

Mono Lake brine shrimp is threatened with extinction, the Service would reevaluate this decision.

References

A complete list of references used in the preparation of this finding is available upon request from the Ventura Field Office (see ADDRESSES section).

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The primary author of this document is Cathy R. Brown, Ventura Field Office (see ADDRESSES section).

Authority

The authority for this action is the Endangered Species Act (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*)

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Groundfish of the Gulf of Alaska; Groundfish Fishery of the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Area; Extension of Allocations to Inshore and Offshore Components

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

ACTION: Notice of availability of fishery management plan amendments; request for comments.

SUMMARY: The North Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) has submitted Amendment 38 to the Fishery Management Plan (FMP) for the Groundfish Fishery to the Bering Sea

and Aleutian Islands Area and Amendment 40 of the FMP for Groundfish of the Gulf of Alaska. These amendments would extend through December 31, 1998, the authority to allocate pollock and Pacific cod for processing by the inshore and offshore components of the industry and continue the Western Alaska Community Development Quota (CDQ) program. This action is necessary to continue for an additional 3-year period the allocations of pollock and Pacific cod for processing by inshore and offshore components, as well as the CDQ program. The Council intends these amendments to promote management and conservation of groundfish, enhance stability in the fisheries, and further the goals and objectives contained in the FMPs that govern these fisheries. Comments are requested from the public. Copies of the proposed FMP amendments may be obtained from the Council (see ADDRESSES).

DATES: Comments on the proposed amendments must be submitted by October 30, 1995.

ADDRESSES: Comments on the proposed FMP amendments must be submitted to Ronald J. Berg, Chief, Fisheries Management Division, Alaska Region, NMFS, 709 West 9th Street, Juneau, AK 99801, or P.O. Box 21668, Juneau, AK 99802-1668, Attention: Lori J. Gravel. Copies of the proposed amendments and the Environmental Assessment/Regulatory Impact Review/Initial Regulatory Flexibility Analysis prepared for the amendments may be obtained from the North Pacific Fishery Management Council, P.O. Box 103136, Anchorage, AK 99510.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jay Ginter, 907-586-7228.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Magnuson Fishery Conservation and Management Act (Magnuson Act) requires that each Regional Fishery Management Council submit any fishery management plan or plan amendment it prepares to NMFS for review and

approval, disapproval, or partial disapproval. The Magnuson Act also requires that NMFS, upon reviewing the plan or amendment, immediately publish a notice that the plan or amendment is available for public review and comment. NMFS will consider the public comments received during the comment period in determining whether to approve the amendment.

Proposed Amendments 38 and 40 would extend through 1998 the provisions of Amendment 18 to the FMP for the Groundfish Fishery of the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Area and Amendment 23 to the FMP for Groundfish of the Gulf of Alaska. Amendments 18 and 23 are scheduled to expire at the end of 1995. The Council voted unanimously at its June 1995 meeting to extend the provisions of the expiring Amendments 18 and 23 through December 31, 1998, under Amendments 38 and 40. The only significant change would be to move the western border of the Catcher Vessel Operational Area 30 minutes longitude to the east, from 168°00' to 167°30' W. long. The intent of the Council is to promote management and conservation of groundfish, enhance stability in the fisheries, and further the goals and objectives contained in the FMPs that govern these fisheries during the period of time the Council is developing its comprehensive plan for improving the Alaska groundfish and crab fisheries.

NMFS will consider the public comments received during the comment period in determining whether to approve the proposed amendments. The proposed regulations are scheduled to be published within 15 days of this document's publication.

Dated: August 30, 1995.

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Director, Office of Fisheries Conservation and Management, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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