sources submitted comments on the proposed rule. A discussion of the comments is provided below.

1. *Comment:* One respondent stated that the rule would increase administrative costs by significantly increasing paperwork creation, administration, and coordination. The respondent recommended that, at a minimum, alternative language be added to allow the use of contractor format DD Form 250 material inspection and receiving reports instead of WAWF-RA report printing.

DoD Response: Contractors presently are responsible for distributing DD Form 250 in accordance with DFARS Appendix F, Part 4, F–401, using the instructions in Tables 1 and 2, which require distribution of two copies with each shipment. Therefore, the requirement for contractors to print copies of the WAWF–RA report instead of the DD Form 250 will not significantly increase the cost or effort of preparing shipping documents. Only the forms already in WAWF–RA must be printed; thus this should not be a significant administrative burden. However, to allow flexibility, DoD has amended the rule to incorporate the respondent's recommendation that contractors be allowed to use the DD Form 250 instead of a printed WAWF–RA form.

2. *Comment:* One respondent stated that the requirement for two paper copies to be distributed with shipments would create unnecessary costs and additional administrative burdens for many vendors and would unnecessarily duplicate the electronic process, thwarting the goal of the WAWF–RA being a paperless system. The respondent further suggested that this and similar issues be addressed through the DFARS Procedures, Guidance, and Information (PGI) web page rather than as a change to the DFARS.

DoD Response: Printed copies of the receiving report are needed for each shipment to eliminate costly stocking, payment, and frustrated cargo issues now affecting both DoD and contractors. As noted in the response to Comment 1, contractors already are responsible for distributing copies of DD Form 250 with the shipment. Therefore, this rule will not significantly increase the cost or effort of preparing shipping documents. The respondent's recommendation to address this issue through PGI is not a feasible solution, since this issue relates to contractor requirements, whereas PGI addresses internal DoD procedures and guidance.

3. *Comment:* One respondent stated that the WAWF–RA receiving report does not include the unique identification (UID) tab, where the contractor lists UIDs and serial numbers for items requiring them.

DoD Response: The respondent's comment has been noted; however, the content of the WAWF–RA receiving report is outside the scope of this DFARS rule.

This rule was not subject to Office of Management and Budget review under Executive Order 12866, dated September 30, 1993.

B. Regulatory Flexibility Act

DoD certifies that this final rule will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities within the meaning of the Regulatory Flexibility Act, 5 U.S.C. 601, *et seq.*, because the rule makes no significant change to DoD policy for preparation and use of material inspection and receiving reports.

C. Paperwork Reduction Act

The information collection requirements for DoD material inspection and receiving reports have been approved by the Office of Management and Budget, under Control Number 0704–0248, for use through March 31, 2008.

List of Subjects in 48 CFR Part 252

Government procurement.

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■ Therefore, 48 CFR part 252 and Appendix F to chapter 2 are amended as follows:

■ 1. The authority citation for 48 CFR part 252 and Appendix F to subchapter I continues to read as follows:

Authority: 41 U.S.C. 421 and 48 CFR Chapter 1.

PART 252—SOLICITATION PROVISIONS AND CONTRACT CLAUSES

■ 2. Section 252.246–7000 is amended by revising the clause date and paragraph (b) to read as follows:

252.246–7000 Material Inspection and Receiving Report.

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Material Inspection and Receiving Report (JAN 2008)

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(b) Contractor submission of the material inspection and receiving information required by Appendix F of the Defense FAR Supplement by using the Wide Area WorkFlow-Receipt and Acceptance (WAWF–RA) electronic form (see paragraph (b)(1) of the clause at 252.232–7003) fulfills the requirement for a material inspection and receiving report (DD Form 250). Two copies of the receiving report (paper copies of either the DD Form 250 or the WAWF–RA report) shall be distributed with the shipment, in accordance with Appendix F, Part 4, F–401, Table 1, of the Defense FAR Supplement.

■ 3. Appendix F to chapter 2 is amended in Part 4, Section F–401, by revising paragraph (a) to read as follows:

Appendix F—Material Inspection and Receiving Report

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F–401 Distribution

(a) The contractor is responsible for distributing the DD Form 250, including mailing and payment of postage. Use of the Wide Area WorkFlow-Receipt and Acceptance (WAWF–RA) electronic form satisfies the distribution requirements of this section, except for the copies required to accompany shipment.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

50 CFR Part 679

[Docket No. 070213032–7032–01]

RIN 0648–XE84

Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Inseason Adjustment to the 2008 Gulf of Alaska Pollock Total Allowable Catch Amount

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

ACTION: Temporary rule; inseason adjustment; request for comments.

SUMMARY: NMFS is adjusting the 2008 total allowable catch (TAC) amounts for pollock in the Gulf of Alaska (GOA). This action is necessary because NMFS has determined these TACs are incorrectly specified. This action will ensure the GOA pollock TACs do not exceed the appropriate amount based on the best available scientific information for pollock in the GOA. This action is consistent with the goals and objectives of the Fishery Management Plan for Groundfish of the Gulf of Alaska Area (FMP).

DATES: Effective 1200 hrs, Alaska local time (A.l.t.), January 7, 2008, until the

effective date of the 2008 and 2009 final harvest specifications for GOA groundfish, unless otherwise modified or superceded through publication of a notification in the **Federal Register**.

Comments must be received at the following address no later than 4:30 p.m., A.l.t., January 22, 2008.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments, identified by RIN0648–XE84, by any one of the following methods:

- Mail to: P.O. Box 21668, Juneau, AK 99802
- Hand delivery to the Federal Building, 709 West 9th Street, Room 420A, Juneau, Alaska
- Electronic Submissions: Submit all electronic public comments via the Federal eRulemaking Portal *http://www.regulations.gov*
- FAX to 907–586–7557, Attn: Ellen Sebastian

Instructions: All comments received are a part of the public record and will generally be posted to *http://www.regulations.gov* without change. All Personal Identifying Information (for example, name, address, etc.) voluntarily submitted by the commenter may be publicly accessible. Do not submit Confidential Business Information or otherwise sensitive or protected information.

NMFS will accept anonymous comments. Attachments to electronic comments will be accepted in Microsoft Word, Excel, WordPerfect, or Adobe PDF file formats only.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jennifer Hogan, 907–586–7228.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: NMFS manages the groundfish fishery in the Gulf of Alaska (GOA) according to the FMP prepared by the North Pacific Fishery Management Council (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 600 and 50 CFR part 679.

The 2008 TAC of pollock in the GOA was set at 81,467 metric tons (mt) by the 2007 and 2008 harvest specification for groundfish in the GOA (72 FR 9676, March 5, 2007). The 2008 pollock TAC in Statistical Area 610 in the GOA was set at 30,308 mt. The 2008 pollock TAC in Statistical Area 620 in the GOA was set at 25,313 mt. The 2008 pollock TAC in Statistical Area 630 in the GOA was set at 17,995 mt. The 2008 pollock TAC in the West Yakutat District was set at 1,694 mt.

In December 2007, the Council recommended a 2008 pollock TAC of 60,180 mt for the GOA. The Council recommended the following apportionments by area for the 2008 pollock TAC: 17,602 mt for Statistical Area 610, 19,181 mt for Statistical Area 620, 13,640 mt for Statistical Area 630, and 1,517 mt for the West Yakutat District. These amounts are less than the pollock TACs as established by the 2007 and 2008 harvest specification for groundfish in the GOA (72 FR 9676, March 5, 2007). The TACs recommended by the Council are based on the Stock Assessment and Fishery Evaluation report (SAFE), dated November 2007, which NMFS has determined is the best available scientific information for this fishery.

Steller sea lions occur in the same location as the pollock fishery and are listed as endangered under the Endangered Species Act (ESA). Pollock is a principal prey species for Steller sea lions in the GOA. The seasonal apportionment of pollock harvest is necessary to ensure the groundfish fisheries are not likely to cause jeopardy of extinction or adverse modification of critical habitat for Steller sea lions. The regulations at § 679.20(a)(5)(iv) specifies how the pollock TAC shall be apportioned.

In accordance with § 679.25(a)(2)(i)(B), the Administrator, Alaska Region, NMFS (Regional Administrator), has determined that, based on the November 2007 SAFE report for this fishery, the current GOA pollock TACs are incorrectly specified. Consequently, the Regional Administrator is adjusting the 2008 pollock TAC to 60,180 mt in the GOA. The Regional Administrator is also adjusting the 2008 pollock TAC to 17,602 mt in Statistical Area 610, to 19,181 mt in Statistical Area 620, to 13,640 mt in Statistical Area 630, and to 1,517 mt in the West Yakutat District.

Pursuant to § 679.20(a)(5)(iv), Tables 2, 6, 14, and 17 of the 2007 and 2008 final harvest specifications for groundfish in the GOA (72 FR 9676, March 5, 2007) are revised for the 2008 pollock TACs consistent with this adjustment. Pursuant to § 679.92(b), Table 17 of the 2008 final harvest specifications for groundfish in the GOA (72 FR 71802, December 19, 2007) is revised for the 2008 annual pollock TACs in the GOA consistent with this adjustment.

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Table 2 - Final 2008 ABCs, TACs, and OFLs of Groundfish for the Western/Central/West Yakutat (W/C/WYK), Western (W), Central (C), Eastern (E) Regulatory Areas, and in the West Yakutat (WYK), Southeast Outside (SEO), and Gulfwide (GW) Districts of the Gulf of Alaska (values are rounded to the nearest metric ton)

Species	Area[1]	ABC	TAC	OFL
Pollock[2]				
	Shumagin (610)	30,308	17,602	n/a
	Chirikof (620)	25,313	19,181	n/a
	Kodiak (630)	17,995	13,640	n/a
	WYK (640)	1,694	1,517	n/a
Subtotal	W/C/WYK	75,310	51,940	0
	SEO (650)	6,157	8,240	8,209
Total		81,467	60,180	8,209
Pacific cod [3]	W	27,846	20,885	n/a
	C	39,270	29,453	n/a
	E	4,284	3,856	n/a
Total		71,400	54,194	0
Flatfish[4] (deep-water)	W	430	430	n/a
	C	4,296	4,296	n/a
	WYK	2,763	2,763	n/a
	SEO	1,494	1,494	n/a
Total		8,983	8,983	0
Rex sole	W	1,122	1,122	n/a
	C	5,327	5,327	n/a
	WYK	1,014	1,014	n/a
	SEO	1,437	1,437	n/a
Total		8,900	8,900	0
Flathead sole	W	11,464	2,000	n/a
	C	27,382	5,000	n/a
	WYK	2,198	2,198	n/a
	SEO	60	60	n/a
Total		41,104	9,258	0
Flatfish[5] (shallow-water)	W	24,720	4,500	n/a

	C	24,258	13,000	n/a
	WYK	628	628	n/a
	SEO	1,844	1,844	n/a
Total		51,450	19,972	0
Arrowtooth flounder	W	21,164	8,000	n/a
	C	141,673	30,000	n/a
	WYK	16,754	2,500	n/a
	SEO	7,172	2,500	n/a
Total		186,763	43,000	0
Sablefish[6]	W	2,458	2,458	n/a
	C	6,159	6,159	n/a
	WYK	2,269	2,269	n/a
	SEO	3,353	3,353	n/a
Subtotal	E (WYK and SEO)	5,622	5,622	0
Total		14,239	14,239	0
Pacific ocean perch[7]	W	4,291	4,291	5,030
	C	7,694	7,694	9,019
	WYK	1,153	1,153	n/a
	SEO	1,659	1,659	n/a
Subtotal	E (WYK and SEO)	2,812	2,812	0
Total		14,797	14,797	14,049
Shortraker rockfish[8]	W	153	153	n/a
	C	353	353	n/a
	E	337	337	n/a
Total		843	843	0
Rougheye rockfish[9]	W	137	137	n/a
	C	614	614	n/a
	E	242	242	n/a
Total		993	993	0
Other rockfish[10,11]	W	577	577	n/a
	C	386	386	n/a

	WYK	319	319	n/a
	SEO	2,872	200	n/a
Total		4,154	1,482	0
Northern rockfish[11,12]	W	1,383	1,383	n/a
	C	3,365	3,365	n/a
	E	0	0	n/a
Total		4,748	4,748	0
Pelagic shelf rockfish[13]	W	1,752	1,752	n/a
	C	3,973	3,973	n/a
	WYK	366	366	n/a
	SEO	531	531	n/a
Total		6,622	6,622	0
Thornyhead rockfish	W	513	513	n/a
	C	989	989	n/a
	E	707	707	n/a
Total		2,209	2,209	0
Big skates[14]	W	695	695	n/a
	C	2,250	2,250	n/a
	E	599	599	n/a
Total		3,544	3,544	0
Longnose skates[15]	W	65	65	n/a
	C	1,969	1,969	n/a
	E	861	861	n/a
Total		2,895	2,895	0
Other skates[16]	GW	1,617	1,617	2,156
Demersal shelf rockfish[17]	SEO	410	410	650
Atka mackerel	GW	4,700	1,500	6,200
Other species[18]	GW	n/a	4,500	n/a
Total[19]		511,838	264,886	31,264

[1] Regulatory areas and districts are defined at § 679.2.

[2] Pollock is apportioned in the Western/Central Regulatory Areas among three statistical areas. During the A season, the apportionment is based on an adjusted estimate of the relative distribution of pollock biomass of

approximately 30 percent, 48 percent, and 22 percent in Statistical Areas 610, 620, and 630, respectively. During the B season, the apportionment is based on the relative distribution of pollock biomass at 30 percent, 59 percent, and 11 percent in Statistical Areas 610, 620, and 630, respectively. During the C and D seasons, the apportionment is based on the relative distribution of pollock biomass at 53 percent, 15 percent, and 32 percent in Statistical Areas 610, 620, and 630, respectively. Tables 5 and 6 list the seasonal apportionments. In the West Yakutat and Southeast Outside Districts of the Eastern Regulatory Area, pollock is not divided into seasonal allowances.

[3] The annual Pacific cod TAC is apportioned 60 percent to an A season and 40 percent to a B season in the Western and Central Regulatory Areas of the GOA. Pacific cod is allocated 90 percent for processing by the inshore component and 10 percent for processing by the offshore component. Tables 7 and 8 list the seasonal apportionments and component allocations of TAC.

[4] "Deep water flatfish" means Dover sole, Greenland turbot, and deepsea sole.

[5] "Shallow water flatfish" means flatfish not including "deep water flatfish," flathead sole, rex sole, or arrowtooth flounder.

[6] Sablefish is allocated to trawl and hook-and-line gears for 2006 and to trawl gear in 2007. Tables 3 and 4 list these amounts.

[7] "Pacific ocean perch" means Sebastes alutus.

[8] "Shortraker rockfish" means Sebastes borealis.

[9] "Rougheye rockfish" means Sebastes aleutianus.

[10] "Other rockfish" in the Western and Central Regulatory Areas and in the West Yakutat District means slope rockfish and demersal shelf rockfish. The category "other rockfish" in the SEO District means slope rockfish.

[11] "Slope rockfish" means Sebastes aurora (aurora), S. melanostomus (blackgill), S. paucispinis (bocaccio), S. goodei (chilipepper), S. crameri (darkblotch), S. elongatus (greenstriped), S. variegatus (harlequin), S. wilsoni (pygmy), S. babcocki (redbanded), S. proriger (redstripe), S. zacentrus (sharpchin), S. jordani (shortbelly), S. brevispinis (silvergrey), S. diploproa (splitnose), S. saxicola (stripetail), S. miniatus (vermilion), and S. reedi (yellowmouth). In the Eastern Regulatory Area only, slope rockfish also includes northern rockfish, S. polyspinis.

[12] "Northern rockfish" means Sebastes polyspinis. The 2 mt ABC for northern rockfish in the Eastern Regulatory Area has been combined with the ABC for slope rockfish in the West Yakutat District.

[13] "Pelagic shelf rockfish" means Sebastes ciliatus (dark), S. variabilis (dusky), S. entomelas (widow), and S. flavidus (yellowtail).

[14] Big skate means Raja binoculata.

[15] Longnose skate means Raja rhina.

[16] Other skates means Bathyraja spp.

[17] "Demersal shelf rockfish" means Sebastes pinniger (canary), S. nebulosus (china), S. caurinus (copper), S. maliger (quillback), S. helvomaculatus (rosethorn), S. nigrocinctus (tiger), and S. ruberrimus (yelloweye).

[18] "Other species" means sculpins, sharks, squid, and octopus. There is no OFL or ABC for "other species," the TAC for "other species" is set at less than or equal to 5 percent of the TACs for assessed target species.

[19] The total ABC and OFL is the sum of the ABCs and OFLs for assessed target species.

Table 6 - Final 2008 Distribution of Pollock in the Central and Western Regulatory Areas of the Gulf of Alaska; Seasonal Biomass Distribution, Area Apportionments; and Seasonal Allowances of Annual TAC (values are rounded to the nearest metric ton)

Season	Shumagin (Area 610)		Chirikof (Area 620)		Kodiak (Area 630)		Total[1]	
A	3,322	(26.35%)	6,215	(49.30%)	3,069	(24.35%)	12,606	(100%)
B	3,321	(26.35%)	7,576	(60.09%)	1,709	(13.56%)	12,606	(100%)
C	5,480	(43.47%)	2,695	(21.38%)	4,431	(35.15%)	12,606	(100%)
D	5,479	(43.47%)	2,695	(21.38%)	4,431	(35.15%)	12,605	(100%)
Annual Total	17,602		19,181		13,640		50,423	

[1] The WYK and SEO District pollock TACs are not allocated by season and are not included in the total pollock TACs shown in this table.

Note: As established by § 679.23(d)(2)(i) through (iv), the A, B, C, and D season allowances are available from January 20 to March 10, March 10 to May 31, August 25 to October 1, and October 1 to November 1, respectively. The amounts of pollock for processing by the inshore and offshore components are not shown in this table.

Table 14 - Final 2008 GOA Non-Exempt American Fisheries Act Catcher Vessel (CV) Groundfish Harvest Sideboard Limitations
(values are in metric tons)

Species	Apportionments and allocations by area/season/processor/gear	Ratio of 1995-1997 non-exempt AFA CV catch to 1995-1997 TAC	2008 TAC	2008 non-exempt AFA catcher vessel sideboard
Pollock	A Season (W/C areas only)			
	January 20 - February 25			
	Shumagin (610)	0.6112	3,322	2,030
	Chirikof (620)	0.1427	6,215	887
	Kodiak (630)	0.2438	3,069	748
	B Season (W/C areas only)			
	March 10 - May 31			
	Shumagin (610)	0.6112	3,321	2,030
	Chirikof (620)	0.1427	7,576	1,081
	Kodiak (630)	0.2438	1,709	417
	C Season (W/C areas only)			
	August 25 - September 15			
	Shumagin (610)	0.6112	5,480	3,349
	Chirikof (620)	0.1427	2,695	385
	Kodiak (630)	0.2438	4,431	1,080
	D Season (W/C areas only)			
	October 1 - November 1			
	Shumagin (610)	0.6112	5,479	3,349
	Chirikof (620)	0.1427	2,695	385
	Kodiak (630)	0.2438	4,431	1,080
	Annual			
	WYK (640)	0.3499	1,517	531
	SEO (650)	0.3499	8,240	2,883
Pacific cod	A Season[1]			
	January 1 - June 10			
	W inshore	0.1423	11,278	1,605
	W offshore	0.1026	1,253	129
	C inshore	0.0722	15,905	1,148
	C offshore	0.0721	1,767	127
	B Season[2]			
	September 1 - December 31			
	W inshore	0.1423	7,519	1,070
	W offshore	0.1026	835	86
	C inshore	0.0722	10,603	766
	C offshore	0.0721	1,178	85
	Annual			
	E inshore	0.0079	3,470	27
	E offshore	0.0078	386	3
Flatfish deep-water	W	0	430	0
	C	0.0670	4,296	288
	E	0.0171	4,257	73

Rex sole	W	0.0010	1,122	1
	C	0.0402	5,327	214
	E	0.0153	2,451	38
Flathead sole	W	0.0036	2,000	7
	C	0.0261	5,000	131
	E	0.0048	2,258	11
Flatfish shallow-water	W	0.0156	4,500	70
	C	0.0598	13,000	777
	E	0.0126	2,472	31
Arrowtooth flounder	W	0.0021	8,000	17
	C	0.0309	30,000	927
	E	0.0020	5,000	10
Sablefish	W trawl gear	0	492	0
	C trawl gear	0.0720	1,232	89
	E trawl gear	0.0488	281	14
Pacific ocean perch	W	0.0623	4,291	267
	C	0.0866	7,694	666
	E	0.0466	2,812	131
Shortraker rockfish	W	0	153	0
	C	0.0237	353	8
	E	0.0124	337	4
Rougheye rockfish	W	0	137	0
	C	0.0237	614	15
	E	0.0124	242	3
Other rockfish	W	0.0034	577	2
	C	0.2065	386	80
	E	0	519	0
Northern rockfish	W	0.0003	1,383	0
	C	0.0336	3,365	113
Pelagic shelf rockfish	W	0.0001	1,752	0
	C	0	3,973	0
	E	0.0067	897	6
Thornyhead rockfish	W	0.0308	513	16
	C	0.0308	989	30
	E	0.0308	707	22
Big skates	W	0.0090	695	6
	C	0.0090	2,250	20
	E	0.0090	599	5
Longnose skates	W	0.0090	65	1
	C	0.0090	1,969	18
	E	0.0090	861	8
Other skates	GW	0.0090	1,617	15
DSR	SEO	0.0020	410	1
Atka mackerel	Gulfwide	0.0309	1,500	46
Other species	Gulfwide	0.0090	4,500	41

[1] The Pacific cod A season for trawl gear does not open until January 20.

[2] The Pacific cod B season for trawl gear closes November 1.

Table 17- Final 2008 GOA Non-American Fisheries Act Crab Vessel Groundfish Harvest Sideboard Limitations (values are rounded to nearest metric ton)

Species	Apportionments and allocations by area/season/processor/gear	Ratio of 1996-2000 non AFA crab vessel catch to 1996-2000 total harvest	2008 TAC	2008 non-AFA crab vessel sideboard limit
Pollock	A Season (W/C areas only)			
	January 20 - March 10			
	Shumagin (610)	0.0098	3,322	33
	Chirikof (620)	0.0031	6,215	19
	Kodiak (630)	0.0002	3,069	1
	B Season (W/C areas only)			
	March 10 - May 31			
	Shumagin (610)	0.0098	3,321	33
	Chirikof (620)	0.0031	7,576	23
	Kodiak (630)	0.0002	1,709	0
	C Season (W/C areas only)			
	August 25 - October 1			
	Shumagin (610)	0.0098	5,480	54
	Chirikof (620)	0.0031	2,695	8
	Kodiak (630)	0.0002	4,431	1
	D Season (W/C areas only)			
	October 1 - November 1			
	Shumagin (610)	0.0098	5,479	54
	Chirikof (620)	0.0031	2,695	8
	Kodiak (630)	0.0002	4,431	1
	Annual			
	WYK (640)	0	1,517	0
	SEO (650)	0	8,240	0
Pacific cod	A Season[1]			
	January 1 - June 10			
	W inshore	0.0902	11,278	1,017
	W offshore	0.2046	1,253	256
	C inshore	0.0383	15,905	609
	C offshore	0.2074	1,767	366
	B Season[2]			
	September 1 - December 31			
	W inshore	0.0902	7,519	678
	W offshore	0.2046	835	171
	C inshore	0.0383	10,603	406
	C offshore	0.2074	1,178	244
	Annual			
	E inshore	0.0110	3,470	38
	E offshore	0	386	0
Flatfish deep-water	W	0.0035	430	2
	C	0	4,296	0

	E	0	4,257	0
Rex sole	W	0	1,122	0
	C	0	5,327	0
	E	0	2,551	0
Flathead sole	W	0.0002	2,000	0
	C	0.0004	5,000	2
	E	0	2,258	0
Flatfish shallow-water	W	0.0059	4,500	27
	C	0.0001	13,000	1
	E	0	2,472	0
Arrowtooth flounder	W	0.0004	8,000	3
	C	0.0001	30,000	3
	E	0	5,000	0
Sablefish	W trawl gear	0	492	0
	C trawl gear	0	1,232	0
	E trawl gear	0	281	0
Pacific ocean perch	W	0	4,291	0
	C	0	7,694	0
	E	0	2,812	0
Shortraker rockfish	W	0.0013	153	0
	C	0.0012	353	0
	E	0.0009	337	0
Rougheye rockfish	W	0.0067	137	1
	C	0.0047	614	3
	E	0.0008	242	0
Other rockfish	W	0.0035	577	2
	C	0.0033	386	1
	E	0	519	0
Northern rockfish	W	0.0005	1,383	1
	C	0	3,365	0
Pelagic shelf rockfish	W	0.0017	1,752	3
	C	0	3,973	0
	E	0	897	0
Thornyhead rockfish	W	0.0047	513	2
	C	0.0066	989	7
	E	0.0045	707	3
Big skate	W	0.0392	695	27
	C	0.0159	2,250	36
	E	0	599	0
Longnose skate	W	0.0392	65	3
	C	0.0159	1,969	31
	E	0	861	0
Other skates	GW	0.0176	1,617	28
DSR	SEO	0	410	0
Atka mackerel	Gulfwide	0	1,500	0
Other species	Gulfwide	0.0176	4,500	79

[1] The Pacific cod A season for trawl gear does not open until January 20.

[2] The Pacific cod B season for trawl gear closes November 1.

Table 17 - 2008 and GOA Amendment 80 Program Vessel Sideboard Limits for Groundfish Program Vessels

Species	Area	Apportionments and allocations by area/season/processor/gear	Ratio of Amendment 80 sector vessels 1998 - 2004 catch to TAC	2008 TAC (mt)	2008 Amendment 80 vessel sideboards (mt)
Pollock	Shumagin (610)	A Season	0.003	3,322	10
	Chirikof (620)	January 20 - February 25	0.002	6,215	12
	Kodiak (630)		0.002	3,069	6
	Shumagin (610)	B season	0.003	3,321	10
	Chirikof (620)	March 10 - May 31	0.002	7,576	15
	Kodiak (630)		0.002	1,709	3
	Shumagin (610)	C season	0.003	5,480	16
	Chirikof (620)	August 25 - September 15	0.002	2,695	5
	Kodiak (630)		0.002	4,431	9
	Shumagin (610)	D season	0.003	5,479	16
	Chirikof (620)	October 1 - November 1	0.002	2,695	5
	Kodiak (630)		0.002	4,431	9
	WYK (640)	Annual	0.002	1,517	3
Pacific cod	W	A season[1]	0.020	12,531	251
	C	January 1 - June 10	0.044	17,672	778
	W	B season[2]	0.020	8,354	167
	C	September 1 - December 31	0.044	11,781	518
	WYK	Annual	0.034	3,856	131
Pacific ocean perch	W	Annual	0.994	4,291	4,265
	WYK		0.961	1,153	1,108
Northern rockfish	W	Annual	1.000	1,383	1,383
Pelagic shelf rockfish	W	Annual	0.764	1,752	1,339
	WYK		0.896	366	328

[1] The Pacific cod A season for trawl gear does not open until January 20.

[2] The Pacific cod B season for trawl gear closes November 1.

Classification

This action responds to the best available information recently obtainedfrom the fishery. The Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, NOAA (AA), finds 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)(B) as such requirement is impracticable and contrary to the public interest. This requirement is impracticable and contrary to the public interest as it would prevent NMFS from responding to the most recent fisheries data in a timely fashion and would allow for harvests that exceed the appropriate allocations for pollock based on the best scientific information available. NMFS was unable to publish a notice providing time for public comment because the most recent, relevant data only became available as of December 13, 2007, and additional time for prior public comment would result in conservation concerns for the ESA-listed Stellersea lions.

The AA also finds good cause to waive the 30-day delay in the effective date of this action under 5 U.S.C. 553(d)(3). This finding is based upon the reasons provided above for waiver of prior notice and opportunity for public comment.

Under § 679.25(c)(2), interested persons are invited to submit written comments on this action to the above address until January 22, 2008.

This action is required by § 679.22 and § 679.25 and is exempt from review under Executive Order 12866.

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

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