stations for small broadcasters in a given market.

F. Discussion of Steps Taken To Minimize Significant Economic Impact on Small Entities, and Significant Alternatives Considered

117. The RFA requires an agency to provide, ''a description of the steps the agency has taken to minimize the significant economic impact on small entities . . . including a statement of the factual, policy, and legal reasons for selecting the alternative adopted in the final rule and why each one of the other significant alternatives to the rule considered by the agency which affect the impact on small entities was rejected.

118. The rule change, eliminating the national television multiple ownership rule, is deregulatory in nature and does not impose or increase regulatory burdens on small entities. In the *Report & Order,* the Commission finds that a case-by-case approach to applications for television license transfers and assignments is the best way to promote the Commission's media ownership goals of localism, competition and viewpoint diversity. Notably, in response to the latest request for comment in the *Refresh Public Notice,* broadcast commenters were unified in their advocacy for complete elimination of the rule. As the *Report & Order* explains, elimination of the rule would not result in a loss of viewpoint diversity or competition in the local markets in which broadcast stations operate. Further, the *Report & Order* finds that eliminating the national cap does not permit any more or less consolidation within a local market and therefore has no effect on the number of voices in the market. Similarly, the *Report & Order* finds that competition within a local market will not be harmed by the substitution of one station owner for another, and preservation of the rule is not needed to promote localism.

119. Some commenters believe an alternative approach of maintaining the national ownership cap will encourage competition and local programming. By contrast, the *Report & Order* makes clear that eliminating the rule will enable broadcasters to gain additional scale, which will allow broadcasters to generate additional revenues that can be used to provide broadcast service to the local community. Creating this flexibility for broadcasters is important, as the *Report & Order* details the loss of viewership and revenue that the industry has endured since the time when the Commission last reviewed the need for this rule. The *Report & Order* further finds that scale will give local broadcast affiliates additional leverage vis-à-vis the national networks with which they negotiate for affiliation, thereby improving the ability of broadcast affiliates to resist network demands with respect to compensation and programming decisions. We considered alternative arguments that eliminating the national ownership cap would give broadcasters leverage over multichannel video programming distributors (MVPDs) in retransmission consent negotiations; however, any retransmission consent concerns may be addressed in the context of a specific transaction or in a separate rulemaking proceeding. The *Report & Order* also explains that, for individual stations that are financially struggling, repealing the national cap would give those stations additional options by permitting station groups with healthier balance sheets to expand into new markets, acquire those stations, and provide communities with more robust locally-oriented programming.

G. Report to Congress

120. The Commission will send a copy of the *Report & Order,* including this Final Regulatory Flexibility Analysis, in a report to Congress pursuant to the Congressional Review Act. In addition, the Commission will send a copy of the *Report & Order,* including this Final Regulatory Flexibility Analysis, to the Chief Counsel for Advocacy of the SBA and will publish a copy of the *Report & Order,* and this Final Regulatory Flexibility Analysis (or summaries thereof) in the **Federal Register**.

Ordering Clauses

121. Accordingly, *it is ordered* that, pursuant to the authority contained in Sections 1, 2(a), 4(i), 303(r), 307, 309, and 310 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. 151, 152(a), 154(i), 303(r), 307, 309, and 310, the Report and Order *is adopted* effective 60 days after the date of publication in the **Federal Register**.

122. *It is further ordered* that, pursuant to the authority contained in Sections 1, 2(a), 4(i), 303(r), 307, 309, and 310 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. 151, 152(a), 154(i), 303(r), 307, 309, and 310, Part 73 of the Commission's rules *is amended* as set forth below, effective 60 days after the date of publication in the **Federal Register**.

123. *It is further ordered* that the Commission's Office of the Secretary *shall send* a copy of this Report and Order, including the Final Regulatory Flexibility Analysis, to the Chief Counsel for the Small Business Administration (SBA) Office of Advocacy.

124. *It is further ordered* that the Office of the Managing Director, Performance Program Management, *shall send* a copy of this Report and Order in a report to be sent to Congress and the Government Accountability Office pursuant to the Congressional Review Act, *see* 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

125. *It is further ordered* that, should no petitions for reconsideration or petitions for judicial review be timely filed, MB Docket No. 17–318 *shall be terminated* and its docket *closed*.

List of Subjects in 47 CFR Part 73

Television.

Federal Communications Commission.

Marlene Dortch,

Secretary, Office of the Secretary.

Final Rules

For the reasons discussed in the preamble, the Federal Communications Commission amends 47 CFR part 73 as follows:

PART 73—RADIO BROADCAST SERVICES

■ 1. The authority citation for part 73 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 47 U.S.C. 154, 155, 301, 303, 307, 309, 310, 334, 336, 339.

§ 73.3555 [Amended]

■ 2. Amend § 73.3555 by removing and reserving paragraph (e).

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

50 CFR Part 679

[Docket No. 260305–0066; RTID 0648–XG161]

Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Reallocation of Pacific Cod in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area

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

ACTION: Temporary rule; reallocation.

SUMMARY: NMFS is reallocating the projected unused amounts of Pacific cod from catcher vessels using trawl gear to Amendment 80 (A80) trawl catcher/

processors in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands management area (BSAI). This action is necessary to allow the 2026 total allowable catch (TAC) of Pacific cod in the BSAI to be harvested.

DATES: Effective 1200 hours, Alaska local time (A.l.t.), November 12, 2026, through 2400 hours, A.l.t., December 31, 2026.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Andrew Olson, 907–206–5813.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: NMFS manages the groundfish fishery in the BSAI according to the Fishery Management Plan for Groundfish of the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area (FMP) prepared and recommended by the North Pacific Fishery Management Council under authority of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (Magnuson-Stevens Act). Regulations governing fishing by U.S. vessels in accordance with the FMP appear at subpart H of 50 CFR part 600 and 50 CFR part 679.

The 2026 Pacific cod TAC specified for catcher vessels using trawl gear in the BSAI is 25,231 metric tons (mt) as established by the final 2026 and 2027 harvest specifications for groundfish in the BSAI (91 FR 11750, March 10, 2026) and reallocations (91 FR 64806, October 13, 2026, and 91 FR 67224, October 26, 2026).

The 2026 Pacific cod TAC specified for A80 trawl catcher/processors in the BSAI is 15,799 mt as established by the final 2026 and 2027 harvest specifications for groundfish in the BSAI (91 FR 11750, March 10, 2026).

The Regional Administrator, Alaska Region, NMFS (Regional Administrator) has determined that catcher vessels using trawl gear will not be able to harvest 200 mt of the 2026 Pacific cod TAC allocated to those vessels under § 679.20(a)(7)(ii)(A)(*9*). The Regional Administrator has also determined that A80 trawl catcher/processors have the capability to harvest an additional 200 mt of Pacific cod TAC.

Therefore, in accordance with § 679.20(a)(7)(iii)(B), NMFS reallocates 200 mt of Pacific cod from catcher vessels using trawl gear to the annual amount specified for A80 trawl catcher/processors.

The harvest specifications for 2026 Pacific cod TAC included in the final 2026 and 2027 harvest specifications for groundfish in the BSAI (91 FR 11750, March 10, 2026) and reallocations (91 FR 64806, October 13, 2026, and 91 FR 67224, October 26, 2026) are revised as follows: 25,031 mt to catcher vessels using trawl gear and 15,999 mt to A80 trawl catcher/processors.

Classification

NMFS issues this action pursuant to section 305(d) of the Magnuson-Stevens Act. This action is required by 50 CFR part 679, which was issued pursuant to section 304(b) 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 Pacific cod catch in a timely fashion and would not allow for the full harvest of the Pacific cod TAC by the sector with harvesting capability. NMFS was unable to publish a notice providing time for public comment because the most recent, relevant data on the catch of Pacific cod by sectors operating in the BSAI and the capability of certain sectors to harvest additional TAC only became available as of November 5, 2026.

There is good cause under 5 U.S.C. 553(d)(3) to waive the 30-day delay in the effective date of this action. 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: November 5, 2026.

Shannon Bettridge,

Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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