

the information concerning Radio Broadcasting Services in Weiser, ID. This document contains a correction to that rule.

DATES: Effective on November 1, 2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Leslie K. Shapiro, Mass Media Bureau, (202) 418-2180.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This document corrects Section 73.202(b), the Table of FM Allotment under Oregon to remove Weiser, Channel 280C1 and by adding Weiser, Channel 280C1 under Idaho. FR Doc. 00-24069, published on September 20, 2000 (65FR56799), inadvertently added Weiser, Channel 280C1 to Oregon instead of Idaho.

List of Subjects 47 CFR Part 73

Radio broadcasting.

Accordingly, 47 CFR part 73 is corrected by making the following correcting amendments:

PART 73—[RADIO BROADCAST SERVICES]

1. The authority citation for Part 73 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 47 U.S.C. 154, 303, 334 and 336.

§ 73.202 [Amended]

2. Section 73.202(b), the Table of FM Allotments under Oregon, is amended by removing Weiser, Channel 280C1.

3. Section 73.202(b), the Table of FM Allotments under Idaho, is amended by adding Weiser, Channel 280C1.

Federal Communications Commission.

John A. Karousos,

Chief, Allocations Branch, Policy and Rules Division, Mass Media Bureau.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

50 CFR Part 660

[Docket No. 000831250-0250-01; 102500C]

Fisheries off West Coast States and in the Western Pacific; Coastal Pelagic Species Fisheries; Closure of Directed Fishery for Pacific Mackerel

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

ACTION: Closure of directed fishery for Pacific mackerel.

SUMMARY: NMFS announces the closure of the directed fishery for Pacific mackerel in the exclusive economic zone off the Pacific coast October 27, 2000. The Coastal Pelagic Species Fishery Management Plan (FMP) and its implementing regulations require NMFS to set an annual harvest guideline for Pacific mackerel based on a formula in the FMP and to close the fishery when the harvest guideline is reached. The harvest guideline of 20,740 metric tons is projected to be reached before the end of the fishing season on June 30, 2001, which requires closing the directed fishery and setting an incidental harvest limit for Pacific mackerel so that the harvest of other coastal pelagic species will not be further restricted. The intended effect of this action is to ensure conservation of the Pacific mackerel resource.

DATES: Effective October 27, 2000.

ADDRESSES: The data that was used as the basis for this action are available for public inspection at the Office of the Regional Administrator, Rebecca Lent, Southwest Region (Regional Administrator), NMFS, 501 W. Ocean Boulevard, Suite 4200, Long Beach, CA 90802-4213.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: James J. Morgan, Southwest Region, NMFS, (562) 980-4036.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On September 11, 2000, NMFS announced a harvest guideline in the **Federal Register** (65 FR 54817) for Pacific mackerel of 20,740 mt for the fishing season of July 1, 2000 through June 30, 2001. The harvest guideline was based on an annual biomass estimate and calculated using a formula in the FMP applying information on that portion of the stock in U.S. waters and the required harvest rate above a minimum biomass.

As of October 17, 2000, 17,829 mt of Pacific mackerel has been harvested. The FMP states that incidental catch allowances are applied when a stock is overfished or a harvest guideline is met, but may be employed under other conditions such as to avoid premature filling of a harvest guideline due to the incidental catch. The high harvest rate of Pacific mackerel will lead to reaching the harvest guideline well before the end of the season and at a time when sardine harvests are likely to be high; therefore, the remaining harvest guideline will be set aside to account for incidental harvests of Pacific mackerel when fishing for sardine. This will tend to minimize bycatch of Pacific mackerel while allowing the sardine fishery to be conducted without further restrictions.

The FMP allows the setting of incidental catch allowances from zero to 45 percent of the landed weight as determined by the Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) and/or the NMFS Regional Administrator. The Council's Coastal Pelagic Species Management Team and the Coastal Pelagic Species Advisory Subpanel on October 17-18, 2000 recommended closing the directed fishery for Pacific mackerel and imposing an incidental harvest limit of no more than 20 percent by weight of Pacific mackerel in landings of Pacific sardine. These incidental catch allowances will avoid unnecessary discard; ensure that optimum yield is taken, but not exceeded; and promote efficiency and profitability in the fishery.

For the reasons stated here and in accordance with the FMP and its implementing regulations at 50 CFR 660.509, the directed fishery for Pacific mackerel will be closed October 27, 2000, after which time no more than 20 percent by weight of any landing of Pacific sardine may be Pacific mackerel.

Classification

This action is required by 50 CFR 660.509 and is exempt from review under Executive Order 12866.

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

Dated: October 27, 2000.

Bruce C. Morehead,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

50 CFR Part 679

[Docket No. 000211040-0040-01; I.D. 102400C]

Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pacific Cod in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area

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

ACTION: Reallocation.

SUMMARY: NMFS is reallocating the projected unused amount of Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands management area (BSAI) Pacific cod from trawl catcher/processors and vessels using jig gear to vessels using hook-and-line or pot gear.

These actions are necessary to allow the 2000 total allowable catch (TAC) of Pacific cod to be harvested.

DATES: Effective October 27, 2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Andrew N. Smoker, 907-586-7228.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: NMFS manages the groundfish fishery in the BSAI according to the Fishery Management Plan for the Groundfish Fishery of the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Area (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.

In accordance with § 679.20(c)(5), the Pacific cod TAC for the BSAI was established as 193,000 metric tons (mt) by the Final 2000 Harvest Specifications for Groundfish for the BSAI (65 FR 8282, February 18, 2000). Of this amount, 3,571 mt was allocated to vessels using jig gear, 41,953 mt to trawl catcher vessels, 41,953 mt to trawl catcher/processors, and 91,048 mt to vessels using hook-and-line or pot gear.

On October 2, 2000, NMFS published a request for public comment on a proposed reallocation of 9,000 mt of BSAI Pacific cod from trawl catcher/processors to vessels using hook-and-line or pot gear (65 FR 58727). One written comment was received in support of the reallocation. From the years 1997 through 1999 after September 1, the trawl catcher vessel

sector of the fishery took about 200 mt or less per year in the Pacific cod target and averaged about 800 mt of catch of Pacific cod in all targets. Current inseason data support a projection of 800 mt for the catcher vessel sector. At this time, no evidence exists that the trawl catcher vessel effort in the Pacific cod fishery will increase beyond what has occurred on the average during the last 3 years.

Accordingly, the Administrator, Alaska Region, NMFS (Regional Administrator), has determined that trawl catcher/processors will not be able to harvest 9,000 mt of Pacific cod allocated to those vessels under § 679.20(a)(7)(i)(A).

Therefore, in accordance with § 679.20(a)(7)(ii)(C), NMFS apportions 9,000 mt of Pacific cod from trawl catcher/processors to vessels using hook-and-line or pot gear.

The Regional Administrator also has determined that vessels using jig gear will not harvest 3,000 mt of Pacific cod by the end of the year. Therefore, in accordance with § 679.20(a)(7)(ii)(C), NMFS is reallocating the unused amount of 3,000 mt of Pacific cod allocated to vessels using jig gear to vessels using hook-and-line or pot gear.

In accordance with § 679.20(a)(7)(ii)(C)(2), the combined reallocation of unused Pacific cod from jig gear and trawl catcher/processors, 12,000 mt is apportioned so that catcher/processor vessels using hook-and-line gear will receive 95 percent and vessels using pot gear will receive 5 percent of the reallocation. The harvest specifications for Pacific cod

established in the Final 2000 Harvest Specifications for Groundfish for the BSAI (65 FR 8282, February 18, 2000) and adjusted for hook-and-line or pot gear under Amendment 64 to the FMP (65 FR 51553, August 24, 2000) are revised as follows: 571 mt to vessels using jig gear, 41,953 mt to trawl catcher vessels, 32,953 mt to trawl catcher/processors, 81,958 mt to vessels using hook-and-line gear, and 17,170 mt to pot gear.

Classification

This action is taken under 50 CFR 679.20 and is exempt from Office of Management and Budget review under Executive Order 12866.

The Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, NOAA, has determined, under 5 USC 553(b)(3)(B) and 50 CFR 679.20(b)(3)(iii)(A), that good cause exists for waiving the opportunity for public comment as such procedures would be unnecessary and contrary to the public interest. Fisheries are currently taking place that will be supplemented by this apportionment. Delaying the implementation of this action would be disruptive and costly to these ongoing operations. Similarly, pursuant to 5 USC 553(d)(3), good cause exists to waive the 30-day delay in effectiveness of this action.

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

Dated: October 27, 2000.

Bruce C. Morehead,

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