

**List of Subjects in 47 CFR Part 73**

Television broadcasting.

Part 73 of Title 47 of the Code of Federal Regulations is amended as follows:

**PART 73—[AMENDED]**

1. The authority citation for Part 73 continues to read as follows:

**Authority:** Sections 303, 48 Stat., as amended, 1082; 47 U.S.C. 154, as amended.

**§ 73.606 [Amended]**

2. Section 73.606(b), the Table of TV Allotments under Pennsylvania, is amended by adding Jeannette, Channel 19+.

Federal Communications Commission.

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE****National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration****50 CFR Part 660**

[Docket No. 970612136-7136-01; I.D. 071797B]

**Fisheries Off West Coast States and in the Western Pacific; Western Pacific Crustacean Fisheries; 1997 Closure**

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

**ACTION:** Closure of the fishery.

**SUMMARY:** NMFS announces the closure of the Northwestern Hawaiian Islands (NWHI) crustacean fishery due to attainment of the harvest guideline for the 1997 fishing season. Lobster vessels carrying vessel monitoring system (VMS) units must be outside the Crustaceans Permit Area 1 VMS Subarea after the closure date. Vessels without VMS units are prohibited from landing lobster after 96 hours following the closure date. This action is intended to prevent overfishing and to achieve optimum yield according to the objectives of the Fishery Management Plan for the Crustacean Fisheries of the Western Pacific Region (FMP).

**DATES:** Fishing for lobsters in the NWHI is prohibited from 2400 hours (local time) on July 22, 1997, through June 30, 1998. After 2400 hours (local time) July 26, 1997, through June 30, 1998, vessels without VMS units are prohibited from landing lobsters taken from the NWHI.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Svein Fougner, 562-980-4034; or Mr. Alvin Z. Katekaru, 808-973-2985.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On June 23, 1997, a harvest guideline of 322,912 spiny and slipper lobsters was published in the **Federal Register** (62 FR 33761) as the allowable harvest permitted in the NWHI for the 1997 fishing season, which began on July 1. Through July 17, approximately 226,000 spiny and slipper lobsters will have been harvested by commercial fishing vessels, and the average daily harvest has been more than 16,000 lobsters. Based on recent daily catch rates for the fishing fleet, the Acting Regional Administrator of the Southwest Region projects that the harvest guideline will be reached and, therefore, the lobster season will close at 2400 hours (local time) on July 22. Further, for vessels without VMS units, landings of lobster taken in Permit Area 1 are prohibited after 2400 hours (local time) July 26, 1997.

On July 1, 1997, a final rule implementing a VMS program in the crustacean fishery of the NWHI was published in the **Federal Register** (62 FR 35448). Lobster vessels carrying VMS units are prohibited from possessing lobster traps in Crustaceans Permit Area 1 VMS Subarea after the closure date. The Acting Regional Administrator of the Southwest Region has determined that lobster vessels without VMS units will be prohibited from landing lobster 96 hours following the closure date.

**Classification**

This action is authorized by 50 CFR part 660.50 and is not subject to review under E.O. 12866.

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

Dated: July 18, 1997.

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE****National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration****50 CFR Part 679**

[Docket No. 961126334-7025-02, I.D. 071897A]

**Fisheries of the Economic Exclusive Zone Off Alaska; Deep-Water Species Fishery by Vessels Using Trawl Gear in the Gulf of Alaska**

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

**ACTION:** Closure.

**SUMMARY:** NMFS is closing directed fishing for species that comprise the deep-water species fishery by vessels using trawl gear in the Gulf of Alaska (GOA). This action is necessary because the third seasonal bycatch allowance of Pacific halibut apportioned to the deep-water species fishery in the GOA has been caught.

**DATES:** Effective 1200 hrs, Alaska local time (A.l.t.), July 20, 1997, until 1200 hrs, A.l.t., October 1, 1997.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Thomas Pearson, 907-486-6919.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The groundfish fishery in the GOA exclusive economic zone is managed by NMFS according to the Fishery Management Plan for Groundfish of the Gulf of Alaska (FMP) prepared by the North Pacific Fishery Management Council under authority of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act. Fishing by U.S. vessels is governed by regulations implementing the FMP at subpart H of 50 CFR part 600 and 50 CFR part 679.

The prohibited species bycatch mortality allowance of Pacific halibut for the GOA trawl deep-water species fishery, which is defined at § 679.21(d)(3)(iii)(B), was established as 400 metric tons by the Final 1997 Harvest Specifications of Groundfish for the GOA (62 FR 8179, February 24, 1997) for the third season, the period July 1, 1997 through September 30, 1997.

In accordance with § 679.21(d)(7)(i), the Administrator, Alaska Region, NMFS (Regional Administrator), has determined that the third seasonal apportionment of the 1997 Pacific halibut bycatch mortality allowance specified for the trawl deep-water species fishery in the GOA has been caught. Consequently, the Regional Administrator is closing directed fishing for species that comprise the deep-water

species fishery by vessels using trawl gear in the GOA. The species and species groups that comprise the deep-water species fishery are: All rockfish of the genera *Sebastes* and *Sebastolobus*, Greenland turbot, Dover sole, rex sole, arrowtooth flounder, and sablefish.

Maximum retainable bycatch amounts may be found in the regulations at § 679.20 (e) and (f).

#### Classification

This action responds to the best available information recently obtained from the fishery. It must be implemented immediately to prevent exceeding the third seasonal allowance of halibut mortality in the GOA. Providing prior notice and an opportunity for public comment on this action is impracticable and contrary to public interest. The fleet will soon take the seasonal allowance of halibut mortality. Further delay would only result in the seasonal allowance being exceeded and disrupt the FMP's objective of seasonally apportioning halibut mortality throughout the year. NMFS finds for good cause that the implementation of this action cannot be delayed for 30 days. Accordingly, under U.S.C. 553(d), a delay in the effective date is hereby waived.

This action is required by 50 CFR 679.21 and is exempt from review under E.O. 12866.

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

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

#### 50 CFR Part 679

[Docket No. 961126334-7025-02; I.D. 071897B]

#### Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pacific Ocean Perch in the Central Regulatory Area of the Gulf of Alaska

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

**ACTION:** Closure.

**SUMMARY:** NMFS is prohibiting retention of Pacific ocean perch in the Central Regulatory Area of the Gulf of Alaska (GOA). NMFS is requiring that catch of Pacific ocean perch in this area be treated in the same manner as prohibited species and discarded at sea with a minimum of injury. This action is necessary because the Pacific ocean perch 1997 total allowable catch (TAC) in this area has been reached.

**DATES:** Effective 1200 hrs, Alaska local time (A.l.t.), July 19, 1997, until 2400 hrs, A.l.t., December 31, 1997.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mary Furuness, 907-586-7228.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The groundfish fishery in the GOA exclusive economic zone is managed by NMFS according to the Fishery Management Plan for Groundfish of the Gulf of Alaska (FMP) prepared by the North Pacific Fishery Management Council under authority of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act. Fishing by U.S. vessels is governed by regulations implementing the FMP at subpart H of 50 CFR part 600 and 50 CFR part 679.

The 1997 TAC of Pacific ocean perch in the Central Regulatory Area of the

GOA was established by the Final 1997 Harvest Specifications of Groundfish for the GOA (62 FR 8179, February 24, 1997) as 5,352 metric tons (mt), determined in accordance with § 679.20(c)(3)(ii).

In accordance with § 679.20(d)(2), the Administrator, Alaska Region, NMFS, has determined that the 1997 TAC for Pacific ocean perch in the Central Regulatory Area of the GOA has been reached. Therefore, NMFS is requiring that further catches of Pacific ocean perch in the Central Regulatory Area of the GOA be treated as prohibited species in accordance with § 679.21(b).

#### Classification

This action responds to the best available information recently obtained from the fishery. It must be implemented immediately to prevent overharvesting the 1997 TAC for Pacific ocean perch in the Central Regulatory Area of the GOA; therefore, providing notice and opportunity for public comment is impracticable and contrary to public interest. NMFS finds for good cause that the implementation of this action cannot be delayed for 30 days. The fleet has already taken the TAC for Pacific ocean perch. Further delay would only result in overharvest and disrupt the FMP's objective of allowing incidental catch to be retained throughout the year. Accordingly, under 5 U.S.C. 553(d)(1), a delay in the effective date is hereby waived.

This action is required by § 679.20 and is exempt from review under E.O. 12866.

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

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