

State and county	Location and Case No.	Date and name of newspaper where notice was published	Chief executive officer of community	Effective date of modification	Community No.
Clark (FEMA Docket No.: B-7438).	Unincorporated Areas (02-09-1071P).	April 24, 2003, May 1, 2003, <i>Las Vegas Review-Journal</i> .	The Honorable Mary J. Kincaid-Chauncey Chair, Clark County Board of Commissioners 500 South Grand Central Parkway Las Vegas, Nevada 89155.	July 31, 2003 .....	320003
Clark (FEMA Docket No.: B-7438).	Unincorporated Areas (03-09-0861X) (03-09-980X).	May 1, 2003, May 8, 2003, <i>Las Vegas Review-Journal</i> .	The Honorable Mary J. Kincaid-Chauncey Chair, Clark County Board of Commissioners 500 South Grand Central Parkway Las Vegas, Nevada 89155.	April 21, 2003 .....	320003
Clark (FEMA Docket No.: B-7438).	Unincorporated Areas (02-09-718P).	July 10, 2003, July 17, 2003, <i>Las Vegas Review-Journal</i> .	The Honorable Mary J. Kincaid-Chauncey Chair, Clark County Board of Commissioners 500 South Grand Central Parkway Las Vegas, Nevada 89155.	June 19, 2003 .....	320003
Texas: Dallas (FEMA Docket No.: B-7438).	City of Dallas (00-06-248P).	January 31, 2002, February 7, 2002, <i>Dallas Morning News</i> .	The Honorable Ron Kirk Mayor, City of Dallas 1500 Marilla Street Dallas, Texas 75201.	November 8, 2000 .....	480171

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance No. 83.100, "Flood Insurance.")

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

#### 50 CFR Part 679

[Docket No. 031125292-4061-02; I.D. 031504C]

#### Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Deep-Water Species Fishery by Vessels Using Trawl Gear in the Gulf of Alaska

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

**ACTION:** Closure.

**SUMMARY:** NMFS is prohibiting directed fishing for species that comprise the deep-water species fishery by vessels using trawl gear in the Gulf of Alaska (GOA). This action is necessary because the first seasonal apportionment of the 2004 Pacific halibut bycatch allowance specified for the deep-water species fishery in the GOA has been reached.

**DATES:** Effective 1200 hrs, Alaska local time (A.l.t.), March 19, 2004, through 1200 hrs, A.l.t., April 1, 2004.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Josh Keaton, 907-586-7228.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** NMFS manages the groundfish fishery in the GOA exclusive economic zone according to the Fishery Management Plan for Groundfish of the Gulf of Alaska (FMP) prepared by the North Pacific Fishery Management Council under authority of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act. Regulations governing fishing by U.S. vessels in accordance with the FMP appear at subpart H of 50 CFR part 600 and 50 CFR part 679.

The final 2004 harvest specifications for groundfish of the GOA (69 FR 9261, February 27, 2004) established the Pacific halibut bycatch allowance for the GOA trawl deep-water species fishery, which is defined at § 679.21(d)(3)(iii)(B). The bycatch allowance for the period from 1200 hrs, A.l.t., January 20, 2004, through 1200 hrs, A.l.t., April 1, 2004, is 100 metric tons.

In accordance with § 679.21(d)(7)(i), the Administrator, Alaska Region, NMFS, has determined that the first seasonal apportionment of the 2004 Pacific halibut bycatch allowance specified for the trawl deep-water species fishery in the GOA has been reached. Consequently, NMFS is prohibiting directed fishing for the deep-water species fishery by vessels using trawl gear in the GOA. The species and species groups that comprise the deep-water species fishery are: all rockfish of the genera *Sebastes* and *Sebastolobus*, deep water flatfish,

rex sole, arrowtooth flounder, and sablefish.

#### Classification

This action responds to the best available information recently obtained from the fishery. The Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, NOAA, (AA), finds good cause to waive the requirement to provide prior notice and opportunity for public comment pursuant to the authority set forth at 5 U.S.C. 553(b)(B) as such requirement is impracticable and contrary to the public interest. This requirement is impracticable and contrary to the public interest as it would prevent the Agency from responding to the most recent fisheries data in a timely fashion and would delay the closure of the deep-water species fishery by vessels using trawl gear in the GOA.

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

This action is required by § 679.20 and is exempt from review under Executive Order 12866.

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

Dated: March 16, 2004.

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