	Other limits and requirements	s apply Read §§660.10 t	through 660.399 bet	ore using this table				7/1/202
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1	40°10' N lat 36°00' N lat.				Shoreward EE2	2 <sup>1/</sup> - 75 fm line <sup>1/</sup>		
2	36°00' N lat 34°27' N lat.				50 fm line <sup>1/</sup> -	75 fm line <sup>1/</sup>		
	South of 34°27' N lat.			100 fm line <sup>1/</sup> -	150 fm line <sup>1/</sup> (also a		ids and banks)	
	See §§660.60 and 660.230	for additional goar trip	limit and concord					0 76 660 79 for
	conserva	ation area descriptions a	and coordinates (i	ncluding RCAs, YR	CAs, Farallon Isla	nds, Cordell Ban		0.70-000.79101
59	SALMON TROLL (subject	to RCAs when retaining a	Il species of ground	fish, except for yello	wtail rockfish, as de	scribed below)		
60		South of 40°10' N lat.	cumulative limit of 2 minor shelf rockfish	y retain and land up to 00 lb/month, both with between 40°10' and limits, seasons, size	hin and outside of th 34°27' N lat., and n	e RCA. This limit i ot in addition to tha	s within the 4,000 lb It 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 CUCUME	BER NON-GROUN	DFISH TRAWL		
62	NON-GROUNDFISH TRAW	VL Rockfish Conservatio	on Area (RCA) for	CA Halibut, Sea Cu	cumber & Ridgeba	ack Prawn:		
			100 fm line <sup>1/</sup> -					100 fm line 1/ -
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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.

# FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Adam Zaleski, 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 (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, 59690

and would delay the closure of Pacific cod by vessels using jig gear in the Central Regulatory Area of 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 July 17, 2024.

The Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, NOAA 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.

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

Dated: July 18, 2024.

### Lindsay Fullenkamp,

Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service. [FR Doc. 2024–16167 Filed 7–19–24; 8:45 am] BILLING CODE 3510–22–P

# **DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

# National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

# 50 CFR Part 679

[Docket No. 240227-0061; RTID 0648-XE006]

# Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Dusky Rockfish in the West Yakutat District 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 dusky rockfish in the West Yakutat District of the Gulf of Alaska (GOA). This action is necessary to prevent exceeding the 2024 total allowable catch of dusky rockfish in the West Yakutat District of the GOA. DATES: Effective 1200 hours, Alaska local time (A.l.t.), July 18, 2024, through 2400 hours, A.l.t., December 31, 2024. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Steve Whitney, 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 (Magnuson-Stevens Act). Regulations governing fishing by

U.S. vessels in accordance with the FMP appear at subpart H of 50 CFR parts 600 and 679.

The 2024 total allowable catch (TAC) of dusky rockfish in the West Yakutat District of the GOA is 84 metric tons (mt) as established by the final 2024 and 2025 harvest specifications for groundfish of the GOA (89 FR 15484, March 4, 2024).

In accordance with §679.20(d)(1)(i), the Administrator, Alaska Region, NMFS (Regional Administrator), has determined that the 2024 TAC of dusky rockfish in the West Yakutat District of the GOA will soon be reached. Therefore, the Regional Administrator is establishing a directed fishing allowance of 54 mt, and is setting aside the remaining 30 mt as bycatch to support other anticipated groundfish fisheries. In accordance with §679.20(d)(1)(iii), the Regional Administrator finds that this directed fishing allowance has been reached. Consequently, NMFS is prohibiting directed fishing for dusky rockfish in the West Yakutat District of the GOA. While this closure is effective the maximum retainable amounts at §679.20(e) and (f) apply at any time during a trip.

# 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 and would delay the closure of directed fishing of dusky rockfish in the West Yakutat District of 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 July 17, 2024.

The Assistant Administrator for Fisheries of NOAA 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.

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

Dated: July 17, 2024. Lindsay Fullenkamp, Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service. [FR Doc. 2024–16135 Filed 7–18–24; 4:15 pm] BILLING CODE 3510–22–P

# DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

# National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

### 50 CFR Part 679

[Docket No. 240227-0061; RTID 0648-XE004]

# Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pacific Ocean Perch in the West Yakutat District 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 ocean perch in the West Yakutat District of the Gulf of Alaska (GOA). This action is necessary to prevent exceeding the 2024 total allowable catch of Pacific ocean perch in the West Yakutat District of the GOA. **DATES:** Effective 1200 hours, Alaska local time (A.l.t.), July 18, 2024, through 2400 hours, A.l.t., December 31, 2024.

# **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Steve Whitney, 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 (Magnuson-Stevens Act). Regulations governing fishing by U.S. vessels in accordance with the FMP appear at subpart H of 50 CFR parts 600 and 679.

The 2024 total allowable catch (TAC) of Pacific ocean perch in the West Yakutat District of the GOA is 2,110 metric tons (mt) as established by the final 2024 and 2025 harvest specifications for groundfish of the GOA (89 FR 15484, March 4, 2024).

In accordance with § 679.20(d)(1)(i), the Administrator, Alaska Region, NMFS (Regional Administrator), has determined that the 2024 TAC of Pacific ocean perch in the West Yakutat District of the GOA will soon be reached. Therefore, the Regional Administrator is