

b. In paragraph (a) and paragraph (b) introductory text, the wording “, other than a tank car,” is removed each place it appears.

### PART 173—SHIPPERS—GENERAL REQUIREMENTS FOR SHIPMENTS AND PACKAGINGS

5. The authority citation for Part 173 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 49 U.S.C. 5102–5127; 49 CFR 1.53.

#### § 173.314 [Amended]

6. In § 173.314, in the paragraph (c) table, as amended at 61 FR 28677, effective October 1, 1996, in Column 3, the wording “120A” is revised to read “120” each place it appears.

### PART 174—CARRIAGE BY RAIL

7. The authority citation for Part 174 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 49 U.S.C. 5101–5127; 49 CFR 1.53.

8. In § 174.24, as revised at 61 FR 28677, effective October 1, 1996, the first two sentences are revised to read as follows:

#### § 174.24 Shipping papers.

A person may not accept or transport a hazardous material by rail unless that person receives a shipping paper that properly conveys the information required by part 172 of this subchapter. Only an initial carrier within the United States must receive and retain a copy of the shipper's certification as required by § 172.204 of this subchapter. \* \* \*

#### § 174.85 [Amended]

9. In § 174.85, in paragraph (c), as revised at 61 FR 28678, effective October 1, 1996, the wording “non-placarded rail car” is revised to read “rail car other than a placarded tank car”.

### PART 179—SPECIFICATIONS FOR TANK CARS

10. The authority citation for Part 179 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 49 U.S.C. 5101–5127; 49 CFR 1.53.

11. In § 179.15, as added at 61 FR 28678, effective October 1, 1996, paragraph (f)(1) is revised to read as follows:

#### § 179.15 Pressure relief devices.

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(f) \* \* \*

(1) Until October 1, 1998, a nonreclosing pressure relief device must incorporate a rupture disc designed to burst at a pressure no less than 100% of

the tank test pressure but no more than 33% of the tank burst pressure. After that date, a nonreclosing pressure relief device must incorporate a rupture disc designed to burst at 33% of the tank burst pressure.

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#### § 179.15 [Amended]

12. In addition, in § 179.15, the following changes are made:

a. In the introductory text, the wording “pressure relief system” is revised to read “pressure relief device, made of material compatible with the lading”.

b. In the paragraph (b) heading, the word “valves” is revised to read “devices”.

c. In paragraph (b)(2)(i), the wording “start-to-discharge pressure” is revised to read “start-to-discharge pressure of a pressure relief device”.

d. In the paragraph (c) heading, the word “systems” is revised to read “devices”.

e. In paragraph (e) introductory text, at the end of the first sentence, the wording “nonreclosing pressure relief valve” is revised to read “reclosing pressure relief valve”.

#### § 179.100–7 [Amended]

13. In § 179.100–7, in the paragraph (a) table, as revised at 61 FR 28679, effective October 1, 1996, the following changes are made:

a. In the first entry, “AAR TC128, Gr. B”, in the third column, the entry “20” is revised to read “19”.

b. In the second entry, “ASTM A 302, Gr. B”, in the third column, the entry “19” is revised to read “20”.

#### § 179.201–4 [Amended]

14. In § 179.201–4, as amended at 61 FR 28681, effective October 1, 1996, at the end of the paragraph, the wording “ASTM Specification A 262” is revised to read “ASTM Specification A 262, except that when preparing the specimen for testing the carburized surface may be finished by grinding or machining”.

15. In § 179.300–7, as amended at 61 FR 28682, effective October 1, 1996, in the paragraph (a) table, the following entries are added in numerical order to read as follows:

#### § 179.300–7 Materials.

(a) \* \* \*

Specifications	Tensile strength (psi) welded condition <sup>1</sup> (minimum)	Elongation in 2 inches (percent) welded condition <sup>1</sup> (longitudinal) (minimum)
ASTM A285 Gr. A .....	45,000	29
ASTM A285 Gr. B .....	50,000	20
ASTM A285 Gr. C .....	55,000	20
ASTM A515 Gr. 65 .....	65,000	20
ASTM A515 Gr. 70 .....	70,000	20
ASTM A516 Gr. 70 .....	70,000	20

<sup>1</sup> Maximum stresses to be used in calculations.

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### DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

#### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

#### 50 CFR Part 660

[Docket No. 960126016–6121–04; I.D. 091796A]

#### Fisheries Off West Coast States and in the Western Pacific; West Coast Salmon Fisheries; Closure from the Oregon-California Border to Humboldt South Jetty, CA

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

**ACTION:** Closure.

**SUMMARY:** NMFS announces that the commercial salmon fishery in the area from the Oregon-California border (42°00'00" N. lat.) to Humboldt South Jetty, CA (40°45'53" N. lat.) was closed at 2400 hours local time (l.t.), September 14, 1996. The Regional Director, Northwest Region, NMFS (Regional Director), has determined that the commercial quota of 6,000 chinook salmon has been reached. This action is necessary to conform to the preseason announcement of the 1996 management measures and is intended to ensure conservation of chinook salmon.

**DATES:** Effective at 2400 hours l.t., September 14, 1996, through 2400 hours

l.t., September 15, 1996, at which time the season remains closed under the terms of the preseason announcement of the 1996 management measures. Comments will be accepted through October 9, 1996.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments may be mailed to William Stelle, Jr., Regional Director, Northwest Region, NMFS, 7600 Sand Point Way NE., Seattle, WA 98115-0070, or Hilda Diaz-Soltero, Regional Director, Southwest Region, NMFS, 501 W. Ocean Blvd., Suite 4200, Long Beach, CA 90802-4132. Information relevant to this action has been compiled in aggregate form and is available for public review during business hours at the Northwest Regional Office or Southwest Regional Office.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** William L. Robinson, 206-526-6140, or Rodney R. McInnis, 310-980-4030.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

Regulations governing the ocean salmon fisheries at 50 CFR 660.409(a)(1) state that when a quota for the commercial or the recreational fishery, or both, for any salmon species in any portion of the fishery management area is projected by the Regional Director to be reached on or by a certain date, NMFS will, by an inseason action issued under 50 CFR 660.411, close the commercial or recreational fishery, or both, for all salmon species in the portion of the fishery management area to which the quota applies as of the date the quota is projected to be reached.

In the annual management measures for ocean salmon fisheries (61 FR 20175, May 6, 1996), NMFS announced that the 1996 commercial fishery in the area between the Oregon-California border and Humboldt South Jetty, CA, would open on September 1 and continue through September 15 or attainment of the 6,000 chinook salmon quota, whichever occurred first.

The best available information on September 12, 1996, indicated that catch and effort data and projections supported closure of the commercial fishery in the area between the Oregon-California border and Humboldt South Jetty, CA, at midnight, September 14, 1996.

The Regional Director consulted with representatives of the Pacific Fishery Management Council, the California Department of Fish and Game, and the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife regarding this closure. The State of California will manage the commercial fishery in state waters adjacent to this area of the exclusive economic zone in accordance with this Federal action. As provided by the inseason action

procedures of 50 CFR 660.411, actual notice to fishermen of this action was given prior to 2400 hours local time, September 14, 1996, by telephone hotline number 206-526-6667 or 800-662-9825 and by U.S. Coast Guard Notice to Mariners broadcasts on Channel 16 VHF-FM and 2182 kHz. Because of the need for immediate action to stop the fishery upon achievement of the quota, NMFS has determined that good cause exists for this action to be issued without affording a prior opportunity for public comment. This action does not apply to other fisheries that may be operating in other areas.

**Classification**

This action is authorized by 50 CFR 660.409 and 660.411 and is exempt from review under E.O. 12866.

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

Dated: September 19, 1996.

Gary C. Matlock,  
*Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries,*  
*National Marine Fisheries Service.*  
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**50 CFR Part 679**

[Docket No. 960129018-6018-01; I.D. 091996A]

**Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone off Alaska; "Other Rockfish" Species Group in the Eastern 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 closing the directed fishery for the "other rockfish" species group in the Eastern Regulatory Area of the Gulf of Alaska. This action is necessary to prevent exceeding the "other rockfish" species group total allowable catch (TAC) in the Eastern Regulatory Area.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** 1200 hrs, Alaska local time (A.l.t.), September 22, 1996, until 2400 hrs, A.l.t., December 31, 1996.

**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 Fishery Conservation and Management

Act. Fishing by U.S. vessels is governed by regulations implementing the FMP at 50 CFR parts 620 and 679.

In accordance with § 679.20(c)(3)(ii), the "other rockfish" species group TAC for the Eastern Regulatory Area was established by the Final 1996 Harvest Specifications of Groundfish (61 FR 4304, February 5, 1996) as 750 metric tons (mt).

The Administrator, Alaska Region, NMFS (Regional Administrator), has determined, in accordance with § 679.20(d)(1), that the "other rockfish" species group TAC in the Eastern Regulatory Area soon will be reached. Therefore, the Regional Administrator has established a directed fishing allowance of 700 mt, with consideration that 50 mt will be taken as incidental catch in directed fishing for other species in the Eastern Regulatory Area. The Regional Administrator has determined that the directed fishing allowance has been reached. Consequently, NMFS is prohibiting directed fishing for the "other rockfish" species group in the Eastern Regulatory Area.

Maximum retainable bycatch amounts for applicable gear types may be found in the regulations at § 679.20(e).

**Classification**

This action is taken under § 679.20 and is exempt from OMB review under E.O. 12866.

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

Dated: September 19, 1996.

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**50 CFR Part 679**

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**Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pollock in Statistical Area 620 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 pollock in Statistical Area 620 of the Gulf of Alaska (GOA). This action is necessary to prevent exceeding the 1996 pollock total allowable catch (TAC) in this area.