

(1) For agreements that provide credit toward SDB subcontracting goals for costs incurred under the Program, to the Director, SADB, OUSD (AT&L), and the Defense Contract Management Command (DCMC) administrative contracting officer.

(2) For agreements that provide for reimbursement of costs incurred under the Program, to the Director, SADB, OUSD (AT&L), the contracting officer, the DCMC administrative contracting officer, the program office, and the cognizant Director, SADB.

I-112 Agreement reviews.

The Defense Contract Management Command will conduct annual performance reviews of the progress and accomplishments realized under approved mentor-protégé agreements. These reviews must verify data provided on the semiannual reports and must provide information as to—

(a) Whether all costs reimbursed to the mentor firm under the agreement were reasonably incurred to furnish assistance to the protégé firm in accordance with the mentor-protégé agreement and applicable regulations and procedures;

(b) Whether the mentor firm and protégé firm accurately reported progress made by the protégé firm in employment, revenues, and participation in DoD contracts during the Program participation term and for 2 fiscal years following the expiration of the agreement; and

(c) The amount of reimbursement, if any, that the mentor firm is eligible to receive in the remaining Program participation term of the agreement.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

50 CFR Part 679

[Docket No. 000119015-0015-01; I.D. 010500A]

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Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Steller Sea Lion Protection Measures for the Pollock Fisheries Off Alaska; Correction

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

ACTION: Final rule; correction.

SUMMARY: This document contains corrections to the emergency interim rule to implement reasonable and prudent alternatives to avoid the likelihood that the pollock fisheries off Alaska will jeopardize the continued existence of the western population of Steller sea lions or adversely modify

their critical habitat that was published in the **Federal Register** on January 25, 2000.

DATES: Effective February 4, 2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kent Lind, 907-586-7650.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: An emergency interim rule was published in the **Federal Register** on January 25, 2000 (65 FR 3892), implementing reasonable and prudent alternatives to avoid the likelihood that the pollock fisheries off Alaska will jeopardize the continued existence of the western population of Steller sea lions or adversely modify their critical habitat.

Correction

PART 679—[CORRECTED]

On page 3902, in Table 20 to 50 CFR part 679, titled Steller Sea Lion Protection Areas in the Aleutian Islands Subarea:

In the entry for “Seguam Island”, in the fifth column of the table, remove the Longitude “172 33.06 W”, and add in its place “172 33.60 W”.

Dated: February 3, 2000.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

50 CFR Part 679

[Docket No. 991223348-9348-01; I.D. 020700A]

Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pacific Cod by Vessels Catching Pacific Cod for Processing by the Offshore Component in the Western 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 directed fishing for Pacific cod by vessels catching Pacific cod for processing by the offshore component in the Western Regulatory Area of the Gulf of Alaska (GOA). This action is necessary to prevent exceeding the interim amount of the Pacific cod total allowable catch (TAC) apportioned to vessels catching Pacific cod for processing by the

offshore component of the Western Regulatory Area of the GOA.

DATES: Effective 1200 hrs, Alaska local time (A.l.t.), February 7, 2000, until 2400 hrs, A.l.t., December 31, 2000.

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

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: NMFS manages the groundfish fishery in the GOA exclusive economic zone 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. 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.

In accordance with § 679.20(c)(2)(i), the interim Pacific cod TAC apportioned to vessels catching Pacific cod for processing by the offshore component in the Western Regulatory Area was established as 473 metric tons (mt), by the Interim 2000 Harvest Specifications of Groundfish for the GOA (65 FR 65, January 3, 2000).

In accordance with § 679.20(d)(1)(i), the Administrator, Alaska Region, NMFS (Regional Administrator), has determined that the interim amount of the Pacific cod TAC apportioned to vessels catching Pacific cod for processing by the offshore component of the Western Regulatory Area of the GOA will be reached. Therefore, the Regional Administrator is establishing a directed fishing allowance of 450 mt, and is setting aside the remaining 23 mt as bycatch to support other anticipated groundfish fisheries. In accordance with § 679.20(d)(1)(iii), the Regional Administrator finds that this directed fishing allowance will soon be reached. Consequently, NMFS is prohibiting directed fishing for Pacific cod by vessels catching Pacific cod for processing by the offshore component in the Western Regulatory Area of the GOA.

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

Classification

This action responds to the interim TAC limitations and other restrictions on the fisheries established in the interim 2000 harvest specifications for groundfish in the GOA. It must be implemented immediately to prevent overharvesting the interim amount of the Pacific cod TAC apportioned to vessels catching Pacific cod for processing by the offshore component in the Western Regulatory Area of the

GOA. A delay in the effective date is impracticable and contrary to the public interest, and further delay would only result in overharvest. NMFS finds for good cause that the implementation of this action should not be delayed for 30 days. Accordingly, under 5 U.S.C.

553(d), 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.*

Dated: February 7, 2000.

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

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