PART 775—ENVIRONMENTAL PROCEDURES

1. The authority citation for Part 775 is revised to read as set forth below and the authority citation following § 775.4 is removed.


2. Section 775.6 is amended by revising paragraph (b)(1) to read as follows:

§ 775.6 Environmental evaluation procedures.

(b) * * *

(1) The environmental assessment of any action which involves the choice of contending sites for a facility must be started early in the planning of the action. An environmental assessment report, however, is not required until the contending project sites have been determined. The information contained in the environmental assessment report must be used; together with other site planning information, in the selection of the final site.

PART 776—FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT AND PROTECTION OF WETLANDS PROCEDURES

3. The authority citation for Part 776 continues to read as follows:


4. Section 776.5 is amended by revising paragraph (a) to read as follows:

§ 776.5 New construction.

(a) Restriction on Consideration of Floodplain/Wetland. During the evaluation of contending sites for a proposed project, floodplain and wetlands areas may be considered only when there is no practicable alternative site.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
50 CFR Part 672

Groundfish of the Gulf of Alaska

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), NOAA, Commerce.
ACTION: Notice of availability of an amendment to the fishery management plan and request for comments.

SUMMARY: NOAA issues this notice that the North Pacific Fishery Management Council has submitted Amendment 14 to the fishery management plan for groundfish of the Gulf of Alaska for review by the Secretary of Commerce (Secretary) and is requesting comments from the public. Copies of the amendment may be obtained from the address below.

DATE: Comments on the plan amendment should be submitted on or before September 6, 1985.

ADDRESSES: All comments should be sent to Robert McVey, Director, Alaska Region, NMFS, P.O. Box 1668, Juneau, AK 99802. Copies of the amendment, the environmental assessment (EA), and the regulatory impact analysis (RIR/IRFA) are available upon request from the North Pacific Fishery Management Council, P.O. Box 103136, Anchorage, AK 99510.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ronald J. Berg (Fishery Biologist, NMFS), 907-589-7230.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Magnuson Fishery Conservation and Management Act (16 U.S.C. 1801 et seg.) requires that each regional fishery management council submit any fishery management plan or plan amendment it prepares to the Secretary for review and approval or disapproval. This act also requires that the Secretary, upon receiving the plan or amendment, must immediately publish a notice that the plan or amendment is available for public review and comment. The Secretary will consider the public comments in determining whether to approve the plan or amendment.

Amendment 14 proposes the following measures: (1) Establish a gear and/or area restriction in the sablefish fishery; (2) establish rockfish areas and quotas; (3) implement new optimum yields for pollock, Pacific ocean perch, other rockfish, Atka mackerel and other species; (4) implement reporting requirements for catchers and processors of groundfish; (5) establish measures to control the Pacific halibut bycatch; (6) implement the NMFS habitat policy; and (7) revise sablefish fishing seasons. An EA (required under the National Environmental Policy Act) and an RIR/IRFA (required under Executive Order 12291 and the Regulatory Flexibility Act) are incorporated in the amendment.

Regulations proposed by the North Pacific Fishery Management Council and based on this amendment are scheduled to be published within 30 days.

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

List of Subjects in 50 CFR Part 672

Fisheries, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.