

North Pacific Council's Action on
the Secretary's PMP's

Trawl Fishery of the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands

1. Recommend reducing Pacific ocean perch and sablefish TAC's to lower levels in order to provide adequate recovery rates.
2. Recommend reducing foreign herring allocation from 20,000 m.t. to 12,000 m.t. - all to be taken by trawls.
3. Recommend eliminating the 1,000 m.t. foreign gill net herring allocation.

Trawl Fishery of the Gulf of Alaska

1. Recommend reducing the rockfish TAC from 50,000 to 30,000 m.t. and reducing the foreign rockfish allocation from 47,000 m.t. to 27,000 m.t.
2. Recommend reducing the flounder TAC from 37,000 m.t. to 24,000 m.t. and reducing the foreign flounder allocation from 30,500 m.t. to 17,000 m.t.

King and Tanner Crab of the Eastern Bering Sea

1. Recommend adding a restriction which would provide for separation of the U.S. and foreign tanner crab fleets.

Troll Salmon Fishery of the Pacific Coast

1. Request this plan be a joint Pacific - North Pacific Council effort rather than a Pacific Council plan.

Sablefish of the Bering Sea and Northeastern Pacific Ocean

1. Accepted the plan as the best information available.

Shrimp of the Eastern Bering Sea and Gulf of Alaska

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Snail of the Eastern Bering Sea

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High Seas Salmon Fishery of the Bering Sea

1. No action.

TRAWL FISHERY OF THE GULF OF ALASKA

Table 11.--Maximum allocations to foreign fisheries in the Gulf of Alaska trawl fishery.

Species	Data base	1974 U.S. catch	1974 foreign catch	Est. MSY	Est. E.Y.	Status	1977 TAC	U.S. capacity	Max. foreign allocation
Pollock	Fair	Tr.	61,000	168,000-338,000	--	Healthy; underutilized except near Kodiak where foreign catches may be approaching low end of MSY range.	126,000	1,000	125,000
Rockfishes (primarily POP)	Good	Tr.	55,000	125,000	50,000	Overfished in mid-1960's, no recovery since.	50,000	3,000	47,000
Flounders	Fair	Tr.	11,000	50,000-70,000	--	Complex underutilized; some species or stocks may be fully or over utilized.	37,500	7,000	30,500
Sablefish	Good	800	25,000	22,000-25,000	22,000	Fully utilized in 1974; growth of ROK fishery in 1975-76 probably resulted in MSY being exceeded.	22,000	4,500	17,500--Incidental catch only in trawl fishery, not to exceed 2% of total trawl catch. ^{1/}
Atka mackerel	Poor	0	18,000	?	?	Unknown; no signs of overfishing.	22,000 ^{2/}	0	22,000
Cod	Poor	Tr.	5,000	?	?	Unknown; recruitment probably quite variable due to environmental factors.	6,300 ^{2/}	5,000	1,300
Halibut	Excellent	9700	Tr.	20,000 (10,000?)		Overfished; recovery being hampered by mortality induced by incidental trawl catch.	(10,000?) ^{3/}	10,000	0--No incidental catch allowed, must be immediately discarded when taken.
Others	Poor	Tr.	13,000	?	?	Unknown.	16,200	1,300	14,900

^{1/} See separate Preliminary Management Plan for Sablefish Setline and Trap fishery.

^{2/} Preemptive; 125% of 1974 catch.

^{3/} To be set by International Pacific Halibut Commission.

TRAWL FISHERY OF THE BERING SEA AND ALEUTIAN ISLANDS

Table 13 -- Maximum allocations to foreign fishermen in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Trawl Fishery.

Species	Data Base	1974 US Catch	1974 Foreign Catch	Est. MSY	Est. E.Y.	Status	1977 TAC	U.S. Capacity	Maximum Foreign Allocation
Pollock	Good	0	1,500,000	1,100,000- 1,600,000	850,000- 1,000,000	Overfished from 1972-75; near-future recruitment looks poor; heavy reliance on juveniles.	850,000	8,000	842,000
Yellowfin sole	Good	0	51,000	?	226,000- 314,000	Greatly overexploited in early 1960's; signs of significant recovery in 1975-76.	105,000	1,000	105,000
Other flounders	Fair	0	100,000	100,000- 150,000?	105,000	Slightly underfished as a complex; some species or stocks may now be over-exploited, others may have substantially more potential.	105,000	5,000	100,000
Pacific ocean perch	Good	0	63,000 36,000	110,000?	21,500	Greatly overexploited in early 1960's--remain depressed.	{ 6,500 15,000	0 0	6,500 - E. Bering Sea 15,000 - Aleutians
Sablefish	Fair	0	8,000	10,000- 20,000	8,000- 10,000	Slight overfishing for 15 years has caused gradual decline to current low level.	{ 5,000 2,500	0 0	5,000 - E. Bering Sea 2,500 - Aleutian
cod	Fair	0	64,000	85,000?	59,000	Fully utilized; current recruitment appears lower than in recent past.	58,000	1,000	57,000
Halibut	Excellent	300 ^{1/}	300	?	?	Commercially extinct in terms of setline fishery due to high incidental mortality of juveniles caused by trawling.	Tr. ^{2/}	>Tr.	0 - no retention
Herring	Poor	Tr.	26,000	50,000?	?	Overfished; probably subject to highly variable recruitment.	21,000	1,000	20,000 - no more than 1,000 mt by gillnet
Others	Poor	0	104,000	?	?		{ 59,600 34,000	0 0	59,600 - E. Bering Sea 34,000 - Aleutian

^{1/} Includes Canadian catch.

^{2/} Limited North American setline fishery for resource assessment purposes.