

material required by paragraph (e)(8) of this section (“The Public and Broadcasting”) and paragraph (e)(11)(iii) of this section (“Children’s Television Programming Reports”). A licensee does not have to post letters from the public on the electronic version of its public inspection files but must post on its Web site e-mails from the public.

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(iii) Written communication does not need to be posted to the public file placed on a station’s Web site, but e-mail messages must be placed on the station’s Web site, in addition to being placed in a station’s public file at its main studio. The Web site must also provide notice that a complete set of letters from the public is available at the main studio.

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(11)(i) *TV Standardized Public Interest Reporting Form.* For commercial TV and Class A TV broadcast stations, every three months a completed Standardized Television Disclosure Form with regard to the station’s efforts to determine the issues facing its community and the programming aired during the preceding three month period in response to those issues. The form for each calendar quarter is to be filed by the thirtieth day of the succeeding calendar quarter (e.g., January 30 for the quarter October–December, April 30 for the quarter January–March, etc.). The forms described in this paragraph shall be retained in the public inspection file until final action has been taken on the station’s next license renewal application.

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■ 4. Section 73.3527 is amended by revising paragraphs (b) and (e)(8) to read as follows:

**§ 73.3527 Local public inspection file of noncommercial educational stations.**

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(b) *Location of the file.* The public inspection file shall be located as follows:

(1) A hard copy of the public inspection file shall be maintained at the main studio of the station. An applicant for a new station or change of community shall maintain its file at an accessible place in the proposed community of license or at its proposed main studio.

(2) A television station licensee or applicant that had a Web site for its station[s] as of January 24, 2008, shall also place the contents of its public inspection file on its Web site or, if

permitted, the Web site of its state broadcasters association as of 60 days after the Commission publishes a notice in the **Federal Register** announcing OMB approval. A station not having their own Web site as of November 27, 2007, must place their files on any Web site they may later create or, if permitted, on the Web site of its state broadcasters association, by 60 days after the Commission publishes a notice in the **Federal Register** announcing OMB approval or within 30 days of the date it makes the Web site available to the public, whichever is later. A station placing its public inspection files on its state broadcasters association’s Web site must link to that site from its own Web site. A television licensee or applicant does not have to place on its Web site any material that is available on another freely accessible Web site for which no registration is required as long as it provides a link to that Web site. This applies, for example, to material that is posted on the FCC’s Web site, such as material required by paragraph (e)(7) of this section (“The Public and Broadcasting”).

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(8) *TV Standardized Public Interest Reporting Form.* For noncommercial educational TV and Class A TV broadcast stations, every three months a completed Standardized Public Interest Reporting Form with regard to the station’s efforts to determine the issues facing its community and the programming aired during the preceding three month period in response to those issues. The form for each calendar quarter is to be filed by the thirtieth day of the succeeding calendar quarter (e.g., January 30 for the quarter October–December, April 30 for the quarter January–March, etc.). The forms described in this paragraph shall be retained in the public inspection file until final action has been taken on the station’s next license renewal application.

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

**50 CFR Part 648**

[Docket No. 071030625–7696–02]

RIN 0648–XG20

**Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Scup Fishery; Reduction of Winter I Commercial Possession Limit**

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

**ACTION:** Temporary rule; inseason adjustment.

**SUMMARY:** NMFS announces the reduction of the scup coastwide commercial possession limit from Maine through North Carolina for the Winter I period. Regulations governing the scup fishery require publication of this notification to advise the coastal states from Maine through North Carolina that 80 percent of the commercial quota allocated to the Winter I period is projected to be harvested and to announce that the possession limit for a Federal vessel permit holder is reduced to 1,000 lb (454 kg) of scup per trip. This possession limit will remain in effect until the end of the Winter I period (through April 30, 2008) or until the Winter I quota allocation has been fully harvested, which ever occurs first.

**DATES:** Effective 0001 hours, March 16, 2008, through April 30, 2008.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Emily Bryant, Fishery Management Specialist, (978) 281–9244.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Regulations governing the scup fishery are found at 50 CFR part 648. The regulations at § 648.120(c) require the Northeast Regional Administrator to publish annual scup quota allocations and the percentage of landings attained during the Winter I period at which the possession limits would be reduced. On December 31, 2007, NMFS published the final rule for the summer flounder, scup, and black sea bass specifications in the **Federal Register** (72 FR 74197). This final rule requires NMFS to publish a notification in the **Federal Register** advising and notifying commercial vessels and dealer permit holders that the commercial scup possession limit will be reduced once 80 percent of the Winter I Period quota is projected to be harvested. Based upon recent projections, the Regional Administrator anticipates that the 80

percent of the Federal commercial quota of 2,388,611 lb (1,083 mt) for the 2008 Winter I period will be harvested by March 15, 2008. Therefore, to maintain the integrity of the 2009 Winter I period quota by avoiding quota overages, the commercial scup possession limit will be reduced from 30,000 lb (13,608 kg) to 1,000 lb (454 kg) of scup per trip. This possession limit will remain in effect until the end of the Winter I period (through April 30, 2008) or until the Winter I quota allocation has been fully harvested, whichever ever occurs first.

#### Classification

This action is required by 50 CFR part 648 and is exempt from review under Executive Order 12866.

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

Dated: March 10, 2008.

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National Marine Fisheries Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

#### 50 CFR Part 679

[Docket No. 071106671-8010-02]

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#### Fisheries of the Economic Exclusive Zone Off Alaska; Shallow-Water Species Fishery by Vessels Using Trawl Gear in the Gulf of Alaska

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

**ACTION:** Temporary rule; closure.

**SUMMARY:** NMFS is prohibiting directed fishing for species that comprise the shallow-water species fishery by vessels using trawl gear in the Gulf of Alaska

(GOA). This action is necessary because the first seasonal apportionment of the 2008 Pacific halibut bycatch allowance specified for the shallow-water species fishery in the GOA has been reached.

**DATES:** Effective 1200 hrs, Alaska local time (A.l.t.), March 10, 2008, through 1200 hrs, A.l.t., April 1, 2008.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jennifer Hogan, 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 first seasonal apportionment of the 2008 Pacific halibut bycatch allowance specified for the shallow-water species fishery in the GOA is 450 metric tons as established by the 2008 and 2009 harvest specifications for groundfish of the GOA (73 FR 10562, February 27, 2008), for the period 1200 hrs, A.l.t., January 20, 2008, through 1200 hrs, A.l.t., April 1, 2008.

In accordance with § 679.21(d)(7)(i), the Administrator, Alaska Region, NMFS, has determined that the first seasonal apportionment of the 2008 Pacific halibut bycatch allowance specified for the trawl shallow-water species fishery in the GOA has been reached. Consequently, NMFS is prohibiting directed fishing for the shallow-water species fishery by vessels using trawl gear in the GOA. The species and species groups that comprise the shallow-water species fishery are pollock, Pacific cod, shallow-water flatfish, flathead sole, Atka mackerel, skates and "other species." This inseason adjustment does not apply to fishing for pollock by vessels using pelagic trawl gear in those portions of the GOA open to directed

fishing for pollock. This inseason adjustment does not apply to vessels fishing under a cooperative quota permit in the cooperative fishery in the Rockfish Pilot Program for the Central GOA.

After the effective date of this closure the maximum retainable amounts at § 679.20(e) and (f) apply at any time during a trip.

#### 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 requirement is impracticable and contrary to the public interest. This requirement is impracticable and contrary to the public interest as it would prevent NMFS from responding to the most recent fisheries data in a timely fashion and would delay the closure of the shallow-water species fishery by vessels using trawl gear in the GOA. NMFS was unable to publish a notice providing time for public comment because the most recent, relevant data only became available as of March 7, 2008.

The AA also finds good cause to waive the 30-day delay in the effective date of this action under 5 U.S.C. 553(d)(3). This finding is based upon the reasons provided above for waiver of prior notice and opportunity for public comment.

This action is required by § 679.21 and is exempt from review under Executive Order 12866.

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

Dated: March 7, 2008.

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