

[Preamble]

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

PART 660--FISHERIES OFF WEST COAST STATES AND IN THE WESTERN PACIFIC

1. The authority citation for part 660 continues to read as follows:

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

2. In § 660.301, the purpose and scope, subpart (a) is modified as follows:

(a) This subpart implements the Pacific Coast Groundfish Fishery Management Plan (PCGFMP) developed by the Pacific Fishery Management Council. This subpart governs fishing vessels of the U.S. in the EEZ off the coasts of Washington, Oregon, and California. All weights are in round weight or round-weight equivalents, unless specified otherwise.

3. In § 660.302, a definition for "essential fish habitat or EFH" is added, and the definition for "fishing gear" is revised to read as follows:

§ 660.302 Definitions.

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Essential Fish Habitat (EFH). (See §600.10).

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Fishing Gear includes the following types of gear and equipment:

(1) Bottom Contact Gear. Fishing gear designed or modified to make contact with the bottom. This includes, but is not limited to, beam trawl, bottom trawl, dredge, fixed gear, set net, demersal seine, dinglebar gear, and other gear (including experimental gear) designed or modified to make contact with the bottom. Gear used to harvest bottom dwelling organisms (e.g. by hand, rakes, and knives) are also considered bottom contact gear for purposes of subpart.

(2) Demersal seine. A net designed to encircle fish on the seabed. The Demersal seine is characterized by having its net bounded by lead-weighted ropes that are not encircled with bobbins or rollers. Demersal seine gear is fished without the use of steel cables or otter boards (trawl doors). Scottish and Danish Seines are demersal seines. Purse seines, as defined at § 600.10, are not demersal seines. Demersal seine gear is included in the definition of bottom trawl gear in (9) (i) of this subsection.

(3) Dredge Gear. Dredge gear, with respect to the U.S. West Coast EEZ, refers to a gear consisting of a metal frame attached to a holding bag constructed of metal rings or mesh. As the metal frame is dragged upon or above the seabed, fish are pushed up and over the frame, then into the mouth of the holding bag.

(4) Fixed gear (anchored nontrawl gear) includes the following gear types: longline, trap or pot, set net, and stationary hook-and-line (including commercial vertical hook-and-line) gears.

(5) Entangling nets include the following types of net gear:

(i) Gillnet. (See §600.10).

(ii) Set net. A stationary, buoyed, and anchored gillnet or trammel net.

(iii) Trammel net. A gillnet made with two or more walls joined to a common float line.

(6) Hook-and-line. One or more hooks attached to one or more lines. It may be stationary (commercial vertical hook-and-line) or mobile (troll).

(i) Commercial vertical hook-and-line. Commercial fishing with hook-and-line gear that involves a single line anchored at the bottom and buoyed at the surface so as to fish vertically.

(ii) Dinglebar Gear. One or more lines retrieved and set with a troll gurdy or hand troll gurdy, with a terminally attached weight from which one or more leaders with one or more lures or baited hooks are pulled through the water while a vessel is making way.

(iii) Bottom Longline. A stationary, buoyed, and anchored groundline with hooks attached, so as to fish along the seabed. It does not include pelagic hook-and-line or troll gear.

(iv) Troll Gear. A lure or jig towed behind a vessel via a fishing line. Troll gear is used in commercial and recreational fisheries.

(7) Mesh size. The opening between opposing knots. Minimum mesh size means the smallest distance allowed between the inside of one knot to the inside of the opposing knot, regardless of twine size.

(8) Nontrawl gear. All legal commercial groundfish gear other than trawl gear.

(9) Trawl gear. (See §600.10)

(i) Bottom trawl. A trawl in which the otter boards or the footrope of the net are in contact with the seabed. It includes demersal seine gear, and pair trawls fished on the bottom. Any trawl not meeting the requirements for a midwater trawl in §660.381 is a bottom trawl.

\_\_\_\_\_ (A) Beam Trawl Gear. A type of trawl gear in which a beam is used to hold the trawl open during fishing. Otter boards or doors are not used.

(B) Large footrope trawl gear. Large footrope gear is bottom trawl gear with a footrope diameter larger than 8 inches (20 cm,) and no larger than 19 inches (48cm) including any rollers, bobbins, or other material encircling or tied along the length of the footrope.

(C) Small footrope trawl gear. Small footrope trawl gear is

bottom trawl gear with a footrope diameter of 8 inches (20 cm) or smaller, including any rollers, bobbins, or other material encircling or tied along the length of the footrope. Selective flatfish trawl gear that meets the gear component requirements in § 660.381 is a type of small footrope trawl gear.

(ii) Midwater (pelagic or off-bottom) trawl. A trawl in which the otter boards and footrope of the net remain above the seabed. It includes pair trawls if fished in midwater. A midwater trawl has no rollers or bobbins on any part of the net or its component wires, ropes, and chains

(iii) Trawl gear components.

(A) Breastline. A rope or cable that connects the end of the headrope and the end of the trawl fishing line along the edge of the trawl web closest to the towing point.

(B) Chafing gear. Webbing or other material attached to the codend of a trawl net to protect the codend from wear.

(C) Codend. (See §600.10).

(D) Double-bar mesh. Webbing comprised of two lengths of twine tied into a single knot.

(E) Double-walled codend. A codend constructed of two walls of webbing.

(F) Footrope. A chain, rope, or wire attached to the bottom front end of the trawl webbing forming the leading edge of the bottom panel of the trawl net, and attached to the fishing line.

(G) Headrope. A chain, rope, or wire attached to the trawl webbing forming the leading edge of the top panel of the trawl net.

(H) Rollers or bobbins are devices made of wood, steel, rubber, plastic, or other hard material that encircle the trawl footrope. These devices are commonly used to either bounce or pivot over seabed obstructions, in order to prevent the trawl footrope and net from snagging on the seabed.

(I) Single-walled codend. A codend constructed of a single wall of webbing knitted with single or double-bar mesh.

(J) Trawl fishing line. A length of chain or wire rope in the bottom front end of a trawl net to which the webbing or lead ropes are attached.

(K) Trawl riblines. Heavy rope or line that runs down the sides, top, or underside of a trawl net from the mouth of the net to the terminal end of the codend to strengthen the net during fishing.

(11) Spear. A sharp, pointed, or barbed instrument on a shaft.

(12) Trap or Pot. These terms are used as interchangeable synonyms. See § 600.10 definition of "trap."

4. In § 660.306, paragraphs (a) (13) and (a) (14), and (h) (4) through (h) (9) are added to read as follows:

§ 660.306 Prohibitions.

In addition to the general prohibitions specified in § 660.306 of this chapter, it is unlawful for any person to:

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(13) Fish with dredge gear (defined in § 660.302) anywhere within the EEZ.

(14) Fish with beam trawl gear (defined in § 660.302) anywhere within the EEZ.

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(4) Fish with bottom trawl gear (defined in § 660.302) anywhere within the EEZ seaward of a line approximating the 700 fathom (1280 m) depth contour, as defined in § 660.395.

(5) Fish with bottom trawl gear (defined in § 660.302) with a footrope diameter greater than 19 inches (48 cm) (including rollers, bobbins or other material encircling or tied along the length of the footrope) anywhere within the EEZ.

(6) Fish with bottom trawl gear (defined in § 660.302) with a footrope diameter greater than 8 inches (20 cm) (including rollers, bobbins or other material encircling or tied along the length of the footrope) anywhere within the EEZ shoreward of a line approximating the 100 fathom (183 m) depth contour (defined in § 660.393).

(7) Fish with bottom trawl gear (as defined in § 660.302), within the EEZ in the following areas (defined in §§ 660.395

through 660.397): Olympic 2, Biogenic 1, Biogenic 2, Grays Canyon, Biogenic 3, Nahelem Bank / Shale Pile, Astoria Canyon, Siletz Deepwater, Daisy Bank / Nelson Island, Newport Rockpile / Stonewall Bank, Heceta Bank, Deepwater off Coos Bay, Bandon High Spot, Rogue Canyon.

(8) Fish with bottom trawl gear (as defined in § 660.302), other than Danish or demersal seine, within the EEZ in the following areas (defined in §§ 660.395 through 660.397): Eel River Canyon, Blunts Reef, Mendocino Ridge, Delgada Canyon, Tolo Bank, Point Arena Offshore, Outer Cordell Bank, Biogenic Area 12, Farallon Islands / Fanny Shoal, Half Moon Bay, Monterey Bay / Canyon, Point Sur Deep, TNC/ED Area 2, TNC/ED Area 1, TNC/ED Area 3 [NOTE - these areas will probably be re-named for the proposed rule], Potato Bank (within Cowcod Conservation Area West), Cherry Bank (within Cowcod Conservation Area West) Hidden Reef / Kidney Bank (within Cowcod Conservation Area West), Catalina Island and Cowcod Conservation Area East.

(9) Fish with bottom contact gear (as defined in § 660.302) within the EEZ in the following areas (defined in § 660.396): Thompson Seamount, President Jackson Seamount, Inner Cordell Bank (within 50 fm (91 m) isobath).

(10) Fish with bottom contact gear (as defined in § 660.302), or any other gear that is deployed deeper than 500 fathoms, within the Davidson Seamount area (defined in §



660.396).

(11) Fish within the EEZ in the following areas (defined in §§ 660.396 through 660.397): Anacapa Island SMR, Carrington Point, Footprint, Gull Island, Harris Point, Judith Rock, Painted Cave, Richardson Rock, Santa Barbara, Scorpion, Skunk Point, and South Point.

(12) Fish within the EEZ in in the Anacapa Island SMCA (as defined in 50 CFR §§ 660.396), except for recreational fishing for lobster by hand or hoop net, and recreational fishing for other species by spear or hook and line gear. Hook and line gear used in this area may not be augmented with more than 6 oz. Of weight.

5. In § 660.385, the introductory text is revised to read as follows:

§ 660.385 Washington coastal tribal fisheries management measures. In 1994, the United States formally recognized that the four Washington coastal treaty Indian tribes (Makah, Quileute, Hoh, and Quinault) have treaty rights to fish for groundfish in the Pacific Ocean, and concluded that, in general terms, the quantification of those rights is 50 percent of the harvestable surplus of groundfish that pass through the tribes usual and accustomed fishing areas (described at 50 CFR 660.324). Measures implemented to minimize adverse impacts to groundfish EFH, as described in §§ 660.306 do not apply to tribal fisheries

in their usual and accustomed fishing areas (described in 660.324) because treaty fisheries can not operate outside usual and accustomed fishing areas. Tribal fishery allocations for sablefish and whiting, are provided in paragraphs (a) and (e) of this section, respectively, and the tribal harvest guideline for black rockfish is provided in paragraph (b)(1) of this section. Trip limits for certain species were recommended by the tribes and the Council for 2005-2006 and are specified here with the tribal allocations.

6. § 660.395 is added to read as follows:

§ 660.395 Groundfish Essential Fish Habitat (EFH) Conservation Areas. In § 660.302, essential fish habitat (EFH) is defined as "those waters and substrate necessary to fish for spawning, breeding, feeding or growth to maturity." The areas in this subsection are designated to "minimize adverse impacts to EFH to the extent practicable." Straight lines connecting a series of Latitude/longitude coordinates demarcate the boundaries for areas designated as Groundfish EFH Conservation Areas. Coordinates outlining the boundaries of Groundfish EFH Conservation Areas are provided in §§ 660.395 through 660.397. Fishing activity that is prohibited or permitted within the EEZ in a particular area designated as a groundfish EFH Conservation Area is detailed at § 660.306 and § 660.385.

(a) Seaward of the 700 fathom contour. This area includes

all waters within the West Coast EEZ west of a line approximating the 700 fathom (1280 m) depth contour and is defined by straight lines connecting all of the following points in the order stated:

- (1) 48°06.97' N. lat., 126°02.96' W. long.;
- (2) 48°00.44' N. lat., 125°54.96' W. long.;
- (3) 47°55.96' N. lat., 125°46.51' W. long.;
- (4) 47°47.21' N. lat., 125°43.73' W. long.;
- (5) 47°42.89' N. lat., 125°49.58' W. long.;
- (6) 47°38.18' N. lat., 125°37.26' W. long.;
- (7) 47°32.36' N. lat., 125°32.87' W. long.;
- (8) 47°29.77' N. lat., 125°26.27' W. long.;
- (9) 47°28.54' N. lat., 125°18.82' W. long.;
- (10) 47°19.25' N. lat., 125°17.18' W. long.;
- (11) 47°08.82' N. lat., 125°10.01' W. long.;
- (12) 47°04.69' N. lat., 125°03.77' W. long.;
- (13) 46°48.38' N. lat., 125°18.43' W. long.;
- (14) 46°41.92' N. lat., 125°17.29' W. long.;
- (15) 46°27.49' N. lat., 124°54.36' W. long.;
- (16) 46°14.13' N. lat., 125°02.72' W. long.;
- (17) 46°09.53' N. lat., 125°04.75' W. long.;
- (18) 45°46.64' N. lat., 124°54.44' W. long.;
- (19) 45°40.86' N. lat., 124°55.62' W. long.;
- (20) 45°36.50' N. lat., 124°51.91' W. long.;
- (21) 44°55.69' N. lat., 125°08.35' W. long.;

- (22) 44°49.93' N. lat., 125°01.51' W. long.;
- (23) 44°46.93' N. lat., 125°02.83' W. long.;
- (24) 44°41.96' N. lat., 125°10.64' W. long.;
- (25) 44°28.31' N. lat., 125°11.42' W. long.;
- (26) 43°58.37' N. lat., 125°02.93' W. long.;
- (27) 43°52.74' N. lat., 125°05.58' W. long.;
- (28) 43°44.18' N. lat., 124°57.17' W. long.;
- (29) 43°37.58' N. lat., 125°07.70' W. long.;
- (30) 43°15.95' N. lat., 125°07.84' W. long.;
- (31) 42°47.50' N. lat., 124°59.96' W. long.;
- (32) 42°39.02' N. lat., 125°01.07' W. long.;
- (33) 42°34.80' N. lat., 125°02.89' W. long.;
- (34) 42°34.11' N. lat., 124°55.62' W. long.;
- (35) 42°23.81' N. lat., 124°52.85' W. long.;
- (36) 42°16.80' N. lat., 125°00.20' W. long.;
- (37) 42°06.60' N. lat., 124°59.14' W. long.;
- (38) 41°59.28' N. lat., 125°06.23' W. long.;
- (39) 41°31.10' N. lat., 125°01.30' W. long.;
- (40) 41°14.52' N. lat., 124°52.67' W. long.;
- (41) 40°40.65' N. lat., 124°45.69' W. long.;
- (42) 40°35.05' N. lat., 124°45.65' W. long.;
- (43) 40°23.81' N. lat., 124°41.16' W. long.;
- (44) 40°20.54' N. lat., 124°36.36' W. long.;
- (45) 40°20.84' N. lat., 124°57.23' W. long.;

- (46) 40°18.54' N. lat., 125°09.47' W. long.;
- (47) 40°14.54' N. lat., 125°09.83' W. long.;
- (48) 40°11.79' N. lat., 125°07.39' W. long.;
- (49) 40°06.72' N. lat., 125°04.28' W. long.;
- (50) 39°50.77' N. lat., 124°37.54' W. long.;
- (51) 39°56.67' N. lat., 124°26.58' W. long.;
- (52) 39°44.25' N. lat., 124°12.60' W. long.;
- (53) 39°35.82' N. lat., 124°12.02' W. long.;
- (54) 39°24.54' N. lat., 124°16.01' W. long.;
- (55) 39°01.97' N. lat., 124°11.20' W. long.;
- (56) 38°33.48' N. lat., 123°48.21' W. long.;
- (57) 38°14.49' N. lat., 123°38.89' W. long.;
- (58) 37°56.97' N. lat., 123°31.65' W. long.;
- (59) 37°49.09' N. lat., 123°27.98' W. long.;
- (60) 37°40.29' N. lat., 123°12.83' W. long.;
- (61) 37°22.54' N. lat., 123°14.65' W. long.;
- (62) 37°05.98' N. lat., 123°05.31' W. long.;
- (63) 36°59.02' N. lat., 122°50.92' W. long.;
- (64) 36°50.32' N. lat., 122°17.44' W. long.;
- (65) 36°44.54' N. lat., 122°19.42' W. long.;
- (66) 36°40.76' N. lat., 122°17.28' W. long.;
- (67) 36°39.88' N. lat., 122°09.69' W. long.;
- (68) 36°44.52' N. lat., 122°07.13' W. long.;
- (69) 36°42.26' N. lat., 122°03.54' W. long.;

- (70) 36°30.02' N. lat., 122°09.85' W. long.;
- (71) 36°22.33' N. lat., 122°22.99' W. long.;
- (72) 36°14.36' N. lat., 122°21.19' W. long.;
- (73) 36°09.50' N. lat., 122°14.25' W. long.;
- (74) 35°51.50' N. lat., 121°55.92' W. long.;
- (75) 35°49.53' N. lat., 122°13.00' W. long.;
- (76) 34°58.30' N. lat., 121°36.76' W. long.;
- (77) 34°53.13' N. lat., 121°37.49' W. long.;
- (78) 34°46.54' N. lat., 121°46.25' W. long.;
- (79) 34°37.81' N. lat., 121°35.72' W. long.;
- (80) 34°37.72' N. lat., 121°27.35' W. long.;
- (81) 34°26.77' N. lat., 121°07.58' W. long.;
- (82) 34°18.54' N. lat., 121°05.01' W. long.;
- (83) 34°02.68' N. lat., 120°54.30' W. long.;
- (84) 33°48.11' N. lat., 120°25.46' W. long.;
- (85) 33°42.54' N. lat., 120°38.24' W. long.;
- (86) 33°46.26' N. lat., 120°43.64' W. long.;
- (87) 33°40.71' N. lat., 120°51.29' W. long.;
- (88) 33°33.14' N. lat., 120°40.25' W. long.;
- (89) 32°51.57' N. lat., 120°23.35' W. long.;
- (90) 32°38.54' N. lat., 120°09.54' W. long.;
- (91) 32°35.76' N. lat., 119°53.43' W. long.;
- (92) 32°29.54' N. lat., 119°46.00' W. long.;
- (93) 32°25.99' N. lat., 119°41.16' W. long.;

- (94) 32°30.46' N. lat., 119°33.15' W. long.;
- (95) 32°23.47' N. lat., 119°25.71' W. long.;
- (96) 32°19.19' N. lat., 119°13.96' W. long.;
- (97) 32°13.18' N. lat., 119°04.44' W. long.;
- (98) 32°13.40' N. lat., 118°51.87' W. long.;
- (99) 32°19.62' N. lat., 118°47.80' W. long.;
- (100) 32°27.26' N. lat., 118°50.29' W. long.;
- (101) 32°28.42' N. lat., 118°53.15' W. long.;
- (102) 32°31.30' N. lat., 118°55.09' W. long.;
- (103) 32°33.04' N. lat., 118°53.57' W. long.;
- (104) 32°19.07' N. lat., 118°27.54' W. long.;
- (105) 32°18.57' N. lat., 118°18.97' W. long.;
- (106) 32°09.01' N. lat., 118°13.96' W. long.;
- (107) 32°06.57' N. lat., 118°18.78' W. long.;
- (108) 32°01.32' N. lat., 118°18.21' W. long.; and
- (109) 31°57.82' N. lat., 118°10.34' W. long.;

(b) Astoria Canyon. Astoria Canyon is defined by straight lines connecting all of the following points in the order stated:

- 46°06.48' N. lat., 125°05.46' W. long.;
- 46°03.00' N. lat., 124°57.36' W. long.;
- 46°02.28' N. lat., 124°57.66' W. long.;
- 46°01.92' N. lat., 125°02.46' W. long.;
- 45°48.72' N. lat., 124°56.58' W. long.;
- 45°47.70' N. lat., 124°52.20' W. long.;

45°40.86' N. lat., 124°55.62' W. long.;  
45°29.82' N. lat., 124°54.30' W. long.;  
45°25.98' N. lat., 124°56.82' W. long.;  
45°26.04' N. lat., 125°10.50' W. long.;  
45°33.12' N. lat., 125°16.26' W. long.;  
45°40.32' N. lat., 125°17.16' W. long.;  
46°03.00' N. lat., 125°14.94' W. long.;  
and connecting back to 46°06.48' N. lat., 125°05.46' W.  
long.

(c) Daisy Bank / Nelson Island. Daisy Bank / Nelson Island is defined by straight lines connecting all of the following points in the order stated:

44°39.73' N. lat., 124°41.43' W. long.;  
44°39.60' N. lat., 124°41.29' W. long.;  
44°37.17' N. lat., 124°38.60' W. long.;  
44°35.55' N. lat., 124°39.27' W. long.;  
44°37.57' N. lat., 124°41.70' W. long.;  
44°36.90' N. lat., 124°42.91' W. long.;  
44°38.25' N. lat., 124°46.28' W. long.;  
44°38.52' N. lat., 124°49.11' W. long.;  
44°40.27' N. lat., 124°49.11' W. long.;  
44°41.35' N. lat., 124°48.03' W. long.;  
and connecting back to 44°39.73' N. lat., 124°41.43' W.  
long.



(d) Newport Rockpile / Stonewall Bank. Newport Rockpile / Stonewall Bank is defined by straight lines connecting all of the following points in the order stated:

44°27.61' N. lat., 124°26.93' W. long.;

44°34.64' N. lat., 124°26.82' W. long.;

44°38.15' N. lat., 124°25.15' W. long.;

44°37.78' N. lat., 124°23.05' W. long.;

44°28.82' N. lat., 124°18.80' W. long.;

44°25.16' N. lat., 124°20.69' W. long.;

and connecting back to 44°27.61' N. lat., 124°26.93' W. long.

(e) Cherry Bank. Cherry Bank is within the Cowcod Conservation Area West, an area south of Point Conception, and is defined by straight lines connecting all of the following points in the order stated:

32°59.00' N. lat., 119°32.05' W. long.;

32°59.00' N. lat., 119°17.05' W. long.;

32°46.00' N. lat., 119°17.05' W. long.;

32°46.00' N. lat., 119°32.05' W. long.;

and connecting back to 32°59.00' N. lat., 119°32.05' W. long.

(f) Potato Bank. Potato Bank is within the Cowcod Conservation Area West, an area south of Point Conception, and is defined by straight lines connecting all of the following points

in the order stated:

33°30.00' N. lat., 120°00.06' W. long.;

33°30.00' N. lat., 119°50.06' W. long.;

33°20.00' N. lat., 119°50.06' W. long.;

33°20.00' N. lat., 120°00.06' W. long.;

and connecting back to 33°30.00' N. lat., 120°00.06' W. long.

(g) Olympic 2. Olympic 2 is defined by straight lines connecting all of the following points in the order stated:

48°21.46' N. lat., 124°51.61' W. long.;

48°17.00' N. lat., 124°57.18' W. long.;

48°06.13' N. lat., 125°00.68' W. long.;

48°06.66' N. lat., 125°06.55' W. long.;

48°08.44' N. lat., 125°14.61' W. long.;

48°22.57' N. lat., 125°09.82' W. long.;

48°21.42' N. lat., 125°03.55' W. long.;

48°22.99' N. lat., 124°59.29' W. long.;

48°23.89' N. lat., 124°54.37' W. long.;

and connecting back to 48°21.46' N. lat., 124°51.61' W. long.

(h) Biogenic 1. Biogenic 1 is defined by straight lines connecting all of the following points in the order stated:

47°29.97' N. lat., 125°20.14' W. long.;

47°30.01' N. lat., 125°30.06' W. long.;

47°40.09' N. lat., 125°50.18' W. long.;

47°47.27' N. lat., 125°50.06' W. long.;

47°47.00' N. lat., 125°24.28' W. long.;

47°39.53' N. lat., 125°10.49' W. long.;

47°30.31' N. lat., 125°08.81' W. long.;

and connecting back to 47°29.97' N. lat., 125°20.14' W. long.

(i) Biogenic 2. Biogenic 2 is defined by straight lines connecting all of the following points in the order stated:

47°08.77' N. lat., 125°00.91' W. long.;

47°08.82' N. lat., 125°10.01' W. long.;

47°20.01' N. lat., 125°10.00' W. long.;

47°20.00' N. lat., 125°01.25' W. long.;

and connecting back to 47°08.77' N. lat., 125°00.91' W. long.

(j) Biogenic 3. Biogenic 3 is defined by straight lines connecting all of the following points in the order stated:

46°48.16' N. lat., 125°10.75' W. long.;

46°40.00' N. lat., 125°10.00' W. long.;

46°40.00' N. lat., 125°20.01' W. long.;

46°50.00' N. lat., 125°20.00' W. long.;

and connecting back to 46°48.16' N. lat., 125°10.75' W. long.

(k) Grays Canyon. Grays Canyon is defined by straight lines

connecting all of the following points in the order stated:

46°51.55' N. lat., 125°00.00' W. long.;

46°56.79' N. lat., 125°00.00' W. long.;

46°58.01' N. lat., 124°55.09' W. long.;

46°55.07' N. lat., 124°54.14' W. long.;

46°59.60' N. lat., 124°49.79' W. long.;

46°58.72' N. lat., 124°48.78' W. long.;

46°54.45' N. lat., 124°48.36' W. long.;

46°53.99' N. lat., 124°49.95' W. long.;

46°54.38' N. lat., 124°52.73' W. long.;

46°52.38' N. lat., 124°52.02' W. long.;

46°48.93' N. lat., 124°49.17' W. long.;

and connecting back to 46°51.55' N. lat., 125°00.00' W. long.

(l) Tolo Bank. Tolo Bank is defined by straight lines connecting all of the following points in the order stated:

39°58.75' N. lat., 124°04.58' W. long.;

39°56.05' N. lat., 124°01.45' W. long.;

39°53.99' N. lat., 124°00.17' W. long.;

39°52.28' N. lat., 124°03.12' W. long.;

39°57.90' N. lat., 124°07.07' W. long.;

and connecting back to 39°58.75' N. lat., 124°04.58' W. long.

(m) Point Sur Deep. The Point Sur Deep is defined by

straight lines connecting all of the following points in the order stated:

36°25.25' N. lat., 122°11.61' W. long.;

36°16.05' N. lat., 122°14.37' W. long.;

36°16.14' N. lat., 122°15.94' W. long.;

36°17.98' N. lat., 122°15.93' W. long.;

36°17.83' N. lat., 122°22.56' W. long.;

36°22.33' N. lat., 122°22.99' W. long.;

36°26.00' N. lat., 122°20.81' W. long.;

and connecting back to 36°25.25' N. lat., 122°11.61' W. long.

(n) Point Arena Offshore. Point Arena Offshore is defined by straight lines connecting all of the following points in the order stated:

39°03.32' N. lat., 123°51.15' W. long.;

38°56.54' N. lat., 123°49.79' W. long.;

38°54.12' N. lat., 123°52.69' W. long.;

38°59.64' N. lat., 123°55.02' W. long.;

39°02.83' N. lat., 123°55.21' W. long.;

and connecting back to 39°03.32' N. lat., 123°51.15' W. long.

(o) Blunts Reef. Blunts Reef is defined by straight lines connecting all of the following points in the order stated:

40°27.53' N. lat., 124°26.84' W. long.;

40°24.66' N. lat., 124°29.49' W. long.;

40°28.50' N. lat., 124°32.42' W. long.;

40°30.46' N. lat., 124°32.23' W. long.;

40°30.21' N. lat., 124°26.85' W. long.;

and connecting back to 40°27.53' N. lat., 124°26.84' W. long.

(p) Biogenic Area 12. Biogenic Area 12 is defined by straight lines connecting all of the following points in the order stated:

38°35.49' N. lat., 123°34.79' W. long.;

38°32.86' N. lat., 123°41.09' W. long.;

38°34.92' N. lat., 123°42.53' W. long.;

38°35.74' N. lat., 123°43.82' W. long.;

38°47.28' N. lat., 123°51.19' W. long.;

38°49.50' N. lat., 123°45.83' W. long.;

38°41.22' N. lat., 123°41.76' W. long.;

and connecting back to 38°35.49' N. lat., 123°34.79' W. long.

(q) Half Moon Bay. Half Moon Bay is defined by straight lines connecting all of the following points in the order stated:

37°18.14' N. lat., 122°31.15' W. long.;

37°19.80' N. lat., 122°34.70' W. long.;

37°19.28' N. lat., 122°38.76' W. long.;

37°23.54' N. lat., 122°40.75' W. long.;

37°25.41' N. lat., 122°33.20' W. long.;;  
37°23.28' N. lat., 122°30.71' W. long.;;  
and connecting back to 37°18.14' N. lat., 122°31.15' W.  
long.

(r) TNC/ED Area 2. TNC/ED Area 2 is defined by straight  
lines connecting all of the following points in the order stated:

36°17.83' N. lat., 122°22.56' W. long.;;  
36°17.98' N. lat., 122°15.93' W. long.;;  
36°16.14' N. lat., 122°15.94' W. long.;;  
36°10.82' N. lat., 122°15.97' W. long.;;  
36°15.84' N. lat., 121°56.35' W. long.;;  
36°14.27' N. lat., 121°53.89' W. long.;;  
36°10.93' N. lat., 121°48.66' W. long.;;  
36°07.40' N. lat., 121°43.14' W. long.;;  
36°04.89' N. lat., 121°51.34' W. long.;;  
35°55.70' N. lat., 121°50.02' W. long.;;  
35°53.05' N. lat., 121°56.69' W. long.;;  
35°38.99' N. lat., 121°49.73' W. long.;;  
35°20.06' N. lat., 121°27.00' W. long.;;  
35°20.54' N. lat., 121°35.84' W. long.;;  
35°02.49' N. lat., 121°35.35' W. long.;;  
35°02.79' N. lat., 121°26.30' W. long.;;  
34°58.71' N. lat., 121°24.21' W. long.;;  
34°47.24' N. lat., 121°22.40' W. long.;;

34°35.70' N. lat., 121°45.99' W. long.;  
35°47.36' N. lat., 122°30.25' W. long.;  
35°27.26' N. lat., 122°45.15' W. long.;  
35°34.39' N. lat., 123°00.25' W. long.;  
36°01.64' N. lat., 122°40.76' W. long.;  
36°17.41' N. lat., 122°41.22' W. long.;  
and connecting back to 36°17.83' N. lat., 122°22.56' W.  
long.

(s) TNC/ED Area 1. TNC/ED Area 1 is defined by straight lines connecting all of the following points in the order stated:

34°45.09' N. lat., 121°05.73' W. long.;  
34°39.90' N. lat., 121°10.30' W. long.;  
34°43.39' N. lat., 121°14.73' W. long.;  
34°52.83' N. lat., 121°14.85' W. long.;  
34°52.82' N. lat., 121°05.90' W. long.;  
and connecting back to 34°45.09' N. lat., 121°05.73' W.  
long.

(t) TNC/ED Area 3. TNC/ED Area 3 is defined by straight lines connecting all of the following points in the order stated:

34°29.24' N. lat., 120°36.05' W. long.;  
34°28.57' N. lat., 120°34.44' W. long.;  
34°26.81' N. lat., 120°33.21' W. long.;  
34°24.54' N. lat., 120°32.23' W. long.;  
34°23.41' N. lat., 120°30.61' W. long.;



33°53.05' N. lat., 121°05.19' W. long.;

34°13.64' N. lat., 121°20.91' W. long.;

34°40.04' N. lat., 120°54.01' W. long.;

34°36.41' N. lat., 120°43.48' W. long.;

34°33.50' N. lat., 120°43.72' W. long.;

34°31.22' N. lat., 120°42.06' W. long.;

34°30.04' N. lat., 120°40.27' W. long.;

34°30.02' N. lat., 120°40.23' W. long.;

34°29.26' N. lat., 120°37.89' W. long.;

and connecting back to 34°29.24' N. lat., 120°36.05' W.  
long.

(u) Nehalem Bank / Shale Pile. Nehalem Bank / Shale Pile is defined by straight lines connecting all of the following points in the order stated:

46°00.60' N. lat., 124°33.94' W. long.;

45°52.77' N. lat., 124°28.75' W. long.;

45°47.95' N. lat., 124°31.70' W. long.;

45°52.75' N. lat., 124°39.20' W. long.;

45°58.02' N. lat., 124°38.99' W. long.;

46°00.83' N. lat., 124°36.78' W. long.;

and connecting back to 46°00.60' N. lat., 124°33.94' W.  
long.

(v) Bandon High Spot. Bandon High Spot is defined by straight lines connecting all of the following points in the

order stated:

43°08.83' N. lat., 124°50.93' W. long.;

43°08.77' N. lat., 124°49.82' W. long.;

43°05.16' N. lat., 124°49.05' W. long.;

43°02.94' N. lat., 124°46.87' W. long.;

42°57.18' N. lat., 124°46.01' W. long.;

42°56.10' N. lat., 124°47.48' W. long.;

42°56.66' N. lat., 124°48.79' W. long.;

42°52.89' N. lat., 124°52.59' W. long.;

42°53.82' N. lat., 124°55.76' W. long.;

42°57.56' N. lat., 124°54.10' W. long.;

42°58.00' N. lat., 124°52.99' W. long.;

43°00.39' N. lat., 124°51.77' W. long.;

43°02.64' N. lat., 124°52.01' W. long.;

43°04.60' N. lat., 124°53.01' W. long.;

43°05.89' N. lat., 124°51.60' W. long.;

and connecting back to 43°08.83' N. lat., 124°50.93' W.  
long.

(w) Heceta Bank. Heceta Bank is defined by straight lines  
connecting all of the following points in the order stated:

43°57.68' N. lat., 124°55.48' W. long.;

44°00.14' N. lat., 124°55.25' W. long.;

44°02.88' N. lat., 124°53.96' W. long.;

44°13.47' N. lat., 124°54.08' W. long.;

44°20.30' N. lat., 124°38.72' W. long.;;  
44°13.52' N. lat., 124°40.45' W. long.;;  
44°09.00' N. lat., 124°45.30' W. long.;;  
44°03.46' N. lat., 124°45.71' W. long.;;  
44°03.26' N. lat., 124°49.42' W. long.;;  
43°58.61' N. lat., 124°49.87' W. long.;;  
and connecting back to 43°57.68' N. lat., 124°55.48' W.  
long.

(x) Rogue Canyon. Rogue Canyon is defined by straight lines connecting all of the following points in the order stated:

42°41.33' N. lat., 125°16.61' W. long.;;  
42°41.55' N. lat., 125°03.05' W. long.;;  
42°35.29' N. lat., 125°02.21' W. long.;;  
42°34.11' N. lat., 124°55.62' W. long.;;  
42°30.61' N. lat., 124°54.97' W. long.;;  
42°23.81' N. lat., 124°52.85' W. long.;;  
42°17.94' N. lat., 125°10.17' W. long.;;  
and connecting back to 42°41.33' N. lat., 125°16.61' W.  
long.

(y) Deepwater off Coos Bay. Deepwater off Coos Bay is defined by straight lines connecting all of the following points in the order stated:

43°29.32' N. lat., 125°20.11' W. long.;;  
43°38.96' N. lat., 125°18.75' W. long.;;

43°37.88' N. lat., 125°08.26' W. long.;;  
43°36.58' N. lat., 125°06.56' W. long.;;  
43°33.04' N. lat., 125°08.41' W. long.;;  
43°27.74' N. lat., 125°07.25' W. long.;;  
43°15.95' N. lat., 125°07.84' W. long.;;  
43°15.38' N. lat., 125°10.47' W. long.;;  
43°25.73' N. lat., 125°19.36' W. long.;;  
and connecting back to 43°29.32' N. lat., 125°20.11' W.  
long.

(z) Siletz Deepwater. Siletz Deepwater is defined by straight lines connecting all of the following points in the order stated:

44°42.72' N. lat., 125°18.49' W. long.;;  
44°56.26' N. lat., 125°12.61' W. long.;;  
44°56.34' N. lat., 125°09.13' W. long.;;  
44°49.93' N. lat., 125°01.51' W. long.;;  
44°46.93' N. lat., 125°02.83' W. long.;;  
44°41.96' N. lat., 125°10.64' W. long.;;  
44°33.36' N. lat., 125°08.82' W. long.;;  
44°33.38' N. lat., 125°17.08' W. long.;;  
and connecting back to 44°42.72' N. lat., 125°18.49' W.  
long.

7. Section 660.396 is added to read as follows:

§ 660.396 Groundfish Essential Fish Habitat (EFH)

Conservation Areas. (continued). In § 660.302, essential fish habitat (EFH) is defined as "those waters and substrate necessary to fish for spawning, breeding, feeding or growth to maturity." The areas in this subsection are designated to "minimize adverse impacts to EFH to the extent practicable." Straight lines connecting a series of Latitude/longitude coordinates demarcate the boundaries for areas designated as Groundfish EFH Conservation Areas. Coordinates outlining the boundaries of Groundfish EFH Conservation Areas are provided in §§ 660.395 through 660.397. Fishing activity that is prohibited or permitted within the EEZ in a particular area designated as a groundfish EFH Conservation Area is detailed at § 660.306 and § 660.385.

(a) Hidden Reef / Kidney Bank. Hidden Reef / Kidney Bank is defined by straight lines connecting all of the following points in the order stated:

33°48.00' N. lat., 119°15.06' W. long.;

33°48.00' N. lat., 118°57.06' W. long.;

33°33.00' N. lat., 118°57.06' W. long.;

33°33.00' N. lat., 119°15.06' W. long.;

and connecting back to 33°48.00' N. lat., 119°15.06' W. long.

(b) Eel River Canyon. Eel River Canyon is defined by straight lines connecting all of the following points in the

order stated:

40°38.27' N. lat., 124°27.16' W. long.;

40°35.60' N. lat., 124°28.75' W. long.;

40°37.52' N. lat., 124°33.41' W. long.;

40°37.47' N. lat., 124°40.46' W. long.;

40°35.47' N. lat., 124°42.97' W. long.;

40°32.78' N. lat., 124°44.79' W. long.;

40°24.32' N. lat., 124°39.97' W. long.;

40°23.26' N. lat., 124°42.45' W. long.;

40°27.34' N. lat., 124°51.21' W. long.;

40°32.68' N. lat., 125°05.63' W. long.;

40°49.12' N. lat., 124°47.41' W. long.;

40°44.32' N. lat., 124°46.48' W. long.;

40°40.75' N. lat., 124°47.51' W. long.;

40°40.65' N. lat., 124°46.02' W. long.;

40°39.69' N. lat., 124°33.36' W. long.;

and connecting back to 40°38.27' N. lat., 124°27.16' W. long.

(c) Davidson Seamount. Davidson Seamount is defined by straight lines connecting the following points in the order stated:

35°54.00' N. lat., 123°00.00' W. long.;

35°54.00' N. lat., 122°30.00' W. long.;

35°30.00' N. lat., 122°30.00' W. long.;

35°30.00' N. lat., 123°00.00' W. long.;;  
and connecting back to 35°54.00' N. lat., 123°00.00' W.  
long.

(d) Outer Cordell Bank. Cordell Bank is located offshore of California's Marin County defined by straight lines connecting all of the following points in the order stated:

38°04.05' N. lat., 123°07.28' W. long.;;  
38°02.84' N. lat., 123°07.36' W. long.;;  
38°01.09' N. lat., 123°07.06' W. long.;;  
38°01.02' N. lat., 123°22.08' W. long.;;  
37°54.75' N. lat., 123°23.64' W. long.;;  
37°46.01' N. lat., 123°25.62' W. long.;;  
37°46.68' N. lat., 123°27.05' W. long.;;  
37°47.66' N. lat., 123°28.18' W. long.;;  
37°50.26' N. lat., 123°30.94' W. long.;;  
37°54.41' N. lat., 123°32.69' W. long.;;  
37°56.94' N. lat., 123°32.87' W. long.;;  
37°57.12' N. lat., 123°25.04' W. long.;;  
37°59.43' N. lat., 123°27.29' W. long.;;  
38°00.82' N. lat., 123°29.61' W. long.;;  
38°02.31' N. lat., 123°30.88' W. long.;;  
38°03.99' N. lat., 123°30.75' W. long.;;  
38°04.85' N. lat., 123°30.36' W. long.;;  
38°04.88' N. lat., 123°27.85' W. long.;;

38°04.44' N. lat., 123°24.44' W. long.;  
38°03.05' N. lat., 123°21.33' W. long.;  
38°05.77' N. lat., 123°06.83' W. long.;  
and connecting back to 38°04.05' N. lat., 123°07.28' W.  
long.

(e) Inner Cordell Bank (within 50 fm isobath). Cordell Bank (within 50 fm isobath) is located offshore of California's Marin County defined by straight lines connecting all of the following points in the order stated:

37°57.62' N. lat., 123°24.22' W. long.;  
37°57.70' N. lat., 123°25.25' W. long.;  
37°59.47' N. lat., 123°26.63' W. long.;  
38°00.24' N. lat., 123°27.87' W. long.;  
38°00.98' N. lat., 123°27.65' W. long.;  
38°02.81' N. lat., 123°28.75' W. long.;  
38°04.26' N. lat., 123°29.25' W. long.;  
38°04.55' N. lat., 123°28.32' W. long.;  
38°03.87' N. lat., 123°27.69' W. long.;  
38°04.27' N. lat., 123°26.68' W. long.;  
38°02.67' N. lat., 123°24.17' W. long.;  
38°00.87' N. lat., 123°23.15' W. long.;  
37°59.32' N. lat., 123°22.52' W. long.;  
37°58.24' N. lat., 123°23.16' W. long.;  
and connecting back to 37°57.62' N. lat., 123°24.22' W.



long.

(f) Cowcod Conservation Area East. Cowcod Conservation Area East is an area west of San Diego defined by straight lines connecting all of the following points in the order stated:

32°41.15' N. lat., 118°02.00' W. long.;

32°42.00' N. lat., 118°02.00' W. long.;

32°42.00' N. lat., 117°50.00' W. long.;

32°36.70' N. lat., 117°50.00' W. long.;

32°30.00' N. lat., 117°53.50' W. long.;

32°30.00' N. lat., 118°02.00' W. long.;

32°40.49' N. lat., 118°02.00' W. long.;

and connecting back to 32°41.15' N. lat., 118°02.00' W.

long.

(g) Thompson Seamount. Thompson Seamount is defined by straight lines connecting all of the following points in the order stated:

46°06.93' N. lat., 128°39.77' W. long.;

46°06.76' N. lat., 128°39.60' W. long.;

46°07.80' N. lat., 128°39.43' W. long.;

46°08.50' N. lat., 128°34.39' W. long.;

46°06.76' N. lat., 128°29.36' W. long.;

46°03.64' N. lat., 128°28.67' W. long.;

45°59.64' N. lat., 128°31.62' W. long.;

45°56.87' N. lat., 128°33.18' W. long.;

45°53.92' N. lat., 128°39.25' W. long.;;  
45°54.26' N. lat., 128°43.42' W. long.;;  
45°56.87' N. lat., 128°45.85' W. long.;;  
46°00.86' N. lat., 128°46.02' W. long.;;  
46°03.29' N. lat., 128°44.81' W. long.;;  
46°06.24' N. lat., 128°42.90' W. long.;;  
and connecting back to 46°06.93' N. lat., 128°39.77' W.  
long.

(h) President Jackson Seamount. President Jackson Seamount is defined by straight lines connecting all of the following points in the order stated:

42°21.41' N. lat., 127°42.91' W. long.;;  
42°21.96' N. lat., 127°43.73' W. long.;;  
42°23.78' N. lat., 127°46.09' W. long.;;  
42°26.05' N. lat., 127°48.64' W. long.;;  
42°28.60' N. lat., 127°52.10' W. long.;;  
42°31.06' N. lat., 127°55.02' W. long.;;  
42°34.61' N. lat., 127°58.84' W. long.;;  
42°37.34' N. lat., 128°01.48' W. long.;;  
42°39.62' N. lat., 128°05.12' W. long.;;  
42°41.81' N. lat., 128°08.13' W. long.;;  
42°43.44' N. lat., 128°10.04' W. long.;;  
42°44.99' N. lat., 128°12.04' W. long.;;  
42°48.27' N. lat., 128°15.05' W. long.;;

42°51.28' N. lat., 128°15.05' W. long.;;  
42°53.64' N. lat., 128°12.23' W. long.;;  
42°52.64' N. lat., 128°08.49' W. long.;;  
42°51.64' N. lat., 128°06.94' W. long.;;  
42°50.27' N. lat., 128°05.76' W. long.;;  
42°48.18' N. lat., 128°03.76' W. long.;;  
42°45.45' N. lat., 128°01.94' W. long.;;  
42°42.17' N. lat., 127°57.57' W. long.;;  
42°41.17' N. lat., 127°53.92' W. long.;;  
42°38.80' N. lat., 127°49.92' W. long.;;  
42°36.43' N. lat., 127°44.82' W. long.;;  
42°33.52' N. lat., 127°41.36' W. long.;;  
42°31.24' N. lat., 127°39.63' W. long.;;  
42°28.33' N. lat., 127°36.53' W. long.;;  
42°23.96' N. lat., 127°35.89' W. long.;;  
42°21.96' N. lat., 127°37.72' W. long.;;  
42°21.05' N. lat., 127°40.81' W. long.;;

and connecting back to 42°21.41' N. lat., 127°42.91' W.  
long.

(i) Catalina Island. Catalina Island is defined by straight  
lines connecting all of the following points in the order stated:

33°34.71' N. lat., 118°11.40' W. long.;;  
33°25.88' N. lat., 118°03.76' W. long.;;  
33°11.69' N. lat., 118°09.21' W. long.;;

33°19.73' N. lat., 118°35.41' W. long.;  
33°23.90' N. lat., 118°35.11' W. long.;  
33°25.68' N. lat., 118°41.66' W. long.;  
33°30.25' N. lat., 118°42.25' W. long.;  
33°32.73' N. lat., 118°38.38' W. long.;  
33°27.07' N. lat., 118°20.33' W. long.;  
and connecting back to 33°34.71' N. lat., 118°11.40' W.  
long.

(j) Monterey Bay / Canyon. Monterey Bay / Canyon is defined by straight lines connecting all of the following points in the order stated:

36°38.21' N. lat., 121°55.96' W. long.;  
36°25.31' N. lat., 121°54.86' W. long.;  
36°25.25' N. lat., 121°58.34' W. long.;  
36°30.86' N. lat., 122°00.45' W. long.;  
36°30.02' N. lat., 122°09.85' W. long.;  
36°30.23' N. lat., 122°36.82' W. long.;  
36°55.08' N. lat., 122°36.46' W. long.;  
36°51.41' N. lat., 122°14.14' W. long.;  
36°49.37' N. lat., 122°15.20' W. long.;  
36°48.31' N. lat., 122°18.59' W. long.;  
36°45.55' N. lat., 122°18.91' W. long.;  
36°40.76' N. lat., 122°17.28' W. long.;  
36°39.88' N. lat., 122°09.69' W. long.;

36°44.94' N. lat., 122°08.46' W. long.;;  
36°47.37' N. lat., 122°03.16' W. long.;;  
36°49.60' N. lat., 122°00.85' W. long.;;  
36°51.53' N. lat., 121°58.25' W. long.;;  
36°50.78' N. lat., 121°56.89' W. long.;;  
36°47.39' N. lat., 121°58.16' W. long.;;  
36°48.34' N. lat., 121°50.95' W. long.;;  
36°47.23' N. lat., 121°52.25' W. long.;;  
36°45.60' N. lat., 121°54.17' W. long.;;  
36°44.76' N. lat., 121°56.04' W. long.;;  
36°41.68' N. lat., 121°56.33' W. long.;;  
and connecting back to 36°38.21' N. lat., 121°55.96' W.  
long.

(k) Farallon Islands / Fanny Shoal. Farallon Islands, Fanny Shoal is defined by straight lines connecting all of the following points in the order stated:

37°51.58' N. lat., 123°14.07' W. long.;;  
37°44.51' N. lat., 123°01.50' W. long.;;  
37°41.71' N. lat., 122°58.38' W. long.;;  
37°40.80' N. lat., 122°58.54' W. long.;;  
37°39.87' N. lat., 122°59.64' W. long.;;  
37°42.05' N. lat., 123°03.72' W. long.;;  
37°43.73' N. lat., 123°04.45' W. long.;;  
37°49.23' N. lat., 123°16.81' W. long.;;

and connecting back to 37°51.58' N. lat., 123°14.07' W.  
long.

(l) Delgada Canyon. Delgada Canyon is defined by straight  
lines connecting all of the following points in the order stated:

40°07.13' N. lat., 124°09.09' W. long.;

40°06.58' N. lat., 124°07.39' W. long.;

40°01.18' N. lat., 124°08.84' W. long.;

40°02.48' N. lat., 124°12.93' W. long.;

40°05.71' N. lat., 124°09.42' W. long.;

40°07.18' N. lat., 124°09.61' W. long.;

and connecting back to 40°07.13' N. lat., 124°09.09' W.  
long.

(m) Mendocino Ridge. Mendocino Ridge is defined by straight  
lines connecting all of the following points in the order stated:

40°25.23' N. lat., 124°24.06' W. long.;

40°12.50' N. lat., 124°22.59' W. long.;

40°14.40' N. lat., 124°35.82' W. long.;

40°16.16' N. lat., 124°39.01' W. long.;

40°17.47' N. lat., 124°40.77' W. long.;

40°19.26' N. lat., 124°47.97' W. long.;

40°19.98' N. lat., 124°52.73' W. long.;

40°20.06' N. lat., 125°02.18' W. long.;

40°11.79' N. lat., 125°07.39' W. long.;

40°12.55' N. lat., 125°11.56' W. long.;

40°12.81' N. lat., 125°12.98' W. long.;;  
40°20.72' N. lat., 125°57.31' W. long.;;  
40°23.96' N. lat., 125°56.83' W. long.;;  
40°24.04' N. lat., 125°56.82' W. long.;;  
40°25.68' N. lat., 125°09.77' W. long.;;  
40°21.03' N. lat., 124°33.96' W. long.;;  
40°25.72' N. lat., 124°24.15' W. long.;;  
and connecting back to 40°25.23' N. lat., 124°24.06' W.  
long.

(n) Anacapa Island SMCA. Anacapa Island SMCA is bounded by mean high water and straight lines connecting all of the following points in the order stated:

34°00.80' N. lat., 119°26.70' W. long.;;  
34°05.00' N. lat., 119°26.70' W. long.;;  
34°05.00' N. lat., 119°24.60' W. long.;;  
34°00.40' N. lat., 119°24.60' W. long.

(o) Anacapa Island SMR. Anacapa Island SMR is bounded by mean high water and straight lines connecting all of the following points in the order stated:

34°00.40' N. lat., 119°24.60' W. long.;;  
34°05.00' N. lat., 119°24.60' W. long.;;  
34°05.00' N. lat., 119°21.40' W. long.;;  
34°01.00' N. lat., 119°21.40' W. long.

(p) Carrington Point. Carrington Point is bounded by mean

high water and straight lines connecting all of the following points:

34°01.30' N. lat., 120°05.20' W. long.;

34°04.00' N. lat., 120°05.20' W. long.;

34°04.00' N. lat., 120°01.00' W. long.;

34°00.50' N. lat., 120°01.00' W. long.;

34°00.50' N. lat., 120°02.80' W. long.;

(q) Footprint. Footprint is defined by straight lines connecting all of the following points in the order stated:

33°59.00' N. lat., 119°26.00' W. long.;

33°59.00' N. lat., 119°31.00' W. long.;

33°54.11' N. lat., 119°31.00' W. long.;

33°54.11' N. lat., 119°26.00' W. long.;

and connecting back to 33°59.00' N. lat., 119°26.00' W. long.

(r) Gull Island. Gull Island is bounded by mean high water and straight lines connecting all of the following points in the order stated:

33°58.02' N. lat., 119°51.00' W. long.;

33°58.02' N. lat., 119°53.00' W. long.;

33°51.63' N. lat., 119°53.00' W. long.;

33°51.62' N. lat., 119°48.00' W. long.;

33°57.70' N. lat., 119°48.00' W. long.

(s) Harris Point. Harris Point is bounded by mean high water



and straight lines connecting all of the following points in the order stated:

34°03.10' N. lat., 120°23.30' W. long.;

34°12.50' N. lat., 120°23.30' W. long.;

34°12.50' N. lat., 120°18.40' W. long.;

34°01.80' N. lat., 120°18.40' W. long.;

34°02.90' N. lat., 120°20.20' W. long.;

34°03.50' N. lat., 120°21.30' W. long.;

(t) Harris Point Exception. An exemption to the Harris Point reserve, where commercial and recreational take of living marine resources is allowed, exists between mean high water in Cuyler Harbor and a straight line connecting all of the following points:

34°02.90' N. lat., 120°20.20' W. long.;

34°03.50' N. lat., 120°21.30' W. long.;

(u) Judith Rock. Judith Rock is bounded by mean high water and a straight line connecting all of the following points in the order stated:

34°01.80' N. lat., 120°26.60' W. long.;

33°58.50' N. lat., 120°26.60' W. long.;

33°58.50' N. lat., 120°25.30' W. long.;

34°01.50' N. lat., 120°25.30' W. long.

(v) Painted Cave. Painted Cave is bounded by mean high water and a straight line connecting all of the following points in the

order stated:

34°04.50' N. lat., 119°53.00' W. long.;

34°05.20' N. lat., 119°53.00' W. long.;

34°05.00' N. lat., 119°51.00' W. long.;

34°04.00' N. lat., 119°51.00' W. long.

(w) Richardson Rock. Richardson Rock is defined by straight lines connecting all of the following points in the order stated:

34°10.40' N. lat., 120°28.20' W. long.;

34°10.40' N. lat., 120°36.29' W. long.;

34°02.21' N. lat., 120°36.29' W. long.;

34°02.21' N. lat., 120°28.20' W. long.;

and connecting back to 34°10.40' N. lat., 120°28.20' W. long.

(x) Santa Barbara. Santa Barbara is bounded by mean high water and straight lines connecting all of the following points in the order stated:

33°28.50' N. lat., 119°01.70' W. long.;

33°28.50' N. lat., 118°54.54' W. long.;

33°21.78' N. lat., 118°54.54' W. long.;

33°21.78' N. lat., 119°02.20' W. long.;

33°27.90' N. lat., 119°02.20' W. long.

(y) Scorpion. Scorpion is bounded by mean high water and a straight line connecting all of the following points in the order stated:

34°02.94' N. lat., 119°35.50' W. long.;

34°09.35' N. lat., 119°35.50' W. long.;

34°09.35' N. lat., 119°32.80' W. long.;

34°02.80' N. lat., 119°32.80' W. long.

(z) Skunk Point. Skunk Point is bounded by mean high water and straight lines connecting all of the following points in the order stated:

33°59.00' N. lat., 119°58.80' W. long.;

33°59.00' N. lat., 119°58.02' W. long.;

33°57.10' N. lat., 119°58.00' W. long.;

33°57.10' N. lat., 119°58.20' W. long.;

8. Section 660.397 is added to read as follows:

§ 660.397 Groundfish Essential Fish Habitat

(EFH) (continued). In § 660.302, essential fish habitat (EFH) is defined as "those waters and substrate necessary to fish for spawning, breeding, feeding or growth to maturity." The areas in this subsection are designated to "minimize adverse impacts to EFH to the extent practicable." Straight lines connecting a series of Latitude/longitude coordinates demarcate the boundaries for areas designated as Groundfish EFH Conservation Areas.

Coordinates outlining the boundaries of Groundfish EFH

Conservation Areas are provided in §§ 660.395 through 660.397.

Fishing activity that is prohibited or permitted within the EEZ in a particular area designated as a groundfish EFH Conservation

Area is detailed at § 660.306 and § 660.385.

(a) South Point. South Point is bounded by mean high water and straight lines connecting all of the following points in the order stated:

33°55.00' N. lat., 120°10.00' W. long.;

33°50.40' N. lat., 120°10.00' W. long.;

33°50.40' N. lat., 120°06.50' W. long.;

33°53.80' N. lat., 120°06.50' W. long.;