

Based on the Councils' recommended total allowable catch and the allocation ratios in the FMP, on August 2, 2000, (65 FR 41015, July 3, 2000) NMFS implemented a commercial quota of 3.87 million lb (1.76 million kg) for the Atlantic migratory group of Spanish mackerel. For the southern zone, NMFS specified an adjusted quota of 3.62 million lb (1.64 million kg) calculated to allow continued harvest at a set rate for the remainder of the fishing year in accordance with 50 CFR 622.44(b)(2). In accordance with 50 CFR

622.44(b)(1)(ii)(D), after 100 percent of the adjusted quota of Atlantic group Spanish mackerel is taken, Spanish mackerel in or from the EEZ in the southern zone may be possessed on board or landed from a permitted vessel in amounts not exceeding 500 lb (227 kg) per day. The southern zone for Atlantic migratory group Spanish mackerel extends from 30°42'45.6" N. lat., which is a line directly east from the Georgia/Florida boundary, to 25°20.4' N. lat., which is a line directly east from the Miami-Dade/Monroe County, FL boundary.

NMFS has determined that 100 percent of the adjusted quota for Atlantic group Spanish mackerel has been taken. Accordingly, the 500-lb (227-kg) per day commercial trip limit applies to Spanish mackerel in or from the EEZ in the southern zone effective 6:00 a.m., local time, March 16, 2005, through March 31, 2005.

Classification

This action responds to the best available information recently obtained from 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 prior notice and opportunity for public comment is unnecessary and contrary to the public interest. Such procedures would be unnecessary because the rule itself already has been subject to notice and comment, and all that remains is to notify the public of the trip limit reduction. Allowing prior notice and opportunity for public comment is contrary to the public interest because of the need to immediately implement this action in order to protect the fishery since the capacity of the fishing fleet allows for rapid harvest of the quota. Prior notice and opportunity for public comment will require time and would potentially result in a harvest well in excess of the established quota.

For the aforementioned reasons, the AA also finds good cause to waive the

30-day delay in the effectiveness of this action under 5 U.S.C. 553(d)(3).

This action is taken under 50 CFR 622.43(a) and is exempt from review under Executive Order 12866.

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

Dated: March 14, 2005.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

50 CFR Part 660

[Docket No. 040830250-5062-03; I.D. 081304C]

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Magnuson-Stevens Act Provisions; Fisheries Off West Coast States and in the Western Pacific; Pacific Coast Groundfish Fishery; Biennial Specifications and Management Measures; Correction

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

ACTION: Correcting amendment

SUMMARY: This document contains corrections to the final regulations that were published in the **Federal Register** on Thursday, December 23, 2004. These regulations implemented the 2005-2006 fishery specifications and management measures for groundfish taken in the U.S. exclusive economic zone off the coasts of Washington, Oregon, and California.

DATES: Effective on March 18, 2005.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Yvonne deReynier (Northwest Region, NMFS), phone: 206-526-6129; fax: 206-526-6736 and; e-mail: yvonne.dereynier@noaa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Electronic Access

This correcting notice also is accessible via the Internet at the Office of the **Federal Register's** website at <http://www.gpoaccess.gov/fr/index.html>. Background information and documents are available at the NMFS Northwest Region website <http://www.nwr.noaa.gov/sustfsh/gdfsh01.htm> and at the Council's website at <http://www.pcouncil.org>.

Background

The final regulations that are the subject of these corrections revised portions of 50 CFR 660.302 through 660.373 and added §§ 660.380 through 660.394. These regulations affect persons operating fisheries for groundfish species off the U.S. West Coast.

Need for Correction

As published, the final regulations contain errors that may prove to be misleading to the public and which need to be corrected. This action provides six corrections to the final regulations, all of which are either corrections of spelling mistakes, grammar mistakes, or to mis-numbered paragraphs.

Classification

The Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, NOAA, finds good cause to waive the requirement to provide prior notice and opportunity for public comment on this action pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 553(b)(3)(B), because providing prior notice and opportunity for comment would be unnecessary and because all of the changes are non-substantive. Two of the corrections provided in this document correctly re-number misdesignated paragraphs within the Code of Federal Regulations. Re-numbering these misdesignated paragraphs has no effect on the public except to eliminate any confusion that may have resulted from the mis-designated paragraphs. One correction is to remove the word "and" from within a long list of latitude/longitude coordinates and to then place that word "and" after the penultimate coordinate in that same list. This correction has no effect on the public except to eliminate any confusion that may have occurred over the mis-placement of that word. Two corrections are to correct misspellings of the words "*Hexagrammos*," "management," and "fishery" in Federal regulations, which also has no effect on the public except to eliminate any confusion that may have resulted from the incorrect spellings of these words. Therefore, it is unnecessary to provide prior notice and opportunity for public comment on these corrections. Pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 553(d), this non-substantive rule is not subject to a 30 day delay in effectiveness.

List of Subjects in 50 CFR Part 660

Administrative practice and procedure, American Samoa, Fisheries, Fishing, Guam, Hawaiian Natives, Indians, Northern Mariana Islands, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

Dated: March 14, 2005.

Rebecca Lent,

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Regulatory Programs, National Marine
Fisheries Service.*

■ Accordingly, 50 CFR part 660 is corrected by making the following correcting amendments:

**PART 660—FISHERIES OFF WEST
COAST STATES AND IN THE
WESTERN PACIFIC**

■ 1. The authority citation for part 660 continues to read as follows:

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

■ 2. In § 660.302, in the definition for “North-South management area,” the second paragraph (1)(i) and paragraphs (1)(ii) through (iv) are correctly redesignated as paragraphs (1)(ii) through (v) and republished to read as follows:

§ 660.302 Definitions.

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North-South management area * * *

(1) * * *

(ii) *Columbia*. (A) The northern limit is 47°30' N. lat.

(B) The southern limit is 43°00' N. lat.

(iii) *Eureka*. (A) The northern limit is 43°00' N. lat.

(B) The southern limit is 40°30' N. lat.

(iv) *Monterey*. (A) The northern limit is 40°30' N. lat.

(B) The southern limit is 36°00' N. lat.

(v) *Conception*. (A) The northern limit is 36°00' N. lat.

(B) The southern limit is the U.S.-Mexico International Boundary, which is a line connecting the following coordinates in the order listed:

Point	N. Lat.	W. Long.
1	32°35.37'	117°27.82'
2	32°37.62'	117°49.52'
3	31°07.97'	118°36.30'
4	30°32.52'	121°51.97'

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§ 660.373 [Corrected]

■ 3. In § 660.373, amend paragraph (b)(4) so that the words “managmenet” and “fishey” are correctly spelled as “management” and “fishery,” respectively.

§ 660.384 [Corrected]

■ 4. In § 660.384, amend paragraph (c)(3) so that the references to “*Hexogrammos*” or “*Hexogrammas*” in the introductory text and in (c)(3)(i)(B) are correctly spelled as “*Hexagrammos*.”

§ 660.393 [Corrected]

■ 5. In § 660.393, redesignate paragraphs (i) and (j) as (j) and (k), respectively, and redesignate the second occurrence of paragraph (h) as paragraph (i).

■ 6. In § 660.394, revise paragraph (m)(149) through (164) to read as follows:

**§ 660.394 Latitude/longitude coordinates
defining the 180–fm (329–m) through 250–
fm (457–m) depth contours.**

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(m) * * *

(149) 38°46.81' N. lat., 123°51.49' W. long.;

(150) 38°45.28' N. lat., 123°51.55' W. long.;

(151) 38°42.76' N. lat., 123°49.73' W. long.;

(152) 38°41.53' N. lat., 123°47.80' W. long.;

(153) 38°41.41' N. lat., 123°46.74' W. long.;

(154) 38°38.01' N. lat., 123°45.74' W. long.;

(155) 38°37.19' N. lat., 123°43.98' W. long.;

(156) 38°35.26' N. lat., 123°41.99' W. long.;

(157) 38°33.38' N. lat., 123°41.76' W. long.;

(158) 38°19.95' N. lat., 123°32.90' W. long.;

(159) 38°14.38' N. lat., 123°25.51' W. long.;

(160) 38°09.39' N. lat., 123°24.39' W. long.;

(161) 38°10.09' N. lat., 123°27.21' W. long.;

(162) 38°03.76' N. lat., 123°31.90' W. long.;

(163) 38°02.06' N. lat., 123°31.26' W. long.; and

(164) 38°00.00' N. lat., 123°29.56' W. long.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

**National Oceanic and Atmospheric
Administration**

50 CFR Part 679

**[Docket No. 041126333–5040–02; I.D.
030805C]**

**Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic
Zone Off Alaska; Pollock in Statistical
Area 630 of the Gulf of Alaska**

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

ACTION: Inseason adjustment; request for comments.

SUMMARY: NMFS issues an inseason adjustment opening directed fishing for pollock in Statistical Area 630 of the Gulf of Alaska (GOA) for 12 hours effective 1200 hrs, Alaska local time (A.l.t.), March 10, 2005, until 2400 hrs,

A.l.t., March 10, 2005. This adjustment is necessary to allow the fishing industry opportunity to harvest pollock without exceeding the B season allowance of the 2005 total allowable catch (TAC) of pollock specified for Statistical Area 630 of the GOA.

DATES: Effective 1200 hrs, A.l.t., March 10, 2005, until 2400 hrs, A.l.t., March 10, 2005. Comments must be received at the following address no later than 4:30 p.m., A.l.t., March 29, 2005.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to Sue Salvesson, Assistant Regional Administrator, Sustainable Fisheries Division, Alaska Region, NMFS, Attn: Lori Durall. Comments may be submitted by:

• Mail to: P.O. Box 21668, Juneau, AK 99802;

• Hand delivery to the Federal Building, 709 West 9th Street, Room 420A, Juneau, Alaska;

• FAX to 907–586–7557;

• E-mail to G63plk2s12@noaa.gov and include in the subject line of the e-mail comment the document identifier: g63plk2s12 (E-mail comments, with or without attachments, are limited to 5 megabytes); or

• Webform at the Federal eRulemaking Portal: www.regulations.gov. Follow the instructions at that site for submitting comments.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Josh Keaton, 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 600 and 50 CFR part 679.

The B season allowance of the 2005 TAC of pollock in Statistical Area 630 of the GOA is 2,021 metric tons (mt) as established by the 2005 and 2006 harvest specifications for groundfish of the GOA (70 FR 8958, February 24, 2005). In accordance with § 679.20(a)(5)(iii)(B) the Administrator, Alaska Region, NMFS (Regional Administrator), hereby decreases the B season pollock TAC by 283 mt, the amount the A season allowance of the pollock TAC in Statistical Area 630 was exceeded. The revised B season allowance of the pollock TAC in Statistical Area 630 is therefore 1,738 mt (2,021 mt minus 283 mt).

In accordance with § 679.20(d)(1)(i), the Regional Administrator, has determined that the B season allowance