

respectively, and such red snapper are subject to the prohibition on sale or purchase of red snapper possessed under the bag limit, as specified in § 622.45(c)(1).

3. In § 622.42, effective September 15, 1996, paragraph (a)(1) is revised to read as follows:

**§ 622.42 Quotas.**

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(a) \* \* \*

(1) Red snapper—4.65 million lb (2.11 million kg), round weight, apportioned in 1996 and 1997 as follows:

(i) 3.06 million lb (1.39 million kg) available February 1, 1996, and February 1, 1997; and

(ii) The remainder available September 15, 1996, and September 15, 1997.

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**50 CFR Part 660**

[Docket No. 960614176-6176-01; I.D. 050796A]

RIN 0648-A118

**Fisheries Off West Coast States and in the Western Pacific; Correction**

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

**ACTION:** Correction to final rule.

**SUMMARY:** This document corrects errors in §§ 660.306(j), 660.306(k), and 660.323(a)(4)(i), and the section number “§ 663.324” in the final rule (I.D. 050796A) concerning Fisheries Off West Coast States and in the Western Pacific, published July 2, 1996 (61 FR 34570).

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** July 1, 1996.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Cheri Sexton McCarty, NMFS, 301-713-2341.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

Need for Correction

In the final rule document, FR Doc. 96-16234, beginning on page 34593 in the issue of Tuesday, July 2, 1996, the cite “§ 663.323(a)(4)(iv)” is incorrectly numbered and should be corrected to read “§ 660.323(a)(4)(iv).”

Also, on pages 34592, 34593, and 34595, the section number for the Pacific Coast treaty Indian fisheries is incorrectly numbered as “§ 663.324.” The section number should be corrected to read “§ 660.324.”

On page 34595, § 660.323(a)(4)(i) incorrectly indicates that the remaining

40 percent of the harvest guideline is reserved for harvest by vessels delivering to shoreside processors. The second sentence should read, “The remaining 40 percent of the commercial harvest guideline is reserved for harvest by vessels delivering to shoreside processors.”

As published, the final regulations contain errors that may prove to be misleading and are in need of clarification.

**Correction of Publication**

Accordingly, the publication on July 2, 1996, of the final rule document (I.D. 050796A), which was the subject of FR Doc. 96-16234, is corrected as follows:

**§ 660.306 [Corrected]**

On page 34592, in the third column, in § 660.306, paragraph (j), the cite “§ 663.324” is corrected to read “§ 660.324.”

On page 34593, in the first column, in § 660.306, paragraph (k), the cites “§ 663.324” and “§ 663.323(a)(4)(iv)” are corrected to read “§ 660.324” and “§ 660.323(a)(4)(iv)”, respectively.

**§ 660.323 [Corrected]**

On page 34595, in the first column, in § 660.323, paragraph (a)(4)(i), the second sentence is corrected to read, “The remaining 40 percent of the commercial harvest guideline is reserved for harvest by vessels delivering to shoreside processors.”

**§ 663.324 [Corrected]**

On page 34595, in the third column, the section number is corrected from “§ 663.324” to read “§ 660.324.”

Dated: September 9, 1996.

Charles Karnella,

*Acting Deputy Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.*

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**50 CFR Part 660**

[Docket No. 951227306-6117-02; I.D. 090696E]

**Fisheries Off West Coast States and in the Western Pacific; Pacific Coast Groundfish Fishery; End of Pacific Whiting Regular Season**

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

**ACTION:** Fishing restrictions; request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** NMFS announces the end of the “regular season” for the Pacific

whiting (whiting) fishery off Washington, Oregon, and California and the reimposition of a 10,000-lb (4,536-kg) trip limit coastwide. This action is authorized by the Pacific Coast Groundfish Fishery Management Plan, which governs the harvest of groundfish in the U.S. exclusive economic zone off the coasts of Washington, Oregon, and California. This action is intended to keep landings close to the 1996 commercial harvest guideline for whiting while allowing small quantities to be landed by fresh fish and bait fisheries and as bycatch in other fisheries.

**DATES:** Effective 0001 hours (local time) September 11, 1996, until the effective date of the 1997 annual specifications and management measures for the Pacific Coast Groundfish Fishery, which will be published in the Federal Register. Comments will be accepted until September 25, 1996.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments on this action should be sent to Mr. William Stelle, Jr., Director, Northwest Region, National Marine Fisheries Service, 7600 Sand Point Way NE., BIN C15700, Bldg. 1, Seattle, WA 98115-0070; or Ms. Hilda Diaz-Soltero, Director, Southwest Region, National Marine Fisheries Service, 501 West Ocean Blvd., Suite 4200, Long Beach, CA 90802-4213. 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 Director, Northwest Region, NMFS.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** William L. Robinson 206-526-6140; or Rodney R. McInnis 310-980-4040.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** At its October 1995 meeting, the Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) recommended that a 10,000-lb (4,536-kg) trip limit apply to landings of whiting after the end of the regular season (61 FR 279, January 4, 1996). The end of the regular season occurs when the “commercial harvest guideline” is projected to be reached (61 FR 28786, June 6, 1996; 61 FR 34570, July 2, 1996, as modified.) The commercial harvest guideline is the harvest guideline minus any amount allocated to the Washington coastal treaty Indian tribes. Therefore, the end of the regular season in 1996 occurs when the commercial harvest guideline of 197,000 metric tons (mt) (the 212,000-mt harvest guideline minus the 15,000 mt tribal allocation) is projected to be reached.

The commercial harvest guideline is divided between shore-based and at-sea sectors, according to the regulations at 50 CFR 660.323(a)(4). At-sea processing of whiting was prohibited on June 1,

1996 (61 FR 28796, June 6, 1996) when 118,200 mt (60 percent of the 197,000-mt commercial harvest guideline) was projected to have been taken (112,776 mt for at-sea processing and 8,201 mt for shore-based processing). The remainder of the commercial harvest guideline was reserved for vessels delivering to shore-based processors.

Based on the best available information on current and projected rates of landings, the Director, Northwest Region, NMFS, has determined that 189,214 mt of whiting has been caught in the non-treaty fisheries through August 31, 1996, and, at a rate of about 805–828 mt delivered shoreside per day, the 197,000-mt commercial harvest guideline would be reached on September 10, 1996. Therefore, the regular season ends and the 10,000-lb (4,536-kg) trip limit for whiting resumes on September 11, 1996. Because at-sea processing of whiting is prohibited, this trip limit applies only to vessels delivering shoreside. The trip limit is intended to accommodate small bait and fresh fish markets and the bycatch of whiting in other fisheries.

Tribal fisheries for whiting are governed by other regulations at 50 CFR 660.324.

NMFS action: NMFS announces the following change to the 1996 management measures for whiting published at (61 FR 279, January 4, 1996) as modified:

Paragraph IV.F(1)(a) is revised to read as follows:

IV. \* \* \*

F. \* \* \*

(1) \* \* \*

“(a) No more than 10,000 lb (4,536 kg) of whiting may be taken and retained, possessed, or landed, per vessel per fishing trip. This includes any whiting caught shoreward of 100 fathoms (183 m) in the Eureka subarea (see paragraph IV.F.(1)(b) at 61 FR 279).”

#### Classification

The determination to take this action is based on the most recent data available. The aggregate data upon which the determination is based are available for public inspection at the office of the Director, Northwest Region, NMFS (see **ADDRESSES**) during business hours. This action was recommended by the Council at its October 1995 meeting,

and was announced in the annual specifications and management measures for 1996 that published on January 4, 1996, at 61 FR 279. There was an opportunity for public comment at the August and October 1995 Council meetings. Supporting documents (catch projections) were available for public inspection prior to, and at, the August 21–23, 1996, Council meeting in Portland, OR. Because of the need for immediate action, and because the public had an opportunity to comment on the action at Council meetings, NMFS has determined that good cause exists for this notice to be published without affording a prior opportunity for public comment or a 30-day delayed effectiveness period. This action is taken under the authority of 50 CFR 660.323(a)(4), and is exempt from review under E.O. 12866.

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

Dated: September 10, 1996.

Richard W. Surdi,

*Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.*

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