the reasons provided above for waiver of prior notice and opportunity for public comment.

Without this inseason adjustment, NMFS could not allow the fishery for Pacific cod by vessels using pot gear in the Central Regulatory Area of the GOM to be harvested in an expedient manner and in accordance with the regulatory schedule. Under §679.25(c)(2), interested persons are invited to submit written comments on this action to the above address until April 24, 2017.

This action is required by §679.25 and is exempt from review under Executive Order 12866.

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


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