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 (249) 32°35.53' N. lat., 117°29.67' W. long.

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#### Classification

These actions are authorized by the Pacific Coast groundfish FMP and its implementing regulations, and are based on the most recent data available. The aggregate data upon which these actions are based are available for public inspection at the Office of the Administrator, Northwest Region, NMFS, (*see ADDRESSES*) during business hours.

The Assistant Administrator for Fisheries (AA), NMFS, finds good cause to waive the requirement to provide prior notice and opportunity for public comment on this action pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 553(b)(B), because providing prior notice and opportunity for comment would be impracticable because affording prior notice and opportunity for public comment would impede the Agency's function of managing fisheries to protect overfished groundfish species while allowing the harvest of more abundant groundfish species. Based on

the best available science, it is predicted that harvest levels in the Pacific Coast groundfish fishery exceeded the ABC for lingcod and the OY for canary rockfish, both overfished groundfish species, during October. The inseason adjustments in this document primarily include increases to closed areas, or RCAs, and prohibitions in recreational groundfish fisheries to minimize the total mortality of canary rockfish and lingcod and allow for the continued rebuilding of those overfished stocks. These inseason adjustments must be implemented in a timely manner to reduce the magnitude of overfishing on lingcod and the amount by which the canary rockfish OY is exceeded. Additionally, this inseason action contains a correction to the western boundary of the trawl RCA and non-differential trip limits for DTS species. This correction to the trawl RCA and adjusted DTS trip limits allow fishers to access groundfish allocations without exceeding the OY for those species and with minimal effects on overfished or depleted stocks. Delaying these adjustments could prevent the industry from obtaining the intended economic benefits associated with these adjustments. The Pacific Coast commercial groundfish fishery is managed by trip limits and area closures, most of which are based on a 2-month cumulative period (January-February, March-April, May-June, July-August, September-October, November-December). Because the last 2-month cumulative period began on November 1, 2003, these actions should be implemented as soon as possible to protect overfished groundfish species and allow access to more abundant groundfish stocks. The affected public had the opportunity to comment on these actions at the November 3-7, 2003, Pacific Council meeting in Del Mar, CA. For these reasons, good cause also exists to waive the 30-day delay in effectiveness requirement of 5 U.S.C. 553(d)(3).

These actions are taken under the authority of 50 CFR 300.63(a)(3) and 660.323(b)(1), and are exempt from review under Executive Order 12866.

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

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