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**NMFS FISHERIES  
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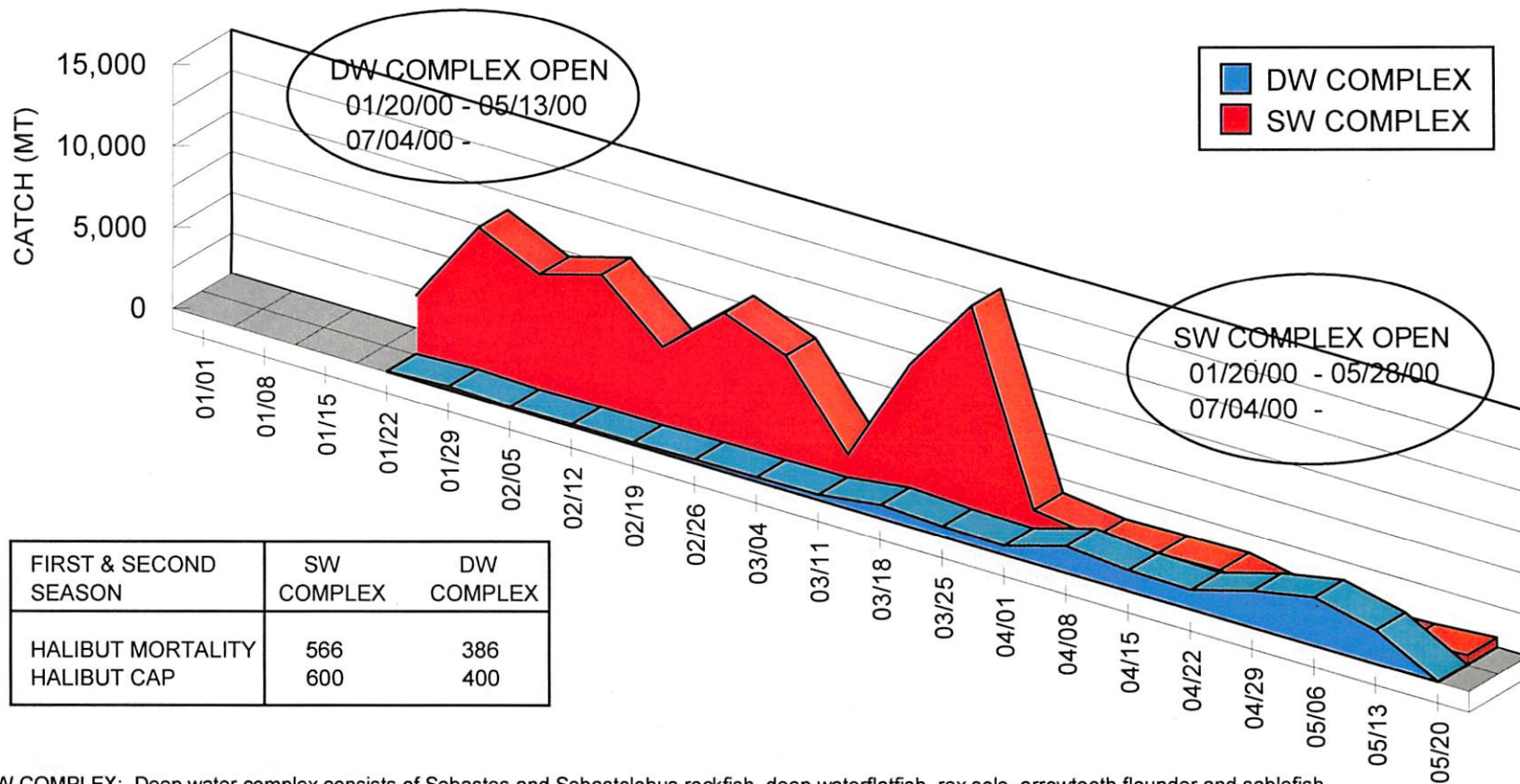


FMP Amendment status since April 1999	DATE OF COUNCIL ACTION	Start Regional Review	Submitted to NMFS Headquarters	Notice of FMP amendment published	PR Published in FEDERAL REGISTER	FR Published in FEDERAL REGISTER
Amendment 57 BSAI - Bottom trawl ban for pollock - final rule Approved by NMFS 2/24/00	Jun-98	3/17/2000	4/3/2000	12-10-99 64 FR 69219 EOC 2/8/00	12-29-99 64 FR 73003	5/16/2000 65 FR 31105 Effective 6/15/00
Amendment 59 GOA - Prohibit fishing on Cape Edgecomb pinnacles	Jun-98	12/3/1999	5/4/2000	5/12/00 65 FR 30559 EOC 7/11/00	mid June?	
Amendment 54/54: Allow indirect vessel ownership in the IFQ hired skipper provisions; add language specific to estates in the definition of a "change" in a corporation or partnership; and change the sablefish use caps to be expressed in numbers of QS units, rather than as a percentage of the QS pool.	Oct-98	10/1/1999				
Amendment 60/58/10 - LLP	Oct-98	7/28/1999				
Amendment 4 FR - Scallop LLP	Feb-99	6/5/2000		3/9/00 65 FR 12500 EOC 5/8/00	4-21-00 65 FR 21395 EOC 6/5/00	
Final rule for Amendment 58 (BSAI) Chinook salmon bycatch control NMFS Approval of Amendment on 2-2-00	Feb-99	3/3/2000	Plan to submit 6/12/00	11/4/1999 64 FR 68157	12-21-99 64 FR 71390	
Amendment 6 - Salmon Overfishing	Feb-99	3/30/1999	Staff working to define MSST			
Amendment 66 (BS) - Remove squid from CDQ	Jun-99	8/15/1999	5/15/2000	5/30/2000 65 FR 34434 EOC 7/31/00		
Amendment 61/61 Management of co-ops and sideboards	Jun-99					
Amendment 11 - Bairdi rebuilding plan NMFS action scheduled 6/8/00	Oct-99	12/7/1999	2/25/2000	3/7/00 65 FR 11973 EOC 5/8/00	No rulemaking for this action	
Amendment 64 - BSAI Fixed gear cod allocations	Oct-99	11/26/1999	3/27/2000	4-11-00 65 FR 19354 EOC 6-12-00	5/26/00 65 FR 34133 EOC 7/10/00	
Amendment 48/48 Revision to TAC specification process	Apr-98	6/2/1998	Analysis to Council June 2000			

Regulatory Amendment Action Staff work ongoing or initiated since April 2000	DATE OF COUNCIL ACTION	Start Regional Review	Submitted to NMFS Headquarters		PR Published in FEDERAL REGISTER	FR Published in FEDERAL REGISTER
Regulatory Amendment - Atka mackerel VMS Proposed rule	Jun-98	5/19/1999	2/29/2000		June 9?	
Chiniak trawl closure	Feb-00	3/30/2000	6/2/00			
Steller sea lion conservation measures - proposed rule	Jun-99	3/1/2000				
SSL 2000 emergency rule extension	Apr-00		5/25/2000			
AFA 2000 emergency rule extension	Apr-00		5/24/2000			
Scale performance criteria Final Rule	NMFS	1/10/2000			12-2-99 64 FR 67555 EOC 1/3/00	5/26/00 65 FR 33781 Effective 6/26/00
Reduce some CDQ observer experience and coverage req.	NMFS	3/6/2000				
Corrections to LLP Transfer provisions - final rule	NMFS		4/5/2000			5/16/00 65 FR 31103
IFQ Omnibus 3 PR	NMFS	5/20/1998	6/1/2000			
EFP 00-1 Halibut excluder device for trawl cod fishery	Apr-00					
Extend halibut donation program beyond 2000	Jun-00					
Revise definition of vessel length overall	NMFS					
2000 Recordkeeping & Reporting	Jun-99					
Crab CDQ season start date	Oct-98					
Technical amendments to LLP	NMFS					5/12/00 65 FR 30549
Commercial Operator's Annual Report PR	Jun-99	9/16/1999				

Analyses or regulatory actions tasked to NMFS staff but not yet initiated due to other work priorities	DATE OF COUNCIL ACTION	START REGIONAL REVIEW	SUBMITTED TO DOC		PR PUBLISHED IN FEDERAL REGISTER	FR PUBLISHED IN FEDERAL REGISTER
EA to support EFP 00-1 Halibut excluder device in trawl cod fisheries	Apr-00					
Regulatory Amendment - Revise IR/IU	Feb-99					
DSR - full retention/donation HMAP	Jun-99					
Halibut 4D/4E issues trip limits, location of catch						
Revise timing of motions of reconsideration of appeals	NMFS					
Buyback program: Crab						
Regulatory Amendment - Establish the IFQ Loan Program						
CDQ cost recovery plan	NMFS					
<b>OTHER ONGOING OR UPCOMING STAFF WORKLOAD PRIORITIES</b>						
<p>Opilio and St. Matthews rebuilding plan -- development  Groundfish SEIS - staff work  EIS development on specific management actions  Ongoing ESA analyses  Revisions to AFA regulations  Observer program analyses and regulations  Analyses (new and ongoing) associated with the MSCDQ program  Charter Boat GHJ  Experimental Fishing permits</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>CDQ - specific actions not listed above</b></p> <p>Analysis of reducing observer coverage requirements for longline/pot catcher vessels - analysis for Oct'00  Revise CDQ administrative regulations - analysis for initial review at Oct'00 meeting  Alternative CDQ quota management measures (underage/overage provisions, remove CDQ species, etc)  Technical amendment to correct sablefish retention regs.  CDQ trawl season start date</p>						

# 2000 GOA TRAWL DW COMPLEX & SW COMPLEX FISHERIES

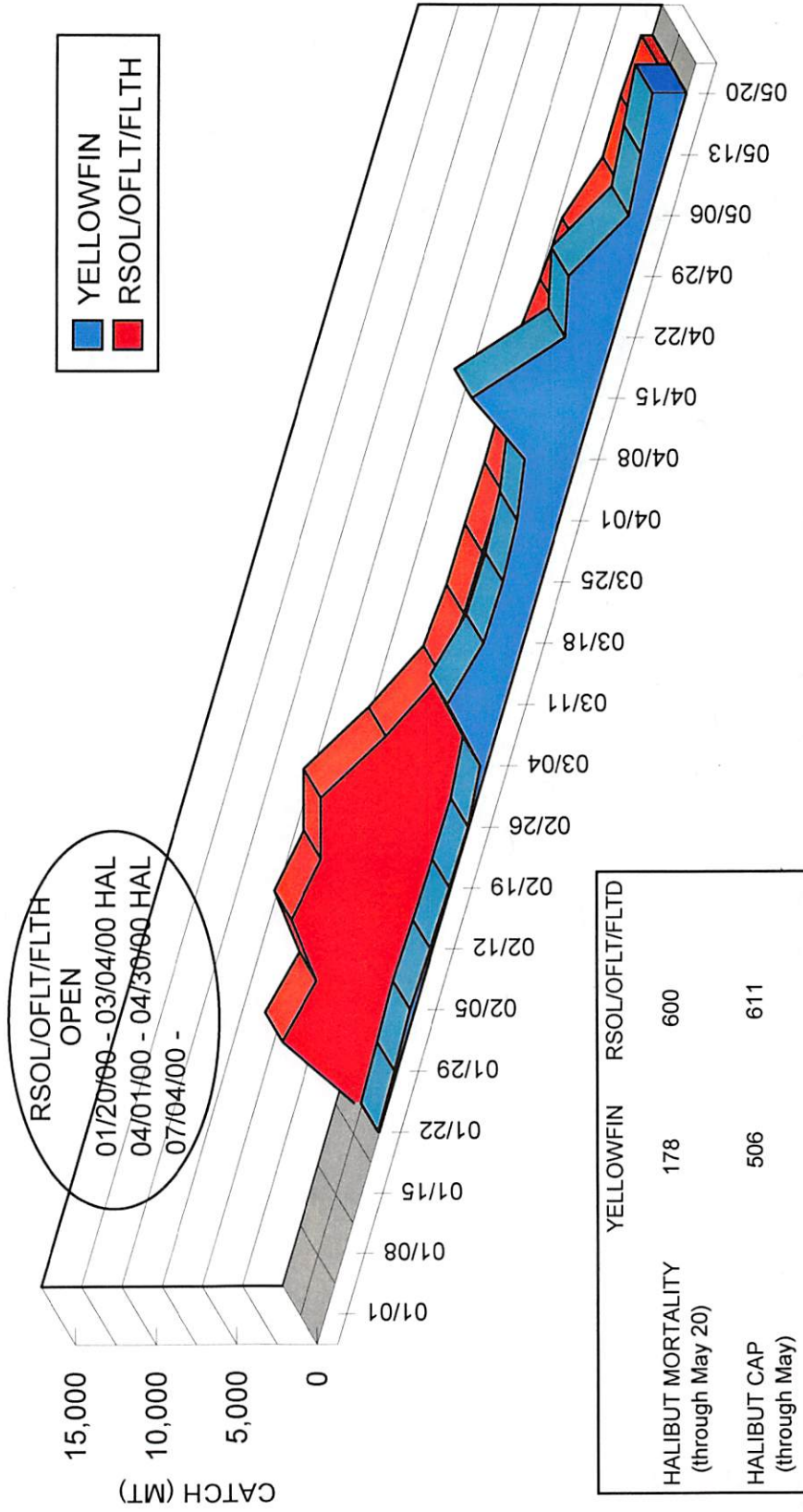
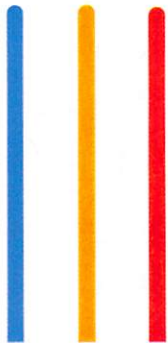


DW COMPLEX: Deep water complex consists of Sebastes and Sebastolobus rockfish, deep water flatfish, rex sole, arrowtooth flounder and sablefish.

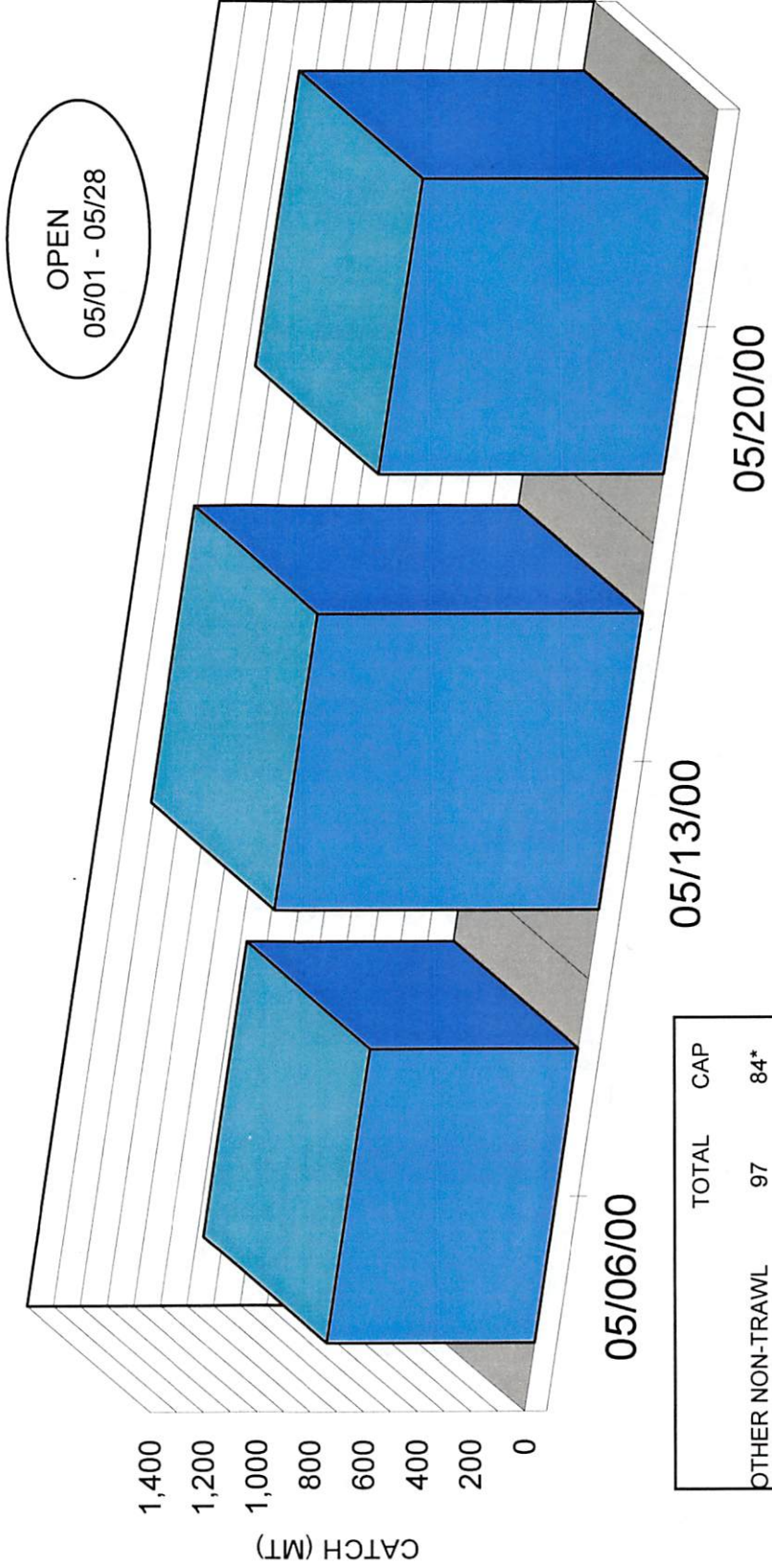
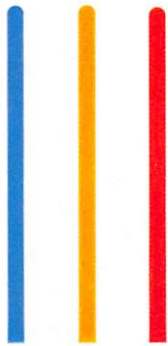
SW COMPLEX: Shallow water complex consists of pollock, Pacific cod, shallow water flatfish, flathead sole, Atka mackerel, and "other species".

SW COMPLEX CLOSURE does not apply to fishing for pollock by vessels using pelagic trawl gear in those portions of the GOA open to directed fishing for pollock.

# 2000 BSAI FLATFISH TARGET CATCH



# 2000 BSAI H&L GREENLAND TURBOT TARGET CATCH (METRIC TONS) BY WEEK



	TOTAL	CAP
OTHER NON-TRAWL	97	84*
HALIBUT MORTALITY		

\*A 75 mt addition to cap under NMFS review



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Dear Mr. Lauber:

At its February 1998 meeting, the Council approved Amendments 52/52 which contained two measures to address management concerns for Western and Central Gulf of Alaska fisheries. The first measure was a 3-day stand down requirement for trawl catcher vessels transiting between the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area and Gulf of Alaska (GOA). The second measure would have created an advance registration program for vessels participating in certain fisheries at risk of TAC overages such as the Western and Central GOA pollock fishery.

NMFS proceeded immediately to implement the 3-day stand down requirement by regulatory amendment as we determined that an FMP amendment was not required for this measure alone. However, development of fishery management plan amendments necessary to authorize the vessel registration program was put on hold in the fall of 1998 due to the passage of the American Fisheries Act (AFA). The final rule implementing the 3-day stand down requirement was published in the Federal Register on September 11, 1998 (63 FR 48642).

Given changing circumstances in the fisheries, we no longer believe a vessel registration program is necessary and we recommend that the Council consider withdrawing Amendments 52/52 from further development and consideration. The fisheries of greatest concern when Amendments 52/52 were adopted were the pollock and Pacific cod fisheries of the GOA. However, management of these fisheries has changed dramatically due to implementation of harvest sideboards on AFA catcher vessels and implementation of trip limits and seasonal exclusive area requirement under the Steller sea lion protection measures. These recent actions have all but eliminated the rapid shifts of effort that plagued management of these fisheries in the past, and that were the primary basis for implementing a vessel registration program.

Sincerely,

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