

f. By removing Channel 296C3 and adding Channel 272C3 at Coleman.  
g. By removing Channel 296A and adding Channel 277A at Waco.  
h. By removing Channel 277C3 and adding Channel 281C3 at Clifton.  
i. By removing Channel 281C1 and adding Channel 245C1 at Brownwood.  
j. By removing Channel 246A and adding Channel 291A at San Saba.  
k. By removing Commerce, Channel 277C3 and adding Allen, Channel 277C.  
l. By removing Channel 277C1 and Channel 273A and adding Channel 272C1 and Channel 280A at Wichita Falls.  
m. By removing Channel 272A and adding Channel 276A at Vernon.  
n. By removing Channel 284C and adding Channel 284C1 at Burkburnett.  
o. By removing Channel 278C3 and adding Channel 298C3 at Wellington.  
p. By removing Channel 237A and adding Channel 238A at Jacksboro.  
q. By removing Channel 238C and adding Channel 246C1 at Haskell.  
r. By removing Channel 246A and adding Channel 255A at Snyder.  
s. By removing Channel 294C2 and adding Channel 282C2 at Detroit.  
3. Section 73.202(b), The Table of FM Allotments under Oklahoma, is amended, as follows:  
a. By removing Channel 294A and adding Channel 296C3 at Lone Grove.  
b. By removing Channel 296C3 and adding Channel 292A at Durant.  
c. By removing Channel 276C2 and adding Channel 271A at Atoka.  
d. By removing Channel 272A and adding Channel 246A at Duncan.  
e. By removing Channel 246A and adding Channel 287A at Comanche.  
f. By removing Channel 279C1 and adding Channel 278C at Anadarko.  
g. By removing Channel 278C1 and adding Channel 248C2 at Alva.

h. By removing Channel 278C3 and adding Channel 224A at Dickson.  
i. By removing Channel 246A and adding Channel 245A at Eldorado.  
j. By removing Channel 284A and adding Channel 272A at Antlers.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

#### 50 CFR Part 679

[Docket No. 991228352-0012-02; I.D. 040500A]

#### Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Rock Sole by Catcher Vessels Using Trawl Gear in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands

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

**ACTION:** Closure.

**SUMMARY:** NMFS is closing directed fishing for rock sole by catcher vessels that are non-exempt under the American Fisheries Act (AFA) in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands management area (BSAI). This action is necessary to prevent exceeding the interim 2000 BSAI AFA catcher vessel sideboard amount of rock sole.

**DATES:** Effective 1200 hrs, Alaska local time (A.l.t.), April 6, 2000, until 2400 hrs, A.l.t., December 31, 2000.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** NMFS manages the groundfish fishery in the BSAI according to the Fishery Management Plan for the Groundfish Fishery of the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Area 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.

The amount of the interim 2000 BSAI AFA catcher vessel rock sole sideboard harvest limit was established as 2,921 metric tons (mt) in accordance with § 679.63 (b)(1)(ii)(A) by the Emergency Interim Rule to Implement Major Provisions of the American Fisheries Act (65 FR 4520, January 28, 2000).

In accordance with § 679.20(d)(1)(iv), the Administrator, Alaska Region, NMFS (Regional Administrator), has determined that the sideboard harvest limit of rock sole for non-exempt AFA catcher vessels will be reached. Therefore, the Regional Administrator is establishing a directed fishing allowance of 2,500 mt, and is setting aside the remaining 421 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 closing directed fishing for rock sole by non-exempt AFA catcher vessels in the BSAI.

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 in order to prevent exceeding the interim 2000 BSAI AFA catcher vessel sideboard of rock sole in the BSAI. A delay in the effective date is impracticable and contrary to the public interest. The rock

sole AFA catcher vessel sideboard harvest limit directed fishing allowance will soon be reached. Further delay would only result in exceeding the harvest limitation. NMFS finds for good cause that the implementation of this action can 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: April 5, 2000.

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