

Availability (I.D. 022396A), which was the subject of FR Doc 96-4748, is corrected as follows:

1. On page 8023, in the second column, in the Part Heading 50 CFR Part "675" is corrected to read 50 CFR Part "672".

2. On page 8023, under the **SUMMARY**, on the fourth line, "the Groundfish Fishery of the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands" is corrected to read "Groundfish of the Gulf of Alaska".

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

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Limited Access Management of Federal Fisheries In and Off of Alaska

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

ACTION: Notice of availability of amendments to fishery management plans; request for comments.

SUMMARY: The North Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) has submitted Amendment 33 to the Fishery Management Plan (FMP) for the Groundfish Fishery of the Bering Sea

and Aleutian Islands Area (BSAI) and Amendment 37 to the FMP for Groundfish of the Gulf of Alaska (GOA). These amendments are necessary to assist persons to fully utilize the fishery resources in and off of Alaska. This will be accomplished by allowing persons using individual fishing quota (IFQ) resulting from sablefish quota share (QS) assigned to vessel categories B and C to process non-IFQ species. The Council intends that amendments promote management and conservation of IFQ species and further the goals and objectives contained in the FMPs that govern their management. Comments are requested from the public.

DATES: Comments on the FMP amendments must be received by May 14, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Comments on the proposed FMP amendments must be submitted to Ronald J. Berg, Chief, Fisheries Management Division, Alaska Region, NMFS, Room 453, 709 W. 9th Street, Juneau, AK 99801, or P.O. Box 21668, Juneau, AK 99802, Attention: Lori J. Gravel. Copies of the proposed amendments and the Environmental Assessment/Regulatory Impact Review (EA/RIR) prepared for the amendments may be obtained from the North Pacific Fishery Management Council, 605 West 4th Avenue, Suite 306, Anchorage, AK 99501-2252.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: John Lepore, 907-586-7228.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Magnuson Fishery Conservation and Management Act (Magnuson Act; 16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*) requires that each Regional Fishery Management Council

submit any fishery management plan or plan amendment it prepares to NMFS for review and approval, disapproval, or partial disapproval. The Magnuson Act also requires that NMFS, upon reviewing the plan or amendment, must immediately publish a notice that the plan or amendment is available for public review and comment.

Amendments 33 and 37 would allow a category of persons using IFQ resulting from sablefish QS assigned to either vessel category B or C to process non-IFQ species. Several changes to the regulatory text implementing the IFQ program are necessary to accomplish this task. First, the definitions of "freezer vessel" and "catcher vessel" are eliminated and the definition of "processing" is added. Second, references to the eliminated definitions are removed and replaced with alternative language. Third, a provision is added that specifically prescribes who may, and when they may, process non-IFQ species.

NMFS will consider the public comments received during the comment period in determining whether to approve the proposed amendments. The proposed regulations are scheduled to be published within 15 days of this document.

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