

closures were extended through March 1, 2001. On February 9, 2001, NMFS issued an interim final rule extending the closures of the Mid-Atlantic closed areas on an interim basis for 180 days (i.e., August 8, 2001) or until such time that a controlled area access program for these two areas could be implemented through Framework 14 to the Atlantic Sea Scallop FMP, whichever came sooner. On May 1, 2001, NMFS published a final rule (66 FR 21639) implementing Framework 14. However, because this rule contained numerous errors, the document was reprinted in its entirety on May 11, 2001 (66 FR 24052). The final rule implementing Framework 14 became effective on May 1, 2001. That final rule amended portions of § 648.57, Closed and regulated areas. However, § 648.57 was scheduled to expire on August 8, 2001, and, therefore, the "amendments" to § 648.57 implemented under Framework 14 also inadvertently expired on August 8, 2001. NMFS is correcting amendatory instruction 6 of the final rule implementing Framework 14 by "adding" § 648.57 to 50 CFR part 648 and is publishing the regulatory text for this section in its entirety.

Need for Correction

As published, the final regulations published on May 11, 2001 (66 FR 24052) contain errors which may prove to be misleading and are in need of clarification.

List of Subjects in 50 CFR Part 648

Fisheries, Fishing, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

Dated: August 23, 2001.

John Oliver

Acting Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.

For the reasons set out in the preamble, 50 CFR part 648 is corrected as follows:

PART 648—FISHERIES OF THE NORTHEASTERN UNITED STATES

1. The authority citation for part 648 continues to read as follows:

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

2. Section 648.57 is added to read as follows:

§ 648.57 Closed and regulated areas.

(a) *Hudson Canyon Sea Scallop Access Area.* Through February 28, 2003, except as provided in §§ 648.52 and 648.58, no vessel may fish for scallops in or land scallops from the area known as the Hudson Canyon Sea Scallop Access Area, and no vessel may possess scallops in the Hudson Canyon

Sea Scallop Access Area, unless such vessel is only transiting the area with all fishing gear unavailable for immediate use as defined in § 648.23(b), or, there is a compelling safety reason to be in such areas without all such gear being unavailable for immediate use. The Hudson Canyon Sea Scallop Access Area (copies of a chart depicting this area are available from the Regional Administrator upon request) is defined by straight lines connecting the following points in the order stated:

Point	Latitude	Longitude
H1	39 30' N.	73 10' W.
H2	39 30' N.	72 30' W.
H3	38 30' N.	73 30' W.
H4	38 40' N.	73 50' W.

(b) *Virginia Beach Sea Scallop Access Area.* Through February 28, 2003, except as provided in §§ 648.52 and 648.58, no vessel may fish for scallops in or land scallops from the area known as the Virginia Beach Sea Scallop Access Area, and no vessel may possess scallops in the Virginia Beach Sea Scallop Access Area, unless such vessel is only transiting the areas with all fishing gear unavailable for immediate use as defined in § 648.23(b), or, there is a compelling safety reason to be in such areas without all such gear being unavailable for immediate use. The Virginia Beach Sea Scallop Access Area (copies of a chart depicting this area are available from the Regional Administrator upon request) is defined by straight lines connecting the following points in the order stated:

Point	Latitude	Longitude
V1	37 00' N.	74 55' W.
V2	37 00' N.	74 35' W.
V3	36 25' N.	74 45' W.
V4	36 25' N.	74 55' W.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

50 CFR Part 648

[Docket No. 001121328-1066-03; I.D. 082401D]

Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Summer Flounder Fishery; Commercial Quota Harvested for Massachusetts

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and

Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Closure; commercial quota harvested for Massachusetts.

SUMMARY: NMFS announces that the summer flounder commercial quota available to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts has been harvested. Vessels issued a commercial Federal fisheries permit for the summer flounder fishery may not land summer flounder in Massachusetts for the remainder of calendar year 2001, unless additional quota becomes available through a transfer. Regulations governing the summer flounder fishery require publication of this notification to advise the Commonwealth of Massachusetts that the quota has been harvested, and to advise vessel permit holders and dealer permit holders that no commercial quota is available for landing summer flounder in Massachusetts.

DATES: Effective 0001 hours, August 31, 2001, through 2400 hours, December 31, 2001.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Paul H. Jones, Fishery Policy Analyst, (978) 281-9273.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Regulations governing the summer flounder fishery are found at 50 CFR part 648. The regulations require annual specification of a commercial quota that is apportioned on a percentage basis among the coastal states from North Carolina through Maine. The process to set the annual commercial quota and the percent allocated to each state is described in § 648.100.

The initial total commercial quota for summer flounder for the 2001 calendar year was set equal to 10,747,535 lb (4,875,000 kg) (66 FR 16151, March 23, 2001). The percent allocated to vessels landing summer flounder in Massachusetts is 6.82046 percent, or 733,031 lb (332,497 kg). This allocation was adjusted due to an overage in 2000, as provided in § 648.100(e)(4), for a final allocation of 645,663 lb (292,868 kg).

Section 648.101(b) requires the Administrator, Northeast Region, NMFS (Regional Administrator) to monitor state commercial quotas and to determine when a state's commercial quota is harvested. NMFS then publishes notification in the **Federal Register** advising a state and notifying Federal vessel and dealer permit holders that, effective upon a specific date, the state's commercial quota has been harvested and no commercial quota is available for landing summer flounder in that state. The Regional

Administrator has determined, based upon dealer reports and other available information, that the Commonwealth of Massachusetts has attained its quota for 2001.

The regulations at § 648.4 (b) provide that Federal permit holders agree as a condition of the permit not to land summer flounder in any state that the Regional Administrator has determined no longer has commercial quota available. Therefore, effective 0001 hours, August 31, 2001, further landings of summer flounder in Massachusetts by vessels holding summer flounder commercial Federal fisheries permits are prohibited for the remainder of the 2001 calendar year, unless additional quota becomes available through a transfer and is announced in the **Federal Register**. Effective 0001 hours, August 31, 2001, federally permitted dealers are also notified that they may not purchase summer flounder from federally permitted vessels that land in Massachusetts for the remainder of the calendar year, or until additional quota becomes available through a transfer.

Classification

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

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

Dated: August 24, 2001.

Dean Swanson,

Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

50 CFR Part 660

[Docket No. 010108006-1198-03; I.D. 050101D]

RIN 0648-A097

Fisheries off West Coast States and in the Western Pacific; Pacific Coast Groundfish Fishery; Amendment 14; Corrections

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

ACTION: Corrections to final rule for Amendment 14.

SUMMARY: This document corrects a section heading and a phrase in amendatory instruction 6 to the Amendment 14 final rule which was

published on August 7, 2001. Amendment 14 creates a permit stacking program for limited entry permits with sablefish endorsements. This permit stacking program will lengthen the duration of the limited entry, fixed gear primary sablefish fishery. It is intended to increase safety in that fishery, to provide flexibility to participants, and to reduce capacity in the limited entry fixed gear fleet.

DATES: Effective August 2, 2001.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Yvonne deReynier, NMFS, (206) 526-6140.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The final rule implementing Amendment 14 was published in the **Federal Register** on August 7, 2001, contained an incorrect heading for § 660.333 and an incorrect amendatory instruction section to § 660.334(d)(1). Paragraph (d)(1) was revised instead of (d)(1) introductory text. As a result of this action, the subordinate paragraphs were removed. This document corrects the instruction, and the subordinate paragraphs to § 660.334(d)(1) will be restored to the CFR.

Corrections

As published, the final rule FR Doc. 01-19769, August 7, 2001, (66 FR 41152), contains errors and needs to be corrected.

§ 660.333 Limited entry fishery—eligibility and registration.

1. On page 41158, in the first column, under § 660.333, the section heading is corrected to read as set forth above.

§ 660.334 [Corrected]

2. On page 41158, in the first column, in amendatory instruction 6, in the second line, the phrase “(d)(1)” is corrected to read “(d)(1) introductory text.”

All other information previously published remains the same.

Dated: August 23, 2001.

John Oliver,

Acting Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

50 CFR Part 679

[Docket No. 010112013-1013-06; I.D. 082301C]

Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Chiniak Gully Research Area for Vessels Using Trawl Gear

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

ACTION: Modification of a closure.

SUMMARY: NMFS is rescinding the trawl closure in the Chiniak Gully Research Area. This action is necessary to allow vessels using trawl gear to participate in directed fishing for groundfish in the Chiniak Gully Research Area after the completion of NMFS research on August 31, 2001.

DATES: Effective 1200 hrs, Alaska local time (A.l.t.), September 1, 2001 through December 31, 2001.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mary Furuness, 907-586-7228.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: NMFS manages the groundfish fishery in the GOA exclusive economic zone according to the Fishery Management Plan for Groundfish of the Gulf of Alaska (FMP) prepared by the North Pacific Fishery Management Council under authority of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act. Regulations governing fishing by U.S. vessels in accordance with the FMP appear at subpart H of 50 CFR part 679.

The Chiniak Gully Research Area was closed to vessels using trawl gear from August 1 to a date no later than September 20, 2001, under the Steller Sea Lion Protection Measures and 2001 Harvest Specifications and Associated Management Measures for the Groundfish Fisheries Off Alaska (66 FR 37167, July 17, 2001).

This closure was in support of a research project to evaluate the effect of commercial fishing activity on the prey availability of pollock to Steller sea lions.

NMFS has determined that as of August 31, 2001, the pollock research will be completed in the Chiniak Gully Research Area. Therefore, NMFS is rescinding the previous closure and is opening directed fishing for groundfish by vessels using trawl gear in the Chiniak Gully Research Area pursuant to 50 CFR 679.22(b)(6)(ii)(B).