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List of Subjects in 47 CFR Part 73

Radio broadcasting.

Part 73 of Title 47 of the Code of Federal Regulations is amended as follows:

PART 73—[AMENDED]

1. The authority citation for Part 73 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 47 U.S.C. 154, 303, 334, 336.

§ 73.202 [Amended]

2. Section 73.202(b), the Table of FM Allotments under New York, is amended by removing Channel 285A at Johnstown, and adding Channel 285A at Altamount.

Federal Communications Commission.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

50 CFR Part 679

[Docket No. 971208298-8055-02; I.D. 062498A]

Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Trawl Rockfish Fisheries in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands

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

ACTION: Modification of a closure.

SUMMARY: NMFS is terminating the closure to directed fishing for rockfish with trawl gear in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands management area (BSAI). This action is necessary to allow the directed fishery for rockfish with trawl gear to occur consistent with the specified halibut mortality allowance.

DATES: Effective 1200 hrs, Alaska local time (A.l.t.), July 1, 1998.

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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-Stevens 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 1998 prohibited species bycatch mortality allowance of halibut for the BSAI trawl rockfish fishery category, which is defined at § 679.21(e)(3)(iv)(D), was established as 69 mt by the Final 1998 Harvest Specifications of Groundfish for the BSAI (63 FR 12689,

March 16, 1998). The halibut bycatch allowance to the rockfish fishery was apportioned in a manner that prevented a directed rockfish fishery from opening until July 1, 1998. Therefore, in accordance with § 679.21(e)(7)(iv), which has been renumbered as § 679.21(e)(7)(v), the directed fishery for rockfish with trawl gear in the BSAI was closed at the beginning of the fishing year (63 FR 12698, March 16, 1998). NMFS now is terminating the previous closure and is opening directed fishing for rockfish by vessels using trawl gear in the BSAI, effective 1200 hrs, A.l.t., July 1, 1998. All other closures remain in full force and effect.

The public is reminded that the Regional Administrator has determined that the total allowable catch amounts remaining for Pacific ocean perch, "other rockfish", and "other red rockfish" in the Bering Sea subarea (BS); and sharpchin/northern rockfish, shortraker/rougeye rockfish, and "other rockfish" in the Aleutian Islands subarea (AI) are necessary as incidental catch to support other anticipated groundfish fisheries for the 1998 fishing year. In accordance with § 679.20(d)(1)(iii) NMFS prohibited directed fishing for these species effective through 2400 hrs, A.l.t., December 31, 1998. (63 FR 12698, March 16, 1998)

Classification

Because this action relieves a restriction, the 30-day delayed effectiveness provision of the Administrative Procedure Act does not apply.

This action is required by § 679.20 and is exempt from review under E.O. 12866.

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

Dated: June 26, 1998.

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