

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

50 CFR Part 600

[Docket No. 960315081-6160-02; I.D. 030596B]

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Magnuson Act Provisions; Consolidation and Update of Regulations

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

ACTION: Correction to final regulations.

SUMMARY: This document contains a correction to the final regulations (I.D. 030596B), which were published Monday, June 24, 1996, (61 FR 32538). The regulations contain general provisions under the Magnuson Fishery Conservation and Management Act (Magnuson Act).

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 1996.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Tom Meyer, 301-713-2339.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The final regulations that are the subject of this correction, consolidate nine CFR parts into one part that contains general provisions under the Magnuson Act.

Need for Correction

As published, the final regulations contain a typographical error in a reference, which prevents the enforcement of regulations by authorized officers in the southeast region.

Correction of Publication

Accordingly, the publication on June 24, 1996, of the final regulation (I.D. 030596B), which were the subject of FR Doc. 96-15767, is corrected as follows:

§ 600.730 [Corrected]

On page 32574, in the first column, in § 600.730, paragraph (a), on line three the number "625" is corrected to read "622".

Dated: July 12, 1996.

Gary Matlock,

Program Management Officer, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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50 CFR Part 679

[Docket No. 960129018-6018-01; I.D. 071096G]

Groundfish of the Gulf of Alaska; Pacific Ocean Perch in the Eastern 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 Pacific ocean perch in the Eastern Regulatory Area of the Gulf of Alaska management area (GOA). This action is necessary to prevent exceeding the Pacific ocean perch total allowable catch (TAC) in the Eastern Regulatory Area.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Effective 1200 hrs, Alaska local time (A.l.t.), July 11, 1996, until 2400 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 subpart H of 50 CFR part 600 and 50 CFR part 679.

The Pacific ocean perch TAC for the Eastern Regulatory Area was established by the Final 1996 Harvest Specifications of Groundfish (61 FR 4304, February 5, 1996) as 2,366 metric tons (mt). (See § 679.20(c)(3)(ii).)

The Director, Alaska Region, NMFS (Regional Director), has determined, in accordance with § 679.20(d)(1), that the Pacific ocean perch TAC in the Eastern Regulatory Area soon will be reached. Therefore, the Regional Director has established a directed fishing allowance of 2,066 mt, with consideration that 300 mt will be taken as incidental catch in directed fishing for other species in the Eastern Regulatory Area. The Regional Director has determined that the directed fishing allowance has been reached. Consequently, NMFS is prohibiting directed fishing for Pacific ocean perch in the Eastern Regulatory Area.

Maximum retainable bycatch amounts for applicable gear types may be found in the regulations at § 679.20(e).

Classification

This action is taken under § 679.20 and is exempt from OMB review under E.O. 12866.

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

Dated: July 11, 1996.

Richard W. Surdi,

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

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50 CFR Part 679

[Docket No. 960129018-6018-01; I.D. 071096H]

Groundfish of the Gulf of Alaska; Pacific Ocean Perch in the Central 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 Pacific ocean perch in the Central Regulatory Area of the Gulf of Alaska management area (GOA). This action is necessary to prevent exceeding the Pacific ocean perch total allowable catch (TAC) in the Central Regulatory Area.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Effective 1200 hrs, Alaska local time (A.l.t.), July 11, 1996, until 2400 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 subpart H of 50 CFR part 600 and 50 CFR part 679.

The Pacific ocean perch TAC for the Central Regulatory Area was established by the Final 1996 Harvest Specifications of Groundfish (61 FR 4304, February 5, 1996) as 3,333 metric tons (mt). (See § 679.20(c)(3)(ii).)

The Director, Alaska Region, NMFS (Regional Director), has determined that the Pacific ocean perch TAC in the Central Regulatory Area soon will be reached. (See § 679.20(d)(1).) Therefore, the Regional Director has established a