

PUBLIC TESTIMONY SIGN-UP SHEET

Agenda Item: C4 - BSAI Specs

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Public Testimony

Table 1. Industry recommended TACs and SSC recommended OFLs and ABCs for BSAI Groundfish (metric tons) for 2018-2019

Species	Area	2016			Catch	2017			Catch as of 11/25/2017	2018			2019		
		OFL	ABC	TAC		OFL	ABC	TAC		OFL	ABC	TAC	OFL	ABC	TAC
Pollock	EBS	3,910,000	2,090,000	1,340,000	1,352,707	3,640,000	2,800,000	1,345,000	1,358,426	4,797,000	2,592,000	1,364,341	4,592,000	2,467,000	1,383,000
	AI	39,075	32,227	19,000	1,257	43,650	36,061	19,000	1,507	49,291	40,788	19,000	49,291	30,803	19,000
	Bogoslof	31,906	23,850	500	1,005	130,428	51,300	500	186	130,428	60,800	500	130,428	60,800	500
Pacific cod	BS	390,000	255,000	238,680	231,514	284,000	239,000	223,704	206,952	238,000	201,000	188,136	201,000	170,000	159,120
	AI	23,400	17,600	12,839	12,593	28,700	21,500	15,695	12,253	28,700	21,500	15,695	28,700	21,500	15,695
Sablefish	BS	1,304	1,151	1,151	532	1,501	1,274	1,274	1,157	2,887	1,464	1,464	4,576	2,061	2,061
	AI	1,766	1,557	1,557	349	2,053	1,735	1,735	590	3,917	1,988	1,988	6,209	2,798	2,789
Yellowfin sole	BSAI	228,100	211,700	144,000	135,350	287,000	260,800	154,000	130,999	306,700	277,500	154,000	295,600	267,500	156,000
Greenland turbot	BSAI	4,194	3,462	2,873	2,238	11,615	6,644	4,500	2,823	13,148	11,132	5,294	13,540	11,473	5,294
	BS	n/a	2,673	2,673	2,117	n/a	5,625	4,375	2,701	n/a	9,718	5,125	n/a	10,016	5,125
	AI	n/a	789	200	121	n/a	1,019	125	122	n/a	1,414	169	n/a	1,457	169
Arrowtooth flounder	BSAI	94,035	80,701	14,000	11,110	76,100	65,371	14,000	6,466	76,757	65,932	13,621	75,084	64,494	14,000
Kamchatka flounder	BSAI	11,100	9,500	5,000	4,851	10,360	8,880	5,000	4,490	11,347	9,737	5,000	12,022	10,317	5,000
Northern rock sole	BSAI	165,900	161,000	57,100	45,101	159,700	155,100	47,100	35,258	147,300	143,100	47,100	136,000	132,000	49,100
Flathead sole	BSAI	79,562	66,250	21,000	10,384	81,654	68,278	14,500	9,148	79,862	66,773	14,500	78,036	65,227	16,500
Alaska plaice	BSAI	49,000	41,000	14,500	13,385	42,800	36,000	13,000	16,132	41,170	34,590	16,100	38,800	32,700	16,261
Other flatfish	BSAI	17,414	13,061	2,500	2,847	17,591	13,193	2,500	4,129	17,591	13,193	4,000	17,591	13,193	4,000
Pacific Ocean perch	BSAI	40,529	33,320	31,900	31,319	53,152	43,723	34,900	32,776	51,675	42,509	37,361	50,098	41,212	37,880
	BS	n/a	8,353	8,000	8,221	n/a	12,199	11,000	9,220	n/a	11,861	11,861	n/a	11,499	11,499
	EAI	n/a	7,916	7,900	7,444	n/a	10,307	7,900	7,803	n/a	10,021	9,000	n/a	9,715	9,715
	CAI	n/a	7,355	7,000	6,765	n/a	8,009	7,000	6,867	n/a	7,787	7,500	n/a	7,549	7,549
	WAI	n/a	9,696	9,000	8,888	n/a	13,208	9,000	8,886	n/a	12,840	9,000	n/a	12,449	9,117
Northern rockfish	BSAI	14,689	11,960	4,500	4,541	16,242	13,264	5,000	4,698	15,888	12,975	6,100	15,563	12,710	6,500
Blackspotted/Roughe rockfish	BSAI	693	561	300	159	612	501	225	199	749	613	225	829	678	225
	EBS/EAI	n/a	179	100	72	n/a	306	100	66	n/a	374	75	n/a	414	75
	CAI/WAI	n/a	382	200	87	n/a	195	125	133	n/a	239	150	n/a	264	150
Shortraker rockfish	BSAI	690	518	200	112	666	499	125	151	666	499	150	666	499	150
Other rockfish	BSAI	1,667	1,250	875	789	1,816	1,362	875	823	1,816	1,362	845	1,816	1,362	845
	BS	n/a	695	325	282	n/a	791	325	254	n/a	791	275	n/a	791	275
	AI	n/a	555	550	507	n/a	571	550	569	n/a	571	570	n/a	571	570
Atka mackerel	BSAI	104,749	90,340	55,000	54,485	102,700	87,200	65,000	64,387	108,600	92,000	71,000	97,200	84,400	72,500
	EAI/BS	n/a	30,832	28,500	28,360	n/a	34,890	34,500	34,205	n/a	36,820	36,500	n/a	33,780	33,780
	CAI	n/a	27,216	16,000	15,795	n/a	30,330	18,000	17,860	n/a	32,000	21,000	n/a	29,350	24,895
	WAI	n/a	32,292	10,500	10,330	n/a	21,980	12,500	12,322	n/a	23,180	13,500	n/a	21,270	13,825
Skates	BSAI	50,215	42,134	26,000	29,687	49,063	41,144	26,000	30,158	46,660	39,082	27,000	44,202	36,957	27,000
Sculpins	BSAI	52,365	39,725	4,500	4,947	56,582	42,387	4,500	5,208	53,201	39,995	5,000	53,201	39,995	5,000
Sharks	BSAI	1,363	1,022	125	126	689	517	125	182	689	517	180	689	517	180
Squids	BSAI	6,912	5,184	1,500	1,378	6,912	5,184	1,342	2,101	6,912	5,184	1,200	6,912	5,184	1,200
Octopuses	BSAI	3,452	2,589	400	627	4,769	3,576	400	223	4,769	3,576	200	4,769	3,576	200
Total	BSAI	5,324,080	3,236,662	2,000,000	1,953,392	5,110,355	4,004,493	2,000,000	1,931,422	6,235,723	3,779,809	2,000,000	5,954,822	3,578,956	2,000,000

Sources: 2016 OFLs, ABCs, and TACs and 2017 OFLs and ABCs are from harvest specifications adopted by the Council in December 2015 and December 2016, respectively; 2016 catches through December 31, 2016 and 2017 catches through November 25, 2017 from AKR Catch Accounting.

TABLE 12—FINAL 2018 AND 2019 PACIFIC HALIBUT DISCARD MORTALITY RATES FOR
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Gear	Sector	Halibut discard mortality rate (percent)
Pelagic trawl	All	100
Non-pelagic trawl	Mothership and catcher/processor	84
Non-pelagic trawl	Catcher vessel	60
Hook-and-line	Catcher vessel	17
Hook-and-line	Catcher/processor	8
Pot	All	9

TABLE 13—FINAL 2018 AND 2019 ABC SURPLUS, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT QUOTA (CDQ) ABC RESERVES, AND AMENDMENT 80
 [Amounts are in metric tons]

Sector	2018 Flathead sole	2018 Rock sole	2018 Yellowfin sole	2019 Flathead sole	2019 Rock sole	2019 Yellowfin sole
ABC	66,773	143,100	277,500	65,227	132,000	267,500
TAC	14,500	47,100	154,000	16,500	49,100	156,000
ABC surplus	52,273	96,000	123,500	48,727	82,900	111,500
ABC reserve	52,273	96,000	123,500	48,727	82,900	111,500
CDQ ABC reserve	5,593	10,272	13,215	5,214	8,870	11,931
Amendment 80 ABC reserve	46,680	85,728	110,286	43,513	74,030	99,570

TABLE 14-FINAL 2018 AND 2019 APPORTIONMENT OF PROHIBITED SPECIES CATCH ALLOWANCES TO NON-TRAWL GEAR, THE CDQ PROGRAM, AMENDMENT 80, AND THE BSAI TRAWL LIMITED ACCESS SECTORS

PSC species and area ¹	Total PSC	Non-trawl PSC	CDQ PSQ reserve ²	Trawl PSC remaining after CDQ PSQ	Amendment 80 sector ³	BSAI trawl limited access fishery
Halibut mortality (mt) BSAI	3,515	710	315	n/a	1,745	745
Herring (mt) BSAI	1,830	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Red king crab (animals) Zone 1	97,000	n/a	10,379	86,621	43,293	26,489
<i>C. opilio</i> (animals) COBLZ	9,120,539	n/a	975,898	8,144,641	4,003,091	2,617,688
<i>C. bairdi</i> crab (animals) Zone 1	830,000	n/a	88,810	741,190	312,115	348,285
<i>C. bairdi</i> crab (animals) Zone 2	2,520,000	n/a	269,640	2,250,360	532,660	1,053,394

¹Refer to § 679.2 for definitions of zones.

²The PSQ reserve for crab species is 10.7 percent of each crab PSC limit.

³The Amendment 80 program reduced apportionment of the trawl PSC limits for crab below the total PSC limit. These reductions are not apportioned to other gear types or sectors.

Note: Sector apportionments may not total precisely due to rounding.

TABLE 15–FINAL 2018 AND 2019 HERRING AND RED KING CRAB SAVINGS SUBAREA PROHIBITED SPECIES BYCATCH ALLOWANCES FOR ALL TRAWL SECTORS

Fishery Categories	Herring (mt) BSAI	Red king crab(animals) Zone 1
Yellowfin sole	80	n/a
Rock sole/flathead sole/other flatfish ^{1/}	39	n/a
Greenland turbot/arrowtooth flounder/Kamchatka flounder/sablefish	5	n/a
Rockfish	5	n/a
Pacific cod	9	n/a
Midwater trawl pollock	1,662	n/a
Pollock/Atka mackerel/other species ^{2,3/}	30	n/a
Red king crab savings subarea non-pelagic trawl gear ^{4/}	n/a	24,250
Total trawl PSC	1,830	97,000

¹ Refer to § 679.2 for definitions of areas.

² “Other flatfish” for PSC monitoring includes all flatfish species, except for halibut (a prohibited species), flathead sole, Greenland turbot, rock sole, yellowfin sole, Kamchatka flounder, and arrowtooth flounder.

³ “Other species” for PSC monitoring includes skates, sculpins, sharks, squids, and octopuses.

⁴ In December 2016, the Council recommended that red king crab bycatch limit for non-pelagic trawl fisheries within the RKCSS be limited to 25 percent of the red king crab PSC allowance (see § 679.21(e)(3)(ii)B(2)).

Note: Seasonal or sector apportionments may not total precisely due to rounding.

TABLE 16—FINAL 2018 AND 2019 PROHIBITED SPECIES BYCATCH ALLOWANCES FOR THE BSAI TRAWL LIMITED ACCESS SECTOR

BSAI trawl limited access fisheries	Prohibited species and area ¹				
	Halibut mortality (mt) BSAI	Red king crab	C. opilio (animals)	C. bairdi (animals)	
				Zone 1	Zone 2
Yellowfin sole	150	23,338	2,467,662	293,234	1,005,879
Rock sole/flathead sole/other flatfish ²	0	0	0	0	0
Greenland turbot/arrowtooth flounder/Kamchatka flounder/sablefish	0	0	0	0	0
Rockfish April 15 - December 31	4	0	4,076	0	849
Pacific cod	391	2,954	105,182	50,816	42,424
Pollock/Atka mackerel/other species ³	200	197	40,768	4,235	4,243
Total BSAI trawl limited access PSC	745	26,489	2,617,688	348,285	1,053,395

¹ Refer to § 679.2 for definitions of areas.

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TABLE 17—FINAL 2018 AND 2019 HALIBUT PROHIBITED SPECIES BYCATCH ALLOWANCES FOR NON-TRAWL FISHERIES

Halibut mortality (mt) BSAI				
Non-trawl fisheries	Seasons	Catcher/processor	Catcher vessel	All Non-Trawl
Pacific cod	Total Pacific cod	648	13	661
	January 1-June 10	388	9	n/a
	June 10-August 15	162	2	n/a
	August 15-December 31	98	2	n/a
Non-Pacific cod non-trawl-Total	May 1-December 31	n/a	n/a	49
Groundfish pot and jig	n/a	n/a	n/a	Exempt
Sablefish hook-and-line	n/a	n/a	n/a	Exempt
Total for all non-trawl PSC	n/a	n/a	n/a	710

Note: Seasonal or sector apportionments may not total precisely due to rounding.