

## Amendment 104

### Fishery Management Plan for Bering Sea/Aleutian Islands Groundfish

Revise the following in the BSAI FMP:

1. Modify section 4.2.3.2 to read as follows (**bold shows additions**):

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#### 4.2.3.2 HAPC Designations

In order to protect HAPCs, certain habitat protection areas and habitat conservation zones have been designated. A habitat protection area is an area of special, rare habitat features where fishing activities that may adversely affect the habitat are restricted. A habitat conservation zone is a subset of a habitat conservation area (used to protect EFH, see Section 4.2.2.4, above), in which additional restrictions are imposed on fishing beyond those established for the conservation area, in order to protect specific habitat features.

The following areas have been designated in the BSAI management area:

- Bowers Ridge Habitat Conservation Zone (Bowers Ridge and Ulm Plateau)
- Alaska Seamount Habitat Protection Area (Bowers Seamount)
- **Areas of Skate Egg Concentration**

The coordinates of these areas are described in Appendix B; management measures associated with these areas are described in Section 3.5.2.

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(2) Add new section following 3.5.2.4.1 Anchoring

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#### **3.5.2.4.2 : Identify Areas as HAPC**

**Six Areas of Skate Egg Concentration as are identified as HAPCs. Fishing activities are not restricted in these areas. See Appendix B and Figure 3-17.**

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3. Appendix B is amended to add the following text in Section A.1, Amendments to the FMP, in chronological amendment order as follows (insert amendment implementation date):

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**Amendment 104, implemented on \_\_\_\_\_:**

**1. Establishes Six Areas of Skate Egg Concentration as HAPCs.**

4. Add new section following B.3 in Appendix B

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**B.4 Areas Identified as HAPC**

The six areas of skate egg concentration identified as HAPC are all located in the Bering Sea and are not closed to fishing.

Site Name <sup>a</sup>	Boundaries of HAPC (°N latitude or °W longitude)			
	North	South	West	East
1. Bering 1	54°53'	54°49'	165°46'	165°38'
2. Bering 2	54°38'	54°33'	165°45'	165°39'
3. Bristol	55°21'	55°17'	167°40'	167°34'
4. Pribilof	56°11'	56°10'	168°28'	168°26'
5. Zhemchug	56°57'	56°54'	173°23'	173°21'
6. Pervenets	59°28'	59°22'	177°43'	177°34'

5. Add Figure 3-17 Areas of Skate Egg Concentration

6. Revisions as necessary to the Table of Contents.