

Table 10 - Incidental Catch Needed to Support Other Directed Fisheries in the GOA in 2003. (Amounts are in mt)

Target	Regulatory Area	Gear/Component	Amount
Atka Mackerel	entire GOA	all	600
Thornyhead Rockfish	entire GOA	all	2,000
Shortraker Rougheye Rockfish	entire GOA	all	1,620
Other Rockfish	entire GOA	all	990
Sablefish	entire GOA	trawl	2,096
Pollock	entire GOA	all/offshore	unknown

Consequently, in accordance with § 679.20(d)(1)(i), the Regional Administrator establishes the directed fishing allowances for the species or species groups listed in Table 10 as zero.

Therefore, in accordance with § 679.20(d)(1)(iii), NMFS is prohibiting directed fishing for those species, areas, gear types, and processing components listed in Table 10. These closures will remain in effect through 2400 hrs, A.l.t., December 31, 2003.

Regulations at § 679.64(b)(5) provide for management of AFA catcher vessel groundfish harvest limits and PSC limits using directed fishing closures and PSC closures according to procedures set out at §§ 679.20(d)(1)(iv) and 679.21(d)(8) and (e)(3)(v). The Regional Administrator has determined that in addition to the closures listed above, many of the non-exempt AFA catcher vessel sideboard amounts listed in Table 9 are necessary as incidental catch to support other anticipated groundfish fisheries for the 2003 fishing year. In

accordance with § 679.20(d)(1)(iv), the Regional Administrator establishes the directed fishing allowances for the species and species groups in the specified areas in Table 11 as zero. Therefore, in accordance with § 679.20(d)(1)(iii), NMFS is prohibiting directed fishing by non-exempt AFA catcher vessels in the GOA for the species and species groups in the specified areas in Table 11. These closures will remain in effect through 2400 hrs, A.l.t., December 31, 2003.