

b. By removing paragraph (a)(1)(iii) and redesignating existing paragraph (a)(1)(iv) as (a)(1)(iii).

c. In paragraph (a)(3), by removing the words "or mortgage" and the preceding comma.

§ 221.15 [Amended]

8. § 221.15 Approval for transfer of registry or operation under authority of a foreign country or for scrapping in a foreign country, is amended by replacing the phrase in paragraph (c)(4)(i) "Federally Insured Depository Institution" with the phrase "federally insured depository institution".

§ 221.17 [Amended]

9. § 221.17 Sale of a documented vessel by order of a district court, is amended by replacing the word "Mortgagee" wherever it appears with the word "mortgagee".

§ 221.19 [Amended]

10. § 221.19 Possession or sale of vessels by mortgagees or trustees other than pursuant to court order, is amended by replacing the word "Mortgagee" wherever it appears with the word "mortgagee".

11. Subpart C—Preferred Mortgagees on Documented Vessels: Mortgagees and Trustees, is hereby removed and the subpart is reserved.

§ 221.61 [Amended]

12. § 221.61 Purpose is amended by removing in the **Note** thereto the words "31328 or" and "or mortgages", and inserting the word "or" before the word "transfers".

By Order of the Acting Maritime Administrator.

Dated: February 5, 1998.

Joel C. Richard,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

50 CFR Part 679

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Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pollock in Statistical Area 620

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 interim specification for pollock in this area.

DATES: 1200 hrs, Alaska local time (A.l.t.), February 7, 1998, until the effective date of the Final 1998 Harvest Specification of Groundfish, as published in the *Federal Register*.

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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-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act. Fishing by U.S. vessels is governed by regulations implementing the FMP at subpart H of 50 CFR part 600 and 50 CFR part 679.

The interim specification of pollock total allowable catch in Statistical Area 620 was established by the Interim 1998 Harvest Specifications (62 FR 65622, December 15, 1997) as 10,165 metric tons (mt), determined in accordance with § 679.20(c)(2)(i).

In accordance with § 679.20(d)(1)(i), the Administrator, Alaska Region, NMFS (Regional Administrator), has determined that the 1998 interim specification of pollock in Statistical Area 620 has been reached. Therefore, the Regional Administrator is establishing a directed fishing allowance of 9,665 mt, and is setting aside the remaining 500 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 has been reached. Consequently, NMFS is prohibiting directed fishing for pollock in Statistical Area 620 of the GOA.

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

Classification

This action is required by 50 CFR 679.20 and is exempt from review under E.O. 12866.

This action responds to the interim TAC limitations and other restrictions on the fisheries established in the interim 1998 harvest specifications for groundfish for the GOA. It must be implemented immediately to prevent overharvesting the 1998 interim TAC of pollock in Statistical Area 620 of the GOA. A delay in the effective date is impracticable and contrary to public interest. Further delay would only result in overharvest. NMFS finds for good cause that the implementation of this action should not be delayed for 30 days. Accordingly, under 5 U.S.C. 553(d), a delay in the effective date is hereby waived.

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

Dated: February 6, 1998.

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