Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Exchange of Flatfish:

State: Development Corporation has requested reserves for 778 mt of yellowfin sole and 210 mt of rock sole CDQ that NMFS exchange 568 mt of flathead.

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

*Need for Correction*

1. In the Federal Register of October 5, 2015, (80 FR 60073) in FR Doc. 2015–25291, on page 60074, columns 1–2, paragraph 1, sentence 1 is corrected to state:

   “The Norton Sound Economic Development Corporation has requested that NMFS exchange 568 mt of flathead sole and 210 mt of rock sole CDQ reserves for 778 mt of yellowfin sole CDQ ABC reserves under § 679.31(d).”

2. In the Federal Register of October 5, 2015, (80 FR 60073) in FR Doc. 2015–25291, on page 60074, columns 1–2, paragraph 1, sentence 3 is corrected to state:

   “This requirement is impracticable and contrary to the public interest as it would prevent NMFS from responding to the most recent fisheries data in a timely fashion and would delay the flatfish exchange by the Norton Sound Economic Development Corporation in the BSAI.”

Classifications:

The Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, NOAA (AA), finds good cause to waive the requirement to provide prior notice and opportunity for public comment pursuant to the authority set forth at 5 U.S.C. 553(b)(B) as such requirement is impracticable and contrary to the public interest. This correction amendment corrects an error identifying the CDQ group that initiated the transfer and does not change operating practices in the fisheries. Corrections should be made as soon as possible to avoid confusion for participants in the fisheries.

The AA also finds good cause to waive the 30-day delay in the effective date of this action under 5 U.S.C. 553(d)(3). This finding is based upon the reasons provided above for waiver of prior notice and opportunity for public comment.

*Need for Correction*

NMFS published the exchange of unused CDQ for CDQ ABC reserves on October 5, 2015. The document contained errors by incorrectly stating which CDQ group initiated the transfer. This correction will not affect the fishing operations. These corrections are necessary to provide the correct information on which CDQ group initiated the transfer in order to avoid confusion by fishery participants.

TABLE 16—FINAL 2015 APPORTIONMENT OF PACIFIC HALIBUT PSC TRAWL LIMITS BETWEEN THE TRAWL GEAR DEEP-WATER SPECIES FISHERY AND THE SHALLOW-WATER SPECIES FISHERY CATEGORIES

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<th>Shallow-water</th>
<th>Deep-water</th>
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<td>April 1–July 1</td>
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[Values are in metric tons]