

first period subquota (16,421 lb) has been carried over to the second period, for an adjusted second period subquota of 30.9 mt dressed weight, or 68,119 lb. NMFS estimates that approximately 13,818 lb remain of the adjusted second period subquota as of this date.

Based on projected catch rates, NMFS had previously announced a closure date of July 17, 1996 (61 FR 35971). Because of Hurricane Bertha, many of the vessels were unable to fish for a number of days and the quota is not expected to be reached on or before July 17, 1996, as was previously estimated. Given the approximately 13,818 lb remains of the second period subquota and current fishery catches averaging approximately 7,000 lb per day, NMFS estimates that the quota will be reached on or before July 19, 1996. Hence, action is being taken to postpone the fishery closure to be effective 2330 hours on July 19, 1996 through 2400 hours November 30, 1996.

During this closure of the drift gillnet fishery: (1) No one aboard a vessel using or having on board a drift gillnet may fish for swordfish from the North Atlantic swordfish stock; (2) no more than two swordfish per trip may be possessed on board vessel using or having on board a drift gillnet in the North Atlantic Ocean, including the Gulf of Mexico and Caribbean Sea, north of 5° N. lat., or landed in an Atlantic, Gulf of Mexico, or Caribbean coastal state.

Classification

This action is required by 50 CFR 630.25(a) and is exempt from review under E.O. 12866.

Dated: July 17, 1996.

Richard H. Schaefer,

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

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Fisheries Off West Coast States and in the Western Pacific; Correction

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and

Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Correction to final rule.

SUMMARY: This document corrects an error in § 660.323 (a)(2)(ii) in the final rule concerning Fisheries Off West Coast States and in the Western Pacific, published July 2, 1996 (61 FR 34570).

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 1996.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Cheri Sexton McCarty, NMFS, 301-713-2341.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The final rule document 96-16234 beginning on page 34570 in the issue of Tuesday, July 2, 1996, in § 660.323(a)(2)(ii), incorrectly indicates that the starting date of the regular season for nontrawl sablefish is August 6. This error needs to be corrected to ensure that the public is aware that the correct starting date of the fishery is September 1.

Correction of Publication

Accordingly, the publication on July 2, 1996, of the final rule document (I.D. 050796A), which was the subject of FR Doc. 96-16234, is corrected as follows:

§ 660.323 [Corrected]

On page 34594, in the second column, in § 660.323, paragraph (a)(2)(ii), in the first sentence, the date "August 6" is corrected to read "September 1".

Dated: July 15, 1996.

Gary Matlock,

Program Management Officer, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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[Docket No. 960531152-6152-01; I.D. 042996B]

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Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Correction

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

ACTION: Correction to final regulations.

SUMMARY: This document contains a correction to final regulations (I.D.

042996B), which were published Wednesday, June 19, 1996 (61 FR 31228). The regulations related to consolidation of six parts in title 50 of the CFR.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 1996.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: William Bellows, 301-713-2344.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The final regulations that are the subject of this correction consolidated several sections of regulations in parts 671, 672, 673, 675, 676, 677, and 679. The consolidation was effected as part of the President's Regulatory Reform Initiative. The final rule reorganized management measures into a more logical and cohesive order, removed duplicative and outdated provisions, and made editorial changes for readability, clarity, and achieved uniformity in regulatory language. It was not intended to make substantive changes to existing regulations.

Need for Correction

As published, the final rule contained a paragraph that was proposed in another agency rulemaking but had not yet been adopted as final. Therefore, inclusion of the paragraph in the consolidated rule would constitute a substantive change, in spite of the fact that the preamble stated that no such changes were made. The paragraph was inadvertently placed in the rule.

Correction of Publication

Accordingly, the publication on June 19, 1996, of the final regulations (I.D. 042996B), which was the subject of FR Doc. 96-14593, is corrected as follows:

§ 679.32 [Corrected]

On page 31269, in the first column, in § 679.32, paragraph (e)(1)(vi) is removed and reserved.

Authority: 16 U.S.C. 773 *et seq.* and 1801 *et seq.*

Dated: July 15, 1996.

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