

## 50 CFR Part 679

Alaska, Fisheries, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

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■ For the reasons set out in the preamble, 50 CFR parts 300, 600, and 679 are amended as follows:

# **PART 300—INTERNATIONAL FISHERIES REGULATIONS, SUBPART E PACIFIC HALIBUT FISHERIES**

■ 1. The authority citation for 50 CFR part 300, Subpart E, continues to read as follows:

**Authority:** 16 U.S.C. 773–773k.

■ 2. In § 300.61 new definitions for “Alaska Native tribe,” “Commission,” “Commission regulatory area,” “Customary trade,” “Rural,” “Rural resident,” “Subsistence,” and “Subsistence halibut,” are added in alphabetical order, and existing definitions for “Commercial fishing,” “IFQ halibut,” and “Sport fishing” are revised to read as follows:

## **§ 300.61 Definitions.**

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*Alaska Native tribe* means, for purposes of the subsistence fishery for Pacific halibut in waters in and off Alaska, a Federally recognized Alaska Native tribe that has customary and traditional use of halibut and that is listed in § 300.65(f)(2) of this part.

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*Commercial fishing* means fishing, the resulting catch of which either is, or is intended to be, sold or bartered but does not include subsistence fishing.

*Commission* means the International Pacific Halibut Commission.

*Commission regulatory area* means an area defined by the Commission for purposes of the Convention identified in 50 CFR 300.60 and prescribed in the annual management measures published pursuant to 50 CFR 300.62.

*Customary trade* means, for purposes of the subsistence fishery for Pacific halibut in waters in and off Alaska, the non-commercial exchange of subsistence halibut for anything other than items of significant value.

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*IFQ halibut* means any halibut that is harvested with setline or other hook and line gear while commercial fishing in any IFQ regulatory area defined at § 679.2 of this title.

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*Rural* means, for purposes of the subsistence fishery for Pacific halibut in

waters in and off Alaska, a community or area of Alaska in which the non-commercial, customary and traditional use of fish and game for personal or family consumption is a principal characteristic of the economy or area and in which there is a long-term, customary and traditional use of halibut, and that is listed in § 300.65(f)(1).

*Rural resident* means, for purposes of the subsistence fishery for Pacific halibut in waters in and off Alaska, a person domiciled in a rural community listed in the table in § 300.65(f)(1) of this part and who has maintained a domicile in a rural community listed in the table in § 300.65(f)(1) for the 12 consecutive months immediately preceding the time when the assertion of residence is made, and who is not claiming residency in another state, territory, or country.

*Sport fishing* means:

(1) In regulatory area 2A, all fishing other than commercial fishing and treaty Indian ceremonial and subsistence fishing; and

(2) In waters in and off Alaska, all fishing other than commercial fishing and subsistence fishing.

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*Subsistence* means, with respect to waters in and off Alaska, the non-commercial, long-term, customary and traditional use of halibut.

*Subsistence halibut* means halibut caught by a rural resident or a member of an Alaska Native tribe for direct personal or family consumption as food, sharing for personal or family consumption as food, or customary trade.

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■ 3. In § 300.63, the section heading is revised; paragraphs (b), (c), (d), and (e) are removed; paragraph (a) introductory text is revised to read as follows; and paragraphs (a)(1) through (a)(5) are redesignated as paragraphs (b)(1), (b)(2), (b)(3), (b)(4), and (b)(5):

## **§ 300.63 Catch sharing plan and domestic management measures in Area 2A.**

(a) A catch sharing plan (CSP) may be developed by the Pacific Fishery Management Council and approved by NMFS for portions of the fishery. Any approved CSP may be obtained from the Administrator, Northwest Region, NMFS.

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■ 4. Section 300.65 is redesignated as § 300.66 and revised and a new § 300.65 is added to read as follows:

## **§ 300.65 Catch sharing plan and domestic management measures in waters in and off Alaska.**

(a) A catch sharing plan (CSP) may be developed by the North Pacific Fishery Management Council and approved by NMFS for portions of the fishery. Any approved CSP may be obtained from the Administrator, Alaska Region, NMFS.

(b) The catch sharing plan for Commission regulatory area 4 allocates the annual TAC among area 4 subareas and will be implemented by the Commission in annual management measures published pursuant to 50 CFR 300.62.

(c) A person authorized to conduct subsistence fishing under paragraph (f) of this section may retain subsistence halibut that are taken with setline gear in Commission regulatory areas 4D or 4E and that are smaller than the size limit specified in the annual management measures published pursuant to 50 CFR 300.62, provided that:

(1) The total annual halibut harvest of that person is landed in regulatory areas 4D or 4E; and

(2) No person may sell such halibut outside the limits prescribed for customary and traditional exchange of subsistence halibut prescribed at 50 CFR 300.66.

(d) The Local Area Management Plan (LAMP) for Sitka Sound provides guidelines for participation in the halibut fishery in Sitka Sound.

(1) For purposes of this section, Sitka Sound means (See Figure 1 to subpart E):

(i) With respect to paragraph (d)(2) of this section, that part of the Commission regulatory area 2C that is enclosed on the north and east:

(A) By a line from Kruzof Island at 57°20'30" N. lat., 135°45'10" W. long. to Chichagof Island at 57°22'03" N. lat., 135°43'00" W. long., and

(B) By a line from Chichagof Island at 57°22'35" N. lat., 135°41'18" W. long. to Baranof Island at 57°22'17" N. lat., 135°40'57" W. long.; and

(C) That is enclosed on the south and west by a line from Cape Edgecumbe at 56°59'54" N. lat., 135°51'27" W. long. to Vasilief Rock at 56°48'56" N. lat., 135°32'30" W. long., and

(D) To the green day marker in Dorothy Narrows at 56°49'17" N. lat., 135°22'45" W. long. to Baranof Island at 56°49'17" N. lat., 135°22'36" W. long.

(ii) With respect to paragraphs (d)(3) and (d)(4) of this section, that part of the Commission regulatory area 2C that is enclosed on the north and east:

(A) By a line from Kruzof Island at 57°20'30" N. lat., 135°45'10" W. long. to