

TABLE 1.—2003 BERING SEA SUBAREA INSHORE COOPERATIVE ALLOCATIONS—Continued

| Cooperative name and member vessels   | Sum of member vessel's official catch histories <sup>1</sup> (mt) | Percentage of inshore sector allocation | Annual co-op allocation (mt) |
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| PACIFIC VIKING, PEGASUS, PEGGY JO, PERSEVERANCE, PREDATOR, RAVEN, ROYAL AMERICAN, SEEKER, SOVEREIGNTY, TRAVELER, VIKING EXPLORER<br><i>Arctic Enterprise Association</i>  | 36,807  | 4.210%                                  | 27,410                       |
| BRISTOL EXPLORER, OCEAN EXPLORER, PACIFIC EXPLORER<br><i>Northern Victor Fleet Cooperative</i>  | 73,656  | 8.425%                                  | 54,852                       |
| ANITA J, COLLIER BROTHERS, COMMODORE, EXCALIBUR II, GOLDRUSH, HALF MOON BAY, MISS BERDIE, NORDIC FURY, PACIFIC FURY, POSEIDON, ROYAL ATLANTIC, SUNSET BAY, STORM PETREL<br><i>Peter Pan Fleet Cooperative</i>                                 | 18,693  | 2.138%                                  | 13,921                       |
| AMBER DAWN, AMERICAN BEAUTY, ELIZABETH F, MORNING STAR, OCEAN LEADER, OCEANIC, PROVIDIAN, TOPAZ, WALTER N<br><i>Unalaska Cooperative</i>  | 106,737   | 12.209%                                 | 79,488                       |
| ALASKA ROSE, BERING ROSE, DESTINATION, GREAT PACIFIC, MESSIAH, MORNING STAR, MS AMY, PROGRESS, SEA WOLF, VANGUARD, WESTERN DAWN<br><i>UniSea Fleet Cooperative</i>  | 201,566   | 23.056%                                 | 150,107                      |
| ALSEA, AMERICAN EAGLE, ARGOSY, AURIGA, AURORA, DEFENDER, GUN-MAR, NORDIC STAR, PACIFIC MONARCH, SEADAWN, STARFISH, STARLITE<br><i>Westward Fleet Cooperative</i>  | 189,942   | 21.727%                                 | 141,451                      |
| A.J., ALASKAN COMMAND, ALYESKA, ARCTIC WIND, CAITLIN ANN, CHELSEA K, DONA MARTITA, FIERCE ALLEGIANCE, HICKORY WIND, OCEAN HOPE 3, PACIFIC CHALLENGER, PACIFIC KNIGHT, PACIFIC PRINCE, STARWARD, VIKING, WESTWARD I<br>Open access AFA vessels | 1,309   | 0.150%                                  | 975                          |
| Total inshore allocation  | 874,238   | 100%                                    | 651,047                      |

<sup>1</sup> According to regulations at § 679.62 the individual catch history for each vessel is equal to the vessel's best 2 of 3 years inshore pollock landings from 1995 through 1997 and includes landings to catcher/processors for vessels that made 500 or more mt of landings to catcher/processors from 1995 through 1997.

## Classification

This action responds to the best available information recently obtained from the fishery. The Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, NOAA (AA), finds good cause to waive the requirement to provide prior notice and opportunity for public comment pursuant to the authority set forth at 5 U.S.C. 553(b)(3) as such requirement is contrary to the public interest. This requirement is contrary to the public interest as it would delay the implementation of these measures in a timely fashion in order to allow full utilization of the pollock TAC, and therefore reduce the public's ability to use and enjoy the fishery resource.

The AA also finds good cause to waive the 30-day delay in the effective

date of this action under 5 U.S.C. 553(d)(3). This finding is based upon the reasons provided above for waiver of prior notice and opportunity for public comment.

This action is taken under 50 CFR 679.20, and is exempt from review under Executive Order 12866.

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

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

#### 50 CFR Part 679

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### Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Atka Mackerel in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands

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

**ACTION:** Inseason adjustment; request for comments; openings and closures.