

ADVISORY PANEL
Motions and Rationale
October 4-7, 2022 - Anchorage, AK

C5 Groundfish Proposed Specs

Motion 1:

The AP recommends the Council adopt the proposed 2023 and 2024 BSAI groundfish specifications for OFLs and ABCs as recommended by the SSC and set TACs, with all proposed specifications consisting of rollovers of 2023 final specifications from 2022/2023 harvest specifications. The TACs for both BS and AI Pacific cod have been adjusted to account for the State water GHL fisheries. The TAC for sablefish has been reduced in the Bering Sea Aleutian Islands by 5% to accommodate the GHL fishery.

The AP recommends that the Council adopt the proposed flatfish ABC reserves, 2023 and 2024 annual and seasonal PSC limits and apportionments in the BSAI as provided in Tables 7, 8, 9, 10, 11. Finally, the AP recommends that the Council adopt the proposed 2023 and 2024 halibut discard mortality rates (DMRs) for the BSAI as shown in Table 12. Tables 7 - 12 are found in the meeting agenda under C-5.

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Motion 2:

The AP recommends the Council adopt the proposed 2023 and 2024 Gulf of Alaska groundfish specifications for OFLs and ABCs as recommended by the SSC and set TACs as shown in the handout, with all proposed specifications consisting of rollovers of final specifications from 2022. The TACs for both Gulf of Alaska cod and Pollock have been adjusted to account for the State water GHL fisheries. The Gulf of Alaska Pacific cod adjustments are shown in Table 2.

The AP recommends that the Council adopt the proposed 2023 and 2024 annual and seasonal Pacific halibut PSC limits and apportionments in the Gulf of Alaska as provided in Tables 9, 10, and 11 and the proposed 2023 and 2024 halibut discard mortality rates (DMRs) for the Gulf of Alaska in Table 12.

All tables are shown in the GOA 2023 and 2024 plan team proposed tables document as provided by Council staff.

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Table 1. SSC recommended OFL & ABC, and AP recommended TAC for proposed harvest specifications for Groundfish in the BSAI (metric tons) for 2023-2024

9/10/2022

Species	Area	2021				Catch as of 12/31/2021	2022				2023/2024		
		OFL	ABC	TAC			OFL	ABC	TAC	Catch as of 9/10/2022	OFL	ABC	TAC
Pollock	EBS	2,594,000	1,626,000	1,375,000	1,376,250	1,469,000	1,111,000	1,111,000	1,088,062	1,704,000	1,289,000	1,289,000	
	AI	61,856	51,241	19,000	1,840	61,264	50,752	19,000	2,694	61,379	50,825	19,000	
	Bogoslof	113,479	85,109	250	8	113,479	85,109	250	256	113,479	85,109	250	
Pacific cod	BS	147,949	123,805	111,380	109,202	183,012	153,383	136,466	113,251	180,909	151,709	133,459	
	AI	27,400	20,600	13,796	7,298	27,400	20,600	13,796	4,861	27,400	20,600	13,796	
Sablefish	BSAI/GOA	60,426	29,558	n/a		40,432	34,521	n/a		42,520	36,318	n/a	
	BS	n/a	3,396	3,396	4,169	n/a	5,264	5,264	4,146	n/a	6,529	5,813	
	AI	n/a	4,717	4,717	1,578	n/a	6,463	6,463	1,987	n/a	7,786	7,786	
Yellowfin sole	BSAI	341,571	313,477	200,000	108,788	377,071	354,014	250,000	102,234	382,035	358,675	230,000	
Greenland turbot	BSAI	8,568	7,326	6,025	1,597	7,687	6,572	6,572	1,421	6,698	5,724	5,724	
	BS	n/a	6,176	5,125	1,130	n/a	5,540	5,540	989	n/a	4,825	4,825	
	AI	n/a	1,150	900	467	n/a	1,032	1,032	432	n/a	899	899	
Arrowtooth flounder	BSAI	90,873	77,349	15,000	9,014	94,445	80,389	20,000	5,887	97,944	83,389	20,000	
Kamchatka flounder	BSAI	10,630	8,982	8,982	6,667	10,903	9,214	9,214	8,166	11,115	9,393	9,393	
Northern rock sole	BSAI	145,180	140,306	54,500	14,393	214,084	206,896	66,000	17,070	280,621	271,199	55,000	
Flathead sole	BSAI	75,863	62,567	25,000	10,259	77,967	64,288	35,500	13,257	80,034	65,988	25,500	
Alaska plaice	BSAI	37,924	31,657	24,500	15,862	39,305	32,697	29,221	8,398	39,685	32,998	29,082	
Other flatfish	BSAI	22,919	17,189	6,500	2,638	22,919	17,189	10,000	2,041	22,919	17,189	10,000	
	BSAI	44,376	37,173	35,899	35,479	42,605	35,688	35,385	24,190	40,977	34,322	33,952	
Pacific Ocean perch	BS	n/a	10,782	10,782	10,693	n/a	10,352	10,352	4,860	n/a	9,956	9,956	
	EAI	n/a	8,419	8,419	8,288	n/a	8,083	8,083	5,000	n/a	7,774	7,774	
	CAI	n/a	6,198	6,198	5,993	n/a	5,950	5,950	4,668	n/a	5,722	5,722	
	WAI	n/a	11,774	10,500	10,505	n/a	11,303	11,000	9,662	n/a	10,870	10,500	
Northern rockfish	BSAI	18,917	15,557	13,000	6,212	23,420	19,217	17,000	7,321	22,594	18,538	17,000	
Blackspotted/Rougheye Rockfish	BSAI	576	482	482	515	598	503	503	326	615	517	517	
	EBS/EAI	n/a	313	313	196	n/a	326	326	114	n/a	334	334	
	CAI/WAI	n/a	169	169	319	n/a	177	177	212	n/a	183	183	
Shortraker rockfish	BSAI	722	541	500	496	722	541	541	194	722	541	541	
Other rockfish	BSAI	1,751	1,313	916	1,002	1,751	1,313	1,144	903	1,751	1,313	1,313	
	BS	n/a	919	522	392	n/a	919	750	467	n/a	919	919	
	AI	n/a	394	394	610	n/a	394	394	436	n/a	394	394	
Atka mackerel	BSAI	85,580	73,590	62,257	36,171	91,870	78,510	66,481	37,467	84,440	71,990	60,958	
	EAI/BS	n/a	25,760	25,760	25,183	n/a	27,260	27,260	10,688	n/a	25,000	25,000	
	CAI	n/a	15,450	15,450	15,308	n/a	16,880	16,880	15,502	n/a	15,470	15,470	
	WAI	n/a	32,380	21,047	20,863	n/a	34,370	22,341	21,965	n/a	31,520	20,488	
Skates	BSAI	49,297	41,257	18,000	20,029	47,790	39,958	30,000	22,892	46,475	38,824	30,000	
Sharks	BSAI	689	517	200	221	689	517	500	121	689	517	500	
Octopuses	BSAI	4,769	3,576	700	170	4,769	3,576	700	199	4,769	3,576	700	
Total	BSAI	3,945,315	2,747,727	2,000,000	1,795,041	2,953,182	2,383,653	1,871,000	1,478,032	3,253,770	2,648,254	1,999,284	

Sources: 2021 OFLs, ABCs, and TACs and 2022 OFLs and ABCs are from harvest specifications adopted by the Council in December 2020 and December 2021 respectively; 2021 catches through December 31, and 2022 catches through September 10, 2022 from AKR Catch Accounting.

TABLE 7—PROPOSED 2023 AND 2024 ABC SURPLUS, ABC RESERVES, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT QUOTA (CDQ) ABC RESERVES, AND AMENDMENT 80 ABC RESERVES IN THE BSAI FOR FLATHEAD SOLE, ROCK SOLE, AND YELLOWFIN SOLE

[Amounts are in metric tons]			
Sector	Flathead sole	Rock sole	Yellowfin sole
ABC	65,988	271,199	358,675
TAC	25,500	55,000	230,000
ABC surplus	40,488	216,199	128,675
ABC reserve	40,488	216,199	128,675
CDQ ABC reserve	4,332	23,133	13,768
Amendment 80 ABC reserve	36,156	193,066	114,907

TABLE 8—PROPOSED 2023 AND 2024 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 sector	BSAI PSC limits not allocated ²
Halibut mortality (mt) BSAI	3,515	710	315	n/a	1,745	745	n/a
Herring (mt) BSAI	3,819	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Red king crab (animals) Zone 1	32,000	n/a	3,424	28,576	14,282	8,739	5,555
<i>C. opilio</i> (animals) COBLZ	4,350,000	n/a	465,450	3,884,550	1,909,256	1,248,494	726,799
<i>C. bairdi</i> crab (animals) Zone 1	830,000	n/a	88,810	741,190	312,115	348,285	80,790
<i>C. bairdi</i> crab (animals) Zone 2	2,520,000	n/a	269,640	2,250,360	532,660	1,053,394	664,306

¹ Refer to § 679.2 for definitions of zones.

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

³ The 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.

TABLE 9-PROPOSED 2023 AND 2024 HERRING AND RED KING CRAB SAVINGS SUBAREA PROHIBITED SPECIES CATCH ALLOWANCES FOR ALL TRAWL SECTORS

Fishery categories	Herring (mt) BSAI	Red king crab (animals) Zone 1
Yellowfin sole	222	n/a
Rock sole/flathead sole/Alaska plaice/other flatfish ¹	110	n/a
Greenland turbot/arrowtooth flounder/Kamchatka flounder/sablefish	11	n/a
Rockfish	11	n/a
Pacific cod	20	n/a
Midwater trawl pollock	3,400	n/a
Pollock/Atka mackerel/other species ^{2,3}	45	n/a
2022 Red king crab savings subarea non-pelagic trawl gear ⁴	n/a	-
2023 Red king crab savings subarea non-pelagic trawl gear ⁵	n/a	8,000
Total trawl PSC	3,819	32,000

¹“Other flatfish” for PSC monitoring includes all flatfish species, except for halibut (a prohibited species), Alaska plaice, arrowtooth flounder, flathead sole, Greenland turbot, Kamchatka flounder, rock sole, and yellowfin sole.

²Pollock other than midwater trawl pollock, Atka mackerel, and “other species” fishery category.

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

⁴Section 679.21(e)(3)(ii)(B) establishes criteria under which an annual red king crab bycatch limit must be specified for the Red King Crab Savings Subarea (RKCSS) if the State has established a GHF fishery for red king crab in the Bristol Bay area in the previous year. Based on the final 2022 NMFS trawl survey data for the Bristol Bay red king crab stock, the State of Alaska closed the Bristol Bay red king crab fishery for the 2022/2023 crab season. NMFS and the Council will not specify the red king crab bycatch limit for the RKCSS in 2023, and pursuant to § 679.21(e)(3)(ii)(B)(1) directed fishing for groundfish is prohibited for vessels using non-pelagic trawl gear in the RKCSS for 2023.

⁵If the Bristol Bay red king crab fishery remains closed in the 2023/2024 crab season, the RKCSS specification will be zero. . If the Bristol Bay red king crab fishery is open in the 2022/2023 crab season, NMFS, after consultation with the Council, will specify an annual red king crab bycatch limit for the RKCSS, which is limited by regulation to up to 25 percent of the red king crab PSC allowance (§ 679.21(e)(3)(ii)(B)(2)).

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

TABLE 10-PROPOSED 2023 AND 2024 PROHIBITED SPECIES BYCATCH ALLOWANCES FOR THE BSAI TRAWL LIMITED ACCESS SECTOR

BSAI trawl limited access sector fisheries	Prohibited species and area ¹				
	Halibut mortality (mt) BSAI	Red king crab (animals) Zone 1	<i>C. opilio</i> (animals) COBLZ	<i>C. bairdi</i> (animals)	
				Zone 1	Zone 2
Yellowfin sole	265	7,700	1,192,179	293,234	1,005,879
Rock sole/flathead sole/other flatfish ²	-	-	-	-	-
Greenland turbot/arrowtooth flounder/Kamchatka flounder/sablefish	-	-	-	-	-
Rockfish April 15-December 31	5	-	1,006	-	849
Pacific cod	300	975	50,281	50,816	42,424
Pollock/Atka mackerel/other species ³	175	65	5,028	4,235	4,243
Total BSAI trawl limited access sector PSC	745	8,739	1,248,494	348,285	1,053,394

¹ Refer to § 679.2 for definitions of areas and zones.

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

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TABLE 11–PROPOSED 2023 AND 2024 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	Annual 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

TABLE 12–PROPOSED 2023 AND 2024 PACIFIC HALIBUT DISCARD MORTALITY RATES (DMR) FOR THE BSAI

Gear	Sector	Halibut discard mortality rate (percent)
Pelagic trawl	All	100
Non-pelagic trawl	Mothership and catcher/processor	85
Non-pelagic trawl	Catcher vessel	62
Hook-and-line	Catcher vessel	9
Hook-and-line	Catcher/processor	9
Pot	All	26

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Table 1. SSC recommended OFLs and ABCs and AP recommended TACs for Proposed Harvest Specifications for Groundfish in the GOA (metric tons) for 2023 and 2024

10/6/2022

Species	Area	2021			Catch 12/31/2021	2022			Catch 9/10/2022	2023-2024		
		OFL	ABC	TAC		OFL	ABC	TAC		OFL	ABC	TAC
Pollock	State GHL	n/a	2,643	n/a		n/a	3,327	n/a		n/a	3,298	n/a
	W (610)	n/a	18,477	18,477	18,015	n/a	23,714	23,714	11,382	n/a	23,506	23,506
	C (620)	n/a	54,870	54,870	52,429	n/a	69,250	69,250	49,326	n/a	68,642	68,642
	C (630)	n/a	24,320	24,320	23,431	n/a	30,068	30,068	18,431	n/a	29,803	29,803
	WYAK	n/a	5,412	5,412	5,144	n/a	6,722	6,722	6,441	n/a	6,663	6,663
	Subtotal		123,455	105,722	103,079	99,019	154,983	133,081	129,754	85,580	153,097	131,912
	EYAK/SEO	13,531	10,148	10,148	-	15,150	11,363	11,363	-	15,150	11,363	11,363
	Total	136,986	115,870	113,227	99,019	170,133	144,444	141,117	85,580	168,247	143,275	139,977
Pacific Cod	W	n/a	7,986	5,590	4,285	n/a	9,942	6,959	4,344	n/a	8,699	6,089
	C	n/a	13,656	10,242	8,794	n/a	19,752	14,814	10,476	n/a	17,282	12,962
	E	n/a	1,985	1,489	202	n/a	3,117	2,338	233	n/a	2,727	2,045
	Total		28,977	23,627	17,321	13,281	39,555	32,811	24,111	15,053	34,673	28,708
Sablefish	W	n/a	3,224	2,428	1,994	n/a	3,727	3,727	2,099	n/a	3,951	3,951
	C	n/a	9,527	8,056	7,311	n/a	9,965	9,965	5,694	n/a	9,495	9,495
	WYAK	n/a	3,451	2,929	2,330	n/a	3,437	3,437	2,271	n/a	3,159	3,159
	SEO	n/a	5,273	4,579	3,873	n/a	5,665	5,665	3,749	n/a	5,398	5,398
	GOA Total	n/a	21,475	17,992	15,508	n/a	22,794	22,794	13,813	n/a	22,003	22,003
	AK Total	60,426	29,588	n/a	n/a	40,432	34,521	n/a	n/a	42,520	36,318	n/a
Shallow-Water Flatfish	W	n/a	24,151	13,250	27	n/a	21,256	13,250	31	n/a	22,464	13,250
	C	n/a	28,082	28,082	1,828	n/a	25,305	25,305	1,167	n/a	26,743	26,743
	WYAK	n/a	2,808	2,808	1	n/a	2,531	2,531	8	n/a	2,674	2,674
	EYAK/SEO	n/a	1,123	1,123	1	n/a	1,518	1,518	1	n/a	1,605	1,605
	Total		68,841	56,164	45,263	1,857	62,273	50,610	42,604	1,207	65,676	53,486
Deep-Water Flatfish	W	n/a	225	225	1	n/a	256	256	2	n/a	256	256
	C	n/a	1,914	1,914	83	n/a	2,139	2,139	101	n/a	2,105	2,105
	WYAK	n/a	2,068	2,068	7	n/a	1,431	1,431	2	n/a	1,408	1,408
	EYAK/SEO	n/a	1,719	1,719	4	n/a	2,082	2,082	5	n/a	2,049	2,049
	Total		7,040	5,926	5,926	95	7,026	5,908	5,908	110	6,920	5,818
Rex Sole	W	n/a	3,013	3,013	14	n/a	2,981	2,981	39	n/a	3,222	3,222
	C	n/a	8,912	8,912	285	n/a	12,076	12,076	627	n/a	13,054	13,054
	WYAK	n/a	1,206	1,206	2	n/a	1,361	1,361	-	n/a	1,439	1,439
	EYAK/SEO	n/a	2,285	2,285	-	n/a	2,723	2,723	-	n/a	2,879	2,879
	Total		18,779	15,416	15,416	301	23,302	19,141	19,141	666	25,049	20,594
Arrowtooth Flounder	W	n/a	32,377	14,500	361	n/a	33,658	14,500	269	n/a	33,214	14,500
	C	n/a	69,072	69,072	9,481	n/a	68,394	68,394	9,893	n/a	67,493	67,493
	WYAK	n/a	8,380	6,900	81	n/a	6,707	6,707	28	n/a	6,619	6,619
	EYAK/SEO	n/a	17,141	6,900	61	n/a	11,020	6,900	42	n/a	10,875	6,900
	Total		151,723	126,970	97,372	9,984	143,100	119,779	96,501	10,232	141,231	118,201
Flathead Sole	W	n/a	14,209	8,650	111	n/a	14,755	8,650	26	n/a	14,708	8,650
	C	n/a	20,826	15,400	596	n/a	22,033	15,400	468	n/a	21,962	15,400
	WYAK	n/a	2,427	2,427	-	n/a	1,511	1,511	-	n/a	1,506	1,506
	EYAK/SEO	n/a	1,915	1,915	-	n/a	1,876	1,876	-	n/a	1,870	1,870
	Total		47,982	39,377	28,392	707	48,928	40,175	27,437	494	48,757	40,046
Pacific ocean perch	W	n/a	1,643	1,643	1,622	n/a	2,602	2,602	2,499	n/a	2,523	2,523
	C	n/a	27,429	27,429	25,616	n/a	30,806	30,806	21,758	n/a	29,869	29,869
	WYAK	n/a	1,705	1,705	1,662	n/a	1,409	1,409	1,398	n/a	1,366	1,366
	W/C/WYAK	36,563	30,777	30,777	28,900	41,470	34,817	34,817	25,655	40,211	33,758	33,758
	SEO	6,414	5,400	5,400	-	4,110	3,451	3,451	-	3,985	3,346	3,346
Total		42,977	36,177	36,177	28,900	45,580	38,268	38,268	25,655	44,196	37,104	37,104
Northern Rockfish	W	n/a	2,023	2,023	709	n/a	1,944	1,944	474	n/a	1,859	1,859
	C	n/a	3,334	3,334	1,668	n/a	3,202	3,202	1,131	n/a	3,061	3,061
	E	n/a	1	-	-	n/a	-	-	-	n/a	-	-
	Total		6,396	5,358	5,357	2,377	6,143	5,146	5,146	1,605	5,874	4,920
Shortraker Rockfish	W	n/a	52	52	8	n/a	51	51	7	n/a	51	51
	C	n/a	284	284	210	n/a	280	280	172	n/a	280	280
	E	n/a	372	372	310	n/a	374	374	125	n/a	374	374
	Total		944	708	708	528	940	705	705	304	940	705
Dusky Rockfish	W	n/a	270	270	146	n/a	269	269	103	n/a	259	259
	C	n/a	4,548	4,548	2,751	n/a	4,534	4,534	2,200	n/a	4,373	4,373
	WYAK	n/a	468	468	30	n/a	427	427	6	n/a	412	412
	EYAK/SEO	n/a	103	103	1	n/a	142	142	-	n/a	137	137
	Total		8,655	5,389	5,389	2,928	8,614	5,372	5,372	2,309	8,146	5,181
Rougheye and Blackspotted Rockfish	W	n/a	168	168	22	n/a	184	184	95	n/a	182	182
	C	n/a	456	456	182	n/a	235	235	72	n/a	234	234
	E	n/a	588	588	203	n/a	369	369	144	n/a	365	365
	Total		1,456	1,212	1,212	407	947	788	788	311	937	781
Demersal shelf rockfish	Total	405	257	257	109	579	365	365	125	579	365	365
Thornyhead Rockfish	W	n/a	352	352	42	n/a	352	352	107	n/a	352	352
	C	n/a	910	910	101	n/a	910	910	152	n/a	910	910
	E	n/a	691	691	130	n/a	691	691	65	n/a	691	691
	Total		2,604	1,953	1,953	273	2,604	1,953	1,953	324	2,604	1,953
Other Rockfish	W/C	n/a	940	940	1,054	n/a	940	940	988	n/a	940	940
	WYAK	n/a	369	369	125	n/a	370	370	68	n/a	370	370
	EYAK/SEO	n/a	2,744	300	37	n/a	2,744	300	46	n/a	2,744	300
	Total		5,320	4,053	1,609	1,216	5,320	4,054	1,610	1,102	5,320	4,054
Atka mackerel	Total	6,200	4,700	3,000	939	6,200	4,700	3,000	878	6,200	4,700	3,000
Big Skate	W	n/a	758	758	128	n/a	591	591	107	n/a	591	591
	C	n/a	1,560	1,560	446	n/a	1,482	1,482	450	n/a	1,482	1,482
	E	n/a	890	890	191	n/a	794	794	102	n/a	794	794
	Total		4,278	3,208	3,208	765	3,822	2,867	2,867	659	3,822	2,867
Longnose Skate	W	n/a	158	158	42	n/a	151	151	19	n/a	151	151
	C	n/a	1,875	1,875	522	n/a	2,044	2,044	449	n/a	2,044	2,044
	E	n/a	554	554	471	n/a	517	517	343	n/a	517	517
	Total		3,449	2,587	2,587	1,035	3,616	2,712	2,712	811	3,616	2,712
Other Skates	GOA-wide	1,166	875	875	732	1,311	984	984	586	1,311	984	984
Sharks	GOA-wide	5,006	3,755	3,755	1,933	5,006	3,755	3,755	1,243	5,006	3,755	3,755
Octopuses	GOA-wide	1,307	980	980	55	1,307	980	980	62	1,307	980	980
TOTAL		610,917	476,037	407,976	182,949	626,738	508,311	448,118	163,129	622,931	517,507	443,615

Sources: 2022 OFLs, ABCs, and TACs are from harvest specifications adopted by the Council in December 2021, 2021 catches through December 31, 2021, and 2022 catches through September 15, 2022 from AKR Catch Accounting.

Note: The sablefish ABC total for the GOA is not included in the grand total. The Alaska-wide sablefish OFL and ABC are included in the grand total. The sablefish GOA TAC is included in the total

Table 2. Proposed 2023 and 2024 Gulf of Alaska Pacific cod ABCs, TACs and State Guideline Harvest Levels (GHLs) in metric tons.

Specifications	Western	Central	Eastern	Total
ABC	8,699	17,282	2,727	28,708
State GHL	2,610	4,321	682	7,612
(%)	30%	25%	25%	25-30
Federal TAC	6,089	12,962	2,045	21,096

Table 9. Proposed 2023 and 2024 Pacific Halibut PSC Limits, Allowances, and Apportionments

(Values are in metric tons)

Trawl gear			Hook-and-line gear ¹				
			Other than DSR			DSR	
Season	Percent	Amount	Season	Percent	Amount ²	Season	Amount
January 20 - April 1	30.5	519	January 1 - June 10	86	221	January 1 - December 31	9
April 1 - July 1	20	341	June 10 - September 1	2	5		
July 1 - August 1	27	462	September 1 - December 31	12	31		
August 1 - October 1	7.5	128					
October 1 - December 31	15	256					
Total		1,706			257		9

¹ The Pacific halibut PSC limit for hook-and-line gear is allocated to the demersal shelf rockfish (DSR) fishery and fisheries other than DSR. The hook-and-line IFQ sablefish fishery is exempt from halibut PSC limits, as are pot and jig gear for all groundfish fisheries.

Table 10. Proposed 2023 and 2024 Seasonal Apportionments of the Pacific Halibut PSC Limit Apportioned Between the Trawl Gear Shallow-Water and Deep-Water Species Fisheries

(Values are in metric tons)

Season	Shallow-water	Deep-water ¹	Total
January 20 - April 1	384	135	519
April 1 - July 1	85	256	341
July 1 - August 1	121	341	462
August 1 - October 1	53	75	128
Subtotal, January 20 - October 1	643	807	1,450
October 1 - December 31 ²			256
Total			1,706

¹ Vessels participating in cooperatives in the Rockfish Program will receive 191 mt of the third season (July 1 through September 1) deep-water species fishery halibut PSC apportionment.

² There is no apportionment between trawl shallow-water and deep-water species fisheries during the fifth season (October 1 through December 31).

Table 11. Proposed 2023 and 2024 Apportionments of the “Other hook-and-line fisheries” Halibut PSC Allowance Between the Hook-and-Line Gear Catcher Vessel and Catcher/Processor Sectors

(Values are in metric tons)

“Other than DSR” allowance	Hook-and-line sector	Sector annual amount	Season	Seasonal percentage	Sector seasonal amount
257	Catcher Vessel	150	January 1 - June 10	86	129
			June 10 - September 1	2	3
			September 1 - December 31	12	18
	Catcher/Processor	107	January 1 - June 10	86	92
			June 10 - September 1	2	2
			September 1 - December 31	12	13

Table 12. Proposed 2023 and 2024 Halibut Discard Mortality Rates for Vessels Fishing in the Gulf of Alaska. (Values are in percent of halibut assumed to be dead.)

Gear	Sector	Groundfish fishery	Halibut discard mortality rate (percent)
Pelagic trawl	Catcher vessel	All	100
	Catcher/processor	All	100
Non-pelagic trawl	Catcher vessel	Rockfish Program	66
	Catcher vessel	All others	69
	Mothership and catcher/processor	All	83
Hook-and-line	Catcher/processor	All	15
	Catcher vessel	All	12
Pot	Catcher vessel and catcher/processor	All	29

Rationale in Favor of Motions 1 & 2:

- *The OFL and ABC levels are consistent with what was approved by both the Bering Sea and Gulf of Alaska Groundfish Plan Teams and the SSC. The 2023 TAC levels are those that were adopted by the Council in their December 2021 Meetings (and published in the Federal Register) and carried into 2024 in order to meet the Council's process of setting TACs for two years.*
- *Species stock assessments, including OFL and ABC levels, will be updated over the next several weeks and final recommendations made by the Groundfish Plan Teams and SSC at their upcoming November and December meetings. As such, it is recognized that all the OFL, ABC, and TAC numbers reflected in the Tables will change before final adoption by the Council in December. The primary task at this October meeting is to set placeholder numbers to provide a logical outgrowth for whatever is passed for final specifications in December.*

Motion 3:

The AP recommends the Council wait to break out DSR Rockfish and create a Gulf-wide complex until the full Other Rockfish assessment occurs in the 2023 Plan Team cycle. Additional information should be brought back regarding impacts to the remaining Other Rockfish.

Motion passed 16-0

Rationale:

- *The GOA Plan Team is scheduled to see new projections for DSR OFL/ABCs in November. Full stock assessment information isn't available to make a fully informed decision to move ahead with breaking out DSR rockfish. Therefore it is prudent to wait until the best available science is incorporated and reviewed in order to fully understand potential impacts upon DSR as well as upon the Other Rockfish. It is unknown what the remaining Other Rockfish specifications may look like without the inclusion of DSR species. Further, it was noted in public testimony that there has not been a full assessment for Other Rockfish and that the 2021 ABC was rolled over for 2022 and 2023 for these species.*