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(2) [Reserved]

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Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

50 CFR Part 661

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Ocean Salmon Fisheries Off the Coasts of Washington, Oregon, and California; Closure from Cape Arago, OR, to the Oregon-California Border

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

ACTION: Closure.

SUMMARY: NMFS announces that the commercial salmon fishery in the area from Cape Arago, OR, to the Oregon-California border was closed at 1700 hours, June 5, 1996. The Director, Northwest Region, NMFS (Regional Director), has determined that the commercial quota of 5,300 chinook salmon for the area has been reached. This action is necessary to conform to the preseason announcement of the 1996 management measures and is intended to ensure conservation of chinook salmon.

DATES: Effective 1700 hours local time, June 5, 1996, through 2400 hours local time, June 30, 1996. Comments will be accepted through July 5, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be mailed to William Stelle, Jr., Director, Northwest Region, National Marine Fisheries Service, NOAA, 7600 Sand Point Way NE., BIN C15700-Bldg. 1, Seattle, WA 98115-0070. Information relevant to this action has been compiled in aggregate form and is available for public review during business hours at the office of the Regional Director.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: William L. Robinson, 206-526-6140.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Regulations governing the ocean salmon fisheries at 50 CFR 661.21(a)(1) state that when a quota for the commercial or the recreational fishery, or both, for any salmon species in any portion of the fishery management area is projected by the Regional Director to be reached on or by a certain date, the Secretary of Commerce will, under 50 CFR 661.23, close the commercial or recreational fishery, or both, for all salmon species in the portion of the fishery management area to which the quota applies as of the date the quota is projected to be reached.

In the annual management measures for ocean salmon fisheries (61 FR 20175, May 6, 1996), NMFS announced that the 1996 commercial fishery in the area between Cape Arago, OR, and the Oregon-California border would open on May 1 and continue through June 30 or attainment of the 5,300 chinook salmon quota, whichever occurred first.

The best available information on June 3 indicated that commercial catches in this area totaled about 4,300 chinook salmon through June 2. Based on the recent catch and effort levels, NMFS determined to close the commercial fishery at 1200 hours, June

4. The U.S. Coast Guard Notice to Mariners was not broadcast, however, until Wednesday afternoon, June 5. Therefore, the Federal closure was not effective until 1700 hours, June 5. The season remains closed under the terms of the preseason announcement of the 1996 management measures.

The Regional Director consulted with representatives of the Pacific Fishery Management Council and the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife regarding this closure. The State of Oregon closed its commercial fishery between Cape Arago and the Oregon-California border at 1200 hours on June 4. As provided by the inseason notice procedures of 50 CFR 661.23, actual notice to fishermen of this action was given prior to 1700 hours local time, June 5, 1996, by telephone hotline number 206-526-6667 or 800-662-9825 and by U.S. Coast Guard Notice to Mariners broadcasts on Channel 16 VHF-FM and 2182 kHz. Because of the need for immediate action to stop the fishery upon achievement of the quota, NMFS has determined that good cause exists for this action to be issued without affording a prior opportunity for public comment. This action does not apply to other fisheries that may be operating in other areas.

Classification

This action is authorized by 50 CFR 661.21 and 661.23 and is exempt from review under E.O. 12866.

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

Dated: June 17, 1996.

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

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