
§ 17.11 Endangered and threatened wildlife

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2. It is proposed to amend § 17.11(h) by adding the following, in alphabetical order under "Birds", to the List of Endangered and Threatened Wildlife:

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<th>Common Name</th>
<th>Scientific Name</th>
<th>Historic range</th>
<th>Vertebrate population where endangered or threatened</th>
<th>Status</th>
<th>When listed</th>
<th>Critical habitat</th>
<th>Special rules</th>
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<td>Owl, Mexican spotted</td>
<td>Strix occidentalis lucida</td>
<td>U.S.A. (AZ, CO, NM, TX, UT), Mexico.</td>
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
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Groundfish of the Gulf of Alaska and the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Area

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

ACTION: Notice of availability of amendments to Fishery Management Plans and request for comments.

SUMMARY: NMFS issues this notice that the North Pacific Fishery Management Council has submitted Amendment 17 to the Fishery Management Plan (FMP) for the Groundfish Fishery of the Bering Sea/Aleutian Islands Area and Amendment 22 to the FMP for Groundfish of the Gulf of Alaska for review by the Secretary of Commerce and is requesting comments from the public. Copies of the amendments may be obtained from the address below.

DATES: Comments on the FMP amendments should be submitted on or before December 27, 1991.

ADDRESSES: Comments on the FMP amendments should be submitted to Steven Pennoyer, Director, Alaska Region, National Marine Fisheries Service, P.O. Box 21688, Juneau, AK 99802. Copies of the amendments with the Environmental Assessment/Regulatory Impact Review/Initial Regulatory Flexibility Analyses are available from the North Pacific Fishery Management Council, P.O. Box 103136, Anchorage, AK 99510.


SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Magnuson Fishery Conservation and Management Act (Magnuson Act) requires that each Regional Fishery Management Council submit any fishery management plan or plan amendment it prepares to the Secretary of Commerce (Secretary) for review and approval or disapproval. The Magnuson Act also requires that the Secretary, upon reviewing 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.

NMFS will propose regulations that would implement Amendment 22 to the FMP for Groundfish of the Gulf of Alaska (GOA) and Amendment 17 to the FMP for the Groundfish Fishery of the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Area (BSAI). These regulations will be proposed to implement the following amendment measures: (1) A new management subarea in the BSAI would be established; (2) area closures would be established around walrus haulouts in the BSAI; (3) statistical area 68 in the GOA would be rescinded; and (4) the Regional Director, Alaska Region, NMFS would be authorized to issue experimental fishing permits in the GOA and/or BSAI. In addition, certain amendments to existing implementing regulations will be proposed.

Proposed regulations to implement these amendments are scheduled to be published within 15 days of the receipt date of the amendments.

Authority: 16 U.S.C. 1801 et seq.

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