

Administrator exercises enforcement responsibility, the Chief Counsel may request the United States Attorney General to bring an action in the appropriate United States District Court for such relief as is necessary or appropriate, including mandatory or prohibitive injunctive relief, interim equitable relief, and punitive damages, as provided by section 213(c) of the Motor Carrier Safety Act of 1984 and section 111(a) of the Hazardous Materials Transportation Act (49 U.S.C. 507(c) 5122).

■ 39. Revise § 386.82(a)(3) to read as follows:

**§ 386.82 Civil penalties for violations of notices and orders.**

(a) Additional civil penalties are chargeable for violations of notices and orders which are issued under civil forfeiture proceedings pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 521(b). These notices and orders are as follows:

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(3) Final order—§ 386.14, § 386.17, § 386.22, and § 386.61; and

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■ 40. Amend Appendix A to Part 386 by revising section I, removing and reserving section II, and revising section III to read as follows:

**Appendix A to Part 386—Penalty Schedule; Violations of Notices and Orders**

**I. Notice to Abate**

Violation—Failure to cease violations of the regulations in the time prescribed in the notice. (The time within to comply with a notice to abate shall not begin to run with respect to contested violations, *i.e.*, where there are material issues in dispute under § 386.14, until such time as the violation has been established.)

Penalty reinstatement of any deferred assessment or payment of a penalty or portion thereof.

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**III. Final Order**

Violation—Failure to comply with Final Agency Order.

Penalty—Automatic reinstatement of any penalty previously reduced or held in abeyance and restoration of the full amount assessed in the Notice of Claim less any payments previously made.

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■ 41. Amend Appendix B to Part 386 by revising the heading and paragraphs (a)(1) through (4) to read as follows:

**Appendix B to Part 386—Penalty Schedule; Violations and Maximum Civil Penalties**

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(a) Violations of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations (FMCSRs):

(1) *Recordkeeping.* A person or entity that fails to prepare or maintain a record required

by parts 40, 382, 385, and 390–99 of this subchapter, or prepares or maintains a required record that is incomplete, inaccurate, or false, is subject to a maximum civil penalty of \$550 for each day the violation continues, up to \$5,500.

(2) *Knowing falsification of records.* A person or entity that knowingly falsifies, destroys, mutilates, or changes a report or record required by parts 382, 385, and 390–99 of this subchapter, knowingly makes or causes to be made a false or incomplete record about an operation or business fact or transaction, or knowingly makes, prepares, or preserves a record in violation of a regulation or order of the Secretary is subject to a maximum civil penalty of \$5,500 if such action misrepresents a fact that constitutes a violation other than a reporting or recordkeeping violation.

(3) *Non-recordkeeping violations.* A person or entity that violates parts 382, 385, or 390–99 of this subchapter, except a recordkeeping requirement, is subject to a civil penalty not to exceed \$11,000 for each violation.

(4) *Non-recordkeeping violations by drivers.* A driver who violates parts 382, 385, and 390–99 of this subchapter, except a recordkeeping violation, is subject to a civil penalty not to exceed \$2,750.

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Annette M. Sandberg,  
Administrator.

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

**50 CFR Part 679**

[Docket No. 041126332–5039–02; I.D. 051105C]

**Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Reallocation of Pacific Cod in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area**

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

**ACTION:** Reallocation.

**SUMMARY:** NMFS is reallocating the projected unused amount of Pacific cod from vessels using jig gear to catcher vessels less than 60 feet (18.3 meters (m)) length overall (LOA) using pot or hook-and-line gear in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands management area (BSAI). This action is necessary to allow the 2005 A season total allowable catch (TAC) of Pacific cod to be harvested.

**DATES:** Effective May 17, 2005, through 2400 hrs, Alaska local time (A.l.t.), December 31, 2005.

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

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

The 2005 A season allowance of the Pacific cod TAC specified for vessels using jig gear in the BSAI is 374 metric tons (mt) as established by the 2005 and 2006 final harvest specifications for groundfish in the BSAI (70 FR 8979, February 24, 2005) and the reallocation on April 13, 2005 (70 FR 19708, April 14, 2005), for the period 1200 hrs, A.l.t., January 1, 2005, through 1200 hrs, A.l.t., April 30, 2005. See §§ 679.20 (a)(7)(i)(C)(1), (c)(3)(iii), and (c)(5).

The Administrator, Alaska Region, NMFS, has determined that jig vessels will not be able to harvest 350 mt of the A season apportionment of Pacific cod allocated to those vessels under §§ 679.20(a)(7)(i)(A) and (a)(7)(iii)(A). Therefore, in accordance with § 679.20(a)(7)(ii)(C)(1), NMFS apportions 350 mt of Pacific cod from the A season apportionment of jig gear to catcher vessels less than 60 feet (18.3 m) LOA using pot or hook-and-line gear.

The harvest specifications for Pacific cod included in the harvest specifications for groundfish in the BSAI (70 FR 8979, February 24, 2005) are revised as follows: 24 mt to the A season apportionment for vessels using jig gear and 2,854 mt to catcher vessels less than 60 feet (18.3 m) LOA using pot or hook-and-line gear.

**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 NMFS from responding to the most recent fisheries data in a timely fashion and would delay the reallocation of Pacific cod specified for jig vessels to catcher vessels less than 60 feet (18.3 m) LOA

using pot or hook-and-line gear and therefore would cause disruption to the industry by requiring unnecessary closures, and will relieve a restriction on the industry and allow for the orderly conduct and efficient operation of this fishery.

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: May 12, 2005.

**Alan D. Risenhoover**

*Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.*

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