

Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Area (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 2003 red king crab bycatch allowance specified for Zone 1 of the BSAI trawl yellowfin sole fishery category, which is defined at § 679.21(e)(3)(iv)(B)(1), is 16,664 animals (68 FR 9907, March 3, 2003).

In accordance with § 679.21(e)(7)(ii), the Administrator, Alaska Region, NMFS (Regional Administrator), has determined that the 2003 bycatch allowance of red king crab specified for the trawl yellowfin sole fishery in Zone 1 of the BSAI has been reached. Consequently, the Regional Administrator is closing directed fishing for yellowfin sole by vessels using trawl gear in Zone 1 of the BSAI.

Maximum retainable amounts may be found in the regulations at § 679.20(e) and (f).

#### 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 contrary to the public interest. This requirement is contrary to the public interest as it would delay the closure of the fishery, lead to exceeding the 2003 bycatch allowance of red king crab specified for the trawl yellowfin sole fishery in Zone 1 of the BSAI, and therefore reduce the public's ability to use and enjoy the fishery resource.

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 50 CFR 679.21 and is exempt from review under Executive Order 12866.

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

Dated: May 21, 2003.

#### Bruce C. Morehead.

*Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.*  
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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

#### 50 CFR Part 679

[Docket No. 030128021-3124-02; I.D. 121602A]

RIN: 0648-AQ45

#### Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Opening Waters to Pacific Cod Pot Fishing off Cape Barnabas and Caton Island

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

**ACTION:** Final rule.

**SUMMARY:** NMFS issues a final rule to allow use of pot gear in waters around Cape Barnabas and Caton Island located in the Gulf of Alaska (GOA) for directed fishing for Pacific cod. Waters within 3 nautical miles (nm) of these sites currently are closed to Pacific cod fishing by vessels using pot gear and named on a Federal fisheries permit. This action is necessary to provide consistency between State and Federal fishing restrictions and to relieve a potential burden on the Pacific cod pot gear fishing sector. This final rule is intended to meet the objectives in the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (Magnuson-Stevens Act) and to further the goals and objectives of the Fishery Management Plan for Groundfish of the Gulf of Alaska (FMP).

**DATES:** Effective June 27, 2003.

**ADDRESSES:** Copies of the Environmental Assessment/Regulatory Impact Review/Initial Regulatory Flexibility Analysis (EA/RIR/IRFA) prepared for this action and the Final Regulatory Flexibility Analysis (FRFA) may be obtained from NMFS, Alaska Region, P.O. Box 21668, Juneau, AK 99802-1668, Attn: Lori Durall, or by calling (907) 586-7228.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Melanie Brown, (907) 586-7228 or [melanie.brown@noaa.gov](mailto:melanie.brown@noaa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** NMFS manages the domestic groundfish fisheries of the GOA under the FMP. The North Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) prepared the FMP under the Magnuson-Stevens Act. Regulations governing the groundfish fisheries of the GOA appear at 50 CFR parts 600 and 679.

The background regarding this action, including the Steller sea lion protection

measures, the Council action, U. S. District Court orders, and the State of Alaska fishery restrictions, is detailed in the preamble to the proposed rule (68 FR 7750, February 18, 2003). This final rule removes restrictions on using pot gear for directed fishing for Pacific cod by vessels named on a Federal groundfish fishing permit in waters within 3 nm of Cape Barnabas and Caton Island. Accordingly, Table 5 to part 679 is revised by removing the 3 nm restriction in column 9 for Caton Island and Cape Barnabas.

No comments were received on the proposed rule.

#### Changes in the Final Rule From the Proposed Rule

This final rule revises Table 5 to part 679 from the proposed rule. Since the proposed rule was published on February 18, 2003, (68 FR 7750), NMFS published a correction to the Steller sea lion protection measures (SSL correction) at 68 FR 24615, May 08, 2003. The corrections to Table 5 in the SSL correction were not included in the proposed rule for this action. To ensure the corrections to Table 5 from the SSL correction remain in the Code of Federal Regulations, Table 5 in this final rule is revised from the proposed rule to include those revisions that were published in the SSL correction. For details on these revisions, see the preamble to the SSL correction (68 FR 24615).

#### Classification

The Administrator, Alaska Region, NMFS has determined that removing restrictions on directed fishing for Pacific cod using pot gear within 3 nm of Caton Island and Cape Barnabas is necessary for the conservation and management of the Pacific cod pot gear fishery and is consistent with the Magnuson-Stevens Act and other applicable laws.

This final rule has been determined to be not significant for purposes of Executive Order 12866.

Species listed under the Endangered Species Act (ESA) are present in the action area. This action is not expected to result in increases of Pacific cod harvest beyond those experienced with the opening of the State parallel fishery in these areas. With no additional removals of Pacific cod expected, informal ESA consultation completed on December 11, 2001, concluded that this action is not likely to adversely affect listed species or critical habitat.

NMFS has prepared a FRFA for this action pursuant to Section 604(a) of the Regulatory Flexibility Act. The need for and objectives of this action have been

discussed earlier in detail in the preamble to the proposed rule (68 FR 7750, February 18, 2003).

NMFS prepared an IRFA that describes the impact this action may have on small entities. This action is necessary to provide consistency between State and Federal fishing restrictions and to relieve a potential burden on the Pacific cod pot gear fishing sector. This action is expected to affect six regulated small entities by removing a fishing restriction. These entities are the pot vessels fishing for Pacific cod in the waters within 3 nm of the two haulouts. This action does not impose new reporting, recordkeeping or other compliance requirements on regulated small entities. No Federal rules exist that duplicate, overlap or conflict with the proposed rule. This action does not have any adverse impacts on regulated small entities. No significant alternatives to the proposed rule exist that would have lower economic impacts on these entities.

Two alternatives were considered for the Caton Island and Cape Barnabas pot fishing vessels: (1) No exemption for these vessels (status quo) and (2) exempt pot fishing vessels from SSL closures from 0 to 3 nm around Caton Island and Cape Barnabas. Alternative 1 is the baseline alternative, and federally permitted vessels using pot gear for Pacific cod directed fishing would continue to be prohibited from fishing within 3 nm of the Caton Island and Cape Barnabas haulouts. Also, the status quo would not provide consistency between Federal and State regulations governing fishing restrictions within Steller sea lion protection areas. The preferred alternative would allow federally-permitted vessels used to participate in the GOA Pacific cod pot fishery to fish within 3 nm of the haulouts at Caton Island and Cape Barnabas. This would reduce the Pacific cod revenues placed "at risk" by the restrictions of the status quo alternative by up to \$63,000. The areas in question are small parts of larger fishing areas, and fishermen may currently be making up a large part of the harvest foreclosed by the restrictions by fishing elsewhere. This alternative is not believed to create jeopardy for the Steller sea lions or adversely modify its critical habitat. This alternative would not trigger Executive Order 12866 significance criteria since the maximum revenue impact is likely to be \$63,000 at the outside.

NMFS Alaska Fisheries Science Center (AFSC) data show that, in 2000, 252 pot catcher vessels and four pot catcher/processors fished for groundfish

in the GOA. The numbers fishing near the waters that are opened under this action are smaller. An examination of the numbers of vessels fishing for Pacific cod with pot gear in state waters within the South Peninsula management area (the location of the Caton Island haulout) found 31 in 1999 and 51 in 2000. An examination of the numbers fishing in the Kodiak management area (the location of the Cape Barnabas haulout) found 41 in 1999 and 44 in 2000. An estimated six vessels actually fished within the Caton Island and Cape Barnabas haulouts in each of those years. Information on gross revenues from the AFSC indicates that all vessels fishing for Pacific cod with pots in the GOA are classified as small entities according to Small Business Administration criteria.

At its October 2001 meeting, the Council recommended SSL protection measures for 2002 and beyond. These measures were developed by a Council-appointed committee. In developing its recommendations, the SSL Committee first assessed the needs of Steller sea lions to avoid jeopardy or destruction or adverse modification of their critical habitat based on the best scientific information available. The SSL Committee then crafted groundfish fisheries management measures that first provided protection for Steller sea lions. If some flexibility existed, the measures were crafted to minimize adverse economic impacts to affected fishermen and fishing communities, as long as protection for Steller sea lions was maintained, as required by the ESA.

These recommendations included a revised harvest control rule for pollock, Pacific cod, and Atka mackerel; closed areas and seasons based on the location, fishery, and gear type; critical habitat harvest limits for the pollock and Atka mackerel fisheries in certain areas of critical habitat; and requirements to allow for monitoring of pollock, Pacific cod, and Atka mackerel directed fishing. The recommendations of the SSL Committee were further modified by the Council.

In November 2001, the Alaska Board of Fisheries (BOF) reviewed the Council's recommendation for Steller sea lion protection measures. These measures generally consist of fishery or gear specific directed fishing closures within 3, 10, or 20 nautical miles (nm) of Steller sea lion rookeries or haulouts. NMFS and the Council expected that the BOF would mirror these regulations in State waters during the parallel fisheries for pollock, Atka mackerel, and Pacific cod. This is necessary to implement the protection measures that

included fishery prohibitions that extended into State waters.

The BOF responded by authorizing the Commissioner of the Alaska Department of Fish and Game, through emergency order, to open and close seasons and areas as necessary to mirror federal regulations for the purpose of protecting Steller sea lions. However, the BOF did provide two exemptions for vessels fishing for Pacific cod with pot gear around the Caton Island and Cape Barnabas haulouts.

The two exceptions in the parallel fishery would allow directed fishing for Pacific cod with pot gear between 0–3 nm of the Caton Island and Cape Barnabas haulouts. The proposed action recommended by the Council, and assessed in the 2001 Biological Opinion (BiOp), closed 0–3 nm to all gear types except vessels using jig gear. Thus, the BOF action authorizes pot gear fishing within 0–3 nm of two haulouts that was not considered or assessed in the 2001 BiOp.

The rationale stated by the BOF for this discrepancy was that few animals have been seen at these two sites over the last decade; these sites are haulouts instead of rookeries; and that other sites in the region would remain closed to pot gear fishing inside 3 nm of haulouts. Hook-and-line gear was not included in the exemption because this gear type is not authorized in the State-managed Pacific cod fishery.

Because the BOF action did not contain these Caton Island and Cape Barnabas closures, the SSL protection measures under state regulations were not consistent with Federal rules because they allowed vessels without a federal fishing permit to fish in those areas under Alaska State law. This resulted in conflicting Federal and State regulations, as well as being different from the action that was consulted on under the ESA. In November, 2001, NMFS informally consulted on these changes and determined that they were not of sufficient extent to re-initiate formal consultation under the ESA. NMFS informed the Council at its February 2002 meeting that no new scientific analyses were necessary in order to consider the BOF action on GOA haulouts, therefore, the Council requested that an analysis be developed immediately for an action to remove fishing restrictions around these sites.

A copy of the FRFA is available from NMFS (see **ADDRESSES**).

#### **List of Subjects in 50 CFR Part 679**

Alaska, Fisheries, Recordkeeping and reporting requirements.

Dated: May 21, 2003.

**Rebecca Lent,**

*Deputy Assistant Administrator for  
Regulatory Programs, National Marine  
Fisheries Service.*

■ For the reasons discussed in the preamble, 50 CFR part 679 is amended as follows:

**PART 679—FISHERIES OF THE  
EXCLUSIVE ECONOMIC ZONE OFF  
ALASKA**

■ 1. The authority citation for 50 CFR part 679 continues to read as follows:

**Authority:** 16 U.S.C. 773 *et seq.*, 1801 *et seq.*, and 3631 *et seq.*; Title II of Division C,

Pub. L. 105–277; Sec. 3027, Pub. L. 106–31; 113 Stat. 57; 16 U.S.C. 1540(F); and Sec. 209, Pub. L. 106–554.

■ 2. Table 5 to part 679 is revised to read as follows:

**Table 5 to 50 CFR Part 679 Steller Sea Lion Protection Areas Pacific Cod Fisheries Restrictions**

Column Number 1	2	3	4		5		6		7	8	9
			Boundaries from		Boundaries to <sup>1</sup>		Pacific Cod No-fishing Zones for Trawl <sup>2,3</sup> Gear <sup>2,3</sup> (nm)	Pacific Cod No-fishing Zone for Hook-and-Line Gear <sup>2,3</sup> (nm)			
Site Name	Area or Subarea	Latitude	Longitude	Latitude	Longitude	Latitude			Longitude		
St. Lawrence I./S Punuk I.	BS	63 04.00 N	168 51.00 W			20		20		20	
St. Lawrence I./SW Cape	BS	63 18.00 N	171 26.00 W			20		20		20	
Hall I.	BS	60 37.00 N	173 00.00 W			20		20		20	
St. Paul I./Sea Lion Rock	BS	57 06.00 N	170 17.50 W			3		3		3	
St. Paul I./NE Pt.	BS	57 15.00 N	170 06.50 W			3		3		3	
Walrus I. (Pribilofs)	BS	57 11.00 N	169 56.00 W			10		10		3	
St. George I./Dalnoi Pt.	BS	56 36.00 N	169 46.00 W			3		3		3	
St. George I./S. Rookery	BS	56 33.50 N	169 40.00 W			3		3		3	
Cape Newenham	BS	58 39.00 N	162 10.50 W			20		20		20	
Round (Walrus Islands)	BS	58 36.00 N	159 58.00 W			20		20		20	
Attu I./Cape Wrangel <sup>11</sup>	AI	52 54.60 N	172 27.90 E	52 55.40 N	172 27.20 E	20, 10		20, 10		3	
Agattu I./Gillon Pt. <sup>11</sup>	AI	52 24.13 N	173 21.31 E			20, 10		20, 10		3	
Attu I./Chirikof Pt. <sup>11</sup>	AI	52 49.75 N	173 26.00 E			20, 3		20, 3		3	
Agattu I./Cape Sabak <sup>11</sup>	AI	52 22.50 N	173 43.30 E	52 21.80 N	173 41.40 E	20, 10		20, 10		3	
Alaid I. <sup>11</sup>	AI	52 46.50 N	173 51.50 E	52 45.00 N	173 56.50 E	20, 3		20, 3		3	

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Shemya I. <sup>11</sup>	AI	52 44.00 N	174 08.70 E	52 44.00 N	174 08.70 E	52 20.38 N	175 53.85 E	20, 3	10	10
Buldir I. <sup>11</sup>	AI	52 20.25 N	175 54.03 E	52 20.25 N	175 54.03 E	51 53.50 N	177 12.00 E	20, 10	10	10
Kiska I./Cape St. Stephen <sup>11</sup>	AI	51 52.50 N	177 12.70 E	51 52.50 N	177 12.70 E	51 48.50 N	177 20.50 E	20, 10	3	3
Kiska I. Sobaka & Vega <sup>11</sup>	AI	51 49.50 N	177 19.00 E	51 49.50 N	177 19.00 E	51 57.24 N	177 20.53 E	20, 3	3	3
Kiska I./Lief Cove <sup>11</sup>	AI	51 57.16 N	177 20.41 E	51 57.16 N	177 20.41 E	52 08.50 N	177 36.50 E	20, 10	3	3
Kiska I./Sirius Pt. <sup>11</sup>	AI	52 08.50 N	177 36.50 E	52 08.50 N	177 36.50 E	51 56.80 N	177 46.80 E	20, 3	3	3
Tanadak I. (Kiska) <sup>11</sup>	AI	51 56.80 N	177 46.80 E	51 56.80 N	177 46.80 E	52 03.06 N	178 08.80 E	20, 3	3	3
Segula I. <sup>11</sup>	AI	51 59.90 N	178 05.80 E	51 59.90 N	178 05.80 E	51 45.36 N	178 24.30 E	20, 10	3	3
Ayugadak Point <sup>11</sup>	AI	51 45.36 N	178 24.30 E	51 45.36 N	178 24.30 E	51 49.98 N	178 12.35 E	20, 3	3	3
Rat I./Krysi Pt. <sup>11</sup>	AI	51 49.98 N	178 12.35 E	51 49.98 N	178 12.35 E	51 59.30 N	178 29.80 E	20, 3	3	3
Little Sitkin I. <sup>11</sup>	AI	51 59.30 N	178 29.80 E	51 59.30 N	178 29.80 E	51 32.32 N	178 49.28 E	20, 3	3	3
Amchitka I./Column <sup>11</sup>	AI	51 32.32 N	178 49.28 E	51 32.32 N	178 49.28 E	51 22.26 N	179 27.93 E	20, 10	3	3
Amchitka I./East Cape <sup>11</sup>	AI	51 22.26 N	179 27.93 E	51 22.26 N	179 27.93 E	51 24.46 N	179 24.21 E	20, 10	3	3
Amchitka I./Cape Ivakin <sup>11</sup>	AI	51 24.46 N	179 24.21 E	51 24.46 N	179 24.21 E	52 01.40 N	179 36.90 E	20, 3	3	3
Semisopchnoi/Petrel Pt. <sup>11</sup>	AI	52 01.40 N	179 36.90 E	52 01.40 N	179 36.90 E	51 57.30 N	179 39.00 E	20, 10	3	3
Semisopchnoi I./Pochnoi Pt. <sup>11</sup>	AI	51 57.30 N	179 46.00 E	51 57.30 N	179 46.00 E	51 13.00 N	179 07.80 W	20, 10	3	3
Amatignak I./Nitrof Pt. <sup>11</sup>	AI	51 13.00 N	179 07.80 W	51 13.00 N	179 07.80 W	51 33.67 N	179 04.25 W	20, 3	3	3
Unalga & Dinkum Rocks <sup>11</sup>	AI	51 33.67 N	179 04.25 W	51 33.67 N	179 04.25 W	51 18.90 N	178 58.90 W	20, 3	3	3
Ulak I./Hasgox Pt. <sup>11</sup>	AI	51 18.90 N	178 58.90 W	51 18.90 N	178 58.90 W	51 34.50 N	178 51.73 W	20, 10	3	3
Kavalga I. <sup>11</sup>	AI	51 34.50 N	178 51.73 W	51 34.50 N	178 51.73 W			20, 3		

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Tag I. <sup>11</sup>	AI	51 33.50 N	178 34.50 W			20, 10	3	3		
Ugidak I. <sup>11</sup>	AI	51 34.95 N	178 30.45 W			20, 3				
Gramp Rock <sup>11</sup>	AI	51 28.87 N	178 20.58 W			20, 10	3	3		
Tanaga I./Bumpy Pt. <sup>11</sup>	AI	51 55.00 N	177 58.50 W	51 55.00 N	177 57.10 W	20,3				
Bobrof I.	AI	51 54.00 N	177 27.00 W			3				
Kanaga I./Ship Rock	AI	51 46.70 N	177 20.72 W			3				
Kanaga I./North Cape	AI	51 56.50 N	177 09.00 W			3				
Adak I.	AI	51 35.50 N	176 57.10 W	51 37.40 N	176 59.60 W	10	3	3		
Little Tanaga Strait	AI	51 49.09 N	176 13.90 W			3				
Great Sitkin I.	AI	52 06.00 N	176 10.50 W	52 06.60 N	176 07.00 W	3				
Anagaksik I.	AI	51 50.86 N	175 53.00 W			3				
Kasatochi I.	AI	52 11.11 N	175 31.00 W			10	3	3		
Atka I./N. Cape	AI	52 24.20 N	174 17.80 W			3				
Amlia I./Sviech. Harbor <sup>4</sup>	AI	52 01.80 N	173 23.90 W			3				
Sagigik I. <sup>4</sup>	AI	52 00.50 N	173 09.30 W			3				
Amlia I./East <sup>4</sup>	AI	52 05.70 N	172 59.00 W	52 05.75 N	172 57.50 W	3	20	20		
Tanadak I. (Amlia) <sup>4</sup>	AI	52 04.20 N	172 57.60 W			3	20	20		
Agligadak I. <sup>4</sup>	AI	52 06.09 N	172 54.23 W			20	20	20		
Seguam I./Saddleridge Pt. <sup>4</sup>	AI	52 21.05 N	172 34.40 W	52 21.02 N	172 33.60 W	10	20	20		
Seguam I./Finch Pt.	AI	52 23.40 N	172 27.70 W	52 23.25 N	172 24.30 W	3	20	20		
Seguam I./South Side	AI	52 21.60 N	172 19.30 W	52 15.55 N	172 31.22 W	3	20	20		
Annukta I. & Rocks	AI	52 27.25 N	171 17.90 W			3	20	20		

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Chagulak I.	AI	52 34.00 N	171 10.50 W			3		20	20	
Yunaska I.	AI	52 41.40 N	170 36.35 W			10		20	20	
Uliaga <sup>5, 14</sup>	BS	53 04.00 N	169 47.00 W	53 05.00 N	169 46.00 W	10		20	20	
Chuginadak <sup>14</sup>	GOA	52 46.70 N	169 41.90 W			20		20,10	20	
Kagamij <sup>5, 14</sup>	BS	53 02.10 N	169 41.00 W			10		20	20	
Samalga	GOA	52 46.00 N	169 15.00 W			20		10	20	
Adugak I. <sup>5</sup>	BS	52 54.70 N	169 10.50 W			10		BA	BA	
Umnak I./Cape Ashik <sup>5</sup>	BS	53 25.00 N	168 24.50 W			BA		BA	BA	
Ogchul I.	GOA	52 59.71 N	168 24.24 W			20		10	20	
Bogostof I./Fire I. <sup>5</sup>	BS	53 55.69 N	168 02.05 W			BA		BA	BA	
Polivnoi Rock <sup>9</sup>	GOA	53 15.96 N	167 57.99 W			20		10	20	
Emerald I. <sup>13, 9</sup>	GOA	53 17.50 N	167 51.50 W			20		10	20	
Unalaska/Cape Izigan <sup>9</sup>	GOA	53 13.64 N	167 39.37 W			20		10	20	
Unalaska/Bishop Pt. <sup>6, 13</sup>	BS	53 58.40 N	166 57.50 W			10		10	3	
Akutan I./Reef-lava <sup>6</sup>	BS	54 08.10 N	166 06.19 W	54 09.10 N	166 05.50 W	10		10	3	
Unalaska I./Cape Sedanka <sup>9</sup>	GOA	53 50.50 N	166 05.00 W			20		10	20	
Old Man Rocks <sup>9</sup>	GOA	53 52.20 N	166 04.90 W			20		10	20	
Akutan I./Cape Morgan <sup>9</sup>	GOA	54 03.39 N	165 59.65 W	54 03.70 N	166 03.68 W	20		10	20	
Akun I./Billings Head	BS	54 17.62 N	165 32.06 W	54 17.57 N	165 31.71 W	10		3	3	
Rootok <sup>9</sup>	GOA	54 03.90 N	165 31.90 W	54 02.90 N	165 29.50 W	20		10	20	
Tangimak I. <sup>9</sup>	GOA	54 12.00 N	165 19.40 W			20		10	20	
Tigalda/Rocks NE <sup>9</sup>	GOA	54 09.60 N	164 59.00 W	54 09.12 N	164 57.18 W	20		10	20	

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Uhimak/Cape Sartichef	BS	54 34.30 N	164 56.80 W					10	3	3
Aiktak <sup>2</sup>	GOA	54 10.99 N	164 51.15 W					20	10	20
Ugamak I. <sup>9</sup>	GOA	54 13.50 N	164 47.50 W	54 12.80 N	164 47.50 W			20	10	20
Round (GOA) <sup>9</sup>	GOA	54 12.05 N	164 46.60 W					20	10	20
Sea Lion Rock (Amak)	BS	55 27.82 N	163 12.10 W					10	7	7
Amak I. And rocks	BS	55 24.20 N	163 09.60 W	55 26.15 N	163 08.50 W			10	3	3
Bird I.	GOA	54 40.00 N	163 17.2 W					10		
Caton I.	GOA	54 22.70 N	162 21.30 W					3	3	
South Rocks	GOA	54 18.14 N	162 41.3 W					10		
Clubbing Rocks (S)	GOA	54 41.98 N	162 26.7 W					10	3	3
Clubbing Rocks (N)	GOA	54 42.75 N	162 26.7 W					10	3	3
Pinnacle Rock	GOA	54 46.06 N	161 45.85 W					3	3	3
Sushinoi Rocks	GOA	54 49.30 N	161 42.73 W					10		
Olga Rocks	GOA	55 00.45 N	161 29.81 W	54 59.09 N	161 30.89 W			10		
Jude I.	GOA	55 15.75 N	161 06.27 W					20		
Sea Lion Rocks (Shumagins)	GOA	55 04.70 N	160 31.04 W					3	3	3
Nagai I./Mountain Pt.	GOA	54 54.20 N	160 15.40 W	54 56.00 N	160 15.00 W			3	3	3
The Whaleback	GOA	55 16.82 N	160 05.04 W					3	3	3
Chernabura I.	GOA	54 45.18 N	159 32.99 W	54 45.87 N	159 35.74 W			20	3	3
Castle Rock	GOA	55 16.47 N	159 29.77 W					3	3	3
Atkins I.	GOA	55 03.20 N	159 17.40 W					20	3	3
Spitz I.	GOA	55 46.60 N	158 53.90 W					3	3	3



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			Boundaries from			Boundaries to <sup>1</sup>				
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Mitrofanía	GOA	55 50.20 N	158 41.90 W			3	3	3		
Kak	GOA	56 17.30 N	157 50.10 W			20	20	20		
Lighthouse Rocks	GOA	55 46.79 N	157 24.89 W			20	20	20		
Sutwik I.	GOA	56 31.05 N	157 20.47 W	56 32.00 N	157 21.00 W	20	20	20		
Chowiet I.	GOA	56 00.54 N	156 41.42 W	56 00.30 N	156 41.60 W	20	20	20		
Nagai Rocks	GOA	55 49.80 N	155 47.50 W			20	20	20		
Chirikof I.	GOA	55 46.50 N	155 39.50 W	55 46.44 N	155 43.46 W	20	20	20		
Puale Bay	GOA	57 40.60 N	155 23.10 W			10				
Kodiak/Cape Ikolik	GOA	57 17.20 N	154 47.50 W			3	3	3		
Takli I.	GOA	58 01.75 N	154 31.25 W			10				
Cape Kuliak	GOA	58 08.00 N	154 12.50 W			10				
Cape Gull	GOA	58 11.50 N	154 09.60 W	58 12.50 N	154 10.50 W	10				
Kodiak/Cape Ugat	GOA	57 52.41 N	153 50.97 W			10				
Sitkinak/Cape Sitkinak	GOA	56 34.30 N	153 50.96 W			10				
Shakun Rock	GOA	58 32.80 N	153 41.50 W			10				
Twoheaded I.	GOA	56 54.50 N	153 32.75 W	56 53.90 N	153 33.74 W	10				
Cape Douglas (Shaw I.)	GOA	59 00.00 N	153 22.50 W			10				
Kodiak/Cape Barnabas	GOA	57 10.20 N	152 53.05 W			3		3		
Kodiak/Gull Point <sup>7</sup>	GOA	57 21.45 N	152 36.30 W			10, 3				
Latax Rocks	GOA	58 40.10 N	152 31.30 W			10				
Ushagat I./SW	GOA	58 54.75	152 22.20 W			10				
Ugak I. <sup>7</sup>	GOA	57 23.60 N	152 17.50 W	57 21.90 N	152 17.40 W	10, 3				

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Sea Otter I.	GOA	58 31.15 N	152 13.30 W			10				
Long I.	GOA	57 46.82 N	152 12.90 W			10				
Sud I.	GOA	58 54.00 N	152 12.50 W			10				
Kodiak/Cape Chiniak	GOA	57 37.90 N	152 08.25 W			10				
Sugarloaf I.	GOA	58 53.25 N	152 02.40 W			20			10	10
Sea Lion Rocks (Marmot)	GOA	58 20.53 N	151 48.83 W			10			10	10
Marmot I. <sup>8</sup>	GOA	58 13.65 N	151 47.75 W		151 52.06 W	15, 20			10	10
Nagahut Rocks	GOA	59 06.00 N	151 46.30 W			10				
Perl	GOA	59 05.75 N	151 39.75 W			10				
Gore Point	GOA	59 12.00 N	150 58.00 W			10				
Outer (Pye) I.	GOA	59 20.50 N	150 23.00 W		150 24.50 W	20			10	10
Steep Point	GOA	59 29.05 N	150 15.40 W			10				
Seal Rocks (Kenai)	GOA	59 31.20 N	149 37.50 W			10				
Chiswell Islands	GOA	59 36.00 N	149 34.00 W			10				
Rugged Island	GOA	59 50.00 N	149 23.10 W			10				
Point Elfrington <sup>10,12</sup>	GOA	59 56.00 N	148 15.20 W			20				
Perry I. <sup>10</sup>	GOA	60 44.00 N	147 54.60 W							
The Needle <sup>10</sup>	GOA	60 06.64 N	147 36.17 W							
Point Eleanor <sup>10</sup>	GOA	60 35.00 N	147 34.00 W							
Wooded I. (Fish I.)	GOA	59 52.90 N	147 20.65 W			20			3	3
Glacier Island <sup>10</sup>	GOA	60 51.30 N	147 14.50 W							
Seal Rocks (Cordova) <sup>12</sup>	GOA	60 09.78 N	146 50.30 W			20			3	3

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		Latitude	Longitude	Latitude	Longitude			
Cape Hinchinbrook <sup>12</sup>	GOA	60 14.00 N	146 38.50 W			20		
Middleton I.	GOA	59 28.30 N	146 18.80 W			10		
Hook Point <sup>12</sup>	GOA	60 20.00 N	146 15.60 W			20		
Cape St. Elias	GOA	59 47 50 N	144 36 20 W			20		

BS = Bering Sea, AI = Aleutian Islands, GOA = Gulf of Alaska

<sup>1</sup>Where two sets of coordinates are given, the baseline extends in a clock-wise direction from the first set of geographic coordinates along the shoreline at mean lower-low water to the second set of coordinates. Where only one set of coordinates is listed, that location is the base point.

<sup>2</sup>Closures as stated in 50 CFR 679.22(a)(7)(v), (a)(8)(iv) and (b)(2)(iii).

<sup>3</sup>No-fishing zones are the waters between 0 nm and the nm specified in columns 7, 8, and 9 around each site and within the Bogoslof area (BA) and the Seguam Foraging Area (SFA).

<sup>4</sup>Some or all of the restricted area is located in the SFA which is closed to all gears types. The SFA is established as all waters within the area between 52° N lat. and 53° N lat. and between 173°30' W long. and 172°30' W long. Amliia I./East, and Tanadak I. (Amliia) haulouts 20 nm hook-and-line and pot closures apply only to waters located east of 173° W longitude.

<sup>5</sup>This site lies within the BA which is closed to all gear types. The BA consists of all waters of area 518 as described in Figure 1 of this part south of a straight line

connecting 55°00'N/170°00'W, and 55°00' N/168°11'4.75" W.

<sup>6</sup>Hook-and-line no-fishing zones apply only to vessels greater than or equal to 60 feet LOA in waters east of 167° W long. For Bishop Point the 10 nm closure west of 167° W long applies to all hook and line and jig vessels.

<sup>7</sup>The trawl closure between 0 nm to 10 nm is effective from January 20 through June 10. Trawl closure between 0 nm to 3 nm is effective from September 1 through November 1.

<sup>8</sup>The trawl closure between 0 nm to 15 nm is effective from January 20 through June 10. Trawl closure between 0 nm to 20 nm is effective from September 1 through November 1.

<sup>9</sup>Restriction area includes only waters of the Gulf of Alaska Area.

<sup>10</sup>Contact the Alaska Department of Fish and Game for fishery restrictions at these sites.

<sup>11</sup>Directed fishing for Pacific cod using trawl gear is prohibited in the harvest limit area (HLA) as defined at § 679.2 until the HLA Atka mackerel directed fishery in the A or B seasons is completed. The 20 nm closure around Gramp Rock and Tanaga I./Bumpy Pt. applies only to waters west of 178°W long, and only during the HLA directed fishery. After closure of the Atka mackerel HLA directed fishery, directed fishing for Pacific cod using trawl gear is prohibited in the HLA between 0 nm to 10 nm of rookeries and between 0 nm to 3 nm of haulouts. Directed fishing for Pacific cod using trawl gear is prohibited between 0-3 nm of Tanaga I./Bumpy Pt.

<sup>12</sup>The 20 nm closure around this site is effective only in waters outside of the State of Alaska waters of Prince William Sound.

<sup>13</sup> See 50 CFR 679.22(a)(7)(i)(C) for exemptions for catcher vessels less than 60 feet (18.3 m) LOA using jig or hook-and-line gear between Bishop Point and Emerald Island closure areas.

<sup>14</sup>Trawl closure around this site is limited to waters east of 170°00' W long. Closure to hook-and-line fishing around Chuginadak is 20 nm for waters west of 170°W long, and 10 nm for waters east of 170°W long.