

from the EEZ may be possessed on board or landed from a vessel with a commercial permit for king and Spanish mackerel, as required by § 622.4(a)(2)(iv), and operating under the hook-and-line gear quota in § 622.42(c)(1)(i)(A)(2)(j):

(1) From July 1, each fishing year, until 75 percent of the subzone's hook-and-line gear quota has been harvested—in amounts not exceeding 125 king mackerel per day.

(2) From the date that 75 percent of the subzone's hook-and-line gear quota has been harvested until a closure of the west coast subzone's hook-and-line fishery has been effected under § 622.43(a)—in amounts not exceeding 50 king mackerel per day.

(iii) *Notice of trip limit changes.* The Assistant Administrator, by filing a notification of trip limit change with the Office of the Federal Register, will effect the trip limit changes specified in paragraphs (a)(2)(i) and (a)(2)(ii)(B) of this section when the requisite harvest level has been reached or is projected to be reached.

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Fisheries Off West Coast States and in the Western Pacific; West Coast Salmon Fisheries; Closures from the U.S.-Canadian Border to Cape Alava, WA, and from the Queets River to Leadbetter Point, WA

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

ACTION: Closures.

SUMMARY: NMFS announces that recreational salmon fisheries were closed in the following areas: From the U.S.-Canadian border to Cape Alava, WA (48°10'00" N. lat.), at 2400 hours local time (l.t.), August 31, 1996; and from the Queets River (47°31'42" N. lat.) to Leadbetter Point, WA (46°38'10" N. lat.), at 2400 hours l.t., September 5, 1996. The areas will remain closed under the terms of the preseason announcement of the 1996 management measures. The Director, Northwest Region, NMFS (Regional Director), has determined that the recreational quotas of 6,400 coho salmon and 23,000 coho salmon for the respective areas have been reached. This action is necessary to conform to the preseason

announcement of the 1996 management measures and is intended to ensure conservation of coho salmon.

DATES: Closure from the U.S.-Canadian border to Cape Alava, WA, is effective at 2400 hours l.t., August 31, 1996, through 2400 hours l.t., September 26, 1996. Closure from the Queets River to Leadbetter Point, WA, is effective at 2400 hours l.t., September 5, 1996, through 2400 hours l.t., September 26, 1996. Comments will be accepted through October 1, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be mailed to William Stelle, Jr., Director, Northwest Region, NMFS, 7600 Sand Point Way NE., Seattle, WA 98115-0070. Information relevant to this action has been compiled in aggregate form and is available for public review during business hours at the Northwest Regional Office.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: William L. Robinson, 206-526-6140.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Regulations governing the ocean salmon fisheries at 50 CFR 660.409(a)(1) state that when a quota for the commercial or the recreational fishery, or both, for any salmon species in any portion of the fishery management area is projected by the Regional Director to be reached on or by a certain date, NMFS will, by an inseason action issued under 50 CFR 660.411, close the commercial or recreational fishery, or both, for all salmon species in the portion of the fishery management area to which the quota applies as of the date the quota is projected to be reached.

By inseason management action (61 FR 40157, August 1, 1996), NMFS announced that the contingency seasons north of Cape Falcon, OR, would open as stated in the annual management measures for ocean salmon fisheries (61 FR 20175, May 6, 1996). The 1996 recreational fishery in the area between the U.S.-Canadian border and Cape Alava, WA, would open on August 5, and the 1996 recreational fishery in the area between the Queets River and Leadbetter Point, WA, would open on July 22. Each fishery would continue through September 26 or attainment of their respective quotas of 6,400 and 23,000 coho salmon (revised at 61 FR 43472, August 23, 1996), whichever occurred first.

The best available information on August 29 indicated that catch and effort data and projections supported closure of the recreational fishery in the area between the U.S.-Canadian border and Cape Alava, WA, at 2400 hours l.t., August 31, and closure of the recreational fishery in the area between

the Queets River and Leadbetter Point, WA, at 2400 hours l.t., September 5.

The Regional Director consulted with representatives of the Pacific Fishery Management Council, the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife, and the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife regarding these closures. The State of Washington will manage the recreational fisheries in state waters adjacent to these areas of the exclusive economic zone in accordance with this Federal action. As provided by the inseason notice procedures of 50 CFR 660.411, actual notice to fishermen of this action was given prior to 2400 hours l.t., August 31, 1996 (closure from the U.S.-Canadian border to Cape Alava, WA) and 2400 hours l.t., September 5, 1996 (closure from the Queets River to Leadbetter Point, WA) by telephone hotline number 206-526-6667 or 800-662-9825 and by U.S. Coast Guard Notice to Mariners broadcasts on Channel 16 VHF-FM and 2182 kHz. Because of the need for immediate action to stop the fishery upon achievement of the quota, NMFS has determined that good cause exists for this announcement to be issued without affording a prior opportunity for public comment. This announcement does not apply to other fisheries that may be operating in other areas.

Classification

This action is authorized by 50 CFR 660.409 and 660.411 and is exempt from review under E.O. 12866.

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

Dated: September 11, 1996.

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Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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Fisheries Off West Coast States and in the Western Pacific; West Coast Salmon Fisheries; Inseason Adjustments from the U.S.-Canadian Border to the Queets River, WA

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

ACTION: Inseason adjustments.

SUMMARY: NMFS announces the transfer of 300 coho salmon from the recreational fishery in the subarea between Cape Alava and the Queets River, WA, to the recreational fishery in the subarea between the U.S.-Canadian

border and Cape Alava, WA. The Director, Northwest Region, NMFS (Regional Director), has determined that the recreational quotas should be revised to 1,400 coho salmon and 6,700 coho salmon for the respective subareas. This action is intended to help meet the recreational season duration objectives for each subarea.

DATES: Effective September 16, 1996, through 2400 hours local time, September 26, 1996. Comments will be accepted through October 1, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be mailed to William Stelle, Jr., Director, Northwest Region, NMFS, 7600 Sand Point Way NE., Seattle, WA 98115-0070. Information relevant to this action has been compiled in aggregate form and is available for public review during business hours at the Northwest Regional Office.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: William L. Robinson, 206-526-6140.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In the annual management measures for ocean salmon fisheries (61 FR 20175, May 6, 1996), NMFS announced that coho salmon may be transferred among recreational subareas north of Cape Falcon, OR, to help meet the recreational season duration objectives for each subarea. Any transfers between subarea quotas of 5,000 fish or less shall be done on a fish-for-fish basis.

By inseason management action (61 FR 40157, August 1, 1996), NMFS announced that the contingency seasons north of Cape Falcon, OR, would open as stated in the annual management measures. The 1996 recreational fishery in the subareas between the U.S.-Canadian border and Cape Alava, WA, and between Cape Alava and the Queets River, WA, opened on August 5. Each fishery was scheduled to continue through September 26 or attainment of their respective quotas of 6,400 and 1,700 coho salmon (revised at 61 FR 43472, August 23, 1996), whichever occurred first.

The fishery between the U.S.-Canadian border and Cape Alava closed on August 31 upon the projected attainment of its quota, published elsewhere in this issue. The best available information on September 3 indicated that 6,692 coho salmon were caught in this fishery, so the quota was exceeded by 292 coho salmon. After conferring with representatives of the affected ports, NMFS agreed to transfer 300 coho salmon to this fishery from the recreational fishery between Cape Alava and the Queets River to cover the quota overage. Therefore, the quota for the subarea between the U.S.-Canadian border and Cape Alava is increased to

6,700 coho salmon, and the quota for the subarea between Cape Alava and the Queets River is decreased to 1,400 coho salmon. Even with the smaller quota, the fishery between Cape Alava and the Queets River is expected to continue for the duration of its scheduled season.

Modification of quotas is authorized by regulations at 50 CFR 660.409(b)(1)(i). All other restrictions that apply to these fisheries remain in effect as announced in the annual management measures.

The Regional Director consulted with representatives of the Pacific Fishery Management Council, the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife, and the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife regarding this adjustment. The State of Washington will manage the recreational fisheries in state waters adjacent to these areas of the exclusive economic zone in accordance with this Federal action. Because of the need for immediate action to manage the fisheries under the revised quotas, NMFS has determined that good cause exists for this action to be issued without affording a prior opportunity for public comment. This action does not apply to other fisheries that may be operating in other areas.

Classification

This action is authorized by 50 CFR 660.409 and 660.411 and is exempt from review under E.O. 12866.

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

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Richard W. Surdi,

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Northern Anchovy Fishery; Quotas for the 1996-97 Fishing Year

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

ACTION: Final quotas.

SUMMARY: NMFS announces the estimated spawning biomass and final harvest quotas for the northern anchovy fishery in the exclusive economic zone south of Point Reyes, CA, for the 1996-97 fishing season. These quotas may only be adjusted if inaccurate data were used or if errors were made in the calculations. Comments on these two

points are invited. The intended effect of this action is to establish allowable harvest levels of Pacific anchovy.

DATES: Effective on August 1, 1996. Comments will be accepted until October 15, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Submit comments on the final quotas to Ms. Hilda Diaz-Soltero, Regional Director, Southwest Region, NMFS, 501 West Ocean Blvd., Suite 4200, Long Beach, CA 90802-4213. Administrative Report LJ-95-11 is available from this same address.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. James J. Morgan, Southwest Region, NMFS, (310) 980-4036.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In consultation with the California Department of Fish and Game and the NMFS Southwest Fisheries Science Center, the Director of the Southwest Region, NMFS, has decided to use the 1995 estimate of 388,000 mt spawning biomass of the central subpopulation of northern anchovy, *Engraulis mordax*, to set harvest limits for the 1996-97 fishing season. This is the same biomass estimate that was used for the 1995-96 fishing season because no new estimate has been made.

On March 26, 1996, a proposed rule was published in the Federal Register (61 FR 13148), recommending that Federal regulations implementing the Northern Anchovy Fishery Management Plan (FMP) be removed. This proposal was based on the fact that harvests of anchovy have declined greatly since 1982, and that this situation is unlikely to change in the foreseeable future. Interjurisdictional and allocation issues that might require Federal intervention no longer exist. Removing Federal regulations would mean that the anchovy fishery would continue to be regulated by the State of California. Since no final action has yet been taken on this proposed rule, Federal regulation of the fishery is still effective, and a quota must be set for the 1996 fishing season, which begins on August 1 under the regulations.

The biomass estimate was derived from a stock assessment model using spawning biomass estimated by five indices of abundance. Documentation of the spawning biomass is contained in Administrative Report LJ-95-11, published by the Southwest Fisheries Science Center, NMFS (see **ADDRESSES**). This report and the determination of harvest quotas were provided to the Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) last year, and a meeting of the Council's Coastal Pelagics Planning Team and Advisory Subpanel was held in Long Beach, CA, on June 21, 1995. At that time, NMFS requested estimates of