

Consequently, in accordance with § 679.20(d)(1)(i), the Regional Administrator establishes the directed fishing allowances for the above species or species groups as zero.

Therefore, in accordance with § 679.20(d)(1)(iii), NMFS is immediately prohibiting directed fishing for these species in the specified areas. These closures will remain in effect from 0001 hrs, A.l.t., January 1, 2004, until superseded by the final 2004 harvest specifications for BSAI groundfish.

In addition, the BSAI Zone 1 annual red king crab allowance specified for the trawl rockfish fishery (§ 679.21(e)(3)(iv)(D)) is 0 mt and the BSAI first seasonal halibut bycatch allowance specified for the trawl rockfish fishery is 0 mt. The BSAI annual halibut bycatch allowance specified for the trawl Greenland turbot/

arrowtooth flounder/sablefish fishery categories is 0 mt (§ 679.21(e)(3)(iv)(c)). Therefore, in accordance with § 679.21(e)(7)(ii) and (v), NMFS is prohibiting directed fishing for rockfish by vessels using trawl gear in Zone 1 of the BSAI and directed fishing for Greenland turbot/arrowtooth flounder/sablefish by vessels using trawl gear in the BSAI from 0001 hrs., A.l.t., January 1, 2004, until superseded by the final 2004 harvest specifications for BSAI groundfish. NMFS is also prohibiting directed fishing for rockfish outside Zone 1 in the BSAI until 1200 hrs, A.l.t., July 4, 2004.

While these closures are in effect, the maximum retainable amounts at § 679.20(e) and (f) apply at any time during a fishing trip. These closures to directed fishing are in addition to closures and prohibitions found in

regulations at 50 CFR part 679. Areas are defined in § 679.2. In the BSAI, "Other rockfish" includes *Sebastes* and *Sebastolobus* species except for Pacific ocean perch, shortraker, rougheye, and northern rockfish.

Bering Sea Subarea Inshore Pollock Allocations

Regulations at § 679.4 set forth procedures for AFA inshore catcher vessel pollock cooperatives to apply for and receive cooperative fishing permits and inshore pollock allocations. Table 4 lists the interim pollock allocations to the seven inshore catcher vessel pollock cooperatives for 2004. Allocations for cooperatives and vessels not participating in cooperatives are not made for the AI subarea because the Aleutian Islands (AI) subarea has been closed to directed fishing for pollock.

TABLE 4.—INTERIM 2004 BERING SEA SUBAREA INSHORE COOPERATIVE ALLOCATIONS

Cooperative name and member vessels	Sum of member vessel's official catch histories ¹	Percentage of inshore sector allocation	Interim cooperative allocation
Akutan Catcher Vessel Association—Aldebaran, Arctic Explorer, Arcturus, Blue Fox, Cape Kiwanda, Columbia, Dominator, Exodus, Flying Cloud, Golden Dawn, Golden Pisces, Hazel Lorraine, Intrepid Explorer, Leslie Lee, Lisa Melinda, Majesty, Marcy J, Margaret Lyn, Nordic Explorer, Northern Patriot, Northwest Explorer, Pacific Ram, Pacific Viking, Pegasus, Peggy Jo, Perseverance, Predator, Raven, Royal American, Seeker, Sovereignty, Traveler, Viking Explorer	245,527	28.085	72,773
Arctic Enterprise Association—Bristol Explorer, Ocean Explorer, Pacific Explorer	36,807	4.210	10,909
Northern Victor Fleet Cooperative—Anita J., Collier Brothers, Commodore, Excalibur II, Goldrush, Half Moon Bay, Miss Berdie, Nordic Fury, Pacific Fury, Poseidon, Royal Atlantic, Sunset Bay, Storm Petrel	73,656	8.425	21,831
Peter Pan Fleet Cooperative—Amber Dawn, American Beauty, Elizabeth F, Morning Star, Ocean Leader, Oceanic, Providian, Topaz, Walter N	18,693	2.138	5,541
Unalaska Cooperative—Alaska Rose, Bering Rose, Destination, Great Pacific, Messiah, Morning Star, MS Amy, Progress, Sea Wolf, Vanguard, Western Dawn	106,737	12.209	31,636
UniSea Fleet Cooperative—Alsea, American Eagle, Argosy, Auriga, Aurora, Defender, Gun-Mar, Mar-Gun, Nordic Star, Pacific Monarch, Seadawn, Starfish, Starlite	202,479	23.161	60,015
Westward Fleet Cooperative—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	189,942	21.727	56,298
Open access AFA vessels	395	0.045	117
Total inshore allocation	874,238	100	259,119

¹ According to regulations at 679.62(e)(1) 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.

According to regulations at § 679.20(a)(5)(i)(a)(3), NMFS must subdivide the inshore allocation into allocations for cooperatives and vessels not fishing in a cooperative. In addition, according to regulations at § 679.22(a)(7)(vii), NMFS must establish harvest limits inside the Steller Sea Lion Conservation Area (SCA) and provides a set-aside so that catcher vessels less than or equal to 99 ft (30.2 m) LOA have the opportunity to operate entirely within the SCA during the A season. Accordingly, table 5 lists the interim

apportionment of the Bering Sea subarea inshore pollock allocation into allocations for vessels fishing for an inshore cooperative and for vessels fishing for the inshore open access sector and establishes a cooperative sector SCA set-aside for AFA catcher vessels less than or equal to 99 ft (30.2 m) LOA. The SCA set-aside for catcher vessels less than or equal to 99 ft (30.2 m) LOA that are not participating in a cooperative will be established inseason based on actual participation levels and is not included in table 5.

TABLE 5.—INTERIM 2004 BERING SEA SUBAREA POLLOCK ALLOCATIONS, IN MT, TO THE COOPERATIVE AND OPEN ACCESS SECTORS OF THE INSHORE POLLOCK FISHERY

	A season TAC	A season inside SCA ¹
Cooperative sector:		
Vessels > 99 ft	n/a	163,459
Vessels ≤ 99 ft	n/a	17,842