1996 Harvest Specifications for Groundfish of the Gulf of Alaska (GOA) (I.D. 110295B), which was published in the Federal Register on Monday, February 5, 1996

(61 FR 4304). Portions of the information contained in Table 1 of the specifications for the pollock, Atka mackerel, and shortraker/rougheye species are misleading, inadvertently omitted, or misspelled.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** 1200 hours, Alaska local time (A.l.t.), January 30, 1996, through 2400 hours, A.l.t., December 31, 1996, or until changed by subsequent notification in the Federal Register.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Kaja Brix, NMFS, (907) 586-7228.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Under § 672.20(c)(1)(ii)(B), NMFS published final 1996 harvest specifications of groundfish on February 5, 1996 (61 FR 4304). For each species identified in Table 1, column 1, of the final specifications, the following information is provided for the 1996 fishing year: (1) Regulatory area and/or district as defined at § 672.2, (2) acceptable biological catch levels, (3) total allowable catch (TAC) amounts, and (4) overfishing levels.

In the GOA, pollock is apportioned by area, season, and inshore/offshore components. Regulations at § 672.20(a)(2)(iv) require that the TAC for pollock in the combined Western/Central (W/C) GOA be apportioned among Statistical Areas Shumagin (61), Chirikof (62), and Kodiak (63) in proportion to known distributions of the pollock biomass. For the pollock

species, Table 1 currently indicates that the overfishing level of 82,000 metric tons (mt) applies only to the Chirikof area. However, the overfishing level of 82,000 mt for the pollock species applies to the combined W/C area rather than to only the Chirikof area.

Information contained in Table 1 related to the pollock species is revised to make clear that the overfishing level of 82,000 mt applies to the W/C GOA.

**Need for Correction**

The TAC for the Atka mackerel species is divided among the Western, Central, and Eastern regulatory areas. However, the designation for the Western regulatory area for Atka mackerel contained in Table 1, column two, of the specifications was inadvertently omitted. This document corrects that error.

In Table 1, column 1, the species "shortraker/rougheye" is misspelled. This document corrects the misspelling.

**Correction of Publication**

Accordingly, the publication on February 5, 1996 (61 FR 4304), which was the subject of FR doc. 96-2292, is corrected as follows:

On page 4305, Table 1, under the subheading "Species", the information related to "pollock" is revised to read as follows:

Species	Area <sup>1</sup>	ABC	TAC	Overfishing
Pollock: <sup>2</sup>				
	Shumagin (W)(61) .....	25,480	25,480	.....
	Chirikof (C)(62) .....	12,840	12,840	.....
	Kodiak (C)(63) .....	13,680	13,680	.....
Subtotal .....	W/C (61,62,63) .....	52,000	52,000	82,000
	E .....	2,810	2,810	4,000
Total .....	.....	54,810	54,810	86,400
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On page 4306, Table 1—Continued, under the subheading "Species" in the first column, the term "Short raker/

rougheye:<sup>8</sup>" is revised to read "Shortraker/rougheye"<sup>8</sup>.

On page 4307, Table 1—Continued, under the subheading "Species", "Atka mackerel" is revised to read as follows:

Species	Area <sup>1</sup>	ABC	TAC	Overfishing
Atka mackerel:				
	W .....	.....	2,310	.....
	C .....	.....	925	.....

Species	Area <sup>1</sup>	ABC	TAC	Overfishing
	E	.....	5	
Total .....		3,240	3,240	9,800
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Authority: 16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*  
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 Gary Matlock,  
*Program Management Officer, National Marine Fisheries Service.*  
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**50 CFR Part 672**

[Docket No. 960129018-6018-01; I.D. 030596A]

**Groundfish of the Gulf of Alaska; Rex Sole in the Western Regulatory Area**

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

**ACTION:** Closure.

**SUMMARY:** NMFS is closing the directed fishery for rex sole in the Western Regulatory Area of the Gulf of Alaska management area (GOA). This action is necessary to prevent exceeding the rex sole total allowable catch (TAC) in the Western Regulatory Area.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** 1200 hrs, Alaska local time (A.l.t.), March 6, 1996, until 2359 hrs, A.l.t., December 31, 1996.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Andrew Smoker, 907-586-7228.

**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.

In accordance with § 672.20 (c)(1)(ii)(B) the rex sole TAC for the Western Regulatory Area was established by the Final 1996 Harvest Specifications of Groundfish (61 FR 4304, February 5, 1996) as 800 metric tons (mt).

The Director, Alaska Region, NMFS (Regional Director), has determined, in accordance with § 672.20(c)(2)(ii), that the rex sole TAC in the Western

Regulatory Area soon will be reached. Therefore, the Regional Director has established a directed fishing allowance of 700 mt, with consideration that 100 mt will be taken as incidental catch in directed fishing for other species in the Western Regulatory Area. The Regional Director has determined that the directed fishing allowance has been reached. Consequently, NMFS is prohibiting directed fishing for the rex sole in the Western Regulatory Area.

Maximum retainable bycatch amounts for applicable gear types may be found in the regulations at § 672.20(g).

**Classification**

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

Authority: 16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*  
 Dated: March 5, 1996  
 Richard H. Schaefer  
*Director, Office of Fisheries Conservation and Management, National Marine Fisheries Service.*

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