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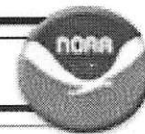
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March 31, 2004



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Status of FMP Amendments
March 25, 2004

FMP Amendment Status: <u>Actions Since February 2004 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 Amendment approved: March 11, 2004	October 2003	NOA: 10/23/03 Approval: 2/25/04	November 24, 2003 Approval: March 5, 2004	December 18, 2003 68 FR 70489 <u>Comment period ends February 17, 2004</u>		
Amend. 63 (GOA): Move skates from the "other species" list to "target species" Amendment approved: February 27, 2004	October 2003	PR: 10/21/03 FR: 2/03/04	PR: November 17, 2003	December 2, 2003 68 FR 67390 <u>Comment period ended February 2, 2004</u>	January 6, 2004 69 FR 614 <u>Comment period ended February 20, 2004</u>	
Amend. 66 (GOA): Community Quota Share Amendment Approved: December 3, 2003	April 2002	PR: 5/12/03	PR: August 22, 2003 FR: March 19, 2004	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	PR: 10/14/03				
Amendment 48/48 Revised harvest specification process	Oct 2003					

Status of Regulatory Amendments
March 25, 2004

Regulatory Amendment Status: <u>Actions Since February 2004 Council Meeting</u>	Date of Council Action	Start Regional Review of Rule	Transmittal Date of Rule to NMFS Headquarters	Proposed Rule in <i>Federal Register</i>	Final Rule Published in <i>Federal Register</i>
Groundfish Regulations					
Adjust BSAI pollock maximum retainable allowance	June 2003	PR: 11/10/03	PR: December 18, 2003	January 29, 2004 69 FR 4281 <u>Comment period ends March 1, 2004</u>	
Change port codes on Table 14	NMFS	PR: 9/22/03 FR: 3/26/04	PR: December 30, 2003	January 29, 2004 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			
DSR full retention and donation rule	June 1999 Reconsidered January 2003	PR: 11/3/03	PR: December 15, 2003	January 21, 2004 69 FR 2875 <u>Comment period ends February 20, 2004</u>	
Effective date for provisions of American Fisheries Act	NMFS	PR: 5/23/03	PR: June 16, 2003 FR: January 5, 2004	August 25, 2003 68 FR 51147 <u>Comment period ended September 24, 2003</u>	February 10, 2004 69 FR 6198 Effective March 22, 2004
Fix 620/630 boundary problem for Alitak Bay/Deadman Bay	NMFS	PR: 6/9/03 FR: 3/4/03	PR: October 3, 2003 FR: March 16, 2004	November 4, 2003 68 FR 62423 <u>Comment period ended December 4, 2003</u>	
Revise species codes (Table 2)	NMFS	PR: 10/10/03			

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Halibut Regulations					
Annual Halibut Management Measures for 2004	Pending IPHC meeting in January 2004	FR: 1/29/04	FR: February 9, 2004		February 27, 2004 69 FR 9231 Effective February 29, 2004
Halibut charter boat IFQ	April 2001; October 2001				
Subsistence Halibut II	April 2002; Oct. 2002	PR: 1/28/04			
Crab Regulations					
Notice of qualifying bidders and voters	HQ			December 22, 2003 68 FR 71082 <u>Comment period ended January 21, 2004</u>	
Harvest Specifications					
2004 BSAI Groundfish Harvest Specs	October 2003; December 2003	PR: 10/23/03 FR: 12/23/03	PR: November 14, 2003 FR: February 4, 2004	December 2, 2003 68 FR 67642 <u>Comment period ended January 2, 2004</u>	February 27, 2004 69 FR 9242 Effective February 27, 2004
2004 GOA Groundfish Harvest Specs	October 2003; December 2003	PR: 10/22/03 FR: 12/17/03	PR: November 2, 2003 FR: February 4, 2004	December 5, 2003 68 FR 68002 <u>Comment period ended January 5, 2004</u>	February 27, 2004 69 FR 9261 Effective February 27, 2004
2004 Harvest Specifications for Skates in the GOA	NMFS	PR: 12/22/03	PR: February 4, 2004	March 4, 2004 69 FR 10190 <u>Comment period ended March 19, 2004</u>	

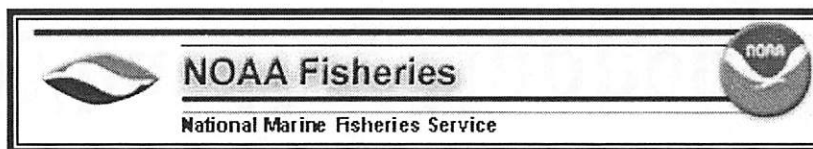
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Notices					
Bering Sea Crab Environmental Impact Statement				<u>March 19, 2004</u> <u>69 FR 13036</u> <u>Comment period ends</u> <u>May 3, 2004</u>	

Implementing Sec. 313(j) of the Magnuson-Stevens Act

**How and When the BSAI Crab
Rationalization Program
Will be Launched**

**NOAA Fisheries (NMFS) – Alaska Region
Report to the North Pacific Fishery Management Council
March 24, 2004**



What Has Happened

- **December 2000 -- Congress directed Council to design and recommend a program**
- **June 2002 & April 2003 -- Council did so**
- **January 2004 -- Congress directed the Secretary of Commerce (NOAA Fisheries) to implement it**
- **Now -- the Agency is doing so**
 - **We have organized the effort into over a dozen “tasks” and have assigned “Task Leaders” from the AKR, AFSC & HQ to insure coordination and timely completion**
 - **We have established, and will maintain, coordination with the Council, the ADF&G and the Board of Fish**
 - **We are providing periodic progress reports, through HQ, to Congressional delegation**

What Must Happen - 1

- **Prepare implementing regulations – develop and publish Proposed and Final Rules**
- **Satisfy NEPA requirements (EIS)**
- **Approve program – Secretary must formally approve the Council’s program by January 1, 2005**
- **Develop “Official Record” (comprehensive data base of fishing histories and licensing records)**
- **Conduct Application Process, and issue Quota Shares to eligible applicants**
- **Set annual fishery TACs (Board of Fish)**

What Must Happen - 2

- **Complete computer system “infrastructure” to support program management (e.g. quota accounts, transfers, cost recovery, etc.)**
- **Complete electronic reporting system to support monitoring and enforcement**
- **Calculate and issue annual IFQ/IPQ permits for Quota Share holders**
- **Conduct cost recovery (fee collection)**
- **Oversee binding arbitration and economic reporting processes**
- **Prepare reports on program performance**

Major Milestones - 1

What Will Happen?

By When?

Council Takes Final Action on EIS

Jun '04

Proposed Rule Published

Nov '04

Public Comment Period Concludes

Dec '04

Secretarial Approval Granted

Jan '05

Final Rule Published

Mar '05

Official Record Completed

Mar '05

Application Period Closes

May '05

Major Milestones - 2

<i>What Will Happen?</i>	<i>By When?</i>
Quota Shares Issued	Jul '05
Computer "Infrastructure" Ready	Jul '05
Crab Fishery Quotas Set (Board) ^{ADFG}	^{Sept} Jul '05
Electronic Reporting System Ready	Aug '05
IFQ/IPQ Calculated and Issued	Aug '05
AI Brown King Crab Fishery Opens	Aug '05
BB Red King Crab Fishery Opens	Oct '05

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Alaska Region
Inseason Management Highlights

March 27, 2004

BERING SEA and ALEUTIAN ISLANDS

Bering Sea Pollock

The Pollock A season is almost finished with the AFA inshore component at 96%, catcher/processor component at 98%, and the mothership component at 99% of their respective A season TACs.

About 80% of the 2004 Chinook Salmon Savings Area limit has been reached with 5,000 chinook of the 26,825 non-CDQ limit ^{remaining} taken. The fishery will be challenged to avoid a closure this year, as the average catch over the last two years between April and November is about 12,000 fish. After an annual 'step down' in the number of chinook in the limit, the 2004 amount is now the annual limit into the future. So far this year the fishery has taken 10,000 fewer chinook than through March of 2003.

Average daily catch rates across the three components of the fishery during the January-February portion of the A season have been fairly consistent between 2003 and 2004 with catcher/processors and motherships taking about 100 mt per day more than the 2003 average. Shoreside deliveries have been about 4,400 mt per day and catcher/processors about 3,250 mt per day. Mothership landings have peaked 15% higher in this portion of the fishery at an average of 1,055 mt per day relative to 2003 with more of their catch coming from late February rather than early March. In March of 2004 mothership landings are 20% lower than in 2003. In general during March shoreside and catcher/processor catch declines relative to February but in 2004 are more than 20% higher on the average compared to 2003 at 3,600 mt per day and 3,100 mt per day respectively. Seventeen catcher/processors, seventy seven catcher vessels and all three motherships have participated in the fishery in 2004.

Flatfish

Flatfish fisheries (rock sole, flathead sole, 'other flatfish' and yellowfin sole targets) have taken about 62,000 mt of groundfish into mid March, compared to about 50,000 mt through the same time period in 2003. Of the 62,000 mt of groundfish caught about 65% has been taken in the rock sole target.

Rock sole

With a focus on rock sole with roe, the mixed flatfish fishery began January 20. A total of eighteen c/ps participated by the time the fishery closed due to halibut mortality on February 24, six days later than in 2003. The fishery was much more successful in catching rock sole than in any year in recent history. By the end of February in 2004, 30,000 mt of rock sole were taken compared to 17,000 mt in 2003 and 19,000 in 2002. For the first time in the modern history of the BSAI groundfish fishery, the rock sole fishery has been closed due to attainment of the directed fishing allowance rather than a

prohibited species catch limit. About 3,200 mt remain in the initial total allowable catch and 3,075 mt in the reserve.

Yellowfin sole

As many as sixteen catcher/processors have focused on the yellowfin sole target since the rock sole closure, taking about 22,600 mt of groundfish and 122 mt of halibut mortality against the January-March halibut mortality allocation of 262 mt. An additional 195 mt becomes available on April 1.

The second season for the rock sole/other flatfish/flathead sole fishery opens at noon, April 1 with 164 mt of halibut mortality available. The fleet currently targeting yellowfin sole or Atka mackerel will likely focus on flathead sole.

Atka mackerel

The area 541/Bering Sea subarea fishery lasted 2 days and took about 2,500 mt of the 5,147 mt A season TAC which appears to be a large amount to hold out for incidental catch. However, in 2003, 5,800 mt were taken incidentally in the Bering Sea subarea predominately in the trawl Pacific cod, pollock, and rockfish fisheries and to lesser extent flatfish fisheries.

The HLA fisheries begin on January 24, 48 hours after the closure of the 541/Bering Sea subarea fishery. Six c/ps registered for the A season harvest limitation area (HLA) fisheries in 542 and 543 compared to eight in 2003 and 2002. The last HLA fishery closed February 13. Area 542 is scheduled to closed March 27 and area 543 is expected to close on April 15, which is the end of the A season. HLA catch is limited to 60 percent of the seasonal allocation. The Central HLA fishery took 44 percent and the Western HLA fishery took 14 percent.

BSAI Pacific cod

In general the A season Pacific cod fishery has had a steadily increasing pace over the last three seasons. Weekly catch rates have increased on the average by about 15%.

Hook-and-Line Catcher Processor

Thirty-seven hook-and-line c/ps participated in the Pacific cod fishery. Catch for 2004 is 49,000 mt through March 13. The 2004 fishery averaged about 4,700 mt per week compared to 4,450 in 2003. The peak weekly catch in 2004 is estimated at about 5,850 mt, 10% higher than the peak in 2003. The 2004 fishery closed March 13 taking more TAC than in 2003 when it closed on March 15.

Pot Gear

With the closure of the *C. opilio* crab fishery on January 23 pot effort picked up and accelerated faster than in 2003. The 2004 fishery is marked by the implementation of Amendment 77, which split the catcher vessel and catcher/processors into two separate quotas. It has had the effect of drawing out the pot gear fishery as three catcher processors have continued to fish through March 27 to the A season 2,000 mt TAC. The catcher vessel component with 58 participants was closed on February 15 at 8,200 mt .

Trawl Gear

Sixty catcher vessels, one mother ship and 18 catcher/processors have participated in the Pacific cod target so far this year, taking a total of 41,000 mt. The catcher/processors were closed on March 14, about 2000 mt shy of their 23,422 mt A season quota and a reopening is planned for 3 days prior to the scheduled April 1 B season fishery. Catcher vessels were closed March 23 and final catch numbers have not been tabulated due to late reporting from a few shore side plants.

Hook-and-Line Catcher Vessel

This fishery opened on January 1 with the first season apportionment of 182 metric tons. Landings in this fishery do not normally occur until late winter or early spring, as weather improves and daylight hours increase. In 2004 however, weather conditions were less severe than normal, and the first delivery in this fishery occurred in early February. A total of three vessels, all under 60 ft LOA, made 13 landings for a total harvest of 181 tons. The fishery was closed on March 18, 2004, 10 days earlier than in 2003. The vessels continue to fish on the allocation to vessels < 60' using hook-and-line or pot gear.

Hook-and-Line and Pot Catcher Vessels Less Than 60 ft Overall

Four pot vessels joined by three vessels using hook-and-line gear as the hook-and-line catcher vessel fishery closed, are currently active in this fishery. The annual allocation is 1,416 mt. In the most recent three years catch has been dominated by pot gear. Given the anticipated allocation of unused jig quota, the fishery is expected to extend beyond the 2003 closure date of April 30.

Jig

Currently seven vessels are participating in the Pacific cod jig gear fishery. A total of 24 mt have been landed against the first season apportionment of 1,595 mt. Amendment 77 allows unused jig quota to be transferred to vessels less than 60 ft LOA using hook-and-line or pot gear. It is anticipated that approximately 1,500 mt of unused quota will be reallocated to the hook-and-line/pot vessels less than 60 feet LOA prior to April 30, 2004.

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Skates

A few small hook-and-line catcher vessels are targeting skates out of Kodiak. Deliveries have ranged between about 5 to 10 mt. Alaska Department of Fish and Game personnel are sampling deliveries for species identification and life history characteristics. Catches have generally been female big skates. The final specifications for the skate total allowable catch amounts are currently in the NMFS review process. Under the final specifications the Central GOA TAC is 3,284 mt of which about 1,100 mt are available to the directed fishery. The current estimate of total catch is 230 mt of which less than 50 mt has been taken in the directed fishery. Anecdotal information indicates lower prices in 2004 may slow the fishery.

Western GOA Pacific cod

The Western GOA Pacific cod A season inshore component closed February 24 (February 17 in 2003) and the offshore component closed March 8 (March 20 in 2003). The inshore component fishery has taken 10,500 mt against the allocation of 9,157 mt. Inshore catch by predominate gear types was as follows: 65% pot, 17% nonpelagic trawl, and 17% hook-and-line with over 80% by catcher vessels of all gear types.

The offshore component closed on March 8, 2004, taking 360 mt against the A season allocation of 1,017 mt. A large percentage was left because the potential catching capacity from the BSAI hook-and-line catcher/processor fleet as they left the Bering Sea fishery could have easily over run the quota. Which occurred in the A season in 2003.

Central GOA Pacific cod

In the Central GOA, the inshore component fishery closed January 31 (February 9 in 2003) and the offshore component on February 2 (February 1 in 2003). The offshore component fishery, which was entirely driven by hook-and-line gear, took 1,330 mt of Pacific cod against the A season allocation of 1,627 mt. The inshore component took a total of 14,000 mt against the A season allocation of 14,600 mt. In the Central GOA catch by gear types was as follows: 25% pot, 43% nonpelagic trawl, and 23% hook-and-line.

Pollock

During the A season, pollock fishing was very good in Area 610 (Western GOA), but very slow in Area 620 and just fair in Area 630 (Central GOA). Not all of the available pollock was harvested by the time the season closed by regulation February 25. For the B season we were unable to roll over approximately 1,800 mt of the unharvested A season apportionment due to the Steller sea lion protection measures which do not allow more than 30% of the annual TAC in the W/C areas of the GOA to be harvested in a single season.

During the B season (March 10 opening date) fishing was very good in all areas. In Area 610 the average daily catch (1,300 mt) was similar to those in the A season, however participation was down from 24 vessels in the A season to 11 vessels in the B season. In Area 630 the fishery took over 4,600 mt in a 24 hour opening with participation up from 18 catcher vessels in the A season to 29 vessels in the B season. Area 620 closed on March 21 with about 90% of the B season TAC taken. The total area 610, 620, 630 B season catch is estimated at 19,996 mt, about 5% over the 30% "Steller sea lion limit" of 19,038 mt.

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Western, Central Pollock

Sea- sons	Account	Total Catch	Quota	Remaining Quota	% Taken	Last Wk Catch
X	Pollock, 610 Shumagin	7,358	22,930	15,572	32%	4
X	Pollock, 620 Chirikof	13,916	26,490	12,574	53%	7,404
X	Pollock, 630 Kodiak	8,927	14,040	5,113	64%	806

Western Gulf

Sea- sons	Account	Total Catch	Quota	Remaining Quota	% Taken	Last Wk Catch
	Arrowtooth Flounder	785	8,000	7,215	10%	728
	Deep Water Flatfish	0	310	310	0%	0
	Shallow Water Flatfish	42	4,500	4,458	1%	1
	Flathead Sole	264	2,000	1,736	13%	240
	Rex Sole	98	1,680	1,582	6%	75
	Pacific Ocean Perch	5	2,520	2,515	0%	5
	Shortraker/Rougheye Rockfish	6	254	248	2%	5
	Thornyhead Rockfish	5	410	405	1%	5
	Pelagic Shelf Rockfish	7	370	363	2%	0
	Northern Rockfish	4	770	766	0%	1
	Other Rockfish	2	40	38	6%	0
X	Pacific Cod, Inshore	10,523	15,261	4,738	69%	88
X	Pacific Cod, Offshore	383	1,696	1,313	23%	19
	Sablefish (Hook-and-Line)	56	2,344	2,288	2%	56
	Sablefish (Trawl)	1	586	585	0%	1

Central Gulf

Sea- sons	Account	Total Catch	Quota	Remaining Quota	% Taken	Last Wk Catch
	Arrowtooth Flounder	1,498	25,000	23,502	6%	44
	Big/Longnose Skates	230	3,284	3,054	7%	19
	Deep Water Flatfish	382	2,970	2,588	13%	0
	Shallow Water Flatfish	650	13,000	12,350	5%	19
	Flathead Sole	296	5,000	4,704	6%	16
	Rex Sole	103	7,340	7,237	1%	2
	Pacific Ocean Perch	46	8,390	8,344	1%	8
	Shortraker/Rougheye Rockfish	65	656	591	10%	8
	Pelagic Shelf Rockfish	16	3,010	2,994	1%	0
	Northern Rockfish	37	4,100	4,063	1%	0
	Thornyhead Rockfish	26	1,010	984	3%	1
	Other Rockfish	4	300	296	1%	0

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Central Gulf

Sea- sons	Account	Total Catch	Quota	Remaining Quota	% Taken	Last Wk Catch
X	Pacific Cod, Inshore	14,086	24,404	10,318	58%	53
X	Pacific Cod, Offshore	1,334	2,712	1,378	49%	0
	Sablefish (Hook-and-Line)	226	5,840	5,614	4%	79
	Sablefish (Trawl)	81	1,460	1,379	6%	0

Eastern Gulf

Sea- sons	Account	Total Catch	Quota	Remaining Quota	% Taken	Last Wk Catch
	Shortraker/Rougheye Rockfish	6	408	402	2%	2
	Thornyhead Rockfish	3	520	517	1%	2
	Pacific Cod, Inshore	48	3,564	3,516	1%	0
	Pacific Cod, Offshore	0	396	396	0%	0

West Yakutat

Sea- sons	Account	Total Catch	Quota	Remaining Quota	% Taken	Last Wk Catch
	Arrowtooth Flounder	1	2,500	2,499	0%	0
	Deep Water Flatfish	0	1,880	1,880	0%	0
	Shallow Water Flatfish	0	2,030	2,030	0%	0
	Flathead Sole	0	3,430	3,430	0%	0
	Rex Sole	0	1,340	1,340	0%	0
	Pacific Ocean Perch	1	830	829	0%	0
	Pelagic Shelf Rockfish	0	210	210	0%	0
	Other Rockfish	0	130	130	0%	0
	Pollock	58	1,280	1,222	4%	0
	Sablefish (Hook-and-Line)	106	2,234	2,128	5%	20
	Sablefish (Trawl)	0	316	316	0%	0

Southeast

Sea- sons	Account	Total Catch	Quota	Remaining Quota	% Taken	Last Wk Catch
	Arrowtooth Flounder	0	2,500	2,500	0%	0
	Deep Water Flatfish	0	910	910	0%	0
	Shallow Water Flatfish	0	1,210	1,210	0%	0
	Flathead Sole	0	450	450	0%	0
	Rex Sole	0	2,290	2,290	0%	0
	Pacific Ocean Perch	0	1,600	1,600	0%	0
	Pelagic Shelf Rockfish	7	880	873	1%	0
	Other Rockfish	4	200	196	2%	0

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Southeast

Sea- sons	Account	Total Catch	Quota	Remaining Quota	% Taken	Last Wk Catch
	Pollock	0	6,520	6,520	0%	0
	Demersal Shelf Rockfish	94	450	356	21%	2
	Sablefish (Hook-and-Line)	214	3,770	3,556	6%	122

Entire Gulf

Sea- sons	Account	Total Catch	Quota	Remaining Quota	% Taken	Last Wk Catch
	Atka Mackerel	47	600	553	8%	0
	Other Skates	331	3,709	3,378	9%	35
	Other Species	523	12,942	12,419	4%	144
Total:		62,906	271,776	208,870	23%	10,015

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, silvergry, 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.

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Trawl Fisheries

Deep Water Species Complex

Season	Begin	End	Total Catch	Limit	Limit Remaining	% Taken
1st Season	20-JAN-04	01-APR-04	86	100	14	86%
2nd Season	01-APR-04	04-JUL-04	0	300	300	0%
3rd Season	04-JUL-04	01-SEP-04	0	400	400	0%
4th Season	01-SEP-04	30-SEP-04	0	0	0	0%
Total:			86	800	714	11%

Shallow Water Species Complex

Season	Begin	End	Total Catch	Limit	Limit Remaining	% Taken
1st Season	20-JAN-04	01-APR-04	280	450	170	62%
2nd Season	01-APR-04	04-JUL-04	0	100	100	0%
3rd Season	04-JUL-04	01-SEP-04	0	200	200	0%
4th Season	01-SEP-04	30-SEP-04	0	150	150	0%
Total:			280	900	620	31%

Year-To-Date

Account	Total Catch	Limit	Limit Remaining	% Taken	Last Wk Catch
Trawl Fishery	366	2,000	1,634	18%	29

Other Hook-and-Line Fisheries

Season	Begin	End	Total Catch	Limit	Limit Remaining	% Taken
1st Season	01-JAN-04	10-JUN-04	178	250	72	71%
2nd Season	10-JUN-04	01-SEP-04	0	5	5	0%
3rd Season	01-SEP-04	31-DEC-04	0	35	35	0%
Total:			178	290	112	62%

Deep-water species complex: sablefish, rockfish, deep-water flatfish, rex sole and arrowtooth flounder. Shallow-water species complex: pollock, Pacific cod, shallow-water flatfish, flathead sole, Atka mackerel, and 'other species'.

No apportionment between shallow-water and deep-water fishery complexes during October 1 to December 31 (300 mt allocated).

Other hook-and-line fisheries means all hook-and-line fisheries except sablefish and demersal shelf rockfish in the Southeast District. The hook-and-line sablefish fishery is exempt from halibut bycatch restrictions.

Halibut mortality for the demersal shelf rockfish fishery, Southeast District is not listed due to insufficient observer coverage.

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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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Account: ALL

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Non-Chinook Salmon, CVOA

Trawl Gear

Season	Begin	End	Units	Total Catch	Limit	Remaining	% Taken
Non-Chinook Salmon CVOA	15-AUG-04	14-OCT-04	Count	0	38,850	38,850	0%
Total:				0	38,850	38,850	0%

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Pacific Cod (Hook-and-Line)

Season	Begin	End	Units	Total Catch	Limit	Remaining	% Taken
1st Season	01-JAN-04	10-JUN-04	MT	136	320	184	42%
2nd Season	10-JUN-04	15-AUG-04	MT	0	0	0	0%
3rd Season	15-AUG-04	31-DEC-04	MT	0	455	455	0%
Total:				136	775	639	18%

Rock Sole, Flathead Sole, Other Flatfish (Trawl)

Season	Begin	End	Units	Total Catch	Limit	Remaining	% Taken
1st Season	20-JAN-04	01-APR-04	MT	448	448	0	100%
2nd Season	01-APR-04	04-JUL-04	MT	0	164	164	0%
3rd Season	04-JUL-04	31-DEC-04	MT	0	167	167	0%
Total:				448	779	331	57%

Yellowfin Sole (Trawl)

Season	Begin	End	Units	Total Catch	Limit	Remaining	% Taken
1st Season	20-JAN-04	01-APR-04	MT	122	262	140	47%
2nd Season	01-APR-04	21-MAY-04	MT	0	195	195	0%
3rd Season	21-MAY-04	04-JUL-04	MT	0	49	49	0%
4th Season	04-JUL-04	31-DEC-04	MT	0	380	380	0%
Total:				122	886	764	14%

This report does not include the CDQ allocated catch.

CVOA: Catcher Vessel Operational Area. 50 CFR 679.22(a)(5) and Figure 2.

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

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Bering Sea

Sea- sons	Account	Total Catch	Quota	Remaining Quota	% Taken	Last Wk Catch
	Other Rockfish	29	426	397	7%	3
	Pacific Ocean Perch	38	1,197	1,159	3%	0
	Sablefish (Hook-and-Line and Pot)	45	1,160	1,115	4%	15
	Sablefish (Trawl)	4	1,232	1,228	0%	0
	Greenland Turbot	7	2,295	2,288	0%	2
X	Pollock, AFA Inshore	249,029	649,580	400,551	38%	20,163
X	Pollock, AFA Catcher Processor	203,306	519,664	316,358	39%	21,078
X	Pollock, AFA Mothership	51,516	129,916	78,400	40%	1,150
	Pollock, Incidental Catch, non-Bogoslof	16,994	43,641	26,647	39%	1,341
	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	91	539	448	17%	8
	Pacific Ocean Perch, Eastern	170	2,829	2,659	6%	2
	Pacific Ocean Perch, Central	223	2,706	2,483	8%	66
	Pacific Ocean Perch, Western	149	4,798	4,649	3%	51
X	Atka Mackerel, Eastern (Other Gear)	3,452	10,293	6,841	34%	190
	Atka Mackerel, Eastern (Jig)	0	89	89	0%	0
X	Atka Mackerel, Central	12,254	28,768	16,514	43%	1,854
X	Atka Mackerel, Western	3,189	19,111	15,922	17%	796
	Sablefish (Hook-and-Line and Pot)	21	1,860	1,839	1%	5
	Sablefish (Trawl)	0	659	659	0%	0
	Greenland Turbot	15	680	665	2%	3
	Pollock, Incidental Catch	462	1,000	538	46%	16

Bering Sea Aleutian Islands

Sea- sons	Account	Total Catch	Quota	Remaining Quota	% Taken	Last Wk Catch
	Alaska Plaice	3,455	9,250	5,795	37%	944
	Arrowtooth Flounder	1,885	10,200	8,315	18%	107
	Flathead Sole	3,399	16,150	12,751	21%	398
	Northern Rockfish	1,274	4,625	3,351	28%	119
	Other Flatfish	1,781	2,775	994	64%	22
	Other Species	7,961	23,124	15,163	34%	244
X	Pacific Cod, Catcher Processor (Trawl)	21,185	46,844	25,659	45%	846
X	Pacific Cod, Catcher Vessel (Trawl)	31,205	46,844	15,639	67%	6,759

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Sea- sons	Account	Total Catch	Quota	Remaining Quota	% Taken	Last Wk Catch
X	Pacific Cod, Catcher Processor (Hook-and-Line)	49,034	80,930	31,896	61%	21
X	Pacific Cod, Catcher Vessel (Hook-and-Line)	182	303	121	60%	0
X	Pacific Cod, Catcher Processor (Pot)	1,588	3,338	1,750	48%	325
X	Pacific Cod, Catcher Vessel (Pot)	8,299	15,174	6,875	55%	100
X	Pacific Cod (Jig)	25	3,987	3,962	1%	0
	Pacific Cod (Hook-and-Line and Pot < 60 ft)	60	1,416	1,356	4%	30
	Pacific Cod, Incidental Catch (Hook-and-Line and Pot)	86	500	414	17%	8
	Rock Sole	32,423	34,850	2,427	93%	704
	Rougheye Rockfish	6	181	175	3%	2
	Shortraker Rockfish	23	486	463	5%	1
	Squid	196	1,084	888	18%	5
	Yellowfin Sole	14,163	73,164	59,001	19%	3,929
Total:		719,224	1,797,718	1,078,494	40%	61,309

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 rougheye 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	21,635	26,825	5,190	81%	2,823
Total:			21,635	26,825	5,190	81%	2,823

Halibut Mortality

Non-Trawl Gear

Sea- sons	Account	Units	Total Catch	Limit	Remaining	% Taken	Last Wk Catch
X	Pacific Cod (Hook-and-Line)	MT	136	775	639	18%	0
	Non-Pacific Cod (Hook-and-Line)	MT	0	58	58	0%	0
Total:			136	833	697	16%	0

Trawl Gear

Sea- sons	Account	Units	Total Catch	Limit	Remaining	% Taken	Last Wk Catch
	Pacific Cod	MT	364	1,434	1,070	25%	41
	Rockfish	MT	0	69	69	0%	0
	Rock Sole, Flathead Sole, Other Flatfish (Trawl)	MT	448	779	331	57%	0
	Pollock, Atka Mackerel, Other Species	MT	64	232	168	27%	2
X	Yellowfin Sole (Trawl)	MT	122	886	764	14%	40
	Turbot/Sablefish/Arrowtooth Flounder	MT	7	0	-7	0%	0
Total:			1,004	3,400	2,396	30%	83

Herring

Trawl Gear

Sea- sons	Account	Units	Total Catch	Limit	Remaining	% Taken	Last Wk Catch
	Pacific Cod	MT	0	25	25	0%	0
	Rockfish	MT	0	9	9	0%	0
	Rock Sole, Flathead Sole, Other Flatfish	MT	0	25	25	0%	0
	Pollock, Atka Mackerel, Other Species	MT	0	179	179	0%	0
	Pollock Pelagic	MT	10	1,456	1,446	1%	1
	Yellowfin Sole	MT	0	171	171	0%	0
	Greenland Turbot, Arrowtooth, Sablefish	MT	0	11	11	0%	0
Total:			10	1,876	1,866	1%	1

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	3	124,736	124,733	0%	0
	Rockfish	Count	0	40,237	40,237	0%	0
	Rock Sole, Flathead Sole, Other Flatfish	Count	757	969,130	968,373	0%	0
	Pollock, Atka Mackerel, Other Species	Count	97	72,428	72,331	0%	35
	Yellowfin Sole	Count	52,410	2,776,981	2,724,571	2%	20,339
	Greenland Turbot, Arrowtooth, Sablefish	Count	0	40,238	40,238	0%	0
Total:			53,267	4,023,750	3,970,483	1%	20,375

Bairdi Crab, Zone 1

Trawl Gear

Sea- sons	Account	Units	Total Catch	Limit	Remaining	% Taken	Last Wk Catch
	Pacific Cod	Count	15,278	183,112	167,834	8%	825
	Rock Sole, Flathead Sole, Other Flatfish	Count	125,918	365,320	239,402	34%	0
	Pollock, Atka Mackerel, Other Species	Count	170	17,224	17,054	1%	7
	Yellowfin Sole	Count	4,023	340,844	336,821	1%	0
Total:			145,388	906,500	761,112	16%	832

Bairdi Crab, Zone 2

Trawl Gear

Sea- sons	Account	Units	Total Catch	Limit	Remaining	% Taken	Last Wk Catch
	Pacific Cod	Count	9,264	324,176	314,912	3%	709
	Rockfish	Count	0	10,988	10,988	0%	0
	Rock Sole, Flathead Sole, Other Flatfish	Count	2,682	596,154	593,472	0%	0
	Pollock, Atka Mackerel, Other Species	Count	111	27,473	27,362	0%	13
	Yellowfin Sole	Count	43,547	1,788,459	1,744,912	2%	8,484
Total:			55,604	2,747,250	2,691,646	2%	9,206

Red King Crab, Zone 1

Trawl Gear

Sea- sons	Account	Units	Total Catch	Limit	Remaining	% Taken	Last Wk Catch
	Pacific Cod	Count	585	26,563	25,978	2%	0
	Rock Sole, Flathead Sole, Other Flatfish	Count	32,801	121,413	88,612	27%	0
	Pollock, Atka Mackerel, Other Species	Count	26	406	380	6%	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	1,874	33,843	31,969	6%	103
Total:			35,287	182,225	146,938	19%	103

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.

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