

Channel 275C3 can be allotted at Quartzsite in compliance with the Commission's minimum distance separation requirements at city reference coordinates. The coordinates for Channel 275C3 at Quartzsite are 33-39-50 North Latitude and 114-13-45 West Longitude.

The Commission, at the request of Stargazer Broadcasting of Western Louisiana, allots Channel 252A at Leesville, Louisiana, as the community's fourth local aural transmission service. See 66 FR 17843 (April 4, 2001). Channel 252A can be allotted to Leesville in compliance with the Commission's minimum distance separation requirements with a site restriction of 1.7 kilometers (1 mile) west of Leesville. The coordinates for Channel 252A at Leesville are 31-08-30 North Latitude and 93-16-41 West Longitude.

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—RADIO BROADCAST SERVICES

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 Arizona, is amended by adding Quartzsite, Channel 275C3.

3. Section 73.202(b), the Table of FM Allotments under Louisiana, is amended by adding Leesville, Channel 252A.

Federal Communications Commission.

John A. Karousos,

Chief, Allocations Branch, Policy and Rules Division, Mass Media Bureau.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

47 CFR Part 73

[DA 01-1480; MM Docket No. 99-2157; RM-9337, RM-9892]

Radio Broadcasting Services; Alamo Community, NM

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: At the request of Alamo Navajo School Board, Inc., this

document allots Channel 298A* Alamo Community, New Mexico. As proposed, this allotment is reserved for noncommercial educational use. The reference coordinates for the Channel 298A* allotment at Alamo Community, New Mexico, are 34-25-01 and 107-30-04. See 65 FR 55930, published September 15, 2000.

DATES: Effective August 7, 2001.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Robert Hayne, Mass Media Bureau (202) 418-2177

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This is a synopsis of the Commission's *Report and Order* in MM Docket No. 00-158, adopted June 20, 2000, and released June 22, 2001. The full text of this decision is available for inspection and copying during normal business hours in the FCC's Reference Information Center at Portals II, CY-A257, 445 12th Street, SW, Washington, DC. The complete text of this decision may also be purchased from the Commission's copy contractor, International Transcription Service, Inc., (202) 857-3800, 1231 20th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20036.

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

§ 73.202 [Amended]

2. Section 73.202(b), the Table of FM Allotments under New Mexico, is amended by adding Alamo Community, Channel 298A*.

Federal Communications Commission.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

50 CFR Parts 600 and 660

[Docket No. 001226367-0367-01; I.D. 062601A]

Fisheries off West Coast States and in the Western Pacific; Pacific Coast Groundfish Fishery; Trip Limit Adjustments

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

ACTION: Trip limit adjustments; fishing restrictions for the Pacific Coast groundfish fishery; request for comments.

SUMMARY: NMFS announces changes in the following trip limits for the Pacific Coast groundfish fisheries: Limited entry trawl and fixed gear for minor slope rockfish north and south; limited entry trawl and fixed gear for splitnose rockfish south; limited entry trawl and fixed gear for Pacific Ocean perch (POP); limited entry trawl and fixed gear for Dover sole north and south; limited entry trawl and fixed gear for flatfish north; limited entry trawl for yellowtail rockfish north; limited entry trawl for widow rockfish taken with mid-water trawl gear; and limited entry fixed gear and open access for sablefish north. These actions, which are authorized by the Pacific Coast Groundfish Fishery Management Plan (FMP), are intended to help the fisheries achieve optimum yield (OY) while protecting overfished and depleted stocks.

DATES: Changes to management measures are effective 0001 hours (local time) July 1, 2001, unless modified, superseded, or rescinded. These changes are effective until the effective date of the 2002 annual specifications and management measures for the Pacific Coast groundfish fishery, which will be published in the **Federal Register**. Comments on this rule will be accepted through July 20, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Submit comments to Donna Darm, Acting Administrator, Northwest Region (Regional Administrator), NMFS, 7600 Sand Point Way N.E., Bldg. 1, Seattle, WA 98115-0070; or Rebecca Lent, Administrator, Southwest Region, NMFS, 501 West Ocean Blvd., Suite 4200, Long Beach, CA 90802-4213.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Yvonne deReynier or Becky Renko, Northwest Region, NMFS, 206-526-6140.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The following changes to current management measures were recommended by the Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council,) in consultation with the States of Washington, Oregon, and California, at its June 11–15, 2001, meeting in San Francisco, CA. Pacific Coast groundfish landings will be monitored throughout the year, and further adjustments to the trip limits will be made as necessary to stay within the OYs and allocations announced in the annual specifications and management measures for the groundfish fishery, published in the **Federal Register** at 66 FR 2338 (January 11, 2001), as amended at 66 FR 10208 (February 14, 2001), at 66 FR 18409 (April 9, 2001), at 66 FR 22467 (May 4, 2001), and at 66 FR 286767 (May 24, 2001).

Limited Entry Trawl and Fixed Gear for Minor Slope Rockfish North and South of 40°10' N. Lat.

Landings of minor slope rockfish in the limited entry fisheries south and north of 40°10' N. lat. have been slow during the first half of 2001. The best available information indicates that the southern limited entry fishery had landed 18.9 percent and the northern fishery had landed 7.1 percent of the minor slope rockfish set-asides for those fisheries, through the end of April. Given the low landings rates, the Council recommended increasing the limited entry minor slope rockfish cumulative landing limits for both the trawl and fixed gear fisheries. The cumulative landing limits for the fishery south of 40°10' N. lat. will be increased from 14,000 lb (6350 kg) to 25,000 lb (11,340 kg) per 2 months, and the cumulative landing limits for the northern fishery will increase from 1,500 lb (68 kg) to 2,000 lb (907 kg) per 2 months. These increased cumulative landing limits will allow for higher landings without exceeding the OYs for overfished and depleted stocks.

On January 11, 2001 (66 FR 2338), NMFS announced that darkblotched rockfish was overfished. Although only 7.1 percent of the northern slope rockfish had been landed through April, concerns about darkblotched rockfish catch resulted in only minor increases in the limits for the fisheries north of 40°10' N. lat rather than the larger cumulative landing limits that could have been allowed. Because darkblotched rockfish is not a major component of the slope rockfish assemblage south of 40°10' N. lat., larger increases were recommended for the southern area.

Limited Entry Trawl and Fixed Gear for Splitnose Rockfish South of 40°10' N. Lat.

As with minor slope rockfish, landings of splitnose rockfish in the limited entry fishery south of 40°10' N. lat. have been slow during the first half of 2001. The best available information indicated that limited entry trawl and fixed gear fisheries had landed 3.1 percent of splitnose rockfish set-aside for those fisheries, through the end of April. Given the low landing rates, the Council recommended increasing cumulative landing limits to levels that would allow higher landings without exceeding the OYs for overfished and depleted stocks. The Council recommended increasing the limited entry splitnose slope rockfish cumulative landing limits for both trawl and fixed gear south of 40°10' N. lat. from 14,000 lb (6,350 kg) to 25,000 lb (11,340 kg) per 2 months.

Limited Entry Trawl and Fixed Gear for POP

Previously published trip limits for POP were intended to accommodate the increased incidental catch of POP during the summer months by increasing the monthly cumulative landing limits for the May through October periods. Because landings of POP in the limited entry trawl and fixed gear fisheries have been slower than expected, with only 18.4 percent of the allowance landed through the end of April 2001, the Council recommended increasing cumulative landing limits for the remainder of the year. The limited entry POP cumulative landing limits for both trawl and fixed gear will be increased from 2,500 lb (1,134 kg) to 3,500 lb (1,588 kg) per month for the July through October periods, then decreased, as previously announced to 1,500 lb (680 kg) per month for the November and December periods. The increased cumulative landing limits will allow higher landings without exceeding the POP OY or the OYs established for other overfished or depleted stocks.

Limited Entry Trawl and Fixed Gear for Dover Sole North and South of 40°10' N. Lat.

During the first 4 months of 2001, the limited entry trawl and fixed gear Dover sole cumulative landing limits north of 40°10' N. lat. were set at 65,000 lb (2,948 kg) per 2 months and the cumulative landing limits south of 40°10' N. lat. were set at 35,000 lb (15,876 kg) per 2 months. The cumulative landing limits were set higher in the northern area to allow for

the harvest of winter concentrations of Dover sole at a time when they are not closely associated with depleted or overfished rockfish species. Under these cumulative landing limits, 1,700 mt were landed during the first 2 months and 2,500 mt were landed during the second 2 months. The best available information indicated that the limited entry fisheries had landed 57.5 percent of the Dover sole allowance through the end of April 2001. In May, the northern limit was reduced to 20,000 lb (9,072 kg) per 2 months, while the southern limit remained at 35,000 lb (15,876 kg) per 2 months. Despite the reduced limits in the northern area, the coastwide landings of Dover sole remained higher than expected. In response to the rapid pace of Dover sole landings, the Council recommended reducing the trawl and fixed gear limits in both areas by 5,000 lb (2,268 kg) per 2 months, resulting in a Dover sole limit of 15,000 lb (6,804 kg) per 2 months for the area north of 40°10' N. lat. and a Dover sole limit of 30,000 lb (13,608 kg) per 2 months for the area south of 40°10' N. lat. For the September through December periods, the 2 month limits will be converted to monthly limits.

Limited Entry Trawl and Fixed Gear for Flatfish North of 40°10' N. Lat.

In April, the Council adopted an interim change in the trip limits for the limited entry trawl fishery for flatfish north of 40°10' N. lat. This limit allowed up to 50,000 lb (22,680 kg) per month of non-Dover flatfish, caught with a small footrope, to be landed providing that no more than 15,000 lb (6,804 kg) of petrale sole and 10,000 lb (4,536 kg) of arrowtooth flounder are landed. The sub-limits were established as a measure to restrict harvest of canary rockfish, which was designated as overfished on January 4, 2000 (65 FR 221). To reduce the discard of incidentally caught arrowtooth flounder, without encouraging targeting, the Council recommended changing the structure of northern flatfish trawl and fixed gear limits from July through October. The small footrope trawl limit is decreased from 50,000 lb (22,680 kg) to 45,000 lb (20,412 kg) per month; the sub-limit for petrale sole remains at 15,000 lb (6,804 kg) per month. In addition, the arrowtooth flounder limit is no longer a sub-limit and is changed from a per month limit of 10,000 lb (4,536 kg) to a per trip limit of no more than 7,500 lb (3,402 kg), not to exceed 30,000 lb (13,608 kg) per month. The large footrope limit for arrowtooth flounder remains at 5,000 lb (2,268 kg) per trip, not to exceed 30,000 lb (13,608 kg) per month; petrale sole which has been

prohibited, is increased to 100 lb (45 kg) per trip and all other flatfish remains at 1,000 lb (454 kg) per trip. Although flatfish are rarely taken with fixed gear, the Limited Entry Fixed gear limits for flatfish will be the same as the small footrope trawl limits.

Limited Entry Trawl for Yellowtail Rockfish North of 40°10' N. lat. and Widow Rockfish

The best available information indicates that 59.0 percent of the limited entry widow rockfish coastwide and 52.3 percent of the yellowtail rockfish north of 40°10' N. lat. had been landed through the end of April. To reduce the likelihood of reaching the widow rockfish OY early, the mid-water trawl option for widow rockfish and yellowtail rockfish north will be restricted to the small footrope limit for the July through September periods. At its September meeting, the Council intends to review the October yellowtail limits of 15,000 lb (6,804 kg) per month, and the widow rockfish limits of 10,000 lb (4,536 kg) per month. If necessary, the Council will adjust these limits to keep landings within the OYs. The small footrope limits for both species will remain unchanged at 1,000 lb (454 kg) per month for widow rockfish and 1,500 (680 kg) per month for yellowtail rockfish that is not taken as flatfish bycatch.

To allow for incidental catch of widow rockfish and yellowtail rockfish

taken during the primary whiting fishery, whiting fishers will be allowed to land cumulative landing limits that are twice the amount of the small footrope limits, providing that at least 10,000 lb (4,536 kg) of whiting are landed in the same trip. In addition, a per trip limit of 500 lb (227 kg) for widow and yellowtail rockfish combined will apply. Widow and yellowtail rockfish in excess of these amounts will be forfeited to the states by fishers operating under an exempted fishing permit.

Limited Entry Fixed Gear and Open Access for Sablefish North of 36° N. Lat.

Daily trip limit sablefish landings in both the limited entry fixed gear and open access fisheries were relatively low through the spring months. The best available information at the June Council meeting indicated that 24.5 percent of the limited entry fixed gear and open access sablefish allocations combined had been landed through May 2001. Since January, both fisheries have operated under landing limits of 300 lb (136 kg) per day, not to exceed 2,700 lb (1,225 kg) per 2 months. To allow fisheries access to sablefish allocations during the more active summer fishing months, when more small vessels participate in the fishery, the Council recommended re-instating a once per week delivery option. The landing limits for the limited entry fisheries north of 36° N. lat. for the July to August

periods will be 300 lb (136 kg) per day or one landing per week up to 900 lb (408 kg), not to exceed 3,600 lb (1,633 kg) per 2 months. Beginning on September 1, a monthly limit of 1,800 lb (816 kg) per month will become effective. The landing limits for the open access fisheries north of 36° N. lat. for the July through periods will be 300 lb (136 kg) per day or one landing per week up to 800 lb (363 kg), not to exceed 4,800 lb (2,177 kg) per 2 months. Beginning on September 1, 2001, a monthly limit of 2,400 lb (1,089 kg) per month will become effective.

NMFS Actions

For the reasons stated here, NMFS concurs with the Council's recommendations and announces the following changes to the 2001 annual management measures at 66 FR 2338, January 11, 2001, as amended at 66 FR 10208, February 14, 2001; 66 FR 18409, April 9, 2001; 66 FR 22467, May 4, 2001, and 66 FR 28676, May 24, 2001, to read as follows:

(1) In Section IV, under B. *Limited Entry Fishery* Tables 3 and 4 are revised; in Section IV, under C. *Trip Limits in the Open Access Fishery*, Table 5 is revised.

IV. NMFS Actions

B. Limited Entry Fishery

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Table 3. 2001 Trip Limits ^{1/} and Gear Requirements ^{2/} for Limited Entry Trawl Gear
Read Section IV.A. NMFS Actions before using this table.

line	Species/groups	JAN-FEB	MAR-APR	MAY-JUN	JUL-AUG	SEP-OCT	NOV-DEC	
1	Minor slope rockfish							
2	North		1,500 lb/ 2 months			2,000 lb/ 2 months		
3	South		14,000 lb/ 2 months			25,000 lb/ 2 months		
4	Splitnose - South	8,500 lb/ 2 months		14,000 lb/ 2 months		25,000 lb/ 2 months		
5	Pacific ocean perch^{3/}	1,500 lb/ month		2,500 lb/ month		3,500 lb/ month	1,500 lb/ month	
6	DTS complex - North							
7	Sablefish	5,000 lb/ 2 months		14,000 lb/ 2 months			5,000 lb/ 2 months	
8	Longspine thornyhead	6,000 lb/ 2 months		6,000 lb/ 2 months			6,000 lb/ 2 months	
9	Shortspine thornyhead	1,500 lb/ 2 months		1,500 lb/ 2 months			1,500 lb/ 2 months	
10	Dover sole	65,000 lb/ 2 months		20,000 lb/ 2 months	15,000 lb/ 2 months		7,500 lb/ month	
11	DTS complex - South							
12	Sablefish	8,000 lb/ 2 months		11,000 lb/ 2 months			8,000 lb/ 2 months	
13	Longspine thornyhead	6,000 lb/ 2 months		6,000 lb/ 2 months			6,000 lb/ 2 months	
14	Shortspine thornyhead	1,500 lb/ 2 months		1,500 lb/ 2 months			1,500 lb/ 2 months	
15	Dover sole		35,000 lb/ 2 months		30,000 lb/ 2 months		15,000 lb/ month	
16	Flatfish - North							
17	Arrowtooth flounder	20,000 lb/ trip					20,000 lb/ trip	
18	Petrale sole	No restriction					No restriction	
19	Rex sole	No limit					No limit	
20	All other flatfish ^{3/}	Small footrope, no limit; large footrope, 1,000 lb/ trip		Small footrope: 50,000 lb/month, of which no more than 15,000 lb may be petrale sole and 10,000 lb may be arrowtooth; Large footrope: arrowtooth, 15,000 lb/trip for May and 5,000 lb/trip for June; petrale sole, prohibited; all other flatfish, 1,000 lb/trip.		Small footrope: 45,000 lb/month, of which no more than 15,000 lb may be petrale sole; arrowtooth 7,500 lb/trip not to exceed 30,000 lb/month; Large footrope: arrowtooth, 5,000 lb/trip not to exceed 30,000 lb/month; petrale sole 100 lb/trip; all other flatfish, 1,000 lb/trip.		Small footrope, no limit; large footrope, 1,000 lb/ trip
21	Flatfish - South							
22	Arrowtooth flounder	20,000 lb/ trip		small footrope, no limit; large footrope, 5,000 lb/ trip			20,000 lb/ trip	
23	Petrale sole	No restriction		No limit (small footrope required)			No restriction	
24	Rex sole			No limit				
25	All other flatfish ^{3/}			small footrope, no limit; large footrope, 1,000 lb/ trip				
26	Whiting shoreside ^{4/}	20,000 lb/ trip		Primary Season			20,000 lb/ trip	
27	Use of small footrope bottom trawl^{5/} or midwater trawl required for landing all of the following species:							
28	Minor shelf rockfish							
29	North	300 lb/ month		1,000 lb/ month			300 lb/ month	
30	South	500 lb/ month		1,000 lb/ month			500 lb/ month	
31	Canary rockfish	100 lb/ month		300 lb/ month			100 lb/ month	
32	Widow rockfish							
33	mid-water trawl	20,000 lb/ 2 months		10,000 lb/ 2 months		July thru September, in trips where 10,000 lb or more of whiting are landed, 2,000 lb/ month, with a combined widow/yellowtail limit of 500 lb per trip, otherwise 1,000 lb/month; October 10,000 lb/month	10,000 lb/ 2 months	
34	small footrope trawl			1,000 lb/ month				
35	Yellowtail - North^{6/}							
36	mid-water trawl	30,000 lb/ 2 months		15,000 lb/ 2 months		July thru September, in trips where 10,000 lb or more of whiting are landed, 3,000 lb/ month with a combined widow/yellowtail limit of 500 lb/trip, otherwise 1,500 lb/month; October 15,000 lb/month	20,000 lb/ 2 months	
37	small footrope trawl	Without flatfish, 1,500 lb/ month. As flatfish bycatch, per trip limit is the sum of 33% (by weight) of all flatfish except arrowtooth flounder, plus 10% (by weight) of arrowtooth flounder, not to exceed 2,500 lb/ trip and 30,000 lb/ 2 months.		Without flatfish, 1,500 lb/ month. As flatfish bycatch, per trip limit is the sum of 33% (by weight) of all flatfish except arrowtooth flounder, plus 10% (by weight) of arrowtooth flounder, not to exceed 7,500 lb/ trip and not to exceed 15,000 lb/ 2 months.			Without flatfish, 1,500 lb/ month. As flatfish bycatch, per trip limit is the sum of 33% (by weight) of all flatfish except arrowtooth flounder, plus 10% (by weight) of arrowtooth flounder, not to exceed 2,500 lb/ trip and 20,000 lb/ 2 months	
38	Bocaccio - South^{6/}	300 lb/ month		500 lb/ month			300 lb/ month	
39	Chilipepper - South^{6/}							
40	mid-water trawl			25,000 lb/ 2 months				
41	small footrope trawl			7,500 lb/ 2 months				
42	Cowcod			Retention is Prohibited				
43	Minor nearshore rockfish							
44	North			200 lb/ month				
45	South			200 lb/ month				
46	Lingcod^{7/}	NO retention		400 lb/ month			No retention	

^{1/} Trip limits apply coastwide unless otherwise specified. "North" means 40°10' N. lat. To the U.S.-Canada border.
^{2/} "South" means 40°10' N. lat. To the U.S.-Mexico border. 40°10' N. lat is about 20 nm south of Cape Mendocino, CA.
^{3/} Gear requirements and prohibitions are explained at paragraph IV.A.(14).
^{4/} "Other" flatfish means all flatfish at 50 CFR 660.302 except those in this Table 3 with a trip limit.
^{5/} The whiting "per trip" limit in the Eureka area inside 100 fm is 10,000 lb/ trip throughout the year. See IV.B.(3)(c). The 20,000 lb/ trip limit applies before and after the primary season.
^{6/} Small footrope trawl means a bottom trawl net with a footrope no larger than 8 inches (20 cm) in diameter. Midwater gear also may be used; the footrope must be bare. See paragraph IV.A.(14).
^{7/} Yellowtail rockfish and POP in the south, and bocaccio, and chilipepper rockfishes in the north are included in the trip limits for minor shelf rockfish in the appropriate area (Table 2).
^{7/} The size limit for lingcod is 24 inches (61 cm) total length.
 To convert pounds to kilograms, divide by 2.20462, the number of pounds in one kilogram.

Table 4. 2001 Trip Limits^{1/} for Limited Entry Fixed Gear
Read Section IV.A. NMFS Actions before using this table.

Line	Species/groups	JAN-FEB	MAR-APR	MAY-JUN	JUL-AUG	SEP-OCT	NOV-DEC	
1	Minor slope rockfish							
2	North		1,500 lb/ 2 months			2,000 lb/ 2 months		
3	South		14,000 lb/ 2 months			25,000 lb/ 2 months		
4	Splitnose - South	8,500 lb/ 2 months		14,000 lb/ 2 months		25,000 lb/ 2 months		
5	Pacific ocean perch 5/	1,500 lb/ month		2,500 lb/ month		3,500 lb/ month	1,500 lb/ month	
6	Sablefish							
7	North of 36° N. lat.	300 lb/ day, 2,700 lb/ 2 months			300 lb/ day or 1 landing per week up to 900 lb, not to exceed 3,600 lb/ 2 months	300 lb/ day or 1 landing per week up to 900 lb, not to exceed 1,800 lb / month		
8	South of 36° N. lat.	350 lb/ day, or 1 landing per week of up to 1,050 lb						
9	Longspine thornyhead	6,000 lb/ 2 months			6,000 lb/ 2 months		6,000 lb/ 2 months	
10	Shortspine thornyhead	1,500 lb/ 2 months			1,500 lb/ 2 months		1,500 lb/ 2 months	
11	Dover sole							
12	North	65,000 lb/ 2 months		20,000 lb/ 2 months	15,000 lb/ 2 months	7,500 lb/ month		
13	South	35,000 lb/ 2 months		35,000 lb/ 2 months	30,000 lb/ 2 months	15,000 lb/ month		
14	Flatfish - North							
15	Arrowtooth flounder	20,000 lb/ trip					20,000 lb/ trip	
16	Petrale sole	No restriction		30,000 lb/ month for all flatfish except Dover sole	45,000 lb/month, of which no more than 15,000 lb may be petrale sole; arrowtooth no more than 7,500 lb/trip or not to exceed 30,000 lb/month.		No restriction	
17	Rex sole	No limit					No limit	
18	All other flatfish 2/	No limit					No limit	
19	Flatfish - South							
20	Arrowtooth flounder	20,000 lb/ trip			No limit		20,000 lb/ trip	
21	Petrale sole				No limit			
22	Rex sole				No limit			
23	All other flatfish 2/				No limit			
24	Whiting 3/	20,000 lb/ trip			Primary Season		20,000 lb/ trip	
25	Minor shelf rockfish							
26	North	300 lb/ month			1,000 lb/ month		300 lb/ month	
27	South							
28	40°10' - 34°27' N. lat.	500 lb/ month		CLOSED 4/	1,000 lb/ month		500 lb/ month	
29	South of 34°27' N. lat.	CLOSED 4/		500 lb/ month				
30	Canary rockfish							
31	North	100 lb/ month			300 lb/ month		100 lb/ month	
32	South							
33	40°10' - 34°27' N. lat.	100 lb/ month		CLOSED 4/	300 lb/ month		100 lb/ month	
34	South of 34°27' N. lat.	CLOSED 4/		100 lb/ month				
35	Widow rockfish							
36	North				3,000 lb/ month			
37	South							
38	40°10' - 34°27' N. lat.	3,000 lb/ month		CLOSED 4/		3,000 lb/ month		
39	South of 34°27' N. lat.	CLOSED 4/		3,000 lb/ month				
40	Yellowtail - North 5/				1,500 lb/ month			
41	Bocaccio - South 5/							
42	40°10' - 34°27' N. lat.	300 lb/ month		CLOSED 4/	500 lb/ month		300 lb/ month	
43	South of 34°27' N. lat.	CLOSED 4/		300 lb/ month				
44	Chilipepper - South 5/							
45	40°10' - 34°27' N. lat.	2,500 lb/ month		CLOSED 4/	2,500 lb/ month			
46	South of 34°27' N. lat.	CLOSED 4/		2,500 lb/ month				
47	Cowcod	CLOSED 4/ - All Retention is Prohibited						
48	Minor nearshore rockfish							
49	North	10,000 lb/ 2 months, no more than 4,000 lb of which may be species other than black or blue rockfish 6/		7,000 lb/ 2 months, no more than 4,000 lb of which may be species other than black or blue rockfish 6/				
50	South							
51	40°10' - 34°27' N. lat.	2,000 lb/ 2 months	CLOSED 4/	Shoreward of 20 fm depth: 2,000 lb/ 2 months, otherwise CLOSED 4/	2,000 lb/ 2 months			
52	South of 34°27' N. lat.	Shoreward of 20 fm depth: 2,000 lb/ 2 months, otherwise CLOSED 4/	2,000 lb/ 2 months					
53	Lingcod 7/							
54	North	CLOSED 4/		400 lb/ month		CLOSED 4/		
55	South							
56	40°10' - 34°27' N. lat.	CLOSED 4/		400 lb/ month		CLOSED 4/		
57	South of 34°27' N. lat.	CLOSED 4/		400 lb/ month		CLOSED 4/		

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 "South" means 40°10' N. lat. To the U.S.-Mexico border. 40°10' N. lat is about 20 nm south of Cape Mendocino, CA.
 2/ "Other flatfish" means all flatfish at 50 CFR 660.302 except those in this Table 4 with a trip limit.
 3/ The whiting "per trip" limit in the Eureka area inside 100 fm is 10,000 lb/ trip throughout the year. See IV.B.(3)(c).
 4/ Closed means that it is prohibited to take and retain, possess, or land the designated species in the time or area indicated. See IV.A.(7) in the time or area indicated. See IV.A.(7).
 5/ Yellowtail rockfish and POP in the south, and bocaccio, and chilipepper rockfishes in the north are included in the trip limits for minor shelf rockfish in the appropriate area (Table 2).
 6/ The "per trip" limit for black rockfish off Washington also applies. See paragraph IV.B.(4).
 7/ The size limit for lingcod is 24 inches (61 cm) in the north, and 26 inches (66 cm) in the south, total length.
 To convert pounds to kilograms, divide by 2.20462, the number of pounds in one kilogram.

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C. Trip limits in the Open Access Fishery

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Table 5. 2001 Trip Limits^{1/} for Open Access Gears

Read Section IV.A. NMFS Actions before using this table. (Exceptions for exempted gears at Section IV.C.)

line	Species/groups	JAN-FEB	MAR-APR	MAY-JUN	JUL-AUG	SEP-OCT	NOV-DEC
1	Minor slope rockfish						
2	North			500 lb/ 2 months			
3	South			5,000 lb/ 2 months			
4	Splitnose - South			200 lb/ month			
5	Pacific ocean perch 4/			100 lb/ month			
6	Sablefish						
7	North of 36° N. lat.	300 lb/ day, 2,700 lb/ 2 months			300 lb/ day or 1 landing per week up to 800 lb, not to exceed 4,800 lb/ 2 months	300 lb/ day or 1 landing per week up to 800 lb, not to exceed 2,400 lb/ month	
8	South of 36° N. lat.	350 lb/ day					
9	Thornyheads (longspine and shortspine combined)	CLOSED 3/ -- Retention is Prohibited					
10	North of 34°27' N. lat.	CLOSED 3/ -- Retention is Prohibited					
11	South of 34°27' N. lat.	50 lb/ day, no more than 2,000 lb/ 2 months					
12	Arrowtooth	200 lb/ month					
13	Dover sole	(included in "other" flatfish limit)					
14	Petrale sole	(included in "other" flatfish limit)					
15	Nearshore flatfish	(included in "other" flatfish limit)					
16	"Other" flatfish 2/	300 lb/ month					
17	Whiting	300 lb/ month					
18	Minor shelf rockfish						
19	North	100 lb/ month					
20	South						
21	40°10' - 34°27' N. lat.	200 lb/ month	CLOSED 3/		200 lb/ month		
22	South of 34°27' N. lat.	CLOSED 3/	200 lb/ month				
23	Canary rockfish						
24	North	50 lb/ month					
25	South						
26	40°10' - 34°27' N. lat.	50 lb/ month	CLOSED 3/		50 lb/ month		
27	South of 34°27' N. lat.	CLOSED 3/	50 lb/ month				
28	Widow rockfish						
29	North	3,000 lb/ month					
30	South						
31	40°10' - 34°27' N. lat.	3,000 lb/ month	CLOSED 3/		3,000 lb/month		
32	South of 34°27' N. lat.	CLOSED 3/	3,000 lb/ month				
33	Yellowtail - North 4/ 8/	100 lb/ month					
34	Bocaccio - South 4/						
35	40°10' - 34°27' N. lat.	200 lb/ month	CLOSED 3/		200 lb/ month		
36	South of 34°27' N. lat.	CLOSED 3/	200 lb/ month				
37	Chilipepper - South 4/						
38	40°10' - 34°27' N. lat.	2,500 lb/ month	CLOSED 3/		2,500 lb/ month		
39	South of 34°27' N. lat.	CLOSED 3/	2,500 lb/ month				
40	Cowcod	Closed 3/ -- Retention is Prohibited					
41	Minor nearshore rockfish						
42	North 6/	3,000 lb/ 2 months, no more than 900 lb of which may be species other than black or blue rockfish 5/			7,000 lb/ 2 months, no more than 900 lb of which may be species other than black or blue rockfish 5/		
43	South						
44	40°10' - 34°27' N. lat.	1,800 lb/ 2 months	CLOSED 3/	Shoreward of 20 fm depth: 1,200 lb/ 2 months, otherwise CLOSED 3/	1,200 lb/ 2 months		
45	South of 34°27' N. lat.	Shoreward of 20 fm depth: 1,800 lb/ 2 months, otherwise CLOSED 3/	1,800 lb/ 2 months	1,200 lb/ 2 months			
46	Lingcod 7/						
47	North	CLOSED 3/			400 lb/ month		CLOSED 3/
48	South						
49	40°10' - 34°27' N. lat.	CLOSED 3/			400 lb/ month		CLOSED 3/
50	South of 34°27' N. lat.	CLOSED 3/			400 lb/ month		CLOSED 3/

1/ Trip limits apply coastwide unless otherwise specified. "North" means 40°10' N lat to the U.S. - Canada border

"South" means 40°10' N lat to the U.S. - Mexico border. 40°10' N lat is about 20 nm south of Cape Mendocino, CA.

2/ "Other flatfish" means all flatfish at 50 CFR 660.302 except those in this Table 4 with a trip limit.

3/ Closed means that it is prohibited to take, retain, possess, or land the designated species in the time or area indicated. (See IV.A. (7).)

4/ Yellowtail rockfish and POP in the south, and bocaccio, and chilipepper rockfishes in the north are included in the trip limits for minor shelf rockfish in the appropriate area (Table 2).

5/ The "per trip" limit for black rockfish off Washington also applies. See paragraph IV.B.(4).

6/ See IV.C.(4) for limits specific to Pacific City, Oregon.

7/ The size limit for lingcod is 24 inches (61 cm) in the north, and 26 inches (66 cm) in the south, total length.

8/ See IV.C.(5) for limits specific to the salmon troll fishery.

To convert pounds to kilograms, divide by 2.20462, the number of pounds in one kilogram.

Classification

These actions are authorized by the regulations implementing the FMP and the annual specifications and management measures published at 66 FR 2338 (January 11, 2001), as amended at 66 FR 10208 (February 14, 2001), at 66 FR 18409 (April 9, 2001), at 66 FR 22467 (May 4, 2001), and at 66 FR 286767 (May 24, 2001), and are based on the most recent data available.

The Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, NOAA, (AA) finds good cause to waive the requirement to provide prior notice and comment on this action pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 553 (b)(3)(B), providing prior notice and opportunity for comment would be impracticable. It would be impracticable because the groundfish cumulative landing limit period begins on July 1, 2001, and affording additional notice and opportunity for public comment would

impede the agency's responsibility under the FMP for managing fisheries to achieve OY. Increases to trip limits relieve restrictions on the public and decreases to trip limits must be implemented in a timely manner to stretch the season out as long as possible through the year, which is a major goal of the FMP. If the changes were delayed, a fisher may not be able to achieve the higher limit allowed during this cumulative landing limit period; thereby unnecessarily restricting the fisher. For species where cumulative landing limits have been lowered, a fisher may be able to achieve the pre-existing higher limits, and thus frustrate the conservation objectives of the cumulative landing limit changes, or force further reductions for the entire fleet later in the season. In short, the benefits to be obtained by making new limits effective during this cumulative landing limit period (either additional

fish available to the fisher, or reduced limits to protect a species) would not be available during this cumulative landing limit period.

In addition, the affected public had the opportunity to comment on these actions at the June 2001 Council meeting. For these reasons, good cause also exists to waive the 30-day delay in effectiveness requirement of 5 U.S.C. 553(d)

These actions are taken under the authority of 50 CFR 660.323 (b)(1), and are exempt from review under Executive Order 12866.

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

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