

**Amendment 84a
to the
Fishery Management Plan
for Groundfish
of the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area**

Section 3.5.2.1.3 would be revised to read: “The Chum Salmon Savings Area is closed to directed fishing for pollock with trawl gear from August 1 through August 31, unless the vessel directed fishing for pollock is operating under a salmon bycatch reduction inter-cooperative agreement. See Appendix B and Figure 3-4. Directed fishing for pollock with trawl gear is also prohibited in this area upon the attainment of an ‘other salmon’ bycatch limit, unless the vessel directed fishing for pollock is operating under a salmon bycatch reduction inter-cooperative agreement. See description under Section 3.6.2.”

Section 3.6.2.1.7 would be revised to read: “When the Regional Administrator determines that 42,000 non-Chinook salmon have been caught by vessels using trawl gear during the time period of August 15 through October 14 in the catcher vessel operational area (see Section 3.5.2.1.6), NMFS will prohibit directed fishing for pollock with trawl gear for the remainder of the period September 14 through October 14 in the chum salmon savings area (see Section 3.6.2.2.4), unless the vessel is operating under a salmon bycatch reduction inter-cooperative agreement. Accounting for the 42,000 fish PSC limit will begin on August 15.”

Section 3.6.2.2.4 would be revised to read: “Upon attainment of the limit described in Section 3.6.2.1.7, NMFS will prohibit directed fishing for pollock with trawl gear for the remainder of the period September 14 through October 14 in the chum salmon savings area (described in Appendix B and Figure 3-4), unless the vessel is operating under a salmon bycatch reduction inter-cooperative agreement. This area is also closed to vessels directed fishing for pollock and not operating under a salmon bycatch reduction inter-cooperative agreement from August 1 through August 31, as described in Section 3.5.2.1.3.”

Section 3.6.2.2.5 would be revised to read: “If the Regional Administrator determines that the Bering Sea subarea PSC limit of Chinook salmon is caught while harvesting pollock with trawl gear in the Bering Sea subarea between January 1 and December 31, NMFS will prohibit directed fishing for pollock with trawl gear in Chinook salmon savings areas 1 and 2 (described in Appendix B and Figure 3-11) during time periods specified in regulations. Vessels operating under a salmon bycatch reduction inter-cooperative agreement may participate in directed fishing for pollock by trawl gear in area 2.

If the Regional Administrator determines that the Aleutian Islands subarea PSC limit of Chinook salmon is caught while harvesting pollock with trawl gear in the Aleutian Islands subarea between January 1 and December 31, NMFS will prohibit directed fishing for pollock with trawl gear in Chinook salmon savings area 1 (described in Appendix B and Figure 3-11), during time periods specified in regulations.”

Text under the title “**Chum Salmon Savings Area**” in Appendix B-2 would be revised to read:

“Trawling is prohibited from August 1 through August 31 within the area bounded by a straight line connecting the following pairs of coordinates in the order listed:

(56°00' N., 167°00' W.)

(56°00' N., 165°00' W.)

(55°30' N., 165°00' W.)

(55°30' N., 164°00' W.)

(55°00' N., 164°00' W.)

(55°00' N., 167°00' W.)

(56°00' N., 167°00' W.)

Trawling is also prohibited for the remainder of the period September 14 through October 14 upon the attainment of an ‘other salmon’ bycatch limit; see Section B.3.

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