

National Marine Fisheries Service
Alaska Region, Inseason Management Highlights

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2014 catch is through September 27 and 2013 catch is through September 28 unless otherwise stated.

Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands

Bering Sea Pollock

The 2014 TAC for Bering Sea pollock is 1,267,000 mt compared to 1,247,000 mt in 2013. NMFS reallocated Aleutian Islands pollock TAC increasing the Bering Sea TAC by 1,900 mt for CDQ and 11,750 mt for non-CDQ directed fisheries. All sectors are at 99-100% of their annual allocations.

Sector	Allocation	Catch	% Taken
Inshore	556,640	555,526	99.8
Catcher/Processor (C/P)	445,312	443,453	99.6
Mothership	111,328	110,863	99.6
CDQ	128,600	128,550	100
Total	1,241,880	1,238,392	99.7

Salmon Prohibited Species Catch

In 2014, the Chinook salmon in the pollock fishery is 3,473 salmon higher, total non-Chinook salmon is 94,997 salmon higher, and groundfish catch in the pollock fishery is 28,656 mt higher than in 2013. The Chinook salmon rate in 2014 is 0.012 and in 2013 is 0.009 salmon per metric tons of groundfish in the pollock fishery. In 2014 the non-Chinook salmon rate is 0.124 salmon per metric tons of groundfish in the pollock fishery compared to 0.071 in 2013.

Chinook Salmon						
Sector	2014			2013		
	#	GF	Rate	#	GF	Rate
Bering Sea Pollock CDQ	728	129,905	0.006	488	124,125	0.004
Bering Sea Pollock Non-CDQ	14,249	1,125,474	0.013	11,016	1,102,598	0.010
BSAI Non-Pelagic Trawl ¹	2,568	399,202	0.006	999	401,008	0.002
BSAI Hook-and-line/Pot ¹	26	149,630	0.000	0	144,727	0.000
Total	17,571	1,804,211	0.010	12,503	1,772,458	0.007

Non-Chinook Salmon						
Sector	2014			2013		
	#	GF	Rate	#	GF	Rate
Pollock CDQ	2,433	129,905	0.019	417	124,125	0.003
Pollock Non-CDQ	216,070	1,125,474	0.192	123,089	1,102,598	0.112
BSAI Non-Pelagic Trawl ¹	4,502	399,202	0.011	1,352	401,008	0.003
BSAI Hook-and-line/Pot ¹	272	149,630	0.002	177	144,727	0.001
Total	223,277	1,804,211	0.124	125,035	1,772,458	0.071

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

Pacific cod

Hook-and-line Catcher/Processors

Year	2014	2013
Total catch	80,474	80,493
Annual TAC	110,016	115,171 (112,671 + 2,500)
Remaining TAC	29,542	34,678
Number of vessels	29	30

Pot Vessels

Sector	Catcher/Processors		Catcher Vessels \geq 60 feet	
	2014	2013	2014	2013
Year	2014	2013	2014	2013
Total catch	3,352	3,315	10,394	10,248
Annual TAC	4,389 (3,389+1,000)	6,070 (3,470+2,600)	15,976 (18,976-3,000)	13,434 (19,434-6,000)
Remaining TAC	1,037	155	5,582	9,329
Number of vessels	4	3	31	28

Hook-and-line or pot gear < 60 feet

Year	2014	2013
Total Catch	8,862	7,638
Annual TAC	12,018 (4,518 + 7,500)	9,177 (4,627 + 4,550)
Remaining TAC	3,156	1,539
Number of vessels	19 (6 hook-and-line, 15 pot)	27 (7 hook-and-line, 20 pot)

Trawl catcher vessels

Year	2014	2013
Total Catch	41,912	40,452
Annual TAC	45,607 (50,107 – 2,500)	43,812 (51,312 – 7,500)
Remaining TAC	3,695	3,163
A season closure	none	March 11
Number of vessels	Pacific cod target 48	Pacific cod target 53
	All targets 93	All targets 97

Bering Sea Greenland turbot

NMFS continued the directed fishing closure for Greenland turbot in the Bering Sea subarea and the Aleutian Islands subarea on May 1, 2014 due to low 2014 TACs. On September 1, NMFS opened directed fishing in the Bering Sea.

Bering Sea Greenland turbot total catch by gear (2013 catch is through December 31, 2013)

Gear type	2014	2013
Trawl	804	815
Hook-and-line	420	633

Flatfish - Catch for all sectors including CDQ

Species	2014			2013		
	Catch	TAC	% of TAC	Catch	TAC	% of TAC
Alaska plaice	16,923	20,825	81%	21,957	21,571	102%
Arrowtooth flounder	17,984	23,925	75%	19,003	23,925	79%
Kamchatka flounder	6,167	7,100	87%	7,545	8,500	89%
Flathead sole	15,632	24,501	64%	16,125	22,699	71%
Greenland turbot - BS	1,225	1,659	74%	1,052	1,610	65%
Greenland turbot – AI	177	395	45%	294	450	65%
Other flatfish	4,370	4,500	97%	1,492	2,975	43%
Rock sole	50,397	85,000	59%	57,779	92,380	63%
Yellowfin sole	119,623	184,000	65%	123,925	198,000	63%
Total	232,498	351,905	66%	249,172	372,110	67%

Total catch for incidental catch allowances for BSAI catch share fisheries

Amendment 80 Program species (catch through December 31, except 2014)

Year	Flathead sole		Rock sole		Yellowfin sole	
	CP	CV	CP	CV	CP	CV
2008	2,730	2,244	3,245	1,575	1,825	199
2009	2,687	2,439	5,030	5,201	2,333	202
2010	3,165	1,493	1,226	1,408	814	247
2011	3,584	1,873	6,758	3,109	1,867	708
2012	3,457	1,613	5,695	3,368	2,264	399
2013	3,728	1,142	5,512	1,370	2,996	1,038
2014	3,244	1,172	3,887	1,916	3,195	830
2008-2013 Average	3,225	1,801	4,578	2,672	2,016	465

Bering Sea Pollock (catch through December 31, except 2014)

Year	Catcher/Processor			Catcher Vessel		Total Bering Sea ICA	Total AFA	Percent non-AFA trawl CP ICA
	Hook-and-line	Non-pelagic trawl		Non-pelagic trawl				
	Non AFA	Non AFA	AFA	Non AFA	AFA			
2008	5,239	19,354	1,436	582	3,643	30,253	960,314	2.02%
2009	4,530	18,735	1,085	456	2,088	26,894	783,873	2.39%
2010	4,177	17,103	750	191	1,677	23,897	786,285	2.18%
2011	5,490	18,742	1,758	1,005	2,461	29,456	1,169,607	1.60%
2012	4,832	17,682	3,144	1,480	2,470	29,609	1,175,583	1.50%
2013	5,111	31,425	3,631	2,284	2,163	44,614	1,226,124	.56%
2014	4,089	37,372	3,818	2,344	2,519	50,142	1,239,985	3.01%
08-13 Average	4,896	20,507	1,967	1,000	2,417	30,787	1,016,964	2.04%

Halibut mortality - In 2014 compared to 2013 the total halibut mortality in the BSAI is 85 mt or and in the GOA is 174 mt.

Area and Gear	2014			2013		
	Halibut mortality	Groundfish	Rate	Halibut mortality	Groundfish	Rate
BSAI non-pelagic trawl CV	312	57,049	0.55%	349	60,788	0.57%
BSAI non-pelagic trawl C/P	1,881	342,152	0.55%	1,682	340,220	0.49%
BSAI pelagic trawl CV	57	672,919	0.01%	33	654,564	0.01%
BSAI pelagic trawl C/P	79	582,461	0.01%	166	572,159	0.03%
BSAI hook-and-line CV	5	1,987	0.25%	3	988	0.30%
BSAI hook-and-line C/P	288	117,448	0.25%	304	115,266	0.26%
BSAI Total	2,622	1,774,016	0.15%	2,537	1,746,001	0.15%
GOA non-pelagic trawl CV	833	57,745	1.44%	741	51,435	1.44%
GOA non-pelagic trawl C/P	387	36,413	1.06%	278	25,055	1.11%
GOA pelagic trawl CV	3	103,215	0.00%	18	64,962	0.03%
GOA hook-and-line CV	79	6,491	1.22%	115	7,569	1.52%
GOA hook-and-line C/P	54	5,255	1.03%	30	2,967	1.01%
GOA Total	1,356	133,966	1.01%	1,182	169,987	0.70%

In consultation with the Council, NMFS reallocated 60 mt of unused halibut PSC limit between the BSAI trawl limited access sector's bycatch allowances and opened directed fishing for BSAI yellowfin sole by the BSAI trawl limited access sector June 25, 2014.

Gulf of Alaska

Pacific cod - Western GOA

Sector	2014				2013			
	Allocation	Catch	B season closed	# of vessels	Allocation	Catch	B season closed	# of vessels
Hook-and-line C/Ps	4,425	2,975	n/a	10	4,094	2,282	n/a	9
Hook-and-line CVs	313	322	n/a	102	490	446	n/a	103
Jig	573	767	n/a	30	530	273	n/a	13
Pot CV/CP	8,492	6,877	n/a	45	9,859	6,268	n/a	35
Trawl CV	8,582	7,463	n/a	27	5,841	5,872	n/a	29
Trawl C/P	536	20	Sept 1	3	396	262	Sept 1	9
Total	22,921	18,424		217	21,210	15,403		198

Pacific cod - Central GOA

Sector	2014				2013			
	Allocation	Catch	B season closed	# of vessels	Allocation	Catch	B season closed	# of vessels
Hook-and-line C/Ps	1,992	1,784	n/a	7	1,849	627	n/a	5
Hook-and-line CVs <50 ft	5,699	3,914	n/a	162	5,290	3,754	n/a	174
Hook-and-line CVs >=50 ft	2,617	1,725	n/a	153	2,430	3,112	n/a	160
Jig	797	262	n/a	46	740	202	n/a	41
Pot CV/CP	10,852	8,511	n/a	43	10,073	6,436	n/a	50
Trawl CV	16,230	13,966	n/a	60	14,065	11,262	n/a	57
Trawl C/P	1,638	1,964	PSC	8	2,521	1,549	Closed	9
Total	39,825	32,126		479	36,968	26,942		496

Pollock

Through the 2014 C season, Area 610 catch is 51% of the area allocation, Area 620 catch is 99% of the area allocation, and Area 630 is 102% of the area allocation. The D season opened October 1 and closes by regulations November 1.

2014	610	620	630	640
C season allocation	15,446	10,510	11,884	4,741 (annual)
C season catch	7,299	9,688	12,356	1,317 (annual)
C season closure	Oct. 1 by regulation	Sept. 16	Sept. 23	n/a

Salmon PSC in the Western and Central Pollock Fisheries

In 2014, the total Chinook salmon PSC is 6,864 salmon lower with a rate of 0.058 Chinook salmon per metric tons of groundfish compared to a rate of 0.193 Chinook salmon per metric tons of groundfish in 2013.

	Area	Chinook	Groundfish	Rate	Non-Chinook	Groundfish	Rate
2014	Total	6,374	109,553	0.058	1,044	109,553	0.010
	Western	2,445	12,635	0.194	78	12,635	0.006
	Central - 620	3,066	69,975	0.044	852	69,975	0.012
	Central - 630	862	26,942	0.032	114	26,942	0.004
2013	Total	13,238	68,479	0.193	744	68,479	0.011
	Western	2,160	7,154	0.302	68	7,154	0.010
	Central - 620	8,271	44,249	0.187	549	44,249	0.012
	Central - 630	2,807	17,075	0.164	127	17,075	0.007

Salmon PSC in Non-Pollock Fisheries GOA-wide

Year	Chinook	Groundfish	Rate	Non-Chinook	Groundfish	Rate
2014	3,423	142,266	0.024	1,755	142,266	0.012
2013	9,906	129,542	0.076	5,338	129,542	0.041

Groundfish prohibited species closures

Area	Species	Sector	PSC closure	TAC	Catch	Remaining
Central	Big skate	All	February 5	1,532	1,078	454
Central	Pacific cod	Trawl CP	August 19	1,638	1,964	-326
Central	Pacific ocean perch	ICA	August 19	1,200	1,763	-563
AI	Other rockfish	All	October 6	473	506	-33