

Administrator has determined, based upon dealer reports and other available information, that the Commonwealth of Massachusetts has attained its quota for 2001.

The regulations at § 648.4 (b) provide that Federal permit holders agree as a condition of the permit not to land summer flounder in any state that the Regional Administrator has determined no longer has commercial quota available. Therefore, effective 0001 hours, August 31, 2001, further landings of summer flounder in Massachusetts by vessels holding summer flounder commercial Federal fisheries permits are prohibited for the remainder of the 2001 calendar year, unless additional quota becomes available through a transfer and is announced in the **Federal Register**. Effective 0001 hours, August 31, 2001, federally permitted dealers are also notified that they may not purchase summer flounder from federally permitted vessels that land in Massachusetts for the remainder of the calendar year, or until additional quota becomes available through a transfer.

Classification

This action is required by 50 CFR part 648 and is exempt from review under Executive Order 12866.

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

Dated: August 24, 2001.

Dean Swanson,

Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

50 CFR Part 660

[Docket No. 010108006-1198-03; I.D. 050101D]

RIN 0648-A097

Fisheries off West Coast States and in the Western Pacific; Pacific Coast Groundfish Fishery; Amendment 14; Corrections

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

ACTION: Corrections to final rule for Amendment 14.

SUMMARY: This document corrects a section heading and a phrase in amendatory instruction 6 to the Amendment 14 final rule which was

published on August 7, 2001. Amendment 14 creates a permit stacking program for limited entry permits with sablefish endorsements. This permit stacking program will lengthen the duration of the limited entry, fixed gear primary sablefish fishery. It is intended to increase safety in that fishery, to provide flexibility to participants, and to reduce capacity in the limited entry fixed gear fleet.

DATES: Effective August 2, 2001.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Yvonne deReynier, NMFS, (206) 526-6140.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The final rule implementing Amendment 14 was published in the **Federal Register** on August 7, 2001, contained an incorrect heading for § 660.333 and an incorrect amendatory instruction section to § 660.334(d)(1). Paragraph (d)(1) was revised instead of (d)(1) introductory text. As a result of this action, the subordinate paragraphs were removed. This document corrects the instruction, and the subordinate paragraphs to § 660.334(d)(1) will be restored to the CFR.

Corrections

As published, the final rule FR Doc. 01-19769, August 7, 2001, (66 FR 41152), contains errors and needs to be corrected.

§ 660.333 Limited entry fishery—eligibility and registration.

1. On page 41158, in the first column, under § 660.333, the section heading is corrected to read as set forth above.

§ 660.334 [Corrected]

2. On page 41158, in the first column, in amendatory instruction 6, in the second line, the phrase “(d)(1)” is corrected to read “(d)(1) introductory text.”

All other information previously published remains the same.

Dated: August 23, 2001.

John Oliver,

Acting Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

50 CFR Part 679

[Docket No. 010112013-1013-06; I.D. 082301C]

Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Chiniak Gully Research Area for Vessels Using Trawl Gear

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

ACTION: Modification of a closure.

SUMMARY: NMFS is rescinding the trawl closure in the Chiniak Gully Research Area. This action is necessary to allow vessels using trawl gear to participate in directed fishing for groundfish in the Chiniak Gully Research Area after the completion of NMFS research on August 31, 2001.

DATES: Effective 1200 hrs, Alaska local time (A.l.t.), September 1, 2001 through December 31, 2001.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mary Furuness, 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 679.

The Chiniak Gully Research Area was closed to vessels using trawl gear from August 1 to a date no later than September 20, 2001, under the Steller Sea Lion Protection Measures and 2001 Harvest Specifications and Associated Management Measures for the Groundfish Fisheries Off Alaska (66 FR 37167, July 17, 2001).

This closure was in support of a research project to evaluate the effect of commercial fishing activity on the prey availability of pollock to Steller sea lions.

NMFS has determined that as of August 31, 2001, the pollock research will be completed in the Chiniak Gully Research Area. Therefore, NMFS is rescinding the previous closure and is opening directed fishing for groundfish by vessels using trawl gear in the Chiniak Gully Research Area pursuant to 50 CFR 679.22(b)(6)(ii)(B).

Classification

All other closures remain in full force and effect. This action responds to the best available information recently obtained from the fishery. The Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, NOAA, finds that the need to immediately implement this action in order to allow the participation of vessels using trawl gear in the Chiniak Gully Research Area constitutes 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)(3)(B) and 50 CFR 679.20(b)(3)(iii)(A), as such procedures would be unnecessary and contrary to the public interest. Similarly, the need to implement these measures in a timely fashion in order to allow the participation of vessels using trawl gear in the Chiniak Gully Research Area constitutes good cause to find that the effective date of this action cannot 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 Executive Order 12866.

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

Dated: August 24, 2001.

Dean Swanson,

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