

Transfer—Other than Central Contractor Registration, be inserted in contracts depending on whether the Central Contractor Registration (CCR) database will be used. NASA has chosen not to use the CCR. The NFS rule states that the clause at FAR 52.232–34 is to be used. Another FAR change occurs at 32.1110(b), which states that the clause at FAR 52.232–33 or 52.232–34 needs to clearly address the use of a nondomestic EFT mechanism if the agency head has authorized their use. The NFS rule establishes that the use of a nondomestic EFT mechanism has been authorized and specifies the action to be taken with the clause at FAR 52.232–34. Furthermore, FAR 32.1110(c) requires the clause at 52.232–35 be inserted in contracts if agency procedures permit the submission of EFT information to other than the payment office. The NFS rule requires that the payment office be the designated office for the receipt of EFT information for all NASA contracts.

Impact

Regulatory Flexibility Act

This rule does not constitute a significant revision within the meaning of FAR 1.501 and Pub. L. 98–577, and publication for public comments is not required. However, comments from small entities concerning the affected NFS subpart will be considered in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 610. Such comments must be submitted separately and should cite 5 U.S.C. 601, *et seq.*

Paperwork Reduction Act

The Paperwork Reduction Act does not apply because the changes to the NFS do not impose recordkeeping or information collection requirements, or collections of information from offerors, contractors, or members of the public which require the approval of the Office of Management and Budget under 44 U.S.C. 3501, *et seq.*

List of Subjects in 48 CFR Part 1832

Government procurement.

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Accordingly, 48 CFR part 1832 is amended as follows:

PART 1832—CONTRACT FINANCING

1. The authority citation for 48 CFR part 1832 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 42 U.S.C. 2473(c)(1).

Subpart 1832.11—[Added]

2. Subpart 1832.11 is added to read as follows:

Subpart 1832.11—Electronic Funds Transfer

1832.1110 Solicitation provision and contract clauses. (NASA supplements paragraphs (a), (b), and (c)).

(a)(1) NASA does not use the Central Contractor Registration. Use the clause at FAR 52.232–34, Payment by Electronic Funds Transfer—Other than Central Contractor Registration.

(b) In accordance with FAR 32.1106(b), the use of a nondomestic EFT mechanism is authorized. When a nondomestic EFT mechanism is used, the contracting officer shall replace the paragraph at FAR 52.232–34(c) with a description of the EFT mechanism that will be used for the contract.

(c) The payment office shall be the designated office for receipt of contractor EFT information for all NASA contracts.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

50 CFR Part 679

[Docket No. 990304063–9063–01; I.D. 040999A]

Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pacific Cod by Catcher Vessels using Trawl Gear in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands

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

ACTION: Closure.

SUMMARY: NMFS is closing directed fishing for Pacific cod by catcher vessels using trawl gear in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands management area (BSAI). This action is necessary to prevent exceeding the portion of the 1999 total allowable catch (TAC) of Pacific cod allocated to catcher vessels using trawl gear in this area.

DATES: Effective 1200 hrs, Alaska local time (A.l.t.), April 11, 1999, until 2400 hrs, A.l.t., December 31, 1999.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: NMFS manages the groundfish fishery in the BSAI according to the Fishery Management Plan for the Groundfish Fishery of the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Area (FMP) prepared by the North Pacific Fishery Management

Council under authority of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act. Regulations governing fishing by U.S. vessels in accordance with the FMP appear at subpart H of 50 CFR part 600 and 50 CFR part 679.

The Final 1999 Harvest Specifications of Groundfish for the BSAI (64 FR 12103, March 11, 1999) established the portion of the TAC of Pacific cod allocated to catcher vessels using trawl gear in the BSAI as 38,475 metric tons (mt). See § 679.20(c)(3)(iii) and § 679.20(a)(7)(i)(B).

In accordance with § 679.20(d)(1)(i), the Administrator, Alaska Region, NMFS (Regional Administrator), has determined that the portion of the TAC of Pacific cod allocated to catcher vessels using trawl gear in the BSAI will be reached. Therefore, the Regional Administrator is establishing a directed fishing allowance of 34,475 mt, and is setting aside the remaining 4,000 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 will soon be reached. Consequently, NMFS is closing directed fishing for Pacific cod by catcher vessels using trawl gear in the BSAI.

Maximum retainable bycatch amounts may be found in the regulations at § 679.20(e) and (f).

Classification

This action responds to the best available information recently obtained from the fishery. It must be implemented immediately in order to prevent overharvesting the 1999 TAC of Pacific cod allocated to catcher vessels using trawl gear in the BSAI. A delay in the effective date is impracticable and contrary to the public interest. The Pacific cod directed fishing allowance established for catcher vessels will soon be reached. Further delay would only result in overharvest which would disrupt the FMP's objective of providing sufficient Pacific cod to support bycatch needs in other anticipated groundfish fisheries throughout the year. NMFS finds for good cause that the implementation of this action can not be delayed for 30 days. Accordingly, under 5 U.S.C. 553(d), a delay in the effective date is hereby waived.

This action is required by § 679.20 and is exempt from review under E.O. 12866.

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

Dated: April 9, 1999.

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