

**FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS
COMMISSION****47 CFR Part 73****Radio Broadcasting Services; Marble
Falls, TX***CFR Correction*

In Title 47 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Parts 70 to 79, revised as of October 1, 2002, in § 73.202(b), in the Table of FM Allotments under Texas, add Marble Falls, Channel 285C2.

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

[Docket No. 021212307-3037-02; I.D.
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**Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic
Zone off Alaska; Species in the Rock
Sole/Flathead Sole/"Other Flatfish"
Fishery Category by Vessels Using
Trawl Gear in Bering Sea and Aleutian
Islands Management Area**

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

ACTION: Closure.

SUMMARY: NMFS is closing directed
fishing for species in the rock sole/

flathead sole/"other flatfish" fishery
category by vessels using trawl gear in
the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands
management area (BSAI). This action is
necessary to prevent exceeding the 2003
halibut bycatch allowance specified for
the trawl rock sole/flathead sole/"other
flatfish" fishery category in the BSAI.

DATES: Effective 1200 hrs, Alaska local
time (A.l.t.), July 31, 2003, through 1200
hrs, A.l.t., December 31, 2003.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: NMFS
manages the groundfish fishery in the
BSAI exclusive economic zone
according to the Fishery Management
Plan for the Groundfish Fishery of the
Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Area
(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 CFR part 679.

The 2003 halibut bycatch allowance
specified for the trawl rock sole/flathead
sole/"other flatfish" fishery category in
the BSAI is 779 metric tons as
established by the final 2003 harvest
specifications for Groundfish of the
BSAI (68 FR 9907, March 3, 2003).

In accordance with § 679.21(e)(7)(v),
the Administrator, Alaska Region,
NMFS, has determined that the 2003
halibut bycatch allowance specified for
the trawl rock sole/flathead sole/"other
flatfish" fishery category in the BSAI
has been caught. Consequently, NMFS

is closing directed fishing for species in
the rock sole/flathead sole/"other
flatfish" fishery category by vessels
using trawl gear in the BSAI.

Classification

This action responds to the best
available information recently obtained
from the fishery. The Assistant
Administrator for Fisheries, NOAA
(AA), finds good cause to waive the
requirement to provide prior notice and
opportunity for public comment
pursuant to the authority set forth at 5
U.S.C. 553(b)(B) as such requirement is
contrary to the public interest. This
requirement is contrary to the public
interest as it would delay the closure of
the fishery, lead to exceeding the 2003
halibut bycatch allowance, and
therefore reduce the public's ability to
use and enjoy the fishery resource.

The AA also finds good cause to
waive the 30-day delay in the effective
date of this action under 5 U.S.C.
553(d)(3). This finding is based upon
the reasons provided above for waiver of
prior notice and opportunity for public
comment.

This action is required by § 679.21
and is exempt from review under
Executive Order 12866.

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

Dated: July 29, 2003.

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Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.*

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