

that "first-tier" outside suppliers must certify whether their equipment has at least 70 percent value added in the U.S./Canada. It also does not change the fact that lower-tier suppliers, especially the ones with which the outside suppliers deal directly, are a reliable source for obtaining information that is relevant to making that determination.

NHTSA believes it is reasonable to require outside suppliers to make good faith estimates based on the information that is available to them, and reliable information may well be available from their suppliers. Therefore, the agency believes the current requirement is reasonable.

Upon review, based on the reasons discussed above, NHTSA denies AAMA's petition for reconsideration.

(Authority: 49 U.S.C. 32304; delegation of authority at 49 CFR 1.50.)

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Ricardo Martinez,
Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

50 CFR Part 672

[Docket No. 960129018-6018-01; I.D. 041296C]

Groundfish of the Gulf of Alaska; Deep-water Species Fishery by Vessels using Trawl Gear

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

ACTION: Closure.

SUMMARY: NMFS is prohibiting directed fishing for species that comprise the deep-water species fishery by vessels using trawl gear in the Gulf of Alaska (GOA). This action is necessary because the second seasonal bycatch allowance of Pacific halibut apportioned to the deep-water species fishery in the GOA has been caught.

EFFECTIVE DATE: 12 noon, Alaska local time (A.l.t.), April 15, 1996, until 12 noon, A.l.t., July 1, 1996.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mary Furuness, 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(f)(1)(i) the deep-water species fishery, which is defined at § 672.20(f)(1)(i)(B)(2) was apportioned 300 mt of Pacific halibut prohibited species catch for the second season, the period April 1, 1996, through June 30, 1996 (61 FR 4304, February 5, 1996).

The Director, Alaska Region, NMFS, has determined, in accordance with § 672.20(f)(3)(i), that vessels participating in the trawl deep-water species fishery in the GOA have caught the second seasonal bycatch allowance of Pacific halibut apportioned to that fishery. Therefore, NMFS is prohibiting directed fishing for each species and species group that comprise the deep-water species fishery by vessels using trawl gear in the GOA. The species and species groups that comprise the deep-water species fishery are: all rockfish of the genera *Sebastes* and *Sebastolobus*, Greenland turbot, Dover sole, Rex sole, arrowtooth flounder, and sablefish.

After the effective date of this closure the maximum retainable bycatch amounts, calculated using the retainable percentages at § 672.20(g), apply at any time during a trip.

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.*

Dated: April 15, 1996.

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

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50 CFR Part 675

[Docket No. 960129019-6019-01; I.D. 041596A]

Groundfish of the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Area; Pacific Ocean Perch in the Western Aleutian District

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

ACTION: Modification of a closure.

SUMMARY: NMFS is opening directed fishing for Pacific ocean perch in the Western Aleutian District of the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands management area (BSAD). This action is necessary to fully utilize the total allowable catch (TAC) of Pacific ocean perch in this area.

EFFECTIVE DATE: 12 noon, Alaska local time (A.l.t.), April 15, 1996, until 12 midnight, A.l.t., December 31, 1996.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mary Furuness, 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 TAC of Pacific ocean perch for the Western Aleutian District was established by the Final 1996 Harvest Specifications of Groundfish (61 FR 4311, February 5, 1996) for the BSAI as 5,143 metric tons (mt). The Western Aleutian District was closed to directed fishing for Pacific ocean perch on March 20, 1996 (58 FR 12041, March 25, 1996). As of March 30, 1996, 1,465 mt remain unharvested.

The Director, Alaska Region, NMFS, has determined that the 1996 TAC for Pacific ocean perch in the Western Aleutian District has not been reached. Therefore, NMFS is terminating the previous closure and is reopening directed fishing for Pacific ocean perch in the Western Aleutian District.

All other closures remain in full force and effect.

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: April 15, 1996.

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

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