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NEWS RELEASE  
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For Immediate Release

**NOTICE OF CLOSURE TO ALL GROUND FISH FISHING  
WITH POTS AND TRAWL GEAR IN A PORTION  
OF THE CENTRAL REGULATORY AREA OF THE GULF OF ALASKA**

Fishermen may not conduct groundfish fisheries with any pot or trawl gear in the western lower Cook Inlet within the Central Regulatory Area of the Gulf of Alaska in the waters of the EEZ west of a line off Cape Douglas at 58° 54' N. latitude, 153° 12' W. longitude to a point at 59° 20' N. latitude, 152° 40' W. longitude, then north along 152° 40' W. longitude to a point intersecting the western boundary of the EEZ within Cook Inlet at 59° 52' N. latitude (Figure 1) from April 12, 1991, until 12:00 noon Alaska local time, August 1, 1991 according to Steven Pennoyer, Director, Alaska Region, National Marine Fisheries Service.

This action is necessary to prevent the overfishing of the king crab stock in this portion of the Central Regulatory Area during the time that this crab stock is mating, molting, and in soft shell condition, and therefore most vulnerable to injury and mortality when captured in pots or trawl gear and subsequently handled.

This press release summarizes regulatory requirements and is for informational purposes only. For more information concerning regulatory requirements, consult the applicable regulations or contact the Fisheries Management Division, NMFS, 907-586-7228.



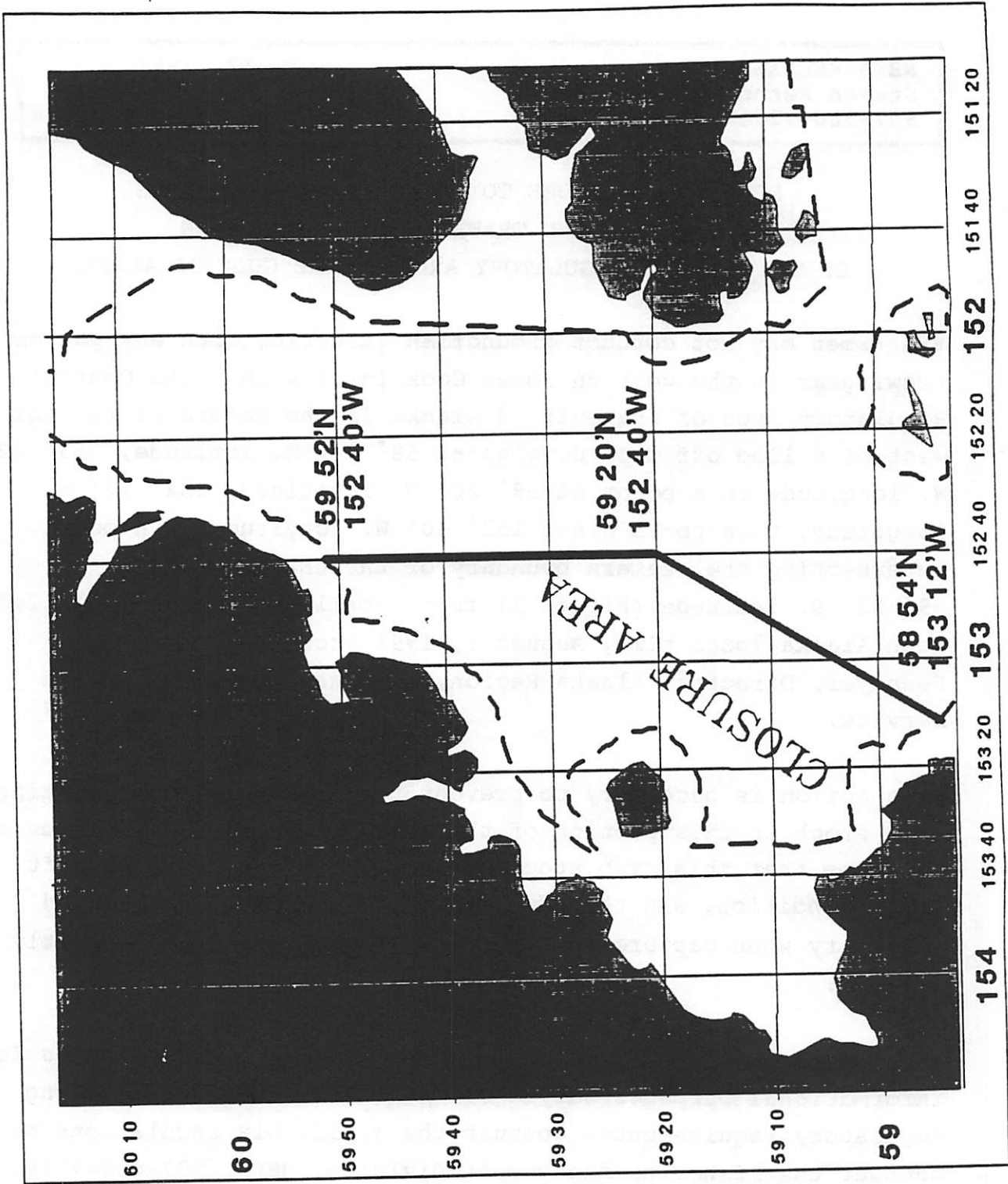
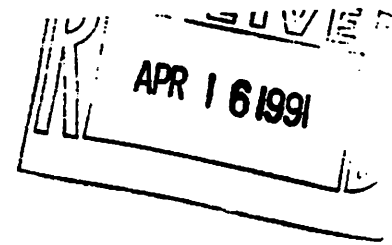


Figure 1. Western Lower Cook Inlet Groundfish Pot and Trawl Closure Area  
 - - - - EEZ Boundary  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Closure Boundary

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1991 BERING SEA & ALEUTIANS APPORTIONMENTS TO DOMESTIC  
 ANNUAL PROCESSING (DAP) AND PRELIMINARY CATCH IN ROUND METRIC TONS  
 (includes weekly production reports through 04/07/91)



	TOTAL RETAINED	TOTAL DISCARD	TOTAL CATCH	DAP APPORT.	REMAINING FOR DAP	X TAKEN
<b>BERING SEA</b>						
Other Rockfish	48	55	103	340	237	30
Pacific Ocean Perch	1015	323	1338	3885	2547	34
Other Red Rockfish	75	32	107	1420	1313	8
Pollock (Roe Season)	457180	33639	490819	441500	-49319	111
Sablefish (Fixed Gear)	188	1	189	1317	1128	14
Sablefish (Trawl)	71	0	71	1317	1246	5
<b>ALEUTIAN ISLANDS</b>						
Other Rockfish	37	226	263	786	523	33
Pacific Ocean Perch	755	350	1105	9159	8054	12
Other Red Rockfish	19	0	19	3982	3963	0
Pollock	76879	1276	78155	85000	6845	92
Sablefish (Fixed Gear)	494	4	498	2040	1542	24
Sablefish (Trawl)	41	0	41	680	639	6
<b>BERING SEA &amp; ALEUTIANS</b>						
Arrowtooth Flounder	100	3294	3394	17000	13606	20
Atka Mackerel	20380	1526	21906	20400	-1506	107
Greenland Turbot	192	398	590	5950	5360	10
Other Flatfish	907	6943	7850	54974	47124	14
Other Species	371	3961	4332	12750	8418	34
Pacific Cod	70042	2833	72875	194650	121775	37
Rock Sole	14141	14635	28776	76500	47724	38
Squid	14	879	893	850	-43	105
Yellowfin Sole	37	3409	3446	114750	111304	3
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<b>TOTALS:</b>	<b>642986</b>	<b>73784</b>	<b>716770</b>	<b>1049250</b>	<b>332480</b>	<b>68</b>

<b>TOTALS BY SPECIES</b>						
Arrowtooth Flounder	100	3294	3394	17000	13606	20
Atka Mackerel	20380	1526	21906	20400	-1506	107
Greenland Turbot	192	398	590	5950	5360	10
Other Flatfish	907	6943	7850	54974	47124	14
Other Red Rockfish	94	32	126	5402	5276	2
Other Rockfish	85	281	366	1126	760	33
Other Species	371	3961	4332	12750	8418	34
Pacific Cod	70042	2833	72875	194650	121775	37
Pacific Ocean Perch	1770	673	2443	13044	10601	19
Pollock	534059	34915	568974	526500	-42474	108
Rock Sole	14141	14635	28776	76500	47724	38
Sablefish	794	5	799	5354	4555	15
Squid	14	879	893	850	-43	105
Yellowfin Sole	37	3409	3446	114750	111304	3

- Notes:
- 1) Pacific Ocean Perch is *Sebastes alutus* only in 1991.
  - 2) Other Red Rockfish includes Shortraker, Rougheye, Northern and Sharpchin rockfishes.
  - 3) A change has been made in the species group:  
 - Arrowtooth Flounder  
 Species groups are defined at 50 CFR 675.20(a)(1).
  - 4) BS Pollock apportionment is for the Roe season.  
 The non-roe BS Pollock apportionment is 663,500 MT.  
 BS Pollock includes Bogoslof District.

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1991 GULF OF ALASKA APPORTIONMENTS TO DOMESTIC  
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	TOTAL RETAINED	TOTAL DISCARD	TOTAL CATCH	DAP APPORT.	REMAINING FOR DAP	% TAKEN
<b>WESTERN GULF</b>						
Arrowtooth Flounder	4	904	908	5000	4092	18
Deep Water Flatfish	231	196	427	2000	1573	21
Shallow Water Flatfish	488	875	1363	3000	1637	45
Flathead Sole	19	59	78	2000	1922	4
Pacific Ocean Perch	628	16	644	1624	980	40
Shortraker/Rougheye	63	0	63	100	37	63
Other Rockfish	29	27	56	1212	1156	5
Pacific Cod	28043	250	28293	30000	1707	94
Pelagic Shelf Rockfish	14	4	18	800	782	2
Sablefish (Hook & Line)	1	0	1	2340	2339	0
Sablefish (Trawl)	15	0	15	585	570	3
<b>WESTERN &amp; CENTRAL GULF</b>						
Pollock	17114	3795	20909	17500	-3409	119
<b>CENTRAL GULF</b>						
Arrowtooth Flounder	235	2029	2264	10000	7736	23
Deep Water Flatfish	1394	363	1757	10000	8243	18
Shallow Water Flatfish	990	267	1257	7000	5743	18
Flathead Sole	128	55	183	5000	4817	4
Pacific Ocean Perch	1773	53	1826	1798	-28	102
Shortraker/Rougheye	434	5	439	1320	881	33
Other Rockfish	505	121	626	5454	4828	11
Pacific Cod	30172	167	30339	45000	14661	67
Pelagic Shelf Rockfish	63	43	106	3100	2994	3
Sablefish (Hook & Line)	8	0	8	8460	8452	0
Sablefish (Trawl)	353	0	353	2115	1762	17
<b>WEST YAKUTAT</b>						
Sablefish (Hook & Line)	0	0	0	3850	3850	0
Sablefish (Trawl)	2	0	2	200	198	1
<b>EAST YAKUTAT &amp; SOUTHEAST</b>						
Sablefish (Hook & Line)	0	0	0	4700	4700	0
Sablefish (Trawl)	139	0	139	250	111	56
<b>EASTERN GULF</b>						
Arrowtooth Flounder	0	51	51	5000	4949	1
Deep Water Flatfish	0	37	37	3000	2963	1
Shallow Water Flatfish	0	3	3	2000	1997	0
Flathead Sole	0	0	0	3000	3000	0
Pacific Ocean Perch	719	31	750	2378	1628	32
Shortraker/Rougheye	1	21	22	580	558	4
Other Rockfish	39	65	104	3434	3330	3
Pelagic Shelf Rockfish	64	0	64	900	836	7
Pacific Cod	57	0	57	2900	2843	2
Pollock	3214	1	3215	850	-2365	378
<b>SOUTHEAST</b>						
Demersal Shelf Rockfish	205	10	215	425	210	51
<b>ENTIRE GULF OF ALASKA</b>						
Other Species	869	931	1800	15766	13966	11
Thornyhead	182	21	203	1398	1195	15
<b>TOTALS:</b>						
	88195	10400	98595	216039	117444	46
<b>TOTALS BY SPECIES</b>						
Arrowtooth Flounder	239	2984	3223	20000	16777	16
Deep Water Flatfish	1625	596	2221	15000	12779	15
Demersal Shelf Rockfish	205	10	215	425	210	51
Flathead Sole	147	114	261	10000	9739	3
Other Rockfish	573	213	786	10100	9314	8
Other Species	869	931	1800	15766	13966	11
Pacific Cod	58272	417	58689	77900	19211	75
Pacific Ocean Perch	3120	100	3220	5800	2580	56
Pelagic Rockfish	141	47	188	4800	4612	4

Summary of NMFS Management 1991  
(Compiled from FR Notices and News Releases)

- April 14: Central GOA closed to directed fishing for shortraker-rougheye rockfish group.
- April 12: Lower Cook Inlet closed to pot and trawl gear for groundfish to protect molting king crab.
- April 12: Closed Southeast Outside/East Yakutat District to retention of sablefish taken in trawls.
- April 8: Following fisheries are closed to retention by any gear: Eastern Gulf pollock, Central Gulf Pacific Ocean Perch, and Western Gulf shortraker/rougheye rockfish group.
- April 1: BSAI reopens to non-pelagic trawling for Pacific cod in the DAP 'Other Fishery'. The opening is the result of the second quarter's apportionment of halibut bycatch becoming available. About 950 mt halibut are available because of excessive bycatch in the first quarter. Fishermen were cautioned that the C. bairdi bycatch limit in Zone 1 is being approached.
- March 29: Prohibited retention of Atka mackerel in BSAI for rest of 1991.
- March 23: WGOA Pacific cod closed to directed fishing.
- March 23: AI pollock closed to directed fishing by all gears. TAC is 85,000 mt with 83,000 mt for directed fishery.
- March 21: Southeast Outside (Area 65) demersal shelf rockfish closed to directed fishing. Includes Canary, China, Copper, Quillback, Redbanded, Rosethorn, Tiger and Yelloweye rockfish.
- March 15: Domestic rock sole fishery closed in Zones 1 and 2H of the Bering Sea for rest of year due to primary halibut PSC being taken.
- March 8: Closed DAP Other fishery in BSAI because secondary halibut PSC attained. Will reopen April 1.
- March 1: Closed Western and Central GOA to further retention of pollock.
- February 25: Closed Western and Eastern GOA to directed fishing for shortraker-rougheye rockfish species group.
- February 22: Closed Bering Sea subarea to directed pollock fishing until non-roe season starts on June 1.
- February 17: Closed Zones 1 and 2H BSAI "DAP other fishery" to directed fisheries by non-pelagic gear because primary first quarter halibut PSC (1200 mt) was reached. Fishery will reopen April 1 when second quarter PSC becomes available.

- February 17: Closed Bogoslof District to directed fishing for pollock. Directed fishery will resume on June 1 with the beginning of the non-roe season.
- February 15: Closed W/C Gulf of Alaska to directed fishing for pollock after harvest of 16,500 mt, leaving 1,000 mt of the quarterly interim TAC of 17,500 mt for bycatch.
- February 4: Closed directed fisheries for demersal shelf rockfish in portions of Southeast Outside District: east of 137 West Longitude in EEZ and between 57 13 25 N and 56 40 12 N latitudes in ADFG Central Southeast Outside section.
- February 4: Shelikof District closed to directed pollock fishing.
- January 15: Closed directed trawling for sablefish in W/C GOA.
- January 1: Closed directed trawling for sablefish in Eastern Gulf.