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Economic Status of the Groundfish Fisheries off Alaska, 2016

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GPT Species Economic Performance Report

- Economic Performance Reports (completed last year in **bold**):
 - BSAI: pollock, Pacific cod, flatfish complex (yellowfin, rocksole, flathead, arrowtooth), rockfish (Pac. ocean perch, northern), Atka mackerel.
 - GOA: **pollock**, **Pacfic cod**, arrowtooth, rockfish (Pac. ocean perch, northern).
 - Combined: sablefish.
- EPRs completed last year will be revised to incorporate new data and discuss update market conditions. Rockfish and flatfish EPRs will be completed this year.
- GPT can give feedback discuss:
 - Content: Too much/not enough information? Report too long? Different information?
 - What do we do with these and where do they go?



Economic Status Report, 2016: Content of the Sept. Draft

- Executive Summary: 2016 highlights
- Overview of the Economic Data Tables
 - Information for understanding economic data
- Economic Data Tables
 - Extensively revised
- Economic Indices figures and tables only
 - Summary indices of value, catch/production, and price by region, at-sea/shoreside, species, gear, product type.



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Economic Status Report, 2016: Additional Final Draft Content (Nov.)

- Report Card Metrics
- Plan Team Reports
- Economic Indices analysis
- Wholesale and ex-vessel price projections
- Market Profiles
- Catch share performance metrics
- Amendment 80 Economic Data Report
- Amendment 91 Economic Data Report
- Communities Section
- Recent and ongoing ESSRP research and publications

Revisions to Economic Data Tables

Objectives of the revision:

- Reduce duplicative reporting of data readily available through other sources.
- Reduce the number of tables.
- Focus on better stratifications for commonly used tables.
- Respond to requests for more highly stratified data.

Changes to the economic data tables:

- Reorganized tables to AK summary then focus on BSAI and GOA.
- Removed most discard and prohibited species catch (PSC) tables.
- Focus on retained catch rather than total catch.
- Species specific economic data for flatfish and rockfish.

Tables are still subject to change between now and Nov.



Revised Economic Data Tables

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Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Tables 11 – 26	Ex-vessel: Retained catch, prices and value (with specific flatfish and rockfish species). Retained catch by target. Value metrics by fleet 1st wholesale: Production, prices, and value (with specific flatfish and rockfish species). Production value metrics by processor group				
Gulf of Alaska Tables 27 - 42	Effort: Vessel counts, average length, tonnage, CV and CP fishing weeks, CV and CP crew weeks.				
Pacific halibut Tables H1 – H10	Catch PSC Ex-vessel value, price 1 st wholesale production, value and price Effort: vessel counts, vessel days, crew days				



Where to find the data I need?

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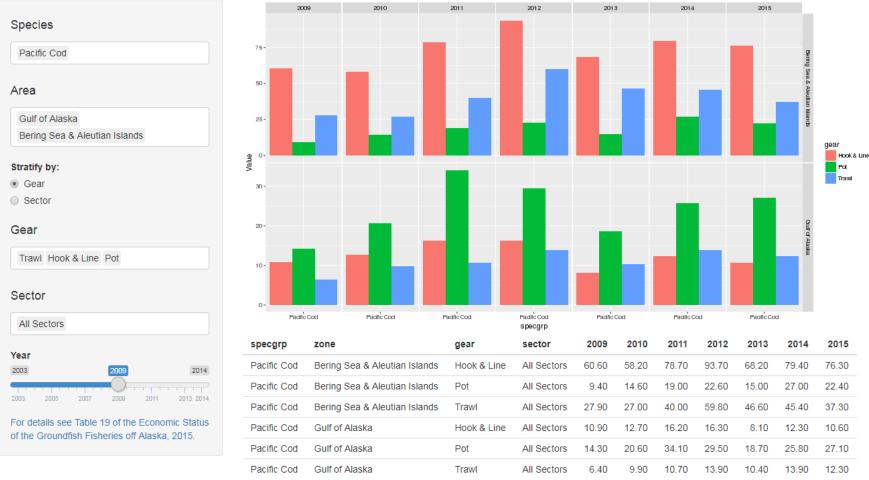
Currently only accessible to AFSC.

The data will be moved to and accessible through the website by November.



Example web application

Ex-vessel value of the groundfish catch off Alaska, 2003-2015

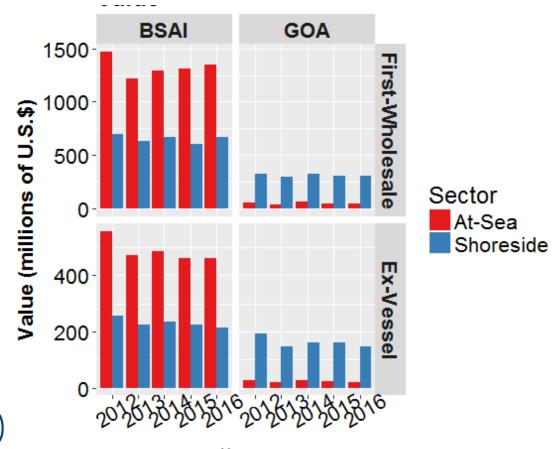


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Alaska's Groundfish Fisheries in 2016

Total catch: 2.3 million t (up 2.5%) Value showed little change across regions and sectors Wholesale value: \$2.38 billion (up 4%) Ex-vessel value: \$875 million (down 3.4%)



Year

Percent change adjusted for inflation.

Values in figure nominal (not adjusted for inflation)



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Economic Status Report, 2016: GPT Topics for Comment



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The Economic Status Report serves many purposes. Among them is to provide information to the Plan Team.

- Economic Performance Reports.
- Changes to the economic data tables stratification and structure.
- Data visualization tools.

Economic data for 2016 are still being finalized and validated (typically price and value).

• We invite feedback -- Ben.Fissel@noaa.gov

BSAI Economic Indices

Species

- Value decreased:
 - Rockfish
- Value increased:
 - Pollock
 - Pacific cod
 - Flatfish

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• Atka mackerel



Values are nominal (not adjusted for inflation)

GOA Economic Indices

Species

- Value decreases:
 - Pacific cod
- Value increased:
 - Rockfish
 - Sablefish
 - Flatfish
- No significant change
 - Pollock

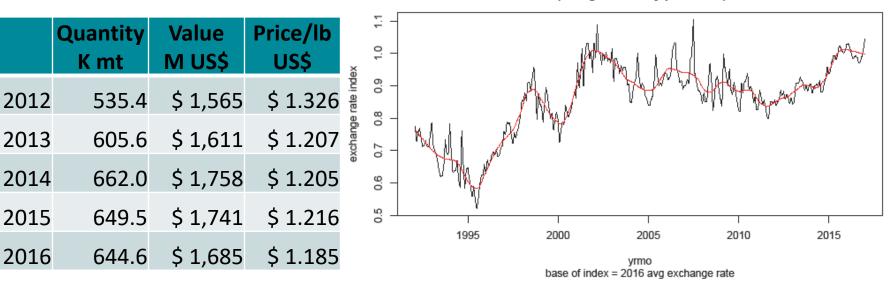
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Export Market

Exports of AK Groundfish Species from WA and AK



Effective Real Exchange Rate Index for AK Fisheries Exports, (foreign currency per dollar)

Real effective exchange rate index shows slightly more favorable exchange rates in 2016. Nominal export price fell slightly.