

**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration****50 CFR Part 675**

[Docket No. 931100-4043; I.D. 100694A]

**Groundfish of the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Area**

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

ACTION: Closure.

**SUMMARY:** NMFS is prohibiting directed fishing for Pacific ocean perch in the Bering Sea subarea (BS) of the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands management area (BSAI). This action is necessary to prevent exceeding the Pacific ocean perch total allowable catch (TAC) in the BS.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** 12 noon, Alaska local time (A.l.t.), October 7, 1994, until 12 midnight, A.l.t., December 31, 1994.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Andrew N. Smoker, 907-586-7228.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The groundfish fishery in the BSAI exclusive economic zone is managed by the Secretary of Commerce according to the Fishery Management Plan for the Groundfish Fishery of the BSAI (FMP) prepared by the North Pacific Fishery Management Council under authority of the Magnuson Fishery Conservation and Management Act. Fishing by U.S. vessels is governed by regulations implementing the FMP at 50 CFR parts 620 and 675.

In accordance with § 675.20(a)(7)(ii), the Pacific ocean perch TAC for the BS was established by the final 1994 initial specifications of groundfish (59 FR 7656, February 16, 1994) as 1,624 metric tons (mt).

The Director, Alaska Region, NMFS (Regional Director), has determined, in accordance with § 675.20(a)(8), that the Pacific ocean perch TAC in the BS soon will be reached. Therefore, the Regional Director has established a directed fishing allowance of 1,524 mt, with consideration that 100 mt will be taken as incidental catch in directed fishing for other species in the BS. The Regional Director has determined that the directed fishing allowance has been reached. Consequently NMFS is prohibiting directed fishing for Pacific ocean perch in the BS, effective from 12 noon, A.l.t., October 7, 1994, until 12 midnight, A.l.t., December 31, 1994.

Directed fishing standards for applicable gear types may be found in the regulations at § 675.20(h).

**Classification**

This action is taken under § 675.20 and is exempt from review under E.O. 12866.

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

Dated: October 6, 1994.

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**50 CFR Part 676**

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**Limited Access Management of Federal Fisheries In and Off of Alaska; Correction**

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

ACTION: Correction to final rules.

**SUMMARY:** NMFS issues a correction to the effective date section of final rules published on August 24, 1994 and September 6, 1994. Portions of these final rules related to the limited access management of Federal fisheries in and off of Alaska.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** October 13, 1994.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** John Lepore, 907-586-7228.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On November 9, 1993 (58 FR 59375), NMFS published a final rule to implement Amendment 15 to the Fishery Management Plan (FMP) for the Groundfish Fishery of the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands area (BSAI), Amendment 20 to the FMP for Groundfish of the Gulf of Alaska (GOA), and a regulatory amendment affecting the fishery for Pacific halibut in and off the State of Alaska. These regulations established an individual fishing quota limited-access system in fixed gear fisheries for Pacific halibut and sablefish in and off Alaska. In addition, this action implemented a Western Alaska Community Development Quota program for halibut and sablefish fixed gear fisheries. The effective date for the

final rule was December 9, 1993, except §§ 676.20 (a) through (e) and (g) and 676.21, which became effective on January 1, 1994, and §§ 676.13 (a) and (b), 676.14, 676.16, 676.17, 676.20 introductory text and paragraph (f), and 676.22, 676.23, and 676.24, which will become effective on January 1, 1995.

On August 24, 1994, NMFS issued a final rule implementing Amendment 30 to the BSAI FMP and Amendment 34 to the GOA FMP and a regulatory amendment affecting Pacific halibut and sablefish fisheries in and off the State of Alaska. This final rule was effective September 23, 1994, but inadvertently amended § 676.24, which will not be in effect until January 1, 1995.

On September 6, 1994, NMFS issued a final rule to implement the North Pacific Fisheries Research Plan for the GOA groundfish fishery BSAI management area groundfish fishery BSAI king and Tanner crab fisheries, and Pacific halibut fishery in convention waters off Alaska. The final rule was effective October 6, 1994. In that rule §§ 676.13 and 676.16, which will be effective January 1, 1995, were inadvertently amended.

**Correction of Publications**

Accordingly the publication on August 24, 1994 (59 FR 43502) and September 6, 1994 (59 FR 46126), which were the subject of FR Doc. 94-20820 and FR Doc. 94-21711, respectively are corrected as follows:

The **EFFECTIVE DATE** caption of the final rule published on August 24, 1994, page 43502, the third column, is corrected to read as follows:

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** September 23, 1994, except the amendments to § 676.24, which will become effective January 1, 1995.

The **EFFECTIVE DATE** caption of the final rule published on September 6, 1994, page 46126, the first column, is corrected to read as follows:

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** October 6, 1994, except the amendments to §§ 676.13 and 676.16, which will become effective January 1, 1995.

Dated: October 5, 1994.

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