DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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[Docket No. 61095-61951]

Foreign Fishing; Groundfish of the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Area

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), NOAA, Commerce.

ACTION: Emergency interim rule; extension of effective date.

SUMMARY: The Secretary of Commerce (Secretary) extends through April 20, 1987, an emergency rule amending regulations implementing the Fishery Management Plan for the Groundfish of the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Area (FMP) in effect through January 20, 1987. This extension is necessary to allow the Secretary (1) to prohibit domestic directed fishing for species for which the remaining total allowable catch (TAC) is necessary as bycatch in fisheries for other groundfish species during the remaining year, (2) to require domestic fishermen to treat groundfish species for which the TAC has been reached in the same manner as prohibited species, (3) to limit domestic fishing for groundfish by any method that will prevent overfishing of that species for which the TAC has been reached, and (4) to require foreign fishermen to treat groundfish species for which the TAC has been or will be reached prior to the end of the fishing year in the same manner as prohibited species. This action is intended as a conservation and management measure to make optimal use of groundfish yields.


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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:
Under section 305(e) of the Magnuson Fishery Conservation and Management Act, as amended, the Secretary issued an emergency rule effective October 20, 1986 (51 FR 37408, October 22, 1986) to provide the single-species management authority described in the preamble to the emergency rule, continue as reasons for this extension and are not repeated here.

When the North Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) originally recommended the emergency rule to the Secretary, it contemplated a regulatory amendment to immediately succeed the emergency interim rule. Hence, the Council implied concurrence with an extension of the emergency rule until a regulatory amendment is in force.

The emergency rule is exempted from the normal review procedures of Executive Order 12291 as provided in section 8(a)(1) of that Order. This rule is being reported to the Office of Management and Budget, with an explanation of why following procedures of that Order is not possible.

(16 U.S.C. 1801 et seq.)

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