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Fisheries, Fishing, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

Dated: October 22, 2013.

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Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, performing the functions and duties of the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, National Marine Fisheries Service.

For the reasons stated in the preamble, 50 CFR part 648 is amended as follows:

PART 648—FISHERIES OF THE NORTHEASTERN UNITED STATES

1. The authority citation for part 648 continues to read as follows:

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

2. In § 648.94, suspend paragraph (b)(3)(i), add paragraph (b)(3)(iv) to read as follows:

§ 648.94 Monkfish possession and landing restrictions.

(b) * * * * *

(3) * * *

(iv) NFMA—(A) Category C and D vessels. Unless otherwise specified pursuant to paragraph (b)(i) of this section, there is no monkfish landing limit for limited access monkfish Category C or D vessels that are fishing under a NE multispecies DAS exclusively in the NFMA.

(B) Category F vessels. A limited access monkfish Category F vessel that is fishing under a NE multispecies DAS, and not a monkfish DAS, exclusively in the NFMA is subject to the incidental catch limit specified in paragraph (c)(1)(i) of this section.

(C) Vessels participating in the NE Multispecies Regular B DAS Program. Category C, D, F, G, and H vessels participating in the NE Multispecies Regular B DAS Program, as specified under § 648.85(b)(6), are subject to the incidental catch limit specified in paragraph (c)(1)(i) of this section.

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**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Josh Keaton, 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 2013 total allowable catch (TAC) of pollock in Statistical Area 630 of the GOA is 27,372 metric tons (mt) as established by the final 2013 and 2014 harvest specifications for groundfish of the GOA (78 FR 13162, February 26, 2013). The D season apportionment of the Statistical Area 630 pollock TAC is 9,378 mt.

In accordance with § 679.20(a)(5)(iv)(B), the Administrator, Alaska Region, NMFS (Regional Administrator) hereby reapportions 1,876 mt of the C season underharvest of pollock in Statistical Area 630 to the D season apportionment of the Statistical Area 630 pollock TAC. Therefore, the revised D season allowance of the pollock TAC in Statistical Area 630 is 11,254 mt (9,378 mt plus 1,876 mt) and the revised 2013 TAC in Statistical Area 630 is 29,248 mt (27,372 mt plus 1,876 mt).

NMFS closed directed fishing for pollock in Statistical Area 630 of the GOA under § 679.20(d)(1)(iii) on October 8, 2013 (78 FR 62005, October 11, 2013).

As of October 21, 2013, NMFS has determined that approximately 650 metric tons of pollock remain in the directed fishing allowance for pollock in Statistical Area 630 of the GOA. Therefore, in accordance with § 679.25(a)(1)(i), (a)(2)(i)(C), and (a)(2)(iii)(D), and to fully utilize the 2013 TAC of pollock in Statistical Area 630 of the GOA, NMFS is terminating the previous closure and is reopening directed fishing for pollock in Statistical Area 630 of the GOA, effective 1200 hrs, A.I.T., October 22, 2013.

The Administrator, Alaska Region (Regional Administrator) considered the following factors in reaching this decision: (1) The current catch of pollock in Statistical Area 630 of the GOA and, (2) the harvest capacity and stated intent on future harvesting patterns of vessels in participating in this fishery.

**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)(2). interested persons are invited to submit written comments on this action to the above address until November 6, 2013.

This action is required by § 679.25 and is exempt from review under Executive Order 12866.

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

Dated: October 22, 2013.

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