

APPENDIX E

Regulatory Amendment Summaries

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Appendix E. Regulatory Amendment Summaries

Summary of regulatory amendments and associated National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) analyses prepared subsequent to Commerce approval of the Groundfish Fishery of the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands (BSAI) Area and the Groundfish of the Gulf of Alaska (GOA) federal fishery management plans (FMPs), through May 2003.

1978

Amendments to the foreign fishing regulations and implement an FMP for the GOA groundfish fishery - Proposed Rule (PR): 43 Federal Register (FR) 17013, 04-21-78; Final regulations for foreign fishing: 43 FR 59321, 12-78; FR implementing Amendments 1 and 3: 43 FR 56238, 12-01-78, effective 12-01-78; Correction: 44 FR 37937, 06-29-79; Correction: 44 FR 51801, 09-05-79; effective 08-30-79; under Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for FMP.

Implement GOA FMP for 1978 domestic vessels (includes GOA FMP Amendments 1, 2, & 3) - PR: 43 FR 17242, 04-21-78; FR: 43 FR 52709, 11-14-78; effective 12-01-78; no NEPA analysis information available (may be tiered to the GOA FMP Amendments).

Extend GOA FMP and regulations to 10-31-79 - 43 FR 34825, 08-07-78; no Environmental Assessment (EA) information available.

Changes in GOA regulations for cod fishery - 43 FR 47222, 10-13-78; no EA information available.

Increase GOA optimal yield (OY) reserves - 43 FR 46349, 10-06-78; correction 43 FR 50475, 10-30-78; no EA information available.

GOA Sablefish total allowable level of foreign fishing (TALFF) - 43 FR 56238, 12-01-78; no EA information available.

Increase OYs and TALFFs in the BSAI - 43 FR 58190, 12-13-78; no EA information available.

1979

Make additional amounts of fish available to foreign fishing in the GOA - FR: 44 FR 4684, 01-23-79; effective 01-17-79; under EIS prepared for FMP.

Regulatory rulemaking to require operator of foreign vessel in GOA/BSAI groundfish fishery to record and report numbers of salmon and halibut discarded (50 CFR Part 611) - PR: 07-06-79; FR: 11-14-79, effective 11-15-79; no EA information available.

Regulations to implement the BSAI FMP - PR: 44 FR 66356, 11-19-79; no EA information available.

GOA FMP housecleaning measures (Secretarial Amendment) (See Amendment 6) - Advance notice of proposed rulemaking and of intention to prepare a Secretarial Amendment to extend the FMP through 10-31-80: 44 FR 47124, 08-10-79; Notice of Approval of Amendment: 44 FR 64421, 11-7-79, effective 11-02-79; no EA information available.

GOA Final regulations - 44 FR 54064, 09-18-79; no EA information available.

1980

Require vessels of foreign nations to report amounts of herring caught and to conform to 611.4 requirements which prohibit taking species for which a foreign nation has no allocation - FR: 45 FR 15933, 03-12-80, effective 03-24-80; no EA information available (no mention of EA in final rule notice).

1981

Specifications for GOA FMP; now on calendar year - 45 FR 73486, 11-05-81; no EA information available.

Reapportion groundfish and set TALFFs for 1981 GOA groundfish fisheries - 46 FR 33038, 06-26-81; no EA information available.

GOA initial specifications for 1982 - 46 FR 58336, 12-01-81; no EA information available.

Implement BSAI FMP; herring prohibited - FR: 46 FR 63295, 12-31-81; corrections to FR: 47 FR 4083, 01-28-82; no EA information available.

1982

Management estimates for the GOA - FR: 47 FR 43964, 10-05-82; no EA information available.

1983

Changes DAHs and TALFFs to favor United States (U.S.) fishermen – economic impact review (EIR): 48 FR 21336, 05-12-83; extend EIR until Amendment 11 is in place; no EA information available.

Reduce catch of BSAI prohibited species - 48 FR 24719, 06-02-83; no EA information available.

Increase pollock optimum yield in the central Regulatory Area of the GOA to allow optimum harvest of pollock - EIR: 48 FR 55470, 12-13-83; no EA information available.

1984

1984 GOA initial apportionment among domestic annual processing (DAP), Joint Venture (JV) Processors, reserves, TALFF; establish PSC limits in the foreign longline fishery in the GOA - EIR: 49 FR 1061, 01-09-84; correction: 49 FR 3191, 01-28-84; EA undated; finding of no significant impact (FONSI) determination 01-14-84.

Prescribe 1984 and 1985 prohibited species catch (PSC) salmon limits - FR: 49 FR 3189, 01-26-84; no EA information available.

Increase incidental halibut catch limits for the domestic fishery to avoid underutilization of groundfish, in the western and central Regulatory Areas of the GOA - EIR: 49 FR 8616, 03-08-84, effective 03-08-84, through 06-06-84; EIR correction: 49 FR 10931, 03-23-84; EIR extension: 50 FR 10234, 03-14-85, effective 03-11-85, through 05-31-85; EA undated; FONSI determination 03-02-84.

Delay opening of sablefish season in the inner coastal waters of southeast Alaska - EIR: 49 FR 8931, 03-09-84, effective 03-06-84, through 06-04-84; extension of EIR: 49 FR 24142, 06-12-84, effective 06-07-84, through 09-01-84; EA undated; FONSI determination 02-29-84.

Increase and combine pollock optimum yield in the western and central Regulatory Areas of the GOA for full utilization of domestic groundfish fisheries - ER: 49 FR 10931, 03-23-84, effective 03-20-84, through 06-21-84; extend EIR: 49 FR 24142, 06-12-84, effective 06-21-84 through 09-18-84; EA undated; FONSI determination 03-01-84.

Increase incidental halibut catch limits for the domestic fishery to avoid underutilization of groundfish in the western and central GOA - EIR: 49 FR 48049, 12-10-84, effective 12-10-84, through 03-11-85; EIR extension: 50 FR 10234, 03-14-85, effective 03-11-85, through 05-31-85; EA undated; FONSI determination 11-21-84.

1985

Authorize closures of foreign fishing when established PSCs for sablefish, Pacific ocean perch (POP), and other rockfish have been reached, to allow ongoing harvest by domestic fishermen in the GOA - EIR: 50 FR 3911, 01-29-85, effective 01-24-85 through 04-24-85; extension of EIR for six days: 50 FR 16705, 04-29-85, effective 04-25-85, through 05-01-85; extension of EIR: 50 FR 29681, 07-22-85, effective 07-17-85, through 10-15-85; extension of EIR: 50 FR 42027, 10-17-85, effective 10-15-85, through 12-31-85; EA undated; FONSI determination 01-14-85.

Final 1985 BSAI initial specifications - 50 FR 11369, 03-21-85; no EA information available.

Prohibit use of all gear types (including pots) except hook-and-line in directed fishery for sablefish in eastern regulatory area of the GOA to prevent economic loss to longline fishermen - EIR: 50 FR 12809, 04-01-85, effective 03-27-85, through 06-25-85 (See Amendment 14); EA undated; FONSI determination 03-08-85.

Establish PSC limits applicable to the joint venture and foreign fisheries and establish new OYs in the GOA; for species having zero JV processors, and zero TALFF to allow JV and foreign trawl fisheries for the other species to continue. ER (no Federal Register notices available); EA undated; FONSI determination 06-24-85.

Authorize closures for a single species of groundfish in the GOA because of non-compliance by fishermen of previous closures and doubts about legal validity of earlier closures to assure enforceability of closures - EIR: 50 FR 28580, 07-15-85, effective 07-10-85; EIR extension: 50 FR 41903, 10-16-85, effective 10-08-85, through 12-31-85; EA undated; FONSI determination 07-03-85.

1986

Notice of 1986 interim initial TAC specifications for groundfish and prohibited species catch limits for Pacific halibut for foreign fishing, groundfish of the GOA, Groundfish of the BSAI - 51 FR 956, 01-09-86, effective 01-01-86; no EA information available (no EA submitted).

Notice of control date for entry into the GOA sablefish fishery - 51 FR 5392, 02-13-86; no EA required.

Close four fishing areas in vicinity of Kodiak Island to nonpelagic trawling to reduce number of red king crabs killed during molting and mating period - EIR: 51 FR 8502, 03-12-86; Extension of EIR: 51 FR 20832, 06-09-86; no EA information available (draft EA in file; undated signed EA transmittal letter in file).

Amend OYs for five species of groundfish in the GOA (single species management) - EIR: 51 FR 19203, 05-28-86; correction: 51 FR 21772, 06-16-86; Extension of EIR: 51 FR 30218, 08-25-86; EA undated; FONSI determination 04-18-86; EA transmittal memorandum dated 04-24-86.

Close an area of Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) to commercial fishing with trawl gear; set incidental catch limits for *C. bairdi* Tanner crab in commercial trawl fisheries, and for red king crab in domestic trawl fisheries; require fishing be terminated if the incidental catch limits are achieved (see BSAI Amendment 10) - EIR: 51 FR 20652, 06-06-86, effective 06-03-86 through 09-02-86; correction: 51 FR 22525, 06-20-86; correction: 51 FR 23079, 06-25-86; Extension of EIR: 51 FR 32334, 09-11-86, effective 09-03-86, through 12-02-86; EA undated; FONSI determination 05-16-86.

Close regulatory area or district of GOA for sablefish prior to taking of OY; and allow continued fishing for other groundfish when OY of any groundfish reached when non-overfishing determined - EIR: 51 FR 20659, 06-06-86; correction: 51 FR 22287, 06-19-86; extension of EIR: 51 FR 30663, 08-28-86; EA undated; FONSI determination 04-15-86.

Single species management; authorize closure of the entire BSAI management area or either subarea to directed fishing for specified groundfish species prior to achieving total allowable catch (TAC) for that species; assure amount of specified species for incidental catch; require treating specified species as prohibited species; clarify definition of "fishing year" - EIR: 51 FR 37408, 10-22-86; correction: 51 FR 40810, 11-10-86; extension of EIR: 52 FR 2235, 01-21-87; FR: includes clarification of definition "fishing year" - 52 FR 11992, 04-14-87, effective 04-13-87; no EA information available; draft EA in file; 10-20-86, EA transmittal letter from Ecology and Conservation Office.

1987

Allow continue harvest limits; PSC limits; closure of specified areas around Kodiak Island to non-pelagic trawling (BSAI Amendment 10 and GOA Amendment 15) - EIR: 52 FR 422, 01-06-87; EIR extension: 52 FR 10761, 04-03-87; no EA information available.

Revise GOA groundfish OY - 52 FR 2412, 01-22-87; correction: 52 FR 3916, 02-06-87; no EA information available.

Implement area registration system for the hook-and-line sablefish vessels in the GOA - ER: 55 FR 9171, 03-23-87; PR: 53 FR 8789, 03-17-88; FR: 53 FR 11297, 04-06-88; EA dated January 1988; FONSI determination 01-21-88.

Modify domestic reporting requirements (fish tickets); PR: 52 FR 22829, 06-16-87; FR: 52 FR 49021, 12-29-87, effective 01-28-88; correction: 53 FR 991, 01-14-88; no EA information available; no reference to an EA; see amendments BSAI FMP Amendment 10 EA - no EA information available; GOA FMP Amendment 15 EA dated October 1986; FONSI Determination 02-19-87.

Final notice of 1987 GOA initial specifications - 52 FR 41560, 10-29-87; no EA information available (no EA submitted).

Decrease halibut PSC limit for DAP, increase JV processors - 52 FR 42114, 11-03-87; no EA information available.

1988 BSAI TAC specifications - Proposed: 52 FR 44154, 11-18-87; Final: 53 FR 894, 01-14-88; correction: 53 FR 2147, 01-26-88; no EA information available (no EA submitted).

1988

Allow fishing with pots for GOA groundfish other than sablefish - PR: 53 FR 627, 01-11-88; FR: 53 FR 6649, 03-02-88; no EA information available.

Final 1988 GOA TAC specifications; PSC limits for groundfish and Pacific halibut - 53 FR 890, 01-14-88; no EA information available (no EA submitted).

Revise definition of directed fishing in the GOA sablefish hook-and-line fishery - EIR: 53 FR 7938, 03-11-88; correction: 53 FR 9772, 03-25-88; extension of ER: 53 FR 21649, 06-09-88; PR: 53 FR 31728, 08-19-88; correction to PR: 53 FR 33897, 09-01-88; FR: 53 FR 44011, 11-01-88; Notice of clarification of directed fishing definitions for the BSAI and GOA; retain existing definitions of “directed fishing” - 54 FR 986, 01-11-89, effective 01-06-89; EIR EA undated; FONSI determination 02-19-88.

1989

Change pollock season dates to January 15 through December 31; reference Amendment 11 - pollock split season January 15 and April 15 - EIR: 54 FR 416, 01-06-89; no EA information available (draft EA in file).

Final 1989 BSAI initial specifications - 54 FR 3605, 01-25-89; no EA information available (no EA submitted).

Final 1989 GOA initial specification; PSC limits for certain groundfish species and Pacific halibut; reapportions reserves; adjusts pollock fishery - 54 FR 6524, 02-13-89; Notice of adjustment to 1989 specifications: 54 FR 32819, 08-10-89; no EA information available (no EA submitted).

Bycatch control for Tanner crab, red king crab, and Pacific halibut in the groundfish fisheries of the Bering Sea (closure of same areas as in Amendment 10) - EIR: 54 FR 11376, 03-20-89, effective 03-15-89, through 06-15-89; correction: 54 FR 12989, 03-29-89; extension of effective date: 54 FR 25279, 06-14-89, effective 06-13-89, through 09-11-89; EA undated; FONSI determination 03-09-89.

Amend definitions of directed fishing (sablefish) in EEZ in GOA and BSAI - EIR: 54 FR 13191, 03-31-89, effective 03-28-89 through 06-26-89; extension of effective date: 54 FR 27384, 06-29-89, effective 06-26-89 through 09-23-89; PR: 54 FR 40716, 10-03-89; FR: 55 FR 9887, 03-16-90, effective 04-12-90; EIR EA undated; FONSI determination 03-06-89; Regulatory Amendment EA dated January 1990; FONSI determination 01-22-90.

Notice of revision of formula for determining mortality of Pacific halibut - 54 FR 33701, 08-16-89; no EA required.

Regulate directed fishing; authority to reopen prematurely closed fishery; mark buoys in pot and hook-and-line fisheries; and specify 12:00 noon ALT as start/end time of fisheries (single species management) - PR: 54 FR 33737, 08-16-89; FR: 55 FR 31, 01-02-90, effective 01-26-90; no EA information available; draft undated EA in file; EA transmittal letter dated 10-30-89.

Notice of Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS), notice of availability (NOA), Longline and pot gear sablefish management revision to management plan, approval and implementation, BSAI and GOA FMP Amendments 15/20 - 54 FR 49796, 12-01-89; no EA required.

Prohibit use of pots in the GOA and BSAI groundfish fisheries other than those modified to minimize catch of Pacific halibut - Advanced Notice of Proposed Rulemaking: 54 FR 53135, 12-27-89; no EA required.

1990 BSAI initial TAC specifications - Proposed: 54 FR 46798, 11-07-89; Final: 55 FR 1434, 01-16-90; no EA information available (no EA submitted).

1990 GOA initial TAC specifications; and other management measures - Proposed: 54 FR 46743, 11-07-89; Final: 55 FR 3223, 01-31-90; correction: 55 FR 14286, 04-17-90; no EA information available (no EA submitted).

1990

Allocate halibut prohibited species catch limits established for trawl and fixed gear in the GOA on a quarterly basis - ER: 55 FR 5994, 02-21-90, effective 02-15-90, through 05-15-90; EIR extension: 55 FR 20465, 05-17-90, effective 05-16-90, through 08-13-90; EIR extension and amends ER to subdivide halibut PSC limits; modifies closure: 55 FR 23745, 06-12-90, effective 06-05-90, through 08-13-90; Supplemental EA dated May 1990; FONSI Determination 06-01-90.

Limit pollock roe stripping - ER: 55 FR 6396, 02-23-90, effective 02-16-90, through 05-16-90; EIR terminating: 55 FR 19266, 05-09-90, effective 05-03-90; no EA information available; draft EA in file.

Clarification of common name of Greenland halibut vs. Greenland turbot; categories of groundfish species; and fishing regulated under 50 CFR 611.93 and Part 675 - FR/TA: 55 FR 8142, 03-07-90, effective 03-07-90; no EA required.

Rescind sablefish area registration - IFR: 55 FR 12832, 04-06-90, effective 04-01-90, through 09-28-90; FR: 56 FR 14480, 04-10-91; EA dated January 1990; FONSI determination 03-02-90.

Continued effectiveness of pollock management - 55 FR 19738, 05-11-90; no EA information available.

Exempt certain gear from fishing closure; exempt fisheries with minimal halibut bycatch mortality; redefine pelagic trawl gear for all Alaskan groundfish fisheries - EIR: 55 FR 33715, 08-17-90; Interpretive Rule clarifying trawl gear definitions contained in EIR - gear exemptions - 55 FR 41191, 10-10-90, effective 08-14-90; extension of EIR: 55 FR 47883, 11-16-90; EA dated August 1990; FONSI determination 08-24-90.

Repeal of the monthly product value reporting requirements for groundfish processors receiving Alaska groundfish from Federally permitted vessels - interim final rule (IFR) changed to FR: 55 FR 34933, 08-27-90, effective 08-24-90; no EA information available; draft EA in file.

Delay start of BSAI directed fishing season for yellowfin sole, "other flatfish," and turbot until May 1 of any year; amend directed fishing standards for yellowfin sole and "other flatfish" - PR: 55 FR 46082, 11-01-90; FR: 56 FR 384, 01-04-91; FR/TA: 56 FR 30515, 07-03-91; EA dated September 1990; FONSI determination 01-24-91.

1991

Create the Bogoslof Island District to control pollock harvest - EIR: 56 FR 5659, 02-12-91, effective 02-06-91, through 04-15-91; 12-21-90, unsigned EA in file; FONSI determination made.

1991 Groundfish TAC specifications - BSAI Proposed: 55 FR 49311, 11-27-90; GOA proposed: 55 FR 47897, 11-16-90; BSAI Final: 56 FR 6290, 02-15-91, effective 01-01-91; GOA Final: 56 FR 8723, 03-01-91; effective 02-25-91; no NEPA analysis prepared; specifications based on Stock Assessment and Fishery Evaluation (SAFE) report.

Delay GOA hook-and-line sablefish season - PR: 56 FR 8319, 02-28-91; FR 56 FR 13418, 04-02-91, effective 04-01-91; Ea/Regulatory Impact Review (RIR)/Initial Regulatory Flexibility Analysis (IRFA) dated March 1991; FONSI Determination 04-03-91.

Amend domestic fisheries observer plan; delete the annual criteria but not the monthly criteria for shoreside processing facilities; impose same observer coverage criteria for mothership processor vessels as for shoreside facilities; delete vessel length criteria for observer coverage requirements for mothership processor vessels, but not for catcher/processor or catcher vessels; allow NMFS to release to the public observer estimated bycatch rates of prohibited species by target fishery on individual vessel basis; extend duration of NMFS certification of an observer contractor indefinitely unless revoked by NMFS - PR: 56 FR 12148, 03-22-91; FR: 56 FR 30874, 07-08-91; no EA information available; draft EA/RIR in file.

Revise recordkeeping and reporting requirements for checkin/checkout reports; consolidate Shelikof reporting area; and change reporting for “other species” category for daily production reports - IFR: 56 FR 9636, 03-07-91, effective 03-01-91, correction 56 FR 15051, 04-15-91; no EA information available; draft EA/RIR/IRFA in file.

Amend definition of “groundfish” in the BSAI regulations to include flathead sole in the other flatfish target species category - FR/TA: 56 FR 30515, 07-03-91, effective 07-02-91; no EA required.

Non-pelagic trawl restrictions (7 percent rule) to constrain halibut bycatch rates - ER: 56 FR 38346, 08-13-91; correction: 56 FR 46382, 09-?-91, effective 08-07-91, through 11-12-91; EA undated; undated FONSI determination signed.

Delay 4th quarter 1991 walleye pollock fishery in the combined western and central regulatory areas of the GOA to protect sea lions - NOA of EA: 56 FR 49459, 09-30-91; EIR: 56 FR 50251, 10-04-91, effective 10-01-91, through 01-02-92; Termination of ER: 56 FR 55096, 10-23-91; PR: 56 FR 59922, 11-26-91; correction 56 FR 64288, 12-09-91; FR: 57 FR 381, 01-06-92, effective 01-01-92; correction 57 FR 4085, 02-03-92; EA undated; FONSI determination 09-20-91.

1992 BSAI and GOA TAC specifications and PSC allowance - BSAI Proposed: 56 FR 58531, 11-20-91; BSAI Proposed Correction: 56 FR 65782, 12-18-91; GOA Proposed: 56 FR 58666, 11-21-91; GOA Proposed Correction: 56 FR 64002, 12-06-91; BSAI Final: 57 FR 3952, 02-03-92, effective 01-01-92; GOA Final: 57 FR 2844, 01-24-92, effective 01-20-92; EA dated January 1992; FONSI determination 01-15-92.

Prohibit use of longline pot gear in Alaska groundfish fisheries - PR: 56 FR 51669, 10-15-91; FR: 57 FR 37906, 08-21-92, effective 09-21-92; no EA information available.

1992

Change reporting requirements for pollock management by processor vessels and shoreside facilities - 57 FR 2853, 01-24-92; no EA required.

Specifications for acceptable biological catch and TAC amounts for pollock in the Bogoslof District (“Donut Hole”) for 1992 to reduce further exploitation of Aleutian Basin pollock stock - PR: 57 FR 3952, 02-03-92;

FR: 57 FR 33902, 07-31-92, effective 08-14-92; correction: 57 FR 35004, 08-07-92; withdrawn 57 FR 33902 and issue new “Donut Hole” rule: 57 FR 35487, 08-10-92; no EA information available; draft EA in file.

Delay second quarter directed pollock fishing season in the combined western and central regulatory areas of the GOA - ER: 57 FR 11272, 04-02-92, effective 03-30-92, through 05-31-92; PR: 58 FR 532, 01-06-93; correction 58 FR 6677, 02-01-93; FR: 58 FR 16786, 03-31-93, effective 03-26-93; ER EA undated; FONSI determination 03-26-92; FR EA dated 02-23-93; FONSI determination 03-23-93.

Revise PSC bycatch management measures proposed under Amendments 19/24 for the BSAI area pollock fishery; specific bycatch rates of prohibited species in the 1991 trawl fisheries; reduce 1992 Pacific halibut PSC limit for BSAI trawl; revise management of BSAI trawl fisheries eligible to receive prohibited species bycatch allowance; delay GOA rockfish trawl fishery; and revise GOA and BSAI directed fishing standards - EIR: 57 FR 11433, 04-03-92; EIR correction: 57 FR 14667, 04-22-92; TA: 57 FR 21355, 05-20-92; EA undated; FONSI determination 03-26-92.

Implement halibut bycatch management measures in the BSAI pollock trawl fisheries by including BSAI pollock fishery under the Vessel Incentive Program (VIP); prohibit use of trawl gear other than pelagic trawl gear for the BSAI pollock fishery. EIR: 57 FR 22182, 05-27-92; EIR extension: 57 FR 39137, 08-28-92; EA dated 05-01-92; FONSI determination 04-29-92.

Authorize halibut bycatch allowances for demersal shelf rockfish in the Southeast/outside GOA - PR: 57 FR 11930, 04-08-92; FR: 57 FR 33279, 07-28-92, effective 07-23-92; EA dated July 1992; FONSI determination 07-09-92.

Increase the TAC specification for “other species” category in the GOA - ER: 57 FR 30168, 07-08-92, effective 07-01-92, through 10-06-92; EA undated; FONSI determination 06-12-92.

Amendment to the halibut bycatch measures in the GOA to establish a Pacific halibut bycatch allowance and authority for annual apportionment of Pacific halibut bycatch allowance to demersal shelf rockfish hook and line fishery in the SEO district of the eastern GOA, and directed fishing standards for demersal shelf rockfish to make this fishery separately accountable for incidental catches of Pacific halibut to prevent premature closure and limit amounts of demersal shelf rockfish bycatch taken in other fisheries - Notice of Proposed amendment to the 1992 specifications: 57 FR 27725, 07-22-92; PR: 57 FR 11930, 04-03-92; FR: 57 FR 332791, 07-28-92; EA dated July 1992; FONSI determination 07-09-92.

Exempt pot gear from fishery closures implemented upon attainment of non-trawl Pacific halibut bycatch mortality limit for the 1992 non-trawl groundfish fisheries in the BSAI to prevent closure of pot gear fisheries - FR: 57 FR 37906, 08-21-92, effective 09-21-92; EA undated; FONSI determination 08-21-92.

Clarify definition of “length overall” - IR/TA: 57 FR 43621, 09-22-92; no NEPA analysis required.

Clarify definition of nautical “mile” - TA: 57 FR 43627, 09-22-92, effective 09-22-92; no NEPA analysis required.

Implement the western Alaska Community Development Quota program - PR: 57 FR 46139, 10-07-92; correction: 57 FR 48426, 10-23-92; FR: 57 FR 54936, 11-23-92; correction: 58 FR 7040, 01-22-93; correction: 58 FR 7040, 02-03-93; EA dated 12-07-92; FONSI determination made; no final EA in file.

Clarify gear type deployment - Final TA: 57 FR 55148, 11-24-92 ; no NEPA analysis required.

20 nautical mile (nm) seasonally expanded trawl fishery closure around Ugamak Island Steller sea lion rookery in the eastern Aleutian Islands (BSAI/GOA 20/25) - PR: 57 FR 57726, 12-07-92; FR: 58 FR 13561, 03-12-93, effective 03-11-93; Technical amendment FR to correct Steller Sea lion protection areas: 58 FR 53138, 10-14-93, effective 10-13-93; EA/RIR/Final Regulatory Flexibility Analysis (FRFA) undated; FONSI determination made (but undated); transmittal letter dated 01-26-93.

1993 BSAI and GOA Groundfish TAC specifications and PSC allowance - BSAI Proposed: 57 FR 57718, 12-07-92; GOA Proposed: 57 FR 57982, 12-08-92; BSAI Final: 58 FR 8703, 02-17-93; correction: 58 FR 16446, 03-26-93; GOA Final: 58 FR 16787, 03-31-93; GOA Final Correction: 58 FR 21218, 04-19-93; EA dated February 1993; FONSI determination 03-26-93.

1993

Experimental fishing permit (EFP) for Terra Marine for the retention of Pacific salmon for food banks - Application of EFP: 58 FR 5716, 01-22-93; Approval of EFP: 58 FR 42947, 08-12-93; Renewal of EFP: 59 FR 39326, 08-02-94; EA dated 04-20-94; FONSI determination 07-27-94.

EFP for Alaska Fisheries Development Foundation - Arrowtooth flounder surimi demonstration - Approval of EFP: 58 FR 11399, 02-25-93; EA dated January 1993; FONSI determination 02-19-93.

Revision to definition of a pelagic trawl; define non-pelagic; prohibit presence of a single crab when conducting directed fishing for groundfish with trawl gear whenever directed fishing with non-pelagic is prohibited; and directed fishing standard at 7 percent, or more, retained groundfish applies only when fishing with non-pelagic is prohibited - PR: 58 FR 17196, 04-01-93; FR: 58 FR 39680, 07-26-93, effective 08-19-93; correction: 58 FR 42758, 08-11-93; correction: 58 FR 43412, 08-16-93; EA undated; FONSI determination 06-29-93.

Fair start of the sablefish hook-and-line fishery; redefine start of GOA sablefish hook-and line fishery; framework for annual determination of May season opening date - PR: 58 FR 17193, 04-01-93; FR: 58 FR 28520, 05-14-93, effective 05-11-93; TA: 59 FR 50169, 10-03-94, effective 10-03-94; EA undated; FONSI determination 04-30-93.

Delay opening date of non-roe "B" season for pollock in the BSAI - PR: 58 FR 17200, 04-01-93; FR: 58 FR 30997, 05-28-93; EA dated 04-27-98; FONSI determination 04-30-93.

Careful release of Pacific halibut caught incidentally with hook and line gear - ER: action withdrawn; PR: 58 FR 17821, 04-06-93; FR: 58 FR 28799, 05-17-93, effective 05-15-93; EA undated; FONSI determination 03-28-93.

Prohibiting U.S. commercial fishing vessel in Federal reporting areas off Alaska from fishing for groundfish before offloading all Pacific halibut, Pacific salmon, steelhead, trout, Pacific herring, king crab and Tanner crab taken in waters seaward of the U.S. EEZ - PR: 58 FR 29381, 05-20-93; FR: 58 FR 45840, 08-31-93, effective 09-30-93; EA dated July 1993; FONSI determination 08-04-93.

Final 1993 GOA specifications for POP and "other species" - 58 FR 33778, 06-21-93; correction: 58 FR 38167, 07-15-93; under the Final EA for 1993 Groundfish TAC Specifications for the Groundfish of the BSAI and GOA EA dated February 1993; FONSI determination 03-26-93.

Limit the stripping of roe from female pollock and discarding female and male pollock carcasses without further process - PR: 58 FR 40617, 07-09-93; FR: 58 FR 57752, 10-27-93, effective 11-26-93; EA undated; FONSI determination 02-01-94.

Product recovery rates (substitute) to calculate round weight equivalent of groundfish catches - PR: 58 FR 44643, 08-24-93; FR: 59 FR 50699, 10-05-94, effective 11-04-94; Correction: 59 FR 54841, 11-02-94; Correction: 60 FR 29505, 06-05-95, effective 11-04-94; FR to reduce proportion of pollock roe retained onboard a vessel during a fishing trip (part of original PR): 59 FR 14121, effective 04-25-94; EA undated; FONSI determination 08-26-94.

Notice of change in observer coverage for CDQ BSAI during 1993 to effectively monitor each allocated Community Development Quota (CDQ) - PR: 58 FR 45878, 08-31-93; FR: 58 FR 51253, 10-01-93, effective 09-30-93, through 12-31-93; no NEPA analysis required.

1994

Prevent overfishing of GOA thornyhead rockfish and Pacific ocean perch and to limit unnecessary high bycatch amounts of these rockfish species and Pacific halibut in the GOA trawl fisheries in a manner that will reduce the likelihood of premature closure; readjust directed fishing standards and adjustment of BSAI flatfish season to provide additional fishing opportunities in the BSAI early in the fishing year - EIR: 59 FR 6222, 02-10-94; EA dated January 1994; FONSI determination 01-31-94.

Changes to the domestic fisheries Observer Plan - PR: 58 FR 57979, 10-28-93; FR: 59 FR 22133, 04-29-94, effective 07-01-94; EA dated April 1994; FONSI determination 04-08-94.

Definition of legal gear types; prohibit retention with non-traditional gear - PR: 58 FR 59980, 11-12-93; FR/TA: 59 FR 9422, 02-28-94, effective 03-30-94; EA undated; FONSI determination 02-01-94.

Allocation of CDQ pollock to approved community development programs (CDP) applicants for 1994 and 1995 - 58 FR 61031, 11-19-93, effective 01-01-94; no NEPA analysis required.

Notice of change in observer coverage to require all vessels equal to or greater than 60 ft length overall to have an observer on board at all times while fishing for groundfish in reporting area 517 during 1994 directed fishery for Pacific cod in the BSAI - PR: 58 FR 65574, 12-15-93; FR: 59 FR 3000, 01-20-94, effective 01-13-94 through 12-31-94; Suspend effectiveness: 59 FR 4009, 01-28-94; modification of observer coverage: 59 FR 15346, 04-01-94, effective 03-29-94 through 12-31-94; no NEPA analysis required.

Total catch weight and increased observer coverage in the BSAI CDQ fisheries to improve measurements of pollock - PR: 58 FR 68386, 12-27-93; FR: 59 FR 25346, 05-16-94, effective 06-15-94; EA dated 04-01-94; FONSI determination 04-27-94.

Procedures for determinations and appeals under Alaska fixed gear Pacific halibut and sablefish individual fishing quota (IFQ) limited access program - PR: 59 FR 5979, 02-09-94; FR: 59 FR 28281, 06-01-94; tiered to SEIS prepared under Amendments 15/20.

1994 BSAI and GOA Groundfish TAC Specifications and PSC allowance - BSAI Proposed: 58 FR 60584, 11-17-93; GOA Proposed: 58 FR 60575, 11-17-93; BSAI Final: 59 FR 7656, 02-16-94; BSAI Final Correction: 59 FR 13769, 03-23-94; Clarify table for 1994 season apportionments - FR/TA: 59 FR 8869, 02-24-94; Final 1994 initial specifications and associated management measures - 59 FR 32385, 06-23-94; GOA Final: 59 FR 7647, 02-16-94; EA undated; FONSI determination 02-10-94; no final EA in file.

Notice of proposed 1994 specification of Pacific halibut bycatch allowances; revise management and monitoring of GOA halibut bycatch limit for trawl gear; amend directed fishing standards to prohibit using retained amounts of arrowtooth flounder or groundfish closed to directed fishing as basis for calculating retainable amounts of other groundfish species closed to directed fishing; change opening date for yellowfin sole and “other flatfish” in the BSAI - Preventing overfishing of GOA thornyhead rockfish; POP; and Pacific halibut in GOA trawl fisheries and adjustment of BSAI flatfish seasons to provide additional fishing opportunity - EIR: 59 FR 6222, 02-10-94, effective 02-07-94, through 05-11-94; extension of EIR: 59 FR 24965, 05-13-94, effective 05-12-94 through 08-09-94; PR: 59 FR 23044, 05-04-94; correction 59 FR V, 05-09-94; FR: 59 FR 38132, 07-27-94, effective 08-09-94; EA dated July 1994; FONSI determination 07-18-94.

GOA directed fishing standards to include new target species categories established in the 1991, 1993, and 1994 annual specification process; to limit bycatch amounts of species closed to directed fishing - TA: 59 FR 10588, 03-07-94, effective 03-07-94; no NEPA analysis required.

Experimental Fishing Permit for Terra Marine, Coastal Villages Fishing Cooperative, and Golden Age Fisheries to assess the feasibility of an inshore fishery in the Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta area - Application for EFP: 59 FR 23054, 05-04-94; Approval of EFP: 59 FR 31982, 06-21-94; EA dated 05-16-94; FONSI determination 06-14-94.

Limit chum salmon bycatch during 1994 pollock “B” season - ER: 59 FR 35476, 07-12-94, effective 08-15-94, through 11-12-94; EA dated June 1994; FONSI determination 06-24-93.

Reopen sablefish concurrent with halibut opening - ER: 59 FR 44944, 08-31-94, effective 09-12-94, through 12-10-94; EA dated August 1994; FONSI determination 08-16-94.

1995 Specifications for the North Pacific Fisheries Research Plan - includes the standard exvessel prices, total exvessel value, fee percentage, level of observer coverage for Research Plan, embarkment/disembarkment ports for observers which is used to calculate fees to be paid by participants in the GOA, BSAI, KTC and Pacific halibut fisheries - Proposed: 59 FR 46816, 09-12-94; Final Approval: 59 FR 61556, 12-01-94; Final Approval Amendment: 60 FR 53715, 10-17-95, effective 10-11-95; no EA required.

Delay opening date offshore component pollock roe “A” season - PR: 59 FR 49051, 09-26-94; FR: 59 FR 64867, 12-16-94, effective 01-12-95, through 12-31-95; EA dated November 1994; FONSI determination 11-22-94.

Method used for determining CDQ compensation for the Pacific halibut and sablefish IFQ program - PR: 59 FR 49637, 09-29-94; FR: 60 FR 11916, 03-05-95; RIR only.

Clarify regulations implementing the North Pacific Fisheries Research Plan - revise definition of “Processor”; exempt certain processors from applying for processor permits - IFR/PR: 59 FR 59983, 11-21-94; FR: 60 FR 23441, 01-09-95; EA under the NPFRR (BSA/GOA/KTC Amendments 27/30/3).

Allocate 1995 - 1997 CDPs for halibut and sablefish CDQ Program in the BSAI: 59 FR 61877, 12-02-94; no EA required.

1995 BSAI and GOA Groundfish TAC Specifications - BSAI Proposed: 59 FR 64383, 12-14-94; BSAI Proposed Correction: 60 FR 5762, 01-30-95; GOA Proposed: 59 FR 65990, 12-22-94; BSAI Final 60 FR 8479, 02-14-95; BSAI Final Correction: 60 FR 13780, 03-14-95; GOA Final: 60 FR 8470, 02-14-95; EA dated January 1995; FONSI determination 02-06-95.

Revise management of seasonal Pacific halibut bycatch allowances annually specified for nontrawl fisheries in the BSAI; provide NMFS authority to determine annually whether to apportion a halibut bycatch allowance to BSAI jig gear fishery or BSAI or GOA hook-and-line gear fisheries for sablefish or exempt from halibut bycatch restrictions - PR: 59 FR 67268, 12-29-94; FR: 60 FR 12149, 03-06-95, effective 04-03-95; revision of effective date of FR authorizing exemption of GOA sablefish from 1995 halibut bycatch restrictions: 60 FR 14912, 03-21-95, effective 03-15-95; EA dated February 1995; FONSI determination 02-23-95.

1995

IFQ Program Regulatory Amendment Omnibus I - amends various portions of regulations implementing the IFQ Program - PR: 60 FR 2935, 01-12-95; FR: 60 FR 22307, 05-05-95; RIR only.

Red king crab protection for trawl gear in Zone 1 and change observer coverage to aid monitoring of RKC in the flatfish trawl fishery outside of Zone 1 - EIR: 60 FR 4866, 01-25-95, effective 01-20-95, through 04-25-95; EA dated December 1994; FONSI determination 01-12-95.

Framework provision to provide Regional Director with authority to establish IFQ sablefish season and announce it by publication in the FR to provide flexibility in starting the IFQ sablefish season to allow coordination with the IFQ halibut season established by the IPHC - PR: 60 FR 2935, 01-12-95; FR: 60 FR 12152, 03-06-95, effective 03-01-95; RIR/IRFA only.

Amend regulations implementing the IFQ Program Determinations and Appeals procedure for Limited Access Management of Federal Fisheries in and off Alaska - IFR 60 FR 6448, 02-02-95; FR: 60 FR 61497, 11-30-95; RIR only.

Revise standard product recovery rates for pollock deep skin fillets - PR: 60 FR 13106, 03-10-95; FR: 60 FR 24800, 05-10-95, effective 06-09-95; correction: 60 FR 36237, 07-14-95; EA undated; FONSI determination 08-26-94.

Revised directed fishing standards - PR: 60 FR 20952, 04-28-95; FR: 60 FR 40304, 08-08-95, effective 08-02-95; correction 60 FR 43494, 08-21-95; EA dated June 1995; FONSI determination 07-19-95.

Exempt certain crab catcher vessels from the 1995 fee collection program authorized by the North Pacific Fisheries Research Plan - PR: 60 FR 34228, 06-03-95; FR: 60 FR 42470, 08-16-95; EA prepared for BSAI/GOA/KTC FMP Amendments 27/30/3, EA/RIR dated 08-03-94; FONSI determination 08-15-94.

Allow vessels subject to existing IFQ Program recordkeeping and observer coverage requirements to fish for sablefish and Pacific halibut in a regulatory area in which persons on board vessel hold IFQ - IFR: 60 FR 45378, 08-31-95; FR: 60 FR 61497, 11-30-95; RIR only.

Revise recordkeeping and reporting requirements - PR: 50 FR 46936, 09-08-95; FR: 61 FR 5608, 02-13-96, effective 03-13-96; correction: 61 FR 19976, 05-03-96; no EA required.

Clarify IFQ definitions of “qualified person” - Interpretive Rule: 60 FR 58528, 11-28-95; no EA required.

1996 BSAI and GOA Groundfish TAC Specifications and PSC allowance: BSAI Proposed: 60 FR 62373, 12-06-95; GOA Proposed: 60 FR 61514, 11-30-95; BSAI Final: 61 FR 4311, 02-05-96; GOA Final: 61 FR 4304, 02-05-96; EA dated January 1996; FONSI determination 01-26-96.

1996

Add city of Akutan to list of western communities eligible to participate in CDQ programs - PR: 61 FR 24475, 05-15-96; FR: 61 FR 41744, 08-12-96; effective 09-09-96; July 1996 EA signed 08-05-96; EA dated July 1996; FONSI signed 07-30-96.

BSAI pollock "B" season delay - PR: 61 FR 29726, 06-12-96; FR: 61 FR 39601, 07-30-96; effective 08-15-96; Supplementary Analysis dated 05-22-96; FONSI determination 07-22-96.

Sablefish longline pot gear use in the BSAI - PR: 61 FR 37041, 07-16-96; FR: 61 FR 49076, 09-18-96; effective 09-12-96; 08-16-96, EA/RIR/IRFA dated 08-16-96; FONSI determination 09-09-96.

IFQ Omni II - PR: 61 FR 18116, 04-24-96; FR: 61 FR 41523, 08-09-96; effective 09-09-96; RIR dated 05-30-95[96].

Final Consolidated Regulations - FR: 61 FR 31228, 06-19-96, effective 07-01-96; correction: 61 FR 37843, 07-22-96; correction: 61 FR 40481, 08-02-96; correction: 61 FR 41684, 08-09-96; no EA required.

Clarify recordkeeping exemption for catcher vessel's; checkin/out reports; time limit for submission of checkin/out reports; IFQ submittal instructions; research plan observer coverage responsibilities - TA: 61 FR 49980, 09-24-96, effective 09-24-96; no EA required.

Electronic reporting requiring catcher processors, MS, and SS subject to observer coverage to have electronic communication equipment for transmission of observer data. This final rule amends a final rule implementing a revised observer coverage plan (BSAI/GOA/KTC Amendments 47/47/6) that was published at 61 FR 56425, 11-01-96 - FR: 61 FR 63759, 12-02-96; effective 07-01-97; EA dated October 1996; FONSI determination 10-25-96.

1997

1997 BSAI and GOA Groundfish TAC Specifications and PSC allowance - BSAI Proposed: 61 FR 60076, 11-26-96; BSAI Proposed Correction: 62 FR 2719, 01-17-97; GOA Proposed: 61 FR 64310, 12-04-96; BSAI Final: 62 FR 6168, 02-18-97; GOA Final: 62 FR 8179, 02-24-97; EA dated January 1997; FONSI determination 02-05-97.

Increase IFQ halibut quota share use caps - PR: 61 FR 63812, 12-02-96; FR: 62 FR 7947, 02-21-97; effective 03-24-97; EA/RIR/IRFA dated 01-16-97, with attached Supplemental FRFA dated 02-18-97; FONSI determination 02-06-97.

Revise RRR to implement permit and RRR - PR: 61 FR 67524, 12-23-96; FR: 62 FR 17753, 04-11-97; effective 05-12-97; correction: 62 FR 26749, 05-15-97; no EA required.

Reduce maximum retainable bycatch percentages for GOA sablefish taken with trawl gear in the GOA; allow use of arrowtooth flounder as basis species for retention of bycatch amounts of pollock and Pacific cod when these species closed to directed fishing - PR: 62 FR 724, 01-06-97; FR: 62 FR 11109, 03-11-97; effective 04-10-97; EA dated October 1996; FONSI determination 03-07-97.

Correcting errors in consolidated regulations - TA: 62 FR 2043, 01-15-97, effective 02-14-97; no EA required.

IFQ six hour notice of landing requirement - PR: 62 FR 7993, 02-21-97; FR: 62 FR 26246; 05-13-97; effective 06-12-97; RIR only.

Seabird avoidance devices in hook-and-line groundfish fisheries - PR: 62 FR 10016, 03-05-97; FR: 62 FR 23176, 04-29-97; effective 05-29-97; 04-04-97, EA/RIR/FRFA dated 04-04-97; FONSI determination 04-18-97.

Correction to 50 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 679 consolidated regulations; “flounder to flatfish”; include in/offshore pollock and Pacific cod provision to GOA reserves; and add text to include GOA in apportionment text - TA/FR: 62 FR 15127, 03-31-97; effective 03-31-97; no EA required.

Experimental Fishing Permit to test the effects of an open-top trawl configuration on species and size composition of catch in trawls targeting yellowfin sole to the Groundfish Forum. Notice of receipt of EFP application: 62 FR 18316, 04-15-97; Notice of Issuance of an EFP 97-01: 62 FR 33397, 06-19-97; EA dated 05-21-97; FONSI determination 06-03-97.

At-sea scales certification program - implement performance and technical requirements for At-Sea scales. PR: 62 FR 32564, 06-16-97; At-Sea Scale Certification Program Proposed Collection - 63 FR 5364, 02-02-98; FR: 63 FR 5835, 02-04-98; effective 03-06-98; Notice of proposed implementation: 63 FR 5364, 02-02-98; Notice of implementation: 63 FR 13798, 03-23-98; effective 03-23-98; RIR only.

Establish standard allowances for ice and slime on unwashed Pacific halibut and sablefish landed in the IFQ fisheries for these species and incorporate them into the conversion factors for halibut and product recovery rates for sablefish used by NMFS to debit IFQ accounts - PR: 62 FR 32734, 06-17-97; FR: 62 FR 60667, 11-12-97, effective 12-12-97; correction: 62 FR 66311, 12-18-97, effective 12-12-97; EA dated October 1997; FONSI determination 10-20-97.

Clarify term “fishing trip” for purposes of monitoring directed fishing closures - TA/FR: 62 FR 35109, 06-30-97; effective 06-30-97; correction: 62 FR 38944, 07-21-97, effective 07-21-97; no EA required.

Extend North Pacific Interim Groundfish Observer Program through 1998 - PR: 62 FR 49198, 09-19-97; FR: 62 FR 67755, 12-30-97; effective 01-01-98; RIR/FRFA dated 10-28-97, (see EA/RIR/FRFA dated 08-27-96, for the Interim Observer Program under Amendments 47/47; FONSI determination 10-30-96).

Clarify and correct minor errors in regulations implementing the IFQ program - FR/TA: 62 FR 59298, 11-03-97; effective 11-03-97; no EA required.

IFQ survivorship transfer provisions. PR: 62 FR 60060, 11-06-97; Notice of withdrawal: 63 FR 13161, 03-18-98.

Clarify observer GCL insurance coverage - FR/TA: 62 FR 60182, 11-07-97; effective 11-07-97; no EA required.

1998 BSAI and GOA Groundfish TAC Specifications and PSC allowance - BSAI Proposed: 62 FR 65638, 12-15-97; GOA Proposed: 62 FR 65644, 12-15-97; BSAI Final: 63 FR 12689, 03-16-98; Correction: 63 FR 30148, 06-03-98; GOA Final: 63 FR 12027, 03-12-98; EA dated 03-02-98; FONSI determination 03-03-98.

Implement requirements for seabird bycatch avoidance devices in the hook-and-line Pacific halibut fishery off Alaska - PR: 62 FR 65635, 12-15-97; FR: 63 FR 11161, 03-06-98; EA dated 01-26-98; FONSI determination 02-20-98.

1998

Separate shorttraker/rougheye rockfish from aggregated rockfish bycatch group and reduce maximum retainable bycatch in the Aleutian Islands - PR: 63 FR 2654, 01-16-98; FR: 63 FR 15334, 03-31-98; effective 04-30-98; EA dated 02-25-98; FONSI determination 03-18-98.

Revise Recordkeeping and Reporting Requirements for 1998 fishing year - PR: 63 FR 8389, 02-19-98; FR: 63 FR 47348, 09-04-98; Correction: 63 FR 54610, 10-13-98; no EA required.

Modify vessel ownership requirements under the IFQ program - PR: 63 FR 69256, 12-16-98; FR: 64 FR 24960, 05-10-99; effective 06-09-99; RIR/IRFA only.

Approval of CDP for 1998 - 2000 Pacific halibut, fixed gear sablefish, and crab CDQ: 63 FR 14379, 03-25-98; Notice of approval of amendments to the 1998-2000 Multiple Species Community Development Plans for the 1999 allocation of pollock and related bycatch species: 64 FR 1539, 01-11-99, effective 01-11-99; no EA required.

Change the seasonal apportionments of pollock in the combined western and central GOA - PR: 63 FR 23712, 04-30-98; FR: 63 FR 31939, 06-11-98; EA dated May 1998; FONSI determination 05-29-98.

Experimental Fishing Permit 98-01 - Groundfish Forum, Inc., to test halibut excluder device for flatfish trawls to lower halibut bycatch rates - Notice of application: 63 FR 31201, 06-08-98; Notice of approval: 63 FR 44423, 08-18-98; EA dated 07-23-98; FONSI determination 08-13-98.

Stand down provisions for vessels transiting between the BSAI area and the GOA - PR: 63 FR 39065, 07-21-98; FR: 63 FR 48641, 09-11-98; EA dated August 1998; FONSI determination 09-01-98.

Extend the North Pacific Interim Groundfish Observer Program through 2000 - PR: 63 FR 47462, 09-08-98; FR: 63 FR 69024, 12-15-98; Categorical exclusion from requirements to prepare EA - RIR only.

Partial Approval of CDPs for Multispecies Groundfish and prohibited species for 1998-2000 - 63 FR 49501, 09-16-98; Correction: 63 FR 51303, 09-25-98; no EA required.

Measures to reduce impacts of Atka mackerel fishery in the Aleutian Islands on the Steller sea lions and their critical habitat - PR: 63 FR 60288, 11-09-98; FR: 64 FR 3446, 01-22-99, Correction: 64 FR 43297, 08-10-99; EA dated January 1999; FONSI determination 01-15-99.

Notice to solicit applications for eligibility to participate in the directed pollock fishery in the BSAI; request for emergency review and approval of a collection of information by Office of Management and Budget (OMB); applications received after 12-15-98 will be evaluated for purposes of fishing privileges in the 1999 directed pollock fishery but not for disbursement of funds - Notice: 63 FR 63 FR 66123, 12-01-98; no EA required.

1999 BSAI and GOA Groundfish TAC Specifications and PSC allowance - BSAI Proposed: 63 FR 71867, 12-30-98; GOA Proposed: 63 FR 71876, 12-30-98; BSAI Final: 64 FR 12103, 03-11-99; GOA Final: 64 FR 12094, 03-11-98; EA dated 12-24-98; FONSI determination 12-24-98.

1999

1999 Halibut CDQ management - PR: 64 FR 6025, 02-08-99 ; FR: 64 FR 20210, 04-26-99; EA dated 03-11-99; FONSI determination 04-09-99.

Changes to the Recordkeeping and Reporting Requirements for 1999 - PR: 64 FR 5868, 02-05-99; FR: 64 FR 61964, 11-15-99; effective: 12-15-99; Correction: 64 FR 69673, 12-14-99; Correction: 65 FR 10978, 03-01-00; Correction: 65 FR 25290, 05-01-00; Correction: 65 FR 41380, 07-05-00; no EA required.

Monitor and manage 1999 harvest limitations established for pollock catcher/processors under the American Fisheries Act (AFA) and observer coverage - ER: 64 FR 3435, 01-22-99; effective 01-20-99, through 07-19-99; Correction: 64 FR 7814, 02-17-99; Extension of ER: 64 FR 33425, 06-23-99, effective 07-19-99, through 12-31-99; EA dated December 1998; FONSI determination 01-12-99.

Implement Reasonable and Prudent Alternatives for Steller sea lion protection measures for the pollock fisheries of the BSAI and the GOA - ER: 64 FR 3437, 01-22-99; effective 01-20-99, through 07-19-99; Correction: 64 FR 7815, 02-17-99; Correction: 64 FR 9375, 02-25-99, effective 02-24-99; Correction: 64 FR 43297, 08-10-99, effective 08-09-99; Extension of ER: 64 FR 39087, 07-21-99, effective 07-20-99, through 12-31-99; EA dated January 1999; FONSI determination 01-14-99.

Establish a control year of 1999 in which no participation credit would be granted for entry into a non-salmon fishery off Alaska - Advanced notice of proposed rulemaking: 64 FR 2780, 01-19-99; no EA required.

Exempted Fishery Permit 99-01 and 99-02 - University of Washington Sea Grant Program to test effectiveness of seabird avoidance measures in the hook and line groundfish fisheries in the BSAI and GOA and in the IFQ halibut fishery - Notice of receipt (99-01): 64 FR 14885, 03-29-99; Notice of approval (99-01): 64 FR 25478, 05-12-99; Notice of approval (99-02): 64 FR 29994, 06-04-99; Categorical exclusion from requirements to prepare EA.

Establish application and transfer process for BSAI groundfish and crab licence limitation program - PR: 64 FR 19113, 04-19-99; FR: 64 FR 42826, 08-06-99; effective 09-07-99; Categorical exclusion from requirements to prepare EA.

Exempted Fishery Permit 99-04 - Alaska Fisheries Development Foundation to test artificial longline bait fabricated from seafood wastes in the GOA - Notice of receipt: 64 FR 30488, 06-08-99; Notice of approval: 64 FR 49468, 09-13-99; EA dated July 1999; FONSI determination 09-01-99.

Maximum retainable bycatch percentages for the shorttraker/rougheye and thornyhead rockfish in the GOA - PR: 64 FR 42080, 08-03-99; FR: 64 FR 68054, 12-06-99; effective 01-05-00; EA dated November 1999; FONSI determination 11-16-99.

Exempted fishing permit 99-03 - Groundfish Forum, Inc., to conduct an experiment in the BSAI that would test the accuracy of at-sea observer basket sampling practices, the design and use of automated species composition sampling, and the effect of fish stratification in trawls on size composition sampling - Notice of issuance of permit: 64 FR 43986, 08-12-99; Correction: 64 FR 46183, 08-24-99; EA dated 06-28-99; FONSI determination 08-06-99.

Selection of an Authorized Distributor for purposes of distributing Pacific salmon to economically disadvantaged individuals under the prohibited species donation program - Notice of selection: 64 FR 44502, 08-16-99; effective 08-16-99; no EA required.

Notice of application period for groundfish licenses and crab species licenses issued under the License Limitation Program (LLP) - 64 FR 49104, 09-10-99; effective 09-13-99, through 12-17-99; no EA required.

Amend portions of regulations implementing the equipment and operational requirements for catch weight measurement, observer sampling stations and observer transmission of data - PR: 64 FR 67555, 12-02-99; FR: 65 FR 33781, 05-25-00; effective 06-26-00; RIR/FRFA only.

IFQ Cost Recover Plan for the halibut and sablefish fisheries off Alaska - PR: 64 FR 72302, 12-27-99; Correction: 65 FR 11756, 12-06-99; FR: 65 FR 14919, 03-20-00; effective 03-15-00; EA dated January 2000; FONSI determination 01-21-00.

2000 BSAI and GOA Groundfish TAC Specifications and PSC allowance - BSAI Proposed: 642 FR 69464, 12-09-99; GOA Proposed: 64 FR 69457, 12-13-99; BSAI Final: 65 FR 8282, 02-18-00; Correction: 65 FR 42302, 07-10-00; GOA Final: 65 FR 8298, 02-18-00; Correction: 65 FR 11909, 03-07-00; EA dated 12-23-99; FONSI determination 12-23-99.

Approval of amendments to 1998-2000 Multiple Species Community Development Plans for CDQ groups to add allocations of pollock and selected other groundfish and prohibited species - 64 FR 71688, 12-22-99; effective 12-21-99; no EA required.

Implement permit requirements required under the AFA - EIR: 65 FR 380, 01-05-00; effective 12-30-99, through 06-27-00; Extension of EIR: 65 FR 39107, 06-23-00, effective 06-27-00, through 12-24-00; EA dated 12-06-99; FONSI determination 12-23-99.

Implement requirements of the AFA related to the 1999 western Alaska CDQ Program (See BSA 45 FR) - EIR; 64 FR 3877, 01-26-99; effective 01-21-99, through 07-20-99; Extension of ER: 64 FR 34743, 06-29-99; effective 07-20-99, through 12-31-99; EA dated 01-06-99; EA FONSI determination 01-22-99.

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Implement Reasonable and Prudent Alternatives for the protection of Steller sea lions - ER: 65 FR 3892, 01-25-00; effective 01-20-00, through 07-19-00; Correction: 65 FR 6561, 02-10-00; ER Extension: 65 FR 36795, 06-12-00, effective 01-25-00, through 12-31-00; EA dated January 2000; FONSI determination 01-11-00.

Implement harvest sideboard limits and fishery cooperative management measures necessary to implement the AFA in 2000 - EIR: 65 FR 4520, 01-28-00; effective 01-21-00, through 07-20-00; Correction: 65 FR 10722, 02-29-00; EIR Extension: 65 FR 39107, 06-23-00, effective 07-20-00, through 01-16-01; Correction: 65 FR 45930, 07-26-00; EA dated 01-07-00; FONSI determination 01-14-00.

Exempted Fishing Permit 00-01, Groundfish Forum Inc., and At-Sea Processors Association to develop a device for the BSAI Pacific cod fisheries that would lower halibut bycatch rates without lowering Pacific cod catch rates (Excluder device) - Notice of receipt: 65 FR 19363, 04-11-00; notice of approval: action not completed.

Vessel monitoring system for the Atka mackerel fishery in the Aleutian Islands subarea - PR: 65 FR 36810, 06-12-00; FR: action not completed.

Correction to the LLP licensing requirements, landings, qualifications for an "A" Category vessel in the western GOA: 65 FR 30549, 05-12-00, effective 01-01-99; Categorical exclusion from requirements to prepare EA.

Amend regulations implementing the LLP to include provisions inadvertently omitted that would have made area endorsements and area/species endorsements specified on a license non-severable from the license - FR: 65 FR 31103, 05-16-00, effective 05-11-00; Categorical exclusion from requirements to prepare EA.

Remove and revise regulations related to the expiration of the vessel moratorium program - FR/TA: 65 FR 45316, 07-21-00; effective 07-21-00; no EA required.

Kodiak Island area closures to trawl gear (central GOA), to support NMFS-sponsored research on the effect of fishing on localized pollock distribution and abundance - PR: 65 FR 41044, 07-03-00; FR: action not completed (see regulatory action closing all critical habitat areas in the BSA and GOA west of 144° W. longitude to trawling for groundfish).

Reduce certain observer coverage and experience requirements in the CDQ fisheries - PR: 65 FR 45579, 07-24-00; FR: action not completed.

Close all Critical Habitat in the BSAI and GOA west of 144° W. longitude to trawling for groundfish; Court-ordered injunction - ER: 65 FR XXXX, 08-15-00 (action not published yet); effective 08-08-00, until Order rescinded.

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66 FR 35911, July 10, 2001. Extension of 66 FR 7327 through January 14, 2002. Comment period through August 9, 2001.

66 FR 26808, May 15, 2001. Correction to 66 FR 7327.

66 FR 7327, January 22, 2001. Emergency interim rule to revise regulations to implement certain provisions of the AFA. Effective January 18, 2001 through July 17, 2001.

Community Development Quota

66 FR 16014, March 22, 2001. Correction to 66 FR 13672 (March 7, 2001).

66 FR 13672, March 7, 2001. BSAI Amendment 66 to remove the allocation of squid to the western Alaska CDQ.

Groundfish Harvest Specifications and Management

66 FR 53122, October 19, 2001. Correction to 63 FR 32144 (June 12, 1998) to replace the word “salmon” with “fish”.

66 FR 48371, September 20, 2001 Correction to 66 FR 37167 (July 17, 2001) and 66 FR 44073 (August 22, 2001).

66 FR 47416, September 12, 2001. Revision of the definition of length overall (LOA) of a vessel.

66 FR 44073, August 22, 2001. Correction to 66 FR 37167 (July 17, 2001) to add footnote reference numbers and their corresponding footnotes to Tables 21 through 24 to part 679 and preamble tables

66 FR 41806, August 9, 2001. Correction to 60 FR 63654 (December 12, 1995) to correct paragraph numbering.

66 FR 37167, July 17, 2001. NMFS amends and corrects 66 FR 7276 and extends its effectiveness through December 31, 2001. Comment period through August 15, 2001.

66 FR 34852, July 2, 2001. Correction to 66 FR 7276. Adjustments to the seasonal apportionments of the 2001 Pacific halibut bycatch limits specified for the trawl and hook-and-line groundfish fisheries (effective June 27 through July 17, 2001) and closure to directed fishing for GOA shallow-water species by vessels using trawl gear in the GOA (effective June 27 through July 1, 2001).

66 FR 34125, June 27, 2001. Pacific halibut and red king crab bycatch rate standards for the second half of 2001. Comment period through July 27, 2001.

66 FR 31845, June 13, 2001. Amendments to 66 FR 7276. These modifications prohibit directed fishing for Pacific cod by specified vessels until July 17, 2001 (effective June 10, 2001 through July 17, 2001). Comment period through July 9, 2001.

66 FR 17087, March 29, 2001. Correction to 66 FR 7276. Adjustments to the seasonal apportionments of the 2001 Pacific halibut bycatch limits specified for the trawl and hook-and-line groundfish fisheries of the GOA Effective through July 17, 2001.

66 FR 17083, March 29, 2001. Correction to 66 FR 7276 to relax fishing restrictions on vessels fishing for groundfish off Alaska with jig gear and on vessels less than 60 ft (18.3 m) LOA fishing for Pacific cod with hook-and-line or pot gear in the BSAI. Effective through July 17, 2001.

66 FR 15656, March 20, 2001. Corrections to 66 FR 7276 (January 22, 2001).

66 FR 83674, January 31, 2001. 50 CFR 300 and 50 CFR 679. Correction to 65 FR 67305 (November 9, 2000).

66 FR 7276, January 22, 2001. Emergency interim rule to implement Steller sea lion Protection Measures and 2001 Harvest Specifications.

66 FR 3501, January 16, 2001. Pacific halibut and red king crab bycatch rate standards for the first half of 2001.

Halibut Donation Program

66 FR 53122, October 19, 2001. Correction to 63 FR 32144 (June 12, 1998) to replace the word “salmon” with “fish”.

Humpback Whales

66 FR 29502, May 31, 2001. Final Rule to prohibit the approach within 100 yards (91.4 m) of a humpback whale in waters within 200 nautical miles (370.4 km) of the coast of Alaska.

Individual Fishing Quota

66 FR 27908, May 21, 2001. Final rule to amend, refine and correct IFQ regulations.

66 FR 13672, March 7, 2001. Correction to 65 FR 14919 (March 20, 2000) that implements a cost recovery program for the IFQ program.

License Limitation

66 FR 48813, September 24, 2001. Final rule that implements Amendment 60 to the FMP for the Groundfish Fishery of the BSAI, Amendment 58 to the FMP for Groundfish of the GOA, and Amendment 10 to the FMP for the Commercial King and Tanner Crab Fisheries in the BSAI.

66 FR 13857, March 8, 2001. Correction to the scallop LLP final rule published December 14, 2000.

66 FR 3450, January 16, 2001. Final rule correction to add an OMB control number to 902.1.

Recordkeeping and Reporting

66 FR 55123, November 2, 2001: Alaska Commercial Operator's Annual Report (COAR) corrections.

66 FR 47416, September 12, 2001. Revision of the definition of LOA of a vessel.

66 FR 43524, August 20, 2001: Rule to require groundfish motherships and catcher/processors to submit a COAR annually to ADF&G.

Regulations (Rules Specific to Regulatory Actions)

66 FR 47416, September 12, 2001. Revision of the definition of LOA of a vessel.

66 FR 33031, June 20, 2001: Correction to the final rule consolidating regulations for fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone off Alaska that was published on June 19, 1996 (61 FR 31228).

Seabird Avoidance Measures

66 FR 9146, February 6, 2001: Critical habitat for the Spectacled Eider.

66 FR 8850, February 2, 2001: Critical habitat for the Steller's Eider.

66 FR 3853, January 17, 2001: Presidential Executive Order 13186 of January 10, 2001: Responsibilities of Federal Agencies to Protect Migratory Birds.

Steller Sea Lion Protection Measures

66 FR 48371, September 20, 2001 Correction to 66 FR 37167 (July 17, 2001) and 66 FR 44073 (August 22, 2001).

66 FR 44073, August 22, 2001. Correction to 66 FR 37167 (July 17, 2001) to add footnote reference numbers and their corresponding footnotes to Tables 21 through 24 to part 679 and preamble tables.

66 FR 37167, July 17, 2001. NMFS amends and corrects the emergency interim rule that implements the 2001 Steller sea lion protection measures and the 2001 harvest specifications and extends its effectiveness through December 31, 2001. Comment period through August 15, 2001.

66 FR 34852, July 2, 2001. Correction to the emergency interim rule for Steller Sea Lion Protection Measures for the Groundfish Fisheries Off Alaska; Final 2001 Harvest Specifications and Associated Management Measures for the Groundfish Fisheries Off Alaska; Closure.

66 FR 17083, March 29, 2001. Amendments to the emergency interim rule implementing 2001 Steller sea lion protection measures and harvest specifications for the groundfish fisheries off Alaska. These modifications relax fishing restrictions on vessels fishing for groundfish off Alaska with jig gear and on vessels less than 60 ft (18.3 m) LOA fishing for Pacific cod with hook-and-line or pot gear in the BSAI.

66 FR 15656, March 20, 2001. Corrections to 66 FR 7276 (January 22, 2001), the emergency interim rule to implement Steller Sea Lion Protection Measures and 2001 Harvest Specifications.

66 FR 7276, January 22, 2001. Emergency interim rule to implement Steller Sea Lion Protection Measures and 2001 Harvest Specifications.

2001 Federal Register Notices

Community Development Quota

66 FR 20789, April 25, 2001. Proposed information collection -- OMB No. 0648-0269. Renewal of CDQ program information request. Comment period through June 25, 2001.

Individual Fishing Quotas

66 FR 64915, December 17, 2001. Announcement of standard prices and fee percentage for IFQ Cost Recovery Program. Fees due by January 31, 2001.

66 FR 32317, June 14, 2001. Proposed information collection -- OMB No. 0648-0272. NMFS requests the renewal of this data collection. Comments due by August 13, 2001.

66 FR 23236, May 8, 2001. Proposed information collection -- OMB No. 0648-0272. NMFS requests that "corporation or partnership information" be added to this collection. Comments due by July 9, 2001.

Prohibited Species

66 FR 37456, July 18, 2001. Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995 – Prohibited Species Donation Program.

66 FR 13294, March 5, 2001. Authorization and renewal of the Prohibited Species Donation Program.

Recordkeeping and Reporting

66 FR 65680, December 20, 2001. Proposed Information Collection, Alaska Region Logbook Family of Forms.

2002 Final Rules

American Fisheries Act

67 FR 79692, December 30, 2002. AFA Amendments 61/61/13/8 which incorporate the AFA into four FMPs and their implementing regulations.

67 FR 78733, December 26, 2002. Interim 2003 TAC amounts for each category of groundfish, AFA sideboard amounts, and specifications for PSC amounts for the groundfish fishery of the GOA.

67 FR 78739, December 26, 2002. Interim 2003 TAC amounts for each category of groundfish, CDQ reserve amounts, AFA pollock allocations and sideboard amounts, and PSC allowances and PSQ reserves for the groundfish fishery of the BSAI.

Community Development Quota

67 FR 78739, December 26, 2002. Interim 2003 TAC amounts for each category of groundfish, CDQ reserve amounts, AFA pollock allocations and sideboard amounts, and PSC allowances and PSQ reserves for the groundfish fishery of the BSAI.

Essential Fish Habitat

67 FR 2343, January 17, 2002. Revision of the regulations implementing the EFH provisions of the Magnuson-Stevens Act.

Groundfish Harvest Specifications and Management

67 FR 78733, December 26, 2002. Interim 2003 TAC amounts for each category of groundfish, AFA sideboard amounts, and specifications for PSC amounts for the groundfish fishery of the GOA.

67 FR 78739, December 26, 2002. Interim 2003 TAC amounts for each category of groundfish, CDQ reserve amounts, AFA pollock allocations and sideboard amounts, and PSC allowances and PSQ reserves for the groundfish fishery of the BSAI.

67 FR 77439, December 18, 2002. Pacific halibut and red king crab bycatch rate standards for the first half of 2003. Comment period through January 2, 2003.

67 FR 72595, December 6, 2002. Extension of the Interim Groundfish Observer Program through December 31, 2007.

67 FR 70859, November 27, 2002. NMFS implements Amendment 60 to the FMP for Groundfish of the GOA to prohibit the use of non-pelagic trawl gear in Cook Inlet effective December 27, 2002.

67 FR 64315, October 18, 2002. Correction to emergency interim rule for Steller sea lion protection measures and Recordkeeping and Reporting requirements.

67 FR 57183, September 9, 2002. Revision to the emergency rule for the harvest specifications (67 FR 956, January 8, 2002) and Table 11.

67 FR 47472, July 19, 2002. Correction to FR 45671, emergency interim rule for Steller sea lion protection measures.

67 FR 45671, July 10, 2002. Correction to the emergency interim rule for Steller sea lion protection measures.

67 FR 36845, May 28, 2002. Pacific halibut and red king crab bycatch rate standards for the second half of 2002. Comment period through June 27, 2002.

67 FR 34860, May 16, 2002. Extension of emergency interim rule for Steller sea lion protection measures and TAC specifications. Comment period through June 14, 2002.

67 FR 21600, May 1, 2002. Emergency interim rule amendment and correction.

67 FR 1160, January 9, 2002. Pacific halibut and red king crab bycatch rate standards for the first half of 2002. Comment period through February 7, 2002.

67 FR 956, January 8, 2002. Emergency rule for Steller sea lion protection measures and TAC specifications. Comment period through February 7, 2002.

Individual Fishing Quotas

67 FR 20915, April 29, 2002. Implementation of Amendment 54 to the FMP for the groundfish fishery of the BSAI, Amendment 54 to the FMP for Groundfish of the GOA (Amendments 54/54), and an amendment

to the Pacific halibut commercial fishery regulations for waters in and off Alaska -- three changes in the IFQ Program.

67 FR 9928, March 5, 2002. Opening of sablefish fixed gear IFQ season on March 18, 2002.

License Limitation Plan

67 FR 53321, August 15, 2002. Correction to FR 18129 published August 15, 2002.

7 FR 18129, April 15, 2002. Final Rule for BSA FMP Amendment 67 - Pacific cod LLP. Effective 05-15-02, except for 679.4(k)(9)(i) which will be effective 01-01-03.

Observer Program

67 FR 72595, December 6, 2002. Extension of the Interim Groundfish Observer Program through December 31, 2007 and amendments to the regulations for the North Pacific Groundfish Observer Program.

Recordkeeping and Reporting

67 FR 71112, November 29, 2002. Technical Correction to Fisheries of the EEZ off Alaska. This is correction for typographical errors in Federal Regulations 50 CFR 679; 679.2 and 679.7. in U.S. fisheries.

67 FR 64315, October 18, 2002. Correction to emergency interim rule for Steller sea lion protection measures and Recordkeeping and Reporting requirements.

67 FR 46024, July 11, 2002. Correction to 67 FR 4100

67 FR 22008, May 2, 2002. Revisions to Recordkeeping and Reporting Requirements, correction to 67 FR 4100.

67 FR 4100, January 28, 2002. Revisions to Recordkeeping and Reporting requirements for groundfish fisheries in the EEZ off Alaska.

Steller Sea Lion Protection Measures

67 FR 64315, October 18, 2002. Correction to emergency interim rule for Steller sea lion protection measures and Recordkeeping and Reporting requirements.

67 FR 47472, July 19, 2002. Correction to FR 45671, emergency interim rule for Steller sea lion protection measures.

67 FR 45671, July 10, 2002. Correction to the emergency interim rule for Steller sea lion protection measures.

67 FR 34860, May 16, 2002. Extension of emergency interim rule for Steller sea lion protection measures and TAC specifications. Comment period through June 14, 2002.

67 FR 21600, May 1, 2002. Emergency interim rule amendment and correction.

67 FR 956, January 8, 2002. Emergency Rule for Steller sea lion Protection Measures and TAC Specifications. Comment period through February 7, 2002.

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Emergency Position Indicating Radio Beacon

67 FR 44216, July 1, 2002. Emergency Position Indicating Radio Beacon (EPIRB) registration with NOAA and certification by U.S. Coast Guard.

Individual Fishing Quotas

67 FR 76998, December 16, 2002. Notice of standard prices and fee percentage for North Pacific halibut and sablefish IFQ cost recovery program.

67 FR 66126, October 30, 2002. Proposed information collection for the IFQ Fees Program. Comment period through December 30, 2002.

Information Integrity

67 FR 62685, October 8, 2002. Government-wide guidelines that provide policy and procedural guidance to Federal agencies for ensuring and maximizing the quality, objectivity, utility, and integrity of information (including statistical information) disseminated by Federal agencies.

License Limitation Program

67 FR 9250, February 28, 2002. Notice of information collection and permit requirements for the LLP for Groundfish, Crab and Scallops. Comment period through April 29, 2002.

Marine Mammal Observer Program

67 FR 2410, January 17, 2002. Notice of Continuing Effect of the List of Fisheries.

Prohibited Species Donation

67 FR 47352, July 18, 2002. Renewal of permits to Northwest Food Strategies authorizing this organization to distribute Pacific salmon and Pacific halibut to economically disadvantaged individuals under the prohibited species donation program.

Recordkeeping and Reporting

67 FR 79904, December 31, 2002. Renewal of OMB 0648-0206 Permit family of forms. Comment period through March 3, 2002.

67 FR 38470, June 4, 2002. Proposed information collection for the Vessel Monitoring System (VMS) Program.

67 FR 35097, May 17, 2002. Submission for OMB Review; NMFS AKR requests R&R information from participating fishermen to manage and monitor the Alaska groundlings fisheries. Comment period through June 17, 2002.

67 FR 15359, April 1, 2002. Announcement of approval of data collection for IFQ program: gear types on landing report and annual updates on the status of corporations, partnerships, and other collective entities holding IFQ quota shares.

67 FR 15179, March 31, 2002. Announcement of approval of information collection for the Prohibited Species Donation Program.

67 FR 9250, February 28, 2002. Notice of information collection and permit requirements for the License Limitation Program for Groundfish, Crab and Scallops. Comment period through April 29, 2002.

67 FR 5749, February 7, 2002. Notice of information collection and recordkeeping requirements for the inspection of scales approved for weighing catch of Alaska groundfish.

67 FR 2633, January 18, 2002. Notice of proposed information collection, High Seas Fishing Vessel Identification Requirements. Comment period through February 18, 2002.

67 FR 2633, January 18, 2002. Notice of proposed information collection, Prohibited Species Donation Program. Comment period through February 18, 2002.

67 FR 2633, January 18, 2002. Notice of proposed information collection, Individual Fishing Quotas for Pacific Halibut and Sablefish in the Alaska Fisheries. Comment period through February 18, 2002.

67 FR 1440, January 11, 2002. Notice of proposed information collection, VMS for Alaska region. Comment period through March 13, 2002.

Vessel Monitoring System Program

67 FR 38470, June 4, 2002. Proposed information collection for the VMS Program.

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68 FR 17314, April 9, 2003. Correction to a cross reference error in 67 FR 79692 (December 30, 2002).

68 FR 6833, February 11, 2003. BSAI Amendment 69 to allow an inshore cooperative to contract with a non-member vessel to harvest a portion of the cooperative's pollock allocation.

Community Development Quota

68 FR 9902, March 3, 2003. Final rule to increase the Area 4E trip limit and modify the Area 4 Catch Sharing Plan to allow CDQ Program participants to harvest allocations of Area 4D halibut CDQ in Area 4E.

Groundfish Harvest Specifications and Management

68 FR 24468, May 9, 2003. Chiniak Gully Research Area opening for the groundfish trawl fisheries of the GOA. Comment period through June 6, 2003.

68 FR 24615, May 8, 2003. Correction to Steller Sea Lion Protection Measures, 68 FR 204 (January 2, 2003).

68 FR 15969, April 2, 2003. Correction to 68 FR 715 (January 7, 2003).

68 FR 14902, March 27, 2003. Correction to a docket number of 68 FR 9907 (March 3, 2003).

68 FR 11004, March 7, 2003. Seasonal closure of a portion of the waters located near Cape Sarichef in the Bering Sea subarea to directed fishing for groundfish by vessels using trawl, pot, or hook-and-line gear to support NMFS research on the effect of fishing on the localized abundance of Pacific cod.

68 FR 9907, March 3, 2003. Final BSAI 2003 Groundfish Harvest Specifications.

68 FR 9924, March 3, 2003. Final GOA 2003 Groundfish Harvest Specifications.

68 FR 1392, January 10, 2003. Correction to 67 FR 72595.

68 FR 715, January 7, 2003. Revisions to observer coverage requirements for vessels and shoreside processors in the North Pacific groundfish fisheries.

68 FR 204, January 2, 2003. Final rule to implement Steller sea lion protection measures to avoid the likelihood that the groundfish fisheries off Alaska will jeopardize the continued existence of the western distinct population segment of Steller sea lions or adversely modify its critical habitat.

67 FR 77439, December 18, 2002. Pacific halibut and red king crab bycatch rate standards for the first half of 2003. Comment period through January 2, 2003.

Individual Fishing Quota

68 FR 7719, February 18, 2003. Directed fishing for sablefish with fixed gear managed under the IFQ program will open March 1, 2003, and will close November 15, 2003.

Observer Program

68 FR 15969, April 2, 2003. Correction to 68 FR 715 (January 7, 2003).

68 FR 1392, January 10, 2003. Correction to 67 FR 72595.

68 FR 715, January 7, 2003. Revisions to observer coverage requirements for vessels and shoreside processors in the North Pacific groundfish fisheries.

Recordkeeping and Reporting

68 FR 23925, May 6, 2003. Correction to the definition of LOA in 66 FR 47416 (September 12, 2001) and 68 FR 20083 (April 24, 2003).

68 FR 20083, April 24, 2003. Revisions to definition of LOA of a Vessel, correction to 66 FR 47416 (September 12, 2001).

Steller Sea Lion Protection Measures

68 FR 24468, May 9, 2003. Chiniak Gully Research Area opening for the groundfish trawl fisheries of the GOA. Comment period through June 6, 2003.

68 FR 24615, May 8, 2003. Correction to 68 FR 204 (January 2, 2003).

68 FR 11004, March 7, 2003. Seasonal closure of a portion of the waters located near Cape Sarichef in the Bering Sea subarea to directed fishing for groundfish by vessels using trawl, pot, or hook-and-line gear to support NMFS research on the effect of fishing on the localized abundance of Pacific cod.

68 FR 204, January 2, 2003. Final rule to implement Steller sea lion protection measures to avoid the likelihood that the groundfish fisheries off Alaska will jeopardize the continued existence of the western distinct population segment of Steller sea lions or adversely modify its critical habitat.

2003 Federal Register Notices

At-Sea Scales

68 FR 13279, March 19, 2003. Proposed information collection comment request - Alaska Region scale and catch weighing requirements. Comment period through May 19, 2003.

Marine Mammal Research

68 FR 2751, January 21, 2003. Receipt of applications for new permits and permit amendments.

Recordkeeping and Reporting

68 FR 13279, March 19, 2003. Proposed information collection comment request - Alaska Region scale and catch weighing requirements. Comment period through May 19, 2003.

68 FR 7107, February 12, 2003. Proposed Information Collection; American Fisheries Act, Vessel and Processor Permit Applications (OMB control No. 0393). Comment period through April 14, 2003.

68 FR 6417, February 7, 2003. Proposed information collection for the AFA fisheries (OMB control No. 0648-0401). Comment period through April 8, 2003.

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