

days after the date of publication, as a delay in effectiveness of this action would: (1) constrain fishing opportunity; (2) be inconsistent with the goals of the Catch Sharing Plan; and (3) potentially limit the economic opportunity intended by this rule to the associated fishing communities. NMFS regulations allow for implementing additional fishing periods and setting period limits for the directed commercial fishery inseason in order to provide opportunity for the fishery to achieve its annual allocation, so long as this additional fishing will not result in exceeding the catch limit for the fishery. NMFS recently received landings data for the non-Tribal directed commercial fishery, that indicates that an additional fishing period is necessary to ensure optimal harvest of the allocation. The non-Tribal directed commercial fishery's season is limited. Thus, timely action to implement additional fishing periods is necessary to achieve the allocation. It is therefore in the public interest that this action is not delayed, because a delay in the effectiveness of this additional fishing period could prevent the allocation objectives of the Area 2A Pacific halibut non-Tribal directed commercial fishery from being met.

Authority: 16 U.S.C. 773–773k.

Dated: August 4, 2026.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

50 CFR Part 660

[Docket No. 260717–0173]

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Magnuson-Stevens Act Provisions; Fisheries Off West Coast States; Pacific Coast Groundfish Fishery; Pacific Coast Groundfish Fishery Management Plan; Amendment 36; Limited Entry Fixed Gear Follow-On Actions; Correction

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

ACTION: Final rule; correction.

SUMMARY: NMFS corrects the final rule published on July 22, 2026 to implement Amendment 36 to the Pacific

Coast Groundfish Fishery Management Plan (91 FR 46000). The final rule inadvertently omitted portions of three amendatory instructions. This correction fixes the omissions.

DATES: Effective on August 6, 2026.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In the final rule to implement Amendment 36 to the Pacific Coast Groundfish Fishery Management Plan (Groundfish FMP) (91 FR 46000, July 22, 2026), NMFS mistakenly omitted portions of three amendatory instructions: 2.b., 11., and 24.e. These omissions include one set of asterisks, italics, and one subparagraph numeral in the regulatory text, among others. This action corrects these omissions to the amendatory instructions and ensures the regulations are consistent with the intent of the final rule to implement Amendment 36 to the Groundfish FMP.

Corrections

In the FR Doc. 2026–14790, published July 22, 2026, at 91 FR 46000, the following corrections are made.

1. On page 46004, in the second column, the amendatory instruction of 2.b. is corrected to read as follows: “Revising the paragraph heading in paragraph (1)(iv)(B) of the definition of “Conservation area(s)”.

2. The regulatory text that is being revised by amendatory instruction 2.b. is also corrected to add three asterisks after the paragraph heading so that it reads as follows: “(B) *Non-Trawl (Limited Entry Non-Trawl and Open Access Non-Trawl Gears) RCAs. * * **”.

3. On page 46006, in the second column, the amendatory instruction of 11. is corrected to read as follows: “Amend § 660.55 by removing the words “fixed gear” and “*fixed gear*” wherever they appear, and adding in their place “non-trawl” and “*non-trawl*”, respectively.”

4. On page 46008, in the first column, the amendatory instruction of 24.e. is corrected to read as follows: “Revising newly redesignated paragraph (b)(2) and newly redesignated paragraph (b)(5) introductory text;”.

5. On page 46011, in the first column, the regulatory text is corrected to add the following: “(ii) [Reserved]” directly following the end of paragraph § 660.231(c)(7)(i)(C)(3).

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

50 CFR Part 679

[Docket No. 260615–0143; RTID 0648–XF878]

Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Commercial Salmon Fishing in the Cook Inlet EEZ Area

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

ACTION: Temporary rule; closure.

SUMMARY: NMFS is prohibiting commercial fishing for salmon in the Cook Inlet exclusive economic zone (EEZ) Area. This action is necessary to prevent exceeding the 2026 total allowable catch (TAC) of the aggregate coho salmon stock complex in the Cook Inlet EEZ Area.

DATES: Effective 0700 hours, Alaska local time (A.l.t.), August 5, 2026, through 1900 hours, A.l.t., August 15, 2026.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: NMFS manages the Cook Inlet EEZ Area according to the Fishery Management Plan for the Salmon Fisheries in the EEZ off Alaska (Salmon FMP). The intended effect of this action is to conserve and manage the salmon resources in the Cook Inlet EEZ Area in accordance with the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (Magnuson-Stevens Act). Regulations governing fishing by U.S. vessels in accordance with the Salmon FMP appear at subpart H of 50 CFR part 600 and 50 CFR part 679.

The 2026 aggregate coho salmon stock complex TAC for the salmon fishery in the Cook Inlet EEZ Area is 16,619 fish as established by the final 2026 harvest specifications for salmon in the Cook Inlet EEZ Area (91 FR 36761, June 18, 2026).

In accordance with § 679.118(c)(1)(i), the Regional Administrator, Alaska Region, NMFS (Regional Administrator) has determined that the 2026 aggregate coho salmon stock complex TAC may be or has been reached. Consequently, NMFS is prohibiting commercial fishing for all salmon species in the Cook Inlet EEZ Area to prevent exceeding the aggregate coho salmon stock complex TAC. It is necessary to close commercial fishing for all salmon species because the commercial fishery harvests mixed

stocks of salmon but cannot target specific stocks and the harvest of the aggregate coho salmon stock complex is therefore unavoidable. If commercial salmon fishing in the Cook Inlet EEZ Area continued, the aggregate coho salmon stock complex would be harvested in conjunction with other salmon species in the Cook Inlet EEZ Area and the aggregate coho salmon stock complex TAC would be exceeded.

Classification

NMFS issues this action pursuant to section 305(d) of the Magnuson-Stevens Act. This action is required by 50 CFR 679.118(c)(1)(i), which was issued pursuant to section 304(c) of the Magnuson-Stevens Act, and is exempt

from review under Executive Order 12866.

Pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 553(b)(B), there is good cause to waive prior notice and an opportunity for public comment on this action, as notice and comment would be impracticable and contrary to the public interest, as it would prevent NMFS from responding to the most recent fisheries data on salmon catch in a timely fashion, and would delay the closure of the commercial fishery for salmon in the Cook Inlet EEZ Area. Any delay in the closure of the commercial fishery for salmon could result in the fishery exceeding the 2026 aggregate coho salmon stock complex TAC. NMFS was unable to publish a notice providing time for public comment

because the most recent, relevant data on the commercial harvest of salmon in the Cook Inlet EEZ Area only became available as of July 31, 2026.

There is good cause under 5 U.S.C. 553(d)(3) to establish an effective date less than 30 days after date of publication. This finding is based upon the reasons provided above for waiver of prior notice and opportunity for public comment.

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

Dated: August 3, 2026.

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