

National Marine Fisheries Service  
Alaska Region  
Inseason Management Highlights

January 29, 2004

Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands.

Bering Sea Pollock

In 2004, the Chinook Salmon Savings Area limit decreases to 29,000 salmon, from the 2003 limit of 33,000 animals. In 2003, the pollock fishery had a high rate of chinook bycatch and took 44,748 chinook salmon with a directed fishery catch of 1,454,339 mt. The 2004 pollock directed fishing allowance is 1,448,359 mt.

Catcher/processors

Based on 2003 data, as many as sixteen catcher/processors (c/ps) are expected as a fleet to average 3,600 mt per day through February 15. The average for 2003 from February 15 through March 29, when the offshore fishery ended, was about 2,600 mt per day.

Inshore processors

In 2003, for the first 71 days of the fishery shoreside catch showed a similar trend as the at sea c/ps, averaging about 4,400 mt delivered from January 20 through February 28 and averaging 2,750 mt from March 1 through March 31.

Mothership

All 3 motherships are currently active. The average for 2003 from February 1 through March 1 was about 900 mt per day and then it dropped to about 470 mt per day through March 29 when the mothership fishery ended.

Flatfish

In 2003, the first seasonal trawl rock sole fishery began January 20 with about ten c/ps and increased to 18 c/ps by the end of the fishery on February 18 when 298 mt of halibut mortality was taken in one week. For much of the fishery, halibut mortality was relatively moderate, averaged about 15 mt per day for the first few weeks and peaked at about 43 mt per day at the end of the season. The 2004 red king crab zone 1 limit is 197,000 crab in 2004 compared to 97,000 crab in 2003. The rock sole/other flatfish/flathead sole target has a limit of 121,413 crab in 2004 compared to 59,782 crab in 2003. Zone 1 remained open for the rock sole/other flatfish/flathead sole category in 2003. The red king crab savings subarea (RKCSS) limit is 42,495 under the final specifications. As of January 24, 6,600 mt of red king crab has been taken inside the RKCSS.

Atka mackerel

Six c/ps registered for the A season harvest limitation area (HLA) fisheries in 543 and 542 compared to eight in 2003. The area 541/Bering Sea subarea fishery lasted 2 days and took about 2,500 mt of the 5,147 mt A season TAC. All six c/ps fished outside the HLA during 2/22 and 2/24 taking about 630 mt in 542. The HLA fisheries begin on January 24, 48 hours after the closure of the 541/Bering Sea subarea fishery. The last

HLA fishery closes February 4. In 2003, the 542 and 543 "outside" HLA fishery closed by regulation on April 15, due to the attainment of the TAC rather than catch in the fishery.

#### Pacific cod

The hook-and-line, pot and jig fisheries started January 1. Trawl fisheries began January 20.

Thirty-two hook-and-line c/ps have checked into the Pacific cod fishery. Catch for 2004 is 13,100 mt through January 24. The catch was 16,900 mt in 2003 and 17,400 in 2002 through roughly same time period.

About 860 mt of cod has been delivered shoreside by pot gear and none by jig or hook-and-line gear. With the closure of the *C. opilio* crab fishery on January 23 pot effort is expected to increase.

Trawl Pacific cod fisheries are getting underway soon. The c/p mixed flatfish fleet generally targets cod as an alternative to flatfish when the crab bycatch rates are high in the rock sole target. However, the majority of the trawl fleet that will later target Pacific cod are focused on pollock at this time of the A season.

#### Gulf of Alaska

##### Western GOA Pacific cod

The inshore fishery for Pacific cod in the Western GOA has taken about 2,724 mt through January 24. About 30% of that catch is credited to at-sea c/ps that are part of the inshore component and 70% to shore deliveries, which is the opposite from 2003. The offshore fishery has taken 270 mt and currently no vessels are active in this fishery.

The 2004 A season TAC for the inshore component is 9,157 mt under the final specifications. NMFS is setting aside 120 mt as an incidental catch amount (ICA) to support other anticipated groundfish fisheries and the remaining as a directed fishing allowance (DFA) of 9,037 mt.

##### Central GOA Pacific cod

In 2003, the A season fishery for inshore Pacific cod closed on February 9, taking about 15,000 mt. In 2004, the A season inshore fishery will close on January 31 and the offshore fishery on February 2. The 2004 A season TAC under the final specifications for the inshore component is 14,643 mt, with an ICA 1,900 mt and a DFA of 12,743 mt and the offshore component is 1,627 with an ICA of 120 mt and a DFA of 1,497 mt. As of January 24, inshore deliveries total 8,000 mt and offshore catch is 1,300 mt.

#### Pollock

The pollock fisheries in areas 610, 620 and 630 opened January 20. The area 610 fishery closed after 2 days taking about 92% of the final A season quota. Trawl vessels are targeting Pacific cod in areas 620 and 630 and will move to pollock after the Pacific cod

fishery closes. The small TAC in area 630 was available to the fleet January 20. It was closed January 21 and given the lack of effort we will reopen the fishery once the Pacific cod fishery closes. No effort has targeted the area 620 fishery and it will be monitored on an inseason basis.

# Bering Sea Aleutian Islands Catch Report

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## Bering Sea

Sea- sons	Account	Total Catch	Quota	Remaining Quota	% Taken	Last Wk Catch
	Other Rockfish	2	204	202	1%	0
	Pacific Ocean Perch	0	300	300	0%	0
	Northern Rockfish	0	26	26	1%	0
	Shortraker/Rougheye Rockfish	0	29	29	1%	0
	Sablefish (Hook-and-Line and Pot)	0	0	0	0%	0
	Sablefish (Trawl)	0	283	283	0%	0
	Greenland Turbot	0	570	570	0%	0
X	Pollock, AFA Inshore	19,296	259,119	239,823	7%	19,296
X	Pollock, AFA Catcher Processor	19,174	207,295	188,121	9%	19,174
X	Pollock, AFA Mothership	5,187	51,824	46,637	10%	5,187
	Pollock, Incidental Catch, non-Bogoslof	1,943	46,990	45,047	4%	1,419
	Pollock, Incidental Catch, Bogoslof	0	50	50	0%	0

## Aleutian Islands

Sea- sons	Account	Total Catch	Quota	Remaining Quota	% Taken	Last Wk Catch
	Other Rockfish	36	135	99	26%	36
	Pacific Ocean Perch, Eastern	115	734	619	16%	115
	Pacific Ocean Perch, Central	28	701	673	4%	28
	Pacific Ocean Perch, Western	0	1,227	1,227	0%	0
	Northern Rockfish	135	1,249	1,114	11%	135
	Shortraker/Rougheye Rockfish (Trawl)	0	53	53	1%	0
	Shortraker/Rougheye Rockfish (Non Trawl)	0	124	124	0%	0
X	Atka Mackerel, Eastern (Other Gear)	2,463	8,763	6,300	28%	2,463
	Atka Mackerel, Eastern (Jig)	0	89	89	0%	0
X	Atka Mackerel, Central	895	12,201	11,306	7%	895
X	Atka Mackerel, Western	7	8,496	8,489	0%	7
	Sablefish (Hook-and-Line and Pot)	0	0	0	0%	0
	Sablefish (Trawl)	0	151	151	0%	0
	Greenland Turbot	8	281	273	3%	8
	Pollock, Incidental Catch	7	1,000	993	1%	7

## Bering Sea Aleutian Islands

Sea- sons	Account	Total Catch	Quota	Remaining Quota	% Taken	Last Wk Catch
	Alaska Plaice	70	2,125	2,055	3%	70
	Arrowtooth Flounder	82	2,550	2,468	3%	44
	Flathead Sole	179	4,250	4,071	4%	152

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Sea- sons	Account	Total Catch	Quota	Remaining Quota	% Taken	Last Wk Catch
	Other Flatfish	370	638	268	58%	354
	Other Species	2,037	6,866	4,829	30%	718
X	Pacific Cod, Catcher Processor (Trawl)	1,765	20,724	18,959	9%	1,765
X	Pacific Cod, Catcher Vessel (Trawl)	585	29,014	28,429	2%	585
X	Pacific Cod, Catcher Processor (Hook-and-Line)	13,110	42,937	29,827	31%	3,846
X	Pacific Cod, Catcher Vessel (Hook-and-Line)	0	161	161	0%	0
X	Pacific Cod, Catcher Processor (Pot)	1	1,771	1,770	0%	1
X	Pacific Cod, Catcher Vessel (Pot)	861	8,051	7,190	11%	85
X	Pacific Cod (Jig)	0	1,411	1,411	0%	0
	Pacific Cod (Hook-and-Line and Pot < 60 ft)	0	1,252	1,252	0%	0
	Pacific Cod, Incidental Catch (Hook-and-Line and Pot)	5	500	495	1%	0
	Rock Sole	2,249	9,350	7,101	24%	2,248
	Squid	0	419	419	0%	0
	Yellowfin Sole	279	17,797	17,518	2%	238
<b>Total:</b>		<b>70,891</b>	<b>751,710</b>	<b>680,819</b>	<b>9%</b>	<b>58,877</b>

This report includes CDQ total catch of squid and ICA pollock. The remaining CDQ allocated catch may be found in the CDQ reports.

Other gear in the Atka mackerel fishery includes all authorized gear types except jig.

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

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

Other species: sculpins, sharks, skates and octopus.

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**Chinook Salmon**

**Trawl Gear**

Sea- sons	Account	Units	Total Catch	Limit	Remaining	% Taken	Last Wk Catch
	Pollock (Pelagic)	Count	1,775	26,825	25,050	7%	1,775
<b>Total:</b>			<b>1,775</b>	<b>26,825</b>	<b>25,050</b>	<b>7%</b>	<b>1,775</b>

**Halibut Mortality**

**Non-Trawl Gear**

Sea- sons	Account	Units	Total Catch	Limit	Remaining	% Taken	Last Wk Catch
X	Pacific Cod (Hook-and-Line)	MT	46	194	148	23%	9
	Non-Pacific Cod (Hook-and-Line)	MT	0	14	14	0%	0
<b>Total:</b>			<b>46</b>	<b>208</b>	<b>162</b>	<b>22%</b>	<b>9</b>

**Trawl Gear**

Sea- sons	Account	Units	Total Catch	Limit	Remaining	% Taken	Last Wk Catch
	Pacific Cod	MT	31	359	328	9%	31
	Rockfish	MT	0	17	17	0%	0
X	Rock Sole, Flathead Sole, Other Flatfish (Trawl)	MT	9	195	186	4%	9
	Pollock, Atka Mackerel, Other Species	MT	14	58	44	24%	14
X	Yellowfin Sole (Trawl)	MT	0	222	222	0%	0
	Turbot/Sablefish/Arrowtooth Flounder	MT	0	0	0	0%	0
<b>Total:</b>			<b>53</b>	<b>851</b>	<b>798</b>	<b>6%</b>	<b>53</b>

**Herring**

**Trawl Gear**

Sea- sons	Account	Units	Total Catch	Limit	Remaining	% Taken	Last Wk Catch
	Pacific Cod	MT	0	5	5	0%	0
	Rockfish	MT	0	2	2	0%	0
	Rock Sole, Flathead Sole, Other Flatfish	MT	0	5	5	0%	0
	Pollock, Atka Mackerel, Other Species	MT	0	37	37	0%	0
	Pollock Pelagic	MT	0	296	296	0%	0
	Yellowfin Sole	MT	0	35	35	0%	0
	Greenland Turbot, Arrowtooth, Sablefish	MT	0	2	2	0%	0
<b>Total:</b>			<b>0</b>	<b>382</b>	<b>382</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>0</b>

**Opilio (Tanner) Crab - COBLZ**

**Trawl Gear**

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Sea- sons	Account	Units	Total Catch	Limit	Remaining	% Taken	Last Wk Catch
	Pacific Cod	Count	0	31,184	31,184	0%	0
	Rockfish	Count	0	10,059	10,059	0%	0
	Rock Sole, Flathead Sole, Other Flatfish	Count	0	242,283	242,283	0%	0
	Pollock, Atka Mackerel, Other Species	Count	0	18,107	18,107	0%	0
	Yellowfin Sole	Count	0	694,245	694,245	0%	0
	Greenland Turbot, Arrowtooth, Sablefish	Count	0	10,060	10,060	0%	0
<b>Total:</b>			<b>0</b>	<b>1,005,938</b>	<b>1,005,938</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>0</b>

**Bairdi Crab, Zone 1**

**Trawl Gear**

Sea- sons	Account	Units	Total Catch	Limit	Remaining	% Taken	Last Wk Catch
	Pacific Cod	Count	2,777	45,778	43,001	6%	2,777
	Rock Sole, Flathead Sole, Other Flatfish	Count	2,950	91,330	88,380	3%	2,950
	Pollock, Atka Mackerel, Other Species	Count	0	4,306	4,306	0%	0
	Yellowfin Sole	Count	0	85,211	85,211	0%	0
<b>Total:</b>			<b>5,726</b>	<b>226,625</b>	<b>220,899</b>	<b>3%</b>	<b>5,726</b>

**Bairdi Crab, Zone 2**

**Trawl Gear**

Sea- sons	Account	Units	Total Catch	Limit	Remaining	% Taken	Last Wk Catch
	Pacific Cod	Count	258	81,044	80,786	0%	258
	Rockfish	Count	0	2,747	2,747	0%	0
	Rock Sole, Flathead Sole, Other Flatfish	Count	0	149,039	149,039	0%	0
	Pollock, Atka Mackerel, Other Species	Count	0	6,868	6,868	0%	0
	Yellowfin Sole	Count	0	447,115	447,115	0%	0
<b>Total:</b>			<b>258</b>	<b>686,813</b>	<b>686,555</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>258</b>

**Red King Crab, Zone 1**

**Trawl Gear**

Sea- sons	Account	Units	Total Catch	Limit	Remaining	% Taken	Last Wk Catch
	Pacific Cod	Count	21	3,270	3,249	1%	21
	Rock Sole, Flathead Sole, Other Flatfish	Count	6,573	14,946	8,373	44%	6,573
	Pollock, Atka Mackerel, Other Species	Count	0	50	50	0%	0

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**Red King Crab, Zone 1**

**Trawl Gear**

Sea- sons	Account	Units	Total Catch	Limit	Remaining	% Taken	Last Wk Catch
	Yellowfin Sole	Count	0	4,166	4,166	0%	0
<b>Total:</b>			<b>6,594</b>	<b>22,432</b>	<b>15,838</b>	<b>29%</b>	<b>6,594</b>

This report does not include the CDQ allocated catch.

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

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.



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Western, Central Pollock

Sea- sons	Account	Total Catch	Quota	Remaining Quota	% Taken	Last Wk Catch
X	Pollock, 610 Shumagin	3,392	2,894	-498	117%	3,392
X	Pollock, 620 Chirikof	0	6,535	6,535	0%	0
X	Pollock, 630 Kodiak	537	2,274	1,737	24%	529

Western Gulf

Sea- sons	Account	Total Catch	Quota	Remaining Quota	% Taken	Last Wk Catch
	Arrowtooth Flounder	34	2,000	1,966	2%	27
	Deep Water Flatfish	0	45	45	0%	0
	Shallow Water Flatfish	3	1,125	1,122	0%	0
	Flathead Sole	6	500	494	1%	5
	Rex Sole	2	320	318	1%	2
	Pacific Ocean Perch	0	675	675	0%	0
	Shortraker/Rougheye Rockfish	0	55	55	0%	0
	Thornyhead Rockfish	0	90	90	0%	0
	Pelagic Shelf Rockfish	2	128	126	1%	1
	Northern Rockfish	0	197	197	0%	0
	Other Rockfish	1	22	21	6%	0
X	Pacific Cod, Inshore	2,724	7,553	4,829	36%	345
X	Pacific Cod, Offshore	270	839	569	32%	0
	Sablefish (Hook-and-Line)	0	394	394	0%	0
	Sablefish (Trawl)	0	98	98	0%	0

Central Gulf

Sea- sons	Account	Total Catch	Quota	Remaining Quota	% Taken	Last Wk Catch
	Arrowtooth Flounder	35	6,250	6,215	1%	35
	Deep Water Flatfish	0	555	555	0%	0
	Shallow Water Flatfish	130	3,250	3,120	4%	129
	Flathead Sole	8	1,250	1,242	1%	7
	Rex Sole	0	1,385	1,385	0%	0
	Pacific Ocean Perch	0	2,127	2,127	0%	0
	Shortraker/Rougheye Rockfish	31	210	179	15%	31
	Pelagic Shelf Rockfish	0	870	870	0%	0
	Northern Rockfish	1	1,028	1,027	0%	1
	Thornyhead Rockfish	0	210	210	0%	0
	Other Rockfish	0	138	138	0%	0
X	Pacific Cod, Inshore	7,981	10,916	2,935	73%	4,038

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**Central Gulf**

Sea- sons	Account	Total Catch	Quota	Remaining Quota	% Taken	Last Wk Catch
X	Pacific Cod, Offshore	1,328	1,213	-115	109%	362
	Sablefish (Hook-and-Line)	0	986	986	0%	0
	Sablefish (Trawl)	0	247	247	0%	0

**Eastern Gulf**

Sea- sons	Account	Total Catch	Quota	Remaining Quota	% Taken	Last Wk Catch
	Shortraker/Rougheye Rockfish	0	140	140	0%	0
	Thornyhead Rockfish	0	200	200	0%	0
	Pacific Cod, Inshore	1	587	586	0%	0
	Pacific Cod, Offshore	0	65	65	0%	0

**West Yakutat**

Sea- sons	Account	Total Catch	Quota	Remaining Quota	% Taken	Last Wk Catch
	Arrowtooth Flounder	0	625	625	0%	0
	Deep Water Flatfish	0	332	332	0%	0
	Shallow Water Flatfish	0	290	290	0%	0
	Flathead Sole	0	659	659	0%	0
	Rex Sole	0	400	400	0%	0
	Pacific Ocean Perch	0	203	203	0%	0
	Pelagic Shelf Rockfish	0	160	160	0%	0
	Other Rockfish	0	38	38	0%	0
	Pollock	0	270	270	0%	0
	Sablefish (Hook-and-Line)	0	388	388	0%	0
	Sablefish (Trawl)	0	56	56	0%	0

**Southeast**

Sea- sons	Account	Total Catch	Quota	Remaining Quota	% Taken	Last Wk Catch
	Arrowtooth Flounder	0	625	625	0%	0
	Deep Water Flatfish	0	288	288	0%	0
	Shallow Water Flatfish	0	740	740	0%	0
	Flathead Sole	0	284	284	0%	0
	Rex Sole	0	262	262	0%	0
	Pacific Ocean Perch	0	410	410	0%	0
	Pelagic Shelf Rockfish	4	215	211	2%	0
	Other Rockfish	3	50	47	5%	0
	Pollock	0	1,615	1,615	0%	0

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**Southeast**

Sea- sons	Account	Total Catch	Quota	Remaining Quota	% Taken	Last Wk Catch
	Demersal Shelf Rockfish	59	98	39	60%	0
	Sablefish (Hook-and-Line)	0	682	682	0%	0

**Entire Gulf**

Sea- sons	Account	Total Catch	Quota	Remaining Quota	% Taken	Last Wk Catch
	Atka Mackerel	4	150	146	3%	2
	Other Species	422	2,712	2,290	16%	148
<b>Total:</b>		<b>16,982</b>	<b>68,923</b>	<b>51,941</b>	<b>25%</b>	<b>9,056</b>

Deep water flatfish: Dover sole, Greenland turbot, and deepsea sole.

Shallow water flatfish: flatfish not including deep water flatfish, flathead sole, rex sole, or arrowtooth flounder.

Other rockfish in the Western and Central Regulatory Areas and in the West Yakutat District: slope rockfish and demersal shelf rockfish.

Other rockfish in the Southeast Outside District: slope rockfish.

Slope rockfish: aurora, blackgill, bocaccio, chilipepper, darkblotch, greenstriped, harlequin, pygmy, redbanded, redstripe, sharpchin, shortbelly, silvergrey, splitnose, stripetail, vermilion, and yellowmouth.

In the Eastern GOA only, "slope rockfish" also includes northern rockfish.

Demersal shelf rockfish: canary, china, copper, quillback, rosethorn, tiger, and yelloweye.

Pelagic shelf rockfish: dusky, widow, and yellowtail.

Other species: sculpins, sharks, skates, squid, and octopus.

## Status of FMP Amendments

January 29, 2004

FMP Amendment Status: <u>Actions Since December 2003 Council Meeting</u>	Date of Council Action	Start Regional Review	Transmittal Date of action to NMFS HQ for Review	Proposed FMP Amendment Notice of Availability Published	Proposed Rule Published in Federal Register	Final Rule Published in Federal Register
Amend. 17 (KTC): Blue King Crab Rebuilding Plan  <b>Decision date: March 18, 2004</b>	October 2003	10/23/03	November 24, 2003	<b>December 18, 2003</b> <b>68 FR 70489</b>  <u>Comment period ends February 17, 2004</u>		
Amend. 63 (GOA): Move skates from the "other species" list to "target species"  <b>Decision date: March 3, 2004</b>	October 2003	PR: 10/21/03	PR: November 17, 2003	December 2, 2003 68 FR 67390  <u>Comment period ended February 2, 2004</u>	<b>January 6, 2004</b> <b>69 FR 614</b>  <u>Comment period ends February 20, 2004</u>	
Amend. 66 (GOA): Community Quota Share  <b>Amendment Approved: December 3, 2003</b>	April 2002	PR: 5/12/03	PR: August 22, 2003	Sept. 2, 2003 68 FR 52173  <u>Comment period ended November 3, 2003</u>	October 16, 2003 68 FR 59564 <u>Comment period ended December 1, 2003</u>	
Amend. 71 BSAI: CDQ administrative changes	June 2002					
Amendment 72 (GOA) Remove flatfish IR/IU provisions	April 2003					
Amendment 79 (BSAI) Groundfish Retention Standard	June 2003					

## Status of Regulatory Amendments

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Regulatory Amendment Status: <u>Actions Since December 2003 Council Meeting</u>	Date of Council Action	Start Regional Review of Rule	Transmittal Date of Rule to NMFS Headquarters	Proposed Rule Published in Federal Register	Final Rule Published in Federal Register
<b>Groundfish Regulations</b>					
Adjust BSAI pollock MRA	June 2003	PR: 11/10/03	<b>PR: December 18, 2003</b>	<b>January 29, 2004</b> 69 FR 4281 <u>Comment period ends March 1, 2004</u>	
Amend housing requirements for observers	NMFS	PR: 6/28/03 FR: 11/12/03	PR: July 14, 2003 <b>FR: December 10, 2003</b>	Sept. 3, 2003 68 FR 52378 <u>Comment period ended October 3, 2003</u>	<b>January 13, 2004</b> 69 FR 1951 <b>Effective February 12, 2004</b>
CDQ "other species" management	April 2003	PR: 7/28/03 FR: 11/12/03	PR: September 24, 2003 FR: November 18, 2003	Oct. 22, 2003 68 FR 60327 <u>Comment period ended November 6, 2003</u>	<b>December 16, 2003</b> 68 FR 69974 <b>Effective December 15, 2003 and January 15, 2004</b>
Change port codes on Table 14	NMFS	PR: 9/22/03	<b>PR: December 30, 2003</b>	<b>January 29, 2004</b> 69 FR 4285 <u>Comment period ends March 1, 2004</u>	
Clarify Prohibited Species Donation Program to allow processing of fish waste	NMFS	PR: 11/3/03			
Corrections to definitions of salmon area	NMFS	PR: 12/23/02 FR: 9/24/03	PR: June 16, 2003 <b>FR: December 16, 2003</b>	July 23, 2003 68 FR 43483 <u>Comment period ended August 22, 2003</u>	<b>January 7, 2004</b> 69 FR 875 <b>Effective February 6, 2004</b>
DSR full retention and donation rule	June 1999 Reconsidered January 2003	PR: 3/13/03	<b>PR: December 15, 2003</b>	<b>January 21, 2004</b> 69 FR 2875 <u>Comment period ends February 20, 2004</u>	

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Effective date for provisions of American Fisheries Act	NMFS	PR: 5/23/03	PR: June 16, 2003  <b>FR: January 5, 2004</b>	August 25, 2003 68 FR 51147 <u>Comment period ended September 24, 2003</u>	
Fix 620/630 boundary problem for Alitak Bay/Deadman Bay	NMFS	PR: 6/9/03	PR: October 3, 2003	November 4, 2003 68 FR 62423 <u>Comment period ended December 4, 2003</u>	
Revise seabird avoidance measures	December 2001	PR: 8/26/02	PR: December 11, 2002  FR: November 7, 2003	February 7, 2003 68 FR 6386 <u>Comment period ended March 10, 2003</u>	<b>January 13, 2004</b> <b>69 FR 1930 Effective February 12, 2004</b>
Revise species codes (Table 2)	NMFS	<b>PR: 10/10/03</b>	<b>PR: January 5, 2004</b>		
<b>Halibut Regulations</b>					
Annual Halibut Management Measures for 2004	Pending IPHC meeting in January 2004				
Halibut charter boat IFQ	April 2001; October 2001	Analysis received 5/9/03  Proposed rule in preparation			
Subsistence Halibut 2	April 2002; October 2003	<b>PR: 1/28/04</b>			
IFQ Cost Recovery Fee notice	NMFS	11/24/03	November 26, 2003		<b>December 22, 2003</b> <b>68 FR 71036</b>
<b>Crab Regulations</b>					
Crab LLP license and vessel buyback program	Congress December 2000			December 12, 2002 67 FR 76329 <u>Comment period ended Jan. 27, 2003, and subsequently extended until Feb. 27, 2003</u>	<b>December 12, 2003</b> <b>68 FR 69331</b>  <b>Effective January 12, 2004</b>

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Notice of qualifying bidders and voters	HQ			<b>December 22, 2003</b> <b>68 FR 71082</b> <b><u>Comment period ended January 21, 2004</u></b>	
<b>Harvest Specifications</b>					
2004 BSAI Groundfish Harvest Specs	October 2003 December 2003	PR: 10/23/03 <b>FR: 12/23/03</b>	PR: November 14, 2003	December 2, 2003 68 FR 67642 <u>Comment period ended January 2, 2004</u>	
2004 GOA Groundfish Harvest Specs	October 2003 December 2003	PR: 10/22/03 <b>FR: 12/17/03</b>	PR: November 14, 2003	December 5, 2003 68 FR 68002 <u>Comment period ended January 5, 2004</u>	
Interim BSAI Groundfish Harvest Specs	October 2003	10/24/03	November 14, 2003		December 8, 2003 68 FR 68265 Effective January 1, 2004
Interim GOA Groundfish Harvest Specs	October 2003	10/24/04	November 14, 2003		December 5, 2003 68 FR 67964 Effective January 1, 2004