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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; 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.

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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.*

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