

Species		Historic range	Family	Status	When listed	Critical habitat	Special rules
Scientific name	Common name						
* <i>Orcuttia pilosa</i>	* Hairy Orcutt grass	* U.S.A. (CA).	* Poaceae	* E	* 611	* NA	* NA
* <i>Orcuttia tenuis</i>	* Slender Orcutt grass	* U.S.A. (CA).	* Poaceae	* T	* 611	* NA	* NA
* <i>Orcuttia viscida</i>	* Sacramento Orcutt grass	* U.S.A. (CA).	* Poaceae	* E	* 611	* NA	* NA
* <i>Tuctoria greenei</i>	* Greene's tuctoria	* U.S.A. (CA).	* Poaceae	* E	* 611	* NA	* NA
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Dated: February 24, 1997.

John G. Rogers,

Acting Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

50 CFR Part 640

[Docket No. 970318058-7058-01; I.D. 022597A]

RIN 0648-XX82

Spiny Lobster Fishery of the Gulf of Mexico and South Atlantic; Rescission of Control Date

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

ACTION: Notice of rescission of control date.

SUMMARY: The Gulf of Mexico and South Atlantic Fishery Management Councils (Councils) believe that changes in the management of the spiny lobster fishery makes a previously announced control date obsolete. Therefore, on behalf of the Councils, NMFS announces that the date of January 15, 1986, is no longer considered a control date for entry into the Gulf of Mexico and South Atlantic spiny lobster fishery.

EFFECTIVE DATE: March 26, 1997.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Georgia Cranmore, 813-570-5305.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The spiny lobster fishery is managed under the

Fishery Management Plan for the Spiny Lobster Fishery of the Gulf of Mexico and South Atlantic (FMP). The FMP was prepared by the Councils and is implemented through regulations at 50 CFR part 640, under the authority of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act.

A control date of January 15, 1986, was established for the spiny lobster fishery in anticipation of a possible Federal limited access program for this fishery (51 FR 5713, February 18, 1986). The notice announcing this control date stated that anyone entering the fishery after January 15, 1986, was not assured of continued participation if a limited access system was adopted.

No limited access program was developed by the Councils. Instead, the Councils adopted Florida's management regime for the exclusive economic zone (EEZ) off Florida. The commercial fishery is confined primarily to Florida waters and the EEZ off Florida. Commercial and recreational spiny lobster landings outside Florida are negligible.

In 1992, NMFS adopted for the EEZ off Florida, Florida's spiny lobster trap certificate, trap reduction, and trap identification programs (57 FR 56516, November 30, 1992).

In 1994, NMFS removed the requirement for Federal vessel permits in the commercial fishery in the EEZ off Florida (59 FR 53118, October 21, 1994). The South Atlantic Council determined (at its November 1996 meeting) and the Gulf Council determined (at its July 1996 meeting) that these changes in the management of the spiny lobster fishery make the control date obsolete. Therefore, NMFS announces the

rescission of the January 15, 1986, control date with respect to this fishery.

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

Dated: March 20, 1997.

C. Karnella,

Acting Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.
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50 CFR Part 679

[Docket No. 961107312-7021-02; I.D. 031997A]

Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Offshore Component Pollock in the Aleutian Islands Subarea

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

ACTION: Modification of a closure.

SUMMARY: NMFS is opening directed fishing for pollock by vessels catching pollock for processing by the offshore component in the Aleutian Islands subarea (AI) of the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands management area (BSAI). This action is necessary to fully utilize the total allowable catch (TAC) of pollock in that area.

EFFECTIVE DATE: 1200 hrs, Alaska local time (A.l.t.), March 20, 1997, through 1200 hrs, A.l.t., March 22, 1997.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mary Furuness, 907-586-7228.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The groundfish fishery in the BSAI exclusive economic zone is managed by NMFS according to the Fishery Management Plan for Groundfish of the Bering Sea

and Aleutian Islands Area (FMP) prepared by the North Pacific Fishery Management Council under authority of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act. Fishing by U.S. vessels is governed by regulations implementing the FMP at subpart H of 50 CFR part 600 and 50 CFR part 679.

In accordance with § 679.20(c)(3)(iii), the allowance for the pollock TAC apportioned for vessels catching pollock for processing by the offshore component in the AI was established by the Final 1997 Harvest Specifications for Groundfish (62 FR 7168, February 18, 1997) as 16,835 metric tons (mt). The Administrator, Alaska Region, NMFS (Regional Administrator), has established a directed fishing allowance of 14,835 mt, and set aside the remaining 2,000 mt as bycatch to support other anticipated groundfish fisheries. The fishery for pollock by

vessels catching pollock by vessels catching pollock for processing by the offshore component in the AI of the BSAI was closed to directed fishing under § 679.20(d)(1)(iii) on February 27, 1997, (62 FR 9379, March 3, 1997) and opened March 12, 1997, through March 14, 1997, (62 FR 13351, March 20, 1997).

NMFS has determined that as of March 18, 1997, 2,500 mt remain in the directed fishing allowance. Therefore, NMFS is terminating the previous closure and is opening directed fishing for pollock by vessels catching pollock for processing by the offshore component in the AI of the BSAI effective 1200 hrs, A.l.t., March 20, 1997.

In accordance with § 679.20(d)(1)(iii), the Regional Administrator finds that this directed fishing allowance will soon be reached. Current information shows the catching capacity of vessels

catching pollock for processing by the offshore component is in excess of 1,000 mt per day.

NMFS is prohibiting directed fishing for pollock by vessels catching pollock for processing by the offshore component in the AI of the BSAI at 1200 hrs, A.l.t., March 22, 1997, through December 31, 1997.

All other closures remain in full force and effect.

Classification

This action is required by § 679.20 and is exempt from review under E.O. 12866.

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

Dated: March 20, 1997.

George H. Darcy,

Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.
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