need for limited resources to implement any necessary public health actions.

Because persons can have Ebola disease and be asymptomatic (although not infectious until symptomatic) at the time of introduction into the United States, and because specialized testing is needed to confirm infection with the disease, it is impracticable to confirm who is infected with Ebola disease and who is not infected with Ebola disease as persons move into the United States. Similarly, Federal quarantines or isolations of all such persons pending test results would be impracticable due to the potential numbers of people involved if this necessary limitation is not imposed, logistical challenges, and CDC resource and personnel constraints.

Given that the outbreak has been declared a public health emergency of international concern, and that quick action is crucial to preventing spread of the disease, it would be impracticable and contrary to the public health—and, by extension, the public interest—to delay extending this regulation until a full public notice-and-comment process is completed. Furthermore, extending this interim final rule for an additional six months or until the HHS Secretary determines there is no longer a need for the interim final rule is justified based on the current trajectory of the outbreak and scientific principles of outbreak control. As stated previously, the number of Ebola cases in the affected countries continue to increase rapidly with no indication that this trend line is likely to be reversed in the short term. Declaring an end to the Ebola outbreak also requires that a country undergo 42 consecutive days without a new confirmed case since the country's last Ebola patient, including any imported cases. The completion of this 42-day period, equivalent to twice the upper limit of the incubation period for Ebola, is a critical step, as it provides an additional safeguard that no chains of transmission associated with the last imported case have been missed. The 42-day countdown is also the internationally established benchmark for determining that transmission linked to an Ebola outbreak has ended. Based on the increasing trajectory of the outbreak and the internationally recognized standard that countries complete a 42-day period with no new cases until an outbreak may be declared over, HHS believes that a six-month extension of the interim final rule is warranted. Additionally, as noted, the HHS Secretary may choose to end this interim final rule sooner if he determines that a need no longer exists based on scientific or other principles.

Pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 553(b)(B), and for the reasons stated above, HHS therefore concludes that there is good cause to dispense with the opportunity to comment and prior public notice before extending the expiration date of the interim final rule. For the same reasons, HHS has determined, consistent with 5 U.S.C. 553(d), that there is good cause to make this document effective immediately upon filing at the Office of the Federal Register.

Robert F. Kennedy, Jr.,

Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

50 CFR Part 679

[Docket No. 260305–0066, RTID 0648–XG090]

Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pacific Ocean Perch in the Eastern Aleutian District of the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area

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

ACTION: Temporary rule; closure.

SUMMARY: NMFS is prohibiting directed fishing for Pacific ocean perch in the Eastern Aleutian district (EAI) of the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands management area (BSAI) by vessels participating in the BSAI trawl limited access sector fishery. This action is necessary to prevent exceeding the 2026 total allowable catch (TAC) of Pacific ocean perch in the EAI allocated to vessels participating in the BSAI trawl limited access sector fishery.

DATES: Effective 1200 hours, Alaska local time (A.l.t.), November 23, 2026, through 2400 hours, A.l.t., December 31, 2026.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Steve Whitney, 907–586–7228.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: NMFS manages the groundfish fishery in the BSAI exclusive economic zone according to the Fishery Management Plan (FMP) for Groundfish of the BSAI 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 TAC of Pacific ocean perch, in the EAI, allocated to vessels participating in the BSAI trawl limited access sector fishery was established as a directed fishing allowance of 539 metric tons by the final 2026 and 2027 harvest specifications for groundfish in the BSAI (91 FR 11750, March 10, 2026).

In accordance with § 679.20(d)(1)(iii), the Regional Administrator, Alaska Region, NMFS, has determined that this directed fishing allowance has been or will be reached. Consequently, NMFS is prohibiting directed fishing for Pacific ocean perch in the EAI by vessels participating in the BSAI trawl limited access sector fishery to prevent exceeding this sector's allocation of Pacific ocean perch in the EAI. While this closure is effective, the maximum retainable amounts at § 679.20(e) and (f) apply at any time during a trip.

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 in a timely fashion and would delay the closure of the Pacific ocean perch directed fishing in the EAI for vessels participating in the BSAI trawl limited access sector fishery. NMFS was unable to publish a notice providing time for public comment because the most recent, relevant data on Pacific ocean perch harvest in the EAI for vessels participating in the BSAI trawl limited access sector only became available as of November 20, 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: November 23, 2026.

Shannon Bettridge,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

50 CFR Part 679

[Docket No. 260305–0066; RTID 0648–XG091]

Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Atka Mackerel in the Bering Sea Subarea and Eastern Aleutian District of the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area

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

ACTION: Temporary rule; closure.

SUMMARY: NMFS is prohibiting directed fishing for Atka mackerel in the Bering Sea subarea and Eastern Aleutian District (BS/EAI) of the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands management area (BSAI) by vessels participating in the BSAI trawl limited access sector fishery. This action is necessary to prevent exceeding the 2026 total allowable catch (TAC) of Atka mackerel in the BS/EAI allocated to vessels participating in the BSAI trawl limited access sector fishery.

DATES: Effective 1200 hours, Alaska local time (A.l.t.), November 23, 2026, through 2400 hours, A.l.t., December 31, 2026.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Steve Whitney, 907–586–7228.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: NMFS manages the groundfish fishery in the BSAI exclusive economic zone 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 TAC of Atka mackerel, in the BS/EAI, allocated to vessels participating in the BSAI trawl limited access sector fishery was established as a directed fishing allowance of 3,647 metric tons by the final 2026 and 2027 harvest specifications for groundfish in the BSAI (91 FR 11750, March 10, 2026).

In accordance with § 679.20(d)(1)(iii), the Regional Administrator, Alaska Region, NMFS, has determined that the 2026 Atka mackerel TAC allocated to vessels in the BSAI trawl limited access sector in the BS/EAI will be or has been reached. Consequently, NMFS is prohibiting directed fishing for Atka mackerel by vessels participating in the BSAI trawl limited access sector fishery in the BS/EAI to prevent exceeding this sector's allocation of Atka mackerel TAC.

While this closure is effective, the maximum retainable amounts at § 679.20(e) and (f) apply at any time during a trip.

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 Atka mackerel catch in a timely fashion and would delay the directed fishing closure of Atka mackerel by vessels participating in the BSAI trawl limited access sector fishery in the BS/EAI. NMFS was unable to publish a notice providing time for public comment because the most recent, relevant data on Atka mackerel catch in the BS/EAI by vessels participating in the BSAI trawl limited access sector fishery only became available as of November 20, 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: November 23, 2026.

Shannon Bettridge,

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