

Flooding source(s)	Location of referenced elevation	* Elevation in feet (NGVD) + Elevation in feet (NAVD) # Depth in feet above ground modified	Communities affected
Woodleaf Branch (West) .....	At the confluence of South Fork Withrow Creek and Weathers Creek. Approximately 50 feet downstream of the Rowan/Iredell County boundary. Approximately 450 feet upstream of the Rowan/Iredell County boundary.	+746 +765 +767	Unincorporated Areas of Iredell County.

\* National Geodetic Vertical Datum.  
+ North American Vertical Datum.  
# Depth in feet above ground.

**ADDRESSES**

**City of Statesville**

Maps are available for inspection at City of Statesville Planning Department, 301 South Center Street, Statesville, North Carolina.

**Town of Mooresville**

Maps are available for inspection at Town of Mooresville Planning Department, 413 North Main Street, Mooresville, North Carolina.

**Town of Troutman**

Maps are available for inspection at the Troutman Town Hall, 400 North Eastway Drive, Troutman, North Carolina 28166.

**Unincorporated Areas of Iredell County**

Maps are available for inspection at the Iredell County Planning Department, City Hall, 227 South Center Street, Statesville, North Carolina 28687.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance No. 97.022, "Flood Insurance.")

Dated: October 1, 2007.

**David I. Maurstad,**

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

**50 CFR Part 679**

[Docket No. 070213032-7032-01]

**RIN 0648-XD07**

**Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pacific Ocean Perch in the Western Regulatory Area of the Gulf of Alaska**

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

**ACTION:** Temporary rule; prohibition of retention.

**SUMMARY:** NMFS is prohibiting retention of Pacific ocean perch in the Western Regulatory Area of the Gulf of Alaska (GOA). NMFS is requiring that Pacific ocean perch caught in this area be treated in the same manner as

prohibited species and discarded at sea with a minimum of injury. This action is necessary because the 2007 total allowable catch (TAC) of Pacific ocean perch in this area has been reached.

**DATES:** Effective 1200 hrs, Alaska local time (A.l.t.), October 3, 2007, until 2400 hrs, A.l.t., December 31, 2007.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jennifer Hogan, 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.

The 2007 TAC of Pacific ocean perch in the Western Regulatory Area of the GOA is 4,244 metric tons as established by the 2007 and 2008 harvest specifications for groundfish of the GOA (72 FR 9676, March 5, 2007).

In accordance with § 679.20(d)(2), the Administrator, Alaska Region, NMFS, has determined that the Pacific ocean perch TAC in the Western Regulatory Area of the GOA has been reached. Therefore, NMFS is requiring that Pacific ocean perch caught in the Western Regulatory Area of the GOA be treated as prohibited species in accordance with § 679.21(b).

**Classification**

This action responds to the best available information recently obtained from the fishery. The Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, NOAA (AA), finds good cause to waive the requirement to provide prior notice and opportunity for public comment pursuant to the authority set forth at 5 U.S.C. 553(b)(B) as such requirement is impracticable and contrary to the public interest. This requirement is impracticable and contrary to the public interest as it would prevent NMFS from responding to the most recent fisheries data in a timely fashion and would delay the prohibition of retention of Pacific ocean perch in the Western Regulatory Area of the GOA. NMFS was unable to publish a notice providing time for public comment because the most recent, relevant data only became available as of October 1, 2007.

The AA also finds good cause to waive the 30-day delay in the effective date of this action under 5 U.S.C. 553(d)(3). This finding is based upon the reasons provided above for waiver of prior notice and opportunity for public comment.

This action is required by § 679.20 and is exempt from review under Executive Order 12866.

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

Dated: October 2, 2007.

**Emily H. Menashes**

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

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