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Agenda B-2: NMFS Management Report

Status of Actions Report online

A status of Actions report reflecting actions that have been undertaken during the 2015 Fiscal Year is provided in **Attachment 1** and is updated daily at:

<http://alaskafisheries.noaa.gov/sustainablefisheries/status/amendments.pdf>.

Progress on Rulemaking

Highlights on progress since the June 2015 meeting include:

- Published Proposed Rule to revise skate maximum retainable amounts for skate species in the Gulf of Alaska (GOA). July 10, 2015:
<http://alaskafisheries.noaa.gov/prules/80fr39734.pdf>
- Published final rule to revise definition of sport fishing guide services. June 19, 2015: <http://alaskafisheries.noaa.gov/frules/80fr35195.pdf>
- Published emergency rule to establish a 1,600 Chinook salmon prohibited species catch limit for Western and Central GOA Non-Rockfish Program trawl catcher vessel sector. Effective August 10, 2015 through December 31, 2015:
<http://alaskafisheries.noaa.gov/frules/80fr47864.pdf>

Endangered Species Act Consultation on effects of the Groundfish Fisheries on Seabirds.

In August, 2015, NMFS and the USFWS reinitiated formal ESA consultation on the effects of the BSAI and GOA groundfish FMPs on endangered short-tailed albatross and Steller's eider due to changes to the Groundfish Observer Program and increases in short-tailed albatross population abundance since the USFWS completed consultation on the groundfish fisheries in 2003. The USFWS expects to complete their biological opinion before January 1, 2016. In the interim, the Incidental Take Statement from the 2003 biological opinion, which authorizes the take of up to four short-tailed albatross in a 2 year period, remains in effect. Three short-tailed albatross were observed to be taken in the groundfish fisheries in the 2-year period, which concluded September 15, 2015. A new 2-year incidental take period began September 16, 2015.



No takes of short-tailed albatross have been observed since the new 2-year period began. We will update the Council as this consultation process proceeds.

GOA Pacific cod Freezer Longline Sideboard Measures

On September 3, 2015, NMFS received a complete application from all of required limited license permit holders requesting that NMFS permanently remove the non-American Fisheries Act (AFA) crab vessel harvest sideboard limits for Pacific cod applicable to catcher/processors using hook-and-line gear in the Central and Western GOA. NMFS has approved this application. Consistent with the regulations that implemented Amendment 45 to the BSAI Crab FMP, NMFS will remove these sideboard limits in both the Central and Western GOA through the 2016/2017 annual harvest specifications. Additional detail on these sideboard measures and the process for removing them is found in the final rule implementing Amendment 45 at: <http://alaskafisheries.noaa.gov/frules/80fr28539.pdf>.

North Pacific Fishery Commission

The first meeting of the North Pacific Fishery Commission occurred on September 3, 2015. The North Pacific Fishery Commission is the newest Regional Fishery Management Organization formed with the express intent of implementing the Convention on the Conservation and Management of High Sea Fisheries Resources in the North Pacific Ocean (Convention). In a *Supplemental B-2 Report*, we provide a summary on the background on the Convention, key species and fisheries within Convention waters, conservation and management measures, operations of the Commission, and implications for U.S. management in the North Pacific.

Regulatory Flexibility Act – Proposed Rule to Change Small Entity Size Standard

On September 18, 2015, NMFS published a proposed rule to establish a new small business size standard for businesses primarily engaged in commercial fishing under the Regulatory Flexibility Act (<http://alaskafisheries.noaa.gov/prules/80fr56432.pdf>). The proposed size standard of \$11 million in annual gross receipts for all commercial fishing businesses would replace three different size standards currently in effect (\$20.5 million for finfish fishing, \$5.5 million for shellfish fishing, and \$7.5 million for other marine fishing). NMFS is not proposing to establish new size standards for seafood processors, or the size standard applicable to for-hire or charter fishing in this proposed rule (that size standard will be maintained at \$7.5 million).

NMFS is proposing a single size standard for all commercial fishing businesses to simplify analyses, more accurately represent expected disproportionate effects of NMFS' rules on small versus large businesses, and create a standard that more accurately reflects the size distribution of all businesses in the fishing industry. NMFS proposes to review the size standard every 5 years. The comment period on this proposed rule ends on October 19, 2015. If approved, the new size standard would go into effect sometime in 2016.

Supplemental Environmental Assessment on the Restructured Observer Program

NMFS released the final Supplemental Environmental Assessment prepared in response to a Court Order to consider whether the restructured Observer Program would yield reliable, high quality data given likely variations in costs and revenues. The Supplemental Environmental Assessment and accompanying Finding of No Significant Impact are available on the NMFS Alaska Region Web site at <http://alaskafisheries.noaa.gov/sustainablefisheries/observers/>.

Revisions to Cost Recovery Fee Collections

NMFS is developing proposed changes to the cost recovery programs for the Halibut and Sablefish Individual Fishing Quota (IFQ) Program and the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Crab Rationalization (CR) Program. The purpose of the action is to improve security procedures for processing cost recovery fee payments and to reduce administrative costs of cost recovery payment processing. The proposed action would improve protections for financial information submitted to NMFS for payment of cost recovery fees and reduce costs associated with administering the cost recovery programs. The proposed rule would eliminate non-electronic credit card payments and phase in the elimination of non-electronic check payment by 2020. The proposed rule would better align the IFQ and CR Program cost recovery programs with the other existing fee programs, including the Central Gulf of Alaska Rockfish Program and the Observer Fee Program, which only allow electronic payment of cost recovery fees. NMFS plans to publish the proposed rule for public comment in January 2016.

Staffing Changes

Last meeting, I introduced our two nearest staff members, Keeley Kent and Alicia Miller. They did not attend our June meeting, but are attending this meeting. Marysia Szymkowiak is working with the Sustainable Fisheries Division through a fellowship with the Alaska Sea Grant Program. The fellowship program provides an opportunity for recent graduate students to spend a year working with a resource management agency in Alaska. Marysia recently completed her Ph.D. in Marine Policy and Fisheries Management at the University of Delaware. Marysia is familiar with fisheries management programs and policy in Alaska, primarily through her doctoral thesis work to evaluate the costs and benefits of community protection measures in the Alaska halibut IFQ program. Marysia will be focusing her fellowship opportunity on assisting NMFS and Council staff with the Council's review of the halibut and sablefish IFQ program.

Inseason Management Report

2015 catch is through September 26 and 2014 catch is through September 27 unless otherwise stated.

Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands

Bering Sea Pollock

The 2015 TAC for Bering Sea pollock is 1,310,000 mt compared to 1,267,000 mt in 2014. NMFS reallocated Aleutian Islands pollock TAC increasing the Bering Sea TAC by 1,900 mt for CDQ and 14,454 mt for non-CDQ directed fisheries. All sectors are at 96-100% of their annual allocations.

Sector	Allocation	Catch	% Taken
Inshore	572,197	551,950	96.5
Catcher/Processor (C/P)	457,758	455,513	99.5
Mothership	114,439	113,220	98.9
CDQ	132,900	132,858	100
Incidental Catch	47,160	36,732	77.9
Total	1,324,454	1,290,273	97.4

Pacific cod

The 2015 Bering Sea Pacific cod TAC is 240,000 mt compared to 246,897 mt in 2014. The 2015 Aleutian Islands Pacific cod TAC is 9,422 mt compared to 6,997 mt in 2015. NMFS has made a number of reallocations, as reflected in the tables below.

Hook-and-line Catcher/Processors

Year	2015	2014
Total catch	80,513	80,482
Annual TAC	108,071	110,016
Remaining TAC	25,177	29,534
Number of vessels	29	29

Pot Vessels

Sector	Catcher/Processors		Catcher Vessels \geq 60 feet	
	2015	2014	2015	2014
Total catch	3,447	3,352	9,735	10,402
Annual TAC	4,329 (3,329+1,000)	5,889 (3,389+2,500)	17,641 (18,641-1,000)	14,476 (18,976-4,500)
Remaining TAC	882	2,537	7,906	4,074
No. of vessels	4	4	20	31

Hook-and-line or pot gear < 60 feet

Year	2015	2014
Total Catch	8,862	8,868
Annual TAC	12,380 (4,438 + 7,942)	12,018 (4,518 + 7,500)
Remaining TAC	5,016	3,156
No. of vessels	22 (5 hook-and-line, 17 pot)	21 (6 hook-and-line, 15 pot)

Trawl catcher vessels

Year	2015	2014	
Total Catch	37,014	41,908	
Annual TAC	43,224 (49,224-6,000)	43,107 (50,107-7,000)	
Remaining TAC	6,210	1,199	
A/B season closure	none	none	
# of vessels	Non-Pollock target	49	48
	Pollock target	86	86
	All targets	99	98

Other groundfish species

NMFS closed directed fishing for Greenland turbot in the Aleutian Islands subarea effective May 1, 2015, because of the low TAC in 2015. In the Bering Sea subarea, directed fishing for Greenland turbot opened for the non-trawl and Amendment 80 sectors May 1, 2015. In the BSAI, directed fishing for Arrowtooth flounder and Kamchatka flounder opened for the non-trawl and Amendment 80 sectors May 1, 2015. Directed fishing for Kamchatka flounder in the BSAI closed June 6, 2015. Overall, catch of flatfish in 2015 is much lower compared to the TACs compared to this time in 2014.

Atka mackerel and Pacific ocean Perch (POP) - Catch for all sectors including CDQ

Species	2015			2014		
	Catch	TAC	% of TAC	Catch	TAC	% of TAC
Atka mackerel	42,794	54,500	79%	25,352	32,322	78%
POP	24,270	32,021	76%	25,892	33,122	78%

Bering Sea Greenland turbot total catch by gear (2014 catch is through December 31, 2014)

Gear type	2015	2014
Non-pelagic Trawl	934 (47%)	735 (53%)
Hook-and-line	1,071 (53%)	656 (47%)
Total	2,005	1,391

Flatfish - Catch for all sectors including CDQ

Species	2015			2014		
	Catch	TAC	% of TAC	Catch	TAC	% of TAC
Alaska plaice	12,450	18,500	67%	16,929	20,825	81%
Arrowtooth flounder	10,100	22,000	46%	18,000	23,925	75%
Kamchatka flounder	4,765	6,500	73%	6,172	7,100	87%
Flathead sole	9,878	24,250	41%	15,628	24,501	64%
Greenland turbot - BS	2,066	2,448	84%	1,225	1,659	74%
Greenland turbot – AI	108	200	54%	177	395	45%
Other flatfish	2,345	3,620	65%	4,371	4,500	97%
Rock sole	44,465	69,250	64%	50,175	85,000	59%
Yellowfin sole	96,381	149,000	65%	119,602	184,000	65%
Total	182,558	295,768	62%	232,280	351,905	66%

Gulf of Alaska

Pollock

Through the 2015 C season, Area 610 catch is 84% of the area allocation, Area 620 catch is 30% of the area allocation, and Area 630 is 94% of the area allocation. The D season opened October 1 and closes by regulations November 1. The Area 640 catch is 5% of the annual allocation.

2015	610	620	630	640
C season allocation	14,622	16,128	18,451	4,741 (annual)
C season catch	12,309	4,787	17,332	250 (annual)
C season closure	October 1 by regulation			n/a

Pacific cod - Central GOA

Sector	2015				2014			
	Annual Allocation	Annual Catch	B season closed	Annual # of vessels	Annual Allocation	Annual Catch	B season closed	Annual # of vessels
Hook-and-line C/Ps	2,324	1,236	n/a	8	1,992	1,784	n/a	7
Hook-and-line CVs <50 ft	6,648	4,175	n/a	166	5,699	3,901	n/a	162
Hook-and-line CVs >=50 ft	3,054	984	n/a	149	2,617	1,738	n/a	154
Jig	460	353	n/a	41	797	262	n/a	46
Pot CV/CP	12,660	9,233	n/a	50	10,852	8,400	n/a	40
Trawl CV (non-Rockfish Program)	17,181	11,117	n/a	56	16,230	13,898	n/a	60
Trawl C/P	1,911	1,459	n/a	6	1,638	1,966	PSC	8
Total	44,238	28,557		476	39,825	31,949		479

Jig gear catch is 77%. If it reaches 90% of the jig allocation, the 2016 allocation will increase to 2%.

Pacific cod - Western GOA

Sector	2015				2014			
	Annual Allocation	Annual Catch	B season closed	Annual # of vessels	Annual Allocation	Annual Catch	B season closed	Annual # of vessels
Hook-and-line C/Ps	5,176	2,864	n/a	8	4,425	2,995	n/a	10
Hook-and-line CVs	366	250	n/a	88	313	320	n/a	101
Jig	948	55	n/a	6	573	785	n/a	31
Pot CV/CP	9,934	5,953	n/a	39	8,492	6,871	n/a	45
Trawl CV	10,039	7,076	n/a	25	8,582	7,463	n/a	27
Trawl C/P	627	212	n/a	6	536	20	Sept 1	3
Total	27,090	16,410		172	22,921	18,454		217

Jig gear catch is 6%. If jig gear catch is less than 90% of the jig allocation the 2016 allocation will remain 3.5%.

BSAI and GOA Groundfish prohibited species closures

Area	Species	Sector	PSC closure	TAC	Catch	Remaining
Central GOA	Big skate	All	February 5	1,257	960	297
Western/Central GOA	Other Rockfish	All	September 30	1,031	1,028	3
BSAI	Squids	All	July 30	1,970 (400+1,570)	2,244	-274

BSAI and GOA Salmon and Halibut Bycatch

BSAI Salmon Prohibited Species Catch

In 2015, Chinook salmon bycatch in the pollock fishery is 2,441 salmon higher than at this time in 2014. The total Chinook salmon rate in 2015 is 1.33% and in 2014 is 0.99% of salmon per metric tons of groundfish. In 2015, total non-Chinook salmon bycatch is 17,010 salmon higher, and groundfish catch in the pollock fishery is 16,966 mt higher than in 2014. In 2015 the non-Chinook salmon rate is 13.7% of salmon per metric tons of groundfish compared to 12.6% in 2014.

Chinook Salmon						
Sector	2015			2014		
	#	GF	Percent	#	GF	Percent
Bering Sea Pollock CDQ	1,031	133,918	0.77	728	129,905	0.56
Bering Sea Pollock Non-CDQ	16,439	1,138,366	1.44	14,301	1,125,413	1.27
BSAI Non-Pelagic Trawl ¹	5,666	345,772	1.64	2,565	398,940	0.64
BSAI Hook-and-line ¹	66	127,445	0.05	27	124,094	0.02
Total	23,202	1,745,501	1.33	17,621	1,778,352	0.99

Non-Chinook Salmon						
Sector	2015			2014		
	#	GF	Rate	#	GF	Rate
Pollock CDQ	4,990	133,918	3.7	417	129,905	0.3
Pollock Non-CDQ	229,315	1,138,366	20.1	216,878	1,125,413	19.3
BSAI Non-Pelagic Trawl ¹	3,992	345,772	1.2	4,540	398,940	1.1
BSAI Hook-and-line/Pot ¹	124	127,445	0.1	0	124,094	0.0
Total	238,421	1,745,501	13.7	223,852	1,778,352	12.6

¹BSAI non-pelagic trawl and hook-and-line include CDQ catch

Chinook Salmon PSC in the Western and Central GOA Pollock Fisheries

In 2015, the total Chinook salmon PSC is 1,864 salmon higher with 6.7% Chinook salmon per metric tons of groundfish compared 5.7% Chinook salmon per metric tons of groundfish in 2014.

Area	2015			2014			Limit
	Chinook	Groundfish	Percent	Chinook	Groundfish	Percent	
Total	8,201	121,965	6.70%	6,337	111,188	5.70%	25,000
Western	1,575	14,634	10.80%	2,431	12,591	19.30%	6,684
Central - 620	3,939	75,917	5.20%	2,958	70,153	4.20%	18,316
Central - 630	2,668	31,184	8.60%	864	27,331	3.20%	

Chinook Salmon PSC in the Western and Central GOA

NMFS plans to reallocation about 276 Chinook salmon to the non-pollock, non-Rockfish Program catcher vessel 1,600 limit.

Sector	2015		2014
	Chinook	Limit	Chinook
Non-pollock, Non-Rockfish Program catcher vessel	2,874	2,700	1,384
Emergency rule	2	1,600	N/A
Rockfish Program catcher vessel	774	1,200	372
Catcher/Processor	641	3,600	1,686

BSAI and GOA Halibut mortality

In 2015, compared to this time in 2014 the total halibut mortality is 698 mt lower in the BSAI, 136 mt lower in the GOA.

Area and Gear	2015			2014		
	Halibut mortality	Groundfish	Rate	Halibut mortality	Groundfish	Rate
BSAI non-pelagic trawl CV	275	46,507	0.55%	369	55,773	0.66%
BSAI non-pelagic trawl C/P ¹	1,494	269,708	0.55%	1,884	312,293	0.60%
BSAI pelagic trawl CV	31	674,399	0.00%	57	672,864	0.01%
BSAI pelagic trawl C/P	74	464,124	0.02%	79	452,549	0.02%
BSAI hook-and-line CV	1	739	0.14%	5	1,988	0.25%
BSAI hook-and-line C/P	201	105,388	0.19%	288	101,959	0.28%
BSAI CDQ	98	181,369	0.05%	190	176,214	0.11%
BSAI Total	2,174	1,742,234	0.12%	2,872	1,773,640	0.16%
GOA non-pelagic trawl CV	710	39,638	1.79%	821	58,528	1.40%
GOA non-pelagic trawl C/P	319	32,141	0.99%	387	36,426	1.06%
GOA pelagic trawl CV	8	119,289	0.01%	1	102,820	0.00%
GOA pelagic trawl C/P	0	638	0.00%	0	1,875	0.00%
GOA hook-and-line CV	117	6,578	1.78%	76	6,509	1.17%
GOA hook-and-line C/P	49	4,742	1.03%	54	5,275	1.03%
GOA Total	1,203	203,026	0.59%	1,339	211,431	1.01%

¹ BSAI non-pelagic trawl C/P includes halibut mortality from the 2015 Experimental Fishing Permit

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Amendment 31 (KTC) – C – Share Active Participation and IFQ/IPQ application deadline modification Decision Date: March 13, 2015	Fina Palmigiano	April 2008	PR: 08/22/11 FR: 02/19/15	PR: 09/13/11 FR: 02/23/15	PR: 12/09/14 FR: 03/09/15	December 15, 2014 79 FR 74058 EOC: 02/13/15	December 24, 2014 79 FR 77427 EOC: 01/23/15	March 26, 2014 80 FR 15891 Effective: 05/01/15
Amendment 43 (KTC) and Amendment 103 (BSAI) Pribilof blue king crab rebuilding Approved: November 14, 2014	Stram Eich	June 2012	PR: 03/25/13 FR: 10/27/14	PR: 04/08/13 FR: 10/29/14	PR: 08/15/14 FR: 11/10/14	August 21, 2014 79 FR 49487 EOC: 10/20/14	August 29, 2014 79 FR 51520 EOC: 09/29/14	December 2, 2014 79 FR 71344 Effective: 01/01/15
Amendment 44 (KTC) BSAI Crab ROFR	Marrinan Baker	October 2014	PR: 01/05/15	PR: 01/08/15	PR: 10/2/2015			
Amendment 45 (KTC) GOA Pacific Cod non-AFA crab sideboards FLL Approved: April 29, 2015	McCracken Baker	June 2013	PR: 05/23/14 FR: 04/06/15	PR: 05/29/14 FR: 04/17/15	PR: 01/27/15 FR: 04/27/15	February 2, 2015 80 FR 5499 EOC: 04/03/15	February 12, 2015 80 FR 7817 EOC: 03/16/15	May 19, 2015 80 FR 28539 Effective: 06/19/15
Amendment 96 (GOA) – Ability for CQE to buy small blocks of QS Approved: October 21, 2014	Cunningham Murphy	April 2013	PR: 03/05/14 FR: 09/29/14	PR: 03/06/14 FR: 09/30/14	PR: 07/22/14 FR: 10/17/14	July 25, 2014 79 FR 43377 EOC: 09/23/14	August 7, 2014 79 FR 46237 EOC: 09/08/14	November 7, 2014 79 FR 66324 Effective 12/08/15
Amendment 97 (GOA) Chinook PSC management measures for non-pollock fisheries trawl Approved: September 3, 2014	Cunningham Hartman	December 2013	PR: 03/06/14 FR: 09/17/14	PR: 03/07/14 FR: 09/23/14	PR: 05/30/14 FR: 11/10/14	June 5, 2014 79 FR 32525 EOC: 08/04/14	June 25, 2014 79 FR 35971 EOC: 07/25/14	December 2, 2014 79 FR 71350 Effective: 01/01/15
Amendments 100 (BSAI) and 91 (GOA) Management of Grenadiers Approved: August 04, 2014	DiCosimo Harrington	February 2014	PR: 04/01/14 FR: 11/13/14	PR: 04/01/14 FR: 11/14/14	PR: 04/29/14 FR: 02/12/15	May 5, 2014 79 FR 25558 EOC: 07/07/14	May 14, 2014 79 FR 27557 EOC: 06/13/14	March 5, 2015 80 FR 11897 Effective: 04/06/15
Amendment 101 (GOA) Allow port longline gear in GOA sablefish IFQ Fishery	Cunningham Murphy	April 2015						

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Amendment 102 (GOA) Revise allowances for small catcher/processors to be in the partial observer coverage category	Eich	June 2015	PR: 09/30/15	PR: 10/2/15				
Amendment 104 (BSAI) HAPC skate sites – FMP only Approved: January 5, 2015	Witherell Olson/Kelly	February 2013	FMP: 07/28/14	FMP: 07/29/14	FMP: 10/01/14	October 8, 2014 79 FR 60802 EOC: 12/08/14	N/A	January 9, 2015 80 FR 1378
Amendment 105 (BSAI) Flatfish specifications flexibility Approved: September 11, 2014	Evans Kelly	April 2013	PR: 01/31/14 FR:08/20/14	PR: 02/07/14 FR:08/23/14	PR: 06/09/14 FR: 09/09/14	June 13, 2014 79 FR 33889 EOC: 08/12/14	June 30, 2014 79 FR 36102 EOC: 7/30/14	September 23, 2014 79 FR 56671 Effective 10/23/14
Amendment 107 (BSAI) Establishing transit areas through walrus protection areas (Round Island) Approved: December 19, 2014	MacLean Eich	April 2014	PR: 07/15/14 FR: 12/01/14	PR: 07/21/14 FR: 12/02/14	PR: 09/18/14 FR:	September 24, 2014 79 FR 57041 EOC: 11/24/14	October 3, 2014 79 FR 58222 EOC: 11/03/14	January 5, 2015 80 FR 194 Effective: 02/04/15
Amendment 108 (BSAI) 100 (GOA) 46 (KTC) LLP Exemption Correction -- FMP Only Approved: April 27, 2015	Marrinan Baker	December 2014	PR: 01/12/15	PR: 01/14/15	PR: 02/05/15	February 12, 2015 80 FR 7816 EOC: 04/13/15	N/A	May 5, 2015 80 FR 25625
Amendment 109 (BSAI) - CDQ Small Vessel Groundfish Fishery	Marrinan Bibb	February 2015	PR: 08/11/15	PR: 08/21/15				
Amendment 110 (BSAI) Salmon prohibited species catch management in the Bering Sea pollock fishery	Harrington Stram	April 2015	PR: 09/18/15	PR: 09/28/15				
Amendment 111 (BSAI) Revise halibut prohibited species catch limits	Evans McKeen	June 2015	PR: 08/28/15	PR: 08/28/15				

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Changes to authorized cost recovery fee payments (Halibut & Sablefish, and Crab IFQ)	Kent	NMFS initiated					
Emergency Rule to allocated an additional 1,600 Chinook salmon to the GOA non-rockfish catcher vessel sector PSC limit	Cunningham Hartman	June 2015	FR: 07/10/15	FR: 07/10/15	FR: 07/28/15	N/A	Aug 10, 2015 80 FR 47864 Effective: 08/10/15
At-sea scales regulatory amendments	Watson	NMFS initiated	PR: 03/13/14 FR: 09/16/14	PR: 03/20/14 FR: 09/23/14	PR: 07/08/14 FR: 10/24/14	July 31, 2014 79 FR 44372 EOC: 09/02/14	November 18, 2014 79 FR 44372 Effective: 12/18/14
BSAI 2015-2016 harvest specifications	Stram Whitney	October 2014	PR: 10/23/14 FR: 01/05/15	PR: 10/29/14 FR: 01/06/15	PR: 11/20/14 FR: 02/12/15	December 8, 2014 79 FR 72571 EOC: 01/07/15	Mar 5, 2015 80 FR 11919 Effective: 03/05/15
GOA 2015-2016 harvest specifications	Armstrong Davis	October 2014	PR: 10/22/14 FR: 01/08/15	PR: 10/23/14 FR: 01/12/15	PR: 11/17/14 FR: 02/06/15	December 8, 2014 79 FR 72593 EOC: 01/07/15	Feb 25, 2015 80 FR 10250 Effective: 02/25/15
2015 Annual Halibut Management Measures	Scheurer	January 2015 (IPHC)	FR: 02/24/15	FR: 02/25/15	FR: 03/02/15	N/A	Mar 17, 2015 80 FR 13771 Effective: 03/13/15
Cost recovery for AFA, Amendment 80, AI pollock, and CDQ program	Brannan Harrington	NMFS initiated -MSA Mandate-	PR: 08/22/14 FR: 04/23/15	PR: 08/29/14 FR: 05/01/15	PR: 12/09/14	January 7, 2015 80 FR 936 EOC: 02/06/15	
Federal fisheries permit and Federal processor permit revisions	Bearden	NMFS initiated	PR: 05/30/13 FR: 08/05/14	PR: 06/25/13 FR: 08/19/14	PR: 03/31/14 FR: 10/01/14	April 18, 2014 79 FR 21882 EOC: 05/19/14	October 21, 2014 79 FR 62885 Effective 11/20/14
GOA trawl data collection (EDR)	Brannan Hartman	October 2013	PR: 06/02/14 FR: 09/30/14	PR: 06/09/14 FR: 10/06/14	PR: 07/21/14 FR: 11/16/14	Aug 11, 2014 79 FR 46758 EOC: 09/10/14	December 2, 2014 79 FR 62885 Effective: 11/20/14
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