

**Bering Sea Aleutian Islands Catch Report
(excludes CDQ except as noted)**

Through: 30-JAN-10

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Bering Sea

Sea- sons	Account	Total Catch	Quota	Remaining Quota	% Taken	Last Wk Catch
	Other Rockfish (includes CDQ)	2	485	483	0%	1
	Pacific Ocean Perch (includes CDQ)	0	3,213	3,213	0%	0
	Sablefish (Hook-and-Line and Pot)	0	0	0	0%	0
	Sablefish (Trawl)	0	1,071	1,071	0%	0
	Greenland Turbot	8	4,182	4,174	0%	2
X	Pollock, AFA Inshore	5,898	351,216	345,318	2%	3,601
X	Pollock, AFA Catcher Processor	6,587	280,973	274,386	2%	3,895
X	Pollock, AFA Mothership	419	70,243	69,824	1%	419
	Pollock, Incidental Catch, non-Bogoslof (includes CDQ)	3,563	29,268	25,705	12%	2,041
	Pollock, Incidental Catch, Bogoslof (includes CDQ)	0	10	10	0%	0

Aleutian Islands

Sea- sons	Account	Total Catch	Quota	Remaining Quota	% Taken	Last Wk Catch
	Other Rockfish (includes CDQ)	8	472	464	2%	5
	Pacific Ocean Perch, Eastern	100	3,715	3,615	3%	96
	Pacific Ocean Perch, Central	49	3,760	3,711	1%	35
	Pacific Ocean Perch, Western	10	5,760	5,750	0%	10
	Atka Mackerel, Eastern ICA	0	200	200	0%	0
	Atka Mackerel, Eastern (Jig)	0	101	101	0%	0
X	Atka Mackerel, Eastern (Trawl)	2,153	20,149	17,996	11%	1,511
	Atka Mackerel, Central ICA	0	20	20	0%	0
X	Atka Mackerel, Central (Trawl)	1,072	25,431	24,359	4%	853
	Atka Mackerel, Western ICA	0	20	20	0%	0
X	Atka Mackerel, Western (Trawl)	229	17,572	17,343	1%	229
	Sablefish (Hook-and-Line and Pot)	0	0	0	0%	0
	Sablefish (Trawl)	0	429	429	0%	0
	Greenland Turbot (includes CDQ)	0	1,879	1,879	0%	0
X	Pollock	0	15,500	15,500	0%	0
X	Pollock, Incidental Catch (includes CDQ)	7	1,600	1,593	0%	7

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Species	Account	Total Catch	Quota	Remaining Quota	% Taken	Last Wk Catch
	Alaska Plaice (includes CDQ)	1,465	25,500	24,035	6%	936
	Arrowtooth Flounder	662	51,000	50,338	1%	390
	Flathead Sole	790	44,650	43,860	2%	586
	Northern Rockfish (includes CDQ)	66	6,000	5,934	1%	51
	Other Flatfish (includes CDQ)	238	14,790	14,552	2%	177
	Other Species (includes CDQ)	4,399	29,088	24,689	15%	1,485
X	Pacific Cod, Catcher Processor (AFA)	346	3,467	3,121	10%	236
X	Pacific Cod, Catcher Processor (Amendment 80)	518	20,197	19,679	3%	385
X	Pacific Cod, Catcher Vessel (Trawl)	1,650	33,309	31,659	5%	1,305
X	Pacific Cod, Catcher Processor (Hook-and-Line)	28,249	73,000	44,751	39%	7,018
X	Pacific Cod, Catcher Vessel (Hook-and-Line >= 60 ft)	0	300	300	0%	0
X	Pacific Cod, Catcher Processor (Pot)	526	2,248	1,722	23%	151
X	Pacific Cod, Catcher Vessel (Pot >= 60 ft)	7,189	12,591	5,402	57%	1,516
X	Pacific Cod (Jig)	0	2,110	2,110	0%	0
	Pacific Cod (Hook-and-Line and Pot < 60 ft)	827	2,998	2,171	28%	249
	Pacific Cod, Incidental Catch (Hook-and-Line and Pot)	64	500	436	13%	24
	Rock Sole	5,210	66,975	61,765	8%	3,208
	Rougheye Rockfish (includes CDQ)	0	552	552	0%	0
	Shortraker Rockfish (includes CDQ)	1	387	386	0%	1
	Squid (includes CDQ)	0	1,675	1,675	0%	0
	Yellowfin Sole	11,408	160,740	149,332	7%	7,819
Total:		83,714	1,389,346	1,305,632	6%	38,240

Unless stated the account does not include CDQ.

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.

For changes to the harvest specifications refer to <http://alaskafisheries.noaa.gov/2010/hschanges.htm>

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Chinook Salmon

Trawl Gear

Sea- sons	Account	Units	Total Catch	Limit	Remaining	% Taken	Last Wk Catch
	BS Pollock (Pelagic)	Count	1,025	26,825	25,800	4%	834
	AI Pollock (Pelagic)	Count	0	647	647	0%	0
Total:			1,025	27,472	26,447	4%	834

Halibut Mortality

Non-Trawl Gear

Sea- sons	Account	Units	Total Catch	Limit	Remaining	% Taken	Last Wk Catch
	Halibut Mortality (Non-Trawl)	MT	168	832	664	20%	48
Total:			168	832	664	20%	48

Trawl Gear

Sea- sons	Account	Units	Total Catch	Limit	Remaining	% Taken	Last Wk Catch
	Halibut Mortality (Trawl)	MT	304	3,300	2,996	9%	219
Total:			304	3,300	2,996	9%	219

Herring (includes CDQ fisheries)

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	184	184	0%	0
	Pollock Pelagic	MT	0	1,296	1,296	0%	0
	Yellowfin Sole	MT	0	146	146	0%	0
	Greenland Turbot, Arrowtooth, Sablefish	MT	0	12	12	0%	0
Total:			0	1,697	1,697	0%	0

Opilio (Tanner) Crab - COBLZ

Trawl Gear

Sea- sons	Account	Units	Total Catch	Limit	Remaining	% Taken	Last Wk Catch
	Opilio Crab	Count	298,541	3,884,550	3,586,009	8%	217,386
Total:			298,541	3,884,550	3,586,009	8%	217,386

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Bairdi Crab, Zone 1

Trawl Gear

Sea- sons	Account	Units	Total Catch	Limit	Remaining	% Taken	Last Wk Catch
	Bairdi Crab	Count	24,372	875,140	850,768	3%	19,781
Total:			24,372	875,140	850,768	3%	19,781

Bairdi Crab, Zone 2

Trawl Gear

Sea- sons	Account	Units	Total Catch	Limit	Remaining	% Taken	Last Wk Catch
	Bairdi Crab	Count	43,766	2,652,210	2,608,444	2%	36,636
Total:			43,766	2,652,210	2,608,444	2%	36,636

Red King Crab, Zone 1

Trawl Gear

Sea- sons	Account	Units	Total Catch	Limit	Remaining	% Taken	Last Wk Catch
	Red King Crab	Count	13,353	175,921	162,568	8%	6,592
Total:			13,353	175,921	162,568	8%	6,592

This report does not include the CDQ allocated catch.

"Other flatfish" for PSC monitoring: all flatfish species, except for Pacific halibut (a prohibited species), flathead sole, 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.

Bering Sea Aleutian Islands
Seasonal Non-Sideboard Prohibited Species Report
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Account: ALL

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Halibut Mortality

Pacific Cod Hook-and-Line Catcher Processor

Season	Begin	End	Units	Total Catch	Limit	Remaining	% Taken
CP - 1st Season	01-JAN-10	10-JUN-10	MT	168	314	146	53%
CP - 2nd Season	10-JUN-10	15-AUG-10	MT	0	0	0	0%
CP - 3rd Season	15-AUG-10	31-DEC-10	MT	0	446	446	0%
Total:				168	760	592	22%

Pacific Cod Hook-and-Line Catcher Vessel

Season	Begin	End	Units	Total Catch	Limit	Remaining	% Taken
CV - 1st Season	01-JAN-10	10-JUN-10	MT	0	10	10	3%
CV - 2nd Season	10-JUN-10	15-AUG-10	MT	0	3	3	0%
CV - 3rd Season	15-AUG-10	31-DEC-10	MT	0	2	2	0%
Total:				0	15	15	2%

Red King Crab, RKCSS

Trawl Gear

Season	Begin	End	Units	Total Catch	Limit	Remaining	% Taken
Rock Sole, Flathead Sole, Other	20-JAN-10	31-DEC-10	Count	13,353	49,250	35,897	27%
Flatfish (Non Pelagic)							
Total:				13,353	49,250	35,897	27%

RKCSS: Red king crab savings subarea. 50 CFR 679.22(a)(3) and Figure 11.

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Western, Central Pollock

Sea- sons	Account	Total Catch	Quota	Remaining Quota	% Taken	Last Wk Catch
X	Pollock, 610 Shumagin	960	26,256	25,296	4%	731
X	Pollock, 620 Chirikof	70	28,095	28,025	0%	16
X	Pollock, 630 Kodiak	280	19,118	18,838	1%	175

Western Gulf

Sea- sons	Account	Total Catch	Quota	Remaining Quota	% Taken	Last Wk Catch
	Arrowtooth Flounder	23	8,000	7,977	0%	22
	Deep Water Flatfish	0	747	747	0%	0
	Shallow Water Flatfish	3	4,500	4,497	0%	3
	Flathead Sole	13	2,000	1,987	1%	12
	Rex Sole	0	988	988	0%	0
	Pacific Ocean Perch	0	3,710	3,710	0%	0
	Rougheye Rockfish	0	126	126	0%	0
	Shortraker Rockfish	0	120	120	0%	0
	Thornyhead Rockfish	0	267	267	0%	0
	Pelagic Shelf Rockfish	0	765	765	0%	0
	Northern Rockfish	0	1,965	1,965	0%	0
	Other Rockfish	0	357	357	0%	0
X	Pacific Cod, Inshore	2,607	18,688	16,081	14%	1,253
X	Pacific Cod, Offshore	0	2,076	2,076	0%	0
	Sablefish (Hook-and-Line)	0	0	0	0%	0
	Sablefish (Trawl)	0	305	305	0%	0
	Big Skate	27	632	605	4%	7
	Longnose Skate	4	78	74	5%	1

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Central Gulf

Sea- sons	Account	Total Catch	Quota	Remaining Quota	% Taken	Last Wk Catch
	Arrowtooth Flounder	65	30,000	29,935	0%	40
	Deep Water Flatfish	0	7,405	7,405	0%	0
	Shallow Water Flatfish	191	13,000	12,809	1%	95
	Flathead Sole	47	5,000	4,953	1%	41
	Rex Sole	12	6,506	6,494	0%	9
	Pacific Ocean Perch	0	8,239	8,239	0%	0
	Rougheye Rockfish	0	842	842	0%	0
	Shortraker Rockfish	0	315	315	0%	0
	Pelagic Shelf Rockfish	7	3,179	3,172	0%	2
	Northern Rockfish	13	2,208	2,195	1%	7
	Thornyhead Rockfish	0	860	860	0%	0
	Other Rockfish	3	569	566	0%	1
	Pacific Cod, Rockfish Program	0	0	0	0%	0
X	Pacific Cod, Inshore	19,554	33,104	13,550	59%	7,156
X	Pacific Cod, Offshore	0	3,678	3,678	0%	0
	Sablefish (Hook-and-Line)	0	0	0	0%	0
	Sablefish (Trawl)	0	925	925	0%	0
	Big Skate	304	2,065	1,761	15%	95
	Longnose Skate	62	2,041	1,979	3%	25

Eastern Gulf

Sea- sons	Account	Total Catch	Quota	Remaining Quota	% Taken	Last Wk Catch
	Rougheye Rockfish	0	329	329	0%	0
	Shortraker Rockfish	0	463	463	0%	0
	Thornyhead Rockfish	0	783	783	0%	0
	Pacific Cod, Inshore	0	1,815	1,815	0%	0
	Pacific Cod, Offshore	0	202	202	0%	0
	Big Skate	0	633	633	0%	0
	Longnose Skate	0	768	768	0%	0

Note: All weights are in metric tons.

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West Yakutat

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	1,066	1,066	0%	0
	Shallow Water Flatfish	0	3,333	3,333	0%	0
	Flathead Sole	0	3,622	3,622	0%	0
	Rex Sole	0	503	503	0%	0
	Pacific Ocean Perch	0	1,107	1,107	0%	0
	Pelagic Shelf Rockfish	0	219	219	0%	0
	Other Rockfish	0	604	604	0%	0
	Pollock	0	2,031	2,031	0%	0
	Sablefish (Hook-and-Line)	0	0	0	0%	0
	Sablefish (Trawl)	0	209	209	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	575	575	0%	0
	Shallow Water Flatfish	0	1,423	1,423	0%	0
	Flathead Sole	0	667	667	0%	0
	Rex Sole	0	830	830	0%	0
	Pacific Ocean Perch	0	2,042	2,042	0%	0
	Pelagic Shelf Rockfish	0	302	302	0%	0
	Other Rockfish	0	200	200	0%	0
	Pollock	0	9,245	9,245	0%	0
	Demersal Shelf Rockfish	0	362	362	0%	0
	Sablefish (Hook-and-Line)	0	0	0	0%	0

Entire Gulf

Sea- sons	Account	Total Catch	Quota	Remaining Quota	% Taken	Last Wk Catch
	Atka Mackerel	0	2,000	2,000	0%	0
	Other Skates	16	2,104	2,088	1%	13
	Other Species	111	4,500	4,389	2%	47
Total:		24,371	285,666	261,295	9%	9,752

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.

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

her rockfish in the Southeast Outside District: slope rockfish.

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

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

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

pelagic shelf rockfish" means *Sebastes variabilis* (dusky), *S. entomelas* (widow), and *S. flavidus* (yellowtail).

ther species: sculpins, sharks, squid, and octopus.

or changes to the harvest specifications refer to <http://alaskafisheries.noaa.gov/2010/hschanges.htm>

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Non-Chinook Salmon

Trawl Gear

Sea- sons	Account	Units	Total Catch	Limit	Remaining	% Taken	Last Wk Catch
	Non Chinook Salmon	Count	149	0			139
Total:			149	0			139

Chinook Salmon

Trawl Gear

Sea- sons	Account	Units	Total Catch	Limit	Remaining	% Taken	Last Wk Catch
	Chinook Salmon	Count	117	0			66
Total:			117	0			66

Halibut Mortality

Non-Trawl Gear

Sea- sons	Account	Units	Total Catch	Limit	Remaining	% Taken	Last Wk Catch
	Other Hook-and-Line Fisheries	MT	0	290	290	0%	0
Total:			0	290	290	0%	0

Trawl Gear

Sea- sons	Account	Units	Total Catch	Limit	Remaining	% Taken	Last Wk Catch
	Trawl Fishery	MT	96	2,000	1,904	5%	59
Total:			96	2,000	1,904	5%	59

No PSC Limits apply to salmon in the GOA.

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 PSC limits.

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

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.

Trawl halibut PSC limit data include catch from Rockfish Pilot Program cooperatives.

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Trawl Fisheries

Deep Water Species Complex

Season	Begin	End	Total Catch	Limit	Limit Remaining	% Taken
1st Season	20-JAN-10	01-APR-10	0	100	100	0%
2nd Season	01-APR-10	01-JUL-10	0	300	300	0%
3rd Season	01-JUL-10	01-SEP-10	0	400	400	0%
4th Season	01-SEP-10	01-OCT-10	0	0	0	0%
Total:			0	800	800	0%

Shallow Water Species Complex

Season	Begin	End	Total Catch	Limit	Limit Remaining	% Taken
1st Season	20-JAN-10	01-APR-10	94	450	356	21%
2nd Season	01-APR-10	01-JUL-10	0	100	100	0%
3rd Season	01-JUL-10	01-SEP-10	0	200	200	0%
4th Season	01-SEP-10	01-OCT-10	0	150	150	0%
Total:			94	900	806	10%

Year-To-Date

Account	Total Catch	Limit	Limit Remaining	% Taken	Last Wk Catch
Trawl Fishery	96	2,000	1,904	5%	59

Other Hook-and-Line Fisheries

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

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.

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

Note: All weights are in metric tons.

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2010 catch is through January 30 and 2009 catch is through January 31 unless otherwise stated.

Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands

Bering Sea Pollock

In 2010, most of the pollock fleet is waiting to target pollock. Five American Fisheries Act (AFA) catcher/processors (C/Ps) are targeting pollock and seven are targeting yellowfin sole. Only 28 catcher vessels delivering shoreside have targeted pollock in 2010 compared to 39 catcher vessels in 2009. Total Bering Sea pollock catch is 12,900 metric tons (mt) in 2010 compared to 30,440 mt in 2009 for the same time period. The A season allocations are 112,389 mt for C/Ps, 140,486 for inshore, and 28,097 mt for motherships.

Pacific cod

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

Hook-and-line CPs

In 2010, 36 hook-and-line C/Ps are participating in the Pacific cod fishery (37 in 2009). The 2010 A season TAC is 37,230 mt. Based on the average daily rate of 1,000 mt/day the A season is expected to close the around February 8 or 9. In 2009, the fishery closed February 6.

Week	mt	Week	mt
02-Jan-10	2,366	03-Jan-09	3,426
09-Jan-10	7,602	10-Jan-09	9,100
16-Jan-10	6,098	17-Jan-09	6,046
23-Jan-10	5,165	24-Jan-09	7,124
30-Jan-10	7,018	31-Jan-09	7,897
n/a		07-Feb-09	5,934
Total	28,249		39,527
TAC	37,230		38,951
Remaining	8,981		576

Pot catcher vessels

The 2010 A season fishery for pot catcher vessels greater than or equal to 60 ft length overall closed January 28 with 23 vessels fishing the 6,422 mt allocation. The 2009 fishery closed February 1 with 19 vessels taking 6,718 mt.

Week	mt	Week	mt
02-Jan-10	738	03-Jan-09	261
09-Jan-10	1,264	10-Jan-09	654
16-Jan-10	1,930	17-Jan-09	1,426
23-Jan-10	1,742	24-Jan-09	2,139
30-Jan-10	1,516	31-Jan-09	1,193
Total	7,189		5,673
TAC	6,422		6,718
Remaining	(767)		1,045

Pot C/Ps

The 2010 pot C/Ps fishery remains open with 526 mt of the 1,147 mt A season allocation caught. The 2009 fishery for pot C/Ps closed January 28 with 3 vessels taking 1,204 mt of the 1,200 mt A season allocation.

Hook-and-line or pot gear less than 60 ft length overall

Six catcher vessels less than 60 ft LOA using hook-and-line or pot gear reported 827 mt of the 2,998 mt annual allocation compared to 15 vessels reporting 1,124 mt for the same time period in 2009. NMFS plans to reallocate about 1,200 mt from the A season jig allocation to the less than 60 ft allocation. In 2009, the fishery closed March 16 and reopened April 30 after NMFS reallocated 400 mt from the B season jig allocation.

Trawl catcher vessels

In 2010, 15 trawl catcher vessels targeting Pacific cod reported 1,539 mt compared to 21 vessels reporting 1,143 mt for the same time period in 2009. The total Pacific cod catch through January 30 is 1,650 mt (includes pelagic trawl gear) of the 24,647 mt A season allocation. In 2009, the A season closed March 21, 2009, and the B season opened April 1 through April 5 with 3,300 mt reported.

Trawl C/Ps

NMFS prohibited directed fishing for Pacific cod for the Amendment 80 limited access sector January 20, 2010. NMFS will prohibit directed fishing for the AFA C/P sector after 400 mt is taken in the directed fishery. The Amendment 80 cooperative is controlling their catch within the cooperative.

Flatfish

In 2010, twelve Amendment 80 C/Ps are targeting rock sole and yellowfin sole, and seven AFA C/Ps are targeting yellowfin sole.

Atka mackerel

Eight vessels registered for the 2010 A season harvest limit area (HLA) fisheries in 542 and 543: three in the Amendment 80 cooperative, four in the Amendment 80 limited access sector, and one catcher vessel in the BSAI trawl limited access sector. NMFS announced the vessel assignments and fishery dates for each of the three non-CDQ fishery categories. The A season BSAI trawl limited access fishery for Atka mackerel in Area 541/Bering Sea subarea closed January 20. According to regulations the first HLA directed fishery for the Amendment 80 cooperative and the Amendment 80 limited access sector in 542 and 543 opened January 22, 2010.

Halibut mortality

Halibut mortality rates are preliminary and may change when more catch and observer data is reported in the catch accounting system. Currently, the BSAI shows higher halibut mortality than in 2009. Below compares the metric tons of halibut mortality and total groundfish catch by year through January 30, 2010 and January 31, 2009.

	2010	2009
BSAI trawl	304 / 41,115	219 / 51,738
BSAI hook-and-line	168 / 33,760	140 / 39,991
GOA trawl	96 / 9,304	94 / 5,189
GOA hook-and-line	0 / 5,357	92 / 4,738

Gulf of Alaska

Western GOA Pacific cod

The 2010 A season allocations are 11,212 mt for the inshore component and 1,246 mt for the offshore component. Through January 30, 2,607 mt has been taken compared to 2,611 mt through January 31, 2009. For the same time periods the 2010 catch by gear is: pot 66%, hook-and-line gear 18%, and trawl gear 16%. The 2009 catch by gear is: pot 74%, hook-and-line gear 18%, and trawl gear 8%. Catch rates are expected to increase with increased effort after the BSAI Pacific cod fisheries close. In 2009, the A season fishery for inshore Pacific cod closed February 25, taking about 9,208 mt. Non-AFA crab vessels are starting to fish the 1,011 mt A season inshore sideboard limit. In 2009, three vessels participated and the fishery closed January 21. Minimal catch has been reported for the offshore component fishery but effort is expected to increase after the Pacific cod hook-and-line C/P fishery closes in the BSAI.

Central GOA Pacific cod

The 2010 A season inshore fishery closed January 31 compared to January 27 in 2009. The 2010 A season allocations are 19,862 mt for inshore and 2,207 mt for offshore components. The 2010 catch by gear is: pot 40%, hook-and-line 23%, and trawl 37%. The 2009 catch by gear is: pot 37%, hook-and-line 32%, and trawl 31%. In 2010, four non-AFA crab vessels fished the sideboard limit and the fishery closed January 21. In 2009, six vessels participated in the non-AFA crab sideboard fishery and the fishery closed January 21. No catch has been reported for the offshore fishery, but effort is expected after the Pacific cod hook-and-line C/P fishery closes in the BSAI.

Pollock

The A season allocations are 5,551 mt for 610, 8,414 mt for 620, and 4,403 mt for 630. Area 610 may close during the week ending February 16 depending on the effort and catch rates. In area 620 no directed fishing has been reported and effort is expected to increase around late February or early March. Area 630 closed February 5 after the inshore Pacific cod closure in the Central GOA. NMFS will assess the catch and possibly reopened area 630 during the A season.

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February 5, 2010

FMP Amendment Status: <u>Actions Since Dec. 2009</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 or Notice of Approval Published in Federal Register
Amendment 30 (KTC) – Arbitration System Changes	April 2008	PR: 1/28/09				
Amendment 31 (KTC) – C-Share Active Participation	April 2008					
Amendment 34 (KTC) – Adjustments to GOA sideboards for BSAI crab vessels	Oct 2008					
Amendment 86 (GOA) – fixed gear endorsement for Pacific cod	April 2009	PR:12/4/09				
Amendment 91 (BSAI) Chinook Salmon bycatch management or the BS pollock fishery	April 2009	PR: 12/17/09	PR: 2/8/10			
Amendment 94 (BSAI)- require modified nonpelagic trawl gear for directed flatfish fishing in the Bering Sea subarea.	October 2009					
Amendment 95 (BSAI) – separate skates from “other species” complex	October 2009					
Amendments to all FMPS to authorize permit fees	October 2009					
Amendment 83 (GOA) Pacific cod sector splits	December 2009					

Status of Regulatory Amendments
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Groundfish/Crab Regulatory Amendments					
Revise MRA accounting period for non-AFA C/Ps for selected groundfish species in the BSAI Proposed rule withdrawn	December 2006	PR: 7/2/08 W/Draw PR 9/1/09	PR: Jan. 28, 2009 Withdraw of PR December 3, 2009	February 13, 2009 74 FR 7209 Comment period ended March 16, 2009	Withdrawal Notice 74 FR 65503 December 10, 2009
CDQ regulation of harvest	MSA requirement Council - June 2007	PR: 12/17/08			
Observer Program regulation revisions	April 2008	PR: 2/25/09	PR: 9/8/ 2009	September 30, 2009 74 FR 50155 Comment period ended October 30, 2009	
BSAI fixed gear parallel fishery management measures	June 2009				
BSAI groundfish harvest specifications for 2010 and 2011	October 2009	PR:10/29/09 FR: 1/4/10	PR:11/13/09 FR: 2/5/10	December 2, 2009 74 FR 63100 Comment period ends January 4, 2010	
GOA groundfish harvest specifications for 2010 and 2011	October 2009	PR:10/20/09 FR: 1/6/10	PR:11/13/09 FR: 2/5/10	November 30, 2009 74 FR 62533 Comment period ends December 30, 2009	
Data collection program to assess effectiveness of Bering Sea Chinook salmon IPA to minimize bycatch	December 2009				
Emergency rule to suspend regional delivery requirements for Western Aleutians Golden king crab	December 2009	ER: 1/8/10	ER: 2/2/10	N/A	

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Groundfish/Crab Regulatory Amendments					
Remove weighing req. for crab landings & rept. for processed product and remove requirement for preliminary AFA coop rept.	NMFS				
eLandings changes to improve and update methods and procedures	NMFS				
Permits requirements-improve efficiency, flexibility and clarify regulatory text	NMFS				
Halibut Regulations					
Charter vessel moratorium	April 2007	PR: 9/29/08 FR: 9/4/09	PR: 2/25/2009 FR: 12/2/09	April 21, 2009 74 FR 18178 Comment period ended June 5, 2009	January 5, 2010 75 FR 554 Effective February 4, 2010
Remove halibut/sablefish quota from initial recipients who never have fished or transferred quota	June 2006	PR: 8/12/09			
Clarify charter logbook submission requirements	NMFS	PR:1/12/10			
Establish new minimum vessel ownership criteria for using hired skipper of 12 months and 20% interest	December 2007				
Halibut catch share plan	October 2008				
Notice of 2009 standard prices and fee percentage for the IFQ cost recovery program in the halibut and sablefish fisheries	NMFS	11/25/09	December 3, 2009		December 11, 2009 74 FR 65741

Regulatory Actions Completed in 2010
February 5, 2010

- Allow online transfers for CDQ , crab IPQ, and cooperatives: October 7, 2009 (74 FR 51515) , effective November 6, 2009
- Subsistence Halibut – Include Certain Rural Residents: November 4, 2009 (74 FR 57105), effective December 4, 2009

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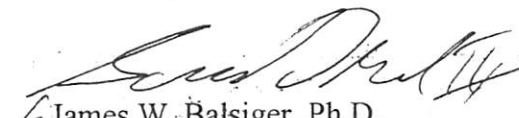
Dear Mr. Olson:

Thank you for your letter expressing the concern of the North Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) about the potential for the guided sport (charter) halibut fishery in Area 2C (Southeast Alaska) to exceed its guideline harvest level (GHL) in 2010.

The Secretary of Commerce has general responsibility to carry out the Convention between the United States of America and Canada for the Preservation of the Halibut Fishery of the Northern Pacific Ocean and the Bering Sea (Convention) and the Northern Pacific Halibut Act of 1982 (Halibut Act), by adopting regulations as may be necessary to carry out the purposes and objectives of the Convention and the Halibut Act. However, the development of regulations that allocate or assign halibut fishing privileges among U.S. nationals or vessels is within the authority of the Council. The Council's development of such regulations through analysis of alternatives provides maximum public participation and transparency. We recognize the Council's history of and commitment to managing fishery and sector removals to specified allocations. The Council's proposed catch share plan (CSP) for the commercial and charter halibut fisheries is the next step in responding to the ongoing conservation and management of these fisheries. The review of this proposed program and associated rulemaking is a priority for NMFS staff resources so that the CSP may be implemented by 2012. We plan to provide the Council a status report on any CSP implementation issues and a schedule for its implementation at the Council's April 2010 meeting.

If the Council believes that further restricting the halibut charter fleet is necessary during the next 2 years while the proposed CSP is reviewed and rulemaking completed, we would support Council action to develop and recommend specific harvest restrictions that would reduce the charter halibut harvest to the GHL. This strategy could delay the implementation of the CSP, but that would be a policy choice of the Council. Thus, while we intend to focus NMFS staff resources on implementation of the proposed CSP and not on an independent development and imposition of further restrictions on the charter halibut fishery in Area 2C, we will work with the Council in developing such restrictions if the Council wishes to proceed in that direction. We continue to believe that the best approach is for the Council and NMFS to work together toward long-term solutions for addressing allocation, management, and ultimately conservation goals for the halibut fisheries.

Sincerely,


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