

**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES****Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services****42 CFR Part 413****Principles of Reasonable Cost Reimbursement; Payment for End-Stage Renal Disease Services; Prospectively Determined Payment Rates for Skilled Nursing Facilities; Payment for Acute Kidney Injury Dialysis****CFR Correction**

This rule is being published by the Office of the Federal Register to correct an editorial or technical error that appeared in the most recent annual revision of the Code of Federal Regulations.

In Title 42 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Parts 400 to 413, revised as of October 1, 2023, amend section 413.404 by reinstating paragraphs (b)(3)(ii)(C)(4) through (7) to read as follows:

**§ 413.404 Standard acquisition charge.**

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(b) \* \* \*

(3) \* \* \*

(ii) \* \* \*

(C) \* \* \*

(4) Costs of tissue typing services, including those furnished by independent laboratories.

(5) Organ preservation and perfusion costs.

(6) General routine and special care service costs (for example, intensive care unit or critical care unit services related to the donor).

(7) Operating room and other inpatient ancillary service costs.

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE****National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration****50 CFR Part 679**

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**Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands; Final 2024 and 2025 Harvest Specifications for Groundfish**

**AGENCY:** National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and

Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

**ACTION:** Final rule; harvest specifications and closures.

**SUMMARY:** NMFS announces the final 2024 and 2025 harvest specifications, apportionments, and prohibited species catch (PSC) allowances for the groundfish fishery of the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands management area (BSAI). This action is necessary to establish harvest limits for groundfish during the remainder of the 2024 and the start of the 2025 fishing years and to accomplish the goals and objectives of the Fishery Management Plan for Groundfish of the BSAI (FMP). The 2024 harvest specifications supersede those previously set in the final 2023 and 2024 harvest specifications, and the 2025 harvest specifications will be superseded in early 2025 when the final 2025 and 2026 harvest specifications are published. The intended effect of this action is to conserve and manage the groundfish resources in the BSAI in accordance with the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (Magnuson-Stevens Act).

**DATES:** Harvest specifications and closures are effective from 1200 hours, Alaska local time (A.l.t.), March 11, 2024, through 2400 hours, A.l.t., December 31, 2025.

**ADDRESSES:** Electronic copies of the Alaska Groundfish Harvest Specifications Final Environmental Impact Statement (Final EIS), Record of Decision (ROD), and the annual Supplementary Information Reports (SIR) to the Final EIS prepared for this action are available from <https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/region/alaska>. The 2023 Stock Assessment and Fishery Evaluation (SAFE) report for the groundfish resources of the BSAI, dated November 2023, as well as the SAFE reports for previous years, are available from the North Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) at 1007 West Third Ave., Suite 400, Anchorage, AK 99501, phone 907-271-2809, or from the Council's website at <https://www.npfmc.org/>, and the Alaska Fisheries Science Center website at <https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/alaska/population-assessments/north-pacific-groundfish-stock-assessments-and-fishery-evaluation>.

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Federal regulations at 50 CFR part 679 implement the FMP and govern the groundfish fisheries in the BSAI. The Council prepared, and NMFS approved, the FMP pursuant to the Magnuson-

Stevens Act. General regulations governing U.S. fisheries also appear at 50 CFR part 600.

The FMP and its implementing regulations require NMFS, after consultation with the Council, to specify annually the total allowable catch (TAC) for each target species category. The sum of all TACs for groundfish species in the BSAI must be within the optimum yield (OY) range of 1.4 million to 2.0 million metric tons (mt) (see §§ 679.20(a)(1)(i)(A) and 679.20(a)(2)). This final rule specifies the sum of the TAC at 2.0 million mt for 2024 and 2.0 million mt for 2025. NMFS also must specify: (1) apportionments of TAC; (2) prohibited species catch (PSC) allowances and prohibited species quota (PSQ) reserves established by § 679.21; (3) seasonal allowances of pollock, Pacific cod, and Atka mackerel TAC; (4) American Fisheries Act (AFA) allocations; (5) Amendment 80 allocations; (6) Community Development Quota (CDQ) reserve amounts established by § 679.20(b)(1)(ii); (7) acceptable biological catch (ABC) surpluses and reserves for CDQ groups and any Amendment 80 cooperatives for flathead sole, rock sole, and yellowfin sole; and (8) halibut discard mortality rates (DMR). The final harvest specifications set forth in tables 1 through 26 of this action satisfy these requirements.

Section 679.20(c)(3)(i) further requires that NMFS consider public comment on the proposed harvest specifications and, after consultation with the Council, publish final harvest specifications in the **Federal Register**. The proposed 2024 and 2025 harvest specifications for the groundfish fishery of the BSAI were published in the **Federal Register** on December 5, 2023 (88 FR 84278). Comments were invited and accepted through January 4, 2024. As discussed in the Response to Comments section below, NMFS received 5 letters raising 17 distinct comments during the public comment period for the proposed BSAI groundfish harvest specifications. NMFS's responses are addressed in the Response to Comments section below.

NMFS consulted with the Council on the final 2024 and 2025 harvest specifications during the December 2023 Council meeting. After considering public comments during public meetings and submitted for the proposed rule (88 FR 84278, December 5, 2023), as well as current biological, ecosystem, and socioeconomic data, NMFS implements in this final rule the final 2024 and 2025 harvest specifications as recommended by the Council.