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Supplemental
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Dear Mr. Olson:

At its December 2011 meeting the North Pacific Fishery Management Council asked the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) to provide some additional information regarding Council involvement in the consultation process between NMFS and other agencies regarding actions that may adversely affect Essential Fish Habitat (EFH). Specifically, the Council asked us to investigate whether specific criteria have been developed to guide coordination between NMFS and other Fishery Management Councils on EFH consultation issues. The Council also asked NMFS to suggest criteria that the Council may want to adopt to clarify when the Council would like NMFS to bring particular EFH consultation issues to the Council's attention for possible Council action. These requests stemmed from Council discussion regarding a November 28, 2011, report we provided on the EFH consultation process.

We polled each of the other NMFS Regional Offices and learned that none of the Councils has developed explicit criteria for when NMFS should inform a Council about EFH consultation issues and seek Council involvement. Several of the Councils periodically engage in issues related to threats to EFH from non-fishing activities, including the New England, Mid-Atlantic, South Atlantic, Gulf of Mexico, and Pacific Councils. In almost all cases the Councils rely on NMFS Habitat Conservation Division staff or Council staff to flag issues for Council consideration. In some cases Councils have shown previous interest in certain types of activities (e.g., offshore energy development) and NMFS makes sure to brief the Council on such actions as they arise. In other cases Councils have developed policy statements on various non-fishing activities that may conflict with EFH and/or fisheries. Council involvement in specific projects generally depends upon whether staff or a concerned party brings an issue to the Council's attention and whether the Council decides that its involvement is warranted. When Councils do comment on particular actions, their comments on potential use conflicts and socioeconomic consequences can prove just as important to the process as their comments on effects to EFH.

As noted in the November 28, 2011, report we provided to the Council, in Alaska we have used the approach of having NMFS inform Council staff about pending actions that may be of interest to the fishing industry and/or that may affect habitats of direct concern to the Council. This process has worked well and has led the Council to engage in EFH consultation issues periodically. While we would welcome any additional direction from the Council on the types of projects that may be of interest, at this point NMFS is comfortable continuing to rely on the professional judgment of agency and Council staff to highlight issues for Council consideration, rather than having the Council establish explicit criteria.




If the Council chooses to proceed with developing criteria, we suggest keeping such criteria flexible and fairly broad. For example, the Council could adopt criteria such as the following:

- The extent to which the activity would adversely affect EFH;
- The extent to which the activity would adversely affect Habitat Areas of Particular Concern or other areas established by the Council to protect sensitive habitat features;
- The extent to which the activity would be inconsistent with measures taken by the Council to minimize the potential adverse effects of fishing on EFH; and
- The extent to which the activity would conflict with Council-managed fishing operations.

Regardless of whether the Council develops explicit criteria, NMFS recommends that the Council and NMFS continue to coordinate regarding non-fishing activities that may adversely affect EFH. Should the Council become aware of an activity that may impact EFH and merit Council involvement, we suggest that Council staff contact our Habitat Conservation Division to coordinate any concerns and potential comments to the applicable action agency. Likewise, NMFS will continue to keep the Council and its staff informed regarding potential threats to EFH and opportunities for the Council to comment as appropriate.

We look forward to discussing this with the Council during the NMFS Management Report (agenda item B-2) at the February meeting.

Sincerely,


for James W. Balsiger, Ph.D.
Administrator, Alaska Region

2012 catch is through January 21 and 2011 catch is through January 22 unless otherwise stated.

Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands

Bering Sea Pollock

Nine American Fisheries Act (AFA) catcher/processors (C/Ps) are targeting yellowfin sole and six are targeting pollock. Twenty catcher vessels (CV) delivering shoreside are targeting pollock in 2012 compared to eight CVs in 2011.

NMFS reallocated pollock TAC from the Aleutian Islands to the Bering Sea increasing the Bering Sea allocations by 1,900 mt for CDQ and 10,500 mt for inshore, C/P, and mothership directed fisheries. The revised Bering Sea A season allocations are: CDQ 48,760 metric tons (mt), inshore 211,620 mt, C/P 169,296 mt, and mothership 42,324 mt.

Pacific cod

Hook-and-line C/Ps

In 2012, 21 hook-and-line C/Ps are participating in the Pacific cod fishery (21 in 2011). The 2012 A season TAC is 57,684 mt. The hook-and-line C/Ps operate in a voluntary cooperative, and the fishery is expected to be open all year.

Week	mt	Week	mt
		1/01/2011	180
1/07/2012	2,104	1/08/2011	1,794
1/14/2012	3,071	1/15/2011	3,073
1/21/2012	3,230	1/22/2011	2,896
Total	8,405	Total	7,944
TAC	57,684		50,354
Remaining	49,279		42,410

Pot catcher vessels

The 2012 A season fishery for pot CVs greater than or equal to 60 ft length overall closed January 20 with 27 vessels taking 9,867 mt of the 9,950 mt allocation. The 2011 A season fishery for pot CVs greater than or equal to 60 ft length overall closed January 21 with 28 vessels taking 9,696 mt of the 8,685 mt allocation.

Week	mt	Week	mt
		1/01/2011	656
1/07/2012	3,249	1/08/2011	2,311
1/14/2012	3,856	1/15/2011	4,310
1/21/2012	2,762	1/22/2011	2,419
Total	9,867	Total	9,696
TAC	9,950		8,685
Remaining	83		-1,011

Pot C/Ps

The 2012 A season pot C/Ps fishery closed January 23 with five vessels reporting 1,662 mt of the 1,777 mt A season allocation. The 2011 A season pot C/Ps fishery closed January 24 with four vessels reporting 1,486 mt of the 1,551 mt A season allocation.

Hook-and-line or pot gear less than 60 ft length overall

Twelve CVs (two hook-and-line, ten pot) less than 60 ft LOA using hook-and-line or pot gear reported 1,700 mt of the 4,645 mt annual allocation compared to 11 vessels reporting 1,140 mt of the 4,055 mt annual allocation in 2011. NMFS plans to reallocate the remaining amounts of the A season jig allocation to the less than 60 ft allocation. In 2011, the fishery closed March 8.

Trawl catcher vessels

In 2012, 11 trawl CVs targeting Pacific cod reported 408 mt compared to 11 trawl catcher CVs targeting Pacific cod reporting 285 mt for the same time period in 2011. The 2012 Pacific cod total catch is 567 mt (including the pollock target) of the 38,117 mt A season allocation. In 2011, the A season closed March 26, 2011.

Flatfish

In 2012, Amendment 80 C/Ps are targeting rock sole (8) and yellowfin sole (4), and AFA C/Ps are targeting yellowfin sole (9). In 2011, 11 Amendment 80 C/Ps targeted rock sole, and eight AFA C/Ps targeted yellowfin sole at the start of the season.

Halibut mortality

Halibut mortality rates are preliminary and may change when more catch and observer data is reported in the catch accounting system. The table below compares the metric tons of halibut mortality and total groundfish catch by year through January 21, 2012 and January 22, 2011.

	2012	2011
BSAI trawl	27 / 12,915	18 / 12,400
BSAI hook-and-line	18 / 10,755	42 / 9,972
GOA trawl	18 / 951	58 / 3,149
GOA hook-and-line	18 / 3,950	72 / 6,068

Gulf of Alaska

Pacific cod

In 2012, NMFS is implementing Pacific cod sector splits in the Western and Central GOA. In the Central GOA, the 2012 Pacific cod catch for all sectors combined is about half the total catch for the same time period in 2011. Most of the decrease is a result of severe weather and effort in the State Tanner crab fishery.

Pacific cod catch by all sectors

Central GOA 7,374 mt in 2012 and 14,676 mt in 2011

Western GOA 2,566 mt in 2012 and 2,948 mt in 2011

The following 2012 closure projections are preliminary and will change as catch rate change.

Central GOA

- Hook-and-line CVs <50 ft - At the current average weekly rate by 48 CVs of 320 mt/week the remaining 2,975 mt will be reached in 8 to 9 weeks.
- Hook-and-line CVs >=50 ft - At the current average weekly rate by 11 CVs of 130 mt/week by 11 CVs the remaining 1,983 mt will be reached in 15 weeks.
- Jig - At the current average weekly rate by 18 CVs of 20 mt/week the remaining 197 mt will be reached in 10 weeks.
- Pot CV/CP - At the current weekly rate by 44 CVs of 1,550 mt/week the remaining 3,435 mt will be reached in 2 weeks.
- Trawl CV - 20 CVs reported for the first days of the fishery, catch is too low to project a closure.
- Trawl C/P - Catch is too low to project a closure.

The 2011 A season allocations were 21,795 mt for the inshore component and 2,422 mt for the offshore component. The 2011 A season fisheries closed January 29 for inshore and June 10 for offshore. The A season non-AFA crab sideboard fisheries closed January 14 for inshore and June 10 for offshore.

Western GOA

- Hook-and-line CVs - At the current average weekly rate of 9 mt/week the remaining 120 mt will be reached in 13 weeks.
- Jig - Catch rates are too low to project a closure.
- Pot CV/CP - At the current weekly rate by 11 CVs of 830 mt/week the remaining 2,304 mt will be reached in 2 weeks. However, catch rates will increase as at least 27 more CVs are expected to participate.
- Trawl CV sector and Trawl C/P sector - No reported Pacific cod target.

The 2011 A season allocations were 12,304 mt for the inshore component and 1,367 mt for the offshore component. The 2011 A season fisheries closed February 16 for inshore and June 10 for offshore. The A season non-AFA crab sideboard fisheries closed June 10 for inshore and offshore.

Pollock

Directed fishing for pollock using trawl gear opened January 20, 2012. The A season allocations are: 610 - 5,797 mt, 620 - 14,023 mt, 630 - 5,787 mt. NMFS closed Area 630 January 23, 2012. Areas 610 and 620 will be managed inseason.

Bering Sea Aleutian Islands Catch Report
(includes CDQ)
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Bering Sea

Sea- sons	Account	Total Catch	Quota	Remaining Quota	% Taken	Last Wk Catch
	Other Rockfish (includes CDQ)	1	500	499	0%	1
	Pacific Ocean Perch (includes CDQ)	0	4,854	4,854	0%	0
	Sablefish (Hook-and-Line and Pot)	0	0	0	0%	0
	Sablefish CDQ (Hook-and-Line and Pot)	0	0	0	0%	0
	Sablefish (Trawl)	0	1,109	1,109	0%	0
	Sablefish CDQ (Trawl)	0	98	98	0%	0
	Greenland Turbot	0	2,975	2,975	0%	0
	Greenland Turbot CDQ	0	375	375	0%	0
X	Pollock, AFA Inshore	5,231	523,800	518,569	1%	5,231
X	Pollock, AFA Catcher Processor	1,992	383,422	381,430	1%	1,992
X	Pollock, AFA Mothership	270	104,760	104,490	0%	270
X	Pollock CDQ	740	120,000	119,260	1%	740
	Pollock, Incidental Catch, non-Bogoslof (includes CDQ)	1,208	32,400	31,192	4%	954
	Pollock, Incidental Catch, Bogoslof (includes CDQ)	0	150	150	0%	0

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Aleutian Islands

Sea- sons	Account	Total Catch	Quota	Remaining Quota	% Taken	Last Wk Catch
	Other Rockfish (includes CDQ)	0	425	425	0%	0
	Pacific Ocean Perch, Eastern	0	5,054	5,054	0%	0
	Pacific Ocean Perch, Eastern CDQ	0	606	606	0%	0
	Pacific Ocean Perch, Central	0	4,429	4,429	0%	0
	Pacific Ocean Perch, Central CDQ	0	531	531	0%	0
	Pacific Ocean Perch, Western	0	7,474	7,474	0%	0
	Pacific Ocean Perch, Western CDQ	0	896	896	0%	0
	Rougheye Rockfish (includes CDQ) - BS + Eastern	0	240	240	0%	0
	Rougheye Rockfish (includes CDQ) - Central + Western	0	225	225	0%	0
	Atka Mackerel, Eastern ICA	0	1,000	1,000	0%	0
	Atka Mackerel, Eastern (Jig)	0	167	167	0%	0
X	Atka Mackerel, Eastern (Trawl)	0	33,213	33,213	0%	0
	Atka Mackerel, Eastern CDQ	0	4,120	4,120	0%	0
X	Atka Mackerel, Central (Trawl)	0	9,511	9,511	0%	0
X	Atka Mackerel, Central ICA	0	100	100	0%	0
X	Atka Mackerel, Central CDQ	0	1,152	1,152	0%	0
X	Atka Mackerel, Western (Trawl)	0	1,300	1,300	0%	0
	Atka Mackerel, Western ICA	0	40	40	0%	0
	Atka Mackerel, Western CDQ	0	161	161	0%	0
	Sablefish (Hook-and-Line and Pot)	0	0	0	0%	0
	Sablefish CDQ (Hook-and-Line and Pot)	0	0	0	0%	0
	Sablefish (Trawl)	0	370	370	0%	0
	Sablefish CDQ (Trawl)	0	33	33	0%	0
	Greenland Turbot (includes CDQ)	0	1,233	1,233	0%	0
X	Pollock	0	15,500	15,500	0%	0
X	Pollock CDQ	0	1,900	1,900	0%	0
X	Pollock, Incidental Catch (includes CDQ)	0	1,600	1,600	0%	0

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Bering Sea Aleutian Islands

Seasons	Account	Total Catch	Quota	Remaining Quota	% Taken	Last Wk Catch
	Alaska Plaice (includes CDQ)	288	13,600	13,312	2%	288
	Arrowtooth Flounder	64	22,015	21,951	0%	40
	Arrowtooth Flounder CDQ	10	2,771	2,761	0%	5
	Flathead Sole	70	37,102	37,032	0%	63
	Flathead Sole CDQ	25	4,446	4,421	1%	23
	Kamchatka Flounder (includes CDQ)	4	15,045	15,041	0%	3
	Northern Rockfish (includes CDQ)	0	4,000	4,000	0%	0
	Other Flatfish (includes CDQ)	11	2,550	2,539	0%	11
X	Pacific Cod, Catcher Processor (Amendment 80)	200	31,232	31,032	1%	200
X	Pacific Cod, Catcher Processor (AFA)	126	5,361	5,235	2%	126
X	Pacific Cod, Catcher Vessel (Trawl)	567	51,509	50,942	1%	567
X	Pacific Cod, Catcher Processor (Hook-and-Line)	8,405	141,708	133,303	6%	3,230
X	Pacific Cod, Catcher Vessel (Hook-and-Line >= 60 ft)	0	465	465	0%	0
X	Pacific Cod, Catcher Processor (Pot)	1,552	3,484	1,932	45%	505
X	Pacific Cod, Catcher Vessel (Pot >= 60 ft)	9,867	19,509	9,642	51%	2,319
	Pacific Cod (Jig)	0	3,263	3,263	0%	0
	Pacific Cod (Hook-and-Line and Pot < 60 ft)	1,701	4,645	2,944	37%	534
	Pacific Cod, Incidental Catch (Hook-and-Line and Pot)	29	500	471	6%	29
X	Pacific Cod CDQ	634	27,927	27,293	2%	240
	Rock Sole	919	75,905	74,986	1%	917
	Rock Sole CDQ	1	9,095	9,094	0%	1
	Shortraker Rockfish (includes CDQ)	0	393	393	0%	0
	Yellowfin Sole	2,123	176,510	174,387	1%	2,106
	Yellowfin Sole CDQ	2	21,150	21,148	0%	2
	Octopus (includes CDQ)	15	128	113	12%	3
	Sculpin (includes CDQ)	79	4,420	4,341	2%	36
	Shark (includes CDQ)	1	43	42	3%	1
	Skate (includes CDQ)	1,203	14,025	12,822	9%	580
	Squid (includes CDQ)	0	361	361	0%	0
Total:		37,341	1,958,885	1,921,544	2%	21,018

Other flatfish: all flatfish except Pacific halibut, flathead sole, Greenland turbot, rock sole, yellowfin sole, Kamchatka flounder, arrowtooth flounder, and Alaska plaice.

Other rockfish: all Sebastes and Sebastolobus species except for Pacific ocean perch, northern, shortraker, and roughey rockfish.

For changes to the harvest specifications refer to <http://alaskafisheries.noaa.gov/2011/hschanges.htm>

**Bering Sea Aleutian Islands Prohibited Species Report
(includes CDQ fisheries)**

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Chinook Salmon

Trawl Gear

Sea- sons	Account	Units	Total Catch	Limit	Remaining	% Taken	Last Wk Catch
X	BS Pollock (Pelagic)	Count	35	55,104	55,069	0%	35
X	BS Chinook Salmon PSQ	Count	2	4,896	4,894	0%	2
X	AI Pollock (Pelagic)	Count	0	647	647	0%	0
X	AI Chinook Salmon PSQ	Count	0	53	53	0%	0
Total:			37	60,700	60,663	0%	37

Halibut Mortality

Non-Trawl Gear

Sea- sons	Account	Units	Total Catch	Limit	Remaining	% Taken	Last Wk Catch
	Halibut Mortality (Non-Trawl)	MT	18	833	815	2%	7
Total:			18	833	815	2%	7

Trawl Gear

Sea- sons	Account	Units	Total Catch	Limit	Remaining	% Taken	Last Wk Catch
	Halibut Mortality (Trawl)	MT	27	3,200	3,173	1%	27
Total:			27	3,200	3,173	1%	27

Trawl and Hook-and-Line Gear

Sea- sons	Account	Units	Total Catch	Limit	Remaining	% Taken	Last Wk Catch
	Halibut Mortality PSQ	MT	2	393	391	0%	1
Total:			2	393	391	0%	1

Herring (includes CDQ fisheries)

Trawl Gear

Sea- sons	Account	Units	Total Catch	Limit	Remaining	% Taken	Last Wk Catch
	Pacific Cod	MT	0	33	33	0%	0
	Rockfish	MT	0	12	12	0%	0
	Rock Sole, Flathead Sole, Other Flatfish	MT	0	33	33	0%	0
	Pollock, Atka Mackerel, Other Species	MT	0	247	247	0%	0
	Pollock Pelagic	MT	0	1,737	1,737	0%	0
	Yellowfin Sole	MT	0	195	195	0%	0
	Turbot, Arrowtooth, Kamchatka, Sablefish	MT	0	16	16	0%	0
Total:			0	2,273	2,273	0%	0

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Opilio (Tanner) Crab - COBLZ

Trawl Gear

Sea- sons	Account	Units	Total Catch	Limit	Remaining	% Taken	Last Wk Catch
	Opilio Crab	Count	13,713	6,032,742	6,019,029	0%	13,713
	Opilio Crab PSQ	Count	0	889,221	889,221	0%	0
Total:			13,713	6,921,963	6,908,250	0%	13,713

Bairdi Crab, Zone 1

Trawl Gear

Sea- sons	Account	Units	Total Catch	Limit	Remaining	% Taken	Last Wk Catch
	Bairdi Crab	Count	397	660,400	660,003	0%	397
	Bairdi Crab PSQ	Count	0	88,810	88,810	0%	0
Total:			397	749,210	748,813	0%	397

Bairdi Crab, Zone 2

Trawl Gear

Sea- sons	Account	Units	Total Catch	Limit	Remaining	% Taken	Last Wk Catch
	Bairdi Crab	Count	5,633	1,586,054	1,580,421	0%	5,633
	Bairdi Crab PSQ	Count	0	269,640	269,640	0%	0
Total:			5,633	1,855,694	1,850,061	0%	5,633

Red King Crab, Zone 1

Trawl Gear

Sea- sons	Account	Units	Total Catch	Limit	Remaining	% Taken	Last Wk Catch
	Red King Crab	Count	505	141,722	141,217	0%	505
	Red King Crab PSQ	Count	0	21,079	21,079	0%	0
Total:			505	162,801	162,296	0%	505

Other flatfish for PSC monitoring: all flatfish except Pacific halibut (a prohibited species), flathead sole, Greenland turbot, rock sole, and yellowfin sole.

COBLZ: C. Opilio Crab Bycatch Limitation Zone. 50 CFR 679.21(e) and Figure 13.

Zone 1: Federal Reporting Areas 508, 509, 512, 516.

Zone 2: Federal Reporting Areas 513, 517, 521.

Data is based on observer reports extrapolated to total groundfish harvest. Estimates for all weeks may change due to incorporation of late or corrected data.

Bering Sea Aleutian Islands
Seasonal Non-Sideboard Prohibited Species Report
(excludes CDQ fisheries)
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Account: ALL

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Non-Chinook Salmon, CVOA

BSAI Non Chinook Salmon TRW CVOA

Season	Begin	End	Units	Total Catch	Limit	Remaining	% Taken
BSAI Non Chinook Salmon TRW CVOA	15-AUG-12	14-OCT-12	Count	0	0	0	0%
Total:				0	0	0	0%

Chinook Salmon

BS Chinook Salmon AFA Inshore OA Non-IPA

Season	Begin	End	Units	Total Catch	Limit	Remaining	% Taken
BS Chinook Salmon AFA Inshore OA Non-IPA A Season	20-JAN-12	10-JUN-12	Count	0	0	0	0%
BS Chinook Salmon AFA Inshore OA Non-IPA B Season	10-JUN-12	01-NOV-12	Count	0	0	0	0%
Total:				0	0	0	0%

Halibut Mortality

Pacific Cod Hook-and-Line Catcher Processor

Season	Begin	End	Units	Total Catch	Limit	Remaining	% Taken
CP - 1st Season	01-JAN-12	10-JUN-12	MT	17	455	438	4%
CP - 2nd Season	10-JUN-12	15-AUG-12	MT	0	190	190	0%
CP - 3rd Season	15-AUG-12	31-DEC-12	MT	0	115	115	0%
Total:				17	760	743	2%

Pacific Cod Hook-and-Line Catcher Vessel

Season	Begin	End	Units	Total Catch	Limit	Remaining	% Taken
CV - 1st Season	01-JAN-12	10-JUN-12	MT	0	10	10	1%
CV - 2nd Season	10-JUN-12	15-AUG-12	MT	0	3	3	0%
CV - 3rd Season	15-AUG-12	31-DEC-12	MT	0	2	2	0%
Total:				0	15	15	1%

Red King Crab, RKCSS

Trawl Gear

Season	Begin	End	Units	Total Catch	Limit	Remaining	% Taken
Rock Sole, Flathead Sole, Other Flatfish (Non Pelagic)	20-JAN-12	31-DEC-12	Count	505	49,250	48,745	1%
Total:				505	49,250	48,745	1%

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Western, Central Pollock

Sea- sons	Account	Total Catch	Quota	Remaining Quota	% Taken	Last Wk Catch
X	Pollock, 610 Shumagin	3	30,270	30,267	0%	1
X	Pollock, 620 Chirikof	31	45,808	45,777	0%	17
X	Pollock, 630 Kodiak	284	26,348	26,064	1%	268

Western Gulf

Sea- sons	Account	Total Catch	Quota	Remaining Quota	% Taken	Last Wk Catch
	Arrowtooth Flounder	1	8,000	7,999	0%	0
	Deep Water Flatfish	0	541	541	0%	0
	Shallow Water Flatfish	0	4,500	4,500	0%	0
	Flathead Sole	0	2,000	2,000	0%	0
	Rex Sole	0	1,490	1,490	0%	0
	Pacific Ocean Perch	0	2,665	2,665	0%	0
	Rougheye Rockfish	0	81	81	0%	0
	Shortraker Rockfish	1	134	133	0%	0
	Thornyhead Rockfish	0	425	425	0%	0
	Dusky Rockfish	1	570	569	0%	0
	Northern Rockfish	1	2,446	2,445	0%	0
	Other Rockfish	0	212	212	0%	0
	Pacific Cod	2,566	21,024	18,458	12%	1,272
	Sablefish (Hook-and-Line)	0	0	0	0%	0
	Sablefish (Trawl)	0	297	297	0%	0
	Big Skate	13	598	585	2%	2
	Longnose Skate	2	81	79	3%	1

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Central Gulf

Sea- sons	Account	Total Catch	Quota	Remaining Quota	% Taken	Last Wk Catch
	Arrowtooth Flounder	34	30,000	29,966	0%	31
	Deep Water Flatfish	0	3,004	3,004	0%	0
	Shallow Water Flatfish	46	13,000	12,954	0%	45
	Flathead Sole	8	5,000	4,992	0%	8
	Rex Sole	7	6,184	6,177	0%	7
	Pacific Ocean Perch	0	9,884	9,884	0%	0
	Rougheye Rockfish	0	868	868	0%	0
	Shortraker Rockfish	0	325	325	0%	0
	Dusky Rockfish	3	2,850	2,847	0%	1
	Northern Rockfish	11	2,168	2,157	0%	10
	Thornyhead Rockfish	0	637	637	0%	0
	Other Rockfish	3	507	504	1%	1
	Pacific Cod	7,374	42,705	35,331	17%	2,780
	Sablefish (Hook-and-Line)	0	0	0	0%	0
	Sablefish (Trawl)	0	869	869	0%	0
	Big Skate	124	2,049	1,925	6%	35
	Longnose Skate	33	2,009	1,976	2%	11

Eastern Gulf

Sea- sons	Account	Total Catch	Quota	Remaining Quota	% Taken	Last Wk Catch
	Rougheye Rockfish	0	363	363	0%	0
	Shortraker Rockfish	0	455	455	0%	0
	Thornyhead Rockfish	0	708	708	0%	0
	Pacific Cod	0	1,971	1,971	0%	0
	Big Skate	0	681	681	0%	0
	Longnose Skate	0	762	762	0%	0

Note: All weights are in metric tons.

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West Yakutat

Sea- sons	Account	Total Catch	Quota	Remaining Quota	% Taken	Last Wk Catch
	Arrowtooth Flounder	0	2,500	2,500	0%	0
	Deep Water Flatfish	0	2,144	2,144	0%	0
	Shallow Water Flatfish	0	1,228	1,228	0%	0
	Flathead Sole	0	2,125	2,125	0%	0
	Rex Sole	0	853	853	0%	0
	Pacific Ocean Perch	0	1,845	1,845	0%	0
	Dusky Rockfish	0	380	380	0%	0
	Other Rockfish	0	275	275	0%	0
	Pollock	0	3,244	3,244	0%	0
	Sablefish (Hook-and-Line)	0	0	0	0%	0
	Sablefish (Trawl)	0	226	226	0%	0

Southeast

Sea- sons	Account	Total Catch	Quota	Remaining Quota	% Taken	Last Wk Catch
	Arrowtooth Flounder	0	2,500	2,500	0%	0
	Deep Water Flatfish	0	797	797	0%	0
	Shallow Water Flatfish	0	1,334	1,334	0%	0
	Flathead Sole	0	1,568	1,568	0%	0
	Rex Sole	0	889	889	0%	0
	Pacific Ocean Perch	0	1,793	1,793	0%	0
	Dusky Rockfish	0	638	638	0%	0
	Other Rockfish	0	200	200	0%	0
	Pollock	0	10,774	10,774	0%	0
	Demersal Shelf Rockfish	0	300	300	0%	0
	Sablefish (Hook-and-Line)	0	0	0	0%	0

Entire Gulf

Sea- sons	Account	Total Catch	Quota	Remaining Quota	% Taken	Last Wk Catch
	Atka Mackerel	1	2,000	1,999	0%	0
	Octopus	42	954	912	4%	12
	Sculpin	81	5,496	5,415	1%	33
	Shark	0	6,197	6,197	0%	0
	Other Skates	163	2,093	1,930	8%	54
	Squid	0	1,148	1,148	0%	0
Total:		10,831	327,990	317,159	3%	4,591

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Western Gulf

WGOA Pcod HAL C/P

Season	Begin	End	Total Catch	Quota	Remaining Quota	% Taken
A	01-JAN-12	10-JUN-12	739	2,257	1,518	33%
Between A and B	10-JUN-12	01-SEP-12	0	0	0	0%
B	01-SEP-12	31-DEC-12	0	1,843	1,843	0%
Total:			739	4,100	3,361	18%

WGOA Pcod HAL CV

Season	Begin	End	Total Catch	Quota	Remaining Quota	% Taken
A	01-JAN-12	10-JUN-12	26	145	119	18%
Between A and B	10-JUN-12	01-SEP-12	0	0	0	0%
B	01-SEP-12	31-DEC-12	0	145	145	0%
Total:			26	290	264	9%

WGOA Pcod Jig

Season	Begin	End	Total Catch	Quota	Remaining Quota	% Taken
A	01-JAN-12	10-JUN-12	2	189	187	1%
B	10-JUN-12	31-DEC-12	0	126	126	0%
Total:			2	315	313	1%

WGOA Pcod Pot

Season	Begin	End	Total Catch	Quota	Remaining Quota	% Taken
A	01-JAN-12	10-JUN-12	1,800	4,100	2,300	44%
Between A and B	10-JUN-12	01-SEP-12	0	0	0	0%
B	01-SEP-12	31-DEC-12	0	3,769	3,769	0%
Total:			1,800	7,869	6,069	23%

WGOA Pcod Trawl C/P

Season	Begin	End	Total Catch	Quota	Remaining Quota	% Taken
A	20-JAN-12	10-JUN-12	0	186	186	0%
Between A and B	10-JUN-12	01-SEP-12	0	0	0	0%
B	01-SEP-12	01-NOV-12	0	311	311	0%
After B	01-NOV-12	31-DEC-12	0	0	0	0%
Total:			0	497	497	0%

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Western Gulf

WGOA Pcod Trawl CV

Season	Begin	End	Total Catch	Quota	Remaining Quota	% Taken
A	20-JAN-12	10-JUN-12	0	5,736	5,736	0%
Between A and B	10-JUN-12	01-SEP-12	0	0	0	0%
B	01-SEP-12	01-NOV-12	0	2,216	2,216	0%
After B	01-NOV-12	31-DEC-12	0	0	0	0%
Total:			0	7,952	7,952	0%

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Central Gulf

CGOA Pcod HAL C/P

Season	Begin	End	Total Catch	Quota	Remaining Quota	% Taken
A	01-JAN-12	10-JUN-12	1,260	1,736	476	73%
Between A and B	10-JUN-12	01-SEP-12	0	0	0	0%
B	01-SEP-12	31-DEC-12	0	422	422	0%
Total:			1,260	2,158	898	58%

CGOA Pcod HAL CV <50

Season	Begin	End	Total Catch	Quota	Remaining Quota	% Taken
A	01-JAN-12	10-JUN-12	963	3,938	2,975	24%
Between A and B	10-JUN-12	01-SEP-12	0	0	0	0%
B	01-SEP-12	31-DEC-12	0	2,235	2,235	0%
Total:			963	6,173	5,210	16%

CGOA Pcod HAL CV >= 50

Season	Begin	End	Total Catch	Quota	Remaining Quota	% Taken
A	01-JAN-12	10-JUN-12	486	2,372	1,886	20%
Between A and B	10-JUN-12	01-SEP-12	0	0	0	0%
B	01-SEP-12	31-DEC-12	0	464	464	0%
Total:			486	2,836	2,350	17%

CGOA Pcod Jig

Season	Begin	End	Total Catch	Quota	Remaining Quota	% Taken
A	01-JAN-12	10-JUN-12	59	256	197	23%
B	10-JUN-12	31-DEC-12	0	171	171	0%
Total:			59	427	368	14%

CGOA Pcod Pot

Season	Begin	End	Total Catch	Quota	Remaining Quota	% Taken
A	01-JAN-12	10-JUN-12	4,103	7,538	3,435	54%
Between A and B	10-JUN-12	01-SEP-12	0	0	0	0%
B	01-SEP-12	31-DEC-12	0	4,217	4,217	0%
Total:			4,103	11,755	7,652	35%

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Central Gulf

CGOA Pcod Trawl C/P

Season	Begin	End	Total Catch	Quota	Remaining Quota	% Taken
A	20-JAN-12	10-JUN-12	9	847	838	1%
Between A and B	10-JUN-12	01-SEP-12	0	0	0	0%
B	01-SEP-12	01-NOV-12	0	928	928	0%
After B	01-NOV-12	31-DEC-12	0	0	0	0%
Total:			9	1,775	1,766	1%

CGOA Pcod Trawl CV

Season	Begin	End	Total Catch	Quota	Remaining Quota	% Taken
A	20-JAN-12	10-JUN-12	429	8,936	8,507	5%
Between A and B	10-JUN-12	01-SEP-12	0	0	0	0%
B	01-SEP-12	01-NOV-12	0	8,645	8,645	0%
After B	01-NOV-12	31-DEC-12	0	0	0	0%
Total:			429	17,581	17,152	2%

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Non-Chinook Salmon

Trawl Gear

Sea- sons	Account	Units	Total Catch	Limit	Remaining	% Taken	Last Wk Catch
	Non Chinook Salmon	Count	0	0			0
Total:			0	0			0

Chinook Salmon

Trawl Gear

Sea- sons	Account	Units	Total Catch	Limit	Remaining	% Taken	Last Wk Catch
	Chinook Salmon	Count	0	0			0
Total:			0	0			0

Halibut Mortality

Non-Trawl Gear

Sea- sons	Account	Units	Total Catch	Limit	Remaining	% Taken	Last Wk Catch
X	Other Hook-and-Line Fisheries	MT	18	290	272	6%	6
Total:			18	290	272	6%	6

Trawl Gear

Sea- sons	Account	Units	Total Catch	Limit	Remaining	% Taken	Last Wk Catch
	Trawl Fishery	MT	18	2,000	1,982	1%	18
Total:			18	2,000	1,982	1%	18

No PSC Limits apply to salmon in the GOA.

Other hook-and-line fisheries means all hook-and-line fisheries except sablefish and demersal shelf rockfish in the Southeast District. The hook-and-line sablefish fishery is exempt from halibut PSC limits.

Halibut mortality for the demersal shelf rockfish fishery in Southeast District is not listed due to insufficient observer coverage.

Data is based on observer reports extrapolated to total groundfish harvest. Estimates for all weeks may change due to incorporation of late or corrected data.

Trawl halibut PSC limit data include catch from Rockfish Program cooperatives.

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Amendments 10, 11, and 12 to the Salmon FMP	10/09 (A 10) 4/11 (A 11) 12/11 (A 12)					
Amendment 31 (KTC) – C-Share Active Participation/application deadline modification	April 2008	PR: 8/22/11				
Amendment 41 (KTC) – Crab regional emergency relief	December 2010	PR: 12/2/11				
Amendment 88 (GOA)-Central GOA rockfish program Approved: 11/7/11	June 2010	PR: 6/7/11 FR: 11/11/11	PR: 7/22/11 FR: 12/2/11	July 28, 2011 76 FR 45217 EOC: 9/26/11	August 19, 2011 76 FR 52148 EOC: 9/19/11	December 27, 2011 76 FR 81248 Effective 12/27/11
Amendment 86 (BSAI) and 76 (GOA) Observer Restructuring	October 2010	PR: 12/9/11				
Amendment 89 (GOA) Tanner crab protection	October 2010					
Amendment 93 (GOA) Chinook salmon bycatch management Decision date: 2/22/12	June 2011	PR: 9/23/11	PR: 11/16/11	November 23, 2011 76 FR 72384 EOC: 1/23/12	December 14, 2011 76 FR 77757 EOC: 1/30/12	

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Amendment 94 (GOA) Revise CQE vessel use caps and implement other CQE-related regulatory amds (CQE Omnibus) ^{1/}	October 2011					
Amendment 97 (BSAI) – Amd 80 lost vessel replacement	June 2010	PR: 1/20/12				
Amendments to all FMPs for EFH omnibus related to 5-year review (98/90/40/15)	April 2011				No regulations	
Amendments to all FMPs to authorize permit fees (101/92/36/14)	October 2009					

^{1/}NMFS is consolidating three Council actions on the CQE Program into Amendment 94 and its associated proposed rule. In addition to the CQE vessel use caps, which are the subject of Amendment 94, this action will include the regulatory amendments to allow Area 3A CQEs to purchase D class halibut QS (Council final action in February 2011) and to add three new CQE communities (Council final action in December 2010).

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Groundfish Regulatory Amendments					
GOA 2012-2013 Groundfish Specifications	December 2011	PR: 10/24/11	PR: 12/5/11	December 22, 2011 76 FR 79620 EOC: January 23, 2012	
BSAI 2012-2013 Groundfish Specifications	December 2011	PR: 10/18/11		December 27, 2011 76 FR 80782 EOC: January 26, 2012	
CDQ regulation of harvest	MSA Council 6/07	PR: 12/17/08 FR: 8/5/11	PR: 6/10/10 FR: 1/19/12	July 13, 2010 75 FR 39892 EOC: August 12, 2010	
BS Chinook salmon bycatch economic data collection	12/09 final action 10/10 review regs.	PR: 4/5/11 FR: 10/4/11	PR: 4/15/11 FR: 1/12/12	July 18, 2011 76 FR 42099 EOC: August 17, 2011	
Revisions to MRAs in the BSAI arrowtooth flounder fishery	October 2010	PR: 8/12/11			
Remove GRS	February 2011	PR: 8/11/11			
Longline c/p monitoring requirements	Council consultation Oct 2011				

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Halibut Regulations					
Halibut annual management measures	NMFS				
Remove halibut/sablefish quota from initial recipients who never have fished or transferred quota	June 2006	FR: 1/9/12	PR: 8/12/09	August 23, 2010 75 FR 51741 EOC: September 22, 2010	
Establish new minimum vessel ownership criteria for using hired skipper of 12 months and 20% interest	December 2007	PR: 1/20/12			
Halibut catch sharing plan	October 2008	PR: 1/28/10	PR: 6/23/11	July 22, 2011 76 FR 44156 EOC: September 21, 2011	
Add 3 new communities to GOA CQE Program	December 2010	Now combined with Amendment 94 (GOA) as a CQE omnibus action			
Allow Area 3A CQEs to purchase D class halibut QS	February 2011	Now combined with Amendment 94 (GOA) as a CQE omnibus action			
Revise IFQ hired skipper provisions	April 2011				