

**DATES:** Effective 1200 hours, Alaska local time (A.l.t.), October 31, 2025, through 2400 hours, A.l.t., December 31, 2025.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Steve Whitney, 907–586–7228.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** NMFS manages the groundfish fishery in the BSAI exclusive economic zone according to the Fishery Management Plan (FMP) for Groundfish of the BSAI prepared and recommended by the North Pacific Fishery Management Council under authority of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (Magnuson-Stevens 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 2025 TAC of Pacific ocean perch, in the CAI, allocated to vessels participating in the BSAI trawl limited access sector fishery was established as a directed fishing allowance of 490 metric tons by the final 2025 and 2026 harvest specifications for groundfish in the BSAI (90 FR 12640, March 18, 2025).

In accordance with § 679.20(d)(1)(iii), the Regional Administrator finds that this directed fishing allowance has been or will be reached. Consequently, NMFS is prohibiting directed fishing for Pacific ocean perch in the CAI by vessels participating in the BSAI trawl limited access sector fishery to prevent exceeding this sector's allocation of Pacific ocean perch in the CAI. While this closure is effective, the maximum retainable amounts at § 679.20(e) and (f) apply at any time during a trip.

#### Classification

NMFS issues this action pursuant to section 305(d) of the Magnuson-Stevens Act. This action is required by 50 CFR part 679, which was issued pursuant to section 304(b) of the Magnuson-Stevens Act, and is exempt from review under Executive Order 12866.

Pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 553(b)(B), there is good cause to waive prior notice and an opportunity for public comment on this action, as notice and comment would be 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 closure of the Pacific ocean perch directed fishing in the CAI for vessels participating in the BSAI trawl limited access sector fishery. NMFS was unable to publish a notice providing time for public comment because the most recent, relevant data on Pacific ocean perch harvest in the

CAI for vessels participating in the BSAI trawl limited access sector only became available as of October 28, 2025.

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

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

**Dated:** October 30, 2025.

**Samuel D. Rauch III,**  
*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. 250312–0036; RTID 0648–XF220]

#### Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pacific Ocean Perch in the Western Aleutian District of the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area

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

**ACTION:** Temporary rule; closure.

**SUMMARY:** NMFS is prohibiting directed fishing for Pacific ocean perch in the Western Aleutian district (WAI) of the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands management area (BSAI) by vessels participating in the BSAI trawl limited access sector fishery. This action is necessary to prevent exceeding the 2025 total allowable catch (TAC) of Pacific ocean perch in the WAI allocated to vessels participating in the BSAI trawl limited access sector fishery.

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**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Steve Whitney, 907–586–7228.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** NMFS manages the groundfish fishery in the BSAI exclusive economic zone according to the Fishery Management Plan (FMP) for Groundfish of the BSAI prepared and recommended by the North Pacific Fishery Management Council under authority of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery

Conservation and Management Act (Magnuson-Stevens 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 2025 TAC of Pacific ocean perch in the WAI allocated to vessels participating in the BSAI trawl limited access sector fishery was established as a directed fishing allowance of 205 metric tons by the final 2025 and 2026 harvest specifications for groundfish in the BSAI (90 FR 12640, March 18, 2025).

In accordance with § 679.20(d)(1)(iii), the Regional Administrator finds that this directed fishing allowance will be or has been reached. Consequently, NMFS is prohibiting directed fishing for Pacific ocean perch in the WAI by vessels participating in the BSAI trawl limited access sector fishery to prevent exceeding the directed fishing allowance for Pacific ocean perch in the WAI by these vessels. While this closure is effective, the maximum retainable amounts at § 679.20(e) and (f) apply at any time during a trip.

#### Classification

NMFS issues this action pursuant to section 305(d) of the Magnuson-Stevens Act. This action is required by 50 CFR part 679, which was issued pursuant to section 304(b) of the Magnuson-Stevens Act, and is exempt from review under Executive Order 12866.

Pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 553(b)(B), there is good cause to waive prior notice and an opportunity for public comment on this action, as notice and comment would be 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 closure of directed fishing for Pacific ocean perch in the WAI by vessels participating in the BSAI trawl limited access sector fishery. NMFS was unable to publish a notice providing time for public comment because the most recent, relevant data regarding Pacific ocean perch catch in the WAI by these vessels only became available as of October 28, 2025.

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

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

Dated: October 30, 2025.

**Samuel D. Rauch III,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

#### 50 CFR Part 679

[Docket No. 250312–0036, RTID 0648–  
XF245]

#### **Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Atka Mackerel in the Central Aleutian District of the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area**

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

**ACTION:** Temporary rule; closure.

**SUMMARY:** NMFS is prohibiting directed  
fishing for Atka mackerel in the Central  
Aleutian district (CAI) of the Bering Sea  
and Aleutian Islands management area  
(BSAI) by vessels participating in the  
BSAI trawl limited access sector fishery.  
This action is necessary to prevent  
exceeding the 2025 total allowable catch  
(TAC) of Atka mackerel in the CAI  
allocated to vessels participating in the  
BSAI trawl limited access sector fishery.

**DATES:** Effective 1200 hours, Alaska  
local time (A.l.t.), October 31, 2025,

through 2400 hours, A.l.t., December 31,  
2025.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**  
Steve Whitney, 907–586–7228.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** NMFS  
manages the groundfish fishery in the  
BSAI exclusive economic zone  
according to the Fishery Management  
Plan (FMP) for Groundfish of the BSAI  
prepared and recommended by the  
North Pacific Fishery Management  
Council under authority of the  
Magnuson-Stevens Fishery  
Conservation and Management Act  
(Magnuson-Stevens 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 2025 TAC of Atka mackerel, in  
the CAI, allocated to vessels  
participating in the BSAI trawl limited  
access sector fishery was established as  
a directed fishing allowance of 2,173  
metric tons by the final 2025 and 2026  
harvest specifications for groundfish in  
the BSAI (90 FR 12640, March 18,  
2025).

In accordance with § 679.20(d)(1)(iii),  
the Regional Administrator finds that  
this directed fishing allowance has been  
or will be reached. Consequently, NMFS  
is prohibiting directed fishing for Atka  
mackerel in the CAI by vessels  
participating in the BSAI trawl limited  
access sector fishery to prevent  
exceeding this sector's allocation of  
Atka mackerel in the CAI. While this  
closure is effective, the maximum  
retainable amounts at § 679.20(e) and (f)  
apply at any time during a trip.

## Classification

NMFS issues this action pursuant to  
section 305(d) of the Magnuson-Stevens  
Act. This action is required by 50 CFR  
part 679, which was issued pursuant to  
section 304(b) of the Magnuson-Stevens  
Act, and is exempt from review under  
Executive Order 12866.

Pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 553(b)(B), there  
is good cause to waive prior notice and  
an opportunity for public comment on  
this action, as notice and comment  
would be 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 closure of the Atka  
mackerel directed fishing in the CAI for  
vessels participating in the BSAI trawl  
limited access sector fishery. NMFS was  
unable to publish a notice providing  
time for public comment because the  
most recent, relevant data on Atka  
mackerel harvest in the CAI by vessels  
participating in the BSAI trawl limited  
access sector only became available as  
of October 28, 2025.

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

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

Dated: October 30, 2025.

**Samuel D. Rauch III,**

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