

requirements that address registered inspection of these smaller cargo tank motor vehicles that are used exclusively for transporting flammable liquid petroleum fuels. These proposals are aimed at reducing regulatory burdens on persons subject to the HMR where costs may be disproportionate to safety benefits.

A number of interested parties have requested additional time for them to more fully consider these proposals. Farmers, farm suppliers, and agricultural transporters state that they are presently occupied with activities relating to planting this year's crop, and that they need an extension of the comment period so that they may participate in this important rulemaking. Because these parties' input to this rulemaking would be valuable, RSPA is extending the comment period for 60 days, until August 16, 1996.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

50 CFR Part 675

[Docket No. 960129019-6019-01; I.D. 051396D]

Groundfish of the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Area; Pacific Cod by Vessels Using Hook-and-Line Gear in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands

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

ACTION: Closure.

SUMMARY: NMFS is prohibiting directed fishing for Pacific cod by vessels using hook-and-line gear in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands management area (BSAI). This action is necessary because the second seasonal Pacific halibut bycatch mortality allowance apportioned to the Pacific cod hook-and-line fishery in the BSAI has been reached.

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

The second seasonal Pacific halibut bycatch mortality allowance for the hook-and-line Pacific cod fishery, which is defined at § 675.21(b)(2)(ii)(A), is 40 metric tons (61 FR 4311, February 5, 1996).

The Director, Alaska Region, NMFS, has determined, in accordance with § 675.21(d), that the second seasonal Pacific halibut bycatch mortality allowance for the Pacific cod hook-and-line fishery in the BSAI has been reached. Therefore, NMFS is prohibiting directed fishing for Pacific cod by vessels using hook-and-line gear in the BSAI.

Maximum retainable bycatch amounts 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 13, 1996.

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

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Groundfish of the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Area; Other Nontrawl Fisheries in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area

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

ACTION: Closure.

SUMMARY: NMFS is closing the directed fishery for groundfish in the other nontrawl fishery in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands management area (BSAI). This action is necessary to prevent exceeding the 1996 bycatch

allowance of Pacific halibut apportioned to the other nontrawl fishery category in the BSAI.

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

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Andrew 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.

The 1996 bycatch allowance of Pacific halibut apportioned to the other nontrawl fishery category, which is defined at § 675.21(b)(2)(ii)(E), was established by the Final 1996 Harvest Specifications of Groundfish (61 FR 4311, February 5, 1996) as 100 metric tons.

The Director, Alaska Region, NMFS, has determined, in accordance with § 675.21(d), that the 1996 bycatch allowance of Pacific halibut apportioned to the other nontrawl fishery category in the BSAI has been reached. Therefore, NMFS is closing the directed fishery for groundfish in the other nontrawl fishery category in the BSAI.

Maximum retainable bycatch amounts for applicable gear types may be found in the regulations at § 675.20(h).

Classification

This action is taken under § 675.21 and is exempt from review under E.O. 12866.

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

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Groundfish of the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Area; Reserve Apportionment

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