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§ 660.507 Closed areas to reduction fishing.

The following areas are closed to reduction fishing:

(a) Farallon Islands closure (see Figure 1 to this subpart). The portion of Subarea A bounded by—

1. A straight line joining Pigeon Point Light (37°10.9' N. lat., 122°23.6' W. long.) and the U.S. navigation light on Southeast Farallon Island (37°42.0' N. lat., 123°00.1' W. long.); and

2. A straight line joining the U.S. navigation light on Southeast Farallon Island (37°42.0' N. lat., 123°00.1' W. long.) and the U.S. navigation light on Point Reyes (37°59.7' N. lat., 123°01.3' W. long.).

(b) Subarea B closures. Those portions of Subarea B described as—

1. Oxnard closure (see Figure 1 to this subpart). The area that extends offshore 4 miles from the mainland shore between lines running 250' true from the steam plant stack at Ormond Beach (34°12.4' N. lat., 118°15.0' W. long.) and 220' true from the steam plant stack at Ormond Beach (34°07.8' N. lat., 118°10.0' W. long.).

2. Santa Monica Bay closure (see Figure 1 to this subpart). Santa Monica Bay shoreward of that line from Malibu Point (34°01.8' N. lat., 118°40.8' W. long.) to Rocky Point (Palos Verdes Point) (33°48.5' N. lat., 118°25.7' W. long.).

3. Los Angeles Harbor closure (see Figure 1 to this subpart). The area outside Los Angeles Harbor described by a line extending 6 miles 180' true from Point Fermin (33°42.3' N. lat., 118°17.6' W. long.) and then to a point located 3 miles offshore on a line 225' true from Huntington Beach Pier (33°39.2' N. lat., 118°00.3' W. long.).

4. Oceanside to San Diego closure (see Figure 1 to this subpart). The area 6 miles from the mainland shore south of a line running 225' true from the tip of the outer breakwater (33°12.4' N. lat., 117°24.1' W. long.) of Oceanside Harbor to the United States-Mexico International Boundary.

§ 660.508 Annual specifications.

(a) The Regional Administrator will determine the harvest guidelines or quotas for all AMS from the estimated biomass and the formulas in the FMP.

(b) Harvest guidelines or quotas, including any apportionment between the directed fishery and set-aside for incidental harvest, will be published in the FEDERAL REGISTER before the beginning of the relevant fishing season.

(c) The announcement of each harvest guideline or quota will contain the following information:

1. A summary of the status of AMS and MS;

2. The estimated biomass on which the harvest guideline or quota was determined;

3. The portion, if appropriate, of the harvest guideline or quota set aside to allow for incidental harvests after closure of the directed fishery;

4. The estimated level of the incidental trip limit that will be allowed after the directed fishery is closed; and

5. The allocation, if appropriate, between Subarea A and Subarea B.

(d) Harvest guidelines and quotas will receive a public review according to the following procedure:

1. A meeting will be held between the Council’s CPSMT and AP, where the estimated biomass and the harvest guideline or quota will be reviewed and public comments received. This meeting will be announced in the FEDERAL REGISTER before the date of the meeting, if possible.

2. All materials relating to the biomass and harvest guideline or quota will be forwarded to the Council and its Scientific and Statistical Committee and will be available to the public from the Regional Administrator.

3. At a regular meeting of the Council, the Council will review the estimated biomass and harvest guideline or quota and offer time for public comment. If the Council requests a revision, justification must be provided.

4. The Regional Administrator will review the Council’s recommendations, justification, and public comments and base his or her final decision on the requirements of the FMP.