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***Subpart A--General***

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Regulations in this part were developed by the Council under the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act and the Northern Pacific Halibut Act. Along with part 600 of this chapter, these regulations implement the following:

***(a) Fishery Management Plan for Groundfish of the Gulf of Alaska.***

(1) Regulations in this part govern commercial fishing for groundfish in the GOA by vessels of the United States (see subparts A, B, D, and E of this part).

(2) The following State of Alaska regulations are not preempted by this part for vessels regulated under this part fishing for demersal shelf rockfish in the Southeast Outside District, and which are registered under the laws of the State of Alaska: 5 AAC 28.110, fishing seasons; 5 AAC 28.130, gear; 5 AAC 28.160, harvest guidelines; 5 AAC 28.190, harvest of bait by commercial permit holders.

***(b) Fishery Management Plan for the Groundfish Fishery of the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Area.***

Regulations in this part govern commercial fishing for groundfish in the BSAI by vessels of the United States (see subparts A, B, C, D, and E of this part).

***(c) [Reserved]***

***(d) IFQ Program for sablefish and halibut.***

The IFQ management measures for the commercial fisheries that use fixed gear to harvest sablefish and halibut (see subparts A, B, D, and E of this part).

(1) Sablefish.

(i) Regulations in this part govern commercial fishing for sablefish by vessels of the United States:

(A) Using fixed gear within that portion of the GOA and the BSAI over which the United States exercises exclusive fishery management authority; and

(B) Using fixed gear in waters of the State of Alaska adjacent to the BSAI and the GOA, provided that aboard such vessels are persons who currently hold quota shares, IFQ permits, or IFQ cards.

(ii) Regulations in this part do not govern commercial fishing for sablefish in Prince William Sound or under a State of Alaska limited entry program.

(2) Halibut.

Regulations in this part govern commercial fishing for halibut by vessels of the United States using fixed gear, as that term is defined in 50 CFR 679.2, in and off of Alaska.

***(e) Western Alaska CDQ Program.***

The goals and purpose of the CDQ program are to allocate CDQ to eligible Western Alaska communities to provide the means for starting or supporting commercial fisheries business activities that will result in an ongoing, regionally based, fisheries-related economy.

***(f) Groundfish Observer Program (applicable through December 31, 2002).***

Regulations in this part govern elements of the Groundfish Observer Program for the BSAI groundfish and GOA groundfish fisheries under the Council's authority (see subpart E of this part).

***(g) Fishery Management Plan for Bering Sea/Aleutian Islands King and Tanner Crabs.***

Regulations in this part govern commercial fishing for king and Tanner crab in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Area by vessels of the United States, including regulations superseding State of Alaska regulations applicable to the commercial king and Tanner crab fisheries in the Bering Sea and Aleutian

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Islands Area EEZ that are determined to be inconsistent with the FMP (see subparts A, B, and E of this part).

***(h) Fishery Management Plan for the Scallop Fishery off Alaska.***

(1) Regulations in this part govern commercial fishing for scallops in the Federal waters off Alaska by vessels of the United States (see subpart A of this part).

(2) State of Alaska laws and regulations that are consistent with the FMP and with the regulations in this part apply to vessels of the United States that are fishing for scallops in the Federal waters off Alaska.

***(i) Fishery Management Plan for the Salmon Fisheries in the EEZ off the Coast of Alaska (Salmon FMP).***

Regulations in this part govern fishing for salmon by fishing vessels of the United States in the EEZ seaward of Alaska east of 175° E. long., referred to as the High Seas Salmon Management Area.

***(j) License Limitation Program***

(1) Regulations in this part implement the license limitation program for the commercial groundfish fisheries in the EEZ off Alaska and for the commercial crab fisheries in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Area.

(2) Regulations in this part govern the commercial fishing for license limitation groundfish by vessels of the United States using authorized gear within the GOA and the BSAI and the commercial fishing for crab species by vessels of the United States using authorized gear within the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Area.

(3) Regulations in this part implement the license limitation program for the commercial scallop fishery in the EEZ off Alaska.

(4) Regulations in this part govern the commercial fishing for scallops by vessels of the United States using authorized gear within the EEZ off Alaska.

***(k) American Fisheries Act measures (Effective January 29, 2003 through December 31, 2007)***

Regulations in this part were developed by NMFS and the Council under the Magnuson-Stevens Act and American Fisheries Act (AFA) to govern commercial fishing for BSAI pollock according to the requirements of the AFA. This part also governs payment and collection of the loan, under the AFA, the Magnuson-Stevens Act, and Title XI of the Merchant Marine Act, 1936, made to all those persons who harvest pollock from the directed fishing allowance allocated to the inshore component under section 206(b)(1) of the AFA.