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Fisheries, Fishing, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

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#### **DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

#### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

50 CFR Part 660

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Magnuson-Stevens Act Provisions; Fisheries Off West Coast States; Pacific Coast Groundfish Fishery; 2023–2024 Biennial Specifications and Management Measures; Inseason Adjustments

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

**ACTION:** Final rule; inseason adjustments to biennial groundfish management measures.

**SUMMARY:** This final rule announces routine inseason adjustments to management measures in commercial groundfish fisheries. This action is intended to allow commercial fishing vessels to access more abundant groundfish stocks while protecting overfished and depleted stocks.

**DATES:** This final rule is effective July 23, 2024.

### ADDRESSES:

#### **Electronic Access**

This rule is accessible via the internet at the Office of the Federal Register website at https://www.federalregister.gov. Background information and documents are available at the Pacific Fishery Management Council's website at https://www.pcouncil.org/.

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## SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

### Background

The Pacific Coast Groundfish Fishery Management Plan (PCGFMP) and its

implementing regulations at title 50 in the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), part 660, subparts C through G, regulate fishing for over 90 species of groundfish off the coasts of Washington, Oregon, and California. The Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) develops groundfish harvest specifications and management measures for 2-year periods (i.e., a biennium). NMFS published the final rule to implement harvest specifications and management measures for the 2023–2024 biennium for most species managed under the PCGFMP on December 16, 2022 (87 FR 77007). In general, the management measures set at the start of the biennial harvest specifications cycle help the various sectors of the fishery attain, but not exceed, the catch limits for each stock. The Council, in coordination with Pacific Coast Treaty Indian Tribes and the States of Washington, Oregon, and California, recommends adjustments to the management measures during the fishing year to achieve this goal.

At its June 2024 meeting, the Council recommended inseason adjustments to commercial non-trawl trip limits for sablefish north of 36° N lat., widow rockfish north of 40°10' N lat., and vellowtail rockfish north 40°10' N lat. These adjustments are expected to improve attainment of these stocks in the non-trawl fishery. Pacific Coast groundfish fisheries are managed using harvest specifications or limits (e.g., overfishing limits [OFL], acceptable biological catch [ABC], annual catch limits [ACL] and harvest guidelines [HG]) recommended biennially by the Council and based on the best scientific information available at that time (50 CFR 660.60(b)). During development of the harvest specifications, the Council also recommends management measures (e.g., trip limits, area closures, and bag limits) that are meant to mitigate catch so as not to exceed the harvest specifications. The harvest specifications and mitigation measures developed for the 2023-2024 biennium used data collected through the 2021 fishing year. Each of the adjustments to mitigation measures discussed below are based on updated fisheries information that was unavailable when the analysis for the current harvest specifications was completed. As new fisheries data becomes available, adjustments to mitigation measures are projected so as to help harvesters achieve but not exceed the harvest limits.

Sablefish is an important commercial species on the U.S. West Coast with

vessels targeting sablefish with both trawl and fixed gear (longlines and pots/ traps). Sablefish is managed with a coast-wide OFL and ABC and ACLs that are apportioned north and south of 36° N lat. In 2024, the ACL for sablefish north of 36° N lat. is 7.730 metric tons (mt) with a fishery HG of 6,919 mt. The fishery HG north of 36° N lat. is further divided between the LE and OA sectors with 90.6 percent, or 6,269 mt, going to the LE sector and 9.4 percent, or 650 mt, going to the OA sector. From the 6,269 mt LE allocation, 395 mt is allocated to the LE fixed gear (LEFG) trip limit fishery.

At the June 2024 Council meeting, the Council's Groundfish Management Team (GMT) received requests from industry members and members of the Council's Groundfish Advisory Subpanel (GAP) to examine the potential to increase sablefish trips limits for the LEFG and OA fisheries north of 36° N lat. The intent of increasing trip limits would be to increase harvest opportunities for vessels targeting sablefish. Discussion with GAP and GMT members indicated that sablefish markets continue to be less lucrative than they were prior to 2020 and, consequently, that prices per pound may be a stronger predictor of participation than before, as some vessels opt to target other species instead. Therefore, for both of the northern sablefish sectors, the GMT provided data on 2024 sablefish prices to date, alongside calculated prices, to predict participation for the remainder of the year. This information can help interpret the fleetwide landings projections under each of the low, average, and high price scenarios. Predicted prices for the remainder of the year were calculated using prices in each respective period of recent year(s).

Tables 1 and 2 show projected 2024 landings and attainment under the three modeled price scenarios for status quo and for the new Council recommended trip limits for the LEFG (table 1) and OA (table 2) sectors north of 36° N lat. LEFG landings for the full year are projected to be 55-70 percent of the 2024 landings target under status quo trip limits. So far this year, five LEFG vessels have attained more than 90 percent of the status quo bimonthly limit, indicating that at least some vessels in the fleet would benefit from a trip limit increase. Therefore, the Council recommended Option 1, which projects fleetwide landings at 75-97 percent of the 2024 landings target.

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Option	Trip limit		d landings (ro		Target		ment under t	
Ориоп	THP IIIIIL	Low	Average	High	(mt)	Low (%)	Average (%)	High (%)
	4,500 lbs. (2,041.2 kg)/week not to exceed 9,000 lbs. (4,082.3 kg)/2 months.	209	237	265	a 380	55	62	70

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TABLE 1—OPTIONS FOR SABLEFISH TRIP LIMIT INCREASES IN THE LEFG SECTOR NORTH OF 36° N LAT.

7,000 lbs. (3,175.2 kg)/week not to exceed

14,000 lbs. (6,350.3 kg)/2 months.

OA landings north of 36° N lat. for the full year are projected to be 79–90 percent of the 2024 landings target under status quo trip limits. So far this

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year, three OA vessels have attained more than 90 percent of the status quo bimonthly limit, indicating that at least some vessels in the fleet would benefit from a trip limit increase. Therefore, the Council recommended Option 1, which projects fleetwide landings at 88–101 percent of the 2024 landings target.

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TABLE 2—OPTIONS FOR SABLEFISH TRIP LIMIT INCREASES IN THE OA SECTOR NORTH OF 36° N LAT.

Option	Trip limit		d landings (ro		Target		ment under t	
Орион	THP IIIIIL	Low	Average	High	(mt)	Low (%)	Average (%)	High (%)
SQ	3,000 lbs. (1,360.8 kg)/week not to exceed 6,000 lbs. (2,721.6 kg)/2 months.	492	527	563	a 626	79	85	90
Council Recommendation	3,500 lbs. (1,587.6 kg)/week not to exceed 7,000 lbs. (3,175.2 kg)/2 months.	551	592	632		88	95	101

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup> Landings target is calculated after deducting an amount of assumed discard mortality.

Trip limit increases for sablefish are intended to increase attainment of the non-trawl HG. The proposed trip limit increases do not change projected impacts to co-occurring overfished species, compared to the impacts anticipated in the 2023–2024 harvest specifications, because the projected impacts to those species assume that the entire sablefish ACL is harvested. Therefore, the Council recommended and NMFS is implementing the proposed trip limit increases, by modifying table 2 (North) and table 2 (South) to part 660, subpart E, to reflect trip limit changes for the LEFG fishery north of 36° N lat. and increase the limits from "4,500 lb (2,041 kg) per week, not to exceed 9,000 lb (4,082 kg) per two months" to "7,000 lb (3,175 kg) per week, not to exceed 14,000 lb (6,350 kg) per two months". NMFS is also implementing, by modifying table 3 (North) and table 3 (South) to part 660, subpart F, to reflect trip limit changes for the OA sablefish fishery north of 36° N lat. and increase the limits from "3,000 lb (1,361 kg) per week, not to exceed 6,000 lb (2,722 kg) per two months" to "3,500 lb (1,588 kg) per week, not to exceed 7,000 lb (3,175 kg) per two. These changes will be in effect until further revised.

The GMT also received a request from industry members at the June 2024 Council meeting to increase the yellowtail rockfish and widow rockfish OA and LEFG trip limits for the

remainder of the year. Industry members stated that the abnormally challenging weather conditions have prevented fishing effort that would have typically already occurred this year and, therefore, an increase in trip limits could help make up for lost fishing opportunity once the weather improves.

Ċurrently, between 42° and 40°10′ N lat., the non-trawl fleet in Federal waters is only permitted to use nonbottom contact gear within the Non-Trawl Rockfish Conservation Area (RCA) to access midwater shelf species due to actions taken in September (October 2, 2023, 88 FR 67656) and November (November 29, 2023, 88 FR 83354) of 2023 to mitigate California quillback rockfish encounters. The only current nearshore opportunity off northern California to target midwater rockfish (including yellowtail and widow rockfishes) stocks is with approved non-bottom contact hook-andline gear configurations. As area closures and gear restrictions have required the fleet to fish offshore, where weather conditions can have a larger impact on smaller vessels typically prosecuting these trip limits, higher trip limits may allow those vessels to land larger volumes across fewer trips, thereby promoting safety at-sea and potentially reducing fuel and operational costs associated with traveling farther offshore.

Widow rockfish is managed with a coast-wide ACL. In 2024, the ACL for widow rockfish is 11,482 mt with a

fishery HG of 11,243.7 mt. The fishery HG is further apportioned between the trawl and non-trawl sectors with 10,843.7 mt going to the trawl sector and 400 mt going to the non-trawl sector. Yellowtail rockfish are managed with stock-specific harvest specifications north of 40°10' N lat. and within the Minor Shelf Rockfish complex south of 40°10' N lat. In 2024, the ACL for vellowtail rockfish north of 40°10′ N lat. is 5,291 mt with a fishery HG of 4,263.3 mt. The fishery HG is further apportioned between the trawl and non-trawl sectors with 88 percent (3,751.7 mt) going to the trawl sector and 12 percent (511.6 mt) going to nontrawl.

LEFG and OA vessels currently land less than 0.1 percent of the non-trawl allocations of yellowtail and widow rockfishes. The trip limit increases may help facilitate the attainment of the National Standard 1 objective to attain but not exceed optimum yield, while posing very limited risk to co-occurring stocks. For example, canary rockfish are a co-occurring species of concern but are being attained well under their nontrawl commercial allocation. Therefore, the increase of vellowtail and widow rockfish trip limits would unlikely jeopardize their allocation nor create regulatory discards.

Table 3 below shows status quo and new Council recommend trip limits for widow rockfish north of 40°10′ N lat., and table 4 shows the GMT projected landings for 2024 under those limits. To

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup> Landings target is calculated after deducting an amount of assumed discard mortality.

date, fewer than three vessels operating in the LEFG sector have landed widow rockfish north of 40°10′ N lat. in 2024. None of these vessels have come within 50 percent of the trip limit in 2024. Therefore, the projection for the LEFG sector in table 4 does not change under status quo or the Council Recommendation. In the OA sector, there are 12 vessels operating that have landed widow rockfish to date in 2024.

Fewer than 3 of these vessels have come within 50 percent of the trip limit.

There would be no conservation risk to the stock if the trip limits increase since it is expected that not many fishery participants would take advantage of the Council's recommended higher trip limits and under both options the sectors would remain well under one percent of the non-trawl allocation of 400 mt. Therefore, the Council recommended and NMFS is implementing higher trip limits, by modifying table 2 (North) to part 660, subpart E, and table 3 (North) to part 660, subpart F, for LEFG and OA widow rockfish north of 40°10' N lat. as shown in table 3 below. This will allow fishery participants an opportunity to harvest a greater amount in fewer trips, when the weather permits, so as to promote safety at sea and improve attainment of the stock in the non-trawl fishery. These changes will be in effect until further revised.

TABLE 3—STATUS QUO AND COUNCIL RECOMMENDED TRIP LIMITS FOR LEFG/OA WIDOW ROCKFISH NORTH OF 40°10′ N LAT.

Option	Sector	Area	Jan-Feb	Mar-Apr	May-Jun	Jul-Aug	Sep-Oct	Nov-Dec
Status Quo	LE	N of 40°10' N lat		4	,000 lbs. (1,814	.4 kg)/2 month	S.	
	OA	N of 40°10' N lat		2	2,000 lbs. (907.	2 kg)/2 months	i.	
Council Recommendation	LE	N of 40°10' N lat	4,000 lbs	. (1,814.4 kg)/2	2 months.	6,000 lbs	. (2,721.6 kg)/2	2 months.
	OA	N of 40°10' N lat	2,000 lb	s. (907.2 kg)/2	months.	3,000 lbs	. (1,360.8 kg)/2	2 months.

TABLE 4—GMT PROJECTED COASTWIDE WIDOW ROCKFISH LANDINGS FOR 2024

Option	Sector	Projected landings (mt) N of 40°10' N lat.	Projected landings (mt) S of 40°10′ N lat.	Coastwide non-trawl allocation (mt)	% Attainment
Status Quo	LE OA	1.0 5.2	0.1 1.5	400	<0.1
Council Recommendation	LE OA	1.0 7.1	0.1 1.5	400	<0.1

Table 5 below shows status quo and new Council recommended trip limits for yellowtail rockfish north of 40°10′ N lat. and table 6 shows the projected landings under those limits. To date in 2024, only three vessels operating in the LEFG sector have landed yellowtail rockfish north of 40°10' N lat. None of these vessels have come within 50 percent of the trip limit. Therefore, the projection of 2.3 mt in landings in the LEFG in 2024 does not change. In the OA sector, there are 44 vessels operating remain under one percent of the non-

that have landed yellowtail rockfish to date in 2024, but similarly, none of the vessels have come within 50 percent of the trip limit. Therefore, it is not expected they would attain the limit, as they are still projected at 2.0 mt. regardless of the increase in trip limits.

In 2023, fewer than three vessels reached or exceeded their trip limits. There would be no conservation risk to the stock if trip limits increase since it is expected that both sectors would

trawl allocation. Therefore, the Council recommended and NMFS is implementing, higher trip limits by modifying table 2 (North) to part 660, subpart E, and table 3 (North) to part 660, subpart F, to reflect trip limit changes for LEFG and OA vellowtail rockfish north of 40°10′ N lat., as shown in table 5 below, in order to promote safety at sea and increase opportunity for the fishery to achieve its 2024 catch limits. These changes will be in effect until further revised.

TABLE 5—STATUS QUO AND ALTERNATIVE TRIP LIMIT OPTIONS FOR LE/OA YELLOWTAIL ROCKFISH NORTH OF 40°10' N LAT.

Option	Sector	Area	Jan-Feb	Mar-Apr	May-Jun	Jul-Aug	Sep-Oct	Nov-Dec
Status Quo	LE	N of 40°10' N lat			3,000 lbs. (1,36	60.8 kg)/month	•	
	OA	N of 40°10' N lat			1,500 lbs. (68	0.4 kg)/month.		_
Council Recommendation	LE	N of 40°10' N lat	3,000 lb	os. (1,360.8 kg)	)/month.	4,500 lt	os. (2,041.2 kg)	/month.
	OA	N of 40°10' N lat	1,500	lbs. (680.4 kg)/	month.	2,500	lbs. (1,134 kg)/	month.

Option	Sector	Projected landings (mt)	Non-trawl allocation (mt)	% Attainment
Status Quo	LE OA	2.3 2.0	512	<0.1
Council Recommendation	LE OA	2.3 2.0	512	<0.1

TABLE 6—PROJECTED YELLOWTAIL ROCKFISH NORTH OF 40°10' N LAT. LANDINGS FOR 2024

#### Classification

This final rule makes routine inseason adjustments to groundfish fishery management measures, based on the best scientific information available, consistent with the PCGFMP and its implementing regulations.

This action is taken under the authority of 50 CFR 660.60(c) and is exempt from review under Executive Order 12866.

The aggregate data upon which these actions are based are available for public inspection by contacting the NMFS West Coast Region (see FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT, above), or view at the NMFS West Coast Groundfish website: https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/region/west-coast.

Pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 553(b), NMFS finds good cause to waive prior public notice and an opportunity for public comment on this action, as notice and comment would be impracticable and contrary to the public interest. The adjustments to management measures in this document modify restrictive trip limits to fisheries in Washington, Oregon, and California, which were developed to keep catch within allocations established by the 2023-2024 harvest specifications. Management measures set at the start of a biennial cycle are intended to help the fishery attain, but not exceed, the catch limits for each stock. The adjustments to commercial non-trawl trip limits for sablefish north of 36° N lat., widow rockfish north of 40°10′ N lat., and yellowtail rockfish north 40°10′ N lat. implemented through this action will improve attainment of these stocks without exceeding their 2023–2024 catch limits. No aspect of this action is controversial, and changes of this nature were anticipated in the final rule for the 2023–2024 harvest specifications and management measures, which published on December 16, 2022 (87 FR 77007).

Delaying implementation to allow for public comment would likely reduce the economic benefits of this action to the commercial fishing industry and the businesses that rely on that industry, because it would be unlikely that the new regulations would publish and could be implemented before the end of the 2024 calendar year. Therefore, providing a comment period for this action could significantly limit the economic benefits to the fishery, and would hamper the potential to achieve optimum yield from the affected fisheries.

Therefore, the NMFS finds reason to waive the 30-day delay in effectiveness pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 553(d)(1) so that this final rule may become effective upon publication in the **Federal Register**. The adjustments to management measures in this document affect commercial fisheries by

increasing opportunity and relieving participants of the more restrictive trip limits. These adjustments were requested by the Council's advisory bodies, as well as members of industry during the Council's June 2024 meeting, and are recommended by the Council. No aspect of this action is controversial, and changes of this nature were anticipated in the biennial harvest specifications and management measures established through a notice and comment rulemaking for 2023–2024 (December 16, 2022, 87 FR 77007).

#### List of Subjects in 50 CFR Part 660

Fisheries, Fishing, Indian fisheries.

Dated: July 18, 2024.

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For the reasons set out in the preamble, NMFS amends 50 CFR part 660 as follows:

# PART 660—FISHERIES OFF WEST COAST STATES

■ 1. The authority citation for part 660 continues to read as follows:

**Authority:** 16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*, 16 U.S.C. 773 *et seq.*, and 16 U.S.C. 7001 *et seq.* 

■ 2. Revise table 2 (North) to part 660, subpart E, to read as follows:
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з  42°0	0' N lat 40°10'	N lat.			Shoreward EE	Z - 75 fm line <sup>1/</sup>		
See §§		230 for additional gear, trip						
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23		42°00' N lat 40°10' N lat.			0 lb/ 2	months		
		Black Rockfish			0 10/ 2	HOHUIS		
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 $\blacksquare$  3. Revise table 2 (South) to part 660, subpart E, to read as follows:

	Other limits and requirements apply Read §§660.10	JAN-FEB	MAR-APR	MAY-JUN	JUL-AUG	SEP-OCT	7/1/202 NOV-DEC
	ckfish Conservation Area (RCA) <sup>1/</sup> :						
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	37°07' N lat 34°27' N lat.		4/	50 fm line <sup>1/</sup>			
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	ee §§660.60 and 660.230 for additional gear, trip I conservation area descriptions au Minor Slope rockfish <sup>2/</sup> & Darkblotched	nd coordinates (i	ncluding RCAs,	YRCAs, Farallon Is	slands, Cordell B	ank, and EFHCAs)	
	rockfish		40,000 lb/ 2 montl	ns, of which no more	than 6,000 lb may	be blackgill rockfish	
	Splitnose rockfish			40,000 lb/	2 months		
_	Sablefish						
7	40°10' N lat 36°00' N lat.	4,500 lb/ week,	not to exceed 9,0		·	k, not to exceed 14,0	000 lb /2 months
9	South of 36 00' N lat.			2,500			
	Longspine thornyhead Shortspine thornyhead			10,000 lb/	2 months		
11	40°10' N lat 34°27' N lat.		2,000 lb/ 2 months			2,500 lb/ 2 months	
12	South of 34°27' N lat.			3,000 lb/	2 months		
	Dover sole, arrowtooth flounder, petrale sole,	·		10,000 I	b/ month		
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	Minor Shelf Rockfish <sup>2/</sup>			10,000	, io, trip		
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20	37°07' N lat 34°27' N lat.	8	3,000 lb/2 month p	eriod, of which no m	ore than 500 lb ma	y be vermilion/sunse	et
21	South of 34°27' N lat.		5,000 lb/ 2 month	s, of which no more	than 3,000 lb may	be vermilion/sunset	
22 23	Widow rockfish 40°10' N lat 34°27' N lat.			10 000 11-	2 months		
24	South of 34°27' N lat.			8,000 lb/			
_	Chilipepper rockfish			0,000 15/	2 111011410		
26	40°10' N lat 34°27' N lat.			10.000 lb.	/ 2 months		
27	South of 34°27' N lat.				2 months		
	Canary rockfish			3,500 lb/			
	Yelloweye rockfish	<u> </u>			SED		
	Quillback rockfish Cowcod			0 lb/ 2	months SED		
	Bronzespotted rockfish				SED		
33	Bocaccio			8,000 lb/			
_	Minor Nearshore Rockfish						
35	40°10' N lat 36° N lat. Shallow nearshore			0 lb/ 2			
36	South of 36° N lat. Shallow nearshore				2 months		
37	40°10' N lat 36° N lat. Deeper nearshore <sup>5/</sup>			0 lb/ 2			
38	South of 36° N lat. Deeper nearshore <sup>5/</sup>		2,000 lb/ 2 mor	ths, of which no mor		e copper rockfish	
	California Scorpionfish Lingcod <sup>6/</sup>			3,500 lb/	2 months		
41	40°10' N lat 37°07' N lat.	1 600 ⊩	2 months seawa	rd of the Non-Trawl	RCA: 0 lb / 2 mont	hs inside the non-tra	IM RCA
42	South of 37°07' N lat.	1,000 ii.		1,600 lb /			
43	Pacific cod			1,000 lb/			
44	Spiny dogfish	200,000 lb/	2 months	150,000 lb/ 2		100,000 lb/ 2 month	ns
	Longnose skate			months	l nited		
	Other Fish <sup>7/</sup>				months		
47	Cabezon in California						
48	40°10' N lat 36° N lat.			0 lb/ 2			
49 50	South of 36° N lat.  Big Skate			Unlir Unlir			
	The Rockfish Conservation Area is an area closed to fishing by	/ particular dear tyne	s. bounded by lines				
	and longitude coordinates set out at §§ 660.71-660.74. This						
	depth contour boundary south of 42° N lat.), and the boundar						
	than the depth contour. Vessels that are subject to RCA rest						
	other than transiting. LEFG vessels may be allowed to fish in See § 660.230 (d) of the regulations for more information.	side groundfish consi	ervation areas using	ioi-pollorii contact hoc	n and line only.		
	Minor Shelf and Slope Rockfish complexes are defined at § 6	60.11. Pacific ocean	perch is included in t	ne trip limits for Minor S	Slope Rockfish. Black	gill rockfish have a	
	species specific trip sub-limit within the Minor Slope Rockfish						
	rockfish have a species specific trip limit.						
	Other Flatfish" are defined at § 660.11 and include butter sole		d sole, Pacific sandd	ab, rex sole, rock sole,	and sand sole.		
	Shallow Nearshore" are defined at § 660.11 under "Groundfis	n: (7)(I)(B)(1).					
	Deener Negrebore" are defined at \$ 660.11 under "Commelling	h" (7)(i)(B)(2)					
5/ "	Deeper Nearshore" are defined at § 660.11 under "Groundfis he commercial mimimum size limit for lingcod is 22 inches (56		th of 42° N lat.				

■ 4. Revise table 3 (North) to part 660, subpart F, to read as follows:

	Other limits and require	ements apply Read §§660.10 t	hrough 660.399 bef	ore using this table					7/1/20
			JAN-FEB	MAR-APR	MAY-	JUN	JUL-AUG	SEP-OCT	NOV-DEC
	kfish Conservation	Area (RCA) <sup>1/</sup> :							
	North of 46°16' N lat. 46°16' N lat 42°00' N	11-4					- 100 fm line <sup>1/</sup>		
_	42°00' N lat 42°00' N						75 fm line <sup>1/</sup> 2 - 75 fm line <sup>1/</sup>		
_		and 660.333 for additional gea	r trin limit and co	ncorrection area r				660 70 660 74 and	1 88660 76 660 70
	for co	onservation area descriptions					ands, Cordell Bai		1 99000.7 0-000.7 9
	Pacific ocean perch Sablefish		3 000 lb/week	not to exceed 6.00	Ω lb/ 2 mon	100 lb/ i		, not to exceed 7,00	00 lb/ 2 months
	Shortpine thornyhea	ds	3,000 lb/ week	, not to exceed 0,00	JU 10/ Z 111011	50 lb/ n		, not to exceed 7,00	JO ID/ 2 MONUTS
	Longspine thornyhea					50 lb/ n	nonth		
		th flounder, petrale sole,				5,000 lb/	month		
	English sole, starry f Other Flatfish <sup>3/</sup>	lounder							
11	other riuthon	North of 42°00' N lat.				5,000 lb/	month		
12		42°00' N lat 40°10' N lat.	5.	,000 lb/ month seaw	vard of the n	on-trawl R	CA; 0 lb/month insi	de the non-trawl RC	A
	Whiting	21				300 lb/ i	month		
14	Minor Shelf Rockfish	North of 42°00' N lat.				800 lb/ r	month		
16		42°00' N lat 40°10' N lat.				600 lb/r			
	Widow rockfish			2,000 lb/ 2 months		$ \top$		3,000 lb/ 2 months	
	Yellowtail rockfish Canary rockfish			1,500 lb/month		1,000 lb/ 2	months	2,500 lb/month	
20	Yelloweye rockfish					CLOS			
21	Quillback rockfish	42°00' N lat 40°10' N lat.				0 lb/ 2 m	onthe		
	Minor Nearshore Roo	42°00' N lat 40°10' N lat.    kfish, Oregon black/blue/dea	con rockfish. & bl	ack rockfish		U IIX Z IT	IOHIIS		
24		North of 42°00' N lat.			0 lb of which	n may be s	pecies other than I	black rockfish or blue	e/deacon rockfish <sup>4/</sup>
25		42°00' N lat 40°10' N lat. Minor Nearshore Rockfish				0 lb/ 2 m	nonths		
26		42°00' N lat 40°10' N lat. Black rockfish				0 lb/ 2 m	nonths		
27 28	Lingcod <sup>5/</sup>	North of 40°00! N lot				5,500 lb/	month		
29		North of 42 00' N lat. 42 00' N lat 40 10' N lat.	1	000 lb/ month seaw	ard of the n			ide the non-trawl RC	:Δ
$\rightarrow$	Pacific cod	42 00 14 ldt 40 10 14 ldt.	.,			1,000 lb/ 2			
31	Spiny dogfish		200,000 lb	/ 2 months	150,000			100,000 lb/ 2 months	s
- 1	Longnose skate		*		mont	hs   Unlim		•	
33	Big skate					Unlim	ited		
	Other Fish <sup>6/</sup>					Unlim			
	Cabezon in Californi Oregon Cabezon/Kel					0 lb/ 2 m Unlim			
		bject to RCAs when retaining a	I species of ground	fish, except for yell	owtail rockfi			l below)	
38	North		within and outside of per trip, up to a trip during times whe described in the ta	If the RCA. Salmor limit of 10 lingcod, n lingcod retention ble above, and not i	n trollers may on a trip who is allowed, a in addition to	y retain an ere any fis nd is not " those lim	d land up to 1 lingo hing occurs within CLOSED." These its. All groundfish s	h as long as salmon od per 2 Chinook pe the RCA. The lingo s limits are within the pecies are subject t e, unless otherwise s	er trip, plus 1 lingcod od limit only applies e per month limits to the open access
39	PINK SHRIMP NON-G	ROUNDFISH TRAWL (not sub	ect to RCAs)						
- 1			lb/trip. The follow	ing sublimits also a	pply and are	counted t	oward the overall 5	of days of the trip, r 00 lb/day and 1,500 th; canary, thornyhe	lb/trip groundfish eads and yelloweye
40	North		rockfish are PRO lb/trip groundfish l	HIBITED. All other imits. Landings of t	groundfish s hese specie	species ta s count to	ken are managed u ward the per day a	inder the overall 500 nd per trip groundfis ed the amount of pir	h limits and do not
1/ Tr	he Rockfish Conservation and or lines specifically defined	Area is an area closed to fishing by p d by latitude and longitude coordinate	rockfish are PRO lb/trip groundfish li have species-sp articular gear types, bo s set out at §§ 660.71-	HIBITED. All other imits. Landings of the ecific limits. The arounded by the EEZ (ex 660.74. This RCA is a second control of the ecific limits.	groundfish s hese specie mount of gro kclusive econo not defined by	species ta s count to undfish la mic zone, i.	ken are managed u ward the per day a nded may not exce e., federal waters fro ours (with the excepti	nd per trip groundfis ed the amount of pir m 3-200 nautical miles	h limits and do not nk shrimp landed.
1/ Ti	he Rockfish Conservation / or lines specifically defined depth contour boundary so than the depth contour. Vo		rockfish are PRO lb/trip groundfish li have species-sp articular gear types, bo s set out at §§ 660.71- nes that define the RC tions may not fish in the	HIBITED. All other imits. Landings of the ecific limits. The answunded by the EEZ (expended by the RCA is A may close areas the RCA, or operate in the RCA.	groundfish s hese specie mount of gro clusive econo not defined by at are deeper the RCA for a	species ta se count to fundfish la mic zone, i. depth cont or shallowerny purpose	ken are managed u ward the per day a nded may not exce e., federal waters fro ours (with the exception	nd per trip groundfis ed the amount of pir m 3-200 nautical miles	h limits and do not nk shrimp landed.
1/ Th	he Rockfish Conservation or lines specifically defined depth contour boundary so than the depth contour. Viother than transiting, Oper See § 660.330 (d) of the linor Shelf and Slope Rock	I by latitude and longitude coordinate buth of 42° N lat.), and the boundary essels that are subject to RCA restrin a access vessels may be allowed to f regulations for more information. fish complexes are defined at § 660.	rockfish are PRO lb/trip groundfish in have species-sp articular gear types, bot is set out at §§ 660.71- nes that define the RC tions may not fish in the sh inside groundfish co	HIBITED. All other imits. Landings of the ecific limits. The are bunded by the EEZ (ex 660.74. This RCA is a A may close areas the e RCA, or operate in the reversition areas using	groundfish s hese specie mount of gro  colusive econo not defined by at are deeper the RCA for al g hook and line	species ta se count to sundfish la mic zone, i. depth cont or shallowerny purpose e only.	ken are managed u ward the per day a nded may not exce e., federal waters fro ours (with the exception	nd per trip groundfis ed the amount of pir im 3-200 nautical miles on of the 20-fm	h limits and do not nk shrimp landed.
1/ TF	he Rockfish Conservation / or lines specifically defined depth control woundary so than the depth contour. Vi other than transiting. Oper isce § 600,300 (d) of the linor Shelf and Sope Rock rockfish is included in the 50ther flatfish are defined a	it by latitude and longitude coordinate uth of 42° N lat.), and the boundary lessels that are subject to RCA restrict a access vessels may be allowed to fregulations for more information. If she complexes are defined at § 600. trip limits for Minor Slope Rockfish, at § 600.11 and include butter sole, c	rockfish are PRO (b/trip groundfish I have species-sp articular gear types, be s set out at \$§ 660.71- nes that define the RC titions may not fish in th sh inside groundfish co 11. Bocaccio, chilipepp urlfin sole, flathead sole	HIBITED. All other mits. Landings of the certific limits. The air bunded by the EEZ (evident). This RCA is a May close areas the eRCA, or operate in the inservation areas using er and cowcod rockfise. Pacific sanddab, rev	groundfish shese species mount of groundfish seminant of ground of groundfished by at are deeper the RCA for any ghook and linushes are included as sole, rock so	species ta es count to bundfish la mic zone, i. depth cont or shallowe my purpose e only. ded in the tr	ken are managed user day a anded may not exce e., federal waters frours (with the exception or with the for Minor She id sole.	nd per trip groundfis ed the amount of pir im 3-200 nautical miles on of the 20-fm	h limits and do not nk shrimp landed.
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 $\blacksquare$  5. Revise table 3 (South) to part 660, subpart F, to read as follows:

	Other limits and require	ements apply Read §§660.10 thr			Limits for Open A			7/1/20:
			JAN-FEB	MAR-APR	MAY-JUN	JUL-AUG	SEP-OCT	NOV-DEC
	ckfish Conservation							
	40°10' N lat 37°07' N				Shoreward EEZ			
	37°07' N lat 34°27' N	I lat.			50 fm line <sup>1/</sup> -			
3	South of 34°27' N lat.				150 fm line <sup>1/</sup> (also a			
		0.230 for additional gear, trip lineservation area descriptions an						1.76-660.79 for
	-	h <sup>2/</sup> & Darkblotched rockfish		10,000 lb/ 2 month	s, of which no more		be blackgill rockfish	
	Splitnose rockfish Sablefish				200 lb/	month		
7	Sabielisli	40°10' N lat 36°00' N lat.	2 000 lb/wool	c, not to exceed 6,00	0 lb/2 months	2 500 lb/woo	k, not to exceed 7,00	0 lb/2 months
8			3,000 lb/ week	·		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		U ID/ Z ITIOTILIS
-	Shortpine thornyhea	South of 36°00' N lat.		2,00	0 lb/ week, not to exc	ceea 6,000 lb/ 2 m	ontns	
10	onortpine montynea	40°10' N lat 34°27' N lat.			50 lb/ r	month		
,,,	Longspine thornyhea				30 lb/ l	nondi		
12		40°10' N lat 34°27' N lat.			50 lb/ r	month		
13	Shortpine thornyhea							
	thornyheads							
14		South of 34 27' N lat.		10	10 lb/ day, no more th	an 1,000 lb/ 2 mor	nths	
	Dover sole, arrowtoo	oth flounder, petrale sole,						
	English sole, starry f				5,000 lb	/ month		
	Other Flatfish <sup>3/</sup>							
17	Other Flattish	40°10' N lat 37°07' N lat.	5.0	200 lb/ month coows	rd of the Non Troud F	PCA: 0 lb/month in	side the Non-Trawl R	24
18		South of 37°07' N lat.	3,0	JOO ID! TIDIIIII SEAWA	5,000 lb.		side tile Noti-Trawits	JA
	Whiting	South of 37 of IN lat.			300 lb/			
	Minor Shelf Rockfish				000 107	monar		
21		40°10' N lat 37°07' N lat.		3,000 lb/ 2 montl	ns, of which no more	than 300 lb may be	e vermilion/sunset	
22		37°07' N lat 34°27' N lat.		4,000 lb/ 2 mon	th, of which no more	than 300 lb may be	e vermilion/sunset	
23		South of 34°27' N lat.		3,000 lb/ 2 montl	ns, of which no more	than 900 lb may be	e vermilion/sunset	
	Widow rockfish							
25		40°10' N lat 34°27' N lat.			6,000 lb/ 2			
26		South of 34°27' N lat.			4,000 lb/	2 months		
	Chilipepper rockfish							
28		40°10' N lat 34°27' N lat.			6,000 lb/ 2			
29	Canary rockfish	South of 34°27' N lat.			4,000 lb/ 2			
	Yelloweve rockfish				1,500 lb/ 2 CLOS			
	Cowcod				CLOS			
	Bronzespotted rockf	ish			CLOS			
34	Quillback rockfish				0 lb/ 2 r			
	Bocaccio				6,000 lb/ 2	2 months		•
	Minor Nearshore Ro							
37		6°00' N lat. Shallow nearshore			0 lb/ 2 r			
38		5°00' N lat. Shallow nearshore			2,000 lb/:			
39		6°00' N lat. Deeper nearshore <sup>5/</sup>			0 lb/ 2 r			
40		°00' N lat. Deeper nearshore <sup>5/</sup>		2,000 lb/ 2 mor	ths, of which no more		e copper rockfish	
	California Scorpionf	isn			3,500 lb/ 2	2 months		
42 43	Lingcod <sup>6/</sup>			700 lb / tb -		04.016/	:d- #b # 150	
		40°10' N lat 37°07' N lat.		າບບ ເວ/ montn seawa			side the non-trawl RC/	4
44	Docific cod	South of 37°07' N lat.			700 lb /			
	Pacific cod				1,000 lb/ 2 150,000 lb/ 2	z months		
	Spiny dogfish Longnose skate		200,000 lb	o/ 2 months	months Unlim	nitod	100,000 lb/ 2 months	•
	Longnose skate Big skate				Unlim Unlim			
	Other Fish <sup>7/</sup>				Unlim			
	Cabezon in Californi	ia .			- CIIIIII			
51		40°10' N lat 36°00' N lat.			0 lb/ m	nonth		

	Other limits and requirements apply Read §§660.1	through 660.399 be	fore using this table				7/1/20
_	***	JAN-FEB	MAR-APR	MAY-JUN	JUL-AUG	SEP-OCT	NOV-DEC
Ro	ockfish Conservation Area (RCA)1/:						
	40°10' N lat 36°00' N lat.			Shoreward EE2	21/ - 75 fm line1/		
_	36°00' N lat 34°27' N lat.			50 fm line <sup>1/</sup> -			
	South of 34°27' N lat.		400 f F 1/	- 150 fm line 1/ (also a		to a called at all all	
3		11 14 1					
	See §§660.60 and 660.230 for additional gear, tr conservation area descriptions	and coordinates (i	ncluding RCAs, YI	RCAs, Farallon Isla	nds, Cordell Bank		0.76-660.79 tor
59	SALMON TROLL (subject to RCAs when retaining	all species of ground	dfish, except for yello	owtail rockfish, as de	scribed below)		
60	South of 40°10' N la	cumulative limit of 2 t. minor shelf rockfish	200 lb/month, both wi n between 40°10' and	to 1 lb of yellowtail ro thin and outside of th d 34°27' N lat., and n e limits and RCA rest	e RCA. This limit is ot in addition to that	within the 4,000 lb limit. All groundfish	per 2 month limit for species are subject
61	RIDGEBACK PRAWN AND, SOUTH OF 38°57.50'	N lat., CA HALIBUT	AND SEA CUCUM	BER NON-GROUN	DFISH TRAWL		
62	NON-GROUNDFISH TRAWL Rockfish Conservat	ion Area (RCA) for	CA Halibut, Sea Cu	ucumber & Ridgeba	ick Prawn:		
		100 fm line 1/ -					100 fm line 1/ -
63	40°10′ N lat 38°00′ N la	t. 200 fm line 1/		100 fm line 1/	150 fm line <sup>1</sup> ∕		200 fm line 1/
64	38°00' N lat 34°27' N la			100 fm line 1/	150 fm line 1/		
65							
00	South of 34°27' N la	L.		100 fm line 1/	ι ου τη iine "		
66	5	participating in the	California halibut fish	per trip" limit may not nery south of 38°57.5	0' N lat. are allowed	to (1) land up to 10	0 lb/day of
66	5	participating in the groundfish without lb/month of flatfish,	California halibut fish the ratio requirement no more than 300 lb , curlfin sole, or Calif		0' N lat. are allowed st one California ha cies other than Pad	I to (1) land up to 10 libut is landed and (; cific sanddabs, sand	the trip. Vessels 10 lb/day of 2) land up to 3,000 1 sole, starry
	PINK SHRIMP NON-GROUNDFISH TRAWL GEAR	participating in the groundfish without lb/month of flatfish, flounder, rock sole closures in line 29)	California halibut fish the ratio requirement no more than 300 lb , curlfin sole, or Calif	nery south of 38°57.5 t, provided that at lead of which may be spe	0' N lat. are allowed st one California ha cies other than Pad	I to (1) land up to 10 libut is landed and (; cific sanddabs, sand	the trip. Vessels 10 lb/day of 2) land up to 3,000 1 sole, starry
	PINK SHRIMP NON-GROUNDFISH TRAWL GEAR	participating in the groundfish without ib/month of flatfish, flounder, rock sole closures in line 29)  (not subject to RCA  Effective April 1 - (lb/trip. The followir limits: lingcod 300 yelloweye rockfish 1,500 lb/ trip grour specific sublimits d	California halibut fish the ratio requirement no more than 300 lb curlfin sole, or Calif	nery south of 38°57.5 t, provided that at lead of which may be spe	0° N lat. are allowed st one California ha cices other than Pac alifornia scorpionfis alifornia scorpionfis plied by the number oward the overall 5 ablefish 2,000 lb/ m pecies taken are m pecies count towarn tits described in the	I to (1) land up to 10 libut is landed and (i) fife sanddabs, sands in also subject to of days of the trip, 00 lb/ day and 1,50 nonth; canary rockfi anaged under the o	the trip. Vessels  Ol Ib/day of 2) land up to 3,000 d sole, starry the trip limits and  not to exceed 1,500  Dl Ib/ trip groundfish sh, thornyheads and cirplo or other species-
67	PINK SHRIMP NON-GROUNDFISH TRAWL GEAR	participating in the groundfish without ib/month of flatfish, flounder, rock sole closures in line 29)  (not subject to RCA  Effective April 1 - (lib/trip. The followir limits: lingcod 300 yelloweye rockfish 1,500 lb/ trip grour specific sublimits d of groundfish lande	California halibut fish the ratio requirement no more than 300 lb curlfin sole, or Calif	ery south of 38°57.5 I, provided that at lea of which may be spe- ornia scorpionfish (C fish: 500 lb/day, multi- bly and are counted to 24 inch size limit); s All other groundfish s be species-specific lie e amount of pink shr	0° N lat. are allowed st one California ha cices other than Pac alifornia scorpionfis alifornia scorpionfis plied by the number oward the overall 5 ablefish 2,000 lb/ m pecies taken are m pecies count towarn tits described in the	I to (1) land up to 10 libut is landed and (i) fife sanddabs, sands in also subject to of days of the trip, 00 lb/ day and 1,50 nonth; canary rockfi anaged under the o	the trip. Vessels  Ol Ib/day of 2) land up to 3,000 d sole, starry the trip limits and  not to exceed 1,500  Dl Ib/ trip groundfish sh, thornyheads and cirplo or other species-
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#### **DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

#### 50 CFR Part 679

[Docket No. 240227-0061; RTID 0648-XE015]

Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pacific Cod by Vessels Using Jig Gear in the Central Regulatory Area of 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 Pacific cod by vessels using jig gear in the Central Regulatory Area of the Gulf of Alaska (GOA). This action is necessary to prevent exceeding the

2024 total allowable catch (TAC) of Pacific cod by vessels using jig gear in the Central Regulatory Area of the GOA.

**DATES:** Effective 1200 hours, Alaska local time (A.l.t.), July 19, 2024, through 2400 hours, A.l.t., December 31, 2024.

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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 (Magnuson-Stevens 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 2024 Pacific cod TAC apportioned to vessels using jig gear in the Central Regulatory Area of the GOA is 309 metric tons (mt) as established by the final 2024 and 2025 harvest

specifications for groundfish in the GOA (89 FR 15484, March 4, 2024).

In accordance with § 679.20(d)(1)(iii), the Regional Administrator has determined that the 2024 Pacific cod TAC apportioned to vessels using jig gear in the Central Regulatory Area of the GOA has been reached. Consequently, NMFS is prohibiting directed fishing for Pacific cod by vessels using jig gear in the Central Regulatory Area of the GOA.

#### Classification

NMFS issues this action pursuant to section 305(d) of the Magnuson-Stevens Act. This action is required by 50 CFR part 679, which was issued pursuant to section 304(b), and is exempt from review under Executive Order 12866.

Pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 553(b)(B), there is good cause to waive prior notice and an opportunity for public comment on this action, as notice and comment would be impracticable and contrary to the public interest, as it would prevent NMFS from responding to the most recent fisheries data in a timely fashion,