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NOTICE TO CLOSURE FOR DIRECTED FISHING FOR POLLOCK IN THE ALEUTIAN ISLANDS SUBAREA BY THE INSHORE COMPONENT

Fishermen harvesting pollock for the inshore component may not conduct directed fishing with any gear for pollock in the Aleutian Islands subarea (AI)(statistical area 540) from 12 noon, Alaska local time (A.l.t.), June 12, 1992, until 12 midnight, A.l.t., December 31, 1992, according to Steven Pennoyer, Director, Alaska Region, National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS).

This action is taken to prevent exceeding the pollock allowance available for harvest by the inshore component in the Aleutian Islands subarea.

For the duration of this closure to the inshore component in the AI, as measured in round weight equivalents:

Vessels using pelagic trawl gear may not retain incidental catches of any groundfish species closed to directed fishing in aggregate amount equal to or greater than 7 percent of the amount of other fish or fish products retained at the same time by the vessel during the same trip.

Vessels using gear other than pelagic trawl gear may not retain incidental catches of pollock equal to or greater than 20 percent of the aggregate amounts of all other fish species retained at the same time by the vessel during the same trip.

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