

directed fishing for Pacific cod by vessels catching Pacific cod for processing by the inshore component in the Central Regulatory Area of the GOA.

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

#### Classification

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 to prevent exceeding the amount of the 2001 A season Pacific cod TAC specified for the inshore component in the Central Regulatory 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 to prevent exceeding the 2001 A season Pacific cod TAC specified for the inshore component in the Central Regulatory 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: March 2, 2001.

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#### DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

##### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

##### 50 CFR Part 679

[Docket No. 991207325-0063-02; I.D. 100699A]

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##### Fisheries in the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; A Cost Recovery Program for the Individual Fishing Quota Program; Correction

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

**ACTION:** Final rule; correction.

**SUMMARY:** This document corrects regulatory text in the final rule that implements a cost recovery program for the Individual Fishing Quota (IFQ) program for fixed gear halibut and sablefish fisheries in waters in and off of Alaska, which was published in the **Federal Register** on March 20, 2000.

**DATES:** Effective March 15, 2000.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Patsy A. Bearden, 907-586-7008.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Background

A final rule was published in the **Federal Register** on March 20, 2000 (65 FR 14919), to implement the IFQ cost recovery program. In the regulatory text portion of the final rule, the procedure described for payment of IFQ fees incorrectly included notarizing the fee payment section.

##### Need for Correction

As published, the final rule contained an error that must be corrected:

##### List of Subjects in 50 CFR Part 679

Alaska, Fisheries, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

##### PART 679—FISHERIES OF THE EXCLUSIVE ECONOMIC ZONE OFF ALASKA

Accordingly, 50 CFR part 679 is corrected by making the following correcting amendment:

1. The authority for part 679 continues to read as follows:

**Authority:** 16 U.S.C. 773 *et seq.*, 1801 *et seq.*, and 3631 *et seq.*

##### § 679.5 [Corrected]

2. In § 679.5, paragraph (l)(7)(ii)(C)(4)(i) is correctly revised to read as follows:

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(l) \* \* \*

(7) \* \* \*

(ii) \* \* \*

(C) \* \* \*

(4) *Fee payment and certification section—(i) Information required.* An IFQ permit holder with an IFQ landing must provide his or her NMFS person identification number and must sign and date the Fee Payment section and record the following: his or her printed name; the total annual fee amount as calculated and recorded on the Fee Calculation page; the total of any pre-payments submitted to NMFS that apply to the total annual fee amount; the remaining balance fee; and the enclosed payment amount.

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Dated: February 27, 2001.

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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; Western Alaska Community Development Quota Program

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

**ACTION:** Final rule.

**SUMMARY:** NMFS issues a final rule implementing Amendment 66 to the Fishery Management Plan for the Groundfish Fishery of the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Area (FMP) and defining directed fishing for pollock CDQ. Amendment 66 removes the allocation of squid to the Western Alaska Community Development Quota (CDQ) Program to prevent the catch of squid from limiting the catch of pollock CDQ. The regulatory amendment defining directed fishing for pollock CDQ implements the intent of the American Fisheries Act (AFA) that only pollock caught while directed fishing for pollock CDQ accrue against the pollock CDQ allocation. Pollock caught incidentally in other groundfish CDQ fisheries will accrue against the pollock incidental catch allowance (ICA) established under the AFA. In addition, this definition allows NMFS to enforce closures to directed fishing for pollock CDQ in areas such as Steller Sea Lion conservation area or the Chinook Salmon Savings Area. This action is necessary to implement Amendment 66 and the CDQ Program-related provisions of the AFA. NMFS expects it to further the goals and objectives of the FMP.

**DATES:** Effective April 6, 2001.

**ADDRESSES:** Copies of Amendment 66 to the FMP, the two Environmental Assessment/Regulatory Impact Review/Initial Regulatory Flexibility Analyses (EA/RIR/IRFA), or the single Final Regulatory Flexibility Analysis (FRFA) prepared for these actions are available