



Friday
September 8, 1995

Part III

**Department of
Commerce**

**National Oceanic and Atmospheric
Administration**

**50 CFR Part 672 et al.
Groundfish of the Gulf of Alaska;
Groundfish Fishery of the Bering Sea
and Aleutian Islands Area; Consolidate
Recordkeeping and Reporting
Requirements; Proposed Rule**

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

50 CFR Parts 672 and 675

[Docket No. 950727194-5194-01; I.D. 062795C]

RIN 0648-AG54

Groundfish of the Gulf of Alaska; Groundfish Fishery of the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Area; Consolidate Recordkeeping and Reporting Requirements

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

ACTION: Proposed rule; request for comments.

SUMMARY: NMFS proposes to remove and to consolidate several sections of regulations in parts 672 and 675; to simplify and streamline the remaining regulations, including the recordkeeping and reporting requirements; to consolidate area descriptions and coordinates into maps and tables; to consolidate codes, values, and descriptions into tables; and to correct errors and clarify vague text. These actions are intended to facilitate management of the groundfish fisheries and the enforcement of groundfish regulations. They are necessary to promote the goals and objectives of the Fishery Management Plans (FMPs) for Groundfish of the Gulf of Alaska (GOA) and the Groundfish Fishery of the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Area (BSAI).

DATES: Comments must be received on or before October 10, 1995.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be sent to Ronald J. Berg, Chief, Fisheries Management Division, Alaska Region, NMFS, P.O. Box 21668, Juneau, AK 99802, Attn: Lori J. Gravel, or be delivered to Federal Building, Fourth Floor, 709 West 9th Street, Juneau, AK. Comments on the collection-of-information requirements may be sent to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs (OIRA), Office of Management and Budget (OMB) (0648-AG54), Washington, DC 20503 (Attn: NOAA Desk Officer), and to Patsy A. Bearden, Alaska Region, NMFS, P.O. Box 21668, Juneau, AK 99802.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Patsy A. Bearden, 907-586-7228.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Fishing for groundfish by U.S. vessels in the exclusive economic zone (EEZ) of the BSAI and the GOA is managed by

NMFS according to the FMPs for Groundfish of the Gulf of Alaska and the Groundfish Fishery of the Bering Sea Aleutian Islands Area. The FMPs were prepared by the North Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) under the Magnuson Fishery Conservation and Management Act (Magnuson Act) and are implemented by regulations governing the U.S. groundfish fisheries at 50 CFR parts 672 and 675. General regulations that also pertain to the U.S. fisheries appear at 50 CFR part 620.

This action proposes amendments to regulations as follows: (1) Consolidate § 675.2 into § 672.2; § 675.3 into § 672.3; § 675.4 into § 672.4; and § 675.5 into § 672.5; (2) remove the requirement for the groundfish utilization survey at § 672.5(d) and (e) and other outdated requirements; (3) update and replace §§ 672.2, 672.3, 672.4 (including the Federal Fisheries Permit Application), and 672.5 (including logbooks, reports, and forms); (4) amend §§ 672.7, 675.27, and § 677.4; (5) revise the scientific term for steelhead trout at §§ 672.20(e)(1) and 675.20(c)(1); (6) place all tables and figures currently found in part 675 in part 672, revised and renumbered, and add new tables and figures; (7) revise and insert references to tables and figures within the text of parts 672 and 675; (8) revise and insert paragraph titles to several paragraphs in parts 672 and 675; (9) revise the time citation "00:01 a.m." to read "0001 hours" in §§ 672.20(a), 675.20(a), 672.23(f), and 675.23(d); (10) revise GOA reporting area codes from 61, 62, 63, 64, 65 to read 610, 620, 630, 640, and 650; (11) revise and insert references to GOA reporting areas; (12) add new GOA reporting area codes 300, 400, and 550; (13) place all reporting area codes and coordinates in maps and tables; and (14) divide most reporting areas into Alaska state waters and Federal waters for reporting purposes. A description of, and reasons for, these actions follow.

I. Consolidation of Regulations

Although the GOA and BSAI have separate FMPs, much of the regulatory text for the two management areas is the same. NMFS proposes to remove duplicate text that is found also in part 672 (GOA management area) from several sections of part 675 (BSAI management area) and to replace the removed text with a cross reference to part 672. This action will shorten the regulations as well as simplify and clarify the text. Those sections affected would be: Section 675.2 into § 672.2 (Definitions); § 675.3 into § 672.3 (Relation to other laws); § 675.4 into

§ 672.4 (Permits); and § 675.5 into § 672.5 (Recordkeeping and reporting).

II. Removal of Existing Regulations

NMFS would remove outdated regulations that no longer apply to the groundfish fisheries. This action would shorten the regulatory text and create a simpler, more pertinent body of regulations.

A. Groundfish Utilization Surveys

NMFS proposes to remove regulations at § 672.5(d) and (e) that require completion of an annual groundfish utilization survey. The original purpose of the survey was to estimate domestic annual processing (DAP) groundfish utilization each year for purposes of allocating groundfish among foreign fishing, DAP, and joint-venture processing (JVP) operations. Since 1990, the groundfish fisheries have been fully domesticated, and foreign fishing and JVP operations have been discontinued. Groundfish utilization surveys are no longer needed. The time spent on the labor-intensive surveys by industry provides no useful guidance for annual projections of DAP harvest and production activity.

B. Text Within 675.27(g)

NMFS proposes to remove regulations at § 675.27(g), regarding the Western Alaska Community Development Program, Community Development Quota (CDQ) requirements, that are entitled "CDQ fishing requirements," since these regulations are found in recordkeeping and reporting requirements at § 672.5.

C. Logbooks

1. *Duration of Set or Trawl.* NMFS proposes to remove recordkeeping and reporting requirements at § 672.5 for Catcher Vessels and Catcher/Processors to record duration of set or trawl in the Catcher Vessel Daily Fishing Logbook (DFL) and Catcher/Processor Daily Cumulative Production Logbook (DCPL), respectively. This information can be obtained from the logbook through calculations of start and end times.

2. *Joint-venture Operation.* The requirement to record in a DFL whether delivery by a Catcher Vessel was made to a foreign processor vessel in a joint-venture operation would be removed, since joint-venture operations for groundfish no longer occur in the EEZ off Alaska.

3. *Number of Days Fishing Activity.* The requirement to record the number of days that fishing activity was conducted and when fish were received would be removed from the weekly

production report. This information, originally thought to provide effort information, did not result in useful information.

III. Revision of Regulations

The need for existing recordkeeping and reporting requirements was discussed in the preamble to the proposed rule for Amendments 13 and 18 to the FMPs (54 FR 36333, September 1, 1989). The recordkeeping and reporting requirements implemented under Amendments 13 and 18 (54 FR 50386, December 6, 1989) subsequently were revised to repeal monthly product value reporting requirements (55 FR 34933, August 27, 1990). Additional revisions were published for public comment and implemented under a 1991 interim final rule (56 FR 9636, March 7, 1991). No comments were received on the interim final rule during the public review period.

NMFS proposes to incorporate recommendations from the groundfish industry, NMFS management staff, and enforcement staff to reduce the reporting burden; to improve the format of the logbooks, reports, and forms; and to create a more effective, timely, and comprehensive collection of information to facilitate management of the groundfish fisheries in the EEZ off Alaska.

A. Revisions to Statistical and Reporting Areas

1. *Coordinates.* The codes and coordinates for GOA and BSAI statistical and reporting areas would be presented in maps and tables (see Figures 1 and 3). This action would provide easy access to these data by allowing the reader to refer to one source for all statistical and reporting area coordinates.

2. *Three-digit GOA statistical and reporting area codes.* Two-digit statistical and reporting area designations in the GOA would be changed to 3-digit designations by adding a zero to existing area numbers (e.g., reporting areas 61 through 65 would be designated as areas 610 through 650, respectively) (see Figure 3). Since existing statistical and reporting areas associated with the BSAI are designated by 3-digit codes, revision of the GOA-associated designations to 3-digit statistical and reporting area codes would provide a uniform coding system for incorporation into computer databases.

3. *Bogoslof District, BSAI.* A final rule implementing Amendment 17 to the FMP for the Groundfish Fishery of the BSAI (57 FR 10430, March 26, 1992) established Statistical Area 518 (the

Bogoslof District) for purposes of managing the Aleutian Basin pollock stock. The coordinates published for the new area were incorrectly specified in the final rule. NMFS proposes to correct the error in the coordinates of Statistical Area 518 (see Figure 1).

4. *Division between BSAI and GOA Reporting Areas.* The division between reporting areas associated with BSAI and GOA would be described in coordinates along the Alaska Peninsula and the Aleutian Islands (see Figures 1 and 3). Lack of this information has caused problems in groundfish catch reporting and in enforcement of regulations.

5. *New Reporting Areas.* Generally, a reporting area includes a statistical area plus adjacent Alaska State waters and is identified by the same number used to identify the statistical area. NMFS proposes to add six reporting areas that do not follow that scheme (see Figures 1 and 3).

Two reporting areas would be added that are completely within Alaska State waters. Reporting area 649 (Prince William Sound) and reporting area 659 (inside waters of Southeast Alaska) would be established to allow inseason managers to differentiate reported sablefish and demersal shelf rockfish harvests that are managed under Alaska State groundfish quotas.

Four additional reporting areas would be added that are completely outside the EEZ off Alaska—300, 400, 550, and 690—to allow differentiation of fish harvested in areas outside the EEZ.

6. *Corrections to Existing Statistical Areas.* NMFS proposes that a code correction be made for two statistical areas, 511 and 522, that had already been assigned to two non-contiguous areas. This duplication was the result of the subdivision of a large area into smaller areas and inadvertence by not renumbering those areas. Statistical areas 508 and 509 would replace the two areas 511, and statistical areas 523 and 524 would replace the two areas 522. This action would result in more precise identification of the location of groundfish harvested in the BSAI.

7. *Distinction between Federal and State Portions of a Reporting Area.* NMFS proposes to distinguish between Federal waters (statistical areas) and Alaska State waters in any reporting area. Two questions would be added in the DFL, Buying Station Daily Cumulative Logbook (DCL), DCPLs, Weekly Production Report (WPR), Daily Production Report (DPR), Buying Station Check-in/Check-out, and Mothership or Catcher/Processor Check-in/Check-out Reports to request that the reader distinguish between Federal

waters or Alaska State waters within any reporting area. This action would accommodate fee assessment of landings under the North Pacific Fisheries Research Plan (Research Plan) authorized by the Magnuson Act. Research Plan fee assessments would not apply to fish, except Pacific halibut, caught in Alaska State waters.

B. Figures and Tables

NMFS proposes to clarify coordinates and descriptions of areas in various sections of parts 672 (GOA management area) and 675 (BSAI management area) and to use maps and tables. Existing figures and tables from both the GOA and BSAI would be renumbered, revised, and placed after the text of part 672. In-text tables would be removed from paragraph 672.24(d), presented in Figure 5b, and relocated after the text of part 672; in-text tables would be removed from paragraph 672.24(e), presented in Table 6, and relocated after the text of part 672. This action would codify and improve access to information needed for compliance with recording and reporting requirements in the following figures and tables:

Figure 1—BSAI statistical and reporting areas; a—map, b—coordinates of reporting areas;

Figure 2—BSAI Catcher Vessel Operational Area (map includes coordinates);

Figure 3—GOA statistical and reporting areas; a—map, b—coordinates of reporting areas;

Figure 4—Herring Savings Areas in the BSAI; a—map, b—coordinates of reporting areas and effective dates;

Figure 5—Kodiak Island areas closed to trawls other than pelagic trawl gear; a—map, b—coordinates of reporting areas;

Figure 6—Length overall of a vessel; and

Figure 7—Location of trawl test areas in the GOA and the BSAI (map includes coordinates).

Table 1—Product codes (new table; these codes were formerly referred to in the Product Recovery Rate (PRR) tables at §§ 672.20 and 675.20). The various products that may be made from groundfish are described here and are assigned a 2-digit product code. Product codes also are used to describe various types of discard; these often are referred to as discard products;

Table 2—Species codes (new table). The various species of groundfish are listed in Table 2;

Table 3—Product recovery rates for groundfish species (renumbered);

Table 4—Bering Sea Subarea Steller Sea Lion Protection Areas (moved from text);

Table 5—Aleutian Islands Subarea Steller Sea Lion Protection Areas (moved from text);

Table 6—Gulf of Alaska Steller Sea Lion Protection Areas (moved from text);

Table 7—Communities determined to be eligible to apply for Community Development Quotas (renumbered);

Table 8—Harvest Zone Codes for Use with Product Transfer Reports and Vessel Activity Reports (new table);

Table 9—Required Logbooks, Reports, and Forms (new table);

Table 10—Gulf of Alaska, Retainable Percentages (renumbered); and

Table 11—Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area, Retainable Percentages (renumbered).

C. Revisions to Logbooks, Reports, and Forms

NMFS proposes to improve the format of existing logbooks, reports, and forms and to add a new logbook for Buying Stations, in addition to the following revisions:

1. *Metric tons.* The required weight units used to record amounts of landings, product, and discards of groundfish and herring would be revised from “pounds (lb) or nearest 0.1 metric ton (mt)” to “pounds (lb) or nearest 0.01 metric ton (mt)” on all forms and logbooks. This change would allow NMFS to obtain catch data from processors that traditionally have smaller landings. Finer resolution in the database would increase the accuracy of inseason quota management actions.

2. *Daily Fishing Logbook (DFL).* Recording the delivery date under Catch Delivery Information in the DFL would be required for use by NMFS Enforcement personnel. Other revisions to the DFL are proposed to improve the format of the logsheet and to record CDQ information.

At-sea discard information would be required from Catcher Vessels, without increasing the paperwork burden, through the use of an additional blue sheet in the DFL that the operator turns in to the processor with the harvest.

3. *Daily Cumulative Production Logbook (DCPL)*—a. *Mothership or Catcher/Processor.* The Catcher/Processor and Mothership DCPLs would be revised to improve the format of the logsheet and to record CDQ information.

b. *Shoreside Processor.* The Shoreside Processor DCPL would be divided into two parts identified as Part I and Part II, to allow for a greater number of daily entries, particularly in the product section. This action would allow flexibility in the use of the logbook by different types and sizes of Shoreside Processors. Part I would include four

subparts: Processor identification information, Catcher Vessel delivery information, landings information, and discarded species information.

Part II would be used to record product information by week-ending date, management area, and species and product codes. Data would be recorded on one page for up to 3 weeks. This action would result in a more efficient page layout and a reduced reporting burden, since groundfish products would not be reported for separate reporting areas or gear types.

Other revisions are proposed to improve the format of the logsheet and to record CDQ information.

4. *Buying Station Daily Cumulative Logbook (DCL).* The operator or manager of a Buying Station would be required to maintain a DCL to record data about Catcher Vessel delivery and discards as well as Buying Station discards that occur after acceptance of the delivery from the Catcher Vessel and prior to delivery to a Mothership or Shoreside Processor. The proposed requirements for a Buying Station DCL would provide a defined procedure for a Mothership or Shoreside Processor to obtain data and report to NMFS any Catcher Vessel harvest and discard that is received, sorted, and delivered by a Buying Station.

5. *Product Transfer Report (PTR).* The name of the Product Transfer Logbook (PTL) would be changed to Product Transfer Report (PTR) to give the form a more accurate name, because it is not a logbook. An addition would be made to the PTR to indicate whether the form is an original or revised report; this information would improve data entry speed and accuracy.

a. *Mothership or Catcher/Processor PTR.* Each Mothership or Catcher/Processor would be required to record the U.S. Coast Guard document number of the vessel on a PTR and collect additional identification information concerning transfer handling, destination, or receipt. The PTR would indicate whether a particular transfer forms the beginning or end of an audit period; whether a transfer is a complete or partial offload; and what amount and type of products remain on board after the transfer. These revisions are needed to simplify and improve the accuracy of audits of Motherships or Catcher/Processors by NMFS Enforcement personnel.

A harvest zone designation (distinct from reporting or statistical area, see Table 8) would be added to the PTR to indicate whether groundfish were harvested in or outside of the EEZ off Alaska. This information is needed to complete requests for statistical reports

from members of Congress and other Government officials. NMFS Enforcement and Management personnel would use the information recorded on the PTR to determine ownership of a product from its place of origin to its first destination.

b. *Shoreside Processor.* The Shoreside Processor PTR would be revised to collect additional information concerning transfer handling, destination, or receipt.

6. *Check-in/Check-out Report*—a. *Mothership or Catcher/Processor.* This form would be revised to determine intended primary and secondary target species. This information would provide fishery managers with an estimate of fishing effort for individual species in each reporting area and would enable them to better project fishery closures. Regulations also would be clarified to allow operators of Catcher/Processors using hook-and-line or pot gear to be “checked into” several reporting areas if their gear is simultaneously fishing in those areas.

A requirement would be added to record processor type, because vessels can function in more than one category. This information is needed by fishery managers for quota management purposes.

Other revisions are proposed to improve the format of the form and to record CDQ information.

b. *Shoreside Processor.* A Check-in/Check-out report would be required; it would supersede the existing requirement for a Shoreside Processor to check in through submittal of its first WPR. Each Shoreside Processor would submit a Check-in report before receipt of groundfish, either at the beginning of the fishing year or after submission of a Check-out report.

Products from groundfish often are stored at the Shoreside Processor premises for a long time, along with stored products resulting from non-groundfish fisheries. Fish products that are not intended for storage are transferred from a Shoreside Processor directly to trucks. An accurate on-site groundfish product inventory and audit is therefore difficult to conduct. The Shoreside Processor Check-in/Check-out Report would be revised to record the amount of fish product held or stored at the time the Check-in report is filed. Enforcement personnel would be able to use this information to calculate product on hand at any time from records in the shoreside DCPL and PTRs.

Other revisions are proposed to improve the format of the form and to record CDQ information.

c. *Buying Station*. Each operator or manager of a Buying Station would be required to submit a Check-in Report prior to receipt of groundfish from Catcher Vessels; a Check-out Report would be required upon completion of delivery of all groundfish to a Mothership or Shoreside Processor. A separate Check-in or Check-out Report would be required from the Buying Station operator or manager for each Shoreside Processor or Mothership with which the Buying Station is associated. The proposed Buying Station Check-in/Check-out Report would yield additional effort information needed for quota management.

7. *Weekly Production Report (WPR)*. The current WPR would be replaced with two similar WPR forms, one for use by Shoreside Processors and another for use by Motherships or Catcher/Processors.

a. *Mothership or Catcher/Processor*. Each Mothership or Catcher/Processor would be required to record the fisheries permit number and the Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G) processor code, because both are necessary to identify a processor; a requirement is proposed to report the number of crew members at the end of each weekly reporting period—this information is needed by NMFS economists for national statistical reports; and a requirement is proposed to add the preprinted ADF&G fish ticket numbers that were issued to Catcher Vessels for each delivery made during the weekly reporting period. This information is needed by NMFS to make comparisons of processor-reported Federal and State data for reporting accuracy.

Intended target information would be requested for the next weekly reporting period. This information would be used by NMFS to improve fishing effort projection for individual species.

Two additions would be made to the WPR to improve data entry speed and accuracy, the first to indicate whether the form is an original or revised report, and the second to indicate the date the WPR is prepared.

All references to “retained products” would be revised to read “product”. Other revisions are proposed to improve the format of the form and to record CDQ information.

b. *Shoreside Processor*. Each Shoreside Processor would be required to record product data by management area (BSAI or GOA) rather than by reporting area. This would be used for enforcement purposes and for the collection of economic data for national statistical reports.

8. *Daily Production Report (DPR)*. NMFS would be authorized to require, through publication in the **Federal Register**, submittal of DPRs. The DPR is used when a fishery is expected to be of too short duration to be managed based on weekly reports. The product reporting section of the DPR would be revised to create separate sections for responses from Shoreside Processors or Motherships and Catcher/Processors. The Shoreside Processor would report landings, as weighed before processing, in a section entitled, “Shoreside Only Landings”. The Mothership and Catcher/Processor would report weight of products in a section entitled, “Processor Vessel Only Products”. Within these columns, the following information would be recorded for each product: The product code; indication of ancillary, primary, or reprocessed product type; and weight in metric tons. Other revisions would be made to indicate whether a given DPR is an original or revised report and to record the date the form was prepared. This information is needed to ensure an accurate and complete database. Several questions would be added to request additional information about the processor’s representative. Other revisions to the DPR are proposed to improve the format of the form and to record CDQ information.

9. *U.S. Vessel Activity Report (VAR)*. Existing regulations at 50 CFR 299.5 require U.S. vessels fishing in the Russian economic zone (EZ) in joint ventures to submit a VAR prior to crossing the seaward boundary of the EEZ. The applicability of the VARs currently required under § 299.5 would be expanded to require vessels to submit a VAR report to the Regional Director immediately prior to crossing the seaward boundary of the EEZ off Alaska or immediately prior to crossing the U.S./Canada international boundary between Alaska and British Columbia. The VAR would be used to augment existing recordkeeping and reporting requirements and would not replace the Check-in/Check-out reports or WPRs required under § 672.5.

NMFS has observed increased landings in U.S. ports of undocumented fish allegedly harvested from waters seaward of the EEZ off Alaska. NMFS is concerned that some portion of these landings may consist of fish illegally harvested in the EEZ off Alaska. Although the VAR requirements under § 299.5 address this concern for U.S. vessels fishing in the Russian EZ, NMFS believes that better information must be obtained concerning U.S. fishing activities in waters outside the EEZ off Alaska in order to document the origin

and quantity of fish that are brought into the EEZ.

In light of the new requirements for distinguishing between groundfish fishing activity in state or Federal waters as well as pending international regulations for migratory species such as swordfish, the VAR would assist NMFS in tracking U.S. fishing vessels entering or leaving fishing grounds off Alaska from the coterminous United States and/or Hawaii.

10. *Designated Representative*. Each owner, operator, or manager of each Catcher Vessel, Catcher/Processor, Mothership, Shoreside Processor, or Buying Station participating in, or receiving groundfish from, a groundfish fishery would be required to identify a contact person or representative prior to commencement of fishing or processing activities. Although the representative may complete the logbooks, the required reports and forms, or both, the owner, operator, and manager would remain responsible for accurate and timely completion of all reporting requirements. The operator or manager is not always present or available to complete the recordkeeping and reporting requirements. In some instances the logbooks are maintained on board a vessel while the reports and forms are submitted to NMFS by a person in an office hundreds of miles away. Identifying a representative prior to commencement of fishing activity ensures a smooth data flow between the industry and NMFS, allowing quota management to be accurate and timely.

The name of the representative would be required to be reported on each logbook, WPR, DPR, PTR, Check-in/Check-out Report, and VAR (if applicable) and that the telephone number and facsimile number for that person also be provided. Proposed revisions to the recordkeeping requirements would standardize the text on all forms and logbooks to refer to that person as the representative.

D. Maintenance and Retention of Records

NMFS proposes the following requirements for the benefit of Enforcement officers conducting audits of Catcher Vessels, Motherships, Catcher/Processors, Shoreside Processors, and Buying Stations. In order to conduct a thorough audit of fish products on board or on site, paper copies of all groundfish transactions must be accessible for inspection.

1. *Three-year retention period*. The original (white) copy of all logbooks and a paper copy of all reports and forms submitted to NMFS required under amended §§ 672.5 and 675.5 would be

required to be retained for 3 years after the end of the fishing year during which the records were made. In addition, the Mothership and Shoreside Processor would be required to retain the original (white) copy of all DCLs from associated Buying Stations for 3 years, and the Buying Station would be required to retain the pink copy of all DCLs for 3 years.

2. *Retention during fishing year.* The original (white) copy of all logbooks, a paper copy of all reports and forms submitted to NMFS, and the blue DFL logsheet received from Catcher Vessels required under amended §§ 672.5 and 675.5 would be required to be kept on board a vessel or on site a Shoreside Processor or Buying Station until the end of the fishing year during which the records were made and for as long thereafter as fish or fish products recorded in the logbook, reports, and forms are retained.

3. *Inspection.* The logbooks, reports, and forms required under amended §§ 672.5 and 675.5 would be required to be made available for inspection upon the request of an authorized officer.

4. *Weekly reporting periods.* As set out in regulations at §§ 672.2 and 675.2, the current definition of a weekly reporting period is the period from 0001 hours Monday morning until 2359 hours the following Sunday night, Alaska local time (A.l.t.). NMFS has determined that this weekly reporting period does not allow sufficient time to obtain, process, and summarize weekly observer reports in the subsequent week. A reporting period from Sunday-through-Saturday would provide an additional day to process observer data, integrate these data with the WPRs received from the industry, and produce weekly catch reports. Therefore, the definition of the weekly reporting period would be changed to 0001 hours, A.l.t., Sunday morning until 2359 hours, A.l.t., the following Saturday night. The deadline for receipt of WPRs from Motherships, Catcher/Processors, and Shoreside Processors would remain Tuesday at 1200 hours, A.l.t.

5. *Inactive and active periods.* The operator or manager would be required to account for each day of the fishing year by indicating active and inactive periods on the Catcher Vessel DFL, Catcher/Processor DCPL, Mothership DCPL, Buying Station DCL, and Shoreside Processor DCPL. A single logbook page could be used to account for inactive periods of more than one day within a quarter.

6. *CDQ Information.* The DFL, DCL, and DCPL would be used to account for groundfish harvested under the CDQ Program through the addition of

questions on those logbooks, as well as on WPRs, DPRs, and Check-in/Check-out reports to indicate CDQ information. The CDQ information would be transferred from the logbook by the manager or operator of a Mothership, Catcher/Processor, or Shoreside Processor to WPRs, DPRs, and Check-in/Check-out reports. This information is needed because CDQ quotas are managed on an individual basis, and because CDQ harvest information must be kept separate from other types of management quotas.

7. *Scientific name for steelhead trout.* The scientific name for steelhead trout would be revised to read, "*Oncorhynchus mykiss*" in §§ 672.20(e) and 675.20(c). The scientific community currently prefers this new term as a more precise description of steelhead trout.

8. *Time.* The time citation "00:01 a.m." in §§ 672.20(a), 675.20(a), 672.23, and 675.23 would be changed to read "0001 hours" to conform with the revised definition of fishing year.

Classification

This proposed rule contains collection-of-information requirements subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act. OMB approval for the majority of this information has been obtained under OMB control numbers 0648-0206 and 0213; additions and revisions to the collection have been submitted to OMB for approval. Additional burden would result from the requirements set forth for the new Buying Station DCL and Check-in/Check-out report, and also from revisions to existing reports.

An estimated additional response time for compliance with these new forms is expected to be between 25 minutes and 2.0 hours annually for the operator or manager of each processor or Buying Station and 27 minutes for each Catcher Vessel operator. The additional annual burden to Shoreside Processors and Buying Stations to comply with requirements for Check-in/Check-out reports is estimated to average about 8 minutes and 6 minutes, respectively, for each Check-in or Check-out report. Revisions to the format of other logbooks and/or additions to information collected by logbooks are minimal and are not anticipated to significantly increase reporting burden to the industry. The requirements include: The U.S. Vessel Activities Report, 15 minutes; Weekly Production Report, 18 minutes; Daily Production Report, 10 minutes; Processor Product Transfer Report, 11 minutes; and the Catcher Vessel Logbook, 15 minutes.

The Assistant General Counsel for Legislation and Regulation of the

Department of Commerce certified to the Chief Counsel for Advocacy of the Small Business Administration that this proposed rule, if adopted, would not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities. NMFS proposes to consolidate several sections of regulations in parts 672 and 675 by correcting errors, clarifying vague text, removing outdated requirements, as well as simplifying and streamlining the remaining regulations, including the recordkeeping and reporting requirements. All of the recommended revisions are designed to make the regulations easier for the public to use and to enhance the ability of NMFS to collect more accurate and timely groundfish data and to improve the management of the groundfish fisheries. To the extent that there will be additional burden for the industry, it will be minor when compared with the increased ease of use resulting from clarification, simplification, and streamlining.

Send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection-of-information, including suggestions for reducing this burden, to NMFS and to OIRA, OMB (see ADDRESSES).

This action has been determined to be not significant for purposes of E.O. 12866.

List of Subjects in 50 CFR Parts 672 and 675

Fisheries, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

Dated: August 15, 1995.

Gary Matlock,

Acting Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.

For the reasons set out in the preamble, 50 CFR parts 672 and 675 are proposed to be amended as follows:

PART 672—GROUND FISH OF THE GULF OF ALASKA

1. The authority citation for part 672 continues to read as follows:

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

Subpart A—General

2. In § 672.1, paragraph (a) is revised to read as follows:

§ 672.1 Purpose and scope.

(a) Regulations in this part, along with parts 602, 620, 676, and 677 of this chapter, implement the Fishery Management Plan for Groundfish of the Gulf of Alaska.

* * * * *

3. Section 672.2 is revised to read as follows:

§ 672.2 Definitions.

In addition to the definitions in the Magnuson Act and in § 620.2 of this chapter, the terms used in this part have the following meanings:

Active/inactive periods—(1) *Active periods*—(i) *Catcher Vessel*. An active period for a Catcher Vessel means a period of time when the Catcher Vessel is in a reporting area (except 300, 400, 550, or 690) or gear remains on the grounds in a reporting area (except 300, 400, 550, or 690) regardless of the vessel location.

(ii) *Shoreside Processor, Mothership, Catcher/Processor, and Buying Station*. An active period for a Shoreside Processor, Mothership, Catcher/Processor, and Buying Station means a period of time when checked-in.

(2) *Inactive periods*—(i) *Catcher Vessel*. An inactive period for a Catcher Vessel means any period which does not qualify as an active period.

(ii) *Shoreside Processor, Mothership, Catcher/Processor, or Buying Station*. An inactive period for a Shoreside Processor, Mothership, Catcher/Processor, or Buying Station means a period of time when not checked-in.

ADF&G means the State of Alaska Department of Fish and Game.

Alaska local time (A.l.t.) means the current Alaska time, either daylight savings time or standard time.

Alaska State waters means waters shoreward of the exclusive economic zone (EEZ) off Alaska.

Aleutian Islands Subarea (AI) of the BSAI means that portion of the EEZ contained in Statistical Areas 541, 542, and 543 (see Figure 1 of this part).

Authorized fishing gear means hook-and-line, jig, longline, longline pot, nonpelagic trawl, nontrawl, pelagic trawl, pot-and-line, and trawl; defined as follows:

(1) *Hook-and-line* means a stationary, buoyed, and anchored line with hooks attached, or the taking of fish by means of such a device;

(2) *Jig* means a single non-buoyed, non-anchored line with hooks attached, or the taking of fish by means of such a device;

(3) *Longline* means a stationary, buoyed, and anchored line with hooks or two or more groundfish pots attached, or the taking of fish by means of such a device (see § 672.24(b) or § 675.24(b) of this chapter);

(4) *Longline pot* means a stationary, buoyed, and anchored line with two or more pots attached, or the taking of fish by means of such a device;

(5) *Nonpelagic trawl* means a trawl other than a pelagic trawl;

(6) *Nontrawl* means hook-and-line, jig, longline, and pot-and-line gear;

(7) *Pelagic trawl* means a trawl that:

(i) Has no discs, bobbins, or rollers;

(ii) Has no chafe protection gear attached to the foot rope or fishing line;

(iii) Except for the small mesh allowed under paragraph (7)(ix) of this definition:

(A) Has no mesh tied to the fishing line, head rope, and breast lines with less than 20 inches (50.8 cm) between knots, and has no stretched mesh size of less than 60 inches (152.4 cm) aft from all points on the fishing line, head rope, and breast lines and extending past the fishing circle for a distance equal to or greater than one half the vessel's length overall; or

(B) Has no parallel lines spaced closer than 64 inches (162.6 cm), from all points on the fishing line, head rope, and breast lines and extending aft to a section of mesh, with no stretched mesh size of less than 60 inches (152.4 cm), extending aft for a distance equal to or greater than one half the vessel's length overall;

(iv) Has no stretched mesh size less than 15 inches (38.1 cm) aft of the mesh described in paragraph (7)(iii) of this definition for a distance equal to or greater than one half the vessel's length overall;

(v) Contains no configuration intended to reduce the stretched mesh sizes described in paragraphs (7)(iii) and (iv) of this definition;

(vi) Has no flotation other than floats capable of providing up to 200 lb (90.7 kg) of buoyancy to accommodate the use of a net-sounder device;

(vii) Has no more than one fishing line and one foot rope for a total of no more than two weighted lines on the bottom of the trawl between the wing tip and the fishing circle;

(viii) Has no metallic component except for connectors (e.g., hammerlocks or swivels) or net-sounder device aft of the fishing circle and forward of any mesh greater than 5.5 inches (14.0 cm) stretched measure;

(ix) May have small mesh within 32 ft (9.8 m) of the center of the head rope as needed for attaching instrumentation (e.g., net-sounder device); and

(x) May have weights on the wing tips;

(8) *Pot-and-line* means a stationary, buoyed line with a single pot attached, or the taking of fish by means of such a device; and

(9) *Trawl* means a conical-shaped net that is towed through the water for catching fish or other organisms. The net accumulates its catch in the closed, small end (usually called the cod end). This definition includes, but is not limited to, Danish and Scottish seines and otter trawls.

Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area (BSAI) means the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands subareas (see Figure 1 of this part).

Bering Sea Subarea (BS) of the BSAI means that portion of the EEZ contained in Statistical Areas 508, 509, 512, 513, 514, 516, 517, 518, 519, 521, 523, 524, and 530 (see Figure 1 of this part).

Bogoslof District means that part of the Bering Sea Subarea contained in Statistical Area 518 (see Figure 1 of this part).

Breast line means the rope or wire running along the forward edges of the side panels of a net, or along the forward edge of the side rope in a rope trawl.

Buying Station means a person or vessel that receives unprocessed groundfish from a vessel for delivery at a different location to a Shoreside Processor or Mothership and that does not process those fish.

Bycatch Limitation Zone 1 (Zone 1) means that part of the Bering Sea Subarea that is contained within the boundaries of Statistical Areas 508, 509, 512, and 516 (see Figure 1 of this part).

Bycatch Limitation Zone 2 (Zone 2) means that part of the Bering Sea Subarea that is contained within the boundaries of Statistical Areas 513, 517, and 521 (see Figure 1 of this part).

Catcher/Processor means a vessel that is used for catching fish and processing that fish.

Catcher Vessel means a vessel that is used for catching fish and that does not process on board.

Catcher Vessel Operational Area (CVOA) (see Figure 2 of this part and § 675.22(g) of this chapter).

Central Aleutian District means that part of the Aleutian Islands Subarea contained in Statistical Area 542 (see Figure 1 of this part).

Community Development Plan (CDP) (applicable through December 31, 1995) means a plan for a specific Western Alaska community or group of communities approved by the Governor of the State of Alaska and recommended to NMFS under § 675.27 of this chapter.

Community Development Quota (CDQ) (applicable through December 31, 1995) means a Western Alaska community development quota for pollock assigned to an approved CDP. All CDQs, in the aggregate, equal one-half of 15 percent of the total allowable catch specified for pollock that is placed in reserve under § 675.20(a)(3) of this chapter.

Community Development Quota Program (CDQ program) (applicable through December 31, 1995) means the Western Alaska Community

Development Program implemented under § 675.27 of this chapter.

Community Development Quota Reserve (CDQ reserve) (applicable through December 31, 1995) means one-half of 15 percent of the total allowable catch specified for pollock in each subarea or district that is placed in reserve under § 675.20(a)(3) of this chapter.

Daily reporting period or day is the period from midnight until the following midnight using Alaska local time (A.l.t.).

Directed fishing means any fishing activity that results in the retention of an amount of a species or species group on board a vessel that is greater than the maximum retainable by catch amount for that species or species group as calculated under § 672.20 (g) and (h) and § 675.20 (h) and (i) of this chapter.

Donut Hole means international waters of the Bering Sea outside the limits of the EEZ and Russian economic zone as depicted on the current edition of NOAA chart INT 813 Bering Sea (Southern Part).

Eastern Aleutian District means that part of the Aleutian Islands Subarea contained in Statistical Area 541 (see Figure 1 of this part).

Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) (see § 620.2 of this chapter).

Federal waters means waters within the EEZ off Alaska.

Fish product weight means the weight of the fish product in pounds or to at least the nearest hundredth of a metric ton (0.01 mt). Fish product weight is based upon the number of production units and the weight of those units. Production units include pans, cartons, blocks, trays, cans, bags, and individual fresh or frozen fish. The weight of a production unit is the average weight of representative samples of the product, and may include additives but not packaging. Any allowance for water added cannot exceed 5 percent of the gross product weight (fish, additives, and water).

Fishing activity (see definition for fishing in § 620.2 of this chapter).

Fishing circle means the circumference of a trawl intersecting the center point on a fishing line, and that is perpendicular to the long axis of a trawl.

Fishing day (see part 676 of this chapter).

Fishing line means a length of chain or wire rope in the bottom front end of a trawl to which the webbing or lead ropes are attached.

Fishing month (see § 672.26 or § 675.26 of this chapter).

Fishing trip: (1) For purposes of directed fishing calculations, see

§ 672.20(h)(2) and § 675.20(i)(2) of this chapter.

(2) For purposes of pollock roe retention, see § 672.20(i)(4) and § 675.20(j)(5) of this chapter.

Fishing year means the period of time beginning at 0001 hours, A.l.t., on January 1 and ending at 2359 hours, A.l.t., on December 31 (see § 672.23(a) and § 675.23(a) of this chapter).

Foot rope means a chain or wire rope attached to the bottom front end of a trawl and attached to the fishing line.

Gear Deployment: (1) *For trawl gear* means where the trawl gear reaches the fishing level and begins to fish.

(2) *For jig/troll, hook-and-line, or longline gear* means where the gear enters the water.

(3) *For pot-and-line gear* means where the first pot enters the water.

Gear Retrieval—(1) *For trawl gear*, gear retrieval means where retrieval of trawl cable commences.

(2) *For jig/troll gear*, gear retrieval means where the jig/troll gear leaves the water.

(3) *For hook-and-line or longline pot gear*, gear retrieval means where the last hook-and-line or longline pot gear of a set leaves the water, regardless of where the majority of the haul or set took place.

(4) *For pot-and-line gear*, gear retrieval means where the last pot of a set leaves the water.

Governor means the Governor of the State of Alaska.

Groundfish means target species and the "other species" category, specified annually pursuant to § 672.20(a)(1) or § 675.20(a)(1) of this chapter.

Gulf of Alaska (GOA) means that portion of the EEZ contained in Statistical Areas 610, 620, 630, 640, and 650 (see Figure 3 of this part).

Head rope means a rope bordering the top front end of a trawl.

Herring Savings Area means any of three areas in the BSAI presented in Figure 4 of this part (see also § 675.21(c)(2) of this chapter for additional closure information):

Inshore component (applicable through December 31, 1995) means that part of the U.S. groundfish fishery off Alaska that includes:

(1) All shoreside processing operations;

(2) All processor vessels that process, on a daily average during any weekly reporting period, less than 18 mt of Pacific cod harvested in the GOA and pollock in aggregate round weight equivalents, and are less than 125 ft (38.1 m) in length overall; and

(3) All processor vessels in Alaska State waters (waters adjacent to the State of Alaska and shoreward of the

EEZ) that process, at a single geographic location during a fishing year, pollock harvested in a directed fishery for pollock, or Pacific cod harvested in a directed fishery for Pacific cod in the GOA, and that submit a Check-in notice and weekly production report as required at § 672.5(c). For purposes of this definition, a single geographic location will be determined by the geographic coordinates reported on a Check-in report submitted by the vessel operator when that vessel engages in a directed fishery for Pacific cod in the GOA or pollock for the first time in a fishing year.

IPHC means International Pacific Halibut Commission (see part 301 of this title).

Joint venture processing (JVP) (see § 611.2 of this chapter).

Landing means off-loading fish.

Length overall (LOA) of a vessel means the horizontal distance, rounded to the nearest foot, between the foremost part of the stem and the aftermost part of the stern, excluding bowsprits, rudders, outboard motor brackets, and similar fittings or attachments (see Figure 6 of this part).

Logbook means Daily Cumulative Production Logbook (DCPL), Daily Cumulative Logbook (DCL), or a Daily Fishing Logbook (DFL) required by § 672.5.

Manager, with respect to any Shoreside Processor or Buying Station, means the individual responsible for the operation of the Shoreside Processor operation or Buying Station.

Maximum sustainable yield (MSY) (see part 602 of this chapter).

Mothership means a vessel that receives and processes groundfish from other vessels.

Net-sounder device means a sensor used to determine the depth from the water surface at which a fishing net is operating.

nm means nautical mile.

Non-allocated or nonspecified species means those fish species, other than prohibited species, for which a TAC has not been specified (e.g., grenadier, prowfish, lingcod).

Observer means any person certified under the NMFS Observer Plan (see part 676 of this chapter).

Offshore component (applicable through December 31, 1995) means all processor vessels in the U.S. groundfish fisheries off Alaska not included in the definition of "inshore component."

Optimum yield (OY) (see § 672.20 and § 675.20 of this chapter).

"*Other species*" is a category that consists of groundfish species in each management area that are not specified

as target species (see § 672.20 and § 675.20 of this chapter).

Processing, or to process, means the preparation of fish to render it suitable for human consumption, industrial uses, or long-term storage, including but not limited to cooking, canning, smoking, salting, drying, freezing, or rendering into meal or oil, but does not mean icing, bleeding, heading, or gutting.

Processor vessel means, unless otherwise restricted, any vessel that has been issued a Federal fisheries permit and that can be used for processing groundfish.

Quarter or quarterly reporting period means one of four successive 3-month periods during a calendar year, which begin at 0001 hours, A.I.t., on the first day of each quarter, and end at 2359 hours, A.I.t., on the last day of each quarter. The four quarters for each year are specified as follows:

1st quarter: January 1 through March 31
2nd quarter: April 1 through June 30
3rd quarter: July 1 through September 30
4th quarter: October 1 through December 31

Regional Director means Director, Alaska Region, National Marine Fisheries Service.

Regulatory area means any of three areas of the EEZ in the GOA (see Figure 3 of this part) described as follows:

(1) *Eastern Regulatory Area* means Statistical Areas 640 and 650.

(2) *Central Regulatory Area* means Statistical Areas 620 and 630.

(3) *Western Regulatory Area* means Statistical Area 610.

Reporting area means any of the areas described in Figures 1 and 3 of this part.

Resident fisherman (see § 675.27(d)(7) of this chapter).

Round-weight equivalent means the weight of fish calculated by dividing the weight of the primary product made from that fish by the standard product recovery rate for that primary product as listed in § 672.20(j), or, if not listed, the weight of fish calculated by dividing the weight of a primary product by the standard product recovery rate as determined using the best available evidence on a case-by-case basis.

Set means a string of pots or hook-and-line gear or a group of pots that are deployed in a similar location with similar soak time.

Shoreside Processor or shoreside processing operation, means any person or vessel that receives unprocessed groundfish, except Catcher/Processors, Motherships, Buying Stations, restaurants, or persons receiving groundfish for use as bait or personal consumption.

Southeast Outside District of the GOA means that part of the Eastern Regulatory Area contained in Statistical Area 650 (see Figure 3 of this part).

Statistical area means the part of any reporting area defined in Figures 1 and 3 of this part, contained in the EEZ.

Steller Sea Lion Protection Areas (for BSAI, see Tables 4 and 5 of this part, § 672.24(e), § 227.12 of this title, and § 675.24(f) of this chapter); for GOA, see Table 6 of this part).

Stem means the foremost position of a vessel; a section of timber or cast, forged or rolled metal to which the sides of a vessel are united at the fore end with the lower end scarfed to the keel and the bowsprit, if one is present, resting on the upper end.

Stern means the aftermost part of the vessel.

Stretched mesh size means the distance between opposite knots of a four-sided mesh when opposite knots are pulled tautly to remove slack.

Support vessel means any vessel that is used in support of other vessels regulated under this part and part 675 of this chapter, including, but not limited to, supplying a fishing vessel with water, fuel, provisions, fishing equipment, fish processing equipment or other supplies, or transporting processed fish. The term "support vessel" does not include processor vessels or tender vessels.

Target species are those species or species groups, except the "other species" category, for which a TAC is specified pursuant to § 672.20(a) and § 675.20(a) of this chapter.

Tender Vessel means a vessel that is used to transport unprocessed fish received from another vessel to a Shoreside Processor, Mothership, or Buying Station.

Total allowable catch (TAC) (see § 672.20(a)(2) and § 675.20(a)(2) of this chapter).

Transfer includes any loading, offloading, shipment or receipt of any groundfish product, including quantities transferred inside or outside the EEZ, within any state's territorial waters, within the internal waters of any state, at any Shoreside Processor, or any offsite meal reduction plant.

Trawl test areas (see Figure 7 of this part and § 672.24(f) and § 675.24(g) of this chapter).

Vessel Activity Report (VAR) (see § 672.5(c)(5)).

Vessel operations category (see § 672.4).

Walrus Protection Areas (see § 675.22(f) of this chapter).

Weekly reporting period means a time period, which begins at 0001 hours, A.I.t., Sunday morning (except during

the first week of each year, when it starts on January 1) and ends at 2359 hours, A.I.t., the following Saturday night (except during the last week of each year when it ends on December 31).

West Yakutat District of the GOA means that part of the Eastern Regulatory Area of the GOA contained in Statistical Area 640 (see Figure 3 of this part).

Western Aleutian District means that part of the Aleutian Islands Subarea contained in Statistical Area 543 (see Figure 1 of this part).

Wing tip means the point where adjacent breast lines intersect or where a breast line intersects with the fishing line.

4. In § 672.3, paragraphs (a) and (c) are revised to read as follows:

§ 672.3 Relation to other laws.

(a) *Foreign fishing*. Regulations governing foreign fishing for groundfish in the GOA are set forth at § 611.92 of this chapter. Regulations governing foreign fishing for groundfish in the BSAI are set forth at § 611.93 of this chapter. Regulations governing U.S. nationals fishing in the Russian fisheries are set forth in part 299 of this title.

* * * * *

(c) *Domestic fishing for groundfish*. Regulations governing the conservation and management of groundfish in the GOA for vessels of the United States are set forth at this part and parts 620, 676, and 677 of this chapter. Regulations governing the conservation and management of groundfish in the BSAI are set forth in this part and parts 620, 675, 676, and 677 of this chapter.

* * * * *

5. Section 672.4 is revised to read as follows:

§ 672.4 Fisheries permit.

(a) *General*. (1) No vessel of the United States may be used to fish for groundfish in the GOA or in the BSAI unless the owner first obtains a Federal fisheries permit for the vessel issued under this part, except as provided in paragraph (a)(2) of this section. A Federal fisheries permit is effective only until December 31 of the year in which it is issued. Fisheries permits are issued without charge.

(2) Vessels of the United States that fish in the GOA or BSAI for any non-groundfish species, including but not limited to, halibut, crab, salmon, scallops, and herring, and that do not retain any bycatch of groundfish are not required to obtain a Federal fisheries permit issued under this part.

(b) *Federal Fisheries Permit Application*—(1) *Request for*

application and permit. A person may obtain an application for a Federal fisheries permit required under paragraph (a) of this section from: National Marine Fisheries Service, P.O. Box 21668, Juneau, AK 99802-1668, fax number: 907-586-7465.

(2) *Completed application.* (i) A person may obtain the Federal fisheries permit required under paragraph (a) of this section by submitting a written permit application to the address given in paragraph (b)(1) of this section.

(ii) The owner or operator of a vessel must answer each question on the permit application in the manner set forth in paragraph (c) of this section.

(iii) The owner or operator must mail completed forms to the address given in paragraph (b)(1) of this section or fax completed forms to: (907)586-7313.

(iv) The owner or operator must complete a separate application for each vessel or processor and must retain a copy of each completed or revised application.

(v) The owner or operator must type or print legibly the information requested on the application.

(3) *Application deficiency.* Upon receipt of an incomplete or improperly completed fisheries permit application, the Regional Director will notify the applicant of the deficiency in the permit application. If the applicant fails to correct the deficiency, the permit will not be issued. No permit will be issued to an applicant until a complete application is received.

(c) *Permit application contents.* The owner or operator must record:

(1) If application is for an amended permit, the current Federal Fisheries Permit number and information that has changed.

(2) If for a vessel, the complete name and homeport (city and state) of the vessel; the ADF&G vessel number; the U.S. Coast Guard documentation number or Alaska registration number; the vessel's length overall and registered net tonnage; and the telephone, fax, and COMSAT (satellite communication) numbers used on board the vessel.

(3) *Shoreside processor information.* If a shoreside processor, refer to § 677.4(b) of this chapter.

(4) *Owner information.* The owner of the vessel or shoreside processor must record the owner's name, permanent business mailing address, telephone and fax numbers; and the name of any company (other than the owner) that manages the operations of the vessel or shoreside processor.

(5) *Federal fisheries permit information.* The owner must record:

(i) The fishery or fisheries and the vessel operations category for which the

permit would apply as set forth under paragraph (e) of this section and § 672.2;

(ii) If a Catcher Vessel or Catcher/Processor, the gear type(s) used for groundfish operations;

(iii) If a Catcher Vessel, whether groundfish is retained only as bycatch from halibut, crab, or salmon fisheries; and whether sablefish (black cod) is the only groundfish targeted in the GOA.

(6) *Signature.* The owner must sign and date the application.

(d) *Fisheries permit issuance.* (1) Except as provided in subpart D of 15 CFR part 904, upon receipt of a properly completed permit application, the Regional Director will issue a fisheries permit required by paragraph (a) of this section.

(2) The Regional Director will send the fisheries permit to the applicant along with the appropriate logbooks as provided under § 672.5.

(e) *Vessel operations category.* (1) A fisheries permit issued under paragraph (d)(1) of this section authorizes a vessel to conduct operations as a Catcher Vessel, Catcher/Processor, Mothership, Tender Vessel, or Support Vessel.

(2) A vessel may be issued a fisheries permit as a support vessel or as any combination of the other four categories (Catcher Vessel, Catcher/Processor, Mothership, Tender Vessel). A vessel permitted as a Catcher Vessel, Catcher/Processor, Mothership, or Tender Vessel may also conduct all operations authorized for a support vessel.

(f) *Amended permit.* (1) An owner or operator who applied for and received a fisheries permit under this section must notify the Regional Director, in writing, of any change in the information provided under paragraph (c) of this section within 10 days of the date of that change.

(2) An application for an amended permit must be made on the permit application as set forth in paragraph (c) of this section.

(3) If the application is for an amended fisheries permit required under paragraph (a) of this section and designates a change or addition of a vessel operations category, the amended permit must be on board the vessel before the new type of operations begins.

(g) *Duration.* (1) A fisheries permit remains in effect through December 31 of the year for which it is issued unless it is revoked, suspended, or modified under 15 CFR part 904 (Civil Procedures), or unless it is surrendered or invalidated.

(2) A fisheries permit is surrendered when the original permit is submitted to and received by NMFS Enforcement Office in Juneau.

(h) *Alteration.* No person may alter, erase, or mutilate any fisheries permit issued under paragraph (a) of this section. Any fisheries permit that is intentionally altered, erased, or mutilated is invalid.

(i) *Transfer.* A Fisheries permit issued under paragraph (a) of this section is not transferable or assignable and is valid only for the vessel for which it is issued.

(j) *Inspection.* (1) An original fisheries permit issued under paragraph (a) of this section must be carried on board the vessel whenever the vessel is fishing. Photocopied or faxed copies are not considered originals.

(2) A permit issued under paragraph (a) of this section must be presented for inspection upon the request of any authorized officer.

(k) *Sanctions.* Procedures governing permit sanctions and denials are found at subpart D of 15 CFR part 904.

(l) *Condition.* No person may use a vessel for which the Regional Director has issued a permit under paragraph (a) of this section to fish in the Donut Hole, or to possess fish in the EEZ that were caught in the Donut Hole, during the fishing year for which the permit is issued.

(m) *Moratorium permit.* In addition to the Federal fisheries permit required by paragraph (a) of this section and any other permits that may be required by Federal or Alaska state regulations, a moratorium permit may be required by part 676 of this chapter for a vessel of the United States if the vessel is used to conduct directed fishing for moratorium groundfish species, as defined at § 676.2 of this chapter, in the Gulf of Alaska or Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands management area.

6. Section 672.5 is revised to read as follows:

§ 672.5 Recordkeeping and reporting.

(a) *Applicability and general requirements—*(1) *Applicability.* (i) Except as otherwise provided, this section applies to:

(A) Any Catcher Vessel, Mothership, Catcher/Processor, or Tender Vessel, 5 net tons or larger, which is required to have a fisheries permit under § 672.4; and

(B) Any Shoreside Processor, Mothership, or Buying Station that receives groundfish from vessels required to have a fisheries permit under § 672.4.

(ii) A Shoreside Processor, Mothership, or Buying Station subject to recordkeeping and reporting requirements must report all groundfish and prohibited species received, including:

(A) Fish received from vessels not required to have a fisheries permit;

(B) Fish received under contract for handling or processing for another processor.

(2) *Responsibility.* The operator of a Catcher Vessel, Catcher/Processor, Mothership, or Buying Station delivering to a Mothership (hereafter referred to as the operator) and the manager of a Shoreside Processor or Buying Station delivering to a Shoreside Processor (hereafter referred to as the manager) are each responsible for compliance with the applicable recordkeeping and reporting requirements of this section. In addition, the owner of a vessel, Shoreside Processor, or Buying Station must ensure that the operator, manager, or designated representative (see paragraph (b) of this section) complies with these requirements and is responsible for compliance.

(3) *Groundfish logbooks and forms.* The Regional Director will prescribe and provide logbooks and forms required under this section as shown in Table 9 of this part. The operator or manager must use these logbooks and forms or obtain approval from the Regional Director to use electronic versions of the logbooks and forms.

(4) *Participant identification information.* The operator or manager must record on all required records, reports, and logbooks:

(i) The name of the Catcher Vessel, Catcher/Processor, Mothership, Shoreside Processor, or Buying Station as displayed in official documentation;

(ii) If a vessel, the Federal Fisheries Permit number and ADF&G vessel number (if applicable);

(iii) If a processor, the Federal Processor Permit number and ADF&G processor number;

(iv) If a Buying Station, the name and ADF&G vessel number (if applicable) of the Buying Station; the name, ADF&G processor number, and Federal Processor Permit number of associated processor;

(v) If a Shoreside Processor or land-based Buying Station, the geographic location of operations.

(5) *Representative identification.* The name, daytime business telephone number (including area code), fax or TELEX number, and the COMSAT number (if applicable) of the representative;

(6) *Maintenance of records—(i) General.* The operator or manager must maintain all records, reports, and logbooks in a legible, timely, and accurate manner; in English; if handwritten, in indelible ink; if

computer-generated, a printed, paper copy; and based on Alaska local time.

(ii) When applicable, the operator or manager must record in each report, form, and logbook the following information:

(A) *Page number.* Number the pages in each logbook consecutively, beginning with page one and continuing throughout the logbook for the remainder of the fishing year, except that the manager of a Shoreside Processor must number the DCPL pages within Part I and Part II separately beginning with page one, etc.;

(B) *Date,* presented as month-day-year;

(C) *Time,* in military format to the nearest hour, A.L.T.;

(D) *Position Coordinates,* latitude and longitude to the nearest second;

(E) *Reporting Area codes,* given in Figures 1 and 3 of this part;

(F) *Species codes,* each target species, the "other species" category, and prohibited species (see §§ 672.20(e) and 675.20(c) of this chapter), using the species codes given in Table 2 of this part;

(G) *Original/Revised Report.* If a report is the first one submitted to the Regional Director for a given date, gear type, and reporting area, "ORIGINAL REPORT". If report is a correction to a previously submitted report for a given date, gear type, and reporting area, "REVISED REPORT";

(H) *Metric tons.* The required weight units used to record amounts of landings, product, and discards of groundfish and herring must be recorded in pounds (lb) or to the nearest 0.01 mt on all forms and logbooks.

(7) *Active and inactive periods.* The operator or manager must, in the DFL, DCL, or DCPL:

(i) Account for each day of the fishing year by indicating active and inactive periods, as defined in § 672.2;

(ii) Use a separate logbook page for each day of an active period;

(iii) Indicate on one page the first and last day of an inactive period;

(iv) *Fishing activity.* The operator or manager must indicate all fishing activity, which is defined as follows:

(A) If a Catcher Vessel, harvest or discard of groundfish;

(B) If a Catcher/Processor, harvest, discard, or processing of groundfish;

(C) If a Mothership or Shoreside Processor, receipt, discard, or processing of groundfish;

(D) If a Buying Station, receipt, discard, or delivery of groundfish;

(v) If in an active period and there is fishing activity, the operator or manager must record:

(A) The gear type used to harvest the groundfish. If a Catcher Vessel or

Catcher/Processor and using hook-and-line longline gear, the average number of hooks per skate;

(B) The reporting area code where gear retrieval was completed; whether gear retrieval was in Federal or Alaska State waters;

(C) If a Catcher Vessel, whether a NMFS-certified observer is on board the vessel. If a Catcher/Processor, Mothership, or Shoreside Processor, the number of NMFS-certified observers on board or on site;

(D) The number of crew, except certified observer;

(E) Whether harvest is under a CDQ program; if yes, the CDQ number;

(F) If a Catcher Vessel or Buying Station, the name and ADF&G processor number of the Mothership or Shoreside Processor to which groundfish deliveries were made;

(vi) If in an active period and there is no harvesting, discard, receipt, or processing of groundfish, the operator or manager must indicate "NO FISHING ACTIVITY" and briefly describe the reason.

(8) *Landings information.* The manager of a Shoreside Processor must:

(i) Record and report groundfish landings by species codes and product codes as defined in Tables 1 and 2 of this part for each reporting area, whether in Alaska State waters or Federal waters, gear type, and CDQ number;

(ii) Record in the DCPL each day on the day such landings occur, the following additional information:

(A) The daily combined scale weight of landings retained for processing from a Catcher Vessel or any associated Buying Station, in pounds or to at least the nearest 0.01 mt;

(B) If more than one page is used during a weekly reporting period, the total amount of landings carried forward from the previous page;

(C) At the end of each weekly reporting period, the cumulative total weight, calculated by adding the daily totals and total carried forward for that week;

(iii) Summarize the DCPL for each weekly reporting period on a WPR or for each day on a DPR (if applicable). If there were no landings during a reporting period, write "NO LANDINGS" on the first row of the WPR landings section or under the DPR landings column for that day.

(9) *Product information.* The operator or manager of a Catcher/Processor, Mothership, or Shoreside Processor must, where required:

(i) Record and report groundfish products by species codes, product codes, and product designations as

defined in Tables 1 and 2 of this part for each reporting area, whether in Alaska State waters or Federal waters, gear type, and CDQ number;

(ii) Record in the DCPL each day on the day such production occurs, the daily total, balance brought forward (except for Shoreside Processor), and cumulative total fish product weight (see § 672.2) for each product of groundfish in pounds or to at least the nearest 0.01 mt;

(iii) Summarize the DCPL for each weekly reporting period on a WPR or for each day on a DPR (if applicable). If there was no production during a weekly reporting period, indicate "NO PRODUCTION" on the first row of the WPR production section or under the DPR products column for that day.

(10) *Discarded/donated species information.* The manager or operator must, where required:

(i) Record and report discards and donations by species codes and discard product codes as defined in Tables 1 and 2 of this part for each reporting area, whether in Alaska State waters or Federal waters, gear type, and CDQ number;

(ii) Record the estimated daily total, balance brought forward, and cumulative total round fish weight in the DFL, DCL, or DCPL each day on the day such discards occur for each discard of groundfish species, groundfish species groups, and Pacific herring in pounds or to at least the nearest 0.01 mt;

(iii) Record the estimated daily total, balance brought forward, and cumulative total numbers in the DFL, DCL, or DCPL each day on the day such discards occur for each discard of Pacific salmon, steelhead trout, Pacific halibut, king crab, and Tanner crab;

(iv) Summarize the DCPL for each weekly reporting period on a WPR or for each day on a DPR (if applicable). If there were no discards during a reporting period, write "NO DISCARDS" on the first row of the WPR discard section or under the DPR discard column for that day.

(v) *Catcher Vessel discards/donations.* (A) The operator must record in the DFL discards that occur prior to and during harvest and must submit the blue DFL logsheets (discards copy) to the Buying Station, Mothership, or Shoreside Processor receiving the harvest at the end of the weekly reporting period;

(B) If a Catcher Vessel discards fish from an unsorted codend prior to delivery to a processor, the operator of the vessel must estimate and record in the DFL the amount and species composition of the discards made at sea (discard code 98);

(vi) *Buying Station discards/donations.* (A) The operator or manager must record in the DCL on a daily basis on the day such discard occurs, all discards that occur after receipt of harvest from a Catcher Vessel and prior to delivery to a Mothership or Shoreside Processor;

(B) If a blue DFL logsheet is received from a Catcher Vessel and contains reports of discards, the operator or manager must record in the DCL the discards on the day the DFL logsheet is received from the Catcher Vessel;

(vii) *Catcher/Processor discards/donations.* The operator must record in the DCPL on the day such discard occurs all discards that occur prior to harvest, during harvest, and during processing;

(viii) *Mothership or Shoreside Processor discards/donations.* (A) The operator or manager must record into the DCPL on a daily basis on the day such discard occurs, all discards that occur on site after receipt of groundfish, and all discards that occur during processing of groundfish;

(B) If a blue DFL logsheet is received from a Catcher Vessel and discards are reported, the operator or manager must record in the DCPL the discards on the day the DFL logsheet is received from the Catcher Vessel;

(C) If a yellow DCL logsheet is received from a Buying Station and discards are reported, the operator or manager must record in the DCPL the discards on the day the DCL logsheet is received from the Buying Station;

(11) *Contract processing.* (i) The manager of a Shoreside Processor or operator of a Mothership who receives groundfish to be handled or processed under contract for another processor or business entity must report these fish to the Regional Director consistently throughout a fishing year using one of two methods:

(A) Record landings (if applicable), discards, and products of contract-processed groundfish routinely in the DCPL without separate identification; or

(B) Record landings (if applicable), discards, and products of contract-processed groundfish in a separate DCPL identified by the name, Federal Processor permit number, Federal Fisheries permit number (if applicable), and ADF&G Processor code of the associated business entity;

(ii) If contract-processed groundfish records are kept separate from the routine DCPL, the operator or manager of the Mothership or Shoreside Processor must summarize and report that information on a WPR identified by the name, Federal Processor permit number, Federal Fisheries permit

number (if applicable), and ADF&G Processor code of the associated business entity.

(12) *Alteration of records.* (i) The operator, manager, or any other person may not alter or change any entry or record in a logbook except that an inaccurate or incorrect entry or record may be corrected by lining out the original and inserting the correction, provided that the original entry or record remains legible.

(ii) No person except an authorized officer may remove any original page of any logbook.

(13) *Inspection of records.* The operator or manager of a Catcher Vessel, Catcher/Processor, Mothership, or Shoreside Processor, must make all logbooks, reports, and forms required under paragraph (a)(3) of this section available for inspection upon the request of an authorized officer.

(14) *Submittal of logbooks, reports and forms—(i) Quarterly submittal of logbook.* (A) The operator of a Catcher Vessel, Catcher/Processor, Mothership, or the manager of a Shoreside Processor must submit the yellow logsheets on a quarterly basis to: NMFS Alaska Fisheries Science Center, Logbook Program, 7600 Sand Point Way NE, Building 4, Seattle, WA 98115.

(B) The operator or manager must submit the yellow logsheets as follows: First quarter, by May 1 of that year; second quarter, by August 1 of that year; third quarter, by November 1 of that year; and fourth quarter, by February 1 of the following year.

(ii) *Submittal of reports and forms.* Reports and forms may be submitted by the operator or manager by:

(A) Using the NMFS printed form and faxing it to the fax number on the form; or

(B) Transmitting a data file with required information and forms to NMFS by modem or satellite (specifically INMARSAT standards A, B, or C).

(15) *Record retention—(i) Original copy.* (A) The operator of a Catcher Vessel, Catcher/Processor, or Mothership and the manager of a Shoreside Processor must retain the original (white) copy of all logbooks and a paper copy of all reports and forms, including those reports and forms that were originally submitted electronically:

(1) On site until the end of the fishing year during which the records were made and for as long thereafter as fish or fish products recorded in the logbook, reports, and forms are retained;

(2) For 3 years after the end of the fishing year during which the records were made;

(B) The operator or manager of a Buying Station must retain the original (white) copy of all DCLs required under paragraph (a)(2) of this section on site until the Buying Station has concluded receiving groundfish for a Shoreside Processor or Mothership and for as long as fish and fish products recorded in the DCL are retained by the Buying Station;

(ii) *Yellow DCL logsheet.* When the operator of a Mothership or the manager of a Shoreside Processor submits on a quarterly basis to NMFS, the yellow DCL logsheets received from associated Buying Stations per paragraph (a)(14) of this section, the operator or manager must retain a photocopy of the yellow DCL logsheets until the original DCL is received from the associated Buying Station operator or manager.

(iii) *Blue DFL logsheet.* The operator of a Mothership and the manager of a Shoreside Processor must retain the blue DFL logsheets (discard reports) through the last day of the fishing year during which the records were made.

(iv) *Pink DCL logsheet.* The operator or manager of a Buying Station must retain the pink DCL logsheets for 3 years after the end of the fishing year during which the records were made.

(16) *Integration of Buying Station records.* (i) The operator or manager of a Buying Station must maintain a separate DCL for each Shoreside Processor or Mothership to which the Buying Station delivers groundfish during a fishing year.

(ii) The operator or manager of a Buying Station must submit upon delivery of catch, the yellow DCL logsheets, to the Shoreside Processor or Mothership to which it delivers groundfish, along with the blue DFL logsheets and ADF&G fish tickets or catch receipts for that delivery.

(iii) Upon conclusion of receiving groundfish for a Shoreside Processor or Mothership, the Buying Station operator or manager must submit the original DCL to the Shoreside Processor manager or Mothership operator to which deliveries were made.

(iv) If the Mothership operator or the Shoreside Processor manager receives fish from a Buying Station, the operator or manager must incorporate all of the DCL information into the DCPL.

(b) *Designated representative.* The operator or manager of a Catcher Vessel, Mothership, Catcher/Processor, Shoreside Processor or Buying Station must identify one person to fill out and sign the logbook, complete the recordkeeping and reporting forms, or both, and to identify who will be the contact person for inquiries from NMFS. Designation of a representative under this paragraph does not relieve the

owner, operator, or manager of responsibility for compliance with this part.

(c) *Catcher Vessel DFL and Catcher/Processor DCPL—(1) Requirement.* (i) The operator of each Catcher Vessel or Catcher/Processor subject to this part must:

(A) Answer each question on the DFL or DCPL in the manner set forth under paragraphs (c) (3) through (7) of this section; and

(B) Submit the DFL or DCPL in the manner set forth under paragraphs (c)(2) and (a)(14), respectively, of this section.

(ii) *Pair trawl.* If two Catcher Vessels are dragging a trawl between them (pair trawl), a separate DFL must be maintained by each of the vessels. Each vessel operator must log the amount of the catch retained by that vessel and any fish discarded by the vessel.

(2) *Time limit and submittal.* (i) The operator must record in the DFL or DCPL, the time, position, and estimated groundfish catch weight within 2 hours after gear retrieval;

(ii) The operator must record all other information required in the DFL or DCPL by noon of the day following gear retrieval if a Catcher Vessel or by noon of the day following completion of production if a Catcher/Processor;

(iii) The operator of a Catcher Vessel must submit the blue DFL logsheets with delivery of the harvest to the operator or manager of the Buying Station, Mothership, or Shoreside Processor;

(iv) Notwithstanding other time limits, the operator of a Catcher Vessel must record all information required in the DFL within 2 hours after the vessel's catch is offloaded;

(3) The operator must record on each page:

(i) Page number as defined at paragraph (a)(6)(i) of this section;

(ii) The date;

(iii) If a Catcher Vessel, the vessel name and ADF&G vessel registration number. If a Catcher/Processor, the name, ADF&G processor number, and Federal Processor number of the Catcher/Processor;

(iv) The operator's signature;

(v) Active/inactive period. Whether Catcher Vessel or Catcher/Processor is in an active or inactive period as defined at paragraph (a)(7) of this section.

(4) The operator must record the following for each haul or set:

(i) *Gear deployment.* The number of haul or set, by sequence; begin time and position coordinates of gear deployment; average sea depth and average gear depth, recorded to the nearest meter or fathom.

(ii) *Gear retrieval.* The date, time, and position coordinates of gear retrieval. If the vessel is using longline hook-and-line gear, the number of skates set. If the vessel is using longline pot or single pot gear, the total number of pots set.

(iii) The estimated total round fish weight of the groundfish catch; and

(iv) The species code of the intended target species from Table 2 of this part.

(5) The operator must record discard/donation information as defined at paragraph (a)(10) of this section.

(6) If a Catcher Vessel, the operator must record:

(i) The date of delivery.

(ii) The name, ADF&G processor code, and ADF&G fish ticket number(s) provided by the manager or operator of the Mothership, Shoreside Processor, or Buying Station.

(7) If a Catcher/Processor, the operator must record product information as set forth at paragraph (a)(9) of this section.

(d) *Buying station DCL—(1) Requirement.* The operator or manager of each Buying Station subject to this part must:

(i) Answer each question on the DCL in the manner set forth under paragraphs (d)(3) through (5) of this section; and

(ii) Submit the DCL in the manner set forth under paragraphs (d)(2) and (a)(14), respectively, of this section.

(2) *Time limits.* (i) The operator or manager must record entries in the DCL as to Catcher Vessel delivery information within 2 hours after completion of receipt of the groundfish.

(ii) All other information required in the DCL must be recorded by noon of the day following the day the receipt of groundfish was completed or discard occurred.

(3) The operator or manager must record for each page:

(i) Page number as defined at paragraph (a)(6)(i) of this section;

(ii) The date;

(iii) The Buying Station name and, if a vessel, the ADF&G vessel number;

(iv) The operator's or manager's signature.

(v) *Active/inactive period.* Whether Buying Station is in an active or inactive period as defined at paragraph (a)(7) of this section.

(vi) The name and ADF&G processor code of the Mothership or Shoreside Processor to which groundfish deliveries were made;

(vii) The number of crew;

(4) The operator or manager must record the following information for each delivery of groundfish:

(i) The ADF&G fish ticket number issued to each Catcher Vessel delivering groundfish. If a fish ticket was not

issued, the catch receipt number of the transaction;

(ii) Whether blue DFL logsheets were received from Catcher Vessel;

(iii) The time when receipt of groundfish catch was completed;

(iv) The name and ADF&G vessel registration number of the Catcher Vessel delivering the groundfish;

(v) The total groundfish delivery weight.

(5) The operator or manager must record discard/donation information as defined at paragraph (a)(10) of this section.

(e) *Mothership DCPL*—(1)

Requirement. The operator of each Mothership subject to this part must:

(i) Answer each question on the DCPL in the manner set forth under paragraphs (e) (3) through (6) of this section; and

(ii) Submit the DCPL in the manner set forth under paragraphs (e)(2) and (a)(14), respectively, of this section.

(2) *Time limits.* (i) The operator must record entries in the DCPL as to Catcher Vessel or Buying Station delivery information within 2 hours after completion of the groundfish receipt.

(ii) All other information required in the DCPL must be recorded by noon of the day following the day the catch receipt, discard, or production occurred.

(3) The operator must record on each page:

(i) Page number as defined at paragraph (a)(6) of this section;

(ii) The date;

(iii) The name, ADF&G processor number, and Federal Processor number;

(iv) The operator's signature.

(v) Whether Mothership is in an active or inactive period as defined at paragraph (a)(7) of this section.

(4) The operator must record for each delivery:

(i) Whether delivery is from a Catcher Vessel or a Buying Station;

(ii) The name and ADF&G vessel registration number (if applicable) of the Catcher Vessel or Buying Station delivering the groundfish;

(iii) The time and position coordinates of the Mothership when groundfish catch is received;

(iv) The estimated total round fish weight of the groundfish catch;

(v) The ADF&G fish ticket number issued to each Catcher Vessel delivering groundfish. If a fish ticket is not issued, record the catch receipt number of the transaction.

(5) The operator must record discard/donation information as defined at paragraph (a)(10) of this section.

(6) The operator must record product information as defined at paragraph (a)(9) of this section.

(f) *Shoreside Processor DCPL*—(1) *Requirement.* The manager of each Shoreside Processor subject to this part must:

(i) Answer each question on the DCPL in the manner set forth under paragraphs (f) (3) through (7) of this section;

(ii) Submit the DCPL in the manner set forth under paragraphs (f)(2) and (a)(14), respectively, of this section.

(2) *Time limits*—(i) The manager must record in the DCPL all Catcher Vessel or Buying Station delivery information within 2 hours after completion of the groundfish receipt.

(ii) All other information required in the DCPL must be recorded by noon of the day following the day the catch receipt, discard, or production occurred.

(3) *Part I.* The operator must record on each page:

(i) *Page number.* If page is for an individual day, the date. If page is for 1 week, week-ending date. See also paragraph (a)(6)(i) of this section.

(ii) Participant identification information as defined at paragraph (a)(4) of this section.

(iii) The signature of the manager.

(iv) Whether the Shoreside Processor is in an active or inactive period as defined at paragraph (a)(7) of this section.

(4) *Delivery information.* The manager must record the following information for each delivery:

(i) Date and time when receipt of groundfish catch was completed;

(ii) Whether delivery is from Catcher Vessel or Buying Station;

(iii) Whether blue DFL logsheets were submitted by Catcher Vessel;

(iv) The name and ADF&G vessel registration number (if applicable) of the Catcher Vessel or Buying Station delivering the groundfish;

(v) The total scale weight of groundfish delivery in pounds or to the nearest 0.01 mt;

(vi) The ADF&G fish ticket number issued to the Catcher Vessel delivering groundfish. If a fish ticket is not issued, record the catch receipt number of the transaction.

(5) *Landings information (Part IC).* The manager must record:

(i) The date next to the appropriate day of the week (SUN through SAT);

(ii) Landings information as defined at paragraph (a)(8) of this section.

(6) *Discarded/donated species information (Part ID).* The manager must record:

(i) The date next to the appropriate day of the week (SUN through SAT);

(ii) Discard information as defined at paragraph (a)(10) of this section.

(7) *Part II.* The manager must record:

(i) Page numbers must be consecutive within Part II, beginning with page one for the first day product was produced after the start of the fishing year and continuing throughout the section for the remainder of the fishing year;

(ii) The name, ADF&G processor code number, and Federal Processor number of Shoreside Processor;

(iii) The signature of the manager.

(iv) *Product information.* (A) The week-ending date;

(B) The management area (BSAI or GOA);

(C) The date next to the appropriate day of the week (SUN through SAT);

(D) Product information as defined at paragraph (a)(9) of this section.

(g) *Groundfish product transfer report (PTR)*—(1) *Requirement.* (i) The operator of a Mothership or Catcher/Processor or the manager of a Shoreside Processor must record each transfer of groundfish product on a separate PTR.

(ii) The operator or manager must answer each question on the PTR in the manner set forth under paragraphs (g) (3) through (6) of this section for each transfer of groundfish or groundfish product and must submit the PTR in the manner set forth under paragraph (g)(2) of this section.

(iii) *Shoreside Processor transfer to offsite meal reduction plant.* The manager of a Shoreside Processor must report on a PTR those fish products which are subsequently transferred to an offsite meal reduction plant;

(iv) *Transfer of groundfish for bait.* The operator or manager must report on a PTR, daily sales or transfer of groundfish to vessels for bait. Individual sales of groundfish for bait purposes during a day may be aggregated when recording the amount of product leaving a facility that day.

(2) *Time limits and submittal.* The operator or manager must:

(i) Record all product transfer information on a PTR within 2 hours of the completion of the transfer;

(ii) Submit a copy of each PTR to the Regional Director to fax number 907-586-7313 within 24 hours of completion of transfer.

(3) The operator or manager must record on each page:

(i) Whether an original or revised report, as defined at paragraph (a)(6) of this section;

(ii) Page numbers must be numbered sequentially, with the first transfer of the fishing year as page 1 and continuing throughout the remainder of the fishing year;

(iii) If product (including raw fish) is received, "RECEIPT". If product (including raw fish) is offloaded from a Mothership or Catcher/Processor,

“OFFLOAD”. If product (including raw fish) is shipped from a Shoreside Processor, “SHIPMENT”;

(iv) Representative identification information, as defined at paragraph (a)(5) of this section;

(v) If a Catcher/Processor or Mothership, the participant identification information as defined at paragraph (a)(4) of this section and Coast Guard Documentation number. If a Shoreside Processor, the participant identification information as defined at paragraph (a)(4) of this section.

(4) *Transfer information.* The operator or manager must record the following information for each transfer:

(i) If another vessel is involved with the transfer, the name and call sign of the vessel receiving or delivering groundfish or groundfish products;

(ii) If a Mothership or Catcher/Processor and the transfer takes place in port, the port of landing and country if a foreign location;

(iii) If transfer is made to an agent, the agent's name. For purposes of this part, agent is defined as the transport company, the buyer, or the distributor;

(iv) *Intended first destination of product.* (A) If an offload or shipment, the intended destination of vessel or agent receiving groundfish or groundfish product. If receipt, not applicable;

(B) If an offload or shipment has several destinations, the primary or first intended destination;

(C) If offload or shipment is going to a single agent and initial destination but requires loading on multiple vans, trucks, or airline flights, the transfer may be recorded on a single PTR page;

(v) *Date and time of product transfer*—(A) *Start date.* The date and time the transfer starts;

(B) *Finish date.* The date and time the transfer is completed:

(1) If shipment is an individual van load or flight, the date and time when each shipment leaves the plant;

(2) If shipment involves multiple vans or trucks, the date and time when loading of vans or trucks is completed for each day;

(3) If shipment involves air freight, record date and time when the last air freight shipment of the day leaves the plant;

(vi) *Position transferred.* If a Catcher/Processor or Mothership and transfer of product is made at sea, the transfer position coordinates.

(5) *Products and quantities offloaded, shipped, or received.* (i) If a Catcher/Processor or Mothership, the Harvest Zone code of the area in which groundfish were harvested as defined in Table 8 of this part;

(ii) The species code and product code for each product transferred as defined in Tables 1 and 2 of this part;

(iii) The number of cartons or production units transferred;

(iv) The average net weight of one carton for each species and product code in kilograms or pounds;

(v) The total net weight (fish product weight, to the nearest 0.01 mt) of the products transferred.

(6) If a Catcher/Processor or Mothership, whether transfer is a total or partial offload. If partial offload, the total fish product weight, to the nearest 0.01 mt, of the products (by harvest zone, species and product codes) remaining on board after this transfer;

(h) *Check-in/Check-out report*—(1) *Requirement*—(i) *Check-in report (BEGIN Message).* Before a Catcher/Processor commences harvest of groundfish in Alaska State or Federal waters of any reporting area except 300, 400, 550, or 690 or before a Mothership, Shoreside Processor or Buying Station commences receipt of groundfish from Alaska State or Federal waters of any reporting area except 300, 400, 550, or 690, the operator or manager must answer each question on the Check-in/Check-out report in the manner set forth under paragraphs (h)(3), (h)(4), and (h)(6) of this section; and must submit the Check-in/Check-out report in the manner set forth under paragraph (h)(2) of this section.

(ii) *Check-out report (CEASE Message).* (A) If a Catcher/Processor departs a reporting area or moves between Alaska State and Federal waters in a reporting area, and gear retrieval is complete from that area, the operator or manager must answer each question on a Check-out report in the manner set forth in paragraphs (h)(3), (h)(5), and (h)(6) of this section and must submit the Check-in/Check-out report in the manner set forth under paragraph (h)(2) of this section;

(B) If a Mothership or Shoreside Processor, and groundfish receipt and processing are completed, the operator or manager must answer each question on a Check-out report in the manner set forth in paragraphs (h)(3), (h)(5), and (h)(6) of this section and must submit the Check-in/Check-out report in the manner set forth under paragraph (h)(2) of this section;

(iii) *Transit between reporting areas.* If a vessel is transiting through a reporting area and is not fishing or receiving fish, a Check-in or Check-out report is not required from that area;

(iv) *Multiple vessel operations categories.* If a Catcher/Processor is functioning simultaneously as a Mothership in the same reporting area,

the operator must submit a separate Check-in report for each vessel operations category. Upon completion of each activity, the operator must submit a Check-out report for each vessel operations category.

(2) *Time limits and submittal*—(i) *Check-in report.* (A) The operator of a Catcher/Processor must submit by fax a Check-in report (BEGIN message) to the Regional Director at fax number 907-586-7131 before commencing any harvest of groundfish.

(B) The operator or manager of a Mothership, Shoreside Processor, or Buying Station must submit by fax a Check-in report (BEGIN message) to the Regional Director at fax number 907-586-7131 before commencing any receipt of groundfish.

(ii) *Check-out report.* (A) If a Catcher/Processor, Mothership, or Buying Station, the operator must submit by fax a Check-out report (CEASE message) to the Regional Director at fax number 907-586-7131 within 24 hours after leaving either the Alaska State or Federal part of a reporting area.

(B) If a Shoreside Processor, the manager must submit by fax a Check-out report (CEASE message) to the Regional Director at fax number 907-586-7131 within 48 hours after the end of the applicable weekly reporting period that a Shoreside Processor ceases to process groundfish for the fishing year or has not processed groundfish for more than one weekly reporting period;

(3) The operator or manager must record on each page:

(i) Whether an original or revised report as defined at paragraph (a)(6) of this section;

(ii) Participant identification information as defined at paragraph (a)(4) of this section;

(iii) Representative identification information as defined at paragraph (a)(5) of this section;

(iv) If a Mothership or Catcher/Processor, the processor type and gear type used to harvest the groundfish. If groundfish are received by a Mothership in the same reporting area from more than one gear type, or if groundfish are caught by a Catcher/Processor in the same reporting area using more than one gear type, the operator must submit a separate form for each gear type;

(v) Whether harvest is under a CDQ Program; if yes, the CDQ number;

(vi) If a Buying Station, the number of crew on the last day of the reporting week.

(4) *BEGIN Message.* The operator or manager must record:

(i) If a Catcher/Processor, date and time that gear is deployed. If a

Mothership, date and time that receipt of groundfish begins;

(ii) If a Catcher/Processor, position coordinates where gear is set. If a Mothership, position coordinates where groundfish receipt is begun;

(iii) If a Catcher/Processor, the reporting area code of gear deployment and whether gear deployment was in Federal or Alaska State waters. If a Mothership or Buying Station, the reporting area code where groundfish receipt begins and whether receipt of groundfish occurred in Federal or Alaska State waters;

(iv) If a Shoreside Processor, the date receipt of groundfish will begin; whether checking in for first time in fishing year or checking in to restart receipt and processing of groundfish after filing a Check-out report;

(v) If a Mothership or Catcher/Processor, the primary and secondary species expected to be harvested. If a Buying Station, the intended primary target expected to be harvested. A change in intended target species within the same reporting area does not require a new BEGIN message.

(5) *CEASE Message*. The operator or manager must report:

(i) If a Mothership or Catcher/Processor, the date, time and position coordinates where the vessel departed the reporting area or moved to Federal waters from Alaska State waters within a reporting area, or vice versa;

(ii) If a Shoreside Processor or Buying Station, the date that receipt of groundfish ceased.

(6) *Fish or fish product held at plant*. If a Shoreside Processor, the weight of the fish or fish products in pounds or to the nearest 0.01 mt by species and product codes.

(i) *Weekly production report (WPR)*—(1) *Requirement*. (i) The operator or manager of a Mothership, Catcher/Processor, or Shoreside Processor must answer each question on the WPR in the manner set forth in paragraphs (i)(3) through (i)(7) of this section for any week the Mothership, Catcher/Processor, or Shoreside Processor is checked in pursuant to paragraph (h)(1)(i) of this section and must submit a WPR in the manner set forth in paragraph (i)(2) of this section.

(ii) *Multiple vessel operations categories*. The operator of a vessel that is authorized to conduct operations as both a Catcher/Processor and as a Mothership must submit separate WPRs to report production and discard as a Catcher/Processor and production and discard as a Mothership.

(2) *Time limits and submittal*. The operator or manager must submit a WPR to the Regional Director at fax number

907-586-7131 by 1200 hours, A.l.t., on Tuesday, following the end of the applicable weekly reporting period.

(3) The operator or manager must record on each page:

(i) Whether an original or revised report, defined at paragraph (a)(6) of this section;

(ii) Participant identification information as defined at paragraph (a)(4) of this section;

(iii) Representative identification information as defined at paragraph (a)(5) of this section and date WPR was completed;

(iv) If a Mothership or Catcher/Processor, the processor type and gear type used to harvest the groundfish;

(v) Whether harvest is under a CDQ Program; if yes, the CDQ number;

(vi) The week-ending date;

(vii) The primary and secondary target codes for next week;

(viii) If a Mothership or Catcher/Processor, the number of crew on last day of reporting week.

(4) *Landings information*. If a Shoreside Processor, see landings information requirement at paragraph (a)(8) of this section.

(5) *Discarded/Donated Species Information (Part ID)*. For discard/donate information requirement, see paragraph (a)(10) of this section.

(6) *Product information*. For product information requirement, see at paragraph (a)(9) of this section.

(7) *Catcher Vessel delivery information*. If ADF&G fish tickets are issued by the Mothership or Shoreside Processor, list the fish ticket numbers issued to Catcher Vessels for the weekly reporting period.

(j) *Daily Production Report (DPR)*—(1) *Notice*. If the Regional Director determines that DPRs are necessary to avoid exceeding a groundfish TAC or prohibited species bycatch allowance, NMFS may require submission of DPRs for reporting one or more specific species, in addition to a WPR. NMFS will publish a document in the **Federal Register** specifying the fisheries that require DPRs and the effective dates that submittal of DPRs is required.

(2) *Requirement*. (i) If a Catcher/Processor, Mothership, or Shoreside Processor is checked-in to the specified reporting area and is harvesting, receiving, processing, or discarding the specified species, or is receiving reports from a Catcher Vessel of discard at sea of the specified species, the operator or manager must submit a DPR.

(ii) The operator of a Mothership or Catcher/Processor or manager of a Shoreside Processor must:

(A) Answer each question on the DPR in the manner set forth in paragraphs (j)(4) through (7) of this section;

(B) Submit the DPR in the manner set forth in paragraph (j)(3) of this section;

(C) Use a separate DPR for each gear type, processor type, and CDQ number.

(3) *Time limit and submittal*. The operator or manager must submit a DPR by fax to the Regional Director at fax number 907-586-7131 by 1200 hours, A.l.t., the day following each day of landings, discard, or production.

(4) The operator or manager must record on each page:

(i) Whether an original or revised report as defined at paragraph (a)(6) of this section;

(ii) Participant identification information as defined at paragraph (a)(4) of this section and processor type;

(iii) Representative identification information as defined at paragraph (a)(5) of this section;

(iv) The gear type used to harvest the groundfish, date received landings, and Federal reporting area where landings were harvested;

(v) Whether harvest is under a CDQ Program; if yes, the CDQ number.

(5) *Landing information*. If a Shoreside Processor, see landings information requirement at paragraph (a)(8) of this section.

(6) *Product information*. If a Mothership or Catcher/Processor, see product information requirement at paragraph (a)(9) of this section.

(7) *Discard/donate information*. For discard/donate information requirement, see paragraph (a)(10) of this section.

(k) *U.S. Vessel Activity Report (VAR)*—(1) *Requirement*. The operator of a Catcher Vessel, a Catcher/Processor, or a Mothership regulated under this part that crosses the seaward boundary of the EEZ off Alaska or crosses the U.S./Canada international boundary between Alaska and British Columbia must answer each question on the VAR in the manner set forth in paragraphs (k)(3) and (4) of this section and must submit a VAR in the manner set forth in paragraph (k)(2) of this section.

(2) *Time limits and submittal*. The operator must submit a VAR by fax to NMFS Alaska Enforcement Division at fax number 907-586-7313 before the vessel crosses the seaward boundary of the EEZ off Alaska or the U.S./Canada international boundary between Alaska and British Columbia.

(3) The operator must record on each page:

(i) Whether an original or revised report as defined at paragraph (a)(6) of this section;

(ii) Participant identification information as defined at paragraph (a)(4) of this section;

(iii) Representative identification information as defined at paragraph

(a)(5) of this section and date VAR was completed;

(iv) If vessel is crossing into the seaward boundary of the EEZ off Alaska or crossing the U.S./Canada International boundary between Alaska and British Columbia, the operator must indicate return report. If vessel is crossing out of the seaward boundary of the EEZ off Alaska or crossing the U.S./Canada International boundary between Alaska and British Columbia into Canadian waters, the operator must indicate depart report.

(v) Port of landing;

(vi) Whether vessel is returning from fishing or departing to fish in the Russian Zone;

(vii) Date and time vessel will cross the EEZ off Alaska or the U.S./Canada international boundary between Alaska and British Columbia;

(viii) Latitude and longitude at the point of crossing the EEZ off Alaska or U.S./Canada international boundary between Alaska and British Columbia.

(4) *Fish or fish product on board the vessel when crossing the EEZ off Alaska or U.S./Canada international boundary.*

(i) The Harvest Zone code of the area in which groundfish were harvested as defined in Table 8 of this part;

(ii) The species code and product code for each species on board as defined in Tables 1 and 2 of this part;

(iii) The fish product weight of products on board in pounds or to the nearest 0.01 mt.

7. In § 672.7, paragraphs (p) and (q) are added to read as follows:

§ 672.7 Prohibitions.

* * * * *

(p) Fail to comply with or fail to ensure compliance with requirements at § 672.5.

(q) Use a Catcher Vessel or Catcher/Processor as a Tender Vessel before offloading all groundfish or groundfish product harvested or processed by that vessel.

Subpart B—Management Measures

8. Section 672.20, paragraphs (a)(1), (e)(1), and the headings for paragraphs (c)(1), (c)(2)(i), (c)(2)(ii), and (h)(2), and paragraphs (i)(4), and (j) are revised; headings for paragraphs (c)(1)(i)(A), (i)(1), (i)(2), (i)(3), and (i)(6) are added; paragraphs (g)(1) and (g)(3) are amended by revising the words, "Table 2 to this section" to read "Table 10 of this part"; and tables 1 and 2 to the section are removed. The revised and added text reads as follows:

§ 672.20 General limitations.

(a) * * * (1) *Optimum yield (OY).* The OY for the fishery regulated by this

section and by § 611.92 of this chapter is a range of 116,000 to 800,000 mt for target species and the "other species" category in the GOA, to the extent this amount can be harvested consistently with this part and part 611 of this chapter, plus the amounts of "non-specified species" taken incidentally to the harvest of target species and the "other species" category. The species categories are defined in Table 1 of the specifications as provided in paragraph (c)(1) of this section.

* * * * *

(c) * * * (1) *Proposed specifications, interim harvest limits, and final specifications.*

(i) * * *

(A) *Proposed specifications.* * * *

(2) * * * (i) *Directed fishing allowance—Applicable after December 31, 1995.* * * *

(ii) *Directed fishing allowance—Applicable through December 31, 1995.* * * *

* * * * *

(e) * * *

(1) Prohibited species, for the purpose of this part, means any of the species of Pacific salmon (*Oncorhynchus* spp.), steelhead trout (*Oncorhynchus mykiss*), Pacific halibut (*Hippoglossus stenolepis*), Pacific herring (*Clupea harengus pallasii*), king crab (*Paralithodes* spp. and *Lithodes* spp.), and Tanner crab (*Chionoecetes* spp.) caught by a vessel regulated under this part while fishing for groundfish in the GOA, unless retention is authorized by other applicable laws, including the Pacific Halibut Fishery Regulations (part 301 of this title).

* * * * *

(h) * * *

(2) *Fishing trip.* * * *

* * * * *

(i) * * *

(1) *Pollock roe.* * * *

(2) *Primary product.* * * *

(3) *Pollock product recovery rates.*

* * *

(4) *Fishing trip.* For purposes of this paragraph, a fishing trip is defined as set forth under paragraph (h)(2) of this section.

* * * * *

(6) *Primary pollock product.* * * *

* * * * *

(j) *Standard product types and standard product recovery rates (PRR's)—(1) Calculating round-weight equivalents from standard PRRs.* Round-weight equivalents for groundfish products are calculated using the product codes and standard PRRs specified in Table 3 of this part.

(2) *Adjustments to Table 3 of this part.* The Regional Director may adjust

standard PRRs and product types specified in Table 3 of this part if he determines that existing standard PRRs are inaccurate or if new product types are developed.

(3) *Procedure.* Adjustments to any standard PRR listed in Table 3 of this part that are within and including 15 percent of that standard PRR may be made without providing notice and opportunity for prior public comment. Adjustments of any standard PRR during a calendar year, when aggregated with all other adjustments made during that year, will not exceed 15 percent of the standard PRR listed in Table 3 of this part at the beginning of that calendar year, and no new product type will be announced until NMFS publishes the proposed adjustment and/or new product type in the **Federal Register** and provides the public with at least 30 days opportunity for public comment. Any adjustment of a PRR that acts to further restrict the fishery will not be effective until 30 days after the date of publication in the **Federal Register**. If NMFS makes any adjustment or announcement without providing a prior notice and opportunity for prior public comment, the Regional Director will receive public comments on the adjustment or announcement for a period of 15 days after its publication in the **Federal Register**.

9. Section 672.23 is revised to read as follows:

§ 672.23 Seasons.

(a) *Fishing year.* Fishing for groundfish is authorized from 0001 hours, A.l.t., January 1, through 2359 hours, A.l.t., December 31, subject to the other provisions of this part, except as provided in paragraphs (c) through (f) of this section.

(b) *Time of openings and closures.* The time of all openings and closures of fishing seasons other than the beginning and end of the calendar fishing year is 1200 hours A.l.t.

(c) *Directed fishing for trawl rockfish.* Directed fishing for rockfish of the genera *Sebastes* and *Sebastolobus* with trawl gear is authorized from 1200 hours, A.l.t., on the first day of the third quarterly reporting period of a fishing year, through 2359 hours, A.l.t. December 31, subject to other provisions of this part.

(d) *Opening date for trawl groundfish.* Notwithstanding other provisions of this part, fishing for groundfish with trawl gear in the Gulf of Alaska is prohibited from 0001 hours, A.l.t. on January 1 through 1200 hours, A.l.t., January 20.

(e) *Directed fishing for pollock.* Subject to other provisions of this part,

directed fishing for pollock in the Western and Central Regulatory Areas is authorized: From 0001 hours, A.l.t., January 1, through 1200 hours, A.l.t., April 1; from 1200 hours, A.l.t., June 1, through 1200 hours, A.l.t., July 1; from 1200 hours, A.l.t., October 1, through 2359 hours, A.l.t., December 31.

10. In § 672.24, paragraphs (d)(3) and (d)(4) are redesignated as paragraphs (d)(4) and (d)(5), respectively; headings for paragraphs (c)(4), newly redesignated (d)(4), newly redesignated (d)(5), and (f)(3) are added; paragraph (d)(3) is added; headings of paragraphs (a) and (b) are revised; and the heading of paragraph (d), and paragraphs (d)(1), (d)(2), (e), (f)(4), and (f)(5) are revised to read as follows:

§ 672.24 Gear limitations.

- (a) *Marking of gear—longline marker buoys.* * * *
- (b) *Gear restrictions—pots.* * * *
- (c) * * *
- (4) *Longline pot gear.* * * *
- (d) *Trawls other than pelagic trawls—Kodiak Island—(1) Type I Closures.* No person may trawl in waters of the EEZ

within the vicinity of Kodiak Island, as shown in Figure 5 of this part as Type I areas, from a vessel having any trawl other than a pelagic trawl either attached or on board.

(2) *Type II Closures.* From February 15 to June 15, no person may trawl in waters of the EEZ within the vicinity of Kodiak Island, as shown in Figure 5 of this part as Type II areas, from a vessel having any trawl other than a pelagic trawl either attached or on board.

(3) *Type III Closures.* Type III areas are open to any trawl other than a pelagic trawl gear year round.

(4) *Net-sounder device.* * * *

(5) *Footrope of the trawl.* * * *

(e) *Steller sea lion protection areas—*

(1) *Year-round closures.* Trawling is prohibited in the GOA within 10 nm of the 14 Steller sea lion rookeries designated in Table 6a of this part.

(2) *Seasonal closures.* During January 1 through April 15, or a date earlier than April 15, if adjusted under § 675.20(a)(8) of this chapter trawling is prohibited in the GOA within 20 nm of each of the three Steller sea lion rookeries presented in Table 6b of this part.

(f) * * *

(3) *Test area criteria.* * * *

(4) *Kodiak Test Area.* Trawl gear testing is allowed in an area (Figure 7 of this part) bounded by straight lines connecting the following coordinates in the order listed at all times:

<i>W. longitude</i>	<i>N. latitude</i>
152° 02'	57° 37'
151° 25'	57° 37'
151° 25'	57° 23'
152° 02'	57° 23'
152° 02'	57° 37'

(5) *Sand Point Test Area.* Trawl gear testing is allowed in an area (Figure 7 of this part) bounded by straight lines connecting the following coordinates in the order listed at all times:

<i>W. longitude</i>	<i>N. latitude</i>
161° 00'	54° 50'
160° 30'	54° 50'
160° 30'	54° 35'
161° 00'	54° 35'
161° 00'	54° 50'

11. Part 672 is amended by adding a new heading and Tables 1 through 11 at the end of the part preceding the figures to part 672 to read as follows:

Tables—Part 672

TABLE 1.—PRODUCT CODES

Fish product code/description
1. Whole fish/food fish.
2. Whole fish/bait. Processed for bait.
3. Bled only. Throat, or isthmus, slit to allow blood to drain.
4. Gutted only. Belly slit and viscera removed.
6. Head and gutted, with roe.
7. Headed and gutted, Western cut. Head removed just in front of the collar bone, and viscera removed.
8. Headed and gutted, Eastern cut. Head removed just behind the collar bone, and viscera removed.
10. Headed and gutted, tail removed. Head removed usually in front of collar bone, and viscera and tail removed.
11. Kiriimi. Head removed either in front or behind the collar bone, viscera removed, and tail removed by cuts perpendicular to the spine, resulting in a steak.
12. Salted and split. Head removed, belly slit, viscera removed, fillets cut from head to tail but remaining attached near tail. Product salted.
13. Wings. On skates, side fins are cut off next to body.
14. Roe. Eggs, either loose or in sacs, or skeins.
15. Pectoral girdle. Collar bone and associated bones, cartilage and flesh.
16. Heads. Heads only, regardless where severed from body.
17. Cheeks. Muscles on sides of head.
18. Chins. Lower jaw (mandible), muscles, and flesh.
19. Belly. Flesh in region of pelvic and pectoral fins and behind head.
20. Fillets with skin and ribs. Meat and skin with ribs attached, from sides of body behind head and in front of tail.
21. Fillets with skin, no ribs. Meat and skin with ribs removed, from sides of body behind head and in front of tail.
22. Fillets with ribs and no skin. Meat with ribs with skin removed, from sides of body behind head and in front of tail.
23. Fillets, skinless/boneless. Meat with both skin and ribs removed, from sides of body behind head and in front of tail.
24. Deep-skin fillet. Meat with skin, adjacent meat with silver lining, and ribs removed from sides of body behind head and in front of tail, resulting in thin fillets.
30. Surimi. Paste from fish flesh and additives.
31. Minced. Ground flesh.
32. Fish meal. Meal from fish and fish parts, including bone meal.
33. Fish oil. Rendered oil.
34. Milt. (in sacs, or testes).
35. Stomachs. Includes all internal organs.
36. Octopus/squid mantles. Flesh after removal of viscera and arms.
37. Butterfly, no backbone, Head removed, belly slit, viscera and most of backbone removed; fillets attached.
39. Bones (if meal, report as 32).
86. Donated Salmon. Includes salmon retained and donated under Salmon Donation Program.
97. Other retained product.

TABLE 1.—PRODUCT CODES—Continued

Fish product code/description
Discard Product Codes
92. Discard, bait. Whole fish used as bait on board vessel.
94. Discard, consumption. Fish or fish products eaten on board or taken off the vessel for personal use.
96. Previously discarded fish (decomposed) taken with trawl gear in current fishing efforts. Discarded.
98. Discard, at sea. Whole groundfish and prohibited species discarded by catcher vessels, Catcher/Processors, Motherships, or Buying Stations delivering to Motherships.
99. Discard, dockside. Discard after delivery and before processing; Discard, at plant. In-plant discard of whole groundfish and prohibited species by Shoreside Processors and Buying Stations delivering to Shoreside Processors before and during processing.
M99 Discard, off site meal reduction plant. Discarded fish that are transferred to any off site facility for reduction to fish meal, fish oil and/or discard at sea.
Product Designation
A Ancillary. Product made in addition to a primary product from the same fish.
P Primary. Product made from each fish with the highest recovery rate.
R Reprocessed. Product that results from processing a previously reported product.

TABLE 2.—SPECIES CODES

Code	Species
110	Pacific cod.
120	Miscellaneous flatfish (all flatfish without separate codes).
121	Arrowtooth flounder and/or Kamchatka flounder.
122	Flathead sole.
123	Rock sole.
124	Dover sole.
125	Rex sole.
126	Butter sole.
127	Yellowfin sole.
128	English sole.
129	Starry flounder.
131	Petrale sole.
132	Sand sole.
133	Alaska Plaice flounder.
134	Greenland turbot.
135	Greenstripe rockfish.
136	Northern rockfish.
137	Bocaccio rockfish.
138	Copper rockfish.
141	Pacific ocean perch (<i>S. alutus</i> only).
142	Black rockfish.
143	Thornyhead rockfish (all <i>Sebastes</i> species).
145	Yelloweye rockfish.
146	Canary rockfish.
147	Quillback rockfish.
148	Tiger rockfish.
149	China rockfish.
150	Rosethorn rockfish.
151	Rougheye rockfish.
152	Shortraker rockfish.
153	Redbanded rockfish.
154	Dusky rockfish.
155	Yellowtail rockfish.
156	Widow rockfish.
157	Silvergray rockfish.
158	Redstripe rockfish.
159	Darkblotched rockfish.
160	Sculpins.
166	Sharpchin rockfish.
167	Blue rockfish.
175	Yellowmouth rockfish.
176	Harlequin rockfish.
177	Blackgill rockfish.
178	Chilipepper rockfish.
179	Pygmy rockfish.
181	Shortbelly rockfish.
182	Splitnose rockfish.
183	Stripetail rockfish.
184	Vermilion rockfish.
185	Aurora rockfish.
193	Atka mackerel.

TABLE 2—SPECIES CODES—Continued

Code	Species
270	Pollock.
510	Smelt.
511	Eulachon.
516	Capelin.
689	Sharks.
700	Skates.
710	Sablefish.
870	Octopus.
875	Squid.
Group Codes. These group codes may be used if individual species cannot be identified.	
144	Slope rockfish (aurora, blackgill, Bocaccio, redstripe, silvergray, chilipepper, darkblotched, greenstriped, harlequin, pygmy, shortbelly, splitnose, stripetail, vermillion, yellowmouth, sharpchin).
168	Demersal shelf rockfish (china, copper, quillback, rosethorn, tiger, yelloweye, canary).
169	Pelagic shelf rockfish (blue, dusky, yellowtail, widow).
171	Shortraker/rougheye rockfish.
Prohibited Species Codes	
000	Unspecified salmon.
200	Pacific halibut.
235	Pacific herring.
410	Salmon, Chinook.
420	Salmon, Sockeye.
430	Salmon, Coho.
440	Salmon, Pink.
450	Salmon, Chum.
540	Steelhead trout.
920	Unspecified king crab.
921	Red king crab.
922	Blue king crab.
923	Gold/brown king crab.
930	Unspecified tanner crab.
931	Bairdi tanner crab.
932	Opilio tanner crab.

TABLE 3.—PRODUCT RECOVERY RATES FOR GROUND FISH SPECIES REFERENCED IN 50 CFR 672.20(a)(1) AND/OR 50 CFR 675.20(a)(1)

FMP species	Species code	Product code											
		Whole food fish	Whole bait fish	Bled	Gutted	H&G with roe	H&G west-ern cut	H&G eastern cut	H&G w/o tail	Kirimi	Salted & split	Wings	Roe
		1	2	3	4	6	7	8	10	11	12	13	14
PACIFIC CODE	110	1.00	1.00	0.98	0.85	0.63	0.57	0.47	0.44	.....	0.45	.....	0.05
ARROWTOOTH FLOUNDER	121	1.00	1.00	0.98	0.90	0.80	0.72	0.65	0.62	0.48	.....	.....	0.08
ROCKFISH ¹ .....	.....	1.00	1.00	0.98	0.88	.....	0.60	0.50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
SCULPINS	160	1.00	1.00	0.98	0.87	.....	0.50	0.40	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
ATKA MACKEREL	193	1.00	1.00	0.98	0.87	0.67	0.64	0.61	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
POLLOCK	270	1.00	1.00	0.98	0.80	0.70	0.65	0.56	0.50	.....	.....	.....	0.04
SMELTS	510	1.00	1.00	0.98	0.82	.....	0.71	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
EULACHON	511	1.00	1.00	0.98	0.82	.....	0.71	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
CAPELIN	516	1.00	1.00	0.98	0.89	.....	0.78	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
SHARKS	689	1.00	1.00	0.98	0.83	.....	0.72	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
SKATES	700	1.00	1.00	0.98	0.90	.....	.....	0.32	.....	.....	.....	0.32	.....
SABLEFISH	710	1.00	1.00	0.98	0.89	0.68	0.63	0.50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
OCTOPUS	870	1.00	1.00	0.98	0.69	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Target species categories only at 50 CFR 672.20(a):													
DEEP WATER FLATFISH	118	1.00	1.00	0.98	0.90	0.80	0.72	0.65	0.62	0.48	.....	.....	0.08
FLATHEAD SOLE	122	1.00	1.00	0.98	0.90	0.80	0.72	0.65	0.62	0.48	.....	.....	0.08
REX SOLE	125	1.00	1.00	0.98	0.90	0.80	0.72	0.65	0.62	0.48	.....	.....	0.08
SHALLOW WATER FLATFISH ...	119	1.00	1.00	0.98	0.90	0.80	0.72	0.65	0.62	0.48	.....	.....	0.08
THORNYHEAD ROCKFISH	143	1.00	1.00	0.98	0.88	0.55	0.60	0.50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Target species categories only at 50 CFR 675.20(a):													
OTHER FLATFISH	120	1.00	1.00	0.98	0.90	0.80	0.72	0.65	0.62	0.48	.....	.....	0.08
ROCK SOLE	123	1.00	1.00	0.98	0.90	0.80	0.72	0.65	0.62	0.48	.....	.....	0.08
YELLOWFIN SOLE	127	1.00	1.00	0.98	0.90	0.80	0.72	0.65	0.62	0.48	.....	.....	0.08

TABLE 3.—PRODUCT RECOVERY RATES FOR GROUND FISH SPECIES REFERENCED IN 50 CFR 672.20(a)(1) AND/OR 50 CFR 675.20(a)(1)—Continued

FMP species	Species code	Product code												
		Whole food fish	Whole bait fish	Bled	Gutted	H&G with roe	H&G western cut	H&G eastern cut	H&G w/o tail	Kirimi	Salted & split	Wings	Roe	
		1	2	3	4	6	7	8	10	11	12	13	14	
GREENLAND TURBOT	134	1.00	1.00	0.98	0.90	0.80	0.72	0.65	0.62	0.48	.....	.....	0.08
SQUID	875	1.00	1.00	0.98	0.69	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

FMP species	Species code	Product code													
		Pectoral girdle	Heads	Cheeks	Chins	Belly	Filletts w/skin & ribs	Filletts skin on no ribs	Filletts w/ribs no skin	Filletts skinless/boneless	Filletts deep skin	Surimi	Mince	Meal	
		15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	30	31	32	
PACIFIC COD	110	0.05	.....	0.05	.....	0.01	0.45	0.35	0.25	0.25	.....	0.15	0.5	0.17
ARROWTOOTH FLOUNDER	121	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	0.32	0.27	0.27	0.22	.....	.....	.....	0.17
ROCKFISH .....	.....	0.15	0.05	0.05	0.10	0.40	0.30	0.33	0.25	.....	.....	.....	.....	0.17
SCULPINS	160	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	0.17
ATKA MACKEREL	193	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	0.15	.....	0.17
POLLOCK	270	0.15	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	0.35	0.30	0.30	0.21	0.16	0.22	0.17
SMELTS	510	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	0.38	.....	.....	.....	0.17	.....	0.22
EULACHON	511	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	0.38	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	0.22
CAPELIN	516	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	0.22
SHARKS	689	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	0.30	0.30	0.25	.....	.....	.....	0.17
SKATES	700	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	0.17
SABLEFISH	710	.....	.....	0.05	.....	.....	0.35	0.30	0.30	0.25	.....	.....	.....	0.22
OCTOPUS	870	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	0.17
Target species categories only at 50 CFR 672(a):															
DEEP WATER FLAT-FISH	118	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	0.32	0.27	.....	0.22	.....	.....	.....	0.17
FLATHEAD SOLE	122	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	0.32	0.27	0.27	0.22	.....	.....	.....	0.17
REX SOLE	125	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	0.32	0.27	0.27	0.22	.....	.....	.....	0.17
SHALLOW WATER FLATFISH	119	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	0.32	0.27	0.27	0.22	.....	.....	.....	0.17
THORNYHEAD ROCK-FISH	143	.....	0.20	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.40	0.30	0.35	0.25	.....	.....	.....	0.17
Target species categories only at 50 CFR 675.20(a):															
OTHER FLATFISH	120	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	0.32	0.27	0.27	0.22	.....	.....	.....	0.17
ROCK SOLE	123	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	0.32	0.27	0.27	0.22	.....	.....	.....	0.17
YELLOWFIN SOLE	127	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	0.32	0.27	0.27	0.22	.....	0.18	.....	0.17
GREENLAND TURBOT	134	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	0.32	0.27	0.27	0.22	.....	.....	.....	0.17
SQUID	875	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	0.17

FMP species	Product code	Species code						
		Oil	Milt	Stom-achs	Mantles	Butterfly back-bone removed	Decom-posed fish	Discards
		33	34	35	36	37	96	92, 94, 98, 99, M99
PACIFIC COD	110	.....	.....	.....	.....	0.43	0.00	1.00
ARROWTOOTH FLOUNDER	121	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	0.00	1.00
ROCKFISH .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	0.00	1.00
SCULPINS	160	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	0.00	1.00
ATKA MACKEREL	193	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	0.00	1.00
POLLOCK	270	.....	.....	.....	.....	0.43	0.00	1.00
SMELTS	510	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	0.00	1.00
EULACHON	511	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	0.00	1.00
CAPELIN	516	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	0.00	1.00
SHARKS	689	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	0.00	1.00
SKATES	700	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	0.00	1.00
SABLEFISH	710	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	0.00	1.00
OCTOPUS	870	.....	.....	.....	0.85	1.00	0.00	1.00
Target species categories only at 50 CFR 672.20(a):								
DEEP WATER FLATFISH	118	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	0.00	1.00
FLATHEAD SOLE	122	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	0.00	1.00
REX SOLE	125	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	0.00	1.00
SHALLOW WATER FLATFISH	119	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	0.00	1.00
THORNYHEAD ROCKFISH	143	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	0.00	1.00
Target species categories only at 50 CFR 675.20(a):								

FMP species	Product code	Species code						
		Oil	Mitt	Stomachs	Mantles	Butterfly back-bone removed	Decomposed fish	Discards
		33	34	35	36	37	96	92, 94, 98, 99, M99
OTHER FLATFISH	120	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	0.00	1.00
ROCK SOLE	123	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	0.00	1.00
YELLOWFIN SOLE	127	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	0.00	1.00
GREENLAND TURBOT	134	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	0.00	1.00
SQUID	875	.....	.....	.....	0.75	1.00	0.00	1.00

¹ Rockfish means all species of *Sebastes*, and *Sebastolobus*.
² Standard pollock surimi rate during January through June.
³ Standard pollock surimi rate during July through December.

TABLE 4.—BERING SEA SUBAREA STELLER SEA LION PROTECTION AREAS

Island	From		To	
	Latitude	Longitude	Latitude	Longitude

3-nm NO TRANSIT ZONES described at 50 CFR 227.12(a)(2)
a. Year-round Trawl Closures (Trawling Prohibited Within 10 nm)

Sea Lion Rocks	55°28.0' N	163°12.0' W		
Ugamak Island	54°14.0' N	164°48.0' W	54°13.0' N	164°48.0' W
Akun Island	54°18.0' N	165°32.5' W	54°18.0' N	165°31.5' W
Akutan Island	54°03.5' N	166°00.0' W	54°05.5' N	166°05.0' W
Bogoslof Island	53°56.0' N	168°02.0' W		
Ogchul Island	53°00.0' N	168°24.0' W		
Adugak Island	52°55.0' N	169°10.5' W		
Walrus Island	57°11.0' N	169°56.0' W		

b. Seasonal Trawl Closures (During January 1 through April 15, or a date earlier than April 15, if adjusted under 50 CFR 672.30(a)(8), Trawling Prohibited Within 20 nm)

Sea Lion Rocks	55°28.0' N	163°12.0' W		
Akun Island	54°18.0' N	165°32.5' W	54°18.0' N	165°31.5' W
Akutan Island	54°03.5' N	166°00.0' W	54°05.5' N	166°05.0' W
Ugamak Island	54°14.0' N	164°48.0' W	54°13.0' N	164°48.0' W
Seguam Island	52°21.0' N	172°35.0' W	52°21.0' N	172°33.0' W
Agligadak Island	52°06.5' N	172°54.0' W		

Note: The bounds of each rookery extend in a clockwise direction from the first set of geographic coordinates, along the shoreline at mean lower low water, to the second set of coordinates; if only one set of geographic coordinates is listed, the rookery extends around the entire shoreline of the island at mean lower low water.

TABLE 5.—ALEUTIAN ISLANDS SUBAREA STELLER SEA LION PROTECTION AREAS

Island	From		To	
	Latitude	Longitude	Latitude	Longitude

3-nm NO TRANSIT ZONES described at 50 CFR 227.12(a)(2)
a. Year-round Trawl Closures (Trawling Prohibited Within 10 nm)

Yunaska Island	52°42.0' N	170°38.5' W	52°41.0' N	170°34.5' W
Seguam Island	52°21.0' N	172°35.0' W	52°21.0' N	172°33.0' W
Agligadak Island	52°06.5' N	172°54.0' W		
Kasatochi Island	52°10.0' N	175°31.0' W	52°10.5' N	175°29.0' W
Adak Island	51°36.5' N	176°59.0' W	51°38.0' N	176°59.5' W
Gramp Rock	51°29.0' N	178°20.5' W		
Tag Island	51°33.5' N	178°34.5' W		
Ulak Island	51°20.0' N	178°57.0' W	51°18.5' N	178°59.5' W
Semisopchnoi	51°58.5' N	179°45.5' E	51°57.0' N	179°46.0' E
Semisopchnoi	52°01.5' N	179°37.5' E	52°01.5' N	179°39.0' E
Amchitka Island	51°22.5' N	179°28.0' E	51°21.5' N	179°25.0' E
Amchitka Is/Column Rocks	51°32.5' N	178°49.5' E		
Ayugadak Point	51°45.5' N	178°24.5' E		
Kiska Island	51°57.5' N	177°21.0' E	51°56.5' N	177°20.0' E
Kiska Island	51°52.5' N	177°13.0' E	51°53.5' N	177°12.0' E

TABLE 5.—ALEUTIAN ISLANDS SUBAREA STELLER SEA LION PROTECTION AREAS—Continued

Island	From		To	
	Latitude	Longitude	Latitude	Longitude
Buldir Island	52°20.5' N	175°57.0' E	52°23.5' N	175°51.0' E
Agattu Is./Gillion Pt	52°24.0' N	173°21.5' E		
Agattu Island	52°23.5' N	173°43.5' EW	52°22.0' N	173°41.0' E
Attu Island	52°54.5' N	172°28.5' E	52°57.5' N	172°31.5' E

b. Seasonal Trawl Closures (During January 1 through April 15, or a date earlier than April 15, if adjusted under 50 CFR 675.20(a)(8). Trawling Prohibited Within 20 nm)

Seguam Island	52°21.0' M	172°35.0' W	52°21.0' N	172°33.0' W
Agligadak Island	52°06.5' N	172°54.0' W		

Note: Each rookery extends in a clockwise direction from the first set of geographic coordinates, along the shoreline at mean lower low water, to the second set of coordinates; if only one set of geographic coordinates is listed, the rookery extends around the entire shoreline of the island at mean lower low water.

TABLE 6.—GULF OF ALASKA STELLER SEA LION PROTECTION AREAS

Island	From		To	
	Latitude	Longitude	Latitude	Longitude

3-nm NO TRANSIT ZONES described at 50 CFR 227.12(a)(2)

a. Year-round Trawl Closures (Trawling Prohibited Within 10 nm)

Outer Island	59°20.5' N	150°23.0' W	59°21.0' N	150°24.5' W
Sugarload Island	58°53.0' N	152°02.0' W		
Marmot Island	58°14.5' N	151°47.5' W	58°10.0' N	151°51.0' W
Chirikof Island	55°46.5' N	155°39.5' W	55°46.5' N	155°43.0' W
Chowiet Island	56°00.5' N	156°41.5' W	56°00.5' N	156°42.0' W
Atkins Island	55°03.5' N	159°18.5' W		
Chernabura Island	54°47.5' N	159°31.0' W	54°45.5' N	159°33.5' W
Pinnacle Rock	54°46.0' N	161°46.0' W		
Clubbing Rocks-N	54°43.0' N	162°26.5' W		
Clubbing Rocks-S	54°42.0' N	162°26.5' W		
Ugamak Island	54°14.0' N	164°48.0' E	54°13.0' N	164°48.0' W
Akun Island	54°18.0' N	165°32.5' W	54°18.0' N	165°31.5' W
Akutan Island	54°03.5' N	166°00.0' W	54°05.5' N	166°05.0' W
Ogchul Island	53°00.0' N	168°24.0' W		

b. Seasonal Trawl Closures (During January 1 through April 15, or a date earlier than April 15, if adjusted under 50 CFR 672.30(a)(8). Trawling Prohibited Within 20 mn)

Akun I	54°18.0' N	165°32.5' W	54°18.0' N	165°31.5' W
Akutan I	54°03.5' N	166°00.0' W	54°05.5' N	166°05.0' W
Ugamak I	54°14.0' N	164°48.0' W	54°13.0' N	164°48.0' W

Note: The bounds of each rookery extend in a clockwise direction from the first set of geographic coordinates, along the shoreline at mean lower low water, to the second set of coordinates; if only one set of geographic coordinates is listed, the rookery extends around the entire shoreline of the island at mean lower low water.

TABLE 7.—COMMUNITIES DETERMINED TO BE ELIGIBLE TO APPLY FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT QUOTAS
[Other communities may also be eligible, but do not appear on this table.]

Aleutian Region:

1. Atka.
2. False Pass.
3. Nelson Lagoon.
4. Nikolski.
5. St. George.
6. St. Paul.

Bering Strait:

1. Brevig Mission.
2. Diomede/Inalik.
3. Elim.
4. Gambell.
5. Golovin.
6. Koyuk.
7. Nome.
8. Savoonga.
9. Shaktoolik.
10. St. Michael.
11. Stebbins.
12. Teller.
13. Unalakleet.
14. Wales.
15. White Mountain.

Bristol Bay:

1. Aleknagik.
2. Clark's Point.
3. Dillingham.
4. Egegik.
5. Eku.
6. Manokotak.
7. Naknek.
8. Pilot Point/Ugashi.
9. Port Heiden/Meschick.
10. South Naknek.
11. Sovonoski/King Salmon.
12. Togiak.
13. Twin Hills.

Southwest Coastal Lowlands:

1. Alakanuk.
 2. Cheforak.
 3. Chevak.
 4. Eek.
 5. Emmonak.
 6. Goodnews Bay.
 7. Hooper Bay.
 8. Kipnuk.
 9. Kongiganak.
 10. Kotlik.
 11. Kwigillingok.
 12. Mekoryuk.
 13. Newtok.
 14. Nightmute.
 15. Platinum.
 16. Quinhagak.
 17. Scammon Bay.
 18. Sheldon's Point.
 19. Toksook Bay.
 20. Tununak.
 21. Tuntutuliak.
-

TABLE 8.—HARVEST ZONE CODES FOR USE WITH PRODUCT TRANSFER REPORTS AND VESSEL ACTIVITY REPORTS

Harvest zone	Description
A	EEZ of Alaska.
D	Donut Hole.
F	Foreign Waters Other than Russia.
I	International Waters other than Donut Hole and Seamounts.
R	Russian waters.
S	Seamounts in International waters.
U	U.S. EEZ other than Alaska.

TABLE 9.—REQUIRED LOGBOOKS, REPORTS AND FORMS FROM PARTICIPANTS IN THE FEDERAL GROUND FISH FISHERIES

Name of logbook form	Catcher-vessel	Catcher-proc-essor	Mothership	Shoreside proc-essor	Buying station
Daily Fishing Logbook (DFL)	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO
Daily Cumulative Production Logbook (DCPL) ...	NO	YES	YES	YES	NO
Daily Cumulative Logbook (DCL)	NO	NO	NO	NO	YES
Check-in/check-out Report	NO	YES	YES	YES	YES
U.S. Vessel Activity Report (VAR)	YES	YES	YES	NO	NO
Weekly Production Report (WPR)	NO	YES	YES	YES	NO
Daily Production Report (DPR) ¹	NO	YES	YES	YES	NO
Product Transfer Report (PTR)	NO	YES	YES	YES	NO

¹ When required by Regional Director.

TABLE 10.—GULF OF ALASKA RETAINABLE PERCENTAGES REFERENCED IN 50 CFR 672.20

Basis species ¹	Bycatch species ¹											
	Pollock	Pacific cod	Deep flat-fish	Rex sole	Flat-head sole	Shal-low flatfish	Arrowtooth	Sable-fish	Aggre-gated rock-fish ²	DSR SEEO ³	Atka mack-erel	Other spe-cies
Pollock	⁴ na	20	20	20	20	20	35	1	5	10	20	20
Pacific cod	20	⁴ na	20	20	20	20	35	1	5	10	20	20
Deep-water flat-fish	20	20	⁴ na	20	20	20	35	15	15	1	20	20
Rex sole	20	20	20	⁴ na	20	20	35	15	15	1	20	20
Flathead sole	20	20	20	20	20	⁴ na	35	1	5	10	20	20
Shallow-water flatfish	20	20	20	20	20	⁴ na	35	1	5	10	20	20
Arrowtooth	0	0	0	0	0	0	⁴ na	0	0	0	0	0
Sablefish	20	20	20	20	20	20	35	⁴ na	15	1	20	20
Pacific Ocean Perch	20	20	20	20	20	20	35	15	15	1	20	20
Shortraker/rough-eye	20	20	20	20	20	20	35	15	15	1	20	20
Other rockfish ...	20	20	20	20	20	20	35	15	15	1	20	20
Northern rock-fish	20	20	20	20	20	20	35	15	15	1	20	20
Pelagic rockfish	20	20	20	20	20	20	35	15	15	1	20	20
DSR-Southeast Outside	20	20	20	20	20	20	35	15	15	⁴ na	20	20
Thornyhead	20	20	20	20	20	20	35	15	15	1	20	20
Atka mackerel ..	20	20	20	20	20	20	35	1	5	10	⁴ na	20
Other species ...	20	20	20	20	20	20	35	1	5	10	20	⁴ na
Aggregated amount non-groundfish species	20	20	20	20	20	20	35	1	5	10	20	20

¹ For definition of species, see Table 1 of the Gulf of Alaska groundfish specifications.

² Aggregated rockfish means rockfish of the general Sebastes and Sebastolobus except in the southeast Outside District where demersal shelf rockfish (DSR) is a separate category.

³ SEEO—Southeast Outside District.

⁴ na = not applicable.

TABLE 11.—BERING SEA AND ALEUTIAN ISLANDS MANAGEMENT AREA RETAINABLE PERCENTAGES REFERENCED IN 50 CFR 675.20

Basis Species ¹	Bycatch species ¹												
	Pollock	Pacific cod	Atka mackerel	Arrow-tooth	Yellowfin sole	Other flatfish	Rock sole	Flat-head sole	Greenland turbot	Sablefish	Aggregated rockfish ²	Squid	Other species
Pollock	³ na	20	20	35	20	20	20	20	1	1	5	20	20
Pacific cod	20	³ na	20	35	20	20	20	20	1	1	5	20	20
Atka Mackerel	20	20	³ na	35	20	20	20	20	1	1	5	20	20
Arrow-tooth	0	0	0	³ na	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Yellowfin sole	20	20	20	35	³ na	35	35	35	1	1	5	20	20
Other flatfish	20	20	20	35	35	³ na	35	35	1	1	5	20	20
Rocksole	20	20	20	35	35	35	³ na	35	1	1	5	20	20
Flathead sole	20	20	20	35	35	35	35	³ na	35	15	15	20	20
Greenland turbot	20	20	20	35	20	20	20	20	³ na	15	15	20	20
Sablefish	20	20	20	35	20	20	20	20	35	³ na	15	20	20
Other rockfish	20	20	20	35	20	20	20	20	35	15	15	20	20
Other red rockfish-BS	20	20	20	35	20	20	20	20	35	15	15	20	20
Pacific Ocean perch	20	20	20	35	20	20	20	20	5	15	15	20	20
Sharpchin/Northern-AI	20	20	20	35	20	20	20	20	35	15	15	20	20
Shortraker/Roughye-AI	20	20	20	35	20	20	20	20	35	15	15	20	20
Squid	20	20	20	35	20	20	20	20	1	1	5	³ na	20
Other species	20	20	20	35	20	20	20	20	1	1	5	20	³ na
Aggregated amount non-groundfish species	20	20	20	35	20	20	20	20	1	1	5	20	20

¹ For definition of species, see Table 1 of the Bering Sea and Aleutian islands groundfish specifications.

² Aggregated rockfish of the genera Sebastes and Sebastolobus.

³ na=not applicable.

12. Part 672 is amended by revising the figures to the part to read as follows:

FIGURES—PART 672

BILLING CODE 6560-50-P

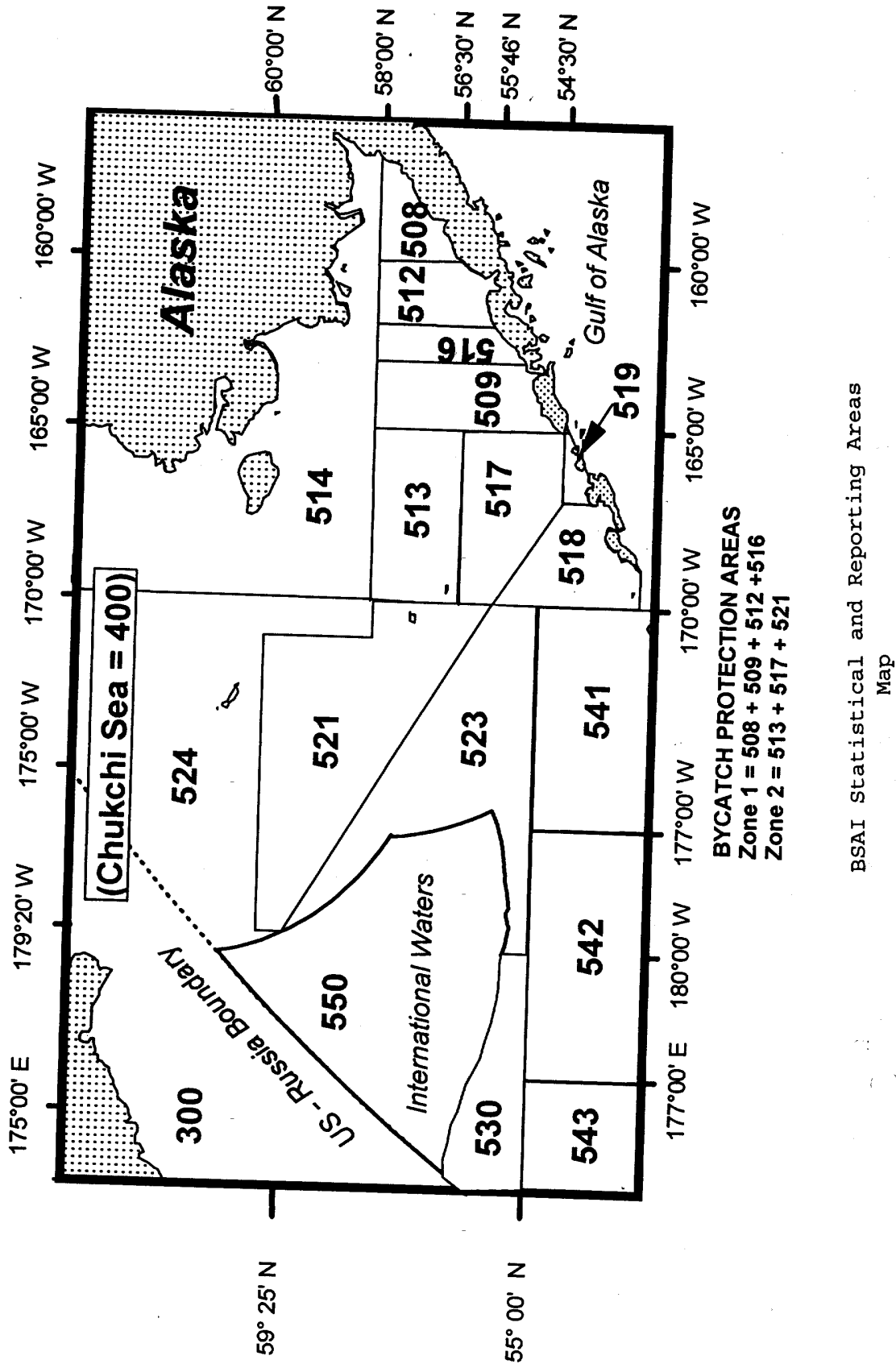
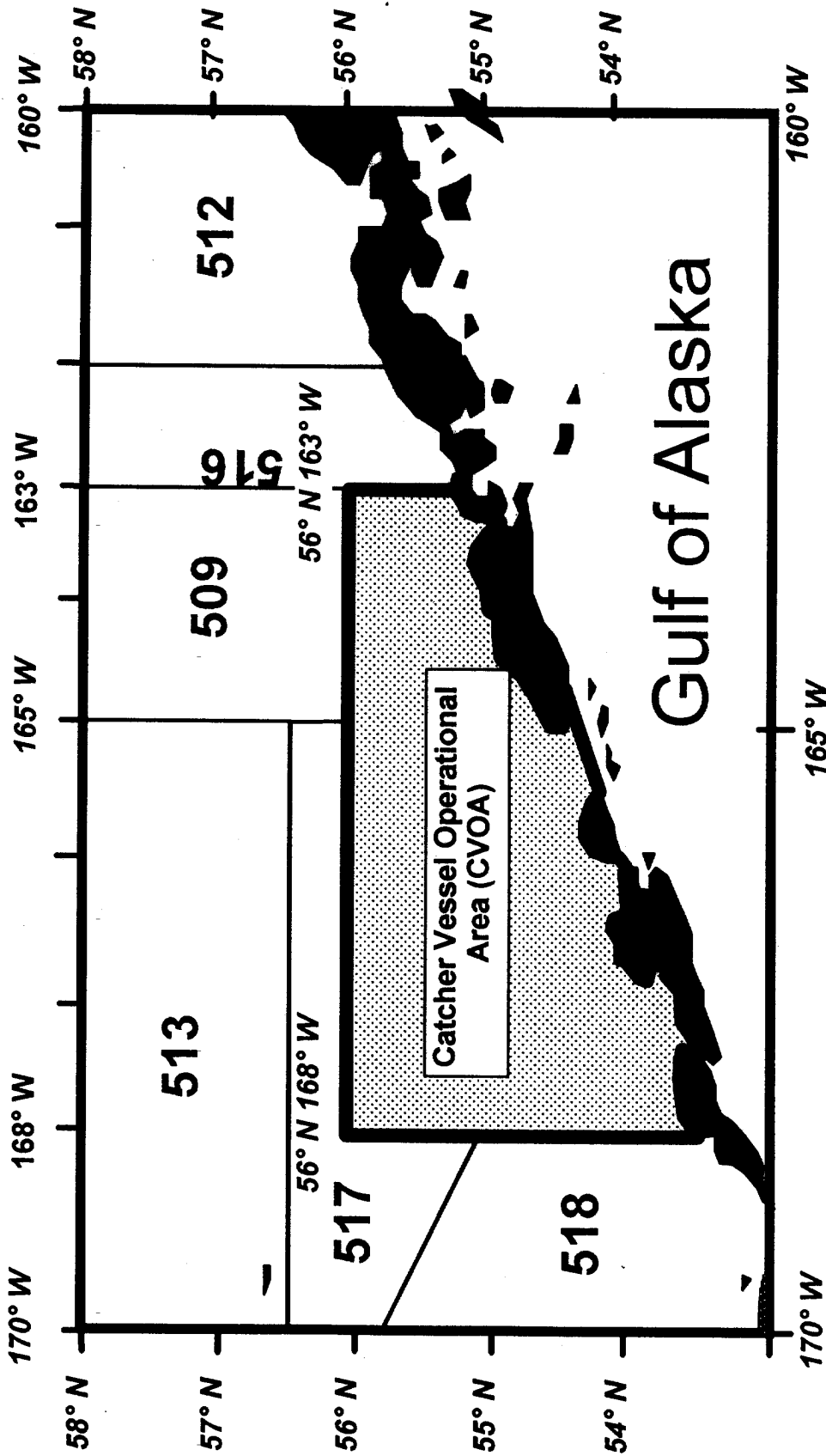


Figure 1a—BSAI Statistical and Reporting Areas; Map

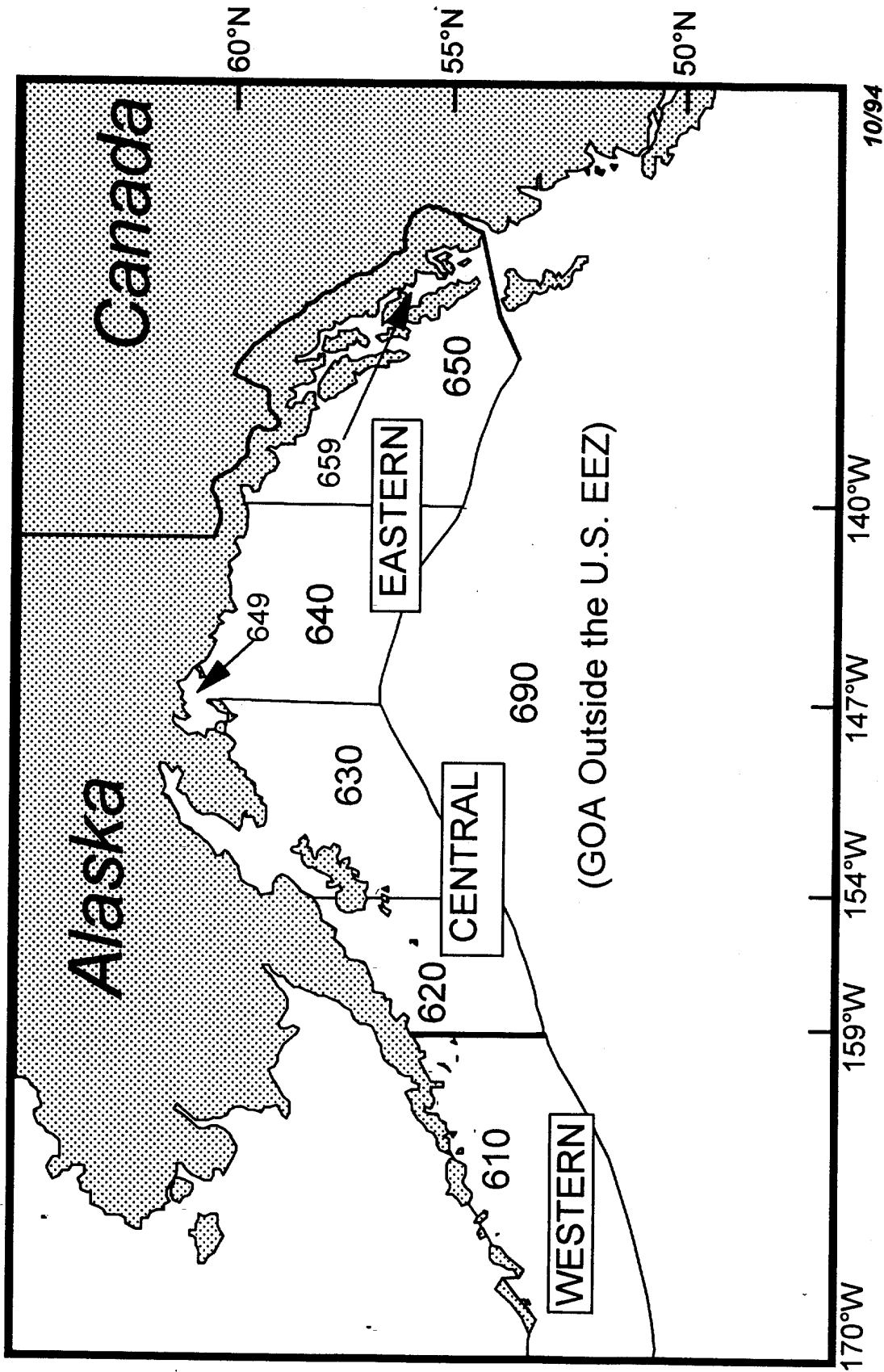
FIGURE 1B.—BSAI STATISTICAL AND REPORTING AREAS; COORDINATES OF REPORTING AREAS

Code	Description
300	<i>Russian waters.</i> Those waters inside the Russian 200 mile limit as described in the current editions of NOAA chart INT 813 Bering Sea (Southern Part) and NOAA chart INT 814 Bering Sea (Northern Part).
400	<i>Chukchi Sea.</i> North of a diagonal line between 66°00' N, 169°42.5' W (Cape Dezhneva, Russia); and 65°37' N, 168°7.5' W (Cape Prince of Wales, Alaska) and to the limits of the U.S. EEZ as described in the current edition of NOAA chart INT 814 Bering Sea (Northern Part).
508	South of 58°00' N between the intersection of 58°00' North lat with the Alaska Peninsula and 160°00' W long.
509	South of 58°00' N lat between 163°00' W long and 165°00' W long.
512	South of 58°00' N lat, north of the Alaska Peninsula between 160°00' W long and 162°00' W long.
513	Between 58°00' N lat and 56°30' N. lat, and between 165°00' W long and 170°00' W long.
514	North of 58°00' N to the southern boundary of the Chukchi Sea, area 400, and east of 170°00' W long.
516	South of 58°00' N lat, north of the Alaska Peninsula, and between 162°00' and 163°00' W long.
517	South of 56°30' N lat, between 165°00' W long and 170°00' W long; and north of straight lines between: 54°30' N lat, 165°00' W long, 54°30' N lat, 167°00' W long, and 55°46' N lat, 170°00' W long.
518	<i>Bogoslof District:</i> South of a straight line between 55°46' N lat, 170°00' W long and 54°30' N lat, 167°00' W long, and between 167°00' W long and 170°00' W long, and north of the Aleutian Island and straight lines between the islands connecting the following coordinates in the order listed: 52°49.2' N, 169°40.4' W. 52°49.8' N, 169°06.3' W. 53°23.8' N, 167°50.1' W. 53°18.7' N, 167°51.4' W.
519	South of a straight line between 54°30' N lat, 167°00' W long and 54°30' N lat, 164°54' W long; east of 167°00' W long; west of Unimak Island; and north of the Aleutian Islands and straight lines between the islands connecting the following coordinates in the order listed: 53°59.0' N, 166°17.2' W. 54°02.9' N, 166°03.0' W. 54°07.7' N, 165°40.6' W. 54°08.9' N, 165°38.8' W. 54°11.9' N, 165°23.3' W. 54°23.9' N, 164°42.0' W.
521	The area bounded by straight lines connecting the following coordinates in the order listed: 55°46' N, 170°00' W, 59°25' N, 179°20' W, 60°00' N, 179°20' W, 60°00' N, 171°00' W, 58°00' N, 171°00' W, 58°00' N, 170°00' W, 55°46' N, 170°00' W,
523	The area bounded by straight lines connecting the following coordinates in the order listed: 59°25' N, 179°20' W; 55°46' N, 170°00' W; 55°00' N, 170°00' W; 55°00' N, 180°00' W; and north to the limits of the US EEZ as described in the current edition of NOAA chart INT 813 Bering Sea (Southern Part).
524	The area west of 170°00' W bounded south by straight lines connecting the following coordinates in the order listed: 58°00' N, 170°00' W 58°00' N, 171°00' W; 60°00' N, 171°00' W; 60°00' N, 179°20' W; 59°25' N, 179°20' W and to the limits of the US EEZ as described in the current edition of NOAA chart INT 813 Bering Sea (Southern Part).
530	The area north of 55°00' N lat and west of 180°00' W long to the limits of the US EEZ as described in the current edition of NOAA chart INT 813 Bering Sea (Southern Part)
541	<i>Eastern Aleutian District.</i> The area south of 55°00' N lat, west of 170°00' W long, and east of 177°00' W long and bounded on the south by the limits of the US EEZ as described in the current editions of NOAA chart INT 813 Bering Sea (Southern Part) and NOAA chart 530 (San Diego to Aleutian Islands and Hawaiian Islands).
542	<i>Central Aleutian District.</i> The area south of 55°00' N lat, west of 177°00' W long, and east of 177°00' E long and bounded on the south by the limits of the US EEZ as described in the current editions of NOAA chart INT 813 Bering Sea (Southern Part) and NOAA chart 530 (San Diego to Aleutian Islands and Hawaiian Islands)
543	<i>Western Aleutian district.</i> The area south of 55°00' N lat and west of 177°00' E long, and bounded on the south and west by the limits of the US EEZ as described in the current editions of NOAA chart INT 813 Bering Sea (Southern Part) and NOAA chart 530 (San Diego to Aleutian Islands and Hawaiian Islands)
550	<i>Donut Hole.</i> International waters of the Bering Sea outside the limits of the EEZ and Russian economic zone as depicted on the current edition of NOAA chart INT 813 Bering Sea (Southern Part). <i>Statistical Area.</i> A statistical area is the part of a reporting area contained in the EEZ.



BSAI Catcher Vessel Operational Area

Figure 2—BSAI Catcher Vessel Operational Area

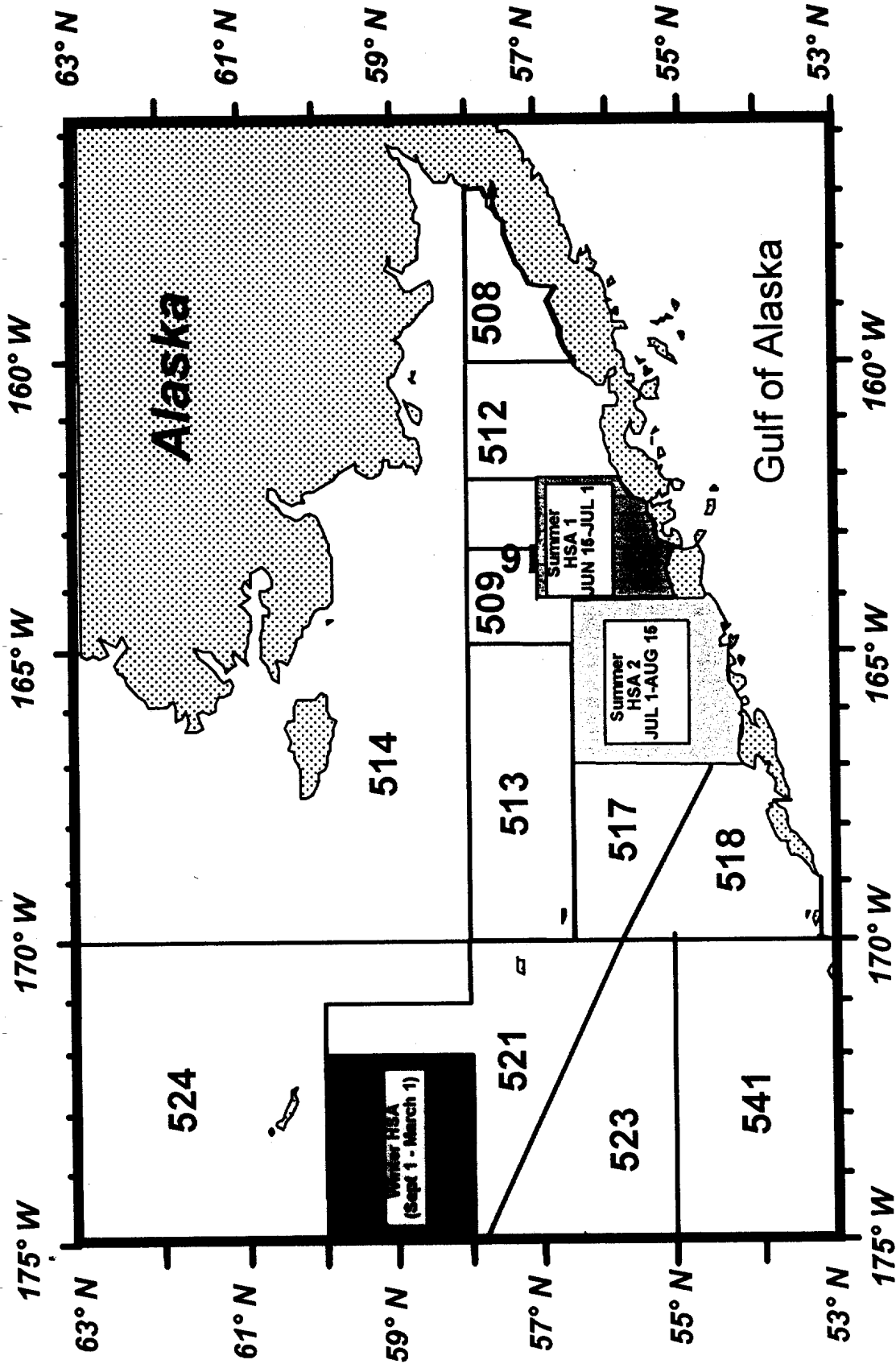


Gulf of Alaska Statistical and Reporting Areas
Map

Figure 3a—Gulf of Alaska Statistical and Reporting Areas; Map

FIGURE 3B.—GULF OF ALASKA STATISTICAL AND REPORTING AREAS; COORDINATES OF REPORTING AREAS

Code	Description
610	<p><i>Western Regulatory Area, Shumagin District.</i> Along the south side of the Aleutian Islands and straight lines between the islands and the Alaska Peninsula connecting the following coordinates in the order listed:</p> <p>52°49.2' N, 169°40.4' W; 52°49.8' N, 169°06.3' W; 53°23.8' N, 167°50.1' W; 53°18.7' N, 167°51.4' W; 53°59.0' N, 166°17.2' W; 54°02.9' N, 166°03.0' W; 54°07.7' N, 165°40.6' W; 54°08.9' N, 165°38.8' W; 54°11.9' N, 165°23.3' W; 54°23.9' N, 164°44.0' W; and</p>
620	<p>southward to the limits of the US EEZ as described in the current editions of NOAA chart INT 813 (Bering Sea, Southern Part) and NOAA chart 500 (West Coast of North America, Dixon Entrance to Unimak Pass), between 170°00' W long and 159°00' W long.</p> <p><i>Central Regulatory Area, Chirikof District.</i> Along the south side of the Alaska Peninsula, between 159°00' W long and 154°00' W long, and southward to the limits of the US EEZ as described in the current edition of NOAA chart 500 (West Coast of North America, Dixon Entrance to Unimak Pass).</p>
630	<p><i>Central Regulatory Area, Kodiak District.</i> Along the south side of continental Alaska, between 154°00' W long and 147°00' W long, and southward to the limits of the US EEZ as described in the current edition of NOAA chart 500 (West Coast of North America, Dixon Entrance to Unimak Pass). Excluding area 649.</p>
640	<p><i>Eastern Regulatory Area, West Yakutat District.</i> Along the south side of continental Alaska, between 147°00' W long and 140°00' W long, and southward to the limits of the US EEZ, as described in the current edition of NOAA chart 500 (West Coast of North America, Dixon Entrance to Unimak Pass). Excluding area 649.</p>
649	<p><i>Prince William Sound.</i> Includes those waters of the State of Alaska inside the base line as specified in Alaska State regulations at 5 AAC 28.200.</p>
650	<p><i>Eastern Regulatory Area, Southeast Outside District.</i> East of 140°00' W long and southward to the limits of the US EEZ as described in the current edition of NOAA chart 500 (West Coast of North America, Dixon Entrance to Unimak Pass). Excluding area 659.</p>
659	<p><i>Southeast Inside District.</i> As specified in Alaska State regulations at 5 AAC 28.105 (a)(1) and (2).</p>
690	<p><i>Gulf of Alaska outside the U.S. EEZ</i> as described in the current editions of NOAA chart INT 813 (Bering Sea, Southern Part) and NOAA chart 500 (West Coast of North America, Dixon Entrance to Unimak Pass).</p> <p><i>Statistical Area.</i> A statistical area is the part of a reporting area contained in the EEZ.</p>



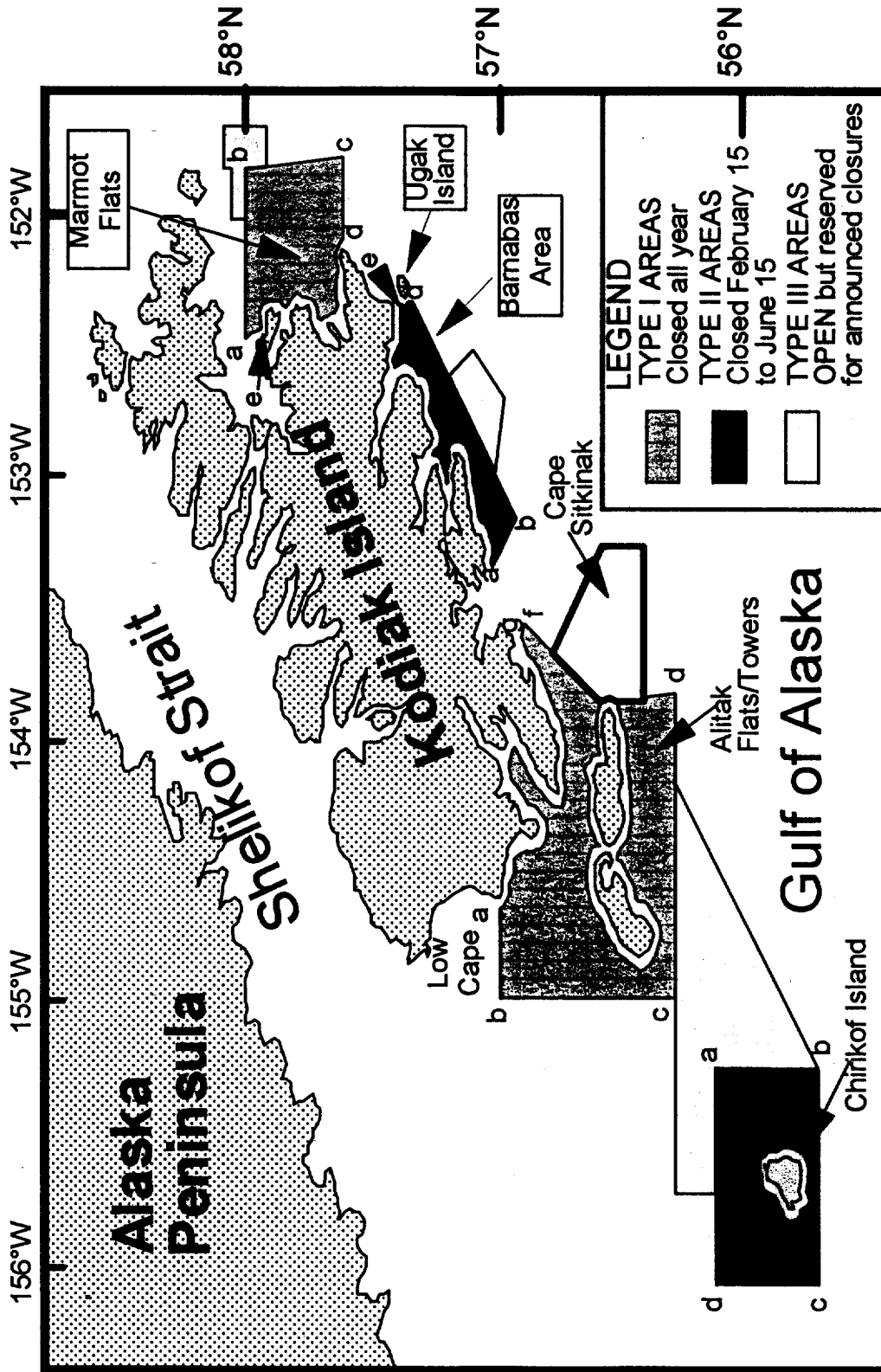
Herring Savings Areas in the BSAI
Map

Figure 4a—Herring Savings Areas in the BSAI; Map

FIGURE 4B.—HERRING SAVINGS AREAS IN THE BSAI; COORDINATES

Name	Description and effective date
<i>Summer Herring Savings Area 1</i>	That part of the Bering Sea subarea that is south of 57° N. latitude and between 162° and 164° W. longitude from 1200 hours, A.I.t., June 15 through 1200 hours, A.I.t. July 1 of a fishing year.
<i>Summer Herring Savings Area 2</i>	That part of the Bering Sea subarea that is south of 56°30' N. latitude and between 164° and 167° W. longitude from 1200 hours, A.I.t., July 1 through 1200 hours, A.I.t. August 15 of a fishing year.
<i>Winter Herring Savings Area</i>	That part of the Bering Sea subarea that is between 58° and 60° N. latitude and between 172° and 175° W. longitude from 1200 hours, A.I.t., September 1 of the current fishing year through 1200 hours, A.I.t. March 1 of the succeeding fishing year.

BILLING CODE 6560-50-P

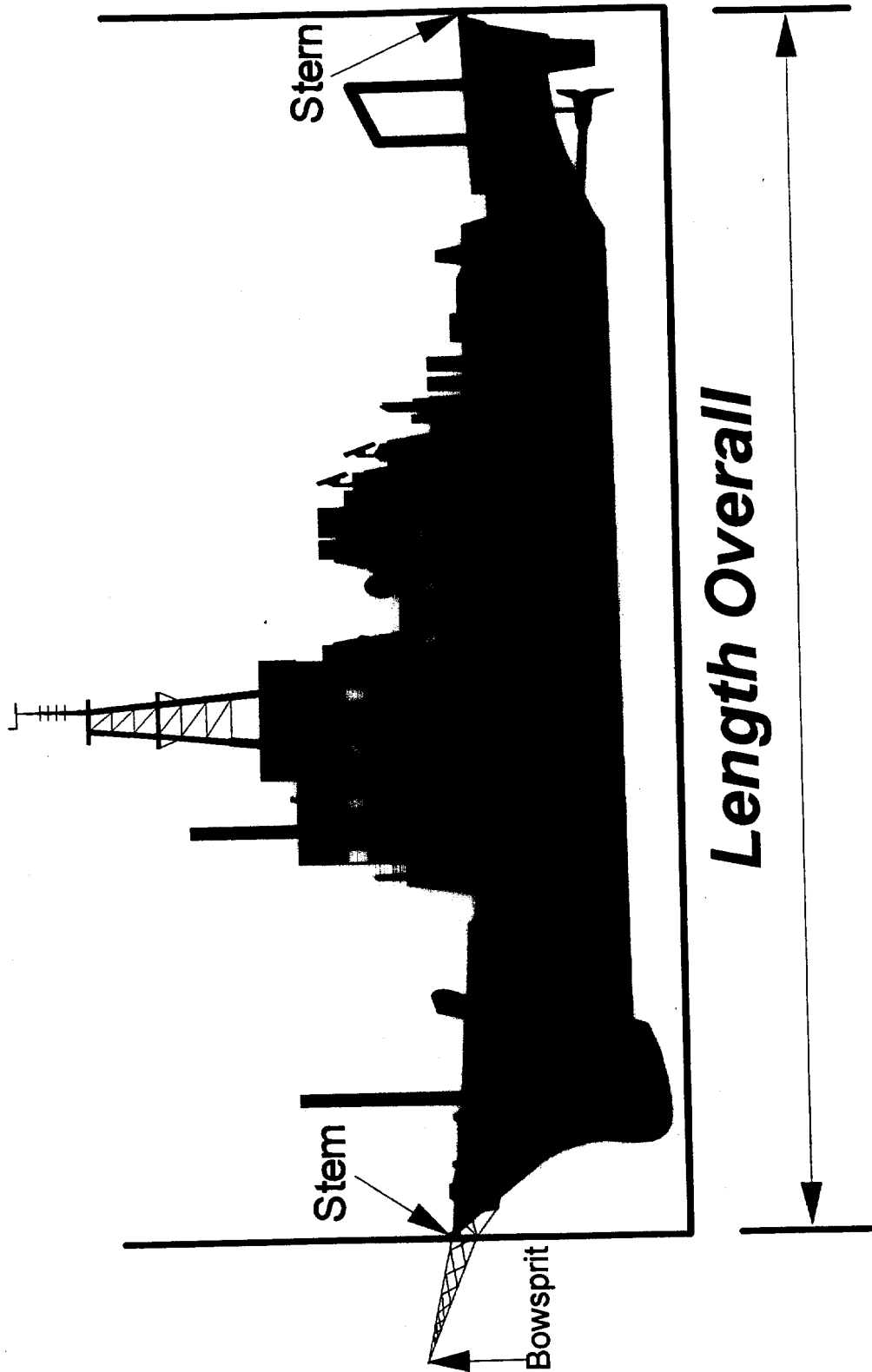


Kodiak Island Areas Closed to Non-pelagic Trawl Gear
Map

Figure 5a—Kodiak Island Areas Closed to Non-pelagic Trawl Gear; Map

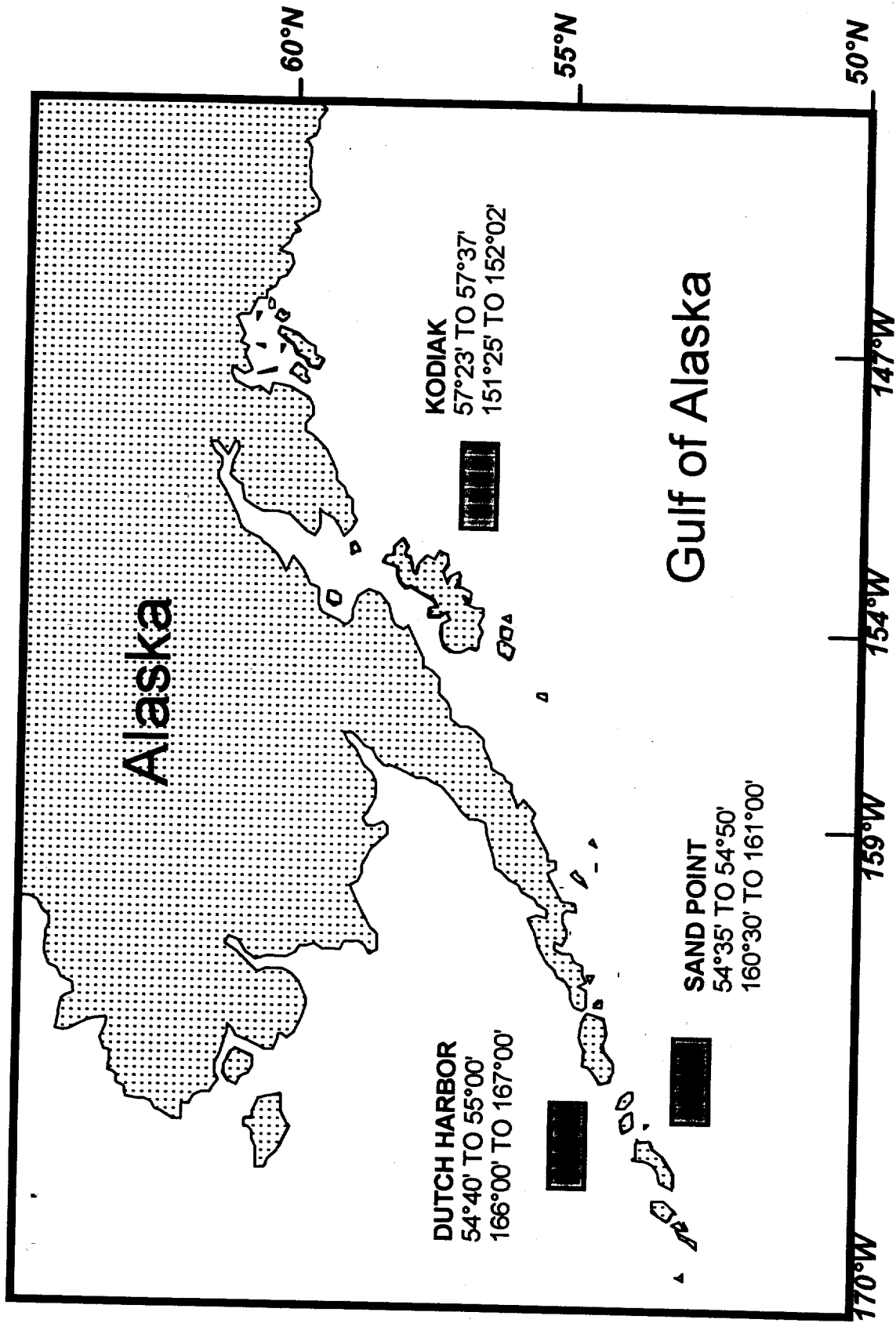
FIGURE 5B—KODIAK ISLAND AREAS CLOSED TO NON-PELAGIC TRAWL GEAR; COORDINATES

Name and description of reference area	North latitude/West longitude	Reference point
Alitak Flats and Towers Areas—All waters of Alitak Flats and the Towers Areas enclosed by a line connecting the following 7 points in the order listed:		
a	56°59'4" 154°31'1"	Low Cape.
b	57°00'0" 155°00'0"	
c	56°17'0" 155°00'0"	
d	56°17'0" 153°52'0"	
e	56°33'5" 153°52'0"	
f	56°54'5" 153°32'5"	
g	56°56'0" 153°35'5"	
a	56°59'4" 154°31'1"	Cape Sitkinak. East point of Twoheaded Island. Kodiak Island, thence, along the coastline of Kodiak Island until intersection of Low Cape. Low Cape.
Marmot Flats Area—All waters enclosed by a line connecting the following five points in the clockwise order listed:		
a	58°00'0" 152°30'0"	Cape Chiniak, then along the coastline of Kodiak Island to North Cape.
b	58°00'0" 151°47'0"	
c	57°37'0" 151°47'0"	
d	57°37'0" 152°10'1"	
e	57°54'5" 152°30'0"	
a	58°00'0" 152°30'0"	
Chirikof Island Area—All waters surrounding Chirikof Island enclosed by a line connecting the following four points in the counter-clockwise order listed:		
a	56°07'0" 155°13'0"	
b	56°07'0" 156°00'0"	
c	55°41'0" 156°00'0"	
d	55°41'0" 155°13'0"	
a	56°07'0" 155°13'0"	
Barnabas Area—All waters enclosed by a line connecting the following six points in the counter clockwise order listed:		
a	57°00'0" 153°18'0"	Black Point.
b	56°56'0" 153°09'0"	South Tip of Ugak Island. North Tip of Ugak Island. Narrow Cape, thence, along the coastline of Kodiak Island. Cape Kasick to. Black Point, including inshore waters.
c	57°22'0" 152°18'5"	
d	57°23'5" 152°17'5"	
e	57°25'3" 152°20'0"	
f	57°04'2" 153°30'0"	
a	57°00'0" 153°18'0"	



Length Overall of a Vessel

Figure 6—Length Overall of a Vessel



Location of trawl gear test areas in the GOA and the BSAI

Figure 7—Location of Trawl Gear Test Areas in the GOA and the BSAI

PART 675—GROUND FISH OF THE BERING SEA AND ALEUTIAN ISLANDS AREA

13. The authority citation for part 675 continues to read as follows:

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

Subpart A—General

14. In § 675.1, paragraph (a) is revised to read as follows:

§ 675.1 Purpose and scope.

(a) Regulations in this part, along with parts 620, 672, 676, and 677 of this chapter implement the Fishery Management Plan for Groundfish of the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Area.

15. Section 675.2 is revised to read as follows:

§ 675.2 Definitions.

Definitions for this section are located in § 672.2 of this chapter.

16. Section 675.3 is revised to read as follows:

§ 675.3 Relation to other laws.

Regulations for this section are located in § 672.3 of this chapter.

17. Section 675.4 is revised to read as follows:

§ 675.4 Permits.

Fisheries permit requirements for vessels fishing for groundfish in the BSAI are located at § 672.4 of this chapter.

18. Section 675.5 is revised to read as follows:

§ 675.5 Recordkeeping and reporting.

Recordkeeping and reporting requirements regulated under this part and § 672.4 of this chapter are located at § 672.5 of this chapter.

19. In § 675.7, paragraph (a) is revised, and paragraphs (q) and (r) are added to read as follows:

§ 675.7 Prohibitions.

(a) Fish for groundfish in the BSAI with a vessel of the United States that does not have on board a valid permit issued under § 672.4 of this chapter.

(q) Fail to comply with or fail to ensure compliance with requirements at § 672.5 of this chapter.

(r) Use a Catcher Vessel or Catcher/Processor as a Tender Vessel before offloading all groundfish or groundfish product harvested or processed by that vessel.

Subpart B—Management Measures

20. In § 675.20, paragraphs (a)(1) and (c)(1) are revised; headings for

paragraphs (a)(8) through (a)(12), (d), (j)(1), and (j)(2) are added; heading for paragraph (i)(2) is revised; paragraphs (h)(1) and (h)(3) are amended by revising the words, "Table 1 to this section" to read "Table 11 of part 672," and Table 1 to § 675.20 is removed. The revised and added text reads as follows:

§ 675.20 General limitations.

(a) *Optimum yield (OY).* The OY for the fishery regulated by this section and by § 611.93 of this chapter is a range of 1.4 to 2.0 million mt for target species and the "other species" category in the BSAI, to the extent this amount can be harvested consistently with this part and part 611 of this chapter, plus the amounts of "non-specified species" taken incidentally to the harvest of target species and the "other species" category. The species categories are defined in Table 1 of the specifications as provided in paragraph (a)(7) of this section.

- (8) *Directed fishing allowance.*
- (9) *Prohibited species closure.*
- (10) *Overfishing closure.*
- (11) *JVP or TALFF prohibitions.*
- (12) *Factors to be considered.*

(c) (1) Prohibited species, for the purpose of this part, means any of the species of Pacific salmon (*Oncorhynchus* spp.), steelhead trout (*Oncorhynchus mykiss*), Pacific halibut (*Hippoglossus stenolepis*), Pacific herring (*Clupea harengus pallasii*), king crab (*Paralithodes* spp. and *Lithodes* spp.), and Tanner crab (*Chionoecetes* spp.) caught by a vessel regulated under this part while fishing for groundfish in the BSAI, unless retention is authorized by other applicable law, including the Pacific Halibut Fishery Regulations (part 301 of this title).

(d) *Winter Halibut Savings Area.*

- (i) *Fishing trip.*
- (j) *Pollock roe.*
- (k) *Primary product.*

21. In § 675.21, headings are added to paragraphs (a)(1) through (a)(6), and (b)(4), to read as follows:

§ 675.21 Prohibited species catch (PSC) limitations.

- (1) *Red king crab, Zone 1.*
- (2) *Tanner crab, Zone 1.*

- (3) *Tanner crab, Zone 2.*
- (4) *Pacific halibut, trawl.*
- (5) *Pacific herring.*
- (6) *Pacific halibut, non-trawl.*
- (b) *Bycatch allowances and seasonal apportionments.*

22. In § 675.22, paragraph (a) is revised and headings are added to paragraphs (b) through (f) to read as follows:

§ 675.22 Time and area closures.

(a) *Year-round closures, Area 512.* No fishing with trawl gear is allowed at any time in that part of Zone 1 in the Bering Sea subarea that is south of 58°00' N. lat. and between 160°00' W. long. and 162°00' W. long. (see Figure 1 of part 672), except as described in paragraph (c) of this section.

- (b) *Seasonal closures, Area 516.*
- (c) *Partial closures, Area 512.*
- (d) *Partial closures, Area 516.*
- (e) *Red king crab closures.*
- (f) *Walrus Protection Areas.*

23. In § 675.23, paragraph (a) and (d) are revised and headings are added to paragraphs (b) and (c) to read as follows:

§ 675.23 Seasons.

(a) *Fishing year.* Fishing for groundfish in the subareas and statistical areas of the BSAI is authorized from 0001 hours, A.l.t., January 1, through 2359 hours, A.l.t., December 31, subject to the other provisions of this part, except as provided in paragraphs (c) through (e) of this section.

(b) *Time of openings and closures.*

(c) *Directed fishing for arrowtooth flounder and Greenland turbot.*

(d) *Trawl gear prohibition, BSAI.* Notwithstanding other provisions of this part, fishing for groundfish with trawl gear in the BSAI is prohibited from 0001 hours, A.l.t. on January 1, through 1200 hours, A.l.t., January 20.

24. In § 675.24, paragraph (a) is revised; paragraph (e) is removed; paragraphs (f) through (h) are redesignated as paragraphs (e) through (g), respectively; headings are added to paragraphs (c)(1), (c)(2), (c)(3), (d)(1), (d)(2), and newly redesignated paragraphs (f)(2) and (f)(3); the heading for paragraph (b) is revised; and newly designated paragraphs (e) and (f)(4) are revised to read as follows:

§ 675.24 Gear limitations.

(a) *Marking of gear.* (1) All longline marker buoys carried on board or used

by vessels regulated under this part shall be marked with at least one of the following:

- (i) The vessel's name; and
 - (ii) The vessel's fisheries permit number; or
 - (iii) The vessel's registration number.
- (2) Marking shall be in characters at least 4 inches (10.2 cm) in height and one-half inch (1.3 cm) in width, in a contrasting color visible above the water line, and shall be maintained in good condition.

(b) Gear restrictions—pots.

- * * * * *
- (c) * * *
- (1) Sablefish. * * *
- (2) Pollock. * * *
- (3) Longline pot gear. * * *

- (d) * * *
- (1) Directed fishing closures. * * *
- (2) PSC closures. * * *

(e) Steller sea lion protection areas—

(1) Bering Sea Subarea and Bogoslof District—(i) Year-round closures. Trawling is prohibited within 10 nm of each of the eight Steller sea lion rookeries shown in Table 4a of part 672 of this title.

(ii) Seasonal closures. During January 1 through April 15, or a date earlier than April 15 if adjusted under § 675.20(a)(8), trawling is prohibited within 20 nm of each of the six Steller sea lion rookeries shown in Table 4b of part 672 of this title.

(2) Aleutian Islands Subarea—(i) Year-round closures. Trawling is

prohibited within 10 nm of each of the 19 Steller sea lion rookeries shown in Table 5a of part 672 of this chapter.

(ii) Seasonal closures. During January 1 through April 15, or a date earlier than April 15 if adjusted under § 675.20(a)(8), trawling is prohibited within 20 nm of each of the two Steller sea lion rookeries shown in Table 5b of part 672 of this chapter.

- (f) Trawl gear testing areas. * * *
- (2) Test area conditions. * * *
- (3) Test area criteria. * * *
- (4) Bering Sea Testing Area. Trawl gear testing is allowed in an area (Figure 7 of part 672 of this chapter) bounded by straight lines connecting the following coordinates in the order listed, at all times:

W. longitude	N. latitude
167° 00'	55° 00'
166° 00'	55° 00'
166° 00'	54° 40'
167° 00'	54° 40'
167° 00'	55° 00'

25. Section 675.27 is amended by removing table 1 at the end of § 675.27; revising paragraph (d)(2) introductory text and paragraph (g); and by adding headings to paragraphs (a)(1), (a)(2), (c)(1), (c)(2), (e)(1) through (e)(4), and (f)(1) through (f)(3) to read as follows:

§ 675.27 Western Alaska Community Development Quota Program (applicable through December 31, 1995).

- (a) * * *
- (1) Compliance. * * *

- (2) Public hearing. * * *
- * * * * *
- (c) * * *
- (1) Consistent with criteria. * * *
- (2) Not consistent with criteria. * * *
- (d) Evaluation criteria. * * *
- (2) Prior to approval of a CDP recommended by the Governor, NMFS will review the Governor's findings to determine that each community that is part of a CDP is listed on Table 7 of part 672 of this chapter or meets the following criteria for an eligible community:
- * * * * *
- (e) * * *
- (1) Annual reports. * * *
- (2) Increase in CDQ allocation. * * *
- (3) Amendment to a CDP. * * *
- (4) Reaching CDQ allocation. * * *
- (f) * * *
- (1) Recommendation of Governor. * * *
- (2) Non-compliance. * * *
- (3) Review of allocation. * * *
- (g) CDQ fishing requirements.

Recordkeeping and reporting requirements are set out at § 672.5 of this chapter.

* * * * *

PART 675—[AMENDED]

26. Part 675 is amended by removing the heading "Figures—Part 675" and the figures at the end of the part.