

forces, coupled by the distance between the back of head and the center of the neck, can also generate a moment at the neck load cell. Accordingly, an extension moment without appreciable head translation is not an unrealistic event. Based on this review, the agency agrees with Ford that the necks of the CRABI and the Hybrid III 3-year-old child dummies could produce extension moments with little or no head translation.

NHTSA believes that injury to the neck of a child can occur without appreciable head translation under the two conditions cited above. We feel that the human neck, under the loading conditions cited above, could produce moments at the occipital condyles with little or no head-to-torso rotation or head translation. Because of this, we also believe that the neck extension measurements in the specified compliance tests do not require special or different instructions and procedures for their analysis, beyond those used for data treatment of FMVSS No. 208 and FMVSS No. 213 measurements. Furthermore, we feel that questions related to either the selection of injury criteria or interpretation of compliance test results should be resolved within the relevant safety standard rather than 49 CFR, part 572. In the FMVSS No. 213 notice of proposed rulemaking published May 1, 2002, the agency proposed a number of injury criteria to assure improved safety of children in child restraints systems. The agency will evaluate comments relative to the appropriate neck injury criteria for both the CRABI and the Hybrid III 3-year-old dummies in the context of that rulemaking.

Conclusion

For the reasons discussed above, the agency is denying both Ford petitions for reconsideration.

Authority: 49 U.S.C. 30162; delegations of authority at 49 CFR 1.50 and 49 CFR 501.8.

Issued on: March 14, 2003.

Stephen R. Kratzke,

Associate Administrator for Rulemaking.
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

50 CFR Part 660

[Docket No. 020311051-2135-02; I.D. 022002C]

RIN 0648-AN75

Fisheries Off West Coast States and in the Western Pacific; Western Pacific Pelagic Fisheries; Pelagic Longline Gear Restrictions, Seasonal Area Closure, and Other Sea Turtle Take Mitigation Measures; Correction

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

ACTION: Correction to a final rule.

SUMMARY: This document contains a correction to a final rule that was published on June 12, 2002.

DATES: Effective March 21, 2003.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Alvin Z. Katekaru, Pacific Islands Area Office, NMFS, 808-973-2937.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On June 12, 2002 (67 FR 40232), NMFS published a final rule in the **Federal Register** that implements the reasonable and prudent alternative of the March 29, 2001, Biological Opinion issued by NMFS under the Endangered Species Act. Section 660.22(ss) contains an incorrect reference.

Correction

In the rule FR Doc. 02-14749, in the issue of Wednesday, June 12, 2002 (67 FR 40232), on page 40236, under (ss) on the eighth line of the first column, change “§ 660.33(h)” to “§ 660.33(i)”.

Dated: March 18, 2003.

Rebecca Lent,

Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

50 CFR Part 679

[Docket No. 021212306-2306-01; I.D. 031703B]

Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pollock in Statistical Area 610 of the Gulf of Alaska

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

ACTION: Modification of a closure.

SUMMARY: NMFS is opening directed fishing for pollock in Statistical Area 610 of the Gulf of Alaska (GOA) for 24 hours. This action is necessary to fully use the B season allowance of the total allowable catch (TAC) of pollock specified for Statistical Area 610.

DATES: Effective 1200 hrs, Alaska local time (A.l.t.), March 18, 2003, through 1200 hrs, A.l.t., March 19, 2003.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mary Furuness, 907-586-7228.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: NMFS manages the groundfish fishery in the GOA exclusive economic zone 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-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act. Regulations governing fishing by U.S. vessels in accordance with the FMP appear at subpart H of 50 CFR part 600 and 50 CFR part 679.

NMFS closed the B season directed fishery for pollock in Statistical Area 610 of the GOA under § 679.20(d)(1)(iii) on March 11, 2003 (68 FR 11994, March 13, 2003).

NMFS has determined that, approximately 1,500 mt of pollock remain in the B season directed fishing allowance. Therefore, in accordance with § 679.25(a)(2)(i)(C) and (a)(2)(iii)(D), and to fully utilize the B season allowance of pollock TAC specified for Statistical Area 610, NMFS is terminating the previous closure and is reopening directed fishing for pollock in Statistical Area 610 of the GOA. In accordance with § 679.20(d)(1)(iii), the Regional Administrator finds that this directed fishing allowance will be reached after 24 hours. Consequently, NMFS is prohibiting directed fishing for pollock in Statistical Area 610 of the GOA effective 1200 hrs, A.l.t., March 19, 2003.