

Flooding source(s)	Location of referenced elevation	* Elevation in feet (NGVD) + Elevation in feet (NAVD) # Depth in feet above ground ^ Elevation in meters (MSL) Modified	Communities affected
Playa Lake 8	Approximately 100 feet south of FM 2186 and 335 South Loop.	+3681	City of Amarillo, Unincorporated Areas of Randall County.
Playa Lake 9	Approximately 480 feet north of the intersection of West Sundown Street and Elaine Street.	+3683	Unincorporated Areas of Randall County.
Prairie Dog Town Fork of Red River.	Approximately 100 feet downstream of the intersection of Exmoor Road and Canyon Creek Road.	+3395	Unincorporated Areas of Randall County, Village of Lake Tanglewood, Village of Palisades.
Tierra Blanca Creek	At the confluence with Tierra Blanca Creek	+3484	City of Canyon, Unincorporated Areas of Randall County.
	At the confluence with Palo Duro Creek	+3484	
	Approximately 1,500 feet downstream of Gordon Cummings Road.	+3547	

* National Geodetic Vertical Datum.

+ North American Vertical Datum.

Depth in feet above ground.

^ Mean Sea Level, rounded to the nearest 0.1 meter.

ADDRESSES

City of Amarillo

Maps are available for inspection at 509 Southeast 7th Avenue, Amarillo, TX 79101.

City of Canyon

Maps are available for inspection at 301 16th Street, Canyon, TX 79015.

Unincorporated Areas of Randall County

Maps are available for inspection at 301 Highway 60, Canyon, TX 79015.

Village of Lake Tanglewood

Maps are available for inspection at 1000 Tanglewood Drive, Amarillo, TX 79118.

Village of Palisades

Maps are available for inspection at 115 Brentwood Road, Amarillo, TX 79118.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance No. 97.022, "Flood Insurance.")

Dated: April 27, 2010.

Sandra K. Knight,

Deputy Federal Insurance and Mitigation Administrator, Mitigation, Department of Homeland Security, Federal Emergency Management Agency.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

50 CFR Part 660

[Docket No. 0809121213-9221-02]

RIN 0648-AY82

Magnuson-Stevens Act Provisions; Fisheries off West Coast States; Pacific Coast Groundfish Fishery; Biennial Specifications and Management Measures; Inseason Adjustments; Pacific Halibut Fisheries

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

ACTION: Final rule; inseason adjustments to management measures; announcement of elimination of incidental Pacific halibut retention allowance; request for comments.

SUMMARY: This final rule announces two actions: an inseason change to the

regulations regarding the retention of Pacific halibut landed incidentally in the limited entry fixed gear primary sablefish fishery north of Pt. Chehalis, Washington (46°53.30' N. lat.); and an inseason change to the cumulative limit for minor slope rockfish and darkblotched rockfish north of 40°10.00' N. lat. in the commercial Pacific Coast groundfish limited entry trawl fishery. These actions, which are authorized by the Pacific Coast Groundfish Fishery Management Plan (FMP), are intended to prevent exceeding the 2010 Area 2A Pacific halibut quota and to prevent exceeding the 2010 OY for darkblotched rockfish, an overfished species.

DATES: Effective 0001 hours (local time) May 1, 2010. Comments on this final rule must be received no later than 5 p.m., local time on June 3, 2010.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments, identified by RIN 0648-AY82 by any one of the following methods:

- **Electronic Submissions:** Submit all electronic public comments via the Federal eRulemaking Portal <http://www.regulations.gov>.

• *Fax:* 206–526–6736, Attn: Gretchen Hanshew.

• *Mail:* Barry A. Thom, Acting Regional Administrator, Northwest Region, NMFS, 7600 Sand Point Way NE., Seattle, WA 98115–0070, Attn: Gretchen Hanshew.

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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Gretchen Hanshew (Northwest Region, NMFS), phone: 206–526–6147, fax: 206–526–6736 and e-mail gretchen.hanshew@noaa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Electronic Access

This final rule is accessible via the Internet at the Office of the **Federal Register's** Web site at <http://www.gpoaccess.gov/fr/index.html>. Background information and documents are available at the Pacific Fishery Management Council's Web site at <http://www.pcouncil.org/>.

Background

The Pacific Coast Groundfish FMP and its implementing regulations at title 50 in the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), part 660, subpart G, regulate fishing for over 90 species of groundfish off the coasts of Washington, Oregon, and California. Groundfish specifications and management measures are developed by the Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council), and are implemented by NMFS. A proposed rule to implement the 2009–2010 groundfish harvest specifications and management measures was published on December 31, 2008, (73 FR 80516). The final rule to implement the 2009–2010 specifications and management measures for the Pacific Coast Groundfish Fishery was published on March 6, 2009 (74 FR 9874). This final rule was subsequently amended by inseason actions on April 27, 2009 (74 FR 19011), July 6, 2009 (74 FR 31874),

October 28, 2009 (74 FR 55468), and February 26, 2010 (75 FR 8820). Additional changes to the 2009–2010 specifications and management measures for petrale sole were made in two final rules: On November 4, 2009 (74 FR 57117), and December 10, 2009 (74 FR 65480). These specifications and management measures are at 50 CFR part 660, subpart G.

The reduction to the bimonthly cumulative limit for minor slope rockfish and darkblotched rockfish in the limited entry bottom trawl fishery implemented by this action was recommended by the Council, in consultation with Pacific Coast Treaty Indian Tribes and the States of Washington, Oregon, and California, at its April 9 through April 15, 2010, meeting in Portland, Oregon. The elimination of incidental Pacific halibut (halibut) retention in the limited entry fixed gear primary sablefish fishery north of Point Chehalis, Washington (46°53.30' N. lat.) is implemented in order to achieve consistency with the 2010 halibut rule and Catch Sharing Plan published on March 18, 2010 (75 FR 13024). These changes must be effective on May 1, 2010.

On April 23, 2010, NMFS received a decision in the case of *Natural Resources Defense Council v. Locke*, Case No. C 01–0421 JL (N.D. Cal.) in which the court has ruled against NMFS on an issue relating to darkblotched rockfish. The court has not yet issued the Order on Remedy, and NMFS is in the process of determining the full implications of this decision. NMFS is publishing this rule as scheduled for the reasons described below. Upon further review of the court decision NMFS will determine whether additional measures may be needed with respect to darkblotched rockfish and will implement any such measures in a subsequent rule.

Limited Entry Fixed Gear Sablefish Primary Fishery

The International Pacific Halibut Commission (IPHC) sets the halibut total allowable catch (TAC) on an annual basis. A portion of the TAC is available to fisheries in Area 2A (waters off the U.S. West Coast). The Council's Catch Sharing Plan (CSP) guides allocation of the Area 2A portion of the TAC to the various commercial and recreational fisheries in Area 2A. It provides that if the Area 2A TAC is greater than 900,000 lb, the portion of the Washington sport allocation that is in excess of 214,110 lb is available to the primary directed sablefish fishery north of Point Chehalis. NMFS published the 2010 halibut final rule and CSP on March 18,

2010 (75 FR 13024). The final Area 2A halibut TAC for 2010 was adopted by the IPHC at their January 26 through January 29, 2010 meeting, and is below 900,000-lbs (408–mt). Therefore, based on the CSP, no halibut quota is assigned to the limited entry fixed gear sablefish primary fishery. Since there is no halibut available for this fishery in 2010, no retention of halibut will be allowed in the limited entry fixed gear sablefish primary fishery north of Point Chehalis, Washington.

The Council was notified of this issue at its March 6 through March 11, 2010 meeting. Through this inseason rule, NMFS is eliminating the halibut retention allowance for the limited entry fixed gear sablefish fishery north of Point Chehalis, Washington (46°53.30' N. lat.) to change the 2010 Pacific halibut possession and landing limits in this area from “100-lb (45-kg) dressed weight, head-on of halibut per fishing trip” to “no retention of halibut.” Limited Entry Trawl Fishery North of 40°10.00' N. lat.

Catches of darkblotched rockfish in the limited entry trawl fishery north of 40°10.00' N. lat. are tracking ahead of projections. If no action were taken, and darkblotched rockfish catch rates remain higher than previously expected throughout the year, total coastwide catch of darkblotched rockfish through the end of the year is projected to be 369 mt, exceeding the 2010 coastwide darkblotched rockfish OY of 291 mt by 78 mt. Therefore, to slow catch of darkblotched rockfish and stay below the 2010 darkblotched rockfish OY, the Council at its April 9 through April 15, 2010 meeting considered an inseason adjustment reducing “minor slope rockfish and darkblotched rockfish” cumulative limits in the area north of 40°10.00' N. lat. beginning on May 1, 2010. The Groundfish Management Team (GMT), an advisory body to the Council, recommended reducing the bimonthly cumulative limit from 6,000 lb (2722 kg) per two months to 2,000 lb (907 kg) per two months. With this change, if the species composition is unchanged under this lower limit, total coastwide catch of darkblotched rockfish through the end of the year is projected to be 285 mt, 6 mt below the 2010 OY.

Based on rationale described above, the Council recommended and NMFS is implementing a decrease in the limited entry trawl fishery cumulative limit for minor slope rockfish and darkblotched rockfish north of 40°10.00' N. lat. from “6,000 lb (2722 kg) per two months” to “2,000 lb (907 kg) per two months” from May 1 through December 31.

Classification

These actions are taken under the authority of 50 CFR 660.370(c) and are exempt from review under Executive Order 12866.

This inseason adjustment is taken under the authority of: (1) The Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (Magnuson-Stevens Act), and is in accordance with 50 CFR part 660, the regulations implementing the FMP; and (2) the Halibut Act and its implementing regulations. This action is based on the most recent data available. The aggregate data upon which this action is based are available for public inspection at the Office of the Administrator, Northwest Region, NMFS, (*see ADDRESSES*) during business hours.

For the following reasons, NMFS finds good cause to waive prior public notice and comment on the revision to groundfish management measures under 5 U.S.C. 553(b) because notice and comment would be impracticable and contrary to the public interest. Also, for the same reasons, NMFS finds good cause to waive the 30-day delay in effectiveness pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 553(d)(3), so that this final rule may become effective by May 1, 2010.

The 2010 Pacific halibut TAC was adopted by the IPHC at its January 2010 meeting and was presented to the Council at its March 5 through March 11, 2010, meeting in Sacramento, California. The change for the limited entry fixed gear sablefish fishery described in this rule is based on the 2010 TAC in conjunction with the 2010 CSP. The fishery data upon which the change in the limited entry bottom trawl fishery was based was provided to the Council at its April 10 through April 15, 2010, meeting in Portland, Oregon, the first Council meeting at which this data was available. These changes must be implemented by May 1, 2010 in order to avoid fisheries exceeding the 2010 halibut TAC and the 2010 darkblotched rockfish OY. There was not sufficient time after the March and April Council

meetings to conduct proposed and final rulemaking before these actions need to be in effect. For the actions to be implemented in this final rule, affording the time necessary for prior notice and opportunity for public comment would prevent the Agency from managing fisheries using the best available science to approach, without exceeding, the OYs or TACs for Federally managed species in accordance with the FMP, the CSP, and applicable laws. The adjustments to management measures in this document affect commercial fisheries off Washington, Oregon and northern California.

These adjustments to management measures must be implemented in a timely manner to prevent the Area 2A portion of the 2010 halibut TAC from being exceeded. The elimination of halibut retention in the limited entry fixed gear sablefish primary fishery is intended to prevent exceeding the Area 2A portion of the 2010 Pacific halibut TAC. These changes must be implemented in a timely manner, by May 1, 2010 which is when the incidental halibut retention allowance is currently scheduled to begin.

These adjustments to management measures must be implemented in a timely manner to prevent the 2010 darkblotched rockfish OY from being exceeded. The decrease to the "minor slope rockfish and darkblotched rockfish" trip limit in the limited entry non-whiting bottom trawl fishery is intended to prevent exceeding the 2010 darkblotched rockfish OY, and prevent premature closure of fisheries that impact darkblotched rockfish, an overfished species. These changes must be implemented in a timely manner, by May 1, 2010, which is the start of the cumulative period. Even a short delay in implementation could allow fisheries to take the entire two month limit for this period.

Delaying the implementation of this rule would impair achievement of the Pacific halibut Catch Sharing Plan objective to manage fisheries to remain

within the TAC for Area 2A, while also allowing each commercial, recreational (sport), and Tribal fishery to target halibut in the manner that is appropriate to meet both the conservation requirements for species that co-occur with Pacific halibut and the needs of fishery participants in particular fisheries and fishing areas. Such delay would also impair achievement of the Pacific Coast Groundfish FMP objectives of providing for year-round harvest opportunities, extending fishing opportunities as long as practicable during the fishing year, and staying within the OY for darkblotched rockfish.

List of Subjects in 50 CFR Part 660

Fisheries, Fishing, Indian fisheries.

Dated: April 29, 2010.

Emily H. Menashes,

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

■ For the reasons set out in the preamble, 50 CFR part 660 is amended as follows:

PART 660—FISHERIES OFF WEST COAST STATES

■ 1. The authority citation for part 660 is amended to read as follows:

Authority: 16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.* and 16 U.S.C. 773 *et seq.*

■ 2. In § 660.372, paragraph (b)(3)(iv) is revised to read as follows:

§ 660.372 Fixed gear sablefish fishery management.

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(iv) *Incidental halibut retention north of Pt. Chehalis, WA (46°53.30' N. lat.).* No halibut retention is allowed during the primary sablefish fishery in 2010.

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■ 3. Table 3 (North) to part 660, subpart G is revised to read as follows:

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Table 3 (North) to Part 660, Subpart G -- 2010 Trip Limits for Limited Entry Trawl Gear North of 40°10' N. Lat.
Other Limits and Requirements Apply -- Read § 660.301 - § 660.399 before using this table

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	JAN-FEB	MAR-APR	MAY-JUN	JUL-AUG	SEP-OCT	NOV-DEC
Rockfish Conservation Area (RCA)^{6/}:						
1	North of 48°10' N. lat.	shore - modified ^{7/} 200 fm line ^{6/}	shore - 200 fm line ^{6/}	shore - 150 fm line ^{6/}		shore - 200 fm line ^{6/}
2	48°10' N. lat. - 45°46' N. lat.	75 fm line ^{6/} - modified ^{7/} 200 fm line ^{6/}	75 fm line ^{6/} - 200 fm line ^{6/}	75 fm line ^{6/} - 150 fm line ^{6/}	100 fm line ^{6/} - 150 fm line ^{6/}	75 fm line ^{6/} - modified ^{7/} 200 fm line ^{6/}
3	45°46' N. lat. - 40°10' N. lat.		75 fm line ^{6/} - 200 fm line ^{6/}	100 fm line ^{6/} - 200 fm line ^{6/}	75 fm line ^{6/} - 200 fm line ^{6/}	
<p>Selective flatfish trawl gear is required shoreward of the RCA; all trawl gear (large footrope, selective flatfish trawl, and small footrope trawl gear) is permitted seaward of the RCA. Large footrope and small footrope trawl gears (except for selective flatfish trawl gear) are prohibited shoreward of the RCA. Midwater trawl gear is permitted only for vessels participating in the primary whiting season.</p>						
<p>See § 660.370 and § 660.381 for Additional Gear, Trip Limit, and Conservation Area Requirements and Restrictions. See §§ 660.390-660.394 and §§ 660.396-660.399 for Conservation Area Descriptions and Coordinates (including RCAs, YRCA, CCAs, Farallon Islands, Cordell Banks, and EFHCAs).</p>						
<p>State trip limits and seasons may be more restrictive than federal trip limits, particularly in waters off Oregon and California.</p>						
4	Minor slope rockfish ^{2/} & Darkblotched rockfish	6,000 lb/ 2 months		2,000 lb/ 2 months		
5	Pacific ocean perch	1,500 lb/ 2 months				
6	DTS complex					
7	Sablefish					
8	large & small footrope gear	20,000 lb/ 2 months		24,000 lb/ 2 months		20,000 lb/ 2 months
9	selective flatfish trawl gear	9,000 lb/ 2 months				
10	multiple bottom trawl gear ^{8/}	9,000 lb/ 2 months				
11	Longspine thornyhead					
12	large & small footrope gear	24,000 lb/ 2 months				
13	selective flatfish trawl gear	5,000 lb/ 2 months				
14	multiple bottom trawl gear ^{8/}	5,000 lb/ 2 months				
15	Shortspine thornyhead					
16	large & small footrope gear	18,000 lb/ 2 months				
17	selective flatfish trawl gear	5,000 lb/ 2 months				
18	multiple bottom trawl gear ^{8/}	5,000 lb/ 2 months				
19	Dover sole					
20	large & small footrope gear	110,000 lb/ 2 months				
21	selective flatfish trawl gear	65,000 lb/ 2 months				
22	multiple bottom trawl gear ^{8/}	65,000 lb/ 2 months				

TABLE 3 (North)

Table 3 (North). Continued

	JAN-FEB	MAR-APR	MAY-JUN	JUL-AUG	SEP-OCT	NOV-DEC
23	Whiting					
24	midwater trawl	Before the primary whiting season: CLOSED. -- During the primary season: mid-water trawl permitted in the RCA. See §660.373 for season and trip limit details. -- After the primary whiting season: CLOSED.				
25	large & small footrope gear	Before the primary whiting season: 20,000 lb/trip. -- During the primary season: 10,000 lb/trip. -- After the primary whiting season: 10,000 lb/trip.				
26	Flatfish (except Dover sole)					
27	Arrowtooth flounder					
28	large & small footrope gear	150,000 lb/ 2 months				
29	selective flatfish trawl gear	90,000 lb/ 2 months				
30	multiple bottom trawl gear ^{8/}	90,000 lb/ 2 months				
31	Other flatfish ^{3/} , English sole, starry flounder, & Petrale sole					
32	large & small footrope gear for Other flatfish ^{3/} , English sole, & starry flounder	110,000 lb/ 2 months	110,000 lb/ 2 months, no more than 9,500 lb/ 2 months of which may be petrale sole.			110,000 lb/ 2 months
33	large & small footrope gear for Petrale sole	9,500 lb/ 2 months				9,500 lb/ 2 months
34	selective flatfish trawl gear for Other flatfish ^{3/} , English sole, & starry flounder	90,000 lb/ 2 months, no more than 9,500 lb/ 2 months of which may be petrale sole.	60,000 lb/ 2 months, no more than 9,500 lb/ 2 months of which may be petrale sole.			
35	selective flatfish trawl gear for Petrale sole	90,000 lb/ 2 months, no more than 9,500 lb/ 2 months of which may be petrale sole.				
36	multiple bottom trawl gear ^{8/}	90,000 lb/ 2 months, no more than 9,500 lb/ 2 months of which may be petrale sole.	60,000 lb/ 2 months, no more than 9,500 lb/ 2 months of which may be petrale sole.			
37	Minor shelf rockfish ^{1/}, Shortbelly, Widow & Yelloweye rockfish					
38	midwater trawl for Widow rockfish	Before the primary whiting season: CLOSED. -- During primary whiting season: In trips of at least 10,000 lb of whiting, combined widow and yellowtail limit of 500 lb/ trip, cumulative widow limit of 1,500 lb/ month. Mid-water trawl permitted in the RCA. See §660.373 for primary whiting season and trip limit details. -- After the primary whiting season: CLOSED.				
39	large & small footrope gear	300 lb/ 2 months				
40	selective flatfish trawl gear	300 lb/ month	1,000 lb/ month, no more than 200 lb/ month of which may be yelloweye rockfish			300 lb/ month
41	multiple bottom trawl gear ^{8/}	300 lb/ month	300 lb/ 2 months, no more than 200 lb/ month of which may be yelloweye rockfish			300 lb/ month

TABLE 3 (North) cont

Table 3 (North). Continued

	JAN-FEB	MAR-APR	MAY-JUN	JUL-AUG	SEP-OCT	NOV-DEC
42	Canary rockfish					
43	large & small footrope gear					
44	selective flatfish trawl gear					
45	multiple bottom trawl gear ^{8/}					
46	Yellowtail					
47	midwater trawl					
48	large & small footrope gear					
49	selective flatfish trawl gear					
50	multiple bottom trawl gear ^{8/}					
51	Minor nearshore rockfish & Black rockfish					
52	large & small footrope gear					
53	selective flatfish trawl gear					
54	multiple bottom trawl gear ^{8/}					
55	Lingcod ^{4/}					
56	large & small footrope gear					
57	selective flatfish trawl gear					
58	multiple bottom trawl gear ^{8/}					
59	Pacific cod					
60	Spiny dogfish					
61	Other Fish ^{5/}					

TABLE 3 (North) cont

1/ Bocaccio, chilipepper and cowcod are included in the trip limits for minor shelf rockfish.
 2/ Splittose rockfish is included in the trip limits for minor slope rockfish.
 3/ "Other flatfish" are defined at § 660.302 and include butter sole, curfin sole, flathead sole, Pacific sanddab, rex sole, rock sole, and sand sole.
 4/ The minimum size limit for lingcod is 22 inches (56 cm) total length North of 42° N. lat. and 24 inches (61 cm) total length South of 42° N. lat.
 5/ "Other fish" are defined at § 660.302 and include sharks, skates (including longnose skate), ratfish, morids, grenadiers, and kelp greenling. Cabezon is included in the trip limits for "other fish."
 6/ The Rockfish Conservation Area is an area closed to fishing by particular gear types, bounded by lines specifically defined by latitude and longitude coordinates set out at §§ 660.391-660.394. This RCA is not defined by depth contours, and the boundary lines that define the RCA may close areas that are deeper or shallower than the depth contour. Vessels that are subject to the RCA restrictions may not fish in the RCA, or operate in the RCA for any purpose other than transiting.
 7/ The "modified" fathom lines are modified to exclude certain petrale sole areas from the RCA.
 8/ If a vessel has both selective flatfish gear and large or small footrope gear on board during a cumulative limit period (either simultaneously or successively), the most restrictive cumulative limit for any gear on board during the cumulative limit period applies for the entire cumulative limit period.

To convert pounds to kilograms, divide by 2.20462, the number of pounds in one kilogram.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

50 CFR Part 660

[Docket No. 100421192-0193-01]

RIN 0648-AY78 and 0648-AY59

Magnuson-Stevens Act Provisions; Fisheries Off West Coast States; Pacific Coast Groundfish Fishery; Biennial Specifications and Management Measures

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

ACTION: Final rule; inseason adjustments to groundfish management measures; Pacific whiting harvest specifications and tribal allocation; request for comments.

SUMMARY: This final rule establishes the 2010 fishery specifications for Pacific whiting in the U.S. exclusive economic zone (EEZ) and state waters off the coasts of Washington, Oregon, and California, as authorized by the Pacific Coast Groundfish Fishery Management Plan (FMP). These specifications include the level of the acceptable biological catch (ABC), optimum yield (OY), and allocations for the non-tribal commercial sectors. This final rule also announces the tribal allocation of Pacific whiting for the 2010 season and inseason adjustments of bycatch limits for the 2010 Pacific whiting fishery.

DATES: Effective April 29, 2010. Comments on the revisions to bycatch limits must be received no later than 5 p.m., local time on May 19, 2010.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments, identified by RIN 0648-AY78 by any of the following methods:

- *Electronic Submissions:* Submit all electronic public comments via the Federal eRulemaking Portal <http://www.regulations.gov>.
- *Fax:* 206-526-6736, Attn: Kevin C. Duffy.

- *Mail:* Barry A. Thom, Acting Regional Administrator, Northwest Region, NMFS, Attn: Kevin C. Duffy, 7600 Sand Point Way NE., Seattle, WA 98115-0070.

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