

being taken to prevent overharvest of the adjusted Angling category quota of 299.6 metric tons (mt).

**DATES:** Effective 11:30 p.m., local time, March 11, 2005, through May 31, 2005.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

HMS Management Division at 978-281-9260.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

Regulations implemented under the authority of the Atlantic Tunas Convention Act (16 U.S.C. 971 *et seq.*) and the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*) governing the harvest of BFT by persons and vessels subject to U.S. jurisdiction are found at 50 CFR part 635. Section 635.27 subdivides the U.S. BFT quota recommended by the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas among the various domestic fishing categories and are specified annually under 50 CFR 635.23(b) and 635.27(a).

**Angling Category Closure**

NMFS is required, under 50 CFR 635.28 (a)(1), to file with the Office of the **Federal Register** for publication, notification of closure when a BFT quota is reached, or is projected to be reached. On and after the effective date and time of such closure notification, for the remainder of the fishing year, or for a specified period as indicated in the notification, fishing for, retaining, possessing, or landing BFT under that quota category is prohibited until the opening of the subsequent quota period, or until such date as specified in the notification.

The 2004 final initial BFT quota specifications issued pursuant to 635.27, set an Angling category quota of 76.5 mt to be harvested from the regulatory area during the 2004 fishing year (70 FR 10896, March 7, 2005). On December 10, 2004, NMFS transferred a total of 223.1 mt from the General category to the Angling category establishing an adjusted Angling category BFT quota of 299.6 mt for the 2004 fishing year (69 FR 71732). Based on the available Angling category quota and preliminary information regarding recreational BFT landings for the 2004 fishing year, NMFS projects that the available Angling category quota will be reached by March 11, 2005. Therefore, fishing for, retaining, possessing, or landing BFT by persons aboard vessels permitted in the Atlantic Highly Migratory Species (HMS) Angling, and HMS Charter/Headboat categories, must cease at 11:30 p.m. local time March 11, 2005, in all areas. The intent of this closure is to prevent overharvest of the

available quota established for the Angling category. Atlantic HMS Angling and HMS Charter/Headboat category permit holders may tag and release BFT of all sizes while the Angling quota category is closed, subject to the requirements of the tag-and-release program at § 635.26.

**Classification**

The Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, NOAA (AA), finds that it is impracticable and contrary to the public interest to provide prior notice of, and an opportunity for public comment on, this action. Based on the available Angling category quota for the 2004 fishing year and the most recent information regarding recreational BFT landings, this closure is necessary to prevent overharvest of the adjusted Angling category quota.

This fishery is currently underway and delaying this action would be contrary to the public interest as it will result in additional recreational BFT landings, potentially contributing to an overharvest of the adjusted Angling category quota. Therefore, the AA finds good cause under 5 U.S.C. 553(b)(B) to waive prior notice and the opportunity for public comment. For all of the above reasons, there is good cause under 5 U.S.C. 553(d) to waive the delay in effectiveness of this action.

NMFS provides notification of closures by publishing the closure notice in the **Federal Register**, faxing notification to individuals on the HMS FAX Network and know fishery representatives, announcing the notice on the Atlantic Tunas Information Lines, posting the closure notice on [www.nmfspermits.com](http://www.nmfspermits.com), and announcing the notice over the NOAA Weather radio channel.

This action is being taken under 50 CFR 635.23(a)(4) and is exempt from review under Executive Order 12866.

**Authority:** 16 U.S.C. 971 *et seq.* and 1801 *et seq.*

Dated: March 7, 2005.

**Alan D. Risenhoover**

*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. 041126332-5039-02; I.D. 112204C]

**Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Gulf of Alaska; Final 2005 and 2006 Harvest Specifications for Groundfish; Correction**

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

**ACTION:** Final rule; correction.

**SUMMARY:** This document corrects a February 24, 2005, final rule that implements 2005 and 2006 harvest specifications, reserves, and apportionments thereof, Pacific halibut prohibited species catch (PSC) limits, and associated management measures for the groundfish fishery of the Gulf of Alaska (GOA). Specifically, this document corrects errors in Tables 12 and 13 to the final specifications.

**DATES:** Effective at 1200 hrs, Alaska local time (A.l.t.), February 24, 2005, through 2400 hrs, A.l.t., December 31, 2006.

**ADDRESSES:** Copies of the Final Environmental Assessment and Final Regulatory Flexibility Analysis prepared for this action are available from Alaska Region, NMFS, P.O. Box 21668, Juneau, AK 99802, Attn: Lori Durall, or from the Alaska Region website at [www.fakr.noaa.gov](http://www.fakr.noaa.gov).

Copies of the final 2004 Stock Assessment and Fishery Evaluation report for the groundfish resources of the GOA, dated November 2004, are available from the North Pacific Fishery Management Council, West 4th Avenue, Suite 306, Anchorage, AK 99510-2252, (907-271-2809) or from its website at [www.fakr.noaa.gov/npfmc](http://www.fakr.noaa.gov/npfmc).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** NMFS published 2005 and 2006 harvest specifications, reserves, and apportionments thereof, Pacific halibut PSC limits, and associated management measures for the groundfish fishery of the GOA on February 24, 2005 (70 FR 8958). That rule lists sideboard limitations for non-exempt American Fisheries Act catcher vessels in the GOA. This document corrects the final rule by reflecting accurately all of the

allocations and seasons for 2005 and 2006.

#### Correction

As published, final rule FR Doc. 05-3581, February 24, 2005 (70 FR 8958) contains errors and needs to be

corrected. This action corrects Table 12 (70 FR 8972) and Table 13 (70 FR 8973) to change the dates for the pollock seasons. For the A Season, the dates are January 20 - March 10, and for the C Season, the dates are August 25 - October 1. The corrected Table 13

changes the species names for the second allocation for shorttraker rockfish to rougheye rockfish and for the big and longnose skates allocation to longnose skates. Both tables are corrected and reprinted below for the convenience of all interested readers.

TABLE 12—FINAL 2005 GOA NON-EXEMPT AMERICAN FISHERIES ACT CATCHER VESSEL (CV) GROUND FISH 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	2005 TAC	2005 non-exempt AFA catcher vessel sideboard
Pollock	A Season (W/C areas only) January 20 - March 10 Shumagin (610) Chirikof (620) Kodiak (630)	0.6112 0.1427 0.2438	5,035 11,692 4,148	3,077 1,668 1,011
	B Season (W/C areas only) March 10 - May 31 Shumagin (610) Chirikof (620) Kodiak (630)	0.6112 0.1427 0.2438	5,035 13,820 2,021	3,077 1,972 493
	C Season (W/C areas only) August 25 - October 1 Shumagin (610) Chirikof (620) Kodiak (630)	0.6112 0.1427 0.2438	10,155 4,446 6,274	6,207 634 1,530
	D Season (W/C areas only) October 1 - November 1 Shumagin (610) Chirikof (620) Kodiak (630)	0.6112 0.1427 0.2438	10,155 4,446 6,275	6,207 634 1,530
	Annual WYK (640) SEO (650)	0.3499 0.3499	1,688 6,520	591 2,281
	A Season <sup>1</sup> January 1 - June 10 W inshore W offshore C inshore C offshore	0.1423 0.1026 0.0722 0.0721	8,471 941 13,547 1,505	1,205 97 978 109
	B Season <sup>2</sup> September 1 - December 31 W inshore W offshore C inshore C offshore	0.1423 0.1026 0.0722 0.0721	5,647 628 9,031 1,003	804 64 652 72
	Annual E inshore E offshore	0.0079 0.0078	3,294 366	26 3
	Flatfish deep- water	0.0000	330	0
	C E	0.0670 0.0171	3,340 3,150	224 54
Rex sole	W C E	0.0010 0.0402 0.0153	1,680 7,340 3,630	2 295 56
	Flathead sole	0.0036 0.0261 0.0048	2,000 5,000 3,390	7 131 16
	W C E	0.0036 0.0261 0.0048	2,000 5,000 3,390	7 131 16

TABLE 12—FINAL 2005 GOA NON-EXEMPT AMERICAN FISHERIES ACT CATCHER VESSEL (CV) GROUND FISH HARVEST  
SIDEBOARD LIMITATIONS—Continued

(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	2005 TAC	2005 non-exempt AFA catcher vessel sideboard
Flatfish shallow- water	W	0.0156	4,500	70
	C	0.0598	13,000	777
	E	0.0126	3,240	41
Arrowtooth floun- der	W	0.0021	8,000	17
	C	0.0309	25,000	773
	E	0.0020	5,000	10
Sablefish	W trawl gear	0.0000	508	0
	C trawl gear	0.0720	1,450	104
	E trawl gear	0.0488	307	15
Pacific ocean perch	W	0.0623	2,567	160
	C	0.0866	8,535	739
	E	0.0466	2,473	115
Shortraker rockfish	W	0.0000	155	0
	C	0.0237	324	8
	E	0.0124	274	3
Rougheye rockfish	W	0.0000	188	0
	C	0.0237	557	13
	E	0.0124	282	3
Other rockfish	W	0.0034	40	0
	C	0.2065	300	62
	E	0.0000	330	0
Northern rockfish	W	0.0003	808	0
	C	0.0336	4,283	144
Pelagic shelf rock- fish	W	0.0001	377	0
	C	0.0000	3,067	0
	E	0.0067	1,109	7
Thornyhead rock- fish	W	0.0308	410	13
	C	0.0308	1,010	31
	E	0.0308	520	16
Big skates	W	0.0090	727	7
	C	0.0090	2,463	22
	E	0.0090	809	7
Longnose skates	W	0.0090	66	1
	C	0.0090	1,972	18
	E	0.0090	780	7
Other skates	GW	0.0090	1,327	12
Demersal shelf rockfish	SEO	0.0020	410	1
Atka mackerel	Gulfwide	0.0309	600	19
Other species	Gulfwide	0.0090	13,871	125

<sup>1</sup>The Pacific cod A season for trawl gear does not open until January 20.<sup>2</sup>The Pacific cod B season for trawl gear closes November 1.

TABLE 13—FINAL 2006 GOA NON-EXEMPT AMERICAN FISHERIES ACT CATCHER VESSEL (CV) GROUND FISH 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	2006 TAC	2006 non-exempt AFA catcher vessel sideboard
Pollock	A Season (W/C areas only) January 20 - March 10 Shumagin (610) Chirikof (620) Kodiak (630)	0.6112 0.1427 0.2438	5,047 11,719 4,159	3,085 1,672 1,014
	B Season (W/C areas only) March 10 - May 31 Shumagin (610) Chirikof (620) Kodiak (630)	0.6112 0.1427 0.2438	5,047 13,852 2,026	3,085 1,977 494
	C Season (W/C areas only) August 25 - October 1 Shumagin (610) Chirikof (620) Kodiak (630)	0.6112 0.1427 0.2438	10,179 4,457 6,289	6,221 636 1,533
	D Season (W/C areas only) October 1 - November 1 Shumagin (610) Chirikof (620) Kodiak (630)	0.6112 0.1427 0.2438	10,179 4,457 6,288	6,221 636 1,533
	Annual WYK (640) SEO (650)	0.3499 0.3499	1,691 6,520	592 2,281
Pacific cod	A Season <sup>1</sup> January 1 - June 10 W inshore W offshore C inshore C offshore	0.1423 0.1026 0.0722 0.0721	7,450 828 11,914 1,324	1,060 85 860 95
	B Season <sup>2</sup> September 1 - December 31 W inshore W offshore C inshore C offshore	0.1423 0.1026 0.0722 0.0721	4,967 552 7,944 882	707 51 574 64
	Annual E inshore E offshore	0.0079 0.0078	2,897 322	23 3
Flatfish deep- water	W	0.0000	330	0
	C	0.0670	3,340	224
	E	0.0171	3,150	54
Rex sole	W	0.0010	1,680	2
	C	0.0402	7,340	295
	E	0.0153	3,630	56
Flathead sole	W	0.0036	2,000	7
	C	0.0261	5,000	131
	E	0.0048	3,212	15
Flatfish shallow- water	W	0.0156	4,500	70
	C	0.0598	13,000	777
	E	0.0126	3,240	41
Arrowtooth floun- der	W	0.0021	8,000	17
	C	0.0309	25,000	773
	E	0.0020	5,000	10

TABLE 13—FINAL 2006 GOA NON-EXEMPT AMERICAN FISHERIES ACT CATCHER VESSEL (CV) GROUND FISH HARVEST  
SIDEBOARD LIMITATIONS—Continued

(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	2006 TAC	2006 non-exempt AFA catcher vessel sideboard
Sablefish	W trawl gear	0.0000	481	0
	C trawl gear	0.0720	1,374	99
	E trawl gear	0.0488	291	14
Pacific ocean perch	W	0.0623	2,525	157
	C	0.0866	8,375	725
	E	0.0466	2,392	111
Shortraker rockfish	W	0.0000	155	0
	C	0.0237	324	8
	E	0.0124	274	3
Rougheye rockfish	W	0.0000	188	0
	C	0.0237	557	13
	E	0.0124	282	3
Other rockfish	W	0.0034	40	0
	C	0.2065	300	62
	E	0.0000	330	0
Northern rockfish	W	0.0003	755	0
	C	0.0336	3,995	134
Demersal shelf rockfish	SEO	0.0020	410	1
Atka mackerel	Gulfwide	0.0309	600	19
Other species	Gulfwide	0.0090	13,525	122

<sup>1</sup>The Pacific cod A season for trawl gear does not open until January 20.<sup>2</sup>The Pacific cod B season for trawl gear closes November 1.

All other information previously  
published remains the same.

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

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