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National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Authorize the Retention of Halibut in Pot Gear in the BSAI; Amendment 118; Correction

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries
Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and
Atmospheric Administration (NOAA),
Commerce.

ACTION: Proposed rule; request for
comments; correction.

SUMMARY: NMFS is correcting the
proposed rule that published on October
3, 2019, to implement Amendment 118
to the Fishery Management Plan for
Groundfish of the Bering Sea and
Aleutian Islands Management Area
(BSAI FMP) and a regulatory
amendment to revise regulations on
Vessel Monitoring System (VMS)
requirements in the Bering Sea and
Aleutian Islands (BSAI) and Gulf of
Alaska (GOA). The proposed rule
incorrectly stated the date of publication
and the end of the comment period on
the Notice of Availability, and this
action corrects this error.

DATES: The proposed rule published on
October 3, 2019 at 84 FR 52852 is
corrected as of October 25, 2019.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On
October 3, 2019, NMFS published a
proposed rule to implement
Amendment 118 to the Fishery
Management Plan for Groundfish of the
Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands
Management Area (BSAI FMP) and a
regulatory amendment to revise
regulations on Vessel Monitoring
System (VMS) requirements in the
Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands (BSAI)
and Gulf of Alaska (GOA) (84 FR
52852). The proposed rule is necessary
to improve efficiency and provide
economic benefits for the Individual
Fishing Quota (IFQ) and Community
Development Quota (CDQ) fleets,
minimize whale depredation and
seabird interactions in the IFQ and CDQ
fisheries, and reduce the risk of
exceeding an overfishing limit for any
species.

Need for Correction

The Notice of Availability (NOA) for
Amendment 118 to the BSAI FMP
published on August 21, 2019, with a
60-day comment period through
October 21, 2019 (84 FR 43570), as
required under the Magnuson-Stevens
Fishery Conservation and Management
Act (16 U.S.C. 1854(a)). The proposed
rule published on October 3, 2019, with
public comment invited through
November 4, 2019 (84 FR 52852). The
proposed rule incorrectly identified the
date the NOA for Amendment 118
published in the **Federal Register** and
the end of the NOA comment period.
NMFS is now correcting the proposed
rule to reflect the correct dates for the
NOA. NMFS is not changing the
publication date or comment period
date for the NOA, and NMFS provided
a 60-day comment period on the NOA
for Amendment 118 to the BSAI FMP.
NMFS is not changing the comment

period for the proposed rule, and all
comments received by November 4,
2019, will be addressed in the response
to comments in the final rule.

Correction

In the proposed rule, published
October 3, 2019 (84 FR 52852) in the
third column on page 52853, the
paragraph before the Background
heading is corrected to read as follows:

A notice of availability (NOA) for
Amendment 118 was published in the
Federal Register on August 21, 2019 (84
FR 43570) with comments invited
through October 21, 2019. Comments
submitted on this proposed rule by the
end of the comment period (See **DATES**)
will be considered by NMFS and
addressed in the response to comments
in the final rule. Comments submitted
on this proposed rule may address
Amendment 118 or this proposed rule.
However, all comments addressing
Amendment 118 must be received by
October 21, 2019, to be considered in
the approval/disapproval decision on
Amendment 118. Commenters do not
need to submit the same comments on
both the NOA and this proposed rule.
All relevant written comments received
by October 21, 2019, whether
specifically directed to the FMP
amendment, this proposed rule, or both,
will be considered by NMFS in the
approval/disapproval decision for
Amendment 118, and all relevant
written comments received by
November 4, 2019, will be addressed in
the response to comments in the final
rule.

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