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## 1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Economic SAFE report contains detailed information about economic aspects of the groundfish fisheries, including figures and tables, economic performance indices, 2020 product price and ex-vessel price projections, year-to-date information on volume and value, an Amendment 80 fishery economic data report (EDR) summary, an Amendment 91 fishery EDR summary, a Gulf Trawl fishery EDR summary, and market profiles for the most commercially valuable species. Data tables are organized into four sections: (1) All Alaska, (2) BSAI, (3) GOA, and (4) Pacific halibut. The figures and tables in the report provide estimates of total groundfish catch, groundfish discards and discard rates, prohibited species catch (PSC) and PSC rates, the ex-vessel value of the groundfish catch, the ex-vessel value of the catch in other Alaska fisheries, the gross product value of the resulting groundfish seafood products, the number and sizes of vessels that participated in the groundfish fisheries off Alaska, vessel activity, and employment on at-sea processors. Generally, the data presented in this report cover 2014-2019, but limited catch and ex-vessel value data are reported for earlier years to illustrate the rapid development of the domestic groundfish fishery in the 1980s and to provide a more complete historical perspective on catch. The data behind the tables from this and past Economic SAFE reports will be available online at: <https://reports.psmfc.org/akfin> and <https://psesev.psmfc.org/PSESV-2/>.

The commercial FMP groundfish fisheries off Alaska had a total catch of 2.2 million metric tons (mt) in 2019 (including catch in federal and state waters) (Fig. 3.1 and Table 1), a decrease of 1.8% from 2018. Groundfish accounted for 83% of Alaska's 2019 total catch (Table 4). Total catches of Alaska's FMP groundfish fisheries increased in 2019 for sablefish, and the flatfish and rockfish species complexes, and decreased for pollock, Pacific cod, and Atka mackerel (Table 1). The contributions of the major groundfish species or species groups to the total catch are depicted in Fig. 3.1.

The aggregate ex-vessel value of the FMP groundfish fisheries off Alaska was \$981 million, which was 50% of the ex-vessel value of all commercial fisheries off Alaska in 2019 (Table 4).<sup>1</sup> After adjustment for inflation, the real ex-vessel value of FMP groundfish decreased \$30 million in 2019 was also due to an aggregate real ex-vessel price decrease of 1.7% to \$0.21 per pound (Table 4). Nominal pollock ex-vessel prices increased 7% to \$0.16 per pound in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands (BSAI), and 12% to \$0.14 per pound in the Gulf of Alaska (GOA) (Tables 12 and 28). Pacific cod nominal ex-vessel prices increased 5% to \$0.42 per pound in the BSAI, and 8% to \$0.49 per pound in the GOA. Among the other species that are the focus of the shoreside ex-vessel fisheries: The GOA flatfish ex-vessel price fell 22%, GOA rockfish prices were unchanged, GOA Pacific cod prices rose 8%, BSAI Pacific cod prices rose 5%, and GOA sablefish prices fell 27% (in nominal terms). For Alaska FMP groundfish in aggregate, the change in catch was larger than the change in price (Tables 5.6 and 5.10). For other fisheries in Alaska, halibut, salmon, herring, and shellfish ex-vessel revenues increased (Table 4).

The gross value of the 2019 groundfish catch after primary processing (first-wholesale) was \$2.5 billion (Table 5), a decrease of 3% in real terms from 2018. This change was the combined effect of a 2% decrease in the real aggregate 2019 first-wholesale price to \$1.2 per pound while aggregate

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<sup>1</sup>The data required to estimate net benefits to either the participants in fisheries or the Nation, such as cost or quota value (where applicable) data, are not available. Unless otherwise noted 'value' should be interpreted as gross revenue.

production volumes decreased 0.6% to 931.3 thousand mt (Table 5). In the BSAI, aggregate first-wholesale value was stable and value was increasing for pollock and most flatfish except for yellowfin and rock sole. Value was decreasing for Pacific cod, Pacific ocean perch, and sablefish (Table 16 and 17). In the GOA aggregate first-wholesale value decreased (16%) with decreases in value for pollock, Pacific ocean perch, and sablefish while arrowtooth and Pacific cod value increased (Table 32).

The first-wholesale value of Alaska's FMP groundfish fisheries accounted for 53% of Alaska's total first-wholesale value from commercial fisheries (Table 5). First-wholesale value of Alaska's fisheries products other than FMP groundfish fisheries totaled \$2.18 billion, most of which (\$1.7 billion) came from Pacific salmon. Pacific salmon value increased 9.3%, in part, because of the typical cycle in salmon returns and production, though year-over-year prices were down. Pacific halibut fisheries, which are concentrated in the Gulf of Alaska, saw a 2.9% increase in value in 2019 to \$109 million in 2019.

The groundfish fisheries off Alaska are an important segment of the U.S. fishing industry. In 2018, it accounted for 50% of the weight of total U.S. domestic landings and 18% of the ex-vessel value of total U.S. domestic landings (Fisheries of the United States, 2018). Alaska fisheries as a whole (including salmon, halibut, herring, and shellfish) accounted for 57% of the weight of total U.S. domestic landings and 35% of the ex-vessel value of total U.S. domestic landings.

NOAA Fisheries collects only limited data on employment in the fisheries off Alaska. The most direct measure available is the number of 'crew weeks' on at-sea processing vessels and catcher vessels of FMP groundfish. These data indicate that in 2019 crew weeks for both sectors totaled 150,169 with the majority of them (122,248) occurring in the BSAI groundfish fishery (Tables 24, 40, 25, and 41). In the BSAI, the months with the highest employment correspond with peak of the pollock seasons in February-March and July-September. In the Gulf of Alaska, crew weeks peak February-May with the catcher vessel hook and line fisheries targeting sablefish and Pacific cod. Relative to 2018, annual crew weeks in Alaska decreased in 2019 by 1.2%.

Alaska's FMP groundfish fisheries have six major species (complexes); Alaska pollock, Pacific cod, sablefish, Atka mackerel, the flatfish complex, and the rockfish complex, plus Pacific halibut (which is not an FMP groundfish).<sup>2</sup> The fisheries for these species (complexes) are distributed across two regions: the Bering Sea & Aleutian Islands and the Gulf of Alaska. Each region can be broadly divided into two sectors: catcher vessels which deliver their harvest to shoreside processors, and the at-sea processing sector, whose processed product sells directly to the first-wholesale market. Catcher vessels account for a higher proportion of the ex-vessel value of groundfish landings than total catch because a higher share of their revenues come from high-priced species such as sablefish. The ex-vessel value of the at-sea sector is imputed from observed first-wholesale value to exclude the value added by at-sea processing. The following gives a summary of the economic status of the six FMP groundfish species' (complexes) fisheries in 2019.

### *Alaska pollock*

Alaska pollock, the dominant species in terms of catch, accounted for 72% of FMP groundfish retained harvest. The majority of pollock is harvested in the BSAI (approximately 90%) where

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<sup>2</sup>An FMP fishery is one where management, including total catch, is carried out under a federal Fishery Management Plan. Pacific halibut is not an FMP groundfish fishery and its total catch is set by the International Pacific Halibut Commission, though allocation of the catch among users is managed by the NPFMC and NMFS.

catch is divided between the shoreside and at-sea sectors. It also comprises a large share of the GOA shoreside revenues. Pollock is targeted exclusively with trawl gear. Retained catch of pollock for all Alaska decreased 0.33% to 1.5 million mt in 2019 (Table 2). This was the combined effect of a 2.3% increase in the BSAI retained catch and a 24% decrease in the GOA. The ex-vessel value of the BSAI pollock fishery increased 9.8% to \$448 million with the increase in retained catch as ex-vessel prices rose 7.4% to \$0.14 per pound (Tables 12 and 13). The ex-vessel value of the GOA pollock fishery decreased 14% to \$36 million with the decrease in retained catch while ex-vessel prices rose 12% to \$0.14 per pound (Tables 28 and 29). The increase in ex-vessel prices coincides with the increase in the average first-wholesale price. The increase in ex-vessel prices since 2017 brings prices back to a level that is more consistent with historical norms after a number of years of low prices.

Pollock is an abundant whitefish with extensive global markets and is harvested at or very near the Total Allowable Catch (TAC). Hence changes in pollock production largely reflect changes in the annual TAC, which is related to the sustainability of the resource, for which the AFSC carries out extensive annual stock assessments. Wholesale pollock prices can play a significant role in determining annual revenue and influence the mix of products produced for the wholesale market. Pollock has three primary product forms: fillets, surimi, and roe, whose combined share of pollock total first-wholesale value was 86.5% in the BSAI and 57.5% in the GOA (GOA processors produce a greater share of H&G products). Pollock first-wholesale value in the BSAI increased 12.1% to \$1.55 billion as the average first-wholesale price rose 8.7% to \$1.38 at-sea and rose 4.7% to \$1.12 shoreside with increasing prices for most product types except for roe (Tables 16 and 17). In the GOA first-wholesale value decreased 18.1% to \$85.9 million with the decrease in catch and production (Table 32). First-wholesale price rose 10% to \$0.76 with increased prices for fillets and head and gut products (Table 33).

### *Pacific cod*

The fisheries for Pacific cod are the second largest by volume in Alaska with a retained catch of 210 thousand mt in 2019, a decrease of 9.5% from 2018 (Table 2). Pacific cod is harvested in the BSAI and the GOA regions by the shoreside and at-sea sectors, by various fleets using different gear types. The largest fishery is located the BSAI at-sea sector, which is primarily prosecuted by the longline catcher/processor fleet, although fleets such as Amendment 80 also harvest Pacific cod in the BSAI at-sea sector. Fisheries in the shoreside sector utilize trawl, hook-and-line, and pot gear types. In the GOA Pacific cod is typically harvested by the shoreside sector where catch is carried out using hook-and-line, jig, trawl, and pot gear. Like pollock, cod is typically harvested at or very near the TAC. Between 2017 and 2019 there has been a prominent decrease in retained catch in the GOA of 70% to 14 thousand mt as conservation reductions in the TAC have resulted in substantially reduced catch levels. The GOA Pacific cod fishery for 2020 was closed to directed fishing in federal waters as level of the stock remains low following adverse environmental conditions and poor recruitment. In the BSAI catch levels of Pacific cod decreased 10% to 196 thousand mt, with catch levels below average relative to the last decade.

In the BSAI Pacific cod fishery the reduction in catch resulted in a decrease in ex-vessel value of 4.4% to \$188 million and ex-vessel prices rose 6.4% to \$0.43 per pound (Tables 12 and 13). In the GOA, ex-vessel value was \$16 million which was low relative to levels over the previous decade as a result of the reduction in catch despite an ex-vessel price rise of 10% to \$0.49 per pound (Tables 28 and 29).



Pacific cod is processed into a number of different product forms for wholesale markets, the two most important of which are fillets and H&G. The at-sea sector produces mostly H&G products and the shoreside sector produces fillets, H&G, and other product forms. Pacific cod first-wholesale value in the BSAI decreased 24.5% to \$346.5 million with value decreasing 20.4% in the at-sea and decreasing 31.6% in the shoreside sectors (Table 16). Commensurate with the decrease in catch aggregate production fell in the BSAI which was coupled with decreasing prices for fillet and H&G products (Table 17). The average at-sea first-wholesale price fell 13% to \$1.55 and the average shoreside price fell 17% to \$1.91. Pacific cod first-wholesale value in the GOA was low but relatively stable at \$35.2 million (Table 32). Prices were decreasing for fillet and H&G products with the average first-wholesale price falling 17% to \$2.14 (Table 33).

### *Sablefish*

Sablefish is primarily harvested by the GOA shoreside sector and is also caught by the BSAI shoreside and GOA at-sea sectors. In 2019 the GOA constituted 83% of the retained catch of sablefish in Alaska which is a decrease from recent recent year as catch has increased in the BSAI (Table 2). Most sablefish is caught using the hook-and-line gear type. As a valuable premium high-priced whitefish, sablefish is an important source of revenues for GOA catcher vessels and catches are at or near the TAC. Since the mid-2000s, decreasing biomass has ratcheted down the TAC, however in 2016 this trend started to reverse. Since 2017 the TACs increased as a result of a strong 2014 year class, though younger, smaller, less valuable fish are comprising a larger share of the catch. In 2019 sablefish retained catch increased 6% to 13.1 thousand mt (Table 2). The retention rate, typically above 90%, dropped to 74% in 2019. This is in part related to the incidental catch of juvenile sablefish by Bering Sea trawlers targeting other species.

In the GOA retained catch increased 3.3% to 11 thousand mt. Sablefish ex-vessel value in the GOA decreased 23% to \$68 million with a decrease in the ex-vessel price which fell 26% to \$2.8/lb (Tables 28 and 29). Ex-vessel value in the BSAI increased as the increase in retained catch offset the fall in prices (Tables 12 and 13). The price decrease is the result of smaller average fish size as the abundant 2014 year class has not fully grown to a higher marketable price.

Sablefish first-wholesale value in the GOA decreased 20.8% to \$71.2 million as the average first-wholesale price fell 25% to \$5.02 (Tables 32 and 33). In the BSAI first-wholesale value decreased 29% to \$7.1 million with similar decrease in prices (Tables 16 and 17). At the first-wholesale market level sablefish is primarily processed into the head and gut product form. Most sablefish produced is exported and Japan is the primary export market, but in recent years there has been stronger demand for sablefish in the U.S. and outside of Japan, including Europe, China and Southeast Asia. U.S. exports as a share of U.S. production has declined over time indicating increased domestic consumption. The increased abundance and supply of smaller fish puts downward pressure on the price of small fish, increases the price margin between small and large fish, and lowers the average price.

### *Flatfish species complex*

The flatfish complex is comprised of a number of different species, and the species targeted vary by region. In the BSAI the primary target species are yellowfin sole, rock sole, flathead sole, and arrowtooth flounder, which are mostly fished by catcher/processors in the Amendment 80 fleet. In the BSAI the yellowfin sole fishery is the largest of the flatfish fisheries. In the BSAI retained catch across all species were stable decreasing 0.3%, to 197 thousand mt. Decreased catch occurred for

yellowfin sole (2%), rock sole (11%), and ‘other’ flatfish (25%) while catch increased for arrowtooth (51%), flathead sole (46%), Kamchatka flounder (45%), and Greenland turbot (58%). Catches in 2019 were comparable to the average catch level since 2003. Changes in the BSAI flatfish catch may also be associated with changes in the Atka mackerel and Pacific ocean perch catch as Amendment 80 vessels may prioritize these more highly valued fish.

In the GOA, arrowtooth is the primary target species, though other flatfish (e.g., flathead sole and rex sole) are caught in smaller quantities. GOA flatfish are caught by the western and central gulf trawl fleets which are comprised of both shoreside catcher vessels and at-sea catcher/processors. In the GOA retained catch for all flatfish species increased 25%, to 28 thousand mt. This change was primarily the result of a 39% increase in arrowtooth catch. Arrowtooth, the largest flatfish fishery in the GOA, can show considerable year-over-year catch variability, and the increase in 2019 comes after a similar decrease in 2018. The year-over-year variability is in part because of regulatory changes.<sup>3</sup> Catch levels in 2019 catches were within the range of typical catches over the last decade.

Flatfish are primarily processed into the H&G and whole fish product forms and changes in production volumes largely reflect changes in catch. Processed products are primarily exported to China and South Korea, and a significant share of this product is re-processed into fillets and re-exported to North American and European markets. First-wholesale value in the BSAI flatfish fisheries decreased 1% with a 2% decrease in price.<sup>4</sup> Yellowfin sole value fell 6% with a 4% decrease in price. Prices decreased for other species in the BSAI flatfish fisheries with the exception of Greenland turbot. First-wholesale value in the GOA flatfish fisheries decreased 1% with a 16% decrease in price. Arrowtooth value in 2019 rose 9% while prices decreased 16%. Tariffs between the U.S. and China and the associated uncertainty with trade policy has the potential to inhibit value growth in flatfish markets, both as a direct market for flatfish exports and because of China’s significance as a re-processor of flatfish products. Industry lacks immediate alternative re-processing options to China.

### *Rockfish species complex*

The rockfish fisheries target a diverse set of species which can vary by region and sector. By volume, the majority of rockfish is caught in the BSAI, which is largely attributable to the sizable BSAI fisheries for Pacific ocean perch (which is also the largest rockfish fishery in the GOA). The other five major species (dusky, rougheye, northern, shortraker, and thornyhead) are predominantly caught in the GOA, though most species are caught in both regions. Pacific ocean perch and northern rockfish are the largest of the rockfish fisheries, accounting for roughly 75-80% and 10-15% of the total Alaska rockfish revenues respectively.

In the BSAI rockfish are caught by at-sea catcher/processors while in the GOA catch is distributed between the catcher vessel and at-sea processing sectors. Rockfish retained catch in the BSAI increased 28% to 49.8 thousand mt with all species showing increases in catch (Table 10). Rockfish retained catch in the GOA fell 2% to 30.8 thousand mt with all species showing fairly stable catch

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<sup>3</sup>In 2014, Amendment 95 (regulations to reduce GOA halibut PSC limits) implemented changes to the accounting of halibut PSC sideboard limits for Amendment 80 vessels that allowed the fleet to increase their groundfish catch, mostly arrowtooth flounder. Also, Amendment 95 revised halibut PSC limit apportionments used by trawl catcher vessels from May 15 through June 30 that extended the deep-water species fishery allowing for an increase in arrowtooth flounder catch for this fleet (for details see <http://alaskafisheries.noaa.gov/frules/79fr9625.pdf>).

<sup>4</sup>Because BSAI flatfish are primarily targeted by catcher/processor vessels there is not an substantive ex-vessel market for them.

levels between 2018 and 2019 (Table 26). GOA ex-vessel prices remained stable and ex-vessel value fell 2% with the decrease in catch (Tables 28 and 29).

First-wholesale value in the BSAI decreased 2% to \$42.5 million with a 21% decrease in prices as production volumes increased with catch. These changes were largely the result of a 22% price decreases for Pacific ocean perch, though northern rockfish prices fell as well. First-wholesale value in the GOA decreased 26% to 33.7\$ million with a 21% decrease in prices. The majority of rockfish produced are exported, primarily to China, some of which is re-processed (e.g., as fillets) and re-exported to domestic and international markets. Tariffs between the U.S. and China and the associated uncertainty with trade policy has the potential to inhibit value growth in rockfish markets, both as a direct market for rockfish exports and because of China's significance as a re-processor of rockfish products. Industry lacks immediate alternative re-processing options to China.

### *Atka Mackerel*

Atka mackerel is predominantly caught in the BSAI, primarily in the Aleutian Islands, and almost exclusively by the Amendment 80 fleet.<sup>5</sup> The catch of Atka mackerel in 2019 decreased 19% to 58 thousand t. Catches in 2019 remained strong relative to recent historical levels after reaching a high in 2018. First-wholesale value in 2019 decreased 34% to \$87 million with a 14% decrease in prices as production volumes decreased with the corresponding decrease in catch. Nearly all of the Atka mackerel production value (99%) was processed as H&G in 2019. Most of the Atka mackerel produced is exported to Asia where it undergoes secondary processing into products like surimi, salted-and-split and other consumable product forms.

### *Decomposition of the change in first-wholesale revenues from 2018-19 in the BSAI*

The following brief analysis summarizes the overall *nominal* revenue changes that occurred from 2018-19 and the quantity produced and revenue generated from BSAI groundfish and how revenues have been impacted by changes in quantity or prices of each species and product group (Figure 3.6). These values are not adjusted for inflation, so enable a simple comparison of how changes in the price and quantity for each group combine to produce revenues.

By BSAI species group, a positive price effect and larger positive quantity effect resulted in a positive net effect of about \$167 million for pollock (Figure 3.6, top panel). For Pacific cod, a negative price effect combined with a roughly equivalent negative quantity effect, resulted in a \$112 million net decrease in first-wholesale revenues for Pacific cod from the BSAI for 2018-19 (Figure 3.6). There was a nearly offsetting negative price effect and positive quantity effect for rockfish that resulted in a net negative effect of \$1.2 million. Atka mackerel had a negative price effect and a larger negative quantity effect, combining for a net negative effect of \$43 million. Flatfish had a negative price effect combined with a positive quantity effect that resulted in a net revenue decrease of \$2.1 million. Sablefish had a negative price effect of \$2.2 million and a negative quantity effect of \$0.7 million, combining for a net negative effect of \$2.8 million. The "Other" species group experienced a net revenue decrease of \$2.7 million.

By product group, large positive price effects coupled with similar positive quantity effects in the fillets category resulted in a positive net effect of \$97 million in the BSAI first-wholesale revenue

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<sup>5</sup>Because Atka mackerel is only targeted by at-sea catcher/processor vessel there is not an effective ex-vessel market for it. Though ex-vessel statistics are computed for national reporting purposes.

decomposition for 2018-19 (Figure 3.6, bottom panel). For surimi, large negative price effects coupled with a small negative quantity effects resulted in a positive net effect of \$31 million. For roe, large negative price effects coupled with an approximately offsetting positive quantity effects to result in a negative net effect of \$3.2 million. For whole fish and head & gut, a large negative price effect combined with a smaller but still large negative quantity effect to produce a net negative effect of \$131 million. For the 'other' products a negative price effect combined with a larger positive quantity effect resulted in a net positive effect of \$9.2 million.

In summary, the changes in first-wholesale revenues from the BSAI groundfish fisheries increased only slightly from 2018-19 due in large part to positive price effects and quantity effects for pollock which offset the negative revenue effects from Pacific cod and Atka mackerel. In comparison, first-wholesale revenues decreased from 2018-19 in the GOA. The main drivers of this GOA decline were negative net revenue effects for pollock, rockfish, and sablefish only being partially offset by positive or negligible net effects for the remaining GOA species.

#### *Decomposition of the change in first-wholesale revenues from 2018-19 in the GOA*

By species group, despite a negative price effect, a positive quantity effect resulted in a 9% increase in first-wholesale value to \$15.7 million for Pacific cod from the GOA for 2018-19 (Figure 3.7). For GOA pollock, a substantial decline in harvests drove a decline in first-wholesale values of 14.5% to \$36.12 million. For sablefish, despite an increase in harvests first-wholesale values declined to \$68.05 million due to continued substantial declines in first-wholesale prices from 2017, with a year-over-year decrease in price of 26.5% due to the continued harvest of smaller average size fish. In the GOA, retained catch for all flatfish species increased by 19.5%, driven by a 38.7% increase in arrowtooth flounder catch. For rockfish, a negative price and quantity effect led to a 10.7% increase in first-wholesale values.

By product group, negative price and quantity effects in the whole and head and gut (whole-H&G) category resulted in a negative net effect of \$35.2 million in the GOA first-wholesale revenue decomposition for 2018-19, while positive price effects were not enough to offset negative quantity effects in the fillet category with a negative net value effect of \$5 million or in surimi with a net effect of \$4.2 million.

In summary, first-wholesale revenues from the GOA groundfish fisheries decreased by about \$50 million from 2018-19, continuing a decline in values that began in 2016 and amounts to a \$130 million (or 34%) decrease from 2016 to 2019. The main drivers of this were negative net revenue effects for pollock, rockfish and sablefish. In comparison, first-wholesale revenues increased by about \$3.5 million from 2018-19 as positive net revenue effects for pollock were largely offset by negative net revenue effects in Pacific cod and Atka mackerel.

#### 1.1. Report Card Metrics for the Alaska Commercial Groundfish Fisheries off Alaska 1993-2019

The purpose of the report card metrics is to give a broad overview of the economic health of Alaska's FMP groundfish fisheries (Figure 1.1). The metrics cover the years 1993-2019 to help elucidate trends and provide historical context to the current state of the fishing industry. In general, these metrics focus on FMP groundfish fisheries, which are also the focus of this economic status report. As a result, halibut and salmon are not well represented by these metrics (except that the share of

shoreside value for the top 5 ports does include salmon and halibut). The economic report card includes 9 items<sup>6</sup>:

- 1) Real first-wholesale revenue<sup>7</sup> index which measures changes in the first-wholesale revenue produced by all FMP groundfish species in Alaska using 2019 as the base year (value=100).
- 2) Real first-wholesale price index, which measures changes in first wholesale prices produced from all FMP groundfish species in Alaska using 2019 as the base year (value=100).
- 3) Production volume divided by total catch, where total catch is inclusive of discards and PSC. This metric approximates a recovery rate of product relative to total extractions across all FMP groundfish species.
- 4) The effective global share of Alaska pollock and cod catch, defined as the average shares of global catch volume weighted by Alaska first-wholesale revenue shares. This metric demonstrates how large the Alaska pollock and cod fisheries are relative to the global supply of these species which provides information as to the potential influence of changes in Alaska catches on global prices for these species.
- 5) Real effective exchange rate index, which is an average of foreign currencies to U.S. dollar exchange rate weighted by fisheries exports to each country.<sup>8</sup> The Alaska seafood industry exports approximately 80% of it's groundfish products. This metric provides information about how exchange rates are impacting Alaska groundfish producers across all of their export partners.
- 6) Ratio of ex-vessel over first-wholesale revenues. This revenue share is a function of a number of different factors including the value added from processing, bargaining power, global prices, and processing and harvesting costs.
- 7) Real first wholesale revenue per fishing week, where fishing weeks are defined as the number of vessels active in each week of the year, and is a productivity-related metric that can be thought of as revenue per unit effort.
- 8) Alaska resident share of FMP groundfish shoreside ex-vessel value, where residency is determined by the owner address of delivering vessels. This metric measures the share of gross FMP groundfish revenues staying in Alaska versus those going to vessel owners in other states.
- 9) Share of shoreside all Alaska fisheries ex-vessel value for the top 5 ports, which is not limited to just FMP groundfish to provide a more comprehensive account of community revenues. This metric measures the degree of concentration of landings across Alaska communities.

Real First wholesale value remains relatively high due to catch and increases in production per-unit-catch (panels 1 and 3). In 2019 catch and production levels have been strong for pollock, and rockfish, while sablefish production has improved. Flatfish and cod production levels have tapered in recent years due to reductions in particular regions and/or species, though levels remain good in aggregate relative to historic levels. While real prices remain low they improved in 2017 and 2018 and

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<sup>6</sup>Metrics 1, 2, and 7 are adjusted for inflation using the GDP chain-type price index. For Metric 6 ex-vessel revenues are deflated using the Personal Consumption Expenditures chain-type price index. See the the Overview Section 2.2.7 for references.

<sup>7</sup>The revenue from the sale of fish products after primary processing.

<sup>8</sup>Increases in this index indicate that exports are more expensive for foreign buyers which puts downward pressure on prices received by Alaska producers.

remained within one standard deviation of the historical mean in 2019 (panel 2). Globally, Alaska has a significant effective share of pollock and cod at approximately 40%, which has remained stable since 2014. The effective real exchange rate index increased in 2019 putting downward pressure on Alaska fish product export prices. The ratio of ex-vessel to wholesale revenues dropped significantly in 2016 as a result of low ex-vessel prices, particularly for pollock, but rebounded somewhat through 2017-2018 and remained stable in 2019 with stronger ex-vessel prices as wholesale prices for pollock and cod have improved (panel 6). Revenue per-unit-effort (measured by fishing weeks) increased in 2018 and remained high through 2019 as catcher-vessel weeks were reduced, particularly in the GOA as a result of reduced opportunities for cod (panel 7). The share of shoreside revenue to AK residents is higher relative to the mid-2000s (panel 8), due to Alaska resident's share of revenue in Pacific cod, which increased from approximately 40% in 2003-2008 to approximately 53% in 2017 but dropped to 47% in 2019; sablefish, which increased from 53% in 2003-2008 to approximately 65% in 2019; and pollock which increased from 5% in 2003-2008 to 9% in 2019. Roughly 55% of the shoreside revenues are concentrated in the top 5 key ports which in 2019 were Akutan, Cordova, Dutch Harbor, Kodiak, and Naknek (panel 9). This is up from 2010 when reductions in the pollock and cod TACs reduced revenues in a couple high value ports, which focus on catches of these species.

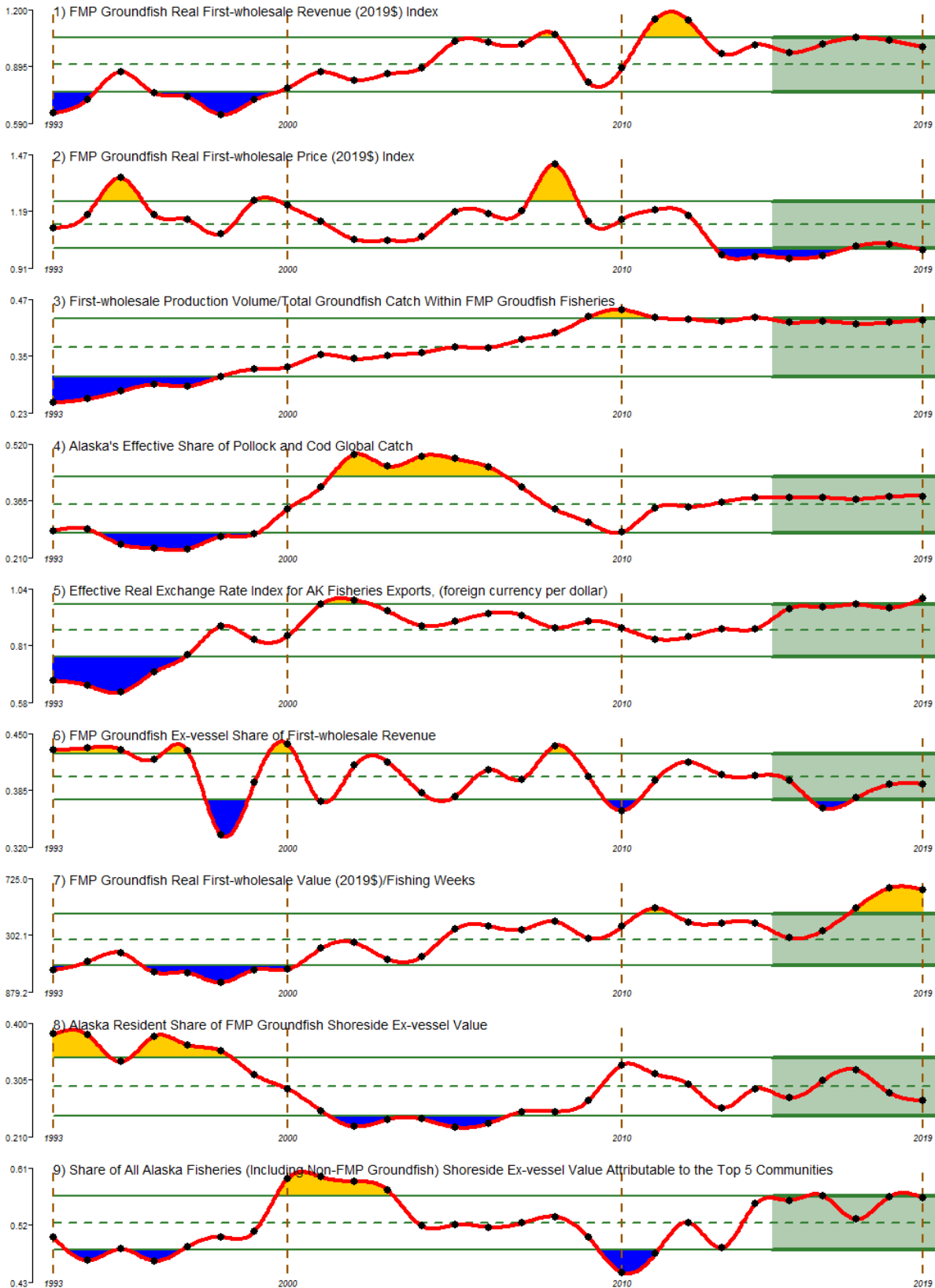


Figure 1.1: Economic report card metrics.

## 2. OVERVIEW OF ECONOMIC STATUS REPORT, 2019

### 2.1. Introduction

This report presents the economic status of groundfish fisheries off Alaska in terms of economic activity and outputs using estimates of catch, discards, prohibited-species catch (PSC), ex-vessel prices and value (i.e., revenue), effort (as measured by the size and level of activity of the groundfish fleet), and the first wholesale production volume and gross value of (i.e., F.O.B. Alaska revenue from) processed products.<sup>1</sup> The catch, ex-vessel value, fleet size and activity data reported here reflect the fishing industry activities that are accounted for in the groundfish landings and production reports, North Pacific groundfish and halibut observer data, and the State of Alaska Commercial Operator’s Annual Reports. Catch data in this report are sourced from the NMFS Alaska Regional Office (AKRO) catch-accounting system (CAS), which is used for in-season monitoring groundfish and PSC quotas. The data descriptions, qualifications, and limitations noted in this overview of the fisheries and the footnotes to the tables are critical to understanding the information in this report. This report updates last year’s report (Fissel *et al.* 2019) and is intended to serve as a reference document for those involved in making decisions with respect to conservation, management, and use of Gulf of Alaska (GOA) and Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands (BSAI) groundfish fishery resources.

In addition to catch that is counted against a federal Total Allowable Catch (TAC) quota (i.e., managed under a federal Fishery Management Plan (FMP)), estimates provided in some of the following tables may include catch from other Alaska groundfish fisheries (as indicated by the footnotes). The distinction between catch managed under a federal FMP and catch managed by the State of Alaska is not merely a geographical distinction between catch occurring in the U.S. Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) and catch occurring in Alaska state waters (3-mile limit). The State of Alaska maintains authority over some rockfish fisheries in the EEZ of the GOA, for example, and parallel fisheries occurring within state waters are managed under federal FMPs. It is not always possible, depending on the data source(s) from which a particular estimate is derived, to definitively identify a unit of catch, or associated units of measure, such as revenue or price, as being part of a federal FMP or otherwise. Users are encouraged to consult table footnotes for clarification on coverage in individual tables with respect to federally-managed and state-managed catch. Additionally, unless explicitly indicated, phrases such as “groundfish fisheries off Alaska” or “Alaska groundfish”, as used in this report, should not be construed to precisely include or exclude any category of state or federally managed fishery or to refer to any specific geographic area. These and similar phrases may describe groundfish from both Alaska state waters and the federal EEZ off Alaska, groundfish managed only under federal FMPs, or managed under the authority of both NMFS and the state of Alaska.

The BSAI and GOA groundfish fisheries are widely considered to be among the best managed fisheries in the world. These fisheries produce high levels of catch, ex-vessel revenue, processed product revenue, exports, employment, and other measures of economic activity while maintaining ecological sustainability of the fish stocks. However, the data required to estimate the success of these policies with respect to net benefits to either the participants in these fisheries or the Nation, such

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<sup>1</sup>F.O.B. refers to the value (or price) excluding transportation costs. The acronym, F.O.B. stands for “Free On Board”.



as cost or quota value data (where applicable), are not available for many of the fisheries. Fishery economists began discussing the potential for rent dissipation in fisheries managed with open-access catch policies long ago (Scott 1954, Gordon 1955). The North Pacific region has gradually moved away from such management, as discussed by Holland (2000), and instituted catch share programs in many of its fisheries. Seven of the seventeen catch-share programs currently in operation throughout the U.S. operate in the North Pacific, accounting for approximately 75% of Alaska's groundfish landings. By allocating the catch to individuals, cooperatives, communities, or other entities, catch share programs are intended to promote sustainability and increase economic benefits. Research on North Pacific fisheries has examined some of these issues after program implementation (e.g., Felthoven 2002, Homans and Wilen 2005, Wilen and Richardson 2008, Abbott et al. 2010, Fell and Haynie 2011, Torres and Felthoven 2014, Abbott et al. 2015).

There is considerable uncertainty concerning the future conditions of stocks, the resulting quotas, and potential changes to the fishery management regimes for the BSAI and GOA groundfish fisheries. The management tools used to allocate the catch between various user groups can significantly affect the economic health of the fishery as a whole or segments of the fishery. Changes in fishery management measures are expected to result from continued concerns with: 1) the catch of prohibited species; 2) the discard and utilization of groundfish catch; 3) the effects of the groundfish fisheries on marine mammals and sea birds; 4) other effects of the groundfish fisheries on the ecosystem and habitat; 5) the allocations of groundfish quotas among user groups; 6) maintaining sustainable fisheries and fishing communities that allow for new entrants into the fisheries; and 7) the response of the fisheries and ecosystem to climatic trends.

The remainder of this report is structured as follows: Section 2.2 gives a verbal description and important information for understanding the economic data tables in Section 4. Section 5 examines the economic performance of the North Pacific groundfish fisheries through market indices.

## 2.2. Description of the Economic Data Tables

### *2.2.1 Groundfish and Prohibited Species Catch Data Description*

#### *Data Sources*

Total catch estimates in the groundfish fisheries off Alaska are generated by NMFS from data collected through an extensive fishery observer program and from information provided through required industry reports of harvest and at-sea discards. The North Pacific Observer Program (Observer Program), based at the NMFS Alaska Fisheries Science Center (AFSC), has had a vital role in the management of North Pacific groundfish fisheries since the late 1980s. Observer data are collected by NMFS-trained observers and provide scientific information for managing the groundfish fisheries and minimizing bycatch. Industry-reported data consists of catch and processed product amounts that are electronically recorded and submitted to NMFS through the Interagency Electronic Reporting System, known as eLandings. Observer information and industry reports are integrated into a NMFS application called the Alaska Catch Accounting System (CAS), which is used directly in managing fisheries.

The primary purpose of the CAS is to provide estimates of total catch for FMP species (including prohibited species) in the groundfish and halibut fisheries and allow the in-season monitoring of catch against the TACs and PSC limits. The harvest of groundfish in Federal waters are governed under

fishery management plans (FMPs) that are specific to the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands (BSAI) and Gulf of Alaska (GOA) regions. The groundfish TACs are established and monitored in terms of total catch, which is the sum of retained and discarded catch. In addition, the FMPs describe policy for setting bycatch limits for some species, such as halibut and salmon, whose retention is prohibited in the groundfish fisheries; bycatch of these species is referred to as Prohibited Species Catch (PSC).

In the CAS, at-sea sample and census data collected by observers are used to create discard and PSC rates (a ratio of the estimated discarded catch to the estimated total catch in sampled hauls). For trips that are unobserved, the discard and PSC rates are applied to industry-supplied landings of retained catch. Expanding on the observer data that are available, the extrapolation from observed vessels to unobserved vessels is based on varying levels of aggregated data. Data are matched based on processing sector (e.g., catcher/processor or catcher vessel), week, target fishery, gear, and federal reporting area. Further detail on the estimation procedure is available in Cahalan et al. (2014). With the exception of Pacific halibut PSC, all estimated at-sea discard is assumed to have 100% mortality. Halibut mortality rates are updated every three years based on the estimated condition of halibut sampled by observers (Williams 2012). These rates are applied to the total estimated halibut discards (for a gear type, FMP area (GOA or BSAI), fishery, and year).

### *Groundfish Catch Tables*

The catch presented throughout these tables is total catch which includes retained and discarded catch. Catch data are sourced from the NMFS Alaska Region Office Catch Accounting System (CAS). Catch for all Alaska including state and federal catches is displayed in Table 1. Retained catch for just FMP-managed groundfish are provided in Table 4 presents catch data by area (BSAI and GOA), gear (trawl, hook and line—used in this report to include longlines and jigs—and pot gear), vessel type (catcher vessels and catcher/processor vessels), and species (complex). Tables 10 and 26 provide additional information for the BSAI and GOA, respectively, with aggregation of gear types and species specific catch data for flatfish and rockfish. Tables 11 and 27 provide estimates of total catch by species, gear, and target species for the BSAI and GOA, respectively. In general, the species or species group accounting for the largest proportion of retained catch on the trip or haul is considered the target species, with two exceptions. A target of pelagic pollock is assigned only if 95% or more of the total catch is pollock. In the BSAI, if flatfish species (flathead, rock, and yellowfin sole, and other flatfish) represent the largest amount of retained catch, then a target of yellowfin sole is assigned if this species represents at least 70% of the combined flatfish retained catch; otherwise, the flatfish species accounting for the greatest amount of retained flatfish catch is assigned as the target. Beginning in 2011, Kamchatka flounder was broken out from arrowtooth flounder in the BSAI. As such, the “other flatfish”, and/or arrowtooth flounder target categories may not be directly comparable between 2011 and prior years in the historical catch data available online.

### *Groundfish Discards and Discard Rates*

Discarded catch is the unretained catch of species that a vessel is legally able to target and retain. Discards are included in a vessel’s total catch. Discards can occur for various reasons and in a variety of ways such as discarding of non-targets species, fish falling off of processing conveyor belts, dumping of large portions of nets before bringing them on-board the vessel, dumping fish from the decks, size sorting by crewmen, and quality-control. In each target fishery the discard rates can be high for non-target species. For the most common species (e.g. pollock and cod) retention requirements can reduce the amount of discards for these species. The discard rate is the percent of

total catch of a species that is discarded. Details on discard estimation can be found in Cahalan *et al.* (2014). The discards in the groundfish fisheries have received significant management attention by NMFS, the Council, Congress, and the public at large. Table 6 presents CAS estimates of discarded groundfish catch and discard rates (calculated as the percent of total catch that is discarded) by gear, area, and species for years 2015-2019.

### *Prohibited-Species Catch*

Prohibited-species catch (PSC) is the catch of species that a vessel is prohibited from targeting and retaining due to their economic value to users outside the FMP groundfish fisheries. These species include Pacific halibut, king and tanner crab (*Chionoecetes*, *Lithodes*, and *Paralithodes spp.*), Pacific salmon (*Oncorhynchus spp.*), and Pacific herring (*Clupea pallasii*). Monitoring and minimizing the amount PSC in the Alaska groundfish fisheries has historically been an issue that has received significant management attention. The retention of these species was prohibited first in the foreign groundfish fisheries to ensure that groundfish fishermen had no incentive to target these species. Estimates of PSC for 2015-2019 are summarized by area and gear in Table 7.

The at-sea observer program was developed for the foreign fleets and then extended to the domestic fishery. The observer program, managed by the Fisheries Monitoring and Analysis Division (FMA) of the Alaska Fisheries Science Center, resulted in fundamental changes in the nature of the PSC problem. First, by providing estimates of total groundfish catch and non-groundfish PSC by species, it reduced the concern that total fishing mortality was being vastly underestimated due to fish that were discarded at sea. Second, it made it possible to establish, monitor, and enforce the groundfish quotas in terms of total catch as opposed to only retained catch. Third, it made it possible to implement and enforce PSC quotas for the non-groundfish species that by regulation had to be discarded at sea. Finally, it provided extensive information that managers and the industry could use to assess methods to reduce PSC and PSC mortality. In summary, the observer program provided fishery managers with the information and tools necessary to prevent PSC from adversely affecting the stocks of the PSC species. An example of how this program is being used is the Bering Sea pollock fishery, which became completely observed in 2011. As a result, salmon PSC estimates in the Bering Sea are a census rather than a sample and since 2011, there has been a fixed “hard cap” in the fishery.<sup>2</sup> The information from the observer program helps identify the types of information and management measures that are required to reduce PSC to the extent practicable, as is required by the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (MSA).

### *2.2.2 Ex-Vessel Prices and Value*

The ex-vessel market is the transaction of catch delivered by vessels to processors. In general, ex-vessel prices are derived from Commercial Operator Annual Report (COAR) buying reports. Some catcher-vessels minimally process (e.g., head-and-gut) the catch prior to delivery to the processor. The value of this on-board processing is discounted from the ex-vessel price so that it represents the round-weight (unprocessed) prices of the retained catch. Ex-vessel value is calculated by multiplying ex-vessel prices by retained catch. For the at-sea sector much of catch is both caught and processed for first-wholesale distribution by a single entity and as such a true “ex-vessel” market does not exist. For national accounting purposes the “ex-vessel” value of the at-sea sector

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<sup>2</sup>These rules for salmon bycatch management were put in place through Amendment 91 to the BSAI FMP. For details see <https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2010/08/30/2010-20618/fisheries-of-the-exclusive-economic-zone-off-alaska-chinook-salmon-bycatch-management-in-the-bering>

are calculated by applying COAR buying prices for the corresponding species (group), region, and gear-type of the retained catch. For a subset of fisheries that are prosecuted primarily by the at-sea catcher/processor fleet, and for which COAR buying data are sparse, we impute prices as a percentage (40%) of the estimated wholesale value per round weight. This percentage reflects the long-term average of the ratio ex-vessel prices to head-and-gut (H&G) processed-product prices for species (primarily Pacific cod) that are well represented in COAR buying and production reports. Ex-vessel prices and value include post-season adjustments.

Tables 4 contains data on the real ex-vessel catch of groundfish and non-groundfish species in Alaska, adjusted to 2019 dollars by applying the Personal Consumption Expenditure Index (<https://research.stlouisfed.org/fred2/series/PCEPI>) to account for effects of inflation on fishermen's revenue. Table 8 provides estimates of ex-vessel value by residency (Alaska compared to the rest of the U.S., labeled 'Other') of primary vessel owners, area, and species. Residency of primary vessel owners are determined from the CAS combined with State of Alaska groundfish fish ticket data and vessel registration data, the latter of which includes the stated residency of the primary vessel owner. Residents of Alaska and of other states, particularly Washington and Oregon, are active participants in the BSAI and GOA groundfish fisheries. For the BSAI and GOA combined, 77% of the 2019 ex-vessel value was accounted for by vessels with primary owners who indicated that they were not residents of Alaska.

Tables 12 and 28 contains estimated ex-vessel prices that are used with estimates of retained catch to calculate ex-vessel values (gross revenues) for the BSAI and GOA, respectively. Prices in these tables may include data from both federally-managed and state-managed fisheries. Estimates of ex-vessel value by area, gear, type of vessel, and species are presented in Tables 13 and 29 for the BSAI and GOA, respectively. Table 14 presents estimates of ex-vessel value of catch and value per vessel, vessel and permit counts, in the BSAI and the percent value of BSAI FMP groundfish and all BSAI fisheries by processor group. Table 14 provides these same data for the GOA.

### *2.2.3 First Wholesale Production, Prices and Value*

The first wholesale market is the first sale of fisheries products after initial processing by a commercial processor with a Federal Processor Permit (FPP).<sup>3</sup> Groundfish first wholesale production data are sourced from at-sea and shoreside groundfish production reports. Product pricing and value reflect COAR product report price data appended to these production data per the AKFIN product pricing index. While groundfish production reports are a federal reporting requirement, there is typically no distinction made in this reporting between product derived from federally-managed catch and product derived from state-managed catch. Likewise, while COAR production reports include the area of processing, these data are insufficient for identifying the fishery inputs for units of finished production. As such, these tables reflect production volume and pricing from federal and some state-managed fisheries. Wholesale value and prices are given as F.O.B. (Free On Board) Alaska, indicating that transportation costs are not included in values and prices.

Table 5 reports estimates of the weight and first wholesale value of processed products from catch in the groundfish and non-groundfish commercial fisheries of Alaska. Estimates of first wholesale production weight of the processed products sourced from catch of groundfish are presented by species, product form, sector, and type of processor in Table 15 for the BSAI and Table 31 for

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<sup>3</sup>An FPP is required for all processors receiving and/or processing groundfish harvested in Federal waters.

the GOA. First-wholesale value (gross revenue) is presented in Tables 16 and 32 for the BSAI and GOA, respectively. Product price-per-pound estimates are presented in Tables 17 and 33, and estimates of total first wholesale product value per round metric ton of retained catch are reported in Table 18 and for the BSAI and GOA, respectively. For these tables we source the round weight of retained catch from CAS data rather than using product recovery rates to derive round weights from production data.

Tables 19 and 35 present number of processors, gross product value and value per processor, and percent value of BSAI FMP groundfish of processed groundfish by processing fleet for the BSAI and GOA, respectively. Data in these tables are summarized from COAR product reporting, and no distinction is made between state-managed and federally-managed groundfish sources of production.

#### *2.2.4 Effort (Fleet Size, Weeks of Fishing, Crew Weeks)*

Data on measures of fishing capacity and effort in federally-managed Alaska groundfish fisheries, including fleet size, duration of fishing, and levels of harvesting and processing employment are sourced from catch accounting data, ADF&G groundfish fish tickets, North Pacific groundfish observer data, and at-sea groundfish production reports.

The numbers of vessels that landed groundfish are depicted in Fig. 3.8 by gear type. Vessel participation by area, vessel type, and target are shown in Tables 9. Number of vessels, average and median length, and average and median capacity (registered net tonnage) of vessels by vessel type, and gear are shown in Tables 20 and 36.

Tables 22 and 38 provide estimates of vessel weeks for catcher vessels in the BSAI and GOA, respectively, stratified by length class, area, gear, and target fishery. Tables 23 and 39 provide the same stratification of vessel weeks for catcher/processors in the BSAI and GOA, respectively. Vessel weeks are apportioned by catch volume in cases where a vessel is identified with activity in multiple gears, areas, and/or targets in a given week.

Catcher vessel crew weeks are sourced from ADF&G fish tickets/eLandings, which include data on the number of licensed crew working aboard vessels by month and area shown in Tables 24 and 40, in the BSAI and GOA, respectively. At-sea production reports provide these information for motherships and catcher/processors shown in Tables 25 and 41 for the BSAI and GOA, respectively. A single crew week represents one crew member aboard one vessel for a week. Crew weeks are apportioned by catch volume in cases where a vessel is identified with activity in multiple areas in a given week. These data do not include employment levels in the shoreside and inshore processing sectors.

#### *2.2.5 Economic Data Tables for the Commercial Pacific Halibut Fishery*

Pacific halibut fisheries in Alaska is managed jointly by the NMFS, the NPFMC, the state of Alaska and the International Pacific Halibut Commission (IPHC). The IPHC was established through a Convention between the United States and Canada to research the biology of Pacific halibut and conduct stock assessments which are used to establish catch levels in each country.<sup>4</sup> Under the authority of NMFS, the NPFMC allocates the halibut resource among the user groups (commercial,

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<sup>4</sup>[www.iphc.int/home.html](http://www.iphc.int/home.html).

recreational, and subsistence fisheries) and sets bycatch limits for fisheries with incidental halibut catch, while NMFS enforces U.S. regulations. The state of Alaska permits fishermen and assists in monitoring and reporting, particularly of recreational and subsistence harvests.<sup>5</sup> Since 1995 the commercial halibut fisheries off Alaska have been managed as a catch share fishery through the Individual Fisheries Quota (IFQ) program and the Community Development Quota (CDQ) program.

Prior to 2014 this report included only limited data on halibut because it is not an FMP managed species and the Alaska Fisheries Science Center does not conduct the Pacific halibut stock assessment. Beginning in 2014, economic data tables for Pacific halibut are included in this report to provide management and the public a consolidated source for economic information of fisheries activity for species harvested in the federal waters off Alaska. Economic data tables in Section 4 for Pacific halibut are provided separate from the FMP managed groundfish because of its unique management status. Moreover, halibut management units (e.g., areas) do not match the definitions used for FMP Groundfish making it infeasible to append halibut data directly to the economic data tables for the FMP groundfish.

The economic data in Tables H1-H10 are only for the commercial fishing sector. Tables H1-H2 display Pacific halibut commercial landings (net weight retained catch). Table H3 displays prohibited species catch (of non-halibut species) on commercial trips where halibut was the target species. Ex-vessel value and price are displayed by various management areas, vessel length and ports in Tables H4A-H6. First-wholesale production, value and prices by product type is displayed in Table H7. Fishing effort as measured by: vessel counts are displayed in Tables H8; days fishing are displayed in Table H9; crew weeks are displayed in Table H10.

### *2.2.6 Description of the Category “Other” in Data Tables*

- Table 5: “Other” includes lingcod, non-crab shellfish (mussel, clam, scallop, shrimp), and various freshwater and anadromous finfish species other than federally managed groundfish, salmon, halibut, and herring (e.g., whitefish, trout, Arctic char).
- Tables 11, 27: “Other flatfish” in the BSAI include Alaska Plaice and species within the BSAI other flatfish management complex, including starry flounder and dover, rex, butter, English, petrale, and sand sole.
- Table 7: “Other salmon” are non-Chinook salmon species (sockeye, coho, pink, chum). “Other King crab” are blue, golden (brown), and scarlet king crab species. “Other Tanner crab” are snow, grooved, and triangle Tanner crab species.
- Tables 15, 16, 17, 31, 32, 33: “Other fillets” for pollock include fillets with skin and ribs; fillets with skin, no ribs; fillets with ribs, no skin; and skinless/boneless fillets. “Flat Other” includes BSAI Alaska Plaice and species within the BSAI other flatfish management complex (starry flounder and dover, rex, butter, english, petrale, and sand sole).
- Tables 18, 34: “Other” species are primarily skate, squid, octopus, shark, and sculpin.

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<sup>5</sup><http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=halibut.management>.

### 2.2.7 Additional Notes

- Confidential values are excluded from the computation of aggregates (e.g. sums and averages) within a table. This is particularly important to remember for highly stratified tables, such as Tables 12, 13, 15, 17, 28, 29, 31, and 33. Care should be taken when comparing totals from tables containing values suppressed for confidentiality. In general, preference should be given to aggregate numbers from less stratified tables.
- Within the data tables, numbers that are smaller than the level of precision used within the table are printed as ‘0’. For example, if a table uses the one decimal place level of precision, then an actual value of ‘0.01’ is presented in the table as ‘0’.
- The Personal Consumption Expenditures: chain-type price index <https://research.stlouisfed.org/fred2/series/PCEPI> was used to deflate the ex-vessel estimates reported in Tables 4. The PCE is used to adjust to fishermen’s ex-vessel revenues to account for the change in general US consumption expenditures. The GDP: chain-type price index <https://research.stlouisfed.org/fred2/series/GDPCTPI> was used to deflate the first wholesale value estimates reported in Tables 5. The GDP price index is used to adjust to fishermen’s wholesale production revenues to account for the change in general US production prices. The use of these indices began in 2014. Before 2014 this annual report used the Producer Price Index (PPI) for unprocessed and packaged fish was used for real adjustments (<http://data.bls.gov/cgi-bin/srgate>, using the series ID ‘WPU0223’).
- Estimates of U.S. imports and per-capita consumption of various fisheries products, previously published in Tables 54-56 of this report, are available in Fisheries of the United States (FUS), published annually by the NMFS Office of Science & Technology. The most recent FUS is available at: <https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/national/sustainable-fisheries/fisheries-united-states>.
- Observer coverage costs: In previous years, Table 51 provided estimates of the numbers of vessels and plants with observers, the numbers of observer-deployment days, and observer costs by year and type of operation. In 2013, the restructured observer program was implemented and more detailed treatment of observer cost estimates can be found in the Observer Annual Report at: <http://alaskafisheries.noaa.gov/fisheries/observer-program-reports>.

### 2.3. Request for Feedback

The data and estimates in this report are intended both to provide information that can be used to describe the Alaska groundfish fisheries and to provide the industry and others an opportunity to comment on the validity of these estimates. We hope that the industry and others will identify any data or estimates in this report that can be improved and provide the information and methods necessary to improve them for both past and future years. There are two reasons why it is important that such improvements be made. First, with better estimates, the report will be more successful in monitoring the economic performance of the fisheries and in identifying changes in economic performance that may be attributable to regulatory actions. Second, the estimates in this report often will be used as the basis for estimating the effects of proposed fishery management actions. Therefore, improved estimates in this report will allow more informed decisions by those involved in managing and conducting the Alaska groundfish fisheries. The industry and other stakeholders in

these fisheries can further improve the usefulness of this report by suggesting other measures of economic performance that should be included in the report, or other ways of summarizing the data that are the basis for this report, and participating in voluntary survey efforts NMFS may undertake in the future to improve existing data shortages. Please contact Ben Fissel at [Ben.Fissel@noaa.gov](mailto:Ben.Fissel@noaa.gov) with any comments or suggestions to improve the Economic SAFEs.

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**3. FIGURES REPORTING ECONOMIC DATA OF THE GROUNDFISH FISHERIES OFF ALASKA**

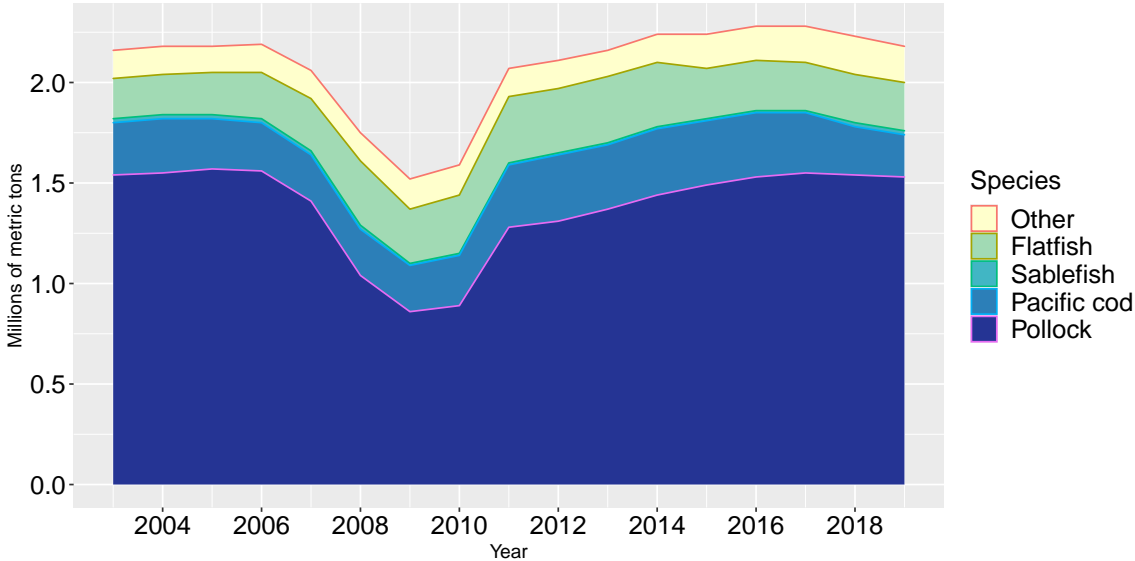


Figure 3.1: Groundfish catch in the commercial fisheries off Alaska by species, 2003-2019.

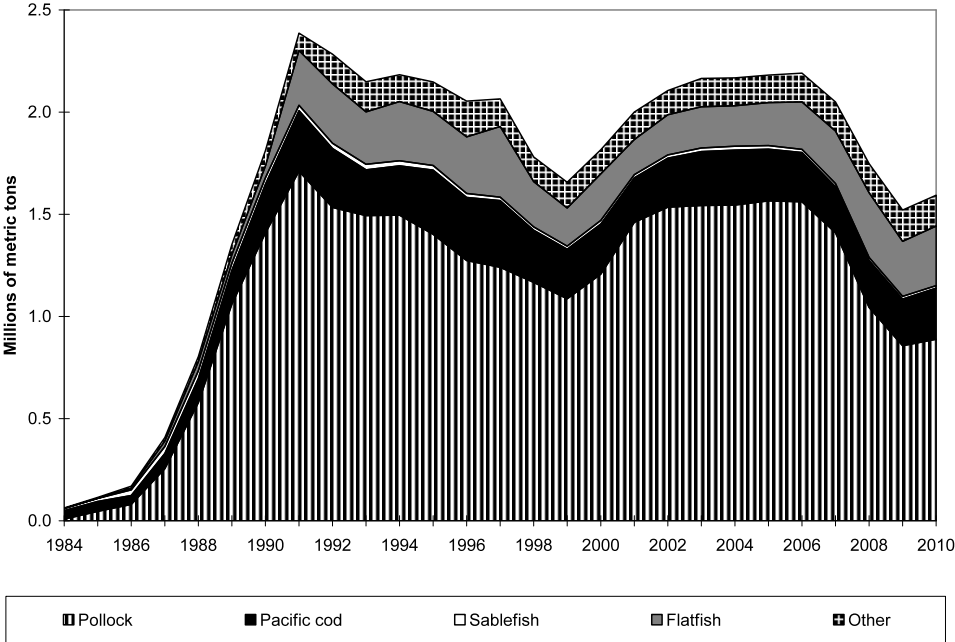


Figure 3.2: Groundfish catch in the commercial fisheries off Alaska by species, (1984-2010).  
Notes: Catch for 2011 and onward are displayed in Figure 3.1.

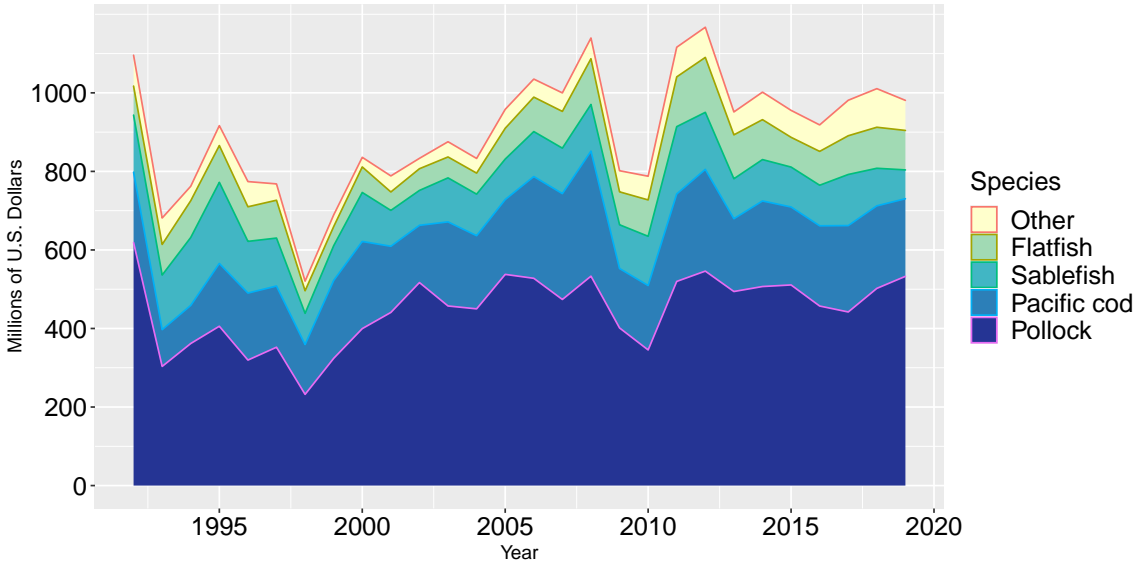


Figure 3.3: Real ex-vessel value of the groundfish catch in the commercial fisheries off Alaska by species, 1992-2019 (base year = 2019).

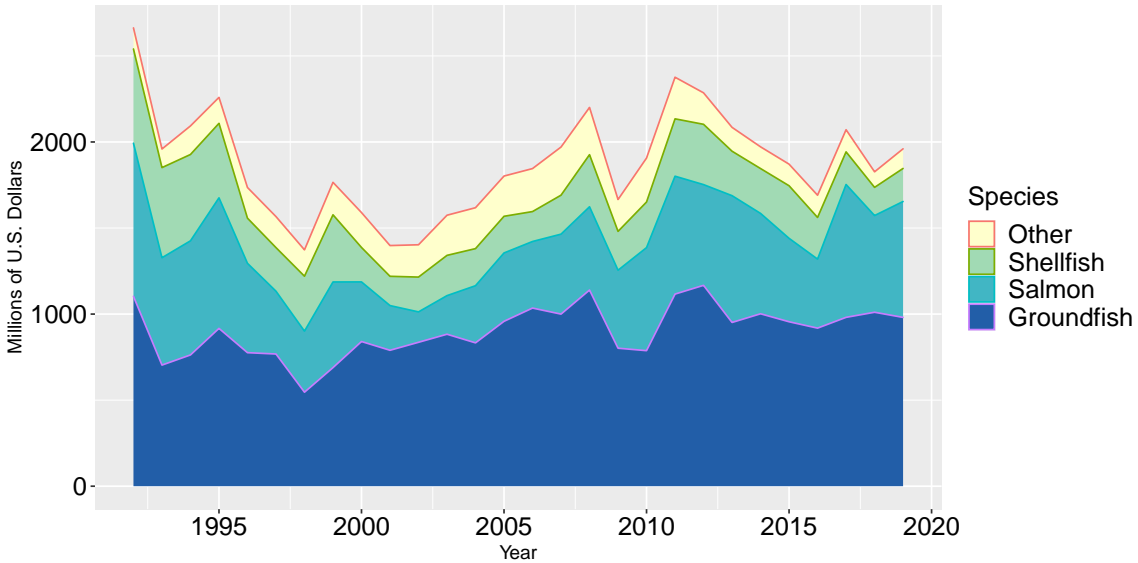


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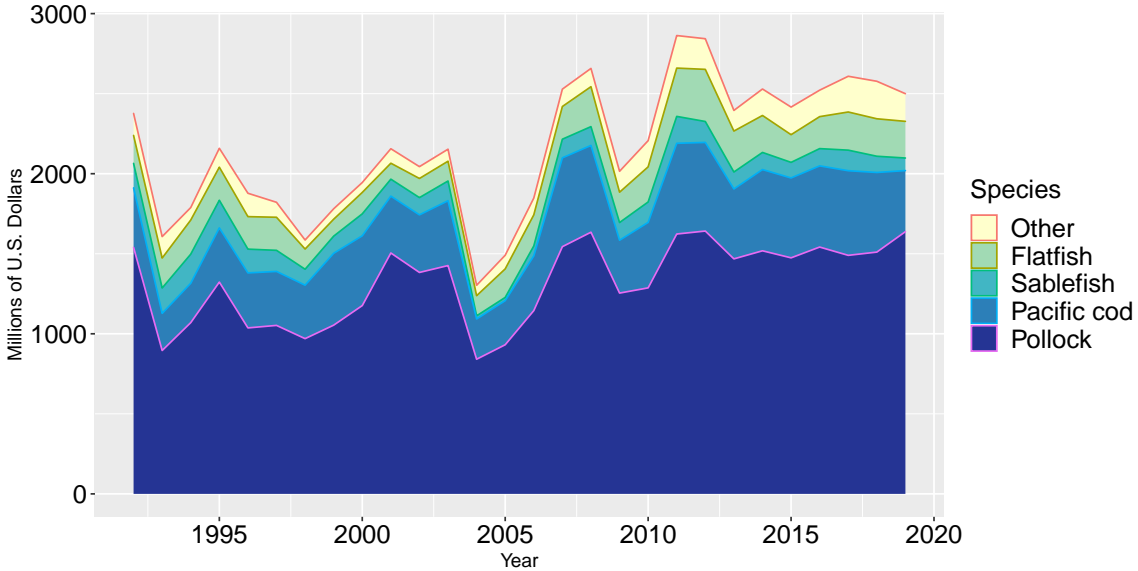


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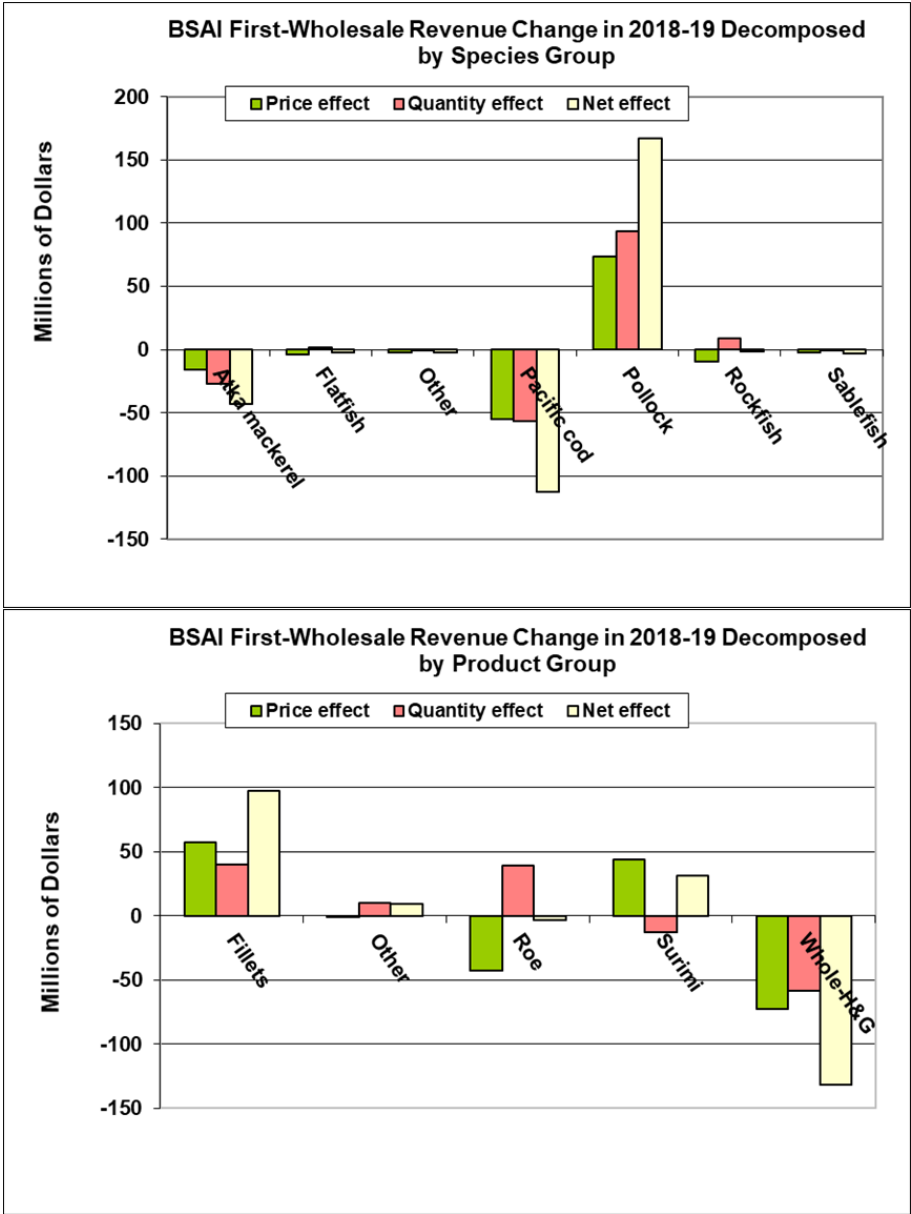


Figure 3.6: Decomposition of the change in first-wholesale revenues from 2018-19 in the BSAI area. **Notes:** The first decomposition is by the species groups used in the Economic SAFE report, and the second decomposition is by product group. The price effect refers to the change in revenues due to the change in the first-wholesale price index (current dollars per metric ton) for each group. The quantity effect refers to the change in revenues due to the change in production (in metric tons) for each group. The net effect is the sum of price and quantity effects. Year-to-year changes in the total quantity of first-wholesale groundfish products include changes in total catch and the mix of product types (e.g., fillet vs. surimi).

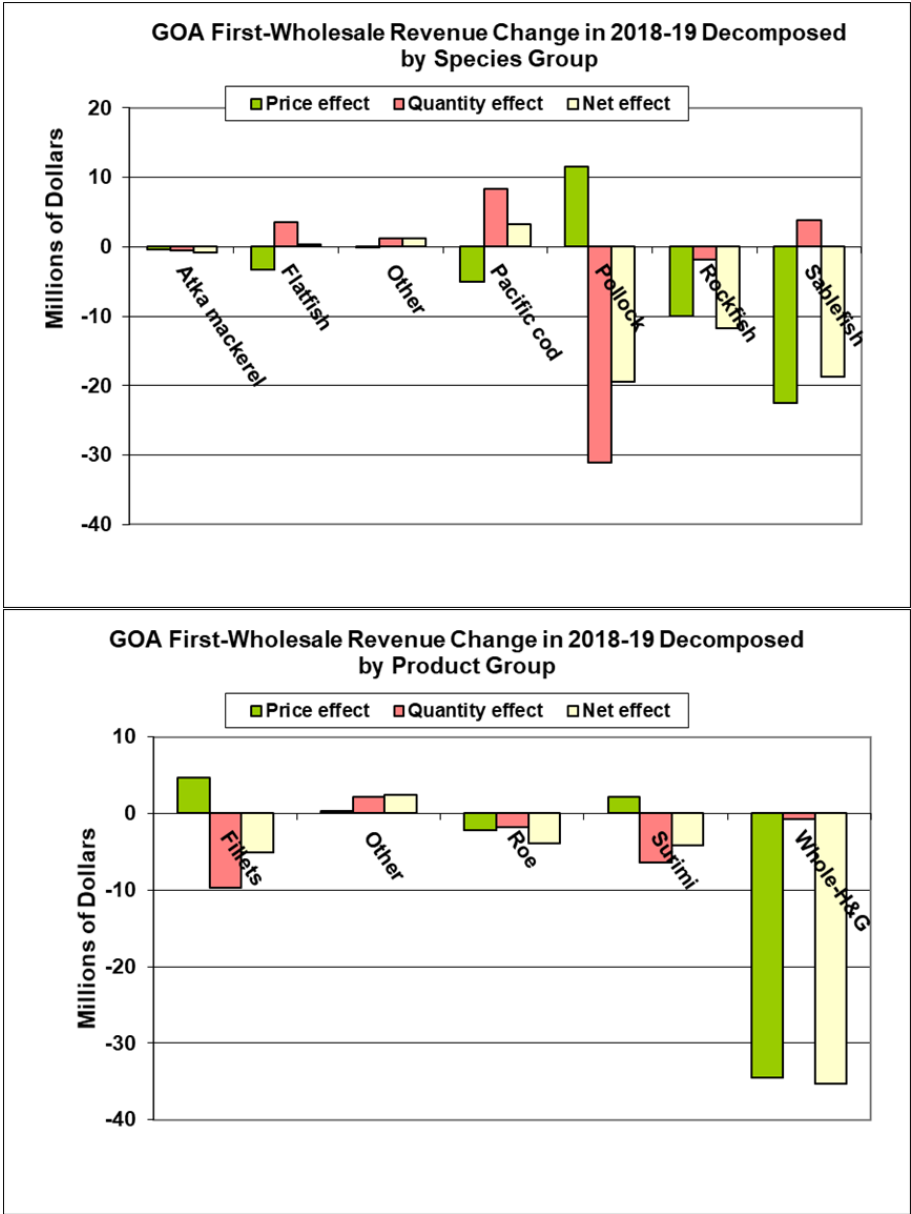


Figure 3.7: Decomposition of the change in first-wholesale revenues from 2018-19 in the GOA area. **Notes:** The first decomposition is by the species groups used in the Economic SAFE report, and the second decomposition is by product group. The price effect refers to the change in revenues due to the change in the first-wholesale price index (current dollars per metric ton) for each group. The quantity effect refers to the change in revenues due to the change in production (in metric tons) for each group. The net effect is the sum of price and quantity effects. Year-to-year changes in the total quantity of first-wholesale groundfish products include changes in total catch and the mix of product types (e.g., fillet vs. surimi).

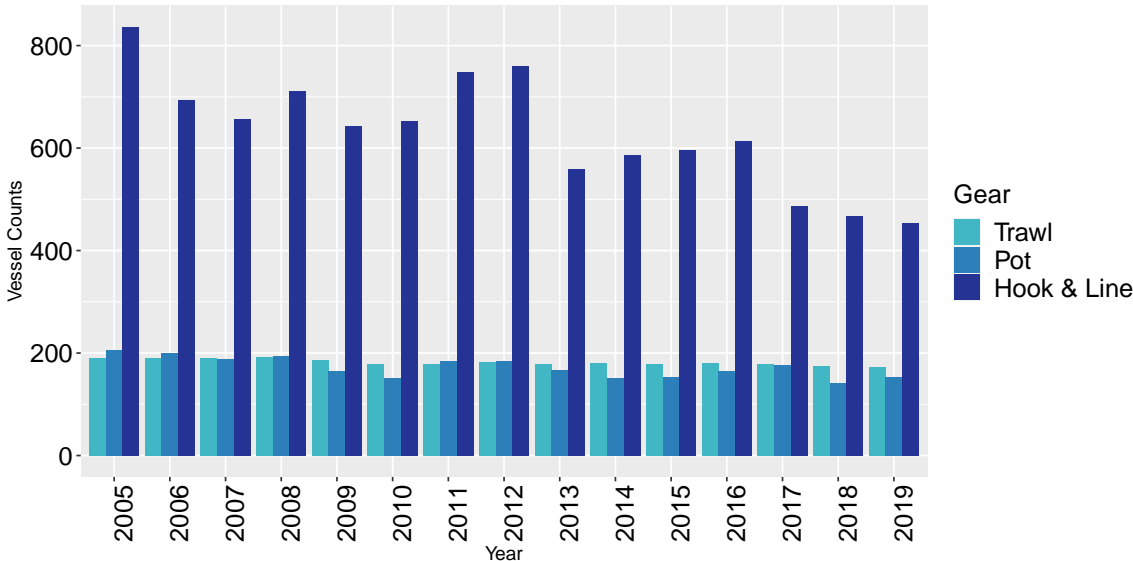


Figure 3.8: Number of vessels in the domestic fishery off Alaska by gear type, 2005-2019.

#### 4. TABLES REPORTING ECONOMIC DATA OF THE GROUNDFISH FISHERIES OFF ALASKA

Table 1: Groundfish catch in the commercial fisheries off Alaska by area and species, 2010-2019 (1,000 metric tons, round weight).

	Year	Pollock	Sablefish	Pacific Cod	Flatfish	Rockfish	Atka Mackerel	Total
Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands	2010	811.7	1.8	171.9	253.2	23.5	68.6	1,354.5
	2011	1,200.4	1.7	220.1	285.9	28.2	51.8	1,818.4
	2012	1,206.3	2.0	251.0	291.2	28.1	47.8	1,857.9
	2013	1,273.8	1.7	250.3	297.2	34.9	23.2	1,914.6
	2014	1,300.2	1.1	249.3	276.1	36.1	31.0	1,928.5
	2015	1,323.2	0.6	242.1	219.2	39.7	53.3	1,914.3
	2016	1,354.9	0.9	260.9	225.2	36.9	54.5	1,969.4
	2017	1,360.9	1.7	253.0	211.1	38.4	64.4	1,969.4
	2018	1,381.1	2.3	220.3	212.1	42.0	70.4	1,966.6
2019	1,410.9	3.9	197.9	207.1	54.7	57.2	1,957.9	
Gulf of Alaska	2010	76.7	11.0	78.4	37.9	25.5	2.4	239.1
	2011	81.5	12.1	85.4	41.0	23.1	1.6	252.1
	2012	104.0	12.7	77.9	29.5	27.4	1.2	258.9
	2013	96.4	12.8	68.6	33.9	24.9	1.3	250.1
	2014	142.6	11.1	85.0	47.6	28.9	1.0	326.5
	2015	167.5	11.1	79.5	26.7	29.0	1.2	324.6
	2016	177.1	10.0	64.1	28.1	33.9	1.1	324.2
	2017	186.2	11.3	48.7	33.3	31.8	1.1	321.4
	2018	158.1	13.0	15.2	25.8	34.2	1.4	255.7
2019	120.2	13.8	15.7	31.9	34.2	1.3	224.0	
All Alaska	2010	888.4	12.8	250.3	291.1	49.0	71.1	1,593.6
	2011	1,281.9	13.8	305.5	326.9	51.3	53.4	2,070.6
	2012	1,310.2	14.7	328.9	320.7	55.5	49.0	2,116.8
	2013	1,370.2	14.5	318.9	331.1	59.8	24.5	2,164.7
	2014	1,442.9	12.3	334.3	323.6	65.0	32.0	2,255.0
	2015	1,490.8	11.7	321.5	245.9	68.7	54.5	2,238.9
	2016	1,532.1	10.9	325.0	253.3	70.8	55.6	2,293.5
	2017	1,547.1	13.0	301.8	244.4	70.2	65.5	2,290.8
	2018	1,539.2	15.3	235.5	237.9	76.2	71.8	2,222.3
2019	1,531.1	17.6	213.7	239.0	89.0	58.5	2,181.9	

**Notes:** The estimates are of total catch (i.e., retained and discarded catch). These estimates include catch from both federal and state of Alaska fisheries. As such, totals may be slightly larger than retained catch estimates provided in later tables.

**Source:** NMFS Office of Science and Technology, Fisheries Statistics Division, Fisheries of the United States. Data compiled and provided by the Alaska Fisheries Information Network (AKFIN). National Marine Fisheries Service, P.O. Box 15700, Seattle, WA 98115-0070.



Table 2: Groundfish retained catch off Alaska by area, sector, and species, 2015-2019 (1,000 metric tons, round weight).

	Year	Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands			Gulf of Alaska			All Alaska		
		Catcher Vessels	Catcher Processors	Total	Catcher Vessels	Catcher Processors	Total	Catcher Vessels	Catcher Processors	Total
Pollock	2015	687.15	626.45	1,313.60	165.10	1.07	166.17	852.25	627.52	1,479.77
	2016	703.95	641.77	1,345.72	175.50	0.57	176.07	879.45	642.33	1,521.78
	2017	710.38	642.25	1,352.63	183.26	1.07	184.33	893.65	643.31	1,536.96
	2018	718.33	651.43	1,369.77	155.28	0.60	155.88	873.61	652.04	1,525.65
	2019	735.55	666.18	1,401.73	118.56	0.33	118.89	854.12	666.51	1,520.63
Sablefish	2015	0.48	0.14	0.62	9.27	0.94	10.21	9.75	1.08	10.83
	2016	0.40	0.39	0.80	8.28	0.78	9.06	8.69	1.17	9.86
	2017	0.70	0.76	1.46	9.05	1.02	10.08	9.76	1.79	11.54
	2018	0.83	0.95	1.78	9.51	1.02	10.53	10.34	1.97	12.31
	2019	1.56	0.61	2.17	9.78	1.10	10.88	11.34	1.71	13.05
Pacific Cod	2015	68.44	170.58	239.01	71.09	6.35	77.45	139.53	176.93	316.46
	2016	86.05	171.64	257.69	57.90	5.20	63.11	143.95	176.84	320.79
	2017	87.97	162.10	250.07	41.87	6.10	47.97	129.84	168.20	298.04
	2018	82.48	135.53	218.01	12.66	1.75	14.40	95.14	137.27	232.41
	2019	77.48	118.33	195.81	12.90	1.55	14.45	90.37	119.88	210.25
Flatfish	2015	11.80	195.96	207.75	11.06	10.49	21.55	22.85	206.45	229.30
	2016	14.68	196.76	211.44	17.76	5.85	23.61	32.44	202.61	235.05
	2017	21.15	177.45	198.60	14.52	14.79	29.30	35.67	192.24	227.91
	2018	16.56	180.84	197.40	17.71	4.89	22.60	34.27	185.73	220.00
	2019	22.76	174.05	196.81	21.32	6.84	28.16	44.07	180.89	224.97

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	Year	Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands			Gulf of Alaska			All Alaska		
		Catcher Vessels	Catcher Processors	Total	Catcher Vessels	Catcher Processors	Total	Catcher Vessels	Catcher Processors	Total
Rockfish	2015	3.12	34.40	37.52	12.28	14.41	26.69	15.40	48.82	64.22
	2016	2.54	32.79	35.34	15.19	15.64	30.83	17.74	48.43	66.17
	2017	2.53	32.97	35.49	11.31	15.61	26.93	13.84	48.58	62.42
	2018	3.51	35.27	38.78	14.70	16.71	31.41	18.21	51.98	70.19
	2019	4.89	44.90	49.79	14.91	15.88	30.79	19.80	60.78	80.58
Atka Mackerel	2015	3.21	49.26	52.47	0.03	0.84	0.87	3.24	50.10	53.34
	2016	3.68	50.38	54.06	0.41	0.39	0.80	4.09	50.77	54.86
	2017	4.57	59.48	64.05	0.13	0.52	0.65	4.70	60.00	64.71
	2018	5.65	63.86	69.51	0.18	1.10	1.28	5.83	64.96	70.78
	2019	3.25	53.33	56.59	0.11	0.79	0.90	3.36	54.13	57.49
All Groundfish	2015	776.46	1,084.55	1,861.01	270.77	34.33	305.10	1,047.23	1,118.89	2,166.11
	2016	811.84	1,100.54	1,912.38	276.53	28.64	305.16	1,088.37	1,129.17	2,217.54
	2017	828.42	1,084.39	1,912.80	261.14	39.40	300.54	1,089.56	1,123.78	2,213.34
	2018	829.18	1,079.90	1,909.08	210.97	26.17	237.14	1,040.15	1,106.06	2,146.21
	2019	846.16	1,066.54	1,912.70	178.71	26.57	205.28	1,024.87	1,093.11	2,117.98

**Notes:** The estimates are of retained catch (i.e., excludes discarded catch). All groundfish include additional species categories. These estimates include only catch counted against federal TACs. Includes FMP groundfish catch on halibut targets. "\*" indicates a confidential value; "-" indicates no applicable data or value.

**Source:** NMFS Alaska Region Blend and Catch-accounting System estimates. Data compiled and provided by the Alaska Fisheries Information Network (AKFIN). National Marine Fisheries Service, P.O. Box 15700, Seattle, WA 98115-0070.

Table 3: Groundfish ex-vessel value off Alaska by area, sector, and species, 2015-2019 (\$ millions).

	Year	Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands			Gulf of Alaska			All Alaska		
		Catcher Vessels	Catcher Processors	Total	Catcher Vessels	Catcher Processors	Total	Catcher Vessels	Catcher Processors	Total
Pollock	2015	227.8	207.9	435.7	43.5	0.3	43.8	271.3	208.2	479.5
	2016	210.1	191.5	401.5	32.2	0.1	32.3	242.2	191.6	433.8
	2017	206.5	185.1	391.6	35.0	0.2	35.2	241.5	185.3	426.8
	2018	237.3	215.1	452.4	42.0	0.2	42.2	279.3	215.3	494.6
	2019	260.6	236.0	496.6	36.0	0.1	36.1	296.6	236.1	532.7
Sablefish	2015	3.9	1.0	4.9	82.8	7.5	90.3	86.7	8.5	95.2
	2016	3.5	1.8	5.3	85.6	7.0	92.6	89.1	8.7	97.9
	2017	5.8	3.3	9.1	105.8	10.4	116.3	111.7	13.7	125.3
	2018	3.1	2.7	5.8	81.4	7.0	88.4	84.4	9.7	94.2
	2019	4.4	1.4	5.8	61.9	5.2	67.1	66.3	6.6	72.9
Pacific Cod	2015	37.6	98.4	136.0	45.9	4.2	50.1	83.6	102.6	186.2
	2016	49.7	103.1	152.8	37.5	3.4	40.9	87.2	106.5	193.7
	2017	60.7	116.4	177.0	30.8	4.5	35.3	91.5	120.9	212.3
	2018	72.0	120.7	192.7	12.5	1.7	14.3	84.5	122.5	207.0
	2019	70.3	111.8	182.0	13.8	1.7	15.5	84.1	113.5	197.5
Flatfish	2015	3.6	60.0	63.7	3.4	3.3	6.7	7.1	63.3	70.4
	2016	5.2	70.0	75.2	4.5	1.5	6.0	9.8	71.4	81.2
	2017	9.3	77.9	87.2	3.8	3.9	7.6	13.1	81.7	94.9
	2018	8.1	88.2	96.3	4.9	1.4	6.3	13.0	89.6	102.6
	2019	10.9	83.1	94.0	4.7	1.5	6.1	15.5	84.6	100.1

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	Year	Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands			Gulf of Alaska			All Alaska		
		Catcher Vessels	Catcher Processors	Total	Catcher Vessels	Catcher Processors	Total	Catcher Vessels	Catcher Processors	Total
Rockfish	2015	1.4	15.1	16.5	6.2	6.0	12.2	7.6	21.1	28.8
	2016	1.0	12.9	13.9	7.4	6.4	13.8	8.4	19.3	27.7
	2017	1.2	15.6	16.8	5.7	6.3	12.0	6.9	21.9	28.8
	2018	1.7	16.5	18.2	7.6	7.1	14.7	9.3	23.6	32.9
	2019	1.7	15.8	17.5	7.6	6.9	14.5	9.3	22.7	32.0
Atka Mackerel	2015	1.8	27.9	29.7	0.0	0.6	0.6	1.8	28.4	30.3
	2016	2.1	28.1	30.1	0.3	0.3	0.5	2.3	28.3	30.7
	2017	3.6	46.7	50.2	0.1	0.4	0.6	3.7	47.1	50.8
	2018	4.3	48.9	53.3	0.1	0.9	1.0	4.5	49.8	54.3
	2019	2.0	33.3	35.3	0.1	0.5	0.6	2.1	33.8	35.9
All Groundfish	2015	276.7	412.9	689.6	183.8	22.0	205.9	460.6	434.9	895.5
	2016	271.8	410.9	682.7	168.9	18.9	187.8	440.7	429.8	870.5
	2017	287.6	450.6	738.2	182.3	26.0	208.2	469.8	476.6	946.5
	2018	327.1	499.8	826.9	149.5	18.4	167.9	476.6	518.2	994.8
	2019	350.2	488.2	838.4	125.2	15.9	141.1	475.4	504.1	979.5

**Notes:** Ex-vessel value is calculated by multiplying ex-vessel prices by the retained round weight catch. The value added by at-sea processing is not included in these estimates of ex-vessel value. All groundfish includes additional species categories. Values are not adjusted for inflation. “\*” indicates a confidential value; “-” indicates no applicable data or value.

**Source:** NMFS Alaska Region Blend and Catch-accounting System estimates; NMFS Alaska Region At-sea Production Reports; and ADF&G Commercial Operators Annual Reports (COAR). Data compiled and provided by the Alaska Fisheries Information Network (AKFIN). National Marine Fisheries Service, P.O. Box 15700, Seattle, WA 98115-0070.

Table 4: Catch and real ex-vessel value of the commercial fisheries off Alaska by species group and area, 2015-2019; calculations based on COAR (1,000 metric tons and \$ millions, base year = 2019).

Species.group	Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands		Gulf of Alaska		All Alaska		
	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	
2015	Groundfish	1,861.1	\$ 734.7	308.2	\$ 220.6	2,169.3	\$ 955.3
	Salmon	102.7	\$ 151.6	368.1	\$ 331.9	470.7	\$ 483.5
	Halibut	1.4	\$ 18.8	6.8	\$ 100.5	8.2	\$ 119.3
	Herring	21.3	\$ 2.0	9.4	\$ 5.4	30.7	\$ 7.4
	Shellfish	41.6	\$ 279.0	3.6	\$ 25.8	45.2	\$ 304.8
	Other	-	\$ -	1.3	\$ 7.1	1.3	\$ 7.1
	All Species	2,028.0	\$ 1,186.2	697.4	\$ 691.3	2,725.5	\$ 1,877.4
2016	Groundfish	1,912.5	\$ 719.5	307.7	\$ 198.8	2,220.3	\$ 918.3
	Salmon	110.1	\$ 230.4	134.7	\$ 242.1	244.8	\$ 472.5
	Halibut	1.5	\$ 20.6	6.9	\$ 104.7	8.4	\$ 125.4
	Herring	13.8	\$ 1.8	9.6	\$ 5.0	23.3	\$ 6.8
	Shellfish	29.2	\$ 259.5	3.0	\$ 22.3	32.2	\$ 281.8
	Other	-	\$ -	1.2	\$ 7.3	1.2	\$ 7.3
	All Species	2,067.1	\$ 1,231.9	463.0	\$ 580.2	2,530.1	\$ 1,812.1
2017	Groundfish	1,913.2	\$ 764.9	301.9	\$ 216.2	2,215.2	\$ 981.1
	Salmon	115.4	\$ 319.4	330.0	\$ 450.6	445.4	\$ 770.1
	Halibut	1.7	\$ 20.0	7.7	\$ 101.3	9.3	\$ 121.3
	Herring	17.6	\$ 2.5	13.3	\$ 5.8	30.9	\$ 8.3
	Shellfish	16.0	\$ 167.1	2.7	\$ 22.6	18.8	\$ 189.8
	Other	-	\$ -	1.0	\$ 8.4	1.0	\$ 8.4
	All Species	2,063.9	\$ 1,273.9	656.6	\$ 805.0	2,720.6	\$ 2,078.9
2018	Groundfish	1,909.4	\$ 839.5	238.9	\$ 171.1	2,148.2	\$ 1,010.6
	Salmon	116.2	\$ 385.9	133.7	\$ 262.7	249.8	\$ 648.7
	Halibut	1.6	\$ 14.6	6.7	\$ 74.0	8.3	\$ 88.5
	Herring	16.8	\$ 18.6	3.7	\$ 4.3	20.5	\$ 22.9
	Shellfish	14.3	\$ 149.4	4.5	\$ 32.2	18.8	\$ 181.6
	Other	-	\$ -	1.2	\$ 10.5	1.2	\$ 10.5
	All Species	2,058.2	\$ 1,408.0	388.6	\$ 554.8	2,446.9	\$ 1,962.8
2019	Groundfish	1,912.8	\$ 838.5	207.8	\$ 142.3	2,120.6	\$ 980.8
	Salmon	116.6	\$ 365.2	256.4	\$ 318.5	373.0	\$ 683.7
	Halibut	1.7	\$ 15.1	7.1	\$ 78.5	8.8	\$ 93.6
	Herring	22.3	\$ 2.3	0.9	\$ 2.9	23.2	\$ 5.2
	Shellfish	17.7	\$ 151.6	5.8	\$ 41.0	23.5	\$ 192.6
	Other	-	\$ -	1.5	\$ 11.6	1.5	\$ 11.6
	All Species	2,071.2	\$ 1,372.7	479.4	\$ 594.9	2,550.6	\$ 1,967.5

**Notes:** These estimates include the value of catch from both federal and state of Alaska fisheries. The data have been adjusted to 2019 dollars by applying the Personal Consumption Expenditure Index at <https://research.stlouisfed.org/fred2/series/PCEPI> to account for affects of inflation on fishermen's revenue.

**Source:** NMFS Alaska Region Blend and Catch-accounting System estimates; NMFS Alaska Region At-sea Production Reports; ADF&G Commercial Operators Annual Reports (COAR); and NMFS Office of Science and Technology, Fisheries Statistics Division, Fisheries of the United States. Data compiled and provided by the Alaska Fisheries Information Network (AKFIN). National Marine Fisheries Service, P.O. Box 15700, Seattle, WA 98115-0070.

Table 5: Production and real gross value of groundfish and non-groundfish products in the commercial fisheries off Alaska by species group and area of processing, 2015-2019 (1,000 metric tons product weight and \$ millions, base year = 2019).

Species	Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands		Gulf of Alaska		All Alaska	
	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
2015 Groundfish	819.0	\$ 2,043.1	126.0	\$ 373.0	945.0	\$ 2,416.1
Salmon	70.9	\$ 448.0	270.8	\$ 1,105.8	341.7	\$ 1,553.8
Halibut	3.4	\$ 23.0	6.1	\$ 119.8	9.5	\$ 142.8
Herring	17.7	\$ 19.8	10.1	\$ 12.7	27.8	\$ 32.5
Shellfish	25.4	\$ 343.3	3.9	\$ 60.3	29.4	\$ 403.6
Other	0	\$ 0.6	1.0	\$ 18.7	1.0	\$ 19.3
All Species	936.5	\$ 2,877.8	418.0	\$ 1,690.4	1,354.4	\$ 4,568.1
2016 Groundfish	838.2	\$ 2,140.5	134.9	\$ 381.3	973.1	\$ 2,521.8
Salmon	73.6	\$ 550.4	130.3	\$ 784.7	204.0	\$ 1,335.1
Halibut	2.4	\$ 32.8	5.8	\$ 113.9	8.2	\$ 146.7
Herring	10.2	\$ 16.2	10.7	\$ 13.8	20.9	\$ 30.0
Shellfish	18.0	\$ 317.7	3.9	\$ 65.3	22.0	\$ 383.0
Other	0	\$ 0.3	1.1	\$ 21.5	1.1	\$ 21.8
All Species	942.5	\$ 3,057.8	286.7	\$ 1,380.6	1,229.2	\$ 4,438.4
2017 Groundfish	823.7	\$ 2,228.8	136.8	\$ 379.9	960.5	\$ 2,608.7
Salmon	74.6	\$ 630.7	258.0	\$ 1,329.3	332.7	\$ 1,960.0
Halibut	1.2	\$ 23.4	6.3	\$ 118.2	7.5	\$ 141.6
Herring	16.9	\$ 15.2	14.2	\$ 13.9	31.1	\$ 29.0
Shellfish	11.4	\$ 231.0	1.7	\$ 30.3	13.2	\$ 261.3
Other	*	\$ *	2.1	\$ 33.5	2.1	\$ 33.5
All Species	927.8	\$ 3,129.0	419.1	\$ 1,905.0	1,347.0	\$ 5,034.0
2018 Groundfish	823.2	\$ 2,276.4	113.5	\$ 301.0	936.7	\$ 2,577.4
Salmon	79.8	\$ 753.6	133.1	\$ 832.3	212.9	\$ 1,585.9
Halibut	0.9	\$ 15.6	5.6	\$ 96.4	6.5	\$ 112.0
Herring	12.7	\$ 10.8	3.7	\$ 8.5	16.4	\$ 19.2
Shellfish	9.6	\$ 175.8	2.7	\$ 53.5	12.2	\$ 229.3
Other	*	\$ *	1.5	\$ 19.0	1.5	\$ 19.0
All Species	926.1	\$ 3,232.2	260.2	\$ 1,310.7	1,186.3	\$ 4,542.8
2019 Groundfish	831.4	\$ 2,248.8	99.9	\$ 251.0	931.3	\$ 2,499.8
Salmon	83.5	\$ 731.9	205.2	\$ 1,001.8	288.7	\$ 1,733.7
Halibut	1.1	\$ 14.0	6.0	\$ 94.7	7.1	\$ 108.7
Herring	19.2	\$ 16.3	0.9	\$ 4.6	20.2	\$ 20.9
Shellfish	12.9	\$ 233.5	3.2	\$ 62.6	16.2	\$ 296.1
Other	0	\$ 0.1	1.6	\$ 24.0	1.6	\$ 24.2
All Species	948.2	\$ 3,244.7	316.9	\$ 1,438.6	1,265.1	\$ 4,683.3

**Notes:** These estimates include production resulting from catch in both federal and state of Alaska fisheries. The data have been adjusted to 2019 dollars by applying the GDP: chain-type price index at <https://research.stlouisfed.org/fred2/series/GDPCTPI>. to account for affects of inflation on processor's revenue. "\*" indicates a confidential value; "-" indicates no applicable data or value.

**Source:** ADF&G Commercial Operators Annual Reports (COAR). Data compiled and provided by the Alaska Fisheries Information Network (AKFIN). National Marine Fisheries Service, P.O. Box 15700, Seattle, WA 98115-0070.

Table 6: Discards and discard rates for groundfish catch off Alaska by gear, and species, 2015-2019 (1,000 metric tons, round weight).

	Year	Fixed		Trawl		All Gear	
		Total Discards	Discard Rate	Total Discards	Discard Rate	Total Discards	Discard Rate
Pollock	2015	0.8	10	10.1	1	10.9	1
	2016	0.8	12	9.4	1	10.2	1
	2017	0.8	11	9.3	1	10.1	1
	2018	0.6	10	12.8	1	13.4	1
	2019	0.7	11	9.7	1	10.4	1
Sablefish	2015	0.7	6	0.2	17	0.9	7
	2016	0.9	9	0.2	14	1.0	10
	2017	0.8	7	0.6	27	1.4	11
	2018	1.0	8	2.0	51	2.9	19
	2019	1.7	14	2.7	53	4.4	25
Pacific Cod	2015	3.5	2	1.2	1	4.8	1
	2016	3.5	2	0.5	1	4.1	1
	2017	2.8	1	0.9	1	3.7	1
	2018	2.3	1	0.7	1	2.9	1
	2019	2.0	1	1.3	2	3.3	2
Flatfish	2015	3.8	76	10.4	4	14.2	6
	2016	3.2	76	12.9	5	16.0	6
	2017	3.0	70	12.1	5	15.1	6
	2018	3.1	83	13.5	6	16.7	7
	2019	2.3	76	9.8	4	12.1	5
Rockfish	2015	0.9	42	3.4	5	4.3	6
	2016	0.8	42	3.7	5	4.5	6
	2017	0.9	46	6.6	10	7.6	11
	2018	1.1	49	4.9	7	5.9	8
	2019	0.9	47	7.0	8	7.9	9
Atka Mackerel	2015	0	100	1.1	2	1.1	2
	2016	0	97	0.5	1	0.6	1
	2017	0	70	0.7	1	0.8	1
	2018	0	79	0.7	1	0.7	1
	2019	0	68	0.7	1	0.7	1
All Groundfish	2015	36.1	12	33.4	2	69.5	3
	2016	38.4	13	34.8	2	73.3	3
	2017	36.9	13	38.6	2	75.5	3
	2018	32.1	14	41.9	2	74.1	3
	2019	21.4	10	39.4	2	60.8	3

**Notes:** All groundfish and all gear may include additional species or gear types. Discards rates are calculated as  $100 \times \text{discards} / (\text{total catch})$ . See the seventh bullet in Section efsec:additional-notes for an explanation of 0 discards with positive discard rates. For details on discard estimation see Cahalan, J., J. Gasper, and J. Mondragon. 2014. Catch sampling and estimation in the federal groundfish fisheries off Alaska, 2015 edition. U.S. Dep. Commer., NOAA Tech. Memo. NMFS-AFSC-286, 46 p.

**Source:** NMFS Alaska Region Blend and Catch-accounting System estimates. Data compiled and provided by the Alaska Fisheries Information Network (AKFIN). National Marine Fisheries Service, P.O. Box 15700, Seattle, WA 98115-0070.

Table 7: Prohibited species catch (PSC) by species, area and gear, 2015-2019 (metric tons (t) or number in 1,000s).

	Year	Halibut (t)	Herring (t)	Chinook (1,000s)	Other Salmon (1,000s)	Red King Crab (1,000s)	Other King Crab (1,000s)	Bairdi (1,000s)	Other Tanner (1,000s)
Fixed	2015	326	0	0.07	0.13	181.84	32.41	633.25	138.02
	2016	225	*	0.04	0.24	26.73	16.28	315.22	43.10
	2017	193	0	0.03	0.20	34.93	77.39	357.20	167.70
	2018	132	0	0.07	0.18	338.83	48.31	271.48	66.51
	2019	87	0	0.02	0.32	47.22	12.52	126.33	88.00
Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands	2015	1,997	1,529	25.20	243.27	24.96	15.35	423.70	491.63
	2016	2,132	1,494	32.88	347.10	41.36	14.77	221.23	166.97
	2017	1,771	1,023	36.25	471.25	60.42	10.59	353.01	159.68
	2018	1,944	540	17.31	308.83	30.74	16.03	183.83	1,582.43
	2019	2,267	1,183	31.35	358.48	69.99	33.89	343.57	933.54
All Gear	2015	2,323	1,529	25.26	243.40	206.79	47.76	1,056.95	629.65
	2016	2,357	1,494	32.93	347.34	68.09	31.05	536.45	210.08
	2017	1,964	1,023	36.28	471.45	95.35	87.98	710.21	327.38
	2018	2,076	540	17.38	309.01	369.56	64.35	455.31	1,648.93
	2019	2,355	1,183	31.38	358.80	117.20	46.41	469.90	1,021.54
Fixed	2015	22	-	-	-	0.02	0.04	128.02	-
	2016	44	-	-	-	0.03	0.04	62.99	0
	2017	14	-	-	-	-	0.09	4.14	0
	2018	1	-	-	-	0	0.07	18.19	-
	2019	1	-	-	-	-	0.20	29.92	-
Gulf of Alaska	2015	1,396	79	18.99	1.31	-	0.14	76.16	-
	2016	1,331	144	21.87	2.76	-	0.72	91.80	0.18
	2017	1,214	6	24.93	5.67	-	0.24	122.82	-
	2018	1,193	45	17.00	9.15	-	0.32	235.73	-
	2019	1,102	81	23.89	6.41	-	0.36	245.17	-
All Gear	2015	1,419	79	18.99	1.31	0.02	0.18	204.17	-
	2016	1,374	144	21.87	2.76	0.03	0.76	154.78	0.19
	2017	1,229	6	24.93	5.67	-	0.33	126.96	0
	2018	1,194	45	17.00	9.15	0	0.40	253.92	-
	2019	1,103	81	23.89	6.41	-	0.56	275.09	-

**Notes:** These estimates include only catches counted against federal TACs. Totals may include additional categories. Totals include halibut mortality taken by Amendment 80 vessels under the Exempted Fishing Permit No. 2015-02. The estimates of halibut bycatch mortality are based on the IPHC discard mortality rates that were used for in-season management. The halibut IFQ program allows retention of halibut in the hook-and-line groundfish fisheries, making true halibut bycatch numbers unavailable for these fisheries. This is particularly a problem in the GOA for all hook-and-line fisheries and in the BSAI for the sablefish hook-and-line fishery. Therefore, estimates of halibut bycatch mortality are not included in this table for those fisheries. There were substantial changes to the observer program in 2013 that could affect the comparability of 2013 and later years, to previous years. Excludes PSC on halibut targets. Excludes PSC in state fisheries (sablefish and P. cod targets in state waters) For details on prohibited species catch estimation see Cahalan, J., J. Gasper, and J. Mondragon. 2014. Catch sampling and estimation in the federal groundfish fisheries off Alaska, 2015 edition. U.S. Dep. Commer., NOAA Tech. Memo. NMFS-AFSC-286, 46 p. “\*” indicates a confidential value; “-” indicates no applicable data or value.

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Table 8: Percentage of ex-vessel value of the groundfish catch off Alaska by area, residency, and species, 2015-2019; calculations based on COAR.

	Year	Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands		Gulf of Alaska		All Alaska	
		Alaska	Other	Alaska	Other	Alaska	Other
Pollock	2015	18 %	82 %	41 %	59 %	20 %	80 %
	2016	18 %	82 %	45 %	55 %	20 %	80 %
	2017	14 %	86 %	49 %	51 %	17 %	83 %
	2018	14 %	86 %	48 %	52 %	17 %	83 %
	2019	13 %	87 %	50 %	50 %	15 %	85 %
Sablefish	2015	36 %	64 %	56 %	44 %	55 %	45 %
	2016	32 %	68 %	59 %	41 %	58 %	42 %
	2017	38 %	62 %	61 %	39 %	59 %	41 %
	2018	27 %	73 %	62 %	38 %	61 %	39 %
	2019	36 %	64 %	62 %	38 %	60 %	40 %
Pacific Cod	2015	25 %	75 %	79 %	21 %	39 %	61 %
	2016	25 %	75 %	78 %	22 %	36 %	64 %
	2017	26 %	74 %	71 %	29 %	34 %	66 %
	2018	25 %	75 %	70 %	30 %	28 %	72 %
	2019	27 %	73 %	72 %	28 %	31 %	69 %
Flatfish	2015	12 %	88 %	32 %	68 %	14 %	86 %
	2016	10 %	90 %	48 %	52 %	13 %	87 %
	2017	14 %	86 %	42 %	58 %	16 %	84 %
	2018	16 %	84 %	60 %	40 %	19 %	81 %
	2019	18 %	82 %	63 %	37 %	21 %	79 %
Rockfish	2015	3 %	97 %	26 %	74 %	13 %	87 %
	2016	1 %	99 %	28 %	72 %	14 %	86 %
	2017	21 %	79 %	41 %	59 %	29 %	71 %
	2018	20 %	80 %	39 %	61 %	29 %	71 %
	2019	22 %	78 %	38 %	62 %	29 %	71 %
Atka Mackerel	2015	0 %	100 %	4 %	96 %	0 %	100 %
	2016	0 %	100 %	30 %	70 %	0 %	99 %
	2017	24 %	76 %	29 %	71 %	24 %	76 %
	2018	22 %	78 %	17 %	83 %	22 %	78 %
	2019	25 %	75 %	15 %	85 %	24 %	76 %
All Groundfish	2015	17 %	83 %	56 %	44 %	26 %	74 %
	2016	18 %	82 %	58 %	42 %	26 %	74 %
	2017	18 %	82 %	59 %	41 %	27 %	73 %
	2018	17 %	83 %	57 %	43 %	24 %	76 %
	2019	17 %	83 %	58 %	42 %	23 %	77 %

**Notes:** These estimates include only catches counted against federal TACs. Ex-vessel value is calculated using prices on Table 18. Please refer to Table 18 for a description of the price derivation. Catch delivered to motherships is classified by the residency of the owner of the mothership. All other catch is classified by the residence of the owner of the fishing vessel. All groundfish include additional species categories. For catch for which the residence is unknown, there are either no data or the data have been suppressed to preserve confidentiality. Values are not adjusted for inflation.

**Source:** NMFS Alaska Region Blend and Catch-accounting System estimates; NMFS Alaska Region At-sea Production Reports; ADF&G Commercial Operators Annual Reports (COAR); and CFEC gross earnings (fish tickets) file. Data compiled and provided by the Alaska Fisheries Information Network (AKFIN). National Marine Fisheries Service, P.O. Box 15700, Seattle, WA 98115-0070.

Table 9: Number of vessels that caught groundfish off Alaska by area, vessel category, gear, and target, 2015-2019.

	Year	Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands			Gulf of Alaska			All Alaska		
		Catcher Vessels	Catcher Processors	Total	Catcher Vessels	Catcher Processors	Total	Catcher Vessels	Catcher Processors	Total
Pollock	2015	87	33	120	64	1	65	131	33	164
	2016	89	33	122	70	-	70	138	33	171
	2017	87	31	118	65	-	65	133	31	164
	2018	85	27	112	69	2	71	133	28	161
	2019	84	30	114	62	-	62	125	30	155
Sablefish	2015	16	3	19	274	7	281	283	9	292
	2016	17	6	23	270	5	275	278	10	288
	2017	15	6	21	265	5	270	272	9	281
	2018	17	9	26	272	6	278	281	13	294
	2019	12	5	17	247	6	253	253	10	263
Pacific Cod	2015	101	49	150	375	11	386	456	52	508
	2016	110	52	162	349	11	360	437	53	490
	2017	128	45	173	237	9	246	330	45	375
	2018	144	49	193	151	3	154	267	50	317
	2019	149	47	196	173	3	176	301	47	348
Flatfish	2015	6	28	34	18	5	23	24	29	53
	2016	9	30	39	27	5	32	36	31	67
	2017	8	26	34	19	4	23	27	27	54
	2018	9	26	35	34	4	38	42	27	69
	2019	9	26	35	30	4	34	39	27	66

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	Year	Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands			Gulf of Alaska			All Alaska		
		Catcher Vessels	Catcher Processors	Total	Catcher Vessels	Catcher Processors	Total	Catcher Vessels	Catcher Processors	Total
Rockfish	2015	6	15	21	171	8	179	176	18	194
	2016	3	18	21	233	12	245	236	21	257
	2017	3	16	19	208	11	219	211	19	230
	2018	3	21	24	189	9	198	192	24	216
	2019	4	22	26	181	9	190	185	24	209
Atka Mackerel	2015	5	9	14	-	-	-	5	9	14
	2016	4	9	13	2	-	2	6	9	15
	2017	4	12	16	-	1	1	4	13	17
	2018	4	14	18	1	2	3	5	16	21
	2019	4	14	18	-	-	-	4	14	18
All Targets	2015	166	69	235	702	22	724	819	72	891
	2016	170	71	241	724	26	750	840	73	913
	2017	182	68	250	599	22	621	721	70	791
	2018	195	66	261	546	16	562	667	68	735
	2019	194	65	259	538	19	557	664	67	731

**Notes:** The target is determined based on vessel, week, catching mode, NMFS area, and gear. These estimates include only vessels that fished part of federal TACs. “\*” indicates a confidential value; “-” indicates no applicable data or value.

**Source:** NMFS Alaska Region Blend and Catch-accounting System estimates; CFEC gross earnings (fish tickets) file; NMFS Alaska Region groundfish observer data; NMFS Alaska Region permit data; CFEC vessel registration file. Data compiled and provided by the Alaska Fisheries Information Network (AKFIN). National Marine Fisheries Service, P.O. Box 15700, Seattle, WA 98115-0070.

Table 10: Bering Sea & Aleutian Islands groundfish retained catch by vessel type, gear and species, 2015-2019 (1,000 metric tons, round weight).

	Year	Catcher Vessels				Catcher Processors				Total			
		Hook And Line	Pot	Trawl	All Gear	Hook And Line	Pot	Trawl	All Gear	Hook And Line	Pot	Trawl	All Gear
Pollock	2015	-	-	687.1	687.2	-	-	620.1	626.4	-	-	1,307.2	1,313.6
	2016	-	-	703.9	704.0	-	-	636.0	641.8	-	-	1,339.9	1,345.7
	2017	-	-	710.4	710.4	-	-	635.9	642.2	-	-	1,346.2	1,352.6
	2018	-	-	718.3	718.3	-	-	646.2	651.4	-	-	1,364.5	1,369.8
	2019	-	-	735.6	735.6	-	-	660.5	666.2	-	-	1,396.1	1,401.7
Pacific Cod	2015	0.8	29.9	37.7	68.4	127.9	8.0	34.7	170.5	128.7	37.9	72.4	239.0
	2016	0	39.4	46.5	86.0	126.9	7.6	37.1	171.6	126.9	47.1	83.7	257.6
	2017	0.1	43.2	44.7	88.0	124.3	5.8	31.9	162.1	124.4	49.0	76.7	250.0
	2018	0.9	42.2	39.3	82.5	100.9	4.3	30.3	135.5	101.8	46.5	69.6	217.9
	2019	1.2	43.1	33.2	77.5	88.6	4.2	25.5	118.2	89.8	47.3	58.7	195.7
Sablefish	2015	0.4	0.1	0	0.5	0.1	-	0	0.1	0.5	0.1	0	0.6
	2016	0.2	*	0	0.2	0.1	-	0.3	0.4	0.3	*	0.3	0.6
	2017	0.2	*	0.1	0.2	0.1	*	0.5	0.5	0.2	*	0.5	0.8
	2018	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.8	0.1	*	0.6	0.7	0.3	0.3	0.9	1.5
	2019	0.2	0.5	0.8	1.6	0	*	0.4	0.4	0.2	0.5	1.2	2.0
Atka Mackerel	2015	-	-	3.2	3.2	-	-	49.3	49.3	-	-	52.5	52.5
	2016	-	-	3.7	3.7	-	-	50.4	50.4	-	-	54.1	54.1
	2017	-	-	4.4	4.4	-	-	59.4	59.4	-	-	63.8	63.8
	2018	-	-	5.6	5.7	-	-	63.8	63.9	-	-	69.5	69.5
	2019	-	-	3.3	3.3	-	-	53.3	53.3	-	-	56.6	56.6
Yellowfin	2015	-	-	8.0	8.0	0	-	115.1	115.1	0	-	123.0	123.1
	2016	-	-	10.8	10.8	*	-	120.4	120.4	*	-	131.2	131.2
	2017	-	-	15.2	15.2	0.1	-	113.3	113.4	0.1	-	128.6	128.6
	2018	-	-	12.2	12.3	0.2	-	114.9	115.0	0.2	-	127.1	127.3
	2019	-	-	16.6	16.6	0	-	108.5	108.5	0	-	125.1	125.1
Rock Sole	2015	-	-	1.1	1.1	*	-	43.2	43.2	*	-	44.3	44.3
	2016	-	-	2.4	2.4	*	-	40.9	40.9	*	-	43.3	43.3
	2017	-	-	3.1	3.1	0	-	30.8	30.8	0	-	33.9	33.9
	2018	*	-	1.6	1.6	0	-	25.6	25.6	0	-	27.1	27.1
	2019	*	-	2.3	2.3	0	-	22.0	22.0	0	-	24.3	24.3

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	Year	Catcher Vessels			Catcher Processors				Total				
		Hook And Line	Pot	Trawl	All Gear	Hook And Line	Pot	Trawl	All Gear	Hook And Line	Pot	Trawl	All Gear
Flathead Sole	2015	-	-	0.8	0.8	0	-	9.2	9.2	0	-	10.1	10.1
	2016	-	-	0.4	0.4	-	-	8.6	8.6	-	-	9.0	9.0
	2017	-	-	0.6	0.6	0	-	7.5	7.5	0	-	8.1	8.1
	2018	-	-	0.8	0.8	*	-	9.4	9.4	*	-	10.2	10.2
	2019	*	-	0.8	0.8	0	-	14.0	14.1	0	-	14.9	14.9
Arrowtooth	2015	*	-	0.3	0.3	0.1	-	9.1	9.2	0.1	-	9.3	9.4
	2016	*	-	0.2	0.2	0	-	8.8	8.8	0	-	9.0	9.0
	2017	*	-	0.1	0.1	0.2	-	5.2	5.4	0.2	-	5.4	5.6
	2018	0	-	0.2	0.2	0.1	-	5.6	5.7	0.1	-	5.8	5.9
	2019	-	-	0.6	0.6	0.1	-	8.2	8.3	0.1	-	8.8	8.9
Kamchatka Flounder	2015	-	-	0	0	0	-	4.6	4.6	0	-	4.6	4.6
	2016	-	-	0	0	0	-	4.5	4.5	0	-	4.5	4.5
	2017	-	-	0.1	0.1	0	-	4.1	4.1	0	-	4.2	4.2
	2018	-	-	0	0	0	-	2.8	2.8	0	-	2.9	2.9
	2019	-	-	0.1	0.1	0	-	4.1	4.1	0	-	4.1	4.1
Turbot	2015	*	-	0	0	1.1	-	1.0	2.0	1.1	-	1.0	2.1
	2016	*	-	0	0	0.9	-	1.2	2.1	0.9	-	1.2	2.1
	2017	-	-	0	0	0.9	-	1.8	2.7	0.9	-	1.8	2.7
	2018	-	-	0	0	0.3	-	1.5	1.7	0.3	-	1.5	1.7
	2019	*	-	0	0	0.5	-	2.2	2.8	0.5	-	2.2	2.8
Other Flatfish	2015	-	-	1.5	1.5	0	-	12.6	12.6	0	-	14.1	14.1
	2016	-	-	0.9	0.9	*	-	11.4	11.4	*	-	12.3	12.3
	2017	-	-	2.0	2.0	*	-	13.4	13.4	*	-	15.4	15.4
	2018	-	-	1.7	1.7	*	-	20.5	20.5	*	-	22.2	22.2
	2019	-	-	2.4	2.4	0	-	14.3	14.3	0	-	16.6	16.6
Pacific Ocean	2015	*	-	2.8	2.8	0	-	27.2	27.2	0	-	30.0	30.0
	2016	*	-	2.3	2.3	*	-	28.0	28.0	*	-	30.3	30.3
Perch	2017	-	-	2.3	2.3	0	-	28.0	28.0	0	-	30.3	30.3
	2018	*	-	3.0	3.0	0	-	29.4	29.4	0	-	32.4	32.4
	2019	*	-	4.4	4.4	0	-	35.4	35.4	0	-	39.8	39.8

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	Year	Catcher Vessels			Catcher Processors				Total				
		Hook And Line	Pot	Trawl	All Gear	Hook And Line	Pot	Trawl	All Gear	Hook And Line	Pot	Trawl	All Gear
Northern Rockfish	2015	-	-	0.2	0.2	0	-	6.5	6.5	0	-	6.7	6.7
	2016	*	-	0.2	0.2	0	-	4.0	4.0	0	-	4.2	4.2
	2017	-	-	0.2	0.2	0	-	4.2	4.2	0	-	4.4	4.4
	2018	*	-	0.4	0.4	0	-	4.8	4.9	0	-	5.2	5.2
	2019	-	-	0.4	0.4	*	-	8.2	8.2	*	-	8.6	8.6
Other Rockfish	2015	0	-	0.1	0.1	0.1	-	0.6	0.7	0.1	-	0.7	0.8
	2016	0	-	0	0.1	0	-	0.7	0.7	0.1	-	0.7	0.8
	2017	0	-	0	0.1	0	-	0.7	0.8	0.1	-	0.8	0.8
	2018	0	-	0.1	0.1	0	-	1.0	1.0	0.1	-	1.0	1.1
	2019	0	-	0.1	0.1	0	-	1.3	1.3	0	-	1.3	1.4
Other Groundfish	2015	0	-	2.2	2.3	6.6	-	1.1	7.8	6.6	-	3.3	10.0
	2016	0	-	0.5	0.5	5.1	-	1.7	6.8	5.1	-	2.1	7.3
	2017	*	-	1.0	1.1	7.7	-	1.7	9.4	7.7	-	2.7	10.5
	2018	0	-	1.6	1.8	9.5	-	2.5	12.0	9.5	-	4.2	13.8
	2019	0	-	0.5	0.7	6.3	-	2.7	9.1	6.4	-	3.2	9.7
All Groundfish	2015	1.2	-	745.2	776.5	142.3	-	934.2	1,084.5	143.4	-	1,679.4	1,860.9
	2016	0.3	-	771.8	811.6	138.9	-	953.9	1,100.4	139.2	-	1,725.7	1,912.1
	2017	0.3	-	784.2	827.8	139.6	-	938.4	1,083.9	139.9	-	1,722.7	1,911.7
	2018	1.2	-	785.2	829.2	116.3	-	959.0	1,079.5	117.4	-	1,744.2	1,908.7
	2019	1.4	-	801.0	846.1	101.3	-	960.6	1,066.1	102.7	-	1,761.6	1,912.2

**Notes:** The estimates are of retained catch (i.e., excludes discarded catch). All groundfish include additional species categories. These estimates include only catch counted against federal TACs. Includes FMP groundfish catch on halibut targets. “\*” indicates a confidential value; “-” indicates no applicable data or value.

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Table 11: Bering Sea & Aleutian Islands groundfish retained catch by species, gear, and target fishery, 2018-2019, (1,000 metric tons, round weight).

	Target	Pollock	Sablefish	Pacific Cod	Arrowtooth	Kamchatka Flounder	Flathead Sole	Rock Sole	Turbot	Yellowfin	Flat Other	Rockfish	Atka Mackerel	Other	All Species		
Hook and Line	Catcher Processors	Sablefish	-	0	-	*	-	-	*	-	-	0	-	-	0		
		Pacific Cod	5.3	0	100.8	0.1	0	*	0	0.1	0.2	*	0	0	9.5	116.0	
		Turbot	*	0	*	*	*	-	-	0.2	-	*	0	-	*	0.2	
		Rockfish	*	*	-	-	*	-	-	*	-	-	0	-	-	0	
		Halibut	-	-	*	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	*	
		All Targets	5.3	0.1	100.9	0.1	0	*	0	0.3	0.2	*	0	0	9.5	116.3	
		Sablefish	*	*	-	*	*	-	-	*	-	-	*	-	-	*	
	2019	Pacific Cod	5.7	0	88.6	0.1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	*	6.3	100.8	
		Arrowtooth	-	-	-	*	*	-	-	*	-	-	*	-	-	*	
		Turbot	*	*	*	*	*	-	-	0.5	-	-	0	-	0	0.5	
		Rockfish	*	*	-	-	*	-	-	*	-	-	*	-	-	*	
		Halibut	-	-	*	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	*	
		All Targets	5.7	0	88.6	0.1	0	0	0	0.5	0	0	0	*	6.3	101.3	
		Catcher Vessels	Sablefish	-	0.1	*	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	-	-	0.1
Pacific Cod	*		*	0.9	0	-	-	*	-	-	-	0	-	*	0.9		
Halibut	-		0.1	0	*	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	-	0	0.2		
All Targets	*		0.2	0.9	0	-	-	*	-	-	-	0	-	0	1.2		
Sablefish	-		0.1	*	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	*	-	-	0.1		
2019	Pacific Cod		*	*	1.1	-	-	*	*	-	-	-	*	-	0	1.2	
	Halibut		-	0.1	0	-	-	-	-	*	-	-	0	-	0	0.2	
	All Targets	*	0.2	1.2	-	-	*	*	*	-	-	0	-	0	1.4		
Pot	Catcher Processors	Sablefish	-	*	*	*	*	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	*		
		Pacific Cod	*	-	4.3	-	-	-	-	-	*	-	*	*	*	4.3	
		All Targets	*	*	4.3	*	*	-	-	-	*	-	*	*	*	4.3	
	2019	Sablefish	*	*	*	*	*	-	-	*	-	-	*	-	-	*	
		Pacific Cod	0	*	4.2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	*	4.2	
		All Targets	0	*	4.2	*	*	-	-	*	-	-	*	-	*	4.2	
	Catcher Vessels	Sablefish	-	0.3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	*	-	*	0.3	
		2018	Pacific Cod	0	*	42.2	0	-	0	0	-	0.1	0	0	0	0.2	42.5
			All Targets	0	0.3	42.2	0	-	0	0	-	0.1	0	0	0	0.2	42.8
2019		Sablefish	-	0.5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.5	
		Pacific Cod	0	*	43.1	*	-	0	0	-	0	0	0	0	0.1	43.2	
		All Targets	0	0.5	43.1	*	-	0	0	-	0	0	0	0	0.1	43.7	

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	Target	Pollock	Sablefish	Pacific Cod	Arrowtooth	Kamchatka Flounder	Flathead Sole	Rock Sole	Turbot	Yellowfin	Flat Other	Rockfish	Atka Mackerel	Other	All Species		
Trawl	Catcher Processors	Pollock, Bottom	8.9	*	0.2	0.1	0	0.1	0.1	*	0.4	0.1	0.7	0	0	10.6	
		Pollock, Pelagic	607.5	0	1.7	0.1	0	0.4	0.5	0	0.2	0	0.7	0	0.4	611.6	
		Sablefish	0.1	0.4	0	0.1	0.1	0	*	0	-	0	0	-	*	0.6	
		Pacific Cod	1.0	-	6.8	0	0	0	1.8	-	0.1	0	0	*	0.1	9.9	
		2018 Arrowtooth	0.1	0	0	0.4	0.1	0.1	0	0.1	0	0	0	*	0	0.9	
		Kamchatka Flounder	0.1	0	0	0.4	1.3	0	*	0.2	*	0	0.1	*	*	2.1	
		Flathead Sole	1.9	-	1.3	0.9	0	4.4	0.9	0	3.2	0.5	*	*	0.2	13.4	
		Rock Sole	4.5	*	5.3	0.2	0	0.4	13.7	-	13.1	4.1	*	-	0.2	41.5	
		Turbot	0.2	*	0	0.2	0.4	0.2	-	1.1	*	0.1	0.2	-	0	2.3	
		Yellowfin	19.6	*	11.3	2.6	0.2	3.7	8.4	0	96.8	12.9	*	*	1.2	156.6	
		Other Flatfish	0.4	*	0.4	0.1	0	0	0.1	0	1.1	2.8	0	-	0	4.9	
		Rockfish	1.4	0.1	0.5	0.2	0.3	0.1	0	0.1	0	0	21.2	5.2	0.1	29.2	
		Atka Mackerel	0.6	0.1	2.8	0.3	0.4	0	0.1	0	0	0	12.3	58.6	0.4	75.6	
		All Targets	646.2	0.6	30.3	5.6	2.8	9.4	25.6	1.5	114.9	20.5	35.2	63.8	2.5	959.0	
		2019	Pollock, Bottom	22.2	0	0.3	0.1	0	0.1	0.1	0	0.3	0.1	2.4	0.1	0	25.8
			Pollock, Pelagic	610.5	0	2.6	0.1	0	0.5	0.6	0	0.1	0.1	1.3	0	0.1	615.9
			Sablefish	*	*	-	*	*	*	-	*	*	*	*	-	*	*
			Pacific Cod	0.3	-	2.8	0.2	0	0.1	0.5	*	0.2	0	*	*	0	4.0
			2019 Arrowtooth	0.2	0	0.1	1.1	0.3	0.1	0	0.2	0	0	0.1	*	0.1	2.2
			Kamchatka Flounder	0.1	0.1	0	0.4	1.3	0.1	0	0.3	*	0	0.3	0.1	0	2.8
Flathead Sole	4.5		*	2.7	2.7	0.4	8.3	1.3	0.2	5.2	1.2	0.1	*	0.5	26.9		
Rock Sole	2.6		-	4.2	0.3	0	0.5	11.8	-	8.4	1.3	*	*	0.2	29.4		
Turbot	0.2		0	0	0.2	0.8	0.5	*	1.3	*	0.2	0.3	-	0	3.7		
Yellowfin	17.1		-	9.8	2.6	0.2	3.7	7.5	0	94.1	10.6	0	0	1.4	147.0		
Other Flatfish	0.3		0	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0	0.2	0.5	0	-	0	1.5		
Rockfish	1.9		0.2	0.9	0.4	0.4	0.1	0	0.1	0	0.1	29.4	7.9	0.1	41.6		
Atka Mackerel	0.5		0	2.0	0.1	0.4	0	0.1	0	*	0	10.8	45.3	0.3	59.6		
All Targets	660.5		0.4	25.5	8.2	4.1	14.0	22.0	2.2	108.5	14.3	44.8	53.3	2.7	960.6		

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	Target	Pollock	Sablefish	Pacific Cod	Arrowtooth	Kamchatka Flounder	Flathead Sole	Rock Sole	Turbot	Yellowfin	Flat Other	Rockfish	Atka Mackerel	Other	All Species	
Trawl	Catcher Vessels	Pollock, Bottom	11.6	0	0.1	0	*	0	0	0	*	0	0.3	0.3	0.2	12.5
		Pollock, Pelagic	704.7	0.3	2.2	0.1	0	0.4	0.3	0	0.1	0.1	0.8	0.2	1.1	710.2
		2018 Pacific Cod	0.4	*	35.0	0	0	0	0.1	-	0	0	0	*	0.1	35.7
		Flathead Sole	0.1	-	0.1	*	*	0.1	0.1	-	0.4	0.1	-	-	0.1	1.0
		Rock Sole	0.1	-	0.1	-	-	*	0.2	-	0.3	0.1	-	-	*	0.7
		Yellowfin	1.3	-	1.2	0.1	0	0.2	0.8	*	11.4	1.2	-	-	0.1	16.2
		Other Flatfish	0	-	0	-	-	*	0	-	0.1	0.1	-	-	*	0.2
		Rockfish	0	*	0.1	0	0	*	*	*	-	*	1.7	0.3	*	2.1
		Atka Mackerel	0.1	*	0.6	0	0	*	0	*	-	*	0.7	4.9	0.1	6.4
	All Targets	718.3	0.3	39.3	0.2	0	0.8	1.6	0	12.2	1.7	3.5	5.6	1.6	785.2	
	2019	Pollock, Bottom	11.3	0.1	0.2	0	*	0	0	*	0	0	0.6	0.1	0	12.3
		Pollock, Pelagic	721.7	0.7	3.1	0.1	0	0.3	0.1	0	0	0.1	1.4	0.1	0.2	727.8
		2019 Pacific Cod	0.6	*	27.5	0.1	0	0.1	0.2	*	0.2	0.1	0	*	0.1	28.8
		Flathead Sole	0.1	-	0.1	0.1	*	0.1	0	*	0.1	0	-	-	*	0.5
		Rock Sole	0.1	-	0.2	*	-	0	0.8	-	1.2	0.3	-	-	0	2.5
		Yellowfin	1.7	-	1.7	0.2	0	0.4	1.1	-	15.1	1.8	*	-	0.3	22.3
		Other Flatfish	*	-	*	*	*	*	*	-	*	*	-	-	*	*
		Rockfish	0.1	0	0.3	0	0.1	*	0	*	-	0	2.7	0.7	*	4.0
Atka Mackerel		0	0	0.2	*	*	-	0	-	-	-	0.2	2.3	0	2.7	
All Targets	735.6	0.8	33.2	0.6	0.1	0.8	2.3	0	16.6	2.4	4.9	3.3	0.5	801.0		
All Gear	Catch Proc.	2018 All Targets	651.4	0.7	135.5	5.7	2.8	9.4	25.6	1.7	115.0	20.5	35.3	63.9	12.0	1,079.5
		2019 All Targets	666.2	0.4	118.2	8.3	4.1	14.1	22.0	2.8	108.5	14.3	44.9	53.3	9.1	1,066.1
	Catch Vess.	2018 All Targets	718.3	0.8	82.5	0.2	0	0.8	1.6	0	12.3	1.7	3.5	5.7	1.8	829.2
		2019 All Targets	735.6	1.6	77.5	0.6	0.1	0.8	2.3	0	16.6	2.4	4.9	3.3	0.7	846.1

**Notes:** Totals may include additional categories. The target is derived from an algorithm used to determine preponderance of catch, accounting for processor, trip, processing mode, NMFS area, and gear. These estimates include only catch counted against federal TACs. “\*” indicates a confidential value; “-” indicates no applicable data or value.

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Table 12: Bering Sea & Aleutian Islands ex-vessel prices in the groundfish fisheries by gear, and species, 2015-2019; calculations based on COAR (\$/lb, round weight).

	Year	Shoreside			At Sea			All Sectors		
		Fixed	Trawl	All Gear	Fixed	Trawl	All Gear	Fixed	Trawl	All Gear
Pollock	2015	0.170	0.154	0.154	0.170	0.134	0.134	0.170	0.142	0.143
	2016	0.134	0.139	0.139	0.020	0.117	0.117	0.020	0.127	0.126
	2017	0.015	0.137	0.137	0.015	0.105	0.104	0.015	0.119	0.118
	2018	0.145	0.156	0.156	0.145	0.119	0.119	0.145	0.135	0.135
	2019	0.157	0.167	0.167	0.157	0.128	0.128	0.157	0.145	0.145
Pacific Cod	2015	0.262	0.234	0.248	0.297	0.232	0.282	0.290	0.233	0.273
	2016	0.278	0.249	0.264	0.292	0.246	0.280	0.288	0.247	0.275
	2017	0.332	0.294	0.316	0.340	0.283	0.326	0.338	0.288	0.323
	2018	0.410	0.383	0.399	0.437	0.349	0.413	0.429	0.364	0.408
	2019	0.443	0.369	0.418	0.478	0.351	0.443	0.467	0.358	0.434
Sablefish	2015	3.720	1.277	3.720	3.720	1.277	3.268	3.720	1.277	3.613
	2016	4.010	1.193	3.976	4.010	1.193	2.032	4.010	1.193	3.017
	2017	3.980	1.172	3.769	3.980	1.172	1.875	3.980	1.172	2.741
	2018	2.121	0.809	1.690	2.121	0.809	1.276	2.121	0.809	1.467
	2019	1.915	0.751	1.297	1.915	0.751	1.019	1.915	0.751	1.214
Atka Mackerel	2015	0.279	0.257	0.257	*	0.257	0.257	0.279	0.257	0.257
	2016	0.016	0.253	0.243	*	0.253	0.253	0.016	0.253	0.253
	2017	0.015	0.356	0.352	0.015	0.356	0.356	0.015	0.356	0.356
	2018	0.203	0.348	0.347	0.203	0.348	0.348	0.203	0.348	0.348
	2019	0.015	0.283	0.283	*	0.283	0.283	0.015	0.283	0.283
Yellowfin	2015	0.003	0.129	0.129	0.003	0.129	0.129	0.003	0.129	0.129
	2016	0.014	0.147	0.139	*	0.147	0.147	0.014	0.147	0.147
	2017	0.015	0.176	0.156	0.015	0.176	0.176	0.015	0.176	0.176
	2018	0.015	0.216	0.175	0.015	0.216	0.216	0.015	0.216	0.216
	2019	0.015	0.206	0.094	0.015	0.206	0.206	0.015	0.206	0.206
Rock Sole	2015	*	0.146	0.146	*	0.146	0.146	*	0.146	0.146
	2016	0.113	0.167	0.167	*	0.167	0.167	0.113	0.167	0.167
	2017	0.015	0.194	0.194	0.015	0.194	0.194	0.015	0.194	0.194
	2018	0.015	0.237	0.237	0.015	0.237	0.237	0.015	0.237	0.237
	2019	0.015	0.221	0.221	0.015	0.221	0.221	0.015	0.221	0.221

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	Year	Shoreside			At Sea			All Sectors		
		Fixed	Trawl	All Gear	Fixed	Trawl	All Gear	Fixed	Trawl	All Gear
Flathead Sole	2015	0.015	0.148	0.148	0.003	0.148	0.147	0.004	0.148	0.147
	2016	0.113	0.194	0.193	-	0.193	0.193	0.113	0.193	0.193
	2017	0.015	0.221	0.220	0.015	0.221	0.221	0.015	0.221	0.221
	2018	0.016	0.255	0.254	*	0.255	0.255	0.016	0.255	0.254
	2019	0.015	0.222	0.220	0.015	0.222	0.222	0.015	0.222	0.222
Arrowtooth	2015	*	0.182	0.182	0.003	0.182	0.181	0.003	0.182	0.181
	2016	0.113	0.213	0.211	0.113	0.213	0.213	0.113	0.213	0.213
	2017	*	0.324	0.324	0.015	0.324	0.312	0.015	0.324	0.312
	2018	0.016	0.218	0.217	0.015	0.218	0.214	0.015	0.218	0.214
	2019	*	0.216	0.216	0.015	0.216	0.214	0.015	0.216	0.214
Kamchatka Flounder	2015	-	*	*	0.003	0.165	0.165	0.003	0.165	0.165
	2016	-	-	-	0.113	0.206	0.206	0.113	0.206	0.206
	2017	-	-	-	0.015	0.367	0.365	0.015	0.367	0.365
	2018	-	*	*	0.015	0.316	0.314	0.015	0.316	0.314
	2019	-	*	*	0.015	0.246	0.245	0.015	0.246	0.245
Turbot	2015	*	0.502	0.502	0.003	0.502	0.249	0.003	0.502	0.250
	2016	*	0.649	0.649	0.113	0.649	0.413	0.113	0.649	0.414
	2017	-	0.689	0.689	0.015	0.689	0.460	0.015	0.689	0.460
	2018	-	0.685	0.685	0.015	0.685	0.589	0.015	0.685	0.589
	2019	*	0.700	0.700	0.015	0.700	0.571	0.015	0.700	0.571
Other Flatfish	2015	-	0.415	0.415	0.003	0.135	0.135	0.003	0.137	0.137
	2016	0.113	0.366	0.364	*	0.145	0.145	0.113	0.146	0.146
	2017	*	0.406	0.406	*	0.229	0.229	*	0.229	0.229
	2018	0.015	0.208	0.204	0.015	0.169	0.169	0.015	0.169	0.169
	2019	0.015	0.580	0.551	0.015	0.188	0.188	0.015	0.191	0.191
Pacific Ocean Perch	2015	*	0.209	0.209	0.833	0.209	0.209	0.833	0.209	0.209
	2016	0.780	0.180	0.180	*	0.180	0.180	0.780	0.180	0.180
	2017	*	0.218	0.218	1.001	0.218	0.218	1.001	0.218	0.218
	2018	*	0.217	0.217	0.771	0.217	0.217	0.771	0.217	0.217
	2019	0.016	0.160	0.160	0.742	0.160	0.160	0.221	0.160	0.160

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	Year	Shoreside			At Sea			All Sectors		
		Fixed	Trawl	All Gear	Fixed	Trawl	All Gear	Fixed	Trawl	All Gear
Northern Rockfish	2015	*	0.149	0.149	0.833	0.149	0.149	0.833	0.149	0.149
	2016	*	0.127	0.127	0.780	0.127	0.127	0.780	0.127	0.127
	2017	*	0.152	0.152	1.001	0.152	0.153	1.001	0.152	0.153
	2018	*	0.156	0.156	0.771	0.156	0.157	0.771	0.156	0.157
	2019	*	0.137	0.137	*	0.137	0.137	*	0.137	0.137
Other Rockfish	2015	0.823	0.366	0.745	0.833	0.277	0.344	0.830	0.278	0.365
	2016	0.721	0.301	0.646	0.780	0.351	0.390	0.764	0.351	0.400
	2017	0.933	0.327	0.802	1.001	0.381	0.424	0.984	0.381	0.436
	2018	0.894	0.296	0.722	0.771	0.296	0.313	0.819	0.296	0.325
	2019	0.765	0.268	0.478	0.742	0.348	0.354	0.751	0.347	0.357
Other Groundfish	2015	0.154	0.122	0.122	0.154	0.049	0.136	0.154	0.093	0.133
	2016	0.280	0.150	0.171	0.280	0.017	0.213	0.280	0.042	0.210
	2017	0.306	0.207	0.217	0.306	0.015	0.246	0.306	0.067	0.243
	2018	0.324	0.181	0.198	0.324	0.024	0.253	0.324	0.072	0.248
	2019	0.451	0.087	0.248	0.451	0.027	0.313	0.451	0.031	0.311

**Notes:** Prices are for catch from both federal and state of Alaska fisheries. The ex-vessel price is calculated as value of landings divided by estimated or actual round weight. Prices for catch processed by an at-sea processor without a COAR buying record (e.g., from catcher processors) are set using the prices for the matching species (group), region and gear-types for which buying records exist shoreside. Trawl-caught sablefish, rockfish and flatfish in the BSAI and trawl-caught Atka mackerel in both the BSAI and the GOA are not well represented in the COAR buying records. A price was calculated for these categories from product-report prices; the price in this case is the value of the first wholesale products divided by the calculated round weight and multiplied by a constant 0.4, a coarse estimate of the value added by processing based. The “All Alaska/All gear” column is the average weighted by retained catch. Values are not adjusted for inflation. “\*” indicates a confidential value; “-” indicates no applicable data or value.

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Table 13: Bering Sea & Aleutian Islands ex-vessel value of the groundfish catch by vessel category, gear, and species, 2015-2019; calculations based on COAR (\$ millions).

	Year	Catcher Vessel				Catcher Processor				All Sectors			
		Hook And Line	Pot	Trawl	All Gear	Hook And Line	Pot	Trawl	All Gear	Hook And Line	Pot	Trawl	All Gear
Pollock	2015	-	-	227.42	227.42	-	-	182.91	185.30	-	-	410.33	412.72
	2016	-	-	209.36	209.36	-	-	165.24	165.50	-	-	374.61	374.86
	2017	-	-	205.54	205.54	-	-	147.13	147.35	-	-	352.68	352.89
	2018	-	-	236.67	236.67	-	-	169.89	171.57	-	-	406.56	408.24
	2019	-	-	259.81	259.81	-	-	186.46	188.42	-	-	446.28	448.24
Pacific Cod	2015	0.45	17.31	16.33	34.10	83.66	5.22	20.84	109.72	84.12	22.53	37.17	143.82
	2016	0.04	24.16	20.42	44.62	81.58	4.89	25.20	111.67	81.62	29.05	45.62	156.29
	2017	0.08	31.63	22.28	53.98	93.25	4.38	26.36	123.99	93.33	36.01	48.64	177.98
	2018	0.84	38.16	26.00	65.00	97.20	4.12	29.90	131.22	98.04	42.28	55.90	196.22
	2019	1.16	42.04	19.06	62.26	93.51	4.44	27.29	125.24	94.67	46.48	46.35	187.50
Sablefish	2015	2.92	0.98	0	3.90	0.98	-	0.08	1.06	3.90	0.98	0.08	4.96
	2016	1.96	*	0.01	1.97	1.04	-	0.73	1.76	2.99	*	0.74	3.73
	2017	1.41	*	0.14	1.55	0.73	*	1.61	2.34	2.14	*	1.75	3.89
	2018	1.01	1.59	0.49	3.08	0.28	*	1.11	1.38	1.28	1.59	1.59	4.47
	2019	0.87	2.19	1.36	4.41	0.30	*	0.83	1.13	1.17	2.19	2.18	5.54
Atka Mackerel	2015	-	-	0.02	0.02	-	-	29.67	29.67	-	-	29.69	29.69
	2016	-	-	0.01	0.01	-	-	30.13	30.13	-	-	30.14	30.14
	2017	-	-	0.01	0.01	-	-	50.24	50.24	-	-	50.25	50.25
	2018	-	-	0.39	0.39	-	-	53.02	53.03	-	-	53.42	53.42
	2019	-	-	0.14	0.14	-	-	35.20	35.20	-	-	35.34	35.34
Yellowfin	2015	-	-	0.03	0.03	0	-	35.07	35.07	0	-	35.10	35.10
	2016	-	-	0.01	0.01	*	-	42.52	42.52	*	-	42.53	42.53
	2017	-	-	0.01	0.01	0	-	50.00	50.00	0	-	50.01	50.01
	2018	-	-	0.13	0.13	0.01	-	60.38	60.38	0.01	-	60.51	60.52
	2019	-	-	0.01	0.01	0	-	56.79	56.79	0	-	56.79	56.80
Rock Sole	2015	-	-	0.10	0.10	*	-	14.13	14.13	*	-	14.24	14.24
	2016	-	-	0.09	0.09	*	-	15.86	15.86	*	-	15.95	15.95
	2017	-	-	0.15	0.15	0	-	14.37	14.37	0	-	14.52	14.52
	2018	*	-	0.19	0.19	0	-	14.02	14.02	0	-	14.21	14.21
	2019	*	-	0.09	0.09	0	-	11.72	11.72	0	-	11.81	11.81

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	Year	Catcher Vessel			Catcher Processor				All Sectors				
		Hook And Line	Pot	Trawl	All Gear	Hook And Line	Pot	Trawl	All Gear	Hook And Line	Pot	Trawl	All Gear
Flathead Sole	2015	-	-	0.15	0.15	0	-	3.13	3.13	0	-	3.28	3.28
	2016	-	-	0.11	0.11	-	-	3.74	3.74	-	-	3.85	3.85
	2017	-	-	0.15	0.15	0	-	3.80	3.80	0	-	3.95	3.95
	2018	-	-	0.21	0.21	*	-	5.50	5.50	*	-	5.71	5.71
	2019	*	-	0.15	0.15	0	-	7.14	7.15	0	-	7.30	7.30
Arrowtooth	2015	*	-	0.03	0.03	0	-	3.73	3.73	0	-	3.76	3.76
	2016	0	-	0.02	0.02	0.01	-	4.19	4.20	0.01	-	4.21	4.22
	2017	*	-	0.04	0.04	0.01	-	3.82	3.83	0.01	-	3.86	3.87
	2018	0	-	0.05	0.05	0	-	2.73	2.74	0	-	2.78	2.78
	2019	-	-	0.06	0.06	0	-	4.15	4.16	0	-	4.21	4.22
Kamchatka Flounder	2015	-	-	0	0	0	-	1.68	1.68	0	-	1.68	1.68
	2016	-	-	*	*	0	-	2.06	2.06	0	-	2.06	2.06
	2017	-	-	*	*	0	-	3.41	3.41	0	-	3.41	3.41
	2018	-	-	0	0	0	-	1.99	1.99	0	-	1.99	1.99
	2019	-	-	0	0	0	-	2.26	2.26	0	-	2.26	2.26
Turbot	2015	*	-	0.01	0.01	0.01	-	1.13	1.14	0.01	-	1.14	1.15
	2016	*	-	0	0	0.24	-	1.73	1.96	0.24	-	1.73	1.97
	2017	-	-	0	0	0.03	-	2.74	2.77	0.03	-	2.74	2.77
	2018	-	-	0.01	0.01	0.01	-	2.27	2.28	0.01	-	2.28	2.29
	2019	*	-	0	0	0.02	-	3.49	3.51	0.02	-	3.49	3.51
Other Flatfish	2015	-	-	0.08	0.08	0	-	4.19	4.19	0	-	4.26	4.26
	2016	-	-	0.06	0.06	*	-	3.90	3.90	*	-	3.96	3.96
	2017	-	-	0.08	0.08	*	-	7.76	7.76	*	-	7.84	7.84
	2018	-	-	0.07	0.07	0	-	8.19	8.19	0	-	8.26	8.26
	2019	-	-	0.20	0.20	0	-	6.83	6.83	0	-	7.03	7.03
Pacific Ocean Perch	2015	*	-	0.33	0.33	0	-	13.50	13.50	0	-	13.84	13.84
	2016	0	-	0.25	0.25	*	-	11.78	11.78	0	-	12.03	12.03
	2017	-	-	0.31	0.31	0	-	14.24	14.24	0	-	14.56	14.56
	2018	*	-	0.54	0.54	0	-	14.98	14.98	0	-	15.52	15.52
	2019	*	-	0.68	0.68	0	-	13.34	13.34	0	-	14.01	14.01

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	Year	Catcher Vessel			Catcher Processor				All Sectors				
		Hook And Line	Pot	Trawl	All Gear	Hook And Line	Pot	Trawl	All Gear	Hook And Line	Pot	Trawl	All Gear
Northern Rockfish	2015	-	-	0.01	0.01	0	-	2.21	2.21	0	-	2.22	2.22
	2016	*	-	0	0	0	-	1.19	1.19	0	-	1.19	1.19
	2017	-	-	0	0	0.01	-	1.46	1.47	0.01	-	1.47	1.48
	2018	*	-	0.01	0.01	0.01	-	1.80	1.81	0.01	-	1.81	1.81
	2019	-	-	0.01	0.01	*	-	2.59	2.59	*	-	2.60	2.60
Other Rockfish	2015	0.06	-	0.01	0.07	0.17	-	0.41	0.57	0.23	-	0.41	0.65
	2016	0.04	-	0	0.05	0.13	-	0.59	0.72	0.17	-	0.60	0.77
	2017	0.04	-	0	0.05	0.13	-	0.68	0.82	0.18	-	0.69	0.86
	2018	0.04	-	0.01	0.05	0.06	-	0.68	0.74	0.11	-	0.68	0.80
	2019	0.02	-	0.01	0.04	0.03	-	1.04	1.07	0.06	-	1.05	1.11
Other Groundfish	2015	0	-	0.54	0.56	2.25	-	0.14	2.39	2.25	-	0.69	2.96
	2016	0	-	0.13	0.18	3.16	-	0.07	3.23	3.16	-	0.20	3.41
	2017	*	-	0.34	0.40	5.19	-	0.07	5.25	5.19	-	0.41	5.65
	2018	0	-	0.51	0.64	6.78	-	0.15	6.93	6.78	-	0.67	7.56
	2019	0.02	-	0.03	0.17	6.38	-	0.19	6.57	6.40	-	0.22	6.74
All Species	2015	3.44	-	245.07	266.82	89.46	-	312.82	407.50	92.89	-	557.89	674.32
	2016	2.05	-	230.50	256.75	86.41	-	308.91	400.21	88.46	-	539.41	656.96
	2017	1.54	-	229.06	262.28	99.57	-	327.70	431.65	101.10	-	556.75	693.92
	2018	1.89	-	265.28	307.05	106.03	-	366.60	476.75	107.92	-	631.88	783.80
	2019	2.06	-	281.61	328.02	102.22	-	359.32	465.97	104.28	-	640.93	793.99

**Notes:** Ex-vessel value is calculated by multiplying ex-vessel prices by the retained round weight catch. Refer to Table 12 for a description of the price derivation. The value added by at-sea processing is not included in these estimates of ex-vessel value. All groundfish includes additional species categories. Values are not adjusted for inflation. “\*” indicates a confidential value; “-” indicates no applicable data or value.

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Table 14: Bering Sea & Aleutian Islands vessel and permit counts, ex-vessel value, value per vessel, and percent value of BSAI FMP groundfish and all BSAI fisheries by fleet, 2015-2019; calculations based on COAR (\$ millions).

	Year	Vessels	Permits	Ex-vessel Value Per Vessel \$1,000	Ex-vessel Value \$million	Percent Value, BSAI FMP Groundfish	Percent Value, All BSAI Fisheries
AFA CV	2015	86	15	2,814.31	242.03	35.93	22.08
	2016	89	18	2,594.87	230.94	35.08	20.23
	2017	86	16	2,650.99	227.99	32.60	19.22
	2018	86	17	3,042.31	261.64	33.32	19.56
	2019	82	22	3,443.93	282.40	35.54	21.29
AFA CP	2015	17	17	10,984.64	186.74	27.72	17.04
	2016	16	16	10,178.79	162.86	24.74	14.27
	2017	16	16	9,909.07	158.55	22.67	13.36
	2018	15	15	10,999.72	165.00	21.01	12.34
	2019	16	16	11,937.93	191.01	24.03	14.40
A80	2015	18	18	6,477.66	116.60	17.31	10.64
	2016	19	19	6,599.34	125.39	19.05	10.98
	2017	19	19	7,867.09	149.47	21.37	12.60
	2018	19	19	8,741.77	166.09	21.15	12.42
	2019	20	20	7,381.29	147.63	18.58	11.13
BSAI Trawl	2015	13	12	969.00	12.60	1.87	1.15
	2016	13	12	1,602.97	20.84	3.17	1.83
	2017	16	15	1,353.37	21.65	3.10	1.83
	2018	21	18	1,892.80	39.75	5.06	2.97
	2019	18	18	1,154.61	20.78	2.62	1.57

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	Year	Vessels	Permits	Ex-vessel Value Per Vessel \$1,000	Ex-vessel Value \$million	Percent Value, BSAI FMP Groundfish	Percent Value, All BSAI Fisheries
CV Hook and Line	2015	5	5	*	*	*	*
	2016	1	1	*	*	*	*
	2017	5	4	*	*	*	*
	2018	7	6	*	*	*	*
	2019	8	6	*	*	*	*
CP Hook and Line	2015	30	30	2,950.16	88.50	13.14	8.08
	2016	31	31	2,755.96	85.43	12.98	7.48
	2017	28	28	3,536.34	99.02	14.16	8.35
	2018	25	25	4,239.21	105.98	13.50	7.92
	2019	23	23	4,438.82	102.09	12.85	7.70
Sablefish IFQ	2015	18	9	231.84	4.17	0.62	0.38
	2016	19	7	193.15	3.67	0.56	0.32
	2017	17	10	382.19	6.50	0.93	0.55
	2018	21	9	167.77	3.52	0.45	0.26
	2019	14	8	219.07	3.07	0.39	0.23
Pot	2015	48	18	469.93	22.56	3.35	2.06
	2016	56	17	519.72	29.10	4.42	2.55
	2017	64	17	563.56	36.07	5.16	3.04
	2018	78	17	543.57	42.40	5.40	3.17
	2019	83	17	561.37	46.59	5.86	3.51

**Notes:** These tables include the value of groundfish purchases reported by processing plants, as well as by other entities, such as markets and restaurants, that normally would not report sales of groundfish products. Keep this in mind when comparing ex-vessel values in this table to gross processed-product values. The data are for catch from both federal and state of Alaska fisheries. The category “BSAI Trawl” does not include trawl vessel in the other categories (e.g. “AFA CV”, “AFA CP”, “A80”), for example TLAS. The column “permits” is a count of federal groundfish processor permits. Values are not adjusted for inflation.

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Table 15: Bering Sea & Aleutian Islands production of groundfish products by species, 2015-2019, (1,000 metric tons product weight).

	Product	2015			2016			2017			2018			2019		
		At Sea	Shoreside	All	At Sea	Shoreside	All	At Sea	Shoreside	All	At Sea	Shoreside	All	At Sea	Shoreside	All
Pollock	Whole Fish	1.11	0.68	1.80	0.10	0.69	0.79	0.04	0.25	0.30	0.01	0.27	0.28	0.15	0.22	0.37
	Head And Gut	25.38	*	25.38	28.61	0.04	28.65	24.21	-	24.21	21.47	*	21.47	17.68	*	17.68
	Roe	12.01	6.74	18.75	10.44	3.82	14.26	11.71	6.72	18.43	13.00	7.64	20.64	16.18	11.77	27.95
	Deep-Skin Fillets	34.56	9.22	43.77	38.24	8.55	46.79	45.10	13.03	58.13	40.96	15.75	56.72	39.34	18.81	58.15
	Other Fillets	57.44	65.80	123.24	49.61	64.89	114.50	42.13	56.69	98.82	53.94	56.97	110.91	66.04	62.60	128.63
	Surimi	95.94	91.80	187.74	100.51	90.31	190.82	102.60	94.13	196.73	104.36	92.16	196.53	104.67	87.57	192.24
	Minced Fish	19.71	5.47	25.19	22.38	11.69	34.07	17.05	9.44	26.49	13.06	7.35	20.41	12.25	7.35	19.59
	Fishmeal	26.45	34.59	61.03	27.15	36.25	63.40	27.94	34.69	62.63	28.22	38.36	66.58	30.51	39.33	69.84
	Other Products	12.60	21.44	34.04	14.52	27.09	41.61	13.32	24.88	38.20	13.97	24.93	38.90	16.34	27.13	43.47
	All Products	285.20	235.74	520.93	291.54	243.34	534.88	284.10	239.84	523.94	289.00	243.43	532.44	303.17	254.76	557.93
Pacific Cod	Whole Fish	0.12	0.39	0.51	1.36	0.43	1.79	0.22	*	0.22	0.16	0.15	0.32	0.01	0.28	0.29
	Head And Gut	84.84	15.98	100.82	84.44	14.24	98.68	80.09	12.28	92.38	66.10	12.94	79.04	58.78	11.47	70.25
	Roe	0.58	1.79	2.37	0.52	1.61	2.13	0.47	1.73	2.20	1.05	2.50	3.55	1.31	1.69	3.01
	Fillets	0.20	6.08	6.28	0.14	9.89	10.03	0.14	9.88	10.01	0.14	10.23	10.36	0.23	7.80	8.02
	Other Products	5.23	5.26	10.48	6.61	7.16	13.77	7.07	7.66	14.73	6.81	7.33	14.14	7.39	6.01	13.40
	All Products	90.97	29.49	120.47	93.06	33.34	126.40	87.99	31.55	119.54	74.26	33.15	107.41	67.72	27.25	94.97
Sablefish	Head And Gut	0.08	0.38	0.46	0.22	0.28	0.50	0.42	0.45	0.87	0.56	0.40	0.96	0.34	0.58	0.92
	Other Products	0.00	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.02	0.05	0.04	0.08	0.09	0.03	0.13	0.04	0.02	0.05
	All Products	0.09	0.39	0.47	0.23	0.29	0.52	0.46	0.49	0.95	0.65	0.43	1.09	0.38	0.59	0.97

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Table 15: Continued

	Product	2015			2016			2017			2018			2019		
		At Sea	Shoreside	All	At Sea	Shoreside	All	At Sea	Shoreside	All	At Sea	Shoreside	All	At Sea	Shoreside	All
Atka Mackerel	Whole Fish	3.31	*	3.31	2.13	0.01	2.14	6.40	*	6.40	6.62	0.29	6.91	0.47	*	0.47
	Head And Gut	29.09	-	29.09	30.53	-	30.53	35.45	-	35.45	36.21	*	36.21	32.82	*	32.82
	Other Products	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.01	0.02	0.00	0.01	0.02
	All Products	32.40	0.00	32.40	32.66	0.01	32.67	41.85	0.00	41.85	42.83	0.30	43.13	33.29	0.01	33.30
Yellowfin	Whole Fish	7.18	-	7.18	9.76	-	9.76	9.23	-	9.23	6.88	0.20	7.08	4.88	-	4.88
	Head And Gut	66.73	-	66.73	68.36	-	68.36	67.77	-	67.77	69.59	-	69.59	70.31	-	70.31
	Fillets	-	-	-	-	-	-	*	-	*	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Other Products	0.08	0.01	0.09	0.16	0.01	0.16	0.09	0.00	0.10	0.05	0.02	0.08	0.04	0.00	0.04
All Products	73.98	0.01	73.99	78.28	0.01	78.28	77.10	0.00	77.10	76.53	0.23	76.75	75.22	0.00	75.23	
Rock Sole	Whole Fish	0.47	-	0.47	0.63	*	0.63	1.56	*	1.56	0.43	0.06	0.49	0.49	*	0.49
	Head And Gut	24.48	-	24.48	23.90	-	23.90	17.33	-	17.33	14.21	*	14.21	12.57	-	12.57
	Fillets	0.01	-	0.01	*	-	*	*	*	*	0.00	-	0.00	-	*	*
	Other Products	0.12	0.06	0.18	0.08	0.08	0.16	0.13	0.07	0.20	0.07	0.03	0.10	0.15	0.05	0.20
All Products	25.08	0.06	25.13	24.61	0.08	24.69	19.02	0.07	19.09	14.72	0.08	14.80	13.22	0.05	13.27	
Flathead Sole	Whole Fish	0.26	0.01	0.26	0.52	*	0.52	0.10	*	0.10	0.37	0.06	0.43	0.05	-	0.05
	Head And Gut	4.45	-	4.45	4.13	-	4.13	4.03	-	4.03	5.09	*	5.09	7.88	-	7.88
	Fillets	0.00	-	0.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	*	*	*	-	-	-
	Other Products	0.30	0.08	0.37	0.11	0.05	0.16	0.05	0.05	0.11	0.05	0.04	0.10	0.12	0.10	0.21
All Products	5.00	0.09	5.09	4.75	0.05	4.80	4.19	0.05	4.25	5.52	0.10	5.62	8.04	0.10	8.14	

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	Product	2015			2016			2017			2018			2019		
		At Sea	Shoreside	All	At Sea	Shoreside	All	At Sea	Shoreside	All	At Sea	Shoreside	All	At Sea	Shoreside	All
Arrowtooth	Whole Fish	*	*	*	0.25	*	0.25	*	-	*	*	-	*	-	-	-
	Head And Gut	4.73	*	4.73	4.39	-	4.39	3.46	-	3.46	2.92	-	2.92	4.86	-	4.86
	Fillets	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	*	-	*
	Other Products	0.03	0.03	0.06	0.01	0.02	0.03	0.01	0.02	0.03	0.01	0.04	0.05	0.02	0.05	0.07
	All Products	4.75	0.03	4.79	4.64	0.02	4.67	3.46	0.02	3.48	2.93	0.04	2.97	4.88	0.05	4.93
Kamchatka Flounder	Whole Fish	-	-	-	*	-	*	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Head And Gut	2.79	-	2.79	2.72	-	2.72	2.05	-	2.05	1.40	-	1.40	2.13	-	2.13
	Fishmeal	0.01	-	0.01	0.00	-	0.00	0.00	-	0.00	0.00	-	0.00	0.00	*	0.00
	Other Products	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	*	-	*	-	-	-
	All Products	2.80	-	2.80	2.72	-	2.72	2.05	-	2.05	1.40	-	1.40	2.13	*	2.13
Turbot	Whole Fish	-	*	*	0.03	-	0.03	-	-	-	-	-	*	-	*	
	Head And Gut	1.19	-	1.19	1.29	*	1.29	1.75	-	1.75	1.19	-	1.19	1.92	-	1.92
	Other Products	0.43	0.00	0.43	0.51	0.00	0.51	0.68	0.00	0.68	0.42	0.00	0.42	0.74	0.00	0.74
	All Products	1.63	0.00	1.63	1.83	0.00	1.83	2.43	0.00	2.43	1.61	0.00	1.61	2.66	0.00	2.67
Other Flatfish	Whole Fish	2.37	*	2.37	2.05	*	2.05	1.33	0.04	1.37	0.36	*	0.36	0.61	0.06	0.67
	Head And Gut	5.73	-	5.73	4.79	*	4.79	7.11	*	7.11	11.55	*	11.55	8.75	*	8.75
	Fillets	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	*	*	-	*	*	-	-	-
	Other Products	0.01	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.01	0.03	0.01	0.01	0.02	0.04	0.01	0.05	0.38	0.02	0.40
	All Products	8.11	0.02	8.13	6.87	0.01	6.87	8.45	0.04	8.49	11.94	0.01	11.96	9.74	0.07	9.82
Pacific Ocean Perch	Whole Fish	-	0.37	0.37	0.31	0.43	0.74	0.41	0.41	0.82	2.08	0.13	2.21	0.67	0.39	1.06
	Head And Gut	14.90	*	14.90	14.15	*	14.15	13.82	*	13.82	14.17	*	14.17	17.31	*	17.31
	Other Products	0.09	0.07	0.16	0.21	0.02	0.23	0.27	0.03	0.30	0.19	0.06	0.25	0.66	0.20	0.86
	All Products	14.99	0.44	15.42	14.67	0.45	15.12	14.50	0.44	14.94	16.44	0.19	16.63	18.63	0.59	19.22

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	Product	2015			2016			2017			2018			2019		
		At Sea	Shoreside	All	At Sea	Shoreside	All	At Sea	Shoreside	All	At Sea	Shoreside	All	At Sea	Shoreside	All
Northern Rockfish	Whole Fish	-	0.01	0.01	-	0.00	0.00	-	*	*	*	*	*	-	*	*
	Head And Gut	3.59	-	3.59	1.96	-	1.96	2.03	-	2.03	2.26	*	2.26	3.89	*	3.89
	Other Products	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.00	*	0.00	0.00	*	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.01
	All Products	3.59	0.01	3.61	1.97	0.00	1.97	2.03	*	2.03	2.27	*	2.27	3.90	0.00	3.90
Other Rockfish	Whole Fish	0.10	*	0.10	0.15	*	0.15	0.17	0.00	0.18	0.15	*	0.15	0.42	*	0.42
	Head And Gut	0.25	0.02	0.27	0.29	0.02	0.30	0.27	0.01	0.28	0.35	0.01	0.36	0.27	0.01	0.28
	Other Products	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.16	0.00	0.17
	All Products	0.35	0.03	0.38	0.44	0.02	0.46	0.45	0.02	0.46	0.50	0.01	0.51	0.86	0.01	0.87
Other Groundfish	Whole Fish	*	0.38	0.38	0.00	0.15	0.16	*	0.26	0.26	0.02	0.50	0.52	0.00	0.34	0.35
	Head And Gut	0.01	*	0.01	0.01	-	0.01	0.01	*	0.01	0.04	0.07	0.12	0.02	0.06	0.08
	Roe	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	*	-	*	-	-	-
	Fillets	-	-	-	*	-	*	-	-	-	*	-	*	-	-	-
	Fishmeal	0.05	0.48	0.53	0.05	0.15	0.19	0.06	0.17	0.23	0.04	0.07	0.12	0.17	0.60	0.77
	Other Products	2.06	0.31	2.37	1.79	0.02	1.81	2.40	*	2.40	3.42	0.02	3.44	2.65	*	2.65
	All Products	2.12	1.17	3.30	1.85	0.32	2.17	2.48	0.43	2.91	3.52	0.67	4.19	2.84	1.00	3.84

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Product	2015			2016			2017			2018			2019		
	At Sea	Shoreside	All	At Sea	Shoreside	All	At Sea	Shoreside	All	At Sea	Shoreside	All	At Sea	Shoreside	All
Whole Fish	14.90	1.84	16.75	17.29	1.71	19.00	19.48	0.97	20.45	17.09	1.66	18.75	7.76	1.29	9.05
Head And Gut	268.25	16.38	284.64	269.77	14.58	284.36	259.81	12.75	272.56	247.12	13.42	260.54	239.53	12.12	251.64
Roe	12.59	8.52	21.12	10.96	5.43	16.39	12.17	8.46	20.63	14.06	10.14	24.19	17.50	13.46	30.96
Fillets	0.21	6.08	6.28	0.14	9.89	10.03	0.14	9.88	10.01	0.14	10.23	10.36	0.23	7.80	8.02
All Species Deep-Skin Fillets	34.56	9.22	43.77	38.24	8.55	46.79	45.10	13.03	58.13	40.96	15.75	56.72	39.34	18.81	58.15
Other Fillets	57.44	65.80	123.24	49.61	64.89	114.50	42.13	56.69	98.82	53.94	56.97	110.91	66.04	62.60	128.63
Surimi	95.94	91.80	187.74	100.51	90.31	190.82	102.60	94.13	196.73	104.36	92.16	196.53	104.67	87.57	192.24
Minced Fish	19.71	5.47	25.19	22.38	11.69	34.07	17.05	9.44	26.49	13.06	7.35	20.41	12.25	7.35	19.59
Fishmeal	26.50	35.07	61.57	27.20	36.40	63.60	28.01	34.86	62.87	28.26	38.43	66.70	30.68	39.93	70.62
Other Products	20.97	27.28	48.25	24.03	34.48	58.51	24.09	32.76	56.85	25.13	32.55	57.68	28.70	33.60	62.30
All Products	551.07	267.47	818.54	560.12	277.94	838.06	550.57	272.96	823.54	544.13	278.66	822.79	546.69	284.51	831.20

**Notes:** Total includes additional species not listed in the production details as well as confidential data from Tables 28 and 29. These estimates are for catch from both federal and state of Alaska fisheries. “\*” indicates a confidential value; “-” indicates no applicable data or value.

**Source:** NMFS Alaska Region At-sea and Shoreside Production Reports; and ADF&G Commercial Operators Annual Reports (COAR). Data compiled and provided by the Alaska Fisheries Information Network (AKFIN). National Marine Fisheries Service, P.O. Box 15700, Seattle, WA 98115-0070.

Table 16: Bering Sea & Aleutian Islands gross value of groundfish products by species, 2015-2019, (\$ million).

	Product	2015			2016			2017			2018			2019		
		At Sea	Shoreside	All	At Sea	Shoreside	All	At Sea	Shoreside	All	At Sea	Shoreside	All	At Sea	Shoreside	All
Pollock	Whole Fish	1.1	0.8	1.9	0.1	0.5	0.6	0.0	0.2	0.3	0.0	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.5	0.6
	Head And Gut	35.6	*	35.6	48.9	0.0	48.9	29.0	-	29.0	27.5	*	27.5	24.5	*	24.5
	Roe	69.9	24.8	94.7	72.4	17.1	89.4	85.9	31.0	116.9	90.5	40.9	131.4	89.9	42.3	132.2
	Deep-Skin Fillets	120.3	29.9	150.2	142.7	26.3	169.0	150.1	41.3	191.4	136.7	49.5	186.2	137.9	67.2	205.1
	Other Fillets	176.1	172.6	348.7	141.9	191.3	333.2	107.8	145.8	253.5	154.2	164.4	318.6	218.7	203.2	421.9
	Surimi	268.4	204.4	472.8	291.9	210.2	502.1	370.2	207.2	577.4	316.7	234.1	550.8	341.5	240.6	582.2
	Minced Fish	29.1	7.9	37.1	39.7	19.2	58.9	26.1	13.1	39.2	19.7	10.8	30.4	21.8	12.0	33.8
	Fishmeal	53.7	47.8	101.5	50.3	53.4	103.7	45.7	50.7	96.4	48.1	51.8	99.9	67.3	42.9	110.2
	Other Products	14.4	18.1	32.5	20.4	25.2	45.6	16.1	17.9	34.0	17.2	20.7	37.9	18.5	21.4	39.9
	All Products	768.7	506.3	1,275.0	808.3	543.2	1,351.5	830.8	507.3	1,338.1	810.5	572.6	1,383.1	920.3	630.2	1,550.5
Pacific Cod	Whole Fish	0.1	0.5	0.6	2.1	0.7	2.8	0.4	*	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.5	0.0	0.3	0.3
	Head And Gut	266.8	36.3	303.1	250.6	30.7	281.4	287.9	32.5	320.4	276.0	48.5	324.5	216.8	31.1	247.9
	Roe	0.8	3.0	3.8	0.6	2.3	2.8	0.6	2.7	3.4	2.5	7.2	9.7	2.3	3.4	5.7
	Fillets	0.5	36.4	36.9	0.4	74.1	74.5	0.5	81.2	81.7	0.9	93.3	94.2	1.6	67.6	69.2
	Other Products	11.1	9.5	20.5	15.0	11.8	26.9	13.6	15.2	28.7	11.8	18.0	29.8	11.3	12.1	23.4
	All Products	279.2	85.7	365.0	268.8	119.5	388.3	303.1	131.6	434.7	291.6	167.3	458.8	232.0	114.5	346.5
Sablefish	Head And Gut	1.5	6.2	7.8	3.0	4.9	7.9	4.7	7.2	11.9	4.2	5.0	9.3	2.3	4.7	7.0
	Other Products	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.5	0.6	0.1	0.6	0.8	0.1	0.1	0.1
	All Products	1.6	6.3	7.8	3.0	5.0	8.0	4.8	7.7	12.5	4.4	5.7	10.0	2.4	4.8	7.1

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	Product	2015			2016			2017			2018			2019		
		At Sea	Shoreside	All	At Sea	Shoreside	All	At Sea	Shoreside	All	At Sea	Shoreside	All	At Sea	Shoreside	All
Atka Mackerel	Whole Fish	3.9	*	3.9	4.1	0.0	4.1	11.9	*	11.9	15.0	0.5	15.5	1.0	*	1.0
	Head And Gut	69.1	-	69.1	69.6	-	69.6	114.8	-	114.8	112.7	*	112.7	84.0	*	84.0
	Other Products	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
	All Products	73.0	0.0	73.0	73.7	0.0	73.7	126.6	0.0	126.6	127.7	0.5	128.1	85.0	0.0	85.0
Yellowfin	Whole Fish	7.0	-	7.0	10.6	-	10.6	12.4	-	12.4	10.8	0.3	11.1	6.9	-	6.9
	Head And Gut	71.2	-	71.2	83.3	-	83.3	98.2	-	98.2	125.4	-	125.4	121.9	-	121.9
	Fillets	-	-	-	-	-	-	*	-	*	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Other Products	0.2	0.0	0.2	0.3	0.0	0.3	0.2	0.0	0.2	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.1
	All Products	78.4	0.0	78.4	94.2	0.0	94.2	110.8	0.0	110.8	136.3	0.3	136.6	128.8	0.0	128.8
Rock Sole	Whole Fish	0.5	-	0.5	0.8	*	0.8	2.0	*	2.0	0.7	0.1	0.8	1.0	*	1.0
	Head And Gut	29.4	-	29.4	33.0	-	33.0	28.0	-	28.0	28.2	*	28.2	23.2	-	23.2
	Fillets	0.0	-	0.0	*	-	*	*	*	*	0.0	-	0.0	-	*	*
	Other Products	0.2	0.1	0.3	0.1	0.1	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.3	0.1	0.0	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.3
	All Products	30.2	0.1	30.3	33.9	0.1	34.0	30.2	0.1	30.3	29.0	0.1	29.1	24.3	0.1	24.4
Flathead Sole	Whole Fish	0.3	0.0	0.3	0.6	*	0.6	0.1	*	0.1	0.7	0.1	0.7	0.1	-	0.1
	Head And Gut	6.2	-	6.2	6.9	-	6.9	7.7	-	7.7	11.0	*	11.0	14.9	-	14.9
	Fillets	0.0	-	0.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	*	*	*	-	-	-
	Other Products	0.6	0.1	0.7	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.3
	All Products	7.0	0.2	7.2	7.7	0.1	7.8	7.9	0.1	8.0	11.8	0.1	11.9	15.2	0.1	15.3

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	Product	2015			2016			2017			2018			2019		
		At Sea	Shoreside	All	At Sea	Shoreside	All	At Sea	Shoreside	All	At Sea	Shoreside	All	At Sea	Shoreside	All
Arrowtooth	Whole Fish	*	*	*	0.3	*	0.3	*	-	*	*	-	*	-	-	-
	Head And Gut	7.7	*	7.7	8.3	-	8.3	9.9	-	9.9	5.6	-	5.6	9.4	-	9.4
	Fillets	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	*	-	*
	Other Products	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.1
	All Products	7.8	0.1	7.8	8.6	0.0	8.7	9.9	0.0	9.9	5.6	0.1	5.7	9.4	0.1	9.5
Kamchatka Flounder	Whole Fish	-	-	-	*	-	*	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Head And Gut	4.1	-	4.1	5.0	-	5.0	6.7	-	6.7	3.9	-	3.9	4.7	-	4.7
	Fishmeal	0.0	-	0.0	0.0	-	0.0	0.0	-	0.0	0.0	-	0.0	0.0	*	0.0
	Other Products	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	*	-	*	-	-	-
	All Products	4.1	-	4.1	5.0	-	5.0	6.7	-	6.7	3.9	-	3.9	4.7	*	4.7
Turbot	Whole Fish	-	*	*	0.1	-	0.1	-	-	-	-	-	*	-	*	
	Head And Gut	5.3	-	5.3	7.2	*	7.2	9.3	-	9.3	6.4	-	6.4	10.7	-	10.7
	Other Products	1.6	0.0	1.6	2.0	0.0	2.0	2.2	0.0	2.2	1.0	0.0	1.0	1.7	0.0	1.7
	All Products	6.9	0.0	6.9	9.3	0.0	9.3	11.5	0.0	11.5	7.4	0.0	7.4	12.3	0.0	12.3
Other Flatfish	Whole Fish	2.7	*	2.7	2.7	*	2.7	2.3	0.1	2.4	0.5	*	0.5	1.7	0.2	1.9
	Head And Gut	5.8	-	5.8	5.0	*	5.0	12.7	*	12.7	16.4	*	16.4	12.5	*	12.5
	Fillets	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	*	*	-	*	*	-	-	-
	Other Products	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.5	0.0	0.5
	All Products	8.4	0.0	8.5	7.7	0.0	7.7	15.0	0.1	15.2	17.0	0.0	17.0	14.6	0.2	14.8
Pacific Ocean Perch	Whole Fish	-	0.5	0.5	0.4	0.5	1.0	0.5	0.5	1.0	2.8	0.2	3.0	1.1	0.4	1.4
	Head And Gut	34.9	*	34.9	29.1	*	29.1	34.6	*	34.6	34.5	*	34.5	31.2	*	31.2
	Other Products	0.2	0.1	0.3	0.3	0.0	0.3	0.4	0.0	0.4	0.3	0.1	0.4	0.8	0.6	1.4
	All Products	35.1	0.6	35.7	29.8	0.6	30.3	35.5	0.5	36.1	37.6	0.3	37.9	33.0	1.0	34.0

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	Product	2015			2016			2017			2018			2019		
		At Sea	Shoreside	All	At Sea	Shoreside	All	At Sea	Shoreside	All	At Sea	Shoreside	All	At Sea	Shoreside	All
Northern Rockfish	Whole Fish	-	0.0	0.0	-	0.0	0.0	-	*	*	*	*	*	-	*	*
	Head And Gut	5.9	-	5.9	2.8	-	2.8	3.4	-	3.4	3.9	*	3.9	5.9	*	5.9
	Other Products	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	*	0.0	0.0	*	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
	All Products	5.9	0.0	5.9	2.8	0.0	2.8	3.4	*	3.4	3.9	*	3.9	5.9	0.0	5.9
Other Rockfish	Whole Fish	0.4	*	0.4	0.7	*	0.7	0.9	0.0	0.9	0.6	*	0.6	1.6	*	1.6
	Head And Gut	0.6	0.2	0.8	0.7	0.1	0.8	0.7	0.1	0.7	0.9	0.0	0.9	0.8	0.0	0.8
	Other Products	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.2
	All Products	1.0	0.2	1.2	1.4	0.1	1.5	1.6	0.1	1.6	1.4	0.0	1.5	2.6	0.1	2.6
Other Groundfish	Whole Fish	*	0.4	0.4	0.0	0.3	0.3	*	0.5	0.5	0.0	1.2	1.2	0.0	0.5	0.5
	Head And Gut	0.0	*	0.0	0.0	-	0.0	0.0	*	0.0	0.1	0.4	0.5	0.1	0.1	0.2
	Roe	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	*	-	*	-	-	-
	Fillets	-	-	-	*	-	*	-	-	-	*	-	*	-	-	-
	Fishmeal	0.1	0.9	1.0	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.1	0.3	0.4	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.8	1.0
	Other Products	3.9	1.1	5.1	2.8	0.2	3.0	4.5	*	4.5	7.6	0.1	7.7	5.2	*	5.2
	All Products	4.1	2.5	6.6	2.9	0.7	3.7	4.6	0.8	5.3	7.8	1.8	9.6	5.5	1.4	6.9

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Product	2015			2016			2017			2018			2019		
	At Sea	Shoreside	All	At Sea	Shoreside	All	At Sea	Shoreside	All	At Sea	Shoreside	All	At Sea	Shoreside	All
Whole Fish	15.9	2.2	18.1	22.6	2.0	24.6	30.6	1.3	31.9	31.4	2.8	34.2	13.5	1.8	15.3
Head And Gut	544.1	42.7	586.8	553.4	35.8	589.1	647.6	39.8	687.4	656.8	54.0	710.8	562.7	36.0	598.6
Roe	70.7	27.8	98.5	72.9	19.3	92.3	86.6	33.7	120.3	93.0	48.1	141.2	92.2	45.7	137.9
Fillet	0.6	36.4	37.0	0.4	74.1	74.5	0.5	81.2	81.7	0.9	93.3	94.2	1.6	67.6	69.2
All Species Deep-Skin Fillet	120.3	29.9	150.2	142.7	26.3	169.0	150.1	41.3	191.4	136.7	49.5	186.2	137.9	67.2	205.1
Other Fillet	176.1	172.6	348.7	141.9	191.3	333.2	107.8	145.8	253.5	154.2	164.4	318.6	218.7	203.2	421.9
Surimi	268.4	204.4	472.8	291.9	210.2	502.1	370.2	207.2	577.4	316.7	234.1	550.8	341.5	240.6	582.2
Minced Fish	29.1	7.9	37.1	39.7	19.2	58.9	26.1	13.1	39.2	19.7	10.8	30.4	21.8	12.0	33.8
Fishmeal	53.8	48.7	102.5	50.4	53.6	104.0	45.8	51.0	96.8	48.2	51.9	100.1	67.5	43.6	111.1
Other Products	32.3	29.3	61.6	41.2	37.6	78.8	37.1	33.9	71.1	38.4	39.8	78.2	38.7	34.4	73.1
All Products	1,311.3	602.0	1,913.3	1,357.1	669.4	2,026.5	1,502.3	648.4	2,150.7	1,495.9	748.7	2,244.7	1,496.1	752.3	2,248.4

**Notes:** Total includes additional species not listed in the production details as well as confidential data from Tables 28 and 29. These estimates are for catch from both federal and state of Alaska fisheries. Values are not adjusted for inflation. “\*” indicates a confidential value; “-” indicates no applicable data or value.

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Table 17: Bering Sea & Aleutian Islands price per pound of groundfish products by species and processing mode, 2015-2019, (\$/lb).

	Product	2015		2016		2017		2018		2019	
		At-sea	Shoreside	At-sea	Shoreside	At-sea	Shoreside	At-sea	Shoreside	At-sea	Shoreside
Pollock	Whole Fish	0.45	0.51	0.35	0.34	0.29	0.42	0.42	0.55	0.47	0.95
	Head And Gut	0.64	*	0.78	0.41	0.54	-	0.58	*	0.63	*
	Roe	2.64	1.67	3.14	2.03	3.33	2.09	3.16	2.43	2.52	1.63
	Deep-Skin Fillets	1.58	1.47	1.69	1.39	1.51	1.44	1.51	1.43	1.59	1.62
	Other Fillets	1.39	1.19	1.30	1.34	1.16	1.17	1.30	1.31	1.50	1.47
	Surimi	1.27	1.01	1.32	1.06	1.64	1.00	1.38	1.15	1.48	1.25
	Minced Fish	0.67	0.66	0.80	0.74	0.69	0.63	0.68	0.66	0.81	0.74
	Fishmeal	0.92	0.63	0.84	0.67	0.74	0.66	0.77	0.61	1.00	0.49
	Other Products	0.52	0.38	0.64	0.42	0.55	0.33	0.56	0.38	0.51	0.36
	All Products	1.22	0.97	1.26	1.01	1.33	0.96	1.27	1.07	1.38	1.12
Pacific Cod	Whole Fish	0.34	0.57	0.71	0.69	0.87	*	0.83	0.74	0.28	0.54
	Head And Gut	1.43	1.03	1.35	0.98	1.63	1.20	1.89	1.70	1.67	1.23
	Roe Fillets	0.60	0.77	0.51	0.64	0.62	0.71	1.08	1.31	0.81	0.90
	Other Products	0.96	0.82	1.03	0.75	0.87	0.90	0.79	1.11	0.69	0.91
	All Products	1.39	1.32	1.31	1.63	1.56	1.89	1.78	2.29	1.55	1.91
	Sablefish	Head And Gut	8.60	7.43	6.24	7.93	5.12	7.22	3.42	5.70	3.07
Other Products		1.93	2.30	0.83	3.17	0.87	6.31	0.61	8.58	0.90	1.67
All Products		8.34	7.37	6.02	7.74	4.68	7.16	3.02	5.92	2.85	3.64
Atka Mackerel	Whole Fish	0.53	*	0.86	0.62	0.84	*	1.03	0.70	0.94	*
	Head And Gut	1.08	-	1.03	-	1.47	-	1.41	*	1.16	*
	Other Products	0.87	0.87	0.73	0.73	0.55	0.80	0.77	0.70	0.58	0.56
	All Products	1.02	0.87	1.02	0.65	1.37	0.80	1.35	0.70	1.16	0.56

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	Product	2015		2016		2017		2018		2019	
		At-sea	Shoreside	At-sea	Shoreside	At-sea	Shoreside	At-sea	Shoreside	At-sea	Shoreside
Yellowfin	Whole Fish	0.45	-	0.49	-	0.61	-	0.71	0.61	0.64	-
	Head And Gut	0.48	-	0.55	-	0.66	-	0.82	-	0.79	-
	Fillets	-	-	-	-	*	-	-	-	-	-
	Other Products	1.02	0.87	0.86	0.73	0.74	0.80	0.83	0.70	0.63	0.56
	All Products	0.48	0.87	0.55	0.73	0.65	0.80	0.81	0.62	0.78	0.56
Rock Sole	Whole Fish	0.50	-	0.59	*	0.59	*	0.75	0.46	0.90	*
	Head And Gut	0.49	-	0.56	-	0.65	-	0.83	*	0.79	-
	Head And Gut With Roe	0.89	-	1.00	-	1.24	-	1.50	-	1.32	-
	Fillets	2.78	-	*	-	*	*	2.73	-	-	*
	Other Products	0.87	0.87	0.78	0.73	0.63	0.80	0.72	0.70	0.58	0.56
	All Products	0.55	0.87	0.62	0.73	0.72	0.80	0.89	0.53	0.83	0.56
Flathead Sole	Whole Fish	0.44	0.55	0.57	*	0.61	*	0.82	0.52	0.80	-
	Head And Gut	0.63	-	0.76	-	0.87	-	0.98	*	0.86	-
	Fillets	2.33	-	-	-	-	-	*	*	-	-
	Other Products	0.87	0.87	0.66	0.73	0.59	0.80	0.70	0.70	0.57	0.56
	All Products	0.64	0.84	0.74	0.73	0.86	0.80	0.97	0.60	0.86	0.56
Arrowtooth	Whole Fish	*	*	0.56	*	*	-	*	-	-	-
	Head And Gut	0.74	*	0.86	-	1.30	-	0.87	-	0.88	-
	Fillets	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	*	-
	Other Products	0.87	0.87	0.64	0.73	0.65	0.80	0.70	0.70	0.58	0.56
	All Products	0.74	0.87	0.84	0.73	1.30	0.80	0.87	0.70	0.87	0.56
Kamchatka Flounder	Whole Fish	-	-	*	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Head And Gut	0.67	-	0.83	-	1.48	-	1.27	-	0.99	-
	Fishmeal	0.94	-	0.86	-	0.67	-	0.82	-	0.57	*
	Other Products	-	-	-	-	-	-	*	-	-	-
	All Products	0.67	-	0.83	-	1.48	-	1.27	-	0.99	*
Turbot	Whole Fish	-	*	1.97	-	-	-	-	-	*	-
	Head And Gut	2.01	-	2.52	*	2.41	-	2.44	-	2.51	-
	Other Products	1.69	0.87	1.76	0.73	1.45	0.80	1.04	0.70	1.03	0.56
	All Products	1.93	0.87	2.30	0.73	2.14	0.80	2.08	0.70	2.10	0.56

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	Product	2015		2016		2017		2018		2019	
		At-sea	Shoreside	At-sea	Shoreside	At-sea	Shoreside	At-sea	Shoreside	At-sea	Shoreside
Other Flatfish	Whole Fish	0.51	*	0.59	*	0.78	1.62	0.68	*	1.26	1.37
	Head And Gut	0.46	-	0.47	*	0.81	*	0.64	*	0.65	*
	Fillet	-	-	-	-	-	*	-	*	-	-
	Other Products	0.88	0.87	0.76	0.73	0.65	0.80	0.82	0.71	0.57	0.57
	All Products	0.47	0.87	0.51	0.73	0.81	1.49	0.64	0.71	0.68	1.19
Pacific Ocean Percoid	Whole Fish	-	0.56	0.65	0.58	0.57	0.54	0.61	0.61	0.72	0.44
	Head And Gut	1.06	*	0.93	*	1.14	*	1.11	*	0.82	*
	Other Products	0.87	0.87	0.60	0.73	0.60	0.80	0.70	0.70	0.57	1.33
	All Products	1.06	0.61	0.92	0.58	1.11	0.56	1.04	0.64	0.80	0.74
Northern Rockfish	Whole Fish	-	0.46	-	0.68	-	*	*	*	-	*
	Head And Gut	0.75	-	0.64	-	0.77	-	0.79	*	0.69	*
	Other Products	0.87	0.87	0.59	0.73	0.61	*	0.63	*	0.57	0.69
	All Products	0.75	0.65	0.64	0.70	0.77	*	0.79	*	0.69	0.69
Other Rockfish	Whole Fish	1.72	*	2.27	*	2.29	0.69	1.72	*	1.71	*
	Head And Gut	1.08	3.28	1.06	2.95	1.14	2.42	1.14	1.74	1.26	2.00
	Other Products	0.99	1.33	0.78	1.39	0.75	0.76	0.87	0.82	0.57	0.77
	All Products	1.26	3.07	1.47	2.83	1.58	1.93	1.31	1.58	1.35	1.71
Other Groundfish	Whole Fish	*	0.53	1.02	0.96	*	0.80	0.12	1.08	1.54	0.64
	Head And Gut	0.64	*	1.83	-	0.78	*	0.81	2.70	1.19	1.10
	Roe	-	-	-	-	-	-	*	-	-	-
	Fillet	-	-	*	-	-	-	*	-	-	-
	Fishmeal	0.87	0.87	0.68	0.73	0.71	0.78	0.74	0.70	0.57	0.57
	Other Products	0.87	1.69	0.72	4.01	0.84	*	1.01	1.43	0.89	*
	All Products	0.87	0.97	0.72	1.03	0.84	0.79	1.00	1.23	0.88	0.62

**Notes:** These estimates are based on data from both federal and state of Alaska fisheries. Prices based on confidential data have been excluded. Values are not adjusted for inflation. “\*” indicates a confidential value; “-” indicates no applicable data or value.

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Table 18: Bering Sea & Aleutian Islands total product value per round metric ton of retained catch by processor type, species, and year, 2015-2019, (\$/mt).

	Species	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Motherships	Pollock	971	909	*	974	1,007
	Pacific Cod	464	709	*	397	331
Catcher/processors	Pollock	1,047	1,090	1,128	1,063	1,192
	Sablefish	10,660	7,707	5,760	4,529	3,659
	Pacific Cod	1,579	1,484	1,756	2,024	1,809
	Flatfish	691	789	969	1,077	1,068
	Rockfish	1,141	977	1,162	1,142	865
	Atka Mackerel	1,391	1,363	1,977	1,845	1,508
	Other	509	426	473	629	575
Shoreside processors	Pollock	887	929	860	959	1,032
	Sablefish	13,155	12,282	11,007	6,856	3,089
	Pacific Cod	1,389	1,564	1,714	2,268	1,706
	Flatfish	559	968	690	621	625
	Rockfish	1,063	1,142	958	867	732
	Other	1,205	1,501	934	1,246	4,647

**Notes:** These estimates include the product value of catch from both federal and state of Alaska fisheries. Values are not adjusted for inflation. “\*” indicates a confidential value; “-” indicates no applicable data or value.

**Source:** NMFS Alaska Region At-sea and Shoreside Production Reports; ADF&G Commercial Operators Annual Reports (COAR); and NMFS Alaska Region Blend and Catch-accounting System estimates. Data compiled and provided by the Alaska Fisheries Information Network (AKFIN). National Marine Fisheries Service, P.O. Box 15700, Seattle, WA 98115-0070.

Table 19: Bering Sea & Aleutian Islands number of processors, gross product value, value per processor, and percent value of BSAI FMP groundfish of processed groundfish by processor group, 2015-2019 (\$ millions).

	Year	Processors	Wholesale Value (\$million)	Wholesale Value Per Processor (\$1,000)	Percent Value, BSAI FMP Groundfish
AFA CP	2015	16	663.08	41,442.80	36.33
	2016	15	684.55	45,636.64	35.41
	2017	16	747.99	46,749.63	36.34
	2018	14	678.20	48,442.66	31.91
	2019	15	808.70	53,913.09	37.89
A80	2015	18	293.37	16,298.11	16.07
	2016	19	320.59	16,872.90	16.58
	2017	19	392.40	20,652.76	19.07
	2018	19	426.16	22,429.62	20.05
	2019	20	373.07	18,653.72	17.48
CP Hook and Line	2015	31	230.84	7,446.58	12.65
	2016	32	211.38	6,605.54	10.93
	2017	29	246.04	8,484.03	11.95
	2018	26	225.39	8,668.79	10.61
	2019	24	183.18	7,632.61	8.58
Sablefish IFQ	2015	5	1.44	287.33	0.08
	2016	7	1.40	200.11	0.07
	2017	6	1.68	280.05	0.08
	2018	8	1.84	230.39	0.09
	2019	5	0.70	139.83	0.03
Motherships & Inshore Floating Procs.	2015	3	111.49	37,162.39	6.11
	2016	4	106.69	26,673.69	5.52
	2017	2	*	*	*
	2018	3	116.49	38,828.46	5.48
	2019	4	123.52	30,879.46	5.79
BSAI Shoreside Processors	2015	6	513.67	85,611.14	28.15
	2016	7	576.25	82,321.86	29.81
	2017	7	555.74	79,391.83	27.00
	2018	7	629.17	89,881.78	29.60
	2019	7	638.29	91,184.38	29.91

**Notes:** The data are for catch from both federal and state of Alaska fisheries. The processor groups are defined as follows: “AFA CP” are the AFA catcher processors. “A80” are the catcher processors as defined under Amendment 80 of the BSAI FMP. “CP Hook and Line” are the hook and line catcher processors. “Sablefish IFQ” are processors processing sablefish IFQ. Values are not adjusted for inflation.

**Source:** ADF&G Commercial Operators Annual Reports (COAR); and ADF&G Intent to Operate (ITO) file. Data compiled and provided by the Alaska Fisheries Information Network (AKFIN). National Marine Fisheries Service, P.O. Box 15700, Seattle, WA 98115-0070.



Table 20: Bering Sea & Aleutian Islands number of vessels, average and median length, and average and median capacity (tonnage) of vessels that caught groundfish by vessel type, and gear, 2015-2019.

	Year	Vessels	Average Length (feet)	Median Length (feet)	Average Capacity (tons)	Median Capacity (tons)
AFA CV	2015	86	127	124	163	134
	2016	89	126	124	160	133
	2017	86	126	123	158	133
	2018	86	127	123	160	132
	2019	83	127	123	161	133
AFA CP	2015	17	289	285	1,623	1,592
	2016	16	302	296	1,717	1,592
	2017	16	290	285	1,571	1,592
	2018	15	302	285	1,850	1,778
	2019	14	307	300	1,927	1,778
A80	2015	18	184	185	428	426
	2016	19	185	185	444	426
	2017	19	180	185	477	473
	2018	19	181	185	468	473
	2019	20	184	185	480	473
BSAI Trawl	2015	14	118	108	150	132
	2016	13	132	130	242	132
	2017	16	122	112	171	132
	2018	21	150	144	301	276
	2019	19	157	144	312	276
CV Hook and Line	2015	2	56	58	42	43
	2017	3	55	59	40	47
	2018	5	53	56	77	95
	2019	4	42	38	23	29
CP Hook and Line	2015	30	145	136	333	258
	2016	31	146	136	338	258
	2017	28	148	141	350	296
	2018	25	149	141	336	258
	2019	23	153	150	372	308
Sablefish IFQ	2015	20	77	58	89	98
	2016	23	88	98	106	111
	2017	22	85	58	110	96
	2018	27	93	98	128	127
	2019	20	83	58	121	95

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	Year	Vessels	Average Length (feet)	Median Length (feet)	Average Capacity (tons)	Median Capacity (tons)
Pot	2015	48	86	58	122	105
	2016	56	80	58	114	105
	2017	64	83	58	119	105
	2018	78	80	58	107	105
	2019	83	77	58	103	105
Jig	2015	4	32	33	15	14
	2016	2	42	42	25	26
	2017	1	42	42	26	26
	2018	1	42	42	26	26
	2019	3	46	42	29	26
No Fleet/	2015	1	48	48	28	28
	2017	2	31	30	14	13
Other	2018	1	34	34	17	17
	2019	2	49	51	21	21

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Table 21: Bering Sea & Aleutian Islands number of vessels that caught groundfish by month, vessel type, and gear, 2015-2019.

	Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year
Hook & Line	2015	3	2	4	3	7	6	6	8	8	9	3	1	22
	2016	1	-	1	1	3	5	7	6	7	4	-	-	16
	2017	-	1	2	2	4	2	7	4	9	3	-	-	18
	2018	-	-	4	5	2	3	4	5	7	4	4	1	18
	2019	2	4	6	6	4	3	3	4	5	4	4	1	16
Pot	2015	29	27	21	15	1	2	2	1	13	21	9	16	47
	2016	28	29	33	31	3	1	1	1	10	21	17	18	54
	2017	48	21	25	25	7	4	1	-	11	13	15	33	63
	2018	58	37	37	6	5	3	-	-	19	25	17	11	76
	2019	72	41	42	5	3	2	1	1	28	12	12	10	80
Trawl	2015	70	86	88	62	5	73	70	74	65	27	4	-	100
	2016	71	91	91	69	8	61	70	69	53	16	1	-	101
	2017	71	92	79	70	6	68	69	65	46	14	2	-	102
	2018	77	96	91	62	8	61	67	70	60	3	3	-	105
	2019	80	92	90	66	6	56	66	74	58	26	6	-	100
All Gear	2015	102	115	113	79	13	81	78	83	86	57	16	17	166
	2016	100	120	125	101	14	67	78	76	70	41	18	18	170
	2017	119	114	106	97	17	74	77	69	66	30	17	33	182
	2018	135	132	129	73	15	67	71	75	86	32	23	12	195
	2019	154	137	138	77	13	61	70	79	91	42	22	11	194
Hook & Line	2015	26	27	28	24	22	18	22	25	28	27	27	28	31
	2016	28	29	28	21	11	19	25	25	25	25	26	23	32
	2017	27	27	26	21	11	20	25	26	25	24	24	24	29
	2018	22	24	21	14	6	16	18	20	20	21	21	18	27
	2019	17	18	20	14	6	10	17	21	21	19	16	14	25
Pot	2015	4	4	2	2	1	-	-	1	4	4	4	1	4
	2016	5	3	3	2	-	-	-	1	3	3	1	3	5
	2017	5	2	2	2	-	-	-	1	5	5	2	3	6
	2018	5	2	2	2	1	1	-	1	5	2	-	1	6
	2019	5	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	5	1	3	2	6
Trawl	2015	34	34	33	21	19	30	27	28	28	20	14	3	34
	2016	32	32	33	25	20	29	30	30	32	24	12	4	35
	2017	26	33	33	27	19	29	32	32	29	19	14	2	35
	2018	29	33	35	25	21	29	30	33	33	22	14	4	35
	2019	27	34	35	25	22	30	29	32	30	29	15	3	35
All Gear	2015	64	65	63	47	42	48	49	54	60	51	45	32	69
	2016	65	64	64	48	31	48	55	56	60	52	39	30	71
	2017	58	62	61	50	30	49	57	58	59	48	40	29	68
	2018	56	59	58	41	28	46	48	54	58	45	35	23	66
	2019	49	54	57	39	28	40	46	53	56	49	34	19	65

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Table 22: Bering Sea & Aleutian Islands catcher vessel (excluding catcher/processors) weeks of fishing groundfish by vessel-length class (feet), gear, and target, 2015-2019.

	Year	Hook & Line		Pot			Trawl			All Gear		
		<60ft	60-124ft	<60ft	60-124ft	>=125ft	<60ft	60-124ft	>=125ft	<60ft	60-124ft	>=125ft
Pollock	2015	-	-	-	-	-	-	904	612	-	904	612
	2016	-	-	-	-	-	-	863	569	-	863	569
	2017	-	-	-	-	-	-	864	498	-	864	498
	2018	-	-	-	-	-	-	900	521	-	900	521
	2019	-	-	-	-	-	0	945	534	0	945	534
Sablefish	2015	69	14	6	18	4	-	-	-	75	32	4
	2016	30	13	-	22	8	-	-	-	30	35	8
	2017	30	6	-	25	12	-	-	-	30	31	12
	2018	13	14	15	20	6	-	-	-	28	34	6
	2019	5	14	18	13	7	-	-	-	23	27	7
Pacific Cod	2015	48	1	313	116	15	-	263	32	361	380	47
	2016	13	-	428	149	15	-	279	38	441	428	53
	2017	21	-	395	173	39	-	211	31	416	384	70
	2018	46	1	373	152	29	37	199	44	456	352	73
	2019	82	-	458	153	24	6	143	40	546	296	64
Flatfish	2015	-	-	-	-	-	-	27	30	-	27	30
	2016	-	-	-	-	-	-	42	33	-	42	33
	2017	-	-	-	-	-	-	48	53	-	48	53
	2018	-	-	-	-	-	-	32	46	-	32	46
	2019	1	-	-	-	-	-	59	72	1	59	72
Rockfish	2015	1	-	-	-	-	-	4	9	1	4	9
	2016	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	4	-	2	4
	2017	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	4	-	3	4
	2018	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	3	-	3	3
	2019	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	11	-	4	11
Atka Mackerel	2015	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	10	-	5	10
	2016	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	13	-	6	13
	2017	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	15	-	5	15
	2018	-	-	-	-	-	-	9	21	-	9	21
	2019	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	8	-	4	8
All Groundfish	2015	117	15	-	-	-	-	1,203	692	436	1,352	711
	2016	43	13	-	-	-	-	1,192	657	471	1,375	680
	2017	51	6	-	-	-	-	1,131	600	446	1,334	651
	2018	59	15	-	-	-	37	1,143	635	484	1,330	670
	2019	88	14	-	-	-	6	1,154	664	570	1,334	695

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Table 23: Bering Sea & Aleutian Islands catcher/processor vessel weeks of fishing groundfish by vessel-length class (feet), gear, and target, 2015-2019.

	Year	Hook & Line			Pot			Trawl			All Gear			
		<60ft	60-124ft	125-230ft	<60ft	60-124ft	125-230ft	60-124ft	125-230ft	>230ft	<60ft	60-124ft	125-230ft	>230ft
Pollock	2015	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	6	310	-	1	6	310
	2016	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	4	303	-	1	4	303
	2017	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	5	301	-	0	5	301
	2018	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	6	317	-	0	6	317
	2019	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	7	312	-	2	7	312
Sablefish	2015	-	38	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	38	0	-
	2016	11	26	0	-	-	-	-	0	-	11	26	0	-
	2017	19	-	1	-	9	-	0	0	-	19	9	1	-
	2018	0	6	2	-	17	-	-	3	-	0	23	5	-
	2019	7	-	2	-	-	7	-	0	-	7	-	9	-
Pacific Cod	2015	9	253	812	-	23	62	1	11	9	9	277	885	9
	2016	9	223	766	18	13	54	1	17	11	27	237	837	11
	2017	8	180	790	13	20	44	1	11	7	21	201	845	7
	2018	9	88	678	-	28	23	2	17	7	9	118	718	7
	2019	7	21	635	15	21	21	1	11	8	22	43	667	8
Flatfish	2015	-	2	26	-	-	-	105	395	51	-	107	421	51
	2016	-	-	25	-	-	-	100	427	60	-	100	452	60
	2017	-	-	26	-	-	-	88	406	52	-	88	432	52
	2018	-	-	13	-	-	-	94	421	56	-	94	434	56
	2019	-	-	16	-	-	-	95	435	76	-	95	451	76
Rockfish	2015	-	0	-	-	-	-	3	36	17	-	3	36	17
	2016	-	2	1	-	-	-	0	39	8	-	2	40	8
	2017	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	45	4	-	3	45	4
	2018	-	-	1	-	-	-	3	43	6	-	3	44	6
	2019	-	-	0	-	-	-	5	60	8	-	5	60	8
Atka Mackerel	2015	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	66	27	-	-	66	27
	2016	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	80	23	-	-	80	23
	2017	-	-	-	-	-	-	7	105	11	-	7	105	11
	2018	-	-	-	-	-	-	7	122	12	-	7	122	12
	2019	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	88	12	-	4	88	12
All Groundfish	2015	9	293	838	-	23	62	110	513	415	9	426	1,413	415
	2016	20	251	792	18	13	54	101	567	405	38	365	1,413	405
	2017	27	180	818	13	29	44	99	574	375	40	308	1,436	375
	2018	9	94	695	-	45	23	106	611	397	9	245	1,329	397
	2019	14	21	654	15	21	28	108	601	416	29	150	1,283	416

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Table 24: Bering Sea & Aleutian Islands catcher vessel crew weeks in the groundfish fisheries by month, 2015-2019.

Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year
2015	972	1,656	1,724	567	132	854	1,240	1,722	1,114	644	142	136	10,904
2016	948	1,901	1,796	1,271	138	692	1,529	1,254	850	521	187	157	11,245
2017	1,102	1,768	1,660	989	238	739	1,430	1,116	872	340	236	242	10,732
2018	1,229	2,049	2,043	708	201	822	1,168	1,314	1,254	427	169	120	11,504
2019	1,082	2,014	2,116	649	225	729	1,050	1,475	1,254	466	346	94	11,499

**Notes:** Crew weeks are calculated by summing weekly reported crew size over vessels and time period. These estimates include only vessels targeting groundfish counted toward federal TACs. “\*” indicates a confidential value; “-” indicates no applicable data or value.

**Source:** NMFS Alaska Region At-sea Production Reports. Data compiled and provided by the Alaska Fisheries Information Network (AKFIN). National Marine Fisheries Service, P.O. Box 15700, Seattle, WA 98115-0070.

Table 25: Bering Sea & Aleutian Islands at-sea processor vessel crew weeks in the groundfish fisheries by month, 2015-2019.

Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year
2015	7,843	13,467	12,836	5,523	5,003	7,875	10,941	14,849	9,241	6,836	3,457	2,228	100,099
2016	7,231	13,368	12,457	6,660	3,785	6,325	13,134	11,704	9,298	7,214	3,108	2,108	96,392
2017	6,262	12,765	12,817	7,719	3,454	6,229	14,410	11,861	9,408	4,966	3,641	2,055	95,587
2018	5,792	13,559	15,843	5,232	3,750	8,022	11,726	12,878	12,374	4,982	3,201	1,897	99,256
2019	3,705	13,534	16,009	4,825	3,979	6,887	11,256	15,040	11,163	7,559	4,094	1,198	99,249

**Notes:** Crew weeks are calculated by summing weekly reported crew size over vessels and time period. These estimates include only vessels targeting groundfish counted toward federal TACs. Catcher processors typically account for 90-95% of the total at-sea crew weeks in all areas. “\*” indicates a confidential value; “-” indicates no applicable data or value.

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Table 26: Gulf of Alaska groundfish retained catch by vessel type, gear, and species, 2015-2019 (1,000 metric tons, round weight).

	Year	Central Gulf			Western Gulf				All Gulf				
		Hook And Line	Pot	Trawl	All Gear	Hook And Line	Pot	Trawl	All Gear	Hook And Line	Pot	Trawl	All Gear
Pollock	2015	-	-	132.7	132.9	-	-	25.8	25.8	-	-	163.2	163.4
	2016	-	-	110.9	111.1	-	-	61.0	61.0	-	-	175.8	176.0
	2017	-	-	133.1	133.2	-	-	49.2	49.2	-	-	184.2	184.3
	2018	-	-	118.3	118.3	-	-	30.5	30.5	-	-	155.7	155.8
	2019	-	-	87.8	87.8	-	-	21.7	21.7	-	-	118.7	118.7
Pacific Cod	2015	9.5	23.1	14.2	46.7	5.1	17.1	7.2	29.3	16.1	40.1	21.3	77.6
	2016	5.1	20.6	7.7	33.5	4.2	17.0	7.4	28.6	10.5	37.6	15.1	63.2
	2017	3.8	11.3	5.3	20.5	4.4	15.0	7.6	27.0	8.7	26.4	12.9	48.0
	2018	1.5	3.1	2.1	6.7	1.4	4.5	1.4	7.3	3.3	7.6	3.5	14.4
	2019	1.5	3.2	2.1	6.8	1.3	4.3	1.6	7.2	3.3	7.5	3.7	14.4
Sablefish	2015	3.6	-	0.6	4.3	0.9	-	0	1.0	9.3	-	0.8	10.2
	2016	3.2	-	0.7	3.8	0.9	-	0	0.9	8.2	-	0.9	9.0
	2017	3.0	0.4	0.7	4.2	0.8	0.2	0.1	1.1	8.2	0.9	1.0	10.1
	2018	2.9	0.5	0.6	4.0	0.7	0.4	0.1	1.2	8.4	1.1	0.9	10.5
	2019	2.5	1.1	0.7	4.3	0.7	0.4	0.3	1.3	7.8	1.9	1.1	10.9
Atka Mackerel	2015	-	-	0.5	0.5	-	-	0.3	0.3	-	-	0.9	0.9
	2016	-	-	0.8	0.8	-	-	0.1	0.1	-	-	1.0	1.0
	2017	-	-	0.2	0.2	-	-	0.4	0.4	-	-	0.7	0.7
	2018	-	-	0.7	0.7	-	-	0.6	0.6	-	-	1.3	1.3
	2019	-	-	0.5	0.5	-	-	0.6	0.6	-	-	1.1	1.1
Arrowtooth	2015	0	-	16.7	16.7	*	-	0.3	0.3	0	-	16.9	16.9
	2016	0	-	17.5	17.5	0	-	0.2	0.2	0	-	17.7	17.7
	2017	0	-	24.8	24.8	0	-	0.1	0.1	0	-	24.9	24.9
	2018	0	-	16.2	16.2	0	-	0	0.1	0	-	16.3	16.3
	2019	*	-	22.4	22.4	*	-	0.2	0.2	0	-	22.6	22.6
Flathead Sole	2015	-	-	1.6	1.6	-	-	0.1	0.1	-	-	1.7	1.7
	2016	-	-	2.2	2.2	-	-	0.1	0.1	-	-	2.2	2.2
	2017	-	-	1.9	1.9	-	-	0	0	-	-	1.9	1.9
	2018	-	-	2.0	2.0	-	-	0	0	-	-	2.0	2.0
	2019	-	-	2.1	2.1	*	-	0	0	*	-	2.2	2.2

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	Year	Central Gulf				Western Gulf				All Gulf			
		Hook And Line	Pot	Trawl	All Gear	Hook And Line	Pot	Trawl	All Gear	Hook And Line	Pot	Trawl	All Gear
Rex Sole	2015	-	-	1.9	1.9	-	-	0	0	-	-	1.9	1.9
	2016	-	-	1.5	1.5	-	-	0	0	-	-	1.5	1.5
	2017	-	-	1.2	1.2	-	-	0	0	-	-	1.2	1.2
	2018	-	-	1.1	1.1	-	-	0	0	-	-	1.2	1.2
	2019	-	-	1.1	1.1	-	-	0	0	-	-	1.1	1.1
Shallow- water Flatfish	2015	*	-	2.9	2.9	-	-	0	0	*	-	2.9	2.9
	2016	*	-	3.6	3.6	-	-	0	0	*	-	3.6	3.6
	2017	-	-	2.0	2.0	*	-	0	0	*	-	2.0	2.0
	2018	-	-	2.5	2.5	*	-	0	0	*	-	2.5	2.5
	2019	-	-	2.5	2.5	-	-	0	0	-	-	2.5	2.5
Deep- water Flatfish	2015	*	-	0.1	0.1	-	-	*	*	*	-	0.1	0.1
	2016	*	-	0.1	0.1	*	-	*	*	*	-	0.1	0.1
	2017	*	-	0.1	0.1	0	-	0	0	0	-	0.1	0.1
	2018	*	-	0.1	0.1	*	-	*	*	*	-	0.1	0.1
	2019	-	-	0	0	*	-	*	*	*	-	0	0
Pacific Ocean Perch	2015	*	-	14.1	14.1	-	-	1.9	1.9	*	-	16.0	16.0
	2016	-	-	16.1	16.1	*	-	2.5	2.5	*	-	18.6	18.6
	2017	0	-	14.9	14.9	*	-	2.6	2.6	0	-	17.5	17.5
	2018	0	-	17.1	17.1	-	-	3.1	3.1	0	-	20.3	20.3
	2019	*	-	17.3	17.3	*	-	3.1	3.1	*	-	20.5	20.5
Northern Rockfish	2015	*	-	2.8	2.8	*	-	0.9	0.9	*	-	3.8	3.8
	2016	*	-	3.2	3.2	0	-	0.1	0.1	0	-	3.2	3.2
	2017	0	-	1.5	1.5	0	-	0.2	0.2	0	-	1.7	1.7
	2018	*	-	2.0	2.0	*	-	0.3	0.3	*	-	2.3	2.3
	2019	-	-	1.8	1.8	*	-	0.8	0.8	*	-	2.6	2.6

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	Year	Central Gulf				Western Gulf				All Gulf			
		Hook And Line	Pot	Trawl	All Gear	Hook And Line	Pot	Trawl	All Gear	Hook And Line	Pot	Trawl	All Gear
Dusky Rockfish	2015	0	-	2.4	2.5	*	-	0.2	0.2	0	-	2.6	2.6
	2016	0	-	3.1	3.1	0	-	0.1	0.1	0.1	-	3.1	3.2
	2017	0	-	2.3	2.3	0	-	0.1	0.1	0	-	2.4	2.4
	2018	0	-	2.8	2.8	0	-	0	0	0	-	2.8	2.8
	2019	0	-	2.0	2.0	0	-	0.2	0.2	0	-	2.2	2.2
Other Rockfish	2015	0.4	-	1.1	1.5	0.1	-	0.1	0.2	1.1	-	1.3	2.4
	2016	0.3	-	1.6	1.9	0.1	-	0.2	0.3	1.0	-	2.0	2.9
	2017	0.3	-	1.2	1.6	0.1	-	0.1	0.2	1.0	-	1.6	2.5
	2018	0.3	-	1.4	1.7	0.1	-	0.2	0.2	1.0	-	1.7	2.7
	2019	0.2	-	1.0	1.2	0.1	-	0.2	0.2	0.9	-	1.4	2.3
Other Groundfish	2015	0.6	-	0.9	1.8	0.1	-	0	0.1	0.8	-	1.1	2.2
	2016	0.2	-	1.1	1.4	0.1	-	0	0.2	0.4	-	1.1	1.7
	2017	0.1	-	0.8	1.0	0.2	-	0	0.2	0.3	-	0.8	1.3
	2018	0	-	0.8	0.9	0	-	0	0.1	0.1	-	0.8	1.0
	2019	0.1	-	0.9	1.1	0	-	0	0.1	0.1	-	0.9	1.3

**Notes:** The estimates are of retained catch (i.e., excludes discarded catch). All groundfish include additional species categories. These estimates include only catch counted against federal TACs. Includes FMP groundfish catch on halibut targets. "\*" indicates a confidential value; "-" indicates no applicable data or value.

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Table 27: Gulf of Alaska groundfish retained catch by species, gear, and target fishery, 2018-2019, (1,000 metric tons, round weight).

	Target	Pollock	Sablefish	Pacific Cod	Arrowtooth	Flathead Sole	Rex Sole	Flat Deep	Flat Shallow	Rockfish	Atka Mackerel	Other	All Species
Central Gulf	Sablefish	*	2.6	0	*	-	-	*	-	0.2	-	*	2.8
	2018 Pacific Cod	0	0	1.2	*	-	-	-	-	0	-	0	1.3
	Rockfish	-	-	*	-	-	-	-	-	0	-	-	0
	All Targets	0	2.9	1.3	0	-	-	*	-	0.3	-	0	4.5
Hook and Line	Sablefish	-	2.3	0	*	-	-	-	-	0.2	-	0	2.4
	2019 Pacific Cod	0	*	1.3	*	-	-	-	-	0	-	0	1.3
	Rockfish	-	-	0	-	-	-	-	-	0	-	*	0
	All Targets	0	2.5	1.3	*	-	-	-	-	0.2	-	0	4.1
Western Gulf	Sablefish	-	0.7	*	*	-	-	*	-	0.1	-	-	0.8
	2018 Pacific Cod	*	*	0.3	*	-	-	*	*	*	-	*	0.3
	All Targets	*	0.7	0.3	*	-	-	*	*	0.1	-	0	1.1
	Sablefish	*	0.7	0	*	-	-	-	-	0.1	-	-	0.7
All Gulf	2019 Pacific Cod	*	*	1.3	*	*	-	*	-	*	-	*	1.3
	All Targets	*	0.7	1.3	*	*	-	*	-	0.1	-	0	2.0
	Sablefish	*	7.8	0	*	-	-	*	-	0.7	-	0	8.5
All Gulf	2018 Pacific Cod	0	0	1.8	*	-	-	*	*	0	-	0	1.9
	Rockfish	*	*	0	-	-	-	-	-	0.1	-	-	0.1
	All Targets	0	8.4	2.0	0	-	-	*	*	1.0	-	0.1	11.5
	Sablefish	*	7.2	0	*	-	-	-	-	0.6	-	0	7.8
All Gulf	2019 Pacific Cod	0	*	2.9	*	*	-	*	-	0	-	0	3.0
	Rockfish	-	-	0	-	-	-	-	-	0.1	-	*	0.1
	All Targets	0	7.8	3.0	0	*	-	*	-	0.9	-	0.1	11.9
	Sablefish	-	0.5	*	-	-	-	-	*	0	-	-	0.5
Pot	2018 Pacific Cod	0	-	3.1	*	-	-	-	-	0	-	0.1	3.2
	All Targets	0	0.5	3.1	*	-	-	-	*	0	-	0.1	3.7
	Sablefish	-	1.1	0	*	-	-	-	-	0	-	-	1.1
All Gulf	2019 Pacific Cod	0	*	3.2	*	-	-	-	-	*	-	0.1	3.3
	All Targets	0	1.1	3.2	*	-	-	-	-	0	-	0.1	4.4

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	Target	Pollock	Sablefish	Pacific Cod	Arrowtooth	Flathead Sole	Rex Sole	Flat Deep	Flat Shallow	Rockfish	Atka Mackerel	Other	All Species		
Pot	Western Gulf	Sablefish	-	0.4	*	-	-	-	-	0	-	-	0.4		
		2018 Pacific Cod	*	*	4.5	-	0	-	-	*	*	*	0.1	4.6	
		All Targets	*	0.4	4.5	-	0	-	-	*	0	*	0.1	5.0	
		Sablefish	-	0.4	*	-	-	-	-	-	0	-	-	0.4	
		2019 Pacific Cod	*	*	4.3	-	*	-	-	-	*	-	0.1	4.4	
		All Targets	*	0.4	4.3	-	*	-	-	-	0	-	0.1	4.8	
	All Gulf	Sablefish	-	1.1	*	-	-	-	-	*	0	-	-	1.2	
		2018 Pacific Cod	0	*	7.6	*	0	-	-	*	0	*	0.1	7.8	
		All Targets	0	1.1	7.6	*	0	-	-	*	0	*	0.1	8.9	
		Sablefish	-	1.9	0	*	-	-	-	-	0	-	*	1.9	
		2019 Pacific Cod	0	*	7.5	*	*	-	-	-	*	-	0.2	7.7	
		All Targets	0	1.9	7.5	*	*	-	-	-	0	-	0.2	9.6	
Trawl	Central Gulf	Pollock, Bottom	13.4	0	0.8	2.2	0.3	0.1	0	0.3	0.5	*	0.2	17.8	
		Pollock, Pelagic	103.2	0	0	0.1	0	0	*	0	0.5	*	0	103.9	
		Sablefish	0	0.2	0	0	0	0	*	*	0	-	*	0.2	
		2018 Pacific Cod	-	-	*	*	-	-	-	*	-	-	-	*	
		Arrowtooth	1.2	0.1	0.7	13.0	1.4	0.9	0	0.5	0.6	0.1	0.5	19.1	
		Flathead Sole	-	-	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	-	*	*	
		Rex Sole	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	-	*	*	
		Flatfish, Shallow	0	*	0.1	0.1	0	0	*	1.0	0	*	0	1.3	
		Rockfish	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.5	0	0.1	0	0	21.6	0.5	0	23.8	
		Atka Mackerel	*	-	*	*	*	*	-	*	-	*	-	*	
		All Targets	118.2	0.6	2.0	15.9	1.8	1.1	0.1	1.8	23.3	0.6	0.7	166.2	
			Pollock, Bottom	8.3	0	0.6	1.7	0.2	0.1	0	0.3	0.3	0.1	0.1	11.6
			Pollock, Pelagic	78.0	0	0.1	0.1	0	0	*	0	0.2	0	0	78.4
			Sablefish	*	0.1	0	*	*	*	0	*	0	-	*	0.2
			2019 Pacific Cod	*	*	0.1	0	0	*	-	0	*	-	0	0.1
Arrowtooth	1.2		0.2	1.0	19.7	1.8	0.9	0	0.7	1.4	0	0.7	27.7		
Flathead Sole	*		*	*	*	*	*	-	*	*	-	*	*		
Rex Sole	*		*	*	*	*	*	-	*	*	*	*	*		
Flatfish, Shallow	0.1		0	0.2	0.2	0.1	0	*	1.0	0	0	0	1.7		
Rockfish	0.2		0.4	0.1	0.5	0	0.1	0	0	20.2	0.2	0	21.7		
All Targets	87.8	0.7	2.1	22.3	2.1	1.1	0	2.0	22.1	0.3	0.9	141.3			

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	Target	Pollock	Sablefish	Pacific Cod	Arrowtooth	Flathead Sole	Rex Sole	Flat Deep	Flat Shallow	Rockfish	Atka Mackerel	Other	All Species	
Trawl	Western Gulf	Pollock, Bottom	0.4	*	0	0	*	*	-	*	*	*	0.4	
		Pollock, Pelagic	29.8	0	0	0	0	0	-	0	0	0	0	29.9
		2018 Pacific Cod	0	*	1.3	*	*	*	*	-	-	*	*	1.4
		Arrowtooth	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
		Rex Sole	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	-	*	*
		Rockfish	0.3	0.1	0	0	0	0	*	0	3.5	0.6	0	4.6
		Atka Mackerel	*	*	*	*	*	*	-	*	*	*	-	*
	All Targets	30.5	0.1	1.4	0	0	0	*	0	3.5	0.6	0	36.3	
	2019	Pollock, Bottom	0.9	*	0	0	*	*	-	*	*	-	*	1.0
		Pollock, Pelagic	20.6	0	0	0.1	0	0	-	0	0	*	0	20.8
		2019 Pacific Cod	*	*	1.4	0	0	*	-	*	*	*	*	1.4
		Arrowtooth	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
		Flathead Sole	*	*	*	*	*	*	-	*	*	-	*	*
		Rockfish	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.1	0	0	*	0	4.2	0.6	0	5.6
All Targets		21.7	0.3	1.6	0.2	0	0	*	0	4.2	0.6	0	28.7	

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	Target	Pollock	Sablefish	Pacific Cod	Arrowtooth	Flathead Sole	Rex Sole	Flat Deep	Flat Shallow	Rockfish	Atka Mackerel	Other	All Species			
Trawl	All Gulf	Pollock, Bottom	13.8	0	0.8	2.2	0.3	0.1	0	0.3	0.5	*	0.2	18.2		
		Pollock, Pelagic	139.9	0	0.1	0.1	0	0	*	0	0.6	0	0	140.8		
		Sablefish	0	0.2	0	0	0	0	*	*	0	-	*	0.2		
		2018 Pacific Cod	0	*	1.3	*	*	*	*	*	-	*	*	1.4		
		Arrowtooth	1.2	0.1	0.7	13.0	1.4	0.9	0	0.5	0.6	0.1	0.5	19.1		
		Flathead Sole	-	-	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	-	*	*		
		Rex Sole	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	-	*	*		
		Flatfish, Shallow	0	*	0.1	0.1	0	0	*	1.0	0	*	0	1.3		
		Rockfish	0.6	0.5	0.4	0.5	0	0.1	0	0.1	25.1	1.1	0.1	28.5		
		Atka Mackerel	*	*	*	*	*	*	-	*	*	*	-	*		
		All Targets	155.6	0.7	3.4	16.0	1.8	1.1	0.1	1.8	26.9	1.2	0.7	209.4		
		All Gear	All Gulf	Pollock, Bottom	9.2	0	0.6	1.7	0.2	0.1	0	0.3	0.3	0.1	0.1	12.5
				Pollock, Pelagic	107.7	0	0.1	0.2	0	0	*	0	0.4	0	0	108.4
				Sablefish	*	0.1	0	*	*	*	0	*	0	-	*	0.2
2019 Pacific Cod	*			*	1.4	0	0	*	-	0	*	*	0	1.5		
Arrowtooth	1.2			0.2	1.0	19.7	1.8	0.9	0	0.7	1.4	0	0.7	27.7		
Flathead Sole	*			*	*	*	*	*	-	*	*	-	*	*		
Rex Sole	*			*	*	*	*	*	-	*	*	*	*	*		
Flatfish, Shallow	0.1			0	0.2	0.2	0.1	0	*	1.0	0	0	0	1.7		
Rockfish	0.4			0.6	0.3	0.6	0	0.1	0	0	24.4	0.8	0	27.3		
All Targets	118.7			1.0	3.7	22.5	2.1	1.1	0	2.0	26.5	0.9	0.9	179.3		
All Gear	Ctr. Gulf	2018 All Targets	118.2	4.0	6.4	15.9	1.8	1.1	0.1	1.8	23.6	0.6	0.8	174.4		
		2019 All Targets	87.8	4.3	6.6	22.3	2.1	1.1	0	2.0	22.4	0.3	1.0	149.8		
	West. Gulf	2018 All Targets	30.5	1.2	6.3	0	0	0	*	0	3.6	0.6	0.1	42.4		
		2019 All Targets	21.7	1.3	7.2	0.2	0	0	*	0	4.3	0.6	0.1	35.5		
	All Gulf	2018 All Targets	155.6	10.3	13.0	16.0	1.8	1.1	0.1	1.8	27.9	1.2	1.0	229.8		
		2019 All Targets	118.7	10.7	14.2	22.5	2.1	1.1	0	2.0	27.4	0.9	1.1	200.8		

**Notes:** Totals may include additional categories. The target is derived from an algorithm used to determine preponderance of catch, accounting for processor, trip, processing mode, NMFS area, and gear. These estimates include only catch counted against federal TACs. “\*” indicates a confidential value; “-” indicates no applicable data or value.

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Table 28: Gulf of Alaska ex-vessel prices in the groundfish fisheries by gear, and species, 2015-2019; calculations based on COAR (\$/lb, round weight).

	Year	Fixed	Trawl	All Gear
Pollock	2015	0.088	0.119	0.119
	2016	0.053	0.083	0.083
	2017	0.091	0.087	0.087
	2018	0.036	0.123	0.123
	2019	0.122	0.138	0.138
Pacific Cod	2015	0.306	0.260	0.293
	2016	0.302	0.269	0.294
	2017	0.335	0.328	0.333
	2018	0.457	0.411	0.446
	2019	0.504	0.456	0.492
Sablefish	2015	4.065	3.008	3.974
	2016	4.743	1.910	4.471
	2017	5.314	3.926	5.179
	2018	3.929	2.344	3.783
	2019	2.988	1.311	2.814
Atka Mackerel	2015	0.010	0.302	0.302
	2016	0.016	0.294	0.294
	2017	0.016	0.387	0.387
	2018	*	0.355	0.355
	2019	-	0.294	0.294
Arrowtooth	2015	0.337	0.113	0.113
	2016	0.105	0.085	0.085
	2017	0.088	0.108	0.108
	2018	0.245	0.102	0.102
	2019	0.060	0.073	0.073
Flathead Sole	2015	0.336	0.147	0.147
	2016	*	0.144	0.144
	2017	*	0.135	0.135
	2018	0.245	0.142	0.142
	2019	*	0.139	0.139
Rex Sole	2015	*	0.219	0.219
	2016	-	0.273	0.273
	2017	-	0.199	0.199
	2018	-	0.254	0.254
	2019	-	0.221	0.221
Shallow-water Flatfish	2015	0.131	0.198	0.198
	2016	0.105	0.142	0.142
	2017	0.088	0.158	0.158
	2018	0.245	0.160	0.160
	2019	-	0.155	0.155
Deep-water Flatfish	2015	0.336	0.102	0.102
	2016	0.105	0.098	0.098
	2017	0.088	0.110	0.110
	2018	*	0.108	0.108
	2019	*	0.101	0.101

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	Year	Fixed	Trawl	All Gear
Pacific Ocean Perch	2015	0.193	0.187	0.187
	2016	0.010	0.186	0.186
	2017	0.440	0.178	0.178
	2018	1.174	0.192	0.192
	2019	0.415	0.196	0.196
Northern Rockfish	2015	*	0.177	0.177
	2016	0.627	0.171	0.171
	2017	0.747	0.172	0.172
	2018	0.843	0.180	0.180
	2019	*	0.187	0.187
Dusky Rockfish	2015	0.367	0.179	0.182
	2016	0.422	0.176	0.180
	2017	0.549	0.171	0.177
	2018	0.576	0.185	0.188
	2019	0.575	0.187	0.190
Other Rockfish	2015	0.775	0.216	0.466
	2016	0.788	0.200	0.397
	2017	0.850	0.195	0.443
	2018	0.906	0.186	0.449
	2019	0.823	0.190	0.442

**Notes:** Prices are for catch from both federal and state of Alaska fisheries. The unfrozen landings price is calculated as landed value divided by estimated or actual round weight. Prices for catch processed by an at-sea processor without a COAR buying record (e.g., from catcher processors) are set using the prices for the matching species (group), region and gear-types for which buying records exist. Trawl-caught sablefish, rockfish and flatfish in the GOA and trawl-caught Atka mackerel in both the GOA and the GOA are not well represented in the COAR buying records. A price was calculated for these categories from product-report prices; the price in this case is the value of the first wholesale products divided by the calculated round weight and multiplied by a constant 0.4 to correct for value added by processing. The “All Alaska/All gear” column is the average weighted by retained catch. Values are not adjusted for inflation. “\*” indicates a confidential value; “-” indicates no applicable data or value.

**Source:** NMFS Alaska Region Blend and Catch-accounting System estimates; NMFS Alaska Region At-sea Production Reports; and ADF&G Commercial Operators Annual Reports (COAR). Data compiled and provided by the Alaska Fisheries Information Network (AKFIN). National Marine Fisheries Service, P.O. Box 15700, Seattle, WA 98115-0070.

Table 29: Gulf of Alaska ex-vessel value of the groundfish catch by vessel category, gear, and species, 2015-2019; calculations based on COAR (\$ millions).

	Year	Central Gulf				Western Gulf				All Gulf			
		Hook And Line	Pot	Trawl	All Gear	Hook And Line	Pot	Trawl	All Gear	Hook And Line	Pot	Trawl	All Gear
Pollock	2015	-	-	34.83	34.86	-	-	7.50	7.50	-	-	43.56	43.60
	2016	-	-	20.33	20.35	-	-	11.17	11.17	-	-	32.24	32.26
	2017	-	-	25.45	25.47	-	-	9.41	9.42	-	-	35.23	35.25
	2018	-	-	32.03	32.04	-	-	8.28	8.28	-	-	42.24	42.25
	2019	-	-	26.68	26.68	-	-	6.59	6.59	-	-	36.12	36.12
Pacific Cod	2015	6.36	15.60	8.13	30.09	3.32	11.56	4.18	19.07	10.79	27.16	12.32	50.26
	2016	3.41	13.77	4.57	21.75	2.70	11.34	4.41	18.45	6.85	25.11	8.98	40.95
	2017	2.82	8.41	3.86	15.09	3.15	11.16	5.49	19.80	6.32	19.57	9.35	35.24
	2018	1.55	3.16	1.93	6.63	1.34	4.59	1.33	7.25	3.29	7.74	3.26	14.29
	2019	1.69	3.60	2.18	7.47	1.36	4.84	1.59	7.79	3.54	8.44	3.77	15.74
Sablefish	2015	32.41	-	4.30	36.71	8.25	-	0.27	8.52	83.57	-	5.83	89.40
	2016	33.21	-	3.56	36.76	9.48	-	0.07	9.55	85.48	-	3.67	89.16
	2017	35.51	5.18	6.28	46.97	9.29	2.63	0.57	12.49	95.74	10.98	8.50	115.22
	2018	24.86	4.72	3.07	32.65	6.32	3.10	0.81	10.22	72.86	10.03	5.02	87.90
	2019	16.60	7.18	2.17	25.95	4.86	2.60	0.76	8.21	52.09	12.67	3.29	68.05
Atka Mackerel	2015	-	-	0.37	0.37	-	-	0.23	0.23	-	-	0.60	0.60
	2016	-	-	0.54	0.54	-	-	0.09	0.09	-	-	0.63	0.63
	2017	-	-	0.18	0.18	-	-	0.41	0.41	-	-	0.59	0.59
	2018	-	-	0.56	0.56	-	-	0.53	0.53	-	-	1.09	1.09
	2019	-	-	0.31	0.31	-	-	0.42	0.42	-	-	0.73	0.73
Arrowtooth	2015	0.01	-	4.16	4.17	0.01	-	0.08	0.08	0.02	-	4.24	4.26
	2016	0	-	3.27	3.28	0	-	0.13	0.13	0	-	3.41	3.41
	2017	0	-	5.91	5.91	0.01	-	0.03	0.03	0.01	-	5.94	5.95
	2018	0	-	3.67	3.67	0	-	0.20	0.20	0	-	3.88	3.88
	2019	0	-	3.67	3.67	0	-	0.07	0.07	0	-	3.75	3.76
Flathead Sole	2015	-	-	0.56	0.56	-	-	0.04	0.04	-	-	0.60	0.60
	2016	-	-	0.70	0.70	-	-	0.04	0.04	-	-	0.74	0.74
	2017	-	-	0.56	0.56	-	-	0.01	0.01	-	-	0.57	0.57
	2018	-	-	0.63	0.63	-	-	0.04	0.04	-	-	0.67	0.67
	2019	-	-	0.74	0.74	*	-	0.04	0.04	*	-	0.77	0.77

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	Year	Central Gulf			Western Gulf				All Gulf				
		Hook And Line	Pot	Trawl	All Gear	Hook And Line	Pot	Trawl	All Gear	Hook And Line	Pot	Trawl	All Gear
Rex Sole	2015	-	-	0.91	0.91	-	-	0.02	0.02	-	-	0.93	0.93
	2016	-	-	0.97	0.97	-	-	0.04	0.04	-	-	1.01	1.01
	2017	-	-	0.61	0.61	-	-	0.01	0.01	-	-	0.63	0.63
	2018	-	-	0.89	0.89	-	-	0.05	0.05	-	-	0.94	0.94
	2019	-	-	0.74	0.74	-	-	0.01	0.01	-	-	0.75	0.75
Shallow- water Flatfish	2015	0	-	1.27	1.28	-	-	0.02	0.02	0	-	1.30	1.30
	2016	*	-	1.12	1.12	-	-	0	0	*	-	1.12	1.12
	2017	-	-	0.71	0.71	*	-	0	0	*	-	0.72	0.72
	2018	-	-	0.88	0.88	*	-	0.01	0.01	*	-	0.89	0.89
	2019	-	-	0.86	0.86	-	-	0.01	0.01	-	-	0.87	0.87
Deep- water Flatfish	2015	*	-	0.02	0.02	-	-	0.01	0.01	*	-	0.02	0.02
	2016	*	-	0.02	0.02	*	-	0	0	*	-	0.02	0.02
	2017	*	-	0.02	0.02	0	-	0	0	0	-	0.02	0.02
	2018	*	-	0.02	0.02	*	-	0	0	*	-	0.02	0.02
	2019	-	-	0.01	0.01	*	-	0	0	*	-	0.01	0.01
Pacific Ocean Perch	2015	*	-	5.82	5.82	-	-	0.80	0.80	*	-	7.43	7.43
	2016	-	-	6.61	6.61	*	-	1.03	1.03	*	-	8.79	8.79
	2017	0	-	5.89	5.89	*	-	1.03	1.03	0	-	8.00	8.00
	2018	0	-	7.29	7.29	-	-	1.33	1.33	0	-	9.99	9.99
	2019	*	-	7.53	7.53	*	-	1.32	1.32	*	-	10.18	10.18
Northern Rockfish	2015	*	-	1.08	1.08	*	-	0.39	0.39	*	-	1.47	1.47
	2016	*	-	1.19	1.19	0	-	0.04	0.04	0	-	1.23	1.23
	2017	0	-	0.57	0.57	0	-	0.08	0.08	0	-	0.64	0.64
	2018	0	-	0.78	0.78	*	-	0.12	0.12	0	-	0.90	0.90
	2019	-	-	0.73	0.73	*	-	0.34	0.34	*	-	1.07	1.07

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Table 29: Continued

	Year	Central Gulf				Western Gulf				All Gulf			
		Hook And Line	Pot	Trawl	All Gear	Hook And Line	Pot	Trawl	All Gear	Hook And Line	Pot	Trawl	All Gear
Dusky Rockfish	2015	0.02	-	0.96	0.98	0	-	0.07	0.07	0.02	-	1.03	1.05
	2016	0.04	-	1.18	1.23	0	-	0.03	0.03	0.05	-	1.21	1.27
	2017	0.02	-	0.86	0.88	0.02	-	0.03	0.05	0.04	-	0.89	0.94
	2018	0.01	-	1.13	1.14	0.01	-	0.02	0.02	0.03	-	1.15	1.18
	2019	0.02	-	0.83	0.85	0.01	-	0.08	0.09	0.03	-	0.91	0.94
Other Rockfish	2015	0.65	-	0.53	1.17	0.16	-	0.06	0.22	1.82	-	0.63	2.44
	2016	0.57	-	0.71	1.28	0.18	-	0.07	0.25	1.72	-	0.86	2.59
	2017	0.56	-	0.55	1.12	0.20	-	0.05	0.24	1.80	-	0.68	2.49
	2018	0.56	-	0.58	1.14	0.15	-	0.07	0.22	2.03	-	0.73	2.77
	2019	0.40	-	0.42	0.83	0.13	-	0.07	0.20	1.71	-	0.60	2.32
Other Groundfish	2015	0.54	-	0.95	1.82	0.12	-	0.01	0.15	0.79	-	1.07	2.20
	2016	0.17	-	1.05	1.36	0.08	-	0.01	0.16	0.30	-	1.09	1.59
	2017	0.10	-	0.83	1.05	0.14	-	0.02	0.23	0.27	-	0.85	1.31
	2018	0.04	-	0.76	0.86	0.03	-	0.05	0.16	0.11	-	0.81	1.05
	2019	0.07	-	0.95	1.13	0.02	-	0.02	0.14	0.11	-	0.98	1.30

**Notes:** Ex-vessel value is calculated by multiplying ex-vessel prices by the retained round weight catch. Refer to Table 18 for a description of the price derivation. The value added by at-sea processing is not included in these estimates of ex-vessel value. All groundfish includes additional species categories. Values are not adjusted for inflation. “\*” indicates a confidential value; “-” indicates no applicable data or value.

**Source:** NMFS Alaska Region Blend and Catch-accounting System estimates; NMFS Alaska Region At-sea Production Reports; and ADF&G Commercial Operators Annual Reports (COAR). Data compiled and provided by the Alaska Fisheries Information Network (AKFIN). National Marine Fisheries Service, P.O. Box 15700, Seattle, WA 98115-0070.

Table 30: Gulf of Alaska vessel and permit counts, ex-vessel value, value per vessel, and percent value of GOA FMP groundfish and all GOA fisheries by processor group, 2015-2019; calculations based on COAR (\$ millions).

	Year	Vessels	Permits	Ex-vessel Value Per Vessel \$1,000	Ex-vessel Value \$million	Percent Value, GOA FMP Groundfish	Percent Value, All GOA Fisheries
Western Gulf Trawl	2015	34	14	402.68	13.69	6.85	2.14
	2016	40	16	417.60	16.70	9.48	3.11
	2017	42	15	407.92	17.13	8.54	2.24
	2018	36	12	356.82	12.85	7.93	2.38
	2019	35	10	323.73	11.33	8.20	1.92
Central Gulf Trawl	2015	62	18	1,035.93	64.23	32.13	10.02
	2016	63	17	707.03	44.54	25.28	8.30
	2017	58	13	903.01	52.37	26.09	6.86
	2018	61	14	892.62	54.45	33.62	10.09
	2019	62	16	777.38	48.20	34.86	8.19
CV Hook and Line	2015	107	32	67.17	7.19	3.59	1.12
	2016	99	31	32.46	3.21	1.82	0.60
	2017	85	34	35.05	2.98	1.48	0.39
	2018	69	27	37.99	2.62	1.62	0.49
	2019	73	30	31.30	2.28	1.65	0.39
CP Hook and Line	2015	11	11	429.37	4.72	2.36	0.74
	2016	11	11	292.28	3.22	1.82	0.60
	2017	9	9	479.69	4.32	2.15	0.57
	2018	3	3	458.04	1.37	0.85	0.25
	2019	3	3	552.80	1.66	1.20	0.28
Sablefish IFQ	2015	265	37	290.05	76.86	38.45	11.99
	2016	268	36	297.99	79.86	45.32	14.88
	2017	261	40	386.24	100.81	50.22	13.20
	2018	261	39	298.46	77.90	48.09	14.44
	2019	249	42	244.14	60.79	43.97	10.33
Pot	2015	116	25	237.27	27.52	13.77	4.29
	2016	119	26	215.28	25.62	14.54	4.77
	2017	110	26	179.75	19.77	9.85	2.59
	2018	58	21	135.68	7.87	4.86	1.46
	2019	59	16	146.60	8.65	6.26	1.47
Jig	2015	273	41	8.18	2.23	1.12	0.35
	2016	317	45	4.71	1.49	0.85	0.28
	2017	196	37	0.81	0.16	0.08	0.02
	2018	193	38	1.94	0.37	0.23	0.07
	2019	191	42	3.31	0.63	0.46	0.11

**Notes:** These tables include the value of groundfish purchases reported by processing plants, as well as by other entities, such as markets and restaurants, that normally would not report sales of groundfish products. Keep this in mind when comparing ex-vessel values in this table to gross processed-product values. The data are for catch from both federal and state of Alaska fisheries. The column "permits" is a count of federal groundfish processor permits. Values are not adjusted for inflation.

**Source:** ADF&G Commercial Operators Annual Reports (COAR); and ADF&G Intent to Operate (ITO) file. Data compiled and provided by the Alaska Fisheries Information Network (AKFIN). National Marine Fisheries Service, P.O. Box 15700, Seattle, WA 98115-0070.

Table 31: Gulf of Alaska production of groundfish products by species, 2015-2019, (1,000 metric tons product weight).

	Product	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Pollock	Whole Fish	2.30	14.49	9.34	0.56	3.12
	Head And Gut	30.34	27.81	37.39	39.83	28.41
	Roe	3.12	0.54	1.09	2.39	1.89
	Deep-Skin	-	*	0.63	*	*
	Fillets					
	Other Fillets	9.10	14.32	15.09	13.08	8.80
	Surimi	14.65	13.41	10.61	9.77	6.95
	Minced Fish	*	1.25	1.44	0.98	0.84
	Fishmeal	*	1.39	*	1.11	*
	Other Products	0.27	1.92	2.46	1.34	1.07
All Products	59.78	75.14	78.06	69.06	51.09	
Pacific Cod	Whole Fish	0.69	0.25	0.14	0.25	0.26
	Head And Gut	19.05	8.43	6.11	1.92	3.02
	Roe	1.34	0.78	1.04	0.37	0.38
	Fillets	6.39	7.87	6.52	2.00	2.36
	Other Products	4.52	4.33	3.58	1.04	1.44
	All Products	32.00	21.65	17.39	5.58	7.47
Sablefish	Head And Gut	5.35	5.03	5.28	5.84	6.05
	Other Products	0.24	0.30	0.36	0.29	0.38
	All Products	5.59	5.34	5.64	6.13	6.43
Atka Mackerel	Whole Fish	*	*	*	0.08	-
	Head And Gut	0.47	0.45	0.37	0.73	0.63
	Other Products	*	*	*	*	*
	All Products	0.47	0.45	0.37	0.81	0.63
Arrowtooth	Whole Fish	0.17	1.09	3.22	2.28	2.04
	Head And Gut	7.59	7.05	11.28	6.24	8.97
	Kirimi	*	-	-	-	-
	Fillets	*	*	*	*	*
	Other Products	0.08	0.14	*	0.01	*
	All Products	7.84	8.28	14.50	8.53	11.01
Flathead Sole	Whole Fish	0.34	0.74	0.45	1.02	1.09
	Head And Gut	0.40	0.38	0.46	0.28	0.27
	Kirimi	0.15	*	*	*	*
	Fillets	*	*	*	*	*
	Other Products	*	*	*	*	*
	All Products	0.89	1.11	0.91	1.29	1.35

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Table 31: Continued

	Product	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Rex Sole	Whole Fish	1.73	1.43	1.27	1.55	1.44
	Head And Gut	0.08	0.07	0.01	0.04	0.01
	Kirimi	-	-	-	*	-
	Fillets	*	*	0.00	*	*
	Other Products	-	*	*	*	*
	All Products	1.81	1.51	1.28	1.59	1.46
Shallow-water Flatfish	Whole Fish	0.37	0.93	0.89	0.82	0.91
	Head And Gut	0.60	0.66	0.21	0.58	0.43
	Kirimi	0.51	*	*	*	*
	Fillets	0.04	0.02	*	*	*
	Other Products	-	*	*	*	*
	All Products	1.53	1.61	1.11	1.40	1.33
Deep-water Flatfish	Whole Fish	*	0.00	*	0.00	*
	Head And Gut	0.00	0.05	*	0.01	*
	Fillets	*	*	*	*	*
	Other Products	-	-	*	-	-
	All Products	0.00	0.05	*	0.02	*
Pacific Ocean Perch	Whole Fish	3.13	5.13	2.71	3.38	2.75
	Head And Gut	6.96	8.33	8.19	10.26	10.00
	Other Products	0.05	0.03	0.16	0.09	0.25
	All Products	10.14	13.49	11.06	13.73	13.01
Northern Rockfish	Whole Fish	*	0.02	0.00	0.01	*
	Head And Gut	1.75	1.42	0.83	1.23	1.39
	Other Products	0.02	0.08	0.01	0.00	0.00
	All Products	1.77	1.51	0.84	1.25	1.39
Dusky Rockfish	Whole Fish	0.27	0.22	0.28	0.06	0.14
	Head And Gut	1.02	1.36	0.97	1.42	1.17
	Other Products	0.12	0.07	0.07	0.02	0.01
	All Products	1.41	1.65	1.31	1.50	1.32

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	Product	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Other Rockfish	Whole Fish	0.42	0.61	0.54	0.62	0.45
	Head And Gut	0.67	0.71	0.68	0.76	0.58
	Other Products	0.14	0.13	0.13	0.09	0.09
	All Products	1.23	1.45	1.34	1.46	1.12
Other Groundfish	Whole Fish	0.10	0.04	0.01	0.01	0.23
	Head And Gut	0.17	0.06	0.07	0.02	0.05
	Kirimi	*	-	*	-	-
	Fillets	*	-	-	*	-
	Fishmeal	*	*	*	*	*
	Other Products	0.53	0.49	0.35	0.32	0.40
	All Products	0.80	0.59	0.43	0.36	0.68
All Species	Whole Fish	9.54	24.94	18.84	10.64	12.43
	Head And Gut	74.46	61.82	71.85	69.16	60.97
	Kirimi	0.66	*	*	*	*
	Roe	4.46	1.32	2.13	2.76	2.27
	Fillets	6.43	7.89	6.53	2.00	2.36
	Deep-Skin Fillets	-	*	0.63	*	*
	Other Fillets	9.10	14.32	15.09	13.08	8.80
	Surimi	14.65	13.41	10.61	9.77	6.95
	Minced Fish	*	1.25	1.44	0.98	0.84
	Fishmeal	*	1.39	*	1.11	*
	Other Products	5.97	7.49	7.11	3.20	3.65
	All Products	125.26	133.84	134.23	112.71	98.28

**Notes:** Total includes additional species not listed in the production details as well as confidential data from Tables 28 and 29. These estimates are for catch from both federal and state of Alaska fisheries. “\*” indicates a confidential value; “-” indicates no applicable data or value.

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Table 32: Gulf of Alaska gross value of groundfish products by species, 2015-2019, (\$ million).

	Product	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Pollock	Whole Fish	2.2	7.0	5.7	0.5	1.9
	Head And Gut	40.6	23.3	30.1	36.2	32.6
	Roe	8.4	1.7	4.3	9.7	5.9
	Deep-Skin	-	*	2.1	*	*
	Fillets					
	Other Fillets	26.1	39.8	32.9	33.6	26.9
	Surimi	27.6	28.7	17.7	20.7	16.6
	Minced Fish	*	1.5	1.5	1.3	1.4
	Fishmeal	*	2.2	*	1.5	*
	Other Products	0.2	2.2	2.5	1.4	0.7
All Products	105.1	106.4	96.7	104.9	85.9	
Pacific Cod	Whole Fish	0.8	0.5	0.2	0.5	0.8
	Head And Gut	52.2	22.7	20.3	8.6	8.5
	Roe	2.5	1.3	1.6	1.1	0.9
	Fillets	37.2	57.3	45.3	19.2	21.5
	Other Products	9.6	9.9	8.0	2.6	3.5
	All Products	102.5	91.8	75.5	31.9	35.2
Sablefish	Head And Gut	81.4	91.6	108.2	88.0	66.1
	Other Products	1.9	2.4	3.1	1.9	5.0
	All Products	83.2	94.1	111.3	89.9	71.2
Atka Mackerel	Whole Fish	*	*	*	0.2	-
	Head And Gut	1.3	1.2	1.2	2.3	1.6
	Other Products	*	*	*	*	*
	All Products	1.3	1.2	1.2	2.5	1.6
Arrowtooth	Whole Fish	0.1	1.1	4.9	1.5	0.8
	Head And Gut	9.9	12.1	26.7	9.3	11.0
	Kirimi	*	-	-	-	-
	Fillets	*	*	*	*	*
	Other Products	0.1	0.1	*	0.0	*
All Products	10.2	13.3	31.5	10.8	11.7	
Flathead Sole	Whole Fish	0.5	0.8	0.6	1.2	0.9
	Head And Gut	0.6	0.7	0.7	0.6	0.5
	Kirimi	0.4	*	*	*	*
	Fillets	*	*	*	*	*
	Other Products	*	*	*	*	*
	All Products	1.5	1.5	1.3	1.8	1.4

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Table 32: Continued

	Product	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Rex Sole	Whole Fish	3.2	3.2	2.8	3.3	3.1
	Head And Gut	0.2	0.2	0.0	0.1	0.0
	Kirimi	-	-	-	*	-
	Fillets	*	*	0.0	*	*
	Other Products	-	*	*	*	*
	All Products	3.4	3.4	2.8	3.4	3.2
Shallow-water Flatfish	Whole Fish	0.9	1.1	1.2	1.1	0.9
	Head And Gut	1.0	1.5	0.3	1.2	0.9
	Kirimi	1.2	*	*	*	*
	Fillets	0.2	0.1	*	*	*
	Other Products	-	*	*	*	*
	All Products	3.3	2.7	1.5	2.3	1.8
Deep-water Flatfish	Whole Fish	*	0.0	*	0.0	*
	Head And Gut	0.0	0.1	*	0.0	*
	Fillets	*	*	*	*	*
	Other Products	-	-	*	-	-
	All Products	0.0	0.1	*	0.0	*
Pacific Ocean Perch	Whole Fish	5.0	7.4	3.3	4.0	2.8
	Head And Gut	16.3	17.0	24.1	27.7	19.1
	Other Products	0.3	0.2	0.8	0.4	1.9
	All Products	21.5	24.6	28.1	32.1	23.8
Northern Rockfish	Whole Fish	*	0.0	0.0	0.0	*
	Head And Gut	3.7	4.1	1.8	2.8	2.5
	Other Products	0.1	0.5	0.1	0.0	0.0
	All Products	3.8	4.6	1.9	2.8	2.5
Dusky Rockfish	Whole Fish	0.6	0.4	0.4	0.1	0.2
	Head And Gut	2.6	3.9	2.1	3.6	2.3
	Other Products	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.1	0.1
	All Products	3.7	4.8	3.0	3.8	2.6

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Table 32: Continued

	Product	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Other Rockfish	Whole Fish	1.6	2.3	2.4	2.5	1.8
	Head And Gut	2.8	2.9	3.0	3.2	1.9
	Other Products	0.7	0.8	0.8	1.0	1.1
	All Products	5.2	6.0	6.2	6.7	4.8
Other Groundfish	Whole Fish	0.2	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.8
	Head And Gut	0.4	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.2
	Kirimi	*	-	*	-	-
	Fillets	*	-	-	*	-
	Fishmeal	*	*	*	*	*
	Other Products	3.0	2.9	1.7	1.4	1.7
	All Products	3.6	3.2	1.9	1.5	2.7
All Species	Whole Fish	15.3	24.0	21.4	14.9	14.0
	Head And Gut	213.0	181.6	218.9	183.6	147.3
	Kirimi	1.5	*	*	*	*
	Roe	10.9	3.0	5.9	10.7	6.8
	Fillets	37.4	57.4	45.3	19.2	21.5
	Deep-Skin Fillets	-	*	2.1	*	*
	Other Fillets	26.1	39.8	32.9	33.6	26.9
	Surimi	27.6	28.7	17.7	20.7	16.6
	Minced Fish	*	1.5	1.5	1.3	1.4
	Fishmeal	*	2.2	*	1.5	*
	Other Products	16.5	19.5	17.4	8.8	13.9
	All Products	348.3	357.8	363.0	294.4	248.3

**Notes:** Total includes additional species not listed in the production details as well as confidential data from Tables 28 and 29. These estimates are for catch from both federal and state of Alaska fisheries. Values are not adjusted for inflation. “\*” indicates a confidential value; “-” indicates no applicable data or value.

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Table 33: Gulf of Alaska price per pound of groundfish products by species, 2015-2019, (\$/lb).

	Product	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Pollock	Whole Fish	0.43	0.22	0.28	0.37	0.27
	Head And Gut	0.61	0.38	0.36	0.41	0.52
	Roe	1.22	1.39	1.80	1.83	1.42
	Deep-Skin	-	*	1.49	*	*
	Fillets					
	Other Fillets	1.30	1.26	0.99	1.16	1.39
	Surimi	0.85	0.97	0.76	0.96	1.08
	Minced Fish	*	0.53	0.46	0.61	0.75
	Fishmeal	*	0.71	*	0.62	*
	Other Products	0.39	0.51	0.45	0.49	0.28
All Products	0.80	0.64	0.56	0.69	0.76	
Pacific Cod	Whole Fish	0.56	0.95	0.81	0.86	1.42
	Head And Gut	1.24	1.22	1.51	2.04	1.28
	Roe	0.86	0.78	0.68	1.28	1.04
	Fillets	2.64	3.30	3.15	4.35	4.12
	Other Products	0.97	1.04	1.02	1.12	1.09
	All Products	1.45	1.92	1.97	2.59	2.14
Sablefish	Head And Gut	6.90	8.26	9.30	6.83	4.96
	Other Products	3.50	3.64	3.92	2.99	5.94
	All Products	6.75	7.99	8.95	6.65	5.02
Atka Mackerel	Whole Fish	*	*	*	0.97	-
	Head And Gut	1.24	1.21	1.47	1.42	1.17
	Other Products	*	*	*	*	*
	All Products	1.24	1.21	1.47	1.38	1.17
Arrowtooth	Whole Fish	0.27	0.46	0.69	0.30	0.17
	Head And Gut	0.59	0.78	1.07	0.67	0.55
	Fillets	*	*	*	*	*
	Other Products	0.63	0.45	*	0.38	*
	All Products	0.59	0.73	0.99	0.57	0.48
Flathead Sole	Whole Fish	0.71	0.49	0.59	0.53	0.39
	Head And Gut	0.63	0.86	0.74	0.95	0.87
	Fillets	*	*	*	*	*
	Other Products	*	*	*	*	*
	All Products	0.74	0.62	0.67	0.62	0.49
Rex Sole	Whole Fish	0.84	1.01	0.99	0.97	0.98
	Head And Gut	1.30	1.33	1.45	1.35	1.44
	Fillets	*	*	0.34	*	*
	Other Products	-	*	*	*	*
	All Products	0.86	1.02	0.99	0.98	0.98
Shallow-water Flatfish	Whole Fish	1.06	0.55	0.61	0.61	0.44
	Head And Gut	0.75	1.03	0.68	0.90	0.93
	Fillets	2.37	2.08	*	*	*
	Other Products	-	*	*	*	*
	All Products	0.97	0.77	0.63	0.73	0.60

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	Product	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Deep-water Flatfish	Whole Fish	*	0.50	*	0.45	*
	Head And Gut	1.09	0.73	*	0.39	*
	Fillets	*	*	*	*	*
	Other Products	-	-	*	-	-
	All Products	1.09	0.72	*	0.40	*
Pacific Ocean Perch	Whole Fish	0.72	0.65	0.55	0.54	0.46
	Head And Gut	1.06	0.93	1.33	1.22	0.87
	Other Products	2.36	2.70	2.18	2.02	3.36
	All Products	0.96	0.83	1.15	1.06	0.83
Northern Rockfish	Whole Fish	*	0.72	0.76	0.42	*
	Head And Gut	0.97	1.32	1.01	1.04	0.83
	Other Products	1.73	2.82	2.11	1.96	2.81
	All Products	0.98	1.38	1.03	1.03	0.83
Dusky Rockfish	Whole Fish	1.07	0.87	0.62	0.72	0.77
	Head And Gut	1.14	1.30	1.00	1.14	0.88
	Other Products	1.97	3.08	2.98	2.48	3.04
	All Products	1.20	1.31	1.02	1.15	0.88
Other Rockfish	Whole Fish	1.74	1.72	1.98	1.86	1.80
	Head And Gut	1.92	1.85	2.01	1.93	1.50
	Other Products	2.46	2.87	2.91	4.76	5.41
	All Products	1.92	1.89	2.08	2.08	1.95
Other Groundfish	Whole Fish	1.08	1.26	2.19	0.94	1.66
	Head And Gut	0.93	1.61	1.41	1.84	1.79
	Fillets	*	-	-	*	-
	Fishmeal	*	*	*	*	*
	Other Products	2.58	2.71	2.18	2.01	1.89
	All Products	2.03	2.50	2.06	1.96	1.81

**Notes:** These estimates are based on data from both federal and state of Alaska fisheries. Prices based on confidential data have been excluded. Values are not adjusted for inflation. “\*” indicates a confidential value; “-” indicates no applicable data or value.

**Source:** NMFS Alaska Region At-sea and Shoreside Production Reports; and ADF&G Commercial Operators Annual Reports (COAR). Data compiled and provided by the Alaska Fisheries Information Network (AKFIN). National Marine Fisheries Service, P.O. Box 15700, Seattle, WA 98115-0070.

Table 34: Gulf of Alaska total product value per round metric ton of retained catch by species and year, 2015-2019, (\$/mt).

Species	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Pollock	636	616	542	684	735
Sablefish	8,130	10,363	11,032	8,526	6,488
Pacific Cod	1,318	1,452	1,571	2,194	2,421
Flatfish	777	863	1,233	795	641
Rockfish	1,280	1,297	1,451	1,443	1,091
Atka Mackerel	1,471	1,243	1,734	1,785	1,443
Other	1,638	1,907	1,496	1,440	2,085

**Notes:** These estimates include the product value of catch from both federal and state of Alaska fisheries. Values are not adjusted for inflation. “\*” indicates a confidential value; “-” indicates no applicable data or value.

**Source:** NMFS Alaska Region At-sea and Shoreside Production Reports; ADF&G Commercial Operators Annual Reports (COAR); and NMFS Alaska Region Blend and Catch-accounting System estimates. Data compiled and provided by the Alaska Fisheries Information Network (AKFIN). National Marine Fisheries Service, P.O. Box 15700, Seattle, WA 98115-0070.

Table 35: Gulf of Alaska number of processors, gross product value, value per processor, and percent value of GOA FMP groundfish of processed groundfish by processor group, 2015-2019, (\$ millions).

	Year	Processors	Wholesale Value (\$million)	Wholesale Value Per Processor (\$1,000)	Percent Value, GOA FMP Groundfish
Central and Western Gulf Trawl	2015	9	34.98	3,886.87	7.98
	2016	15	33.46	2,230.49	7.36
	2017	11	50.35	4,576.89	10.96
	2018	9	34.64	3,849.20	8.30
	2019	11	28.78	2,616.46	7.88
CP Hook and Line	2015	11	9.53	865.98	2.17
	2016	12	7.47	622.09	1.64
	2017	11	10.22	929.25	2.22
	2018	7	2.94	420.58	0.71
	2019	7	2.46	351.83	0.67
Sablefish IFQ	2015	5	3.31	662.12	0.76
	2016	5	4.48	895.40	0.99
	2017	6	5.38	896.88	1.17
	2018	5	4.35	870.40	1.04
	2019	7	3.89	555.68	1.06
Motherships & Inshore Floating Procs.	2015	5	89.47	17,893.98	20.42
	2016	5	116.70	23,339.44	25.68
	2017	5	114.39	22,878.90	24.90
	2018	3	113.17	37,724.78	27.12
	2019	3	106.14	35,379.37	29.04
Kodiak Shoreside Procs.	2015	9	167.74	18,637.43	38.29
	2016	8	145.15	18,143.79	31.94
	2017	8	139.67	17,458.44	30.40
	2018	8	138.62	17,328.11	33.22
	2019	6	110.54	18,423.03	30.25
Southcentral Gulf Shoreside Procs.	2015	11	35.88	3,261.90	8.19
	2016	12	38.33	3,194.44	8.43
	2017	10	39.29	3,929.12	8.55
	2018	11	29.05	2,640.61	6.96
	2019	10	23.91	2,391.07	6.54
Southeastern Gulf Shoreside Procs.	2015	11	31.57	2,869.74	7.21
	2016	11	33.46	3,041.43	7.36
	2017	14	40.24	2,874.21	8.76
	2018	14	34.41	2,458.15	8.25
	2019	16	26.43	1,652.10	7.23
Western Gulf Shoreside Procs.	2015	3	65.63	21,876.77	14.98
	2016	3	75.43	25,144.97	16.60
	2017	3	59.88	19,959.23	13.03
	2018	2	*	*	*
	2019	3	63.28	21,092.43	17.32

**Notes:** The data are for catch from both federal and state of Alaska fisheries. The processor groups are defined as follows: “Western and Central Gulf Trawl” are the processors in the Western and Central Gulf. “CP Hook and Line” are the hook and line catcher processors. “Sablefish IFQ” are processors processing sablefish IFQ. Values are not adjusted for inflation.

**Source:** ADF&G Commercial Operators Annual Reports (COAR); and ADF&G Intent to Operate (ITO) file. Data compiled and provided by the Alaska Fisheries Information Network (AKFIN). National Marine Fisheries Service, P.O. Box 15700, Seattle, WA 98115-0070.

Table 36: Gulf of Alaska number of vessels, average and median length, and average and median capacity (tonnage) of vessels that caught groundfish by vessel type, and gear, 2015-2019.

	Year	Vessels	Average Length (feet)	Median Length (feet)	Average Capacity (tons)	Median Capacity (tons)
Central and Western Gulf Trawl	2015	78	87	87	112	98.0
	2016	84	87	88	110	98.0
	2017	79	90	88	122	103.0
	2018	78	88	88	113	103.0
	2019	76	89	87	127	105.0
CV Hook and Line	2015	64	42	42	25	24.0
	2016	58	44	42	28	24.0
	2017	49	43	42	26	24.0
	2018	33	44	42	27	24.0
	2019	24	45	43	27	24.0
CP Hook and Line	2015	11	130	128	286	143.0
	2016	10	147	136	290	132.0
	2017	10	147	136	344	132.0
	2018	3	108	136	244	153.0
	2019	2	146	136	261	132.0
Sablefish IFQ	2015	264	57	58	46	39.0
	2016	265	57	57	48	39.0
	2017	259	56	57	48	36.0
	2018	260	57	57	48	39.0
	2019	237	57	57	49	36.0
Pot	2015	116	61	58	55	48.0
	2016	118	60	58	57	48.0
	2017	108	61	58	56	48.0
	2018	58	66	58	62	51.0
	2019	63	65	58	65	48.0
Jig	2015	264	40	40	16	14.0
	2016	305	41	41	17	16.0
	2017	186	39	40	15	14.0
	2018	182	39	40	14	12.0
	2019	186	40	41	15	15.0
No Fleet/Other	2015	16	45	40	24	11.5
	2016	14	47	48	23	24.0
	2017	8	41	38	15	11.0
	2018	8	39	35	14	10.0
	2019	22	46	47	31	27.0

**Notes:** These estimates include only vessels fishing part of federal TACs. “\*” indicates a confidential value; “-” indicates no applicable data or value.

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Table 37: Gulf of Alaska number of vessels that caught groundfish by month, vessel type, and gear, 2015-2019.

		Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year
Catcher Vessels	Hook & Line	2015	78	122	208	259	304	150	115	118	141	126	65	65	552
		2016	87	141	209	263	259	148	146	175	153	117	51	23	575
		2017	58	91	130	199	179	149	137	99	136	120	69	24	448
		2018	12	53	104	125	184	135	126	145	190	117	110	19	432
		2019	32	61	148	173	152	135	123	130	116	114	74	11	422
	Pot	2015	78	77	100	51	-	-	-	-	13	17	19	24	116
		2016	80	86	78	66	-	-	-	-	15	24	29	31	118
		2017	74	86	89	91	16	11	9	5	11	18	15	8	127
		2018	24	30	46	10	14	11	5	6	16	14	13	5	78
		2019	24	24	39	15	18	13	4	7	22	25	18	3	88
	Trawl	2015	40	60	65	57	30	13	6	15	52	54	18	1	68
		2016	49	54	59	42	29	18	4	45	58	61	34	2	70
		2017	37	45	61	42	21	17	5	4	53	60	35	1	68
		2018	12	53	51	25	19	14	2	35	59	61	28	2	69
		2019	32	47	50	25	25	22	1	20	47	50	21	-	65
All Gear	2015	192	254	361	363	334	163	121	133	206	196	102	90	702	
	2016	210	272	334	368	288	166	150	219	226	201	111	56	724	
	2017	169	218	264	328	213	175	149	107	199	193	118	33	599	
	2018	48	136	193	158	216	158	133	184	264	191	148	26	546	
	2019	88	132	229	209	193	168	127	156	183	185	111	14	538	
Catcher Processors	Hook & Line	2015	3	5	6	4	6	3	2	1	3	3	2	1	12
		2016	1	2	4	5	4	4	1	2	4	4	2	4	12
		2017	-	3	7	7	3	2	3	1	6	3	1	1	11
		2018	-	2	5	3	1	2	1	1	3	-	1	-	7
		2019	-	1	1	1	2	2	2	2	1	4	2	2	8
	Trawl	2015	-	1	1	4	4	3	9	4	4	1	2	1	10
		2016	-	1	-	2	2	2	12	7	4	2	2	2	14
		2017	-	1	2	2	2	4	10	6	4	4	2	1	11
		2018	-	-	1	2	1	5	8	4	4	1	1	1	9
		2019	-	-	1	1	1	3	6	6	5	4	2	1	11
	All Gear	2015	3	6	7	8	10	6	11	5	7	4	4	2	22
		2016	1	3	4	7	6	6	13	9	8	6	4	6	26
		2017	-	4	9	9	5	6	13	7	10	7	3	2	22
		2018	-	2	6	5	2	7	9	5	7	1	2	1	16
		2019	-	1	2	2	3	5	8	7	9	6	4	1	19

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Table 38: Gulf of Alaska catcher vessel (excluding catcher/processors) weeks of fishing groundfish by vessel-length class (feet), gear, and target, 2015-2019.

	Year	Hook & Line		Pot		Trawl		All Gear	
		<60ft	60-124ft	<60ft	60-124ft	<60ft	60-124ft	<60ft	60-124ft
Pollock	2015	-	-	-	-	237	569	237	569
	2016	-	-	-	-	289	527	289	527
	2017	-	-	-	-	180	526	180	526
	2018	-	-	-	-	187	487	187	487
	2019	-	-	-	-	142	389	142	389
Sablefish	2015	1,258	346	-	-	3	19	1,261	365
	2016	1,279	361	-	-	1	11	1,280	372
	2017	1,312	274	129	45	-	9	1,441	328
	2018	1,459	287	134	57	-	18	1,593	362
	2019	1,318	298	198	62	-	12	1,516	372
Pacific Cod	2015	1,830	14	895	238	145	111	2,870	363
	2016	1,392	7	945	228	118	97	2,455	332
	2017	572	-	880	209	109	58	1,561	267
	2018	374	1	190	93	29	3	593	97
	2019	392	1	171	80	41	7	604	88
Flatfish	2015	-	-	-	-	0	77	0	77
	2016	-	-	-	-	2	160	2	160
	2017	-	-	-	-	-	102	-	102
	2018	-	-	-	-	26	136	26	136
	2019	-	-	-	-	17	165	17	165
Rockfish	2015	553	6	-	-	4	96	557	102
	2016	774	3	-	-	3	119	777	122
	2017	655	2	-	-	7	90	662	92
	2018	520	7	-	-	5	98	525	105
	2019	462	1	-	-	6	113	468	114
Atka Mackerel	2016	-	-	-	-	-	0	-	0
	2018	-	-	-	-	-	0	-	0
All Groundfish	2015	3,642	366	-	-	391	872	4,927	1,476
	2016	3,451	371	-	-	413	914	4,808	1,514
	2017	2,547	276	-	-	297	786	3,853	1,317
	2018	2,363	295	-	-	247	742	2,938	1,187
	2019	2,176	299	-	-	207	686	2,752	1,127

**Notes:** These estimates include only vessels fishing part of federal TACs. A vessel that fished more than one category in a week is apportioned a partial week based on catch weight. A target is determined based on vessel, week, processing mode, NMFS area, and gear. All groundfish include additional target categories. “\*” indicates a confidential value; “-” indicates no applicable data or value.

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Table 39: Gulf of Alaska catcher/processor vessel weeks of fishing groundfish by vessel-length class (feet), gear, and target, 2015-2019.

	Year	Hook & Line			Trawl			All Gear			
		<60ft	60-124ft	125-230ft	60-124ft	125-230ft	>230ft	<60ft	60-124ft	125-230ft	>230ft
Pollock	2015	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-
	2018	-	-	-	0	0	-	-	0	0	-
Sablefish	2015	9	-	19	0	-	-	9	0	19	-
	2016	9	-	17	-	-	-	9	-	17	-
	2017	9	-	20	-	-	-	9	-	20	-
	2018	10	-	21	0	-	-	10	0	21	-
	2019	8	-	23	0	-	-	8	0	23	-
Pacific Cod	2015	4	30	30	0	-	-	4	30	30	-
	2016	0	-	45	2	-	-	0	2	45	-
	2017	-	4	43	1	-	-	-	5	43	-
	2018	7	-	8	-	-	-	7	-	8	-
	2019	1	-	8	-	-	-	1	-	8	-
Flatfish	2015	-	-	-	49	16	-	-	49	16	-
	2016	-	-	-	41	8	-	-	41	8	-
	2017	-	-	-	62	16	-	-	62	16	-
	2018	-	-	-	34	4	-	-	34	4	-
	2019	-	-	-	45	10	-	-	45	10	-
Rockfish	2015	-	-	-	8	30	2	-	8	30	2
	2016	-	-	-	4	33	2	-	4	33	2
	2017	-	-	0	5	32	0	-	5	32	0
	2018	-	-	-	7	35	-	-	7	35	-
	2019	-	-	-	5	34	1	-	5	34	1
Atka Mackerel	2017	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	-
	2018	-	-	-	0	0	-	-	0	0	-
All Groundfish	2015	13	30	49	58	47	2	13	88	96	2
	2016	9	-	62	48	41	2	9	48	103	2
	2017	9	4	63	69	48	0	9	73	111	0
	2018	17	-	29	42	40	-	17	42	69	-
	2019	9	-	31	50	44	1	9	50	75	1

**Notes:** These estimates include only vessels fishing part of federal TACs. A vessel that fished more than one category in a week is apportioned a partial week based on catch weight. A target is determined based on vessel, week, processing mode, NMFS area, and gear. All groundfish include additional target categories. “\*” indicates a confidential value; “-” indicates no applicable data or value.

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Table 40: Gulf of Alaska catcher vessel crew weeks in the groundfish fisheries by month, 2015-2019.

Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year
2015	1,843	2,316	3,257	2,313	2,755	1,048	524	784	1,798	2,124	664	503	19,928
2016	1,692	2,318	2,506	3,065	1,982	1,021	635	903	1,736	2,298	642	371	19,168
2017	1,500	2,191	2,262	2,556	1,486	1,185	598	616	1,682	1,858	648	228	16,810
2018	352	1,144	1,378	1,323	1,721	1,270	494	808	2,240	1,842	926	156	13,654
2019	428	1,055	1,492	1,394	1,642	1,209	442	924	1,456	1,712	729	72	12,556

**Notes:** Crew weeks are calculated by summing weekly reported crew size over vessels and time period. These estimates include only vessels targeting groundfish counted toward federal TACs. “\*” indicates a confidential value; “-” indicates no applicable data or value.

**Source:** NMFS Alaska Region At-sea Production Reports. Data compiled and provided by the Alaska Fisheries Information Network (AKFIN). National Marine Fisheries Service, P.O. Box 15700, Seattle, WA 98115-0070.

Table 41: Gulf of Alaska at-sea processor vessel crew weeks in the groundfish fisheries by month, 2015-2019.

Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year
2015	155	280	271	499	348	188	843	689	300	247	193	*	4,013
2016	*	107	98	321	215	307	1,221	501	254	227	153	190	3,594
2017	-	113	463	262	135	317	1,116	615	592	297	156	*	4,066
2018	-	*	146	194	116	490	877	408	247	*	*	*	2,478
2019	-	*	*	*	134	332	604	556	526	346	312	*	2,810

**Notes:** Crew weeks are calculated by summing weekly reported crew size over vessels and time period. These estimates include only vessels targeting groundfish counted toward federal TACs. Catcher processors typically account for 90-95% of the total at-sea crew weeks in all areas. “\*” indicates a confidential value; “-” indicates no applicable data or value.

**Source:** NMFS Alaska Region At-sea Production Reports. Data compiled and provided by the Alaska Fisheries Information Network (AKFIN). National Marine Fisheries Service, P.O. Box 15700, Seattle, WA 98115-0070.

Table H1: Catch (net landed weight) in the commercial Pacific halibut fisheries off Alaska by region, 2015-2019, (hundreds of metric tons).

Year	Gulf Of Alaska	Bering Sea And Aleutian Islands	All Alaska
2015	68.30	13.98	82.28
2016	68.71	15.08	83.79
2017	76.81	16.64	93.45
2018	67.27	15.93	83.19
2019	70.62	17.32	87.94

**Notes:** These estimates include catch from all Alaska commercial fisheries (including CDQ). Net weight is dressed, head-off, slime and ice deducted. “\*” indicates a confidential value; “-” indicates no applicable data or value.

**Source:** ADF&G fish tickets; CFEC gross earnings (fish tickets) file. Data compiled and provided by the Alaska Fisheries Information Network (AKFIN). National Marine Fisheries Service, P.O. Box 15700, Seattle, WA 98115-0070.

Table H2: Catch (net landed weight) and percent of regional catch in the commercial Pacific halibut fisheries off Alaska by vessel length (feet) and region, 2015-2019, (hundreds of metric tons).

	Length	Gulf of Alaska		Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands		All Alaska	
		Net Tons	Percent	Net Tons	Percent	Net Tons	Percent
2015	<20	0.10	0	*	*	0.10	0
	20-29	1.54	0.02	0.97	0.07	2.51	0.03
	30-39	10.51	0.15	1.96	0.14	12.46	0.15
	40-49	20.12	0.30	1.89	0.14	22.01	0.27
	50-59	25.83	0.38	5.94	0.43	31.77	0.39
	>=60	9.91	0.15	3.18	0.23	13.09	0.16
2016	<20	0.11	0	*	*	0.11	0
	20-29	1.67	0.02	0.95	0.06	2.61	0.03
	30-39	10.99	0.16	1.98	0.13	12.97	0.16
	40-49	20.92	0.31	2.12	0.14	23.05	0.28
	50-59	25.14	0.37	6.42	0.43	31.56	0.38
	>=60	9.53	0.14	3.49	0.23	13.02	0.16
2017	<20	0.10	0	*	*	0.10	0
	20-29	1.66	0.02	0.91	0.05	2.57	0.03
	30-39	12.20	0.16	2.87	0.17	15.06	0.16
	40-49	23.72	0.31	2.74	0.17	26.46	0.28
	50-59	28.18	0.37	6.35	0.38	34.52	0.37
	>=60	10.66	0.14	3.66	0.22	14.33	0.15
2018	<20	0.09	0	*	*	0.09	0
	20-29	1.32	0.02	0.90	0.06	2.22	0.03
	30-39	10.67	0.16	3.19	0.20	13.86	0.17
	40-49	22.00	0.33	2.70	0.17	24.69	0.30
	50-59	23.95	0.36	5.55	0.35	29.50	0.36
	>=60	9.09	0.14	3.44	0.22	12.54	0.15
2019	<20	0.09	0	*	*	0.09	0
	20-29	1.56	0.02	0.89	0.05	2.45	0.03
	30-39	11.98	0.17	3.11	0.18	15.09	0.17
	40-49	22.78	0.32	2.54	0.15	25.32	0.29
	50-59	24.64	0.35	6.51	0.38	31.14	0.36
	>=60	9.42	0.13	3.93	0.23	13.35	0.15

**Notes:** Excludes vessels in the Annette Island commercial Pacific halibut fishery. These estimates include catch from all Alaska commercial fisheries (including CDQ). Net weight is dressed, head-off, slime and ice deducted. “\*” indicates a confidential value; “-” indicates no applicable data or value.

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Table H3: Non-halibut prohibited species catch on commercial Pacific halibut target trips off Alaska by PSC species and area, 2015-2019.

Year	Bairdi Tanner Crab (Count)	Chinook Salmon (Count)	Herring (Tons)	Non- Chinook Salmon (Count)	Opilio Tanner (Snow) Crab (Count)	Other King Crab (Count)	Red King Crab (Count)
2015	-	-	-	-	-	*	-
2016	-	-	-	-	-	19	183
Gulf of Alaska 2017	2	-	-	-	*	*	-
2018	126	-	-	-	-	70	17
2019	57	-	-	-	-	18	-
2015	-	-	-	-	-	562	-
Bering Sea and 2016	9	*	*	*	21	237	13
Aleutian 2017	18	*	*	*	34	233	204
Islands 2018	22	*	*	32	68	774	28
2019	17	*	*	*	23	554	*

**Notes:** These estimates include catch from all Alaska commercial fisheries (including CDQ). For details on prohibited species catch estimation see Cahalan, J., J. Gasper, and J. Mondragon. 2014. Catch sampling and estimation in the federal groundfish fisheries off Alaska, 2015 edition. U.S. Dep. Commer., NOAA Tech. Memo. NMFS-AFSC-286, 46 p. “\*” indicates a confidential value; “-” indicates no applicable data or value.

**Source:** NMFS Alaska Regional Office Prohibited Species Catch database. Data compiled and provided by the Alaska Fisheries Information Network (AKFIN). National Marine Fisheries Service, P.O. Box 15700, Seattle, WA 98115-0070.

Table H4A: Ex-vessel value and price in the commercial Pacific halibut fisheries off Alaska by region, 2015-2019, (\$ millions and \$/lb net weight, respectively).

Year	Gulf of Alaska		Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands		All Alaska	
	Value	Price	Value	Price	Value	Price
2015	94.33	6.26	17.68	5.74	112.01	6.17
2016	99.36	6.56	19.58	5.89	118.95	6.44
2017	97.78	5.77	19.34	5.27	117.13	5.68
2018	72.86	4.91	14.37	4.09	87.23	4.76
2019	78.48	5.04	15.12	3.96	93.61	4.83

**Notes:** These estimates include catch from all Alaska commercial fisheries (including CDQ). Price is calculated as landed value divided by net weight. Values are not adjusted for inflation. Net weight is dressed, head-off, slime and ice deducted. “\*” indicates a confidential value; “-” indicates no applicable data or value.

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Table H4B: Ex-vessel value and price in the commercial Pacific halibut fisheries off Alaska by IPHC area, 2015-2019, (\$ millions and \$/lb net weight, respectively).

	Variable	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
2C	Value	23.61	27.28	26.47	18.61	19.08
	Price	6.30	6.62	5.87	4.89	5.06
3A	Value	50.49	49.85	48.79	39.16	44.84
	Price	6.30	6.59	5.81	4.99	5.16
3B	Value	16.60	17.73	18.69	12.88	11.89
	Price	6.13	6.43	5.61	4.84	4.87
4A	Value	7.86	8.33	7.77	5.71	5.89
	Price	6.00	6.22	5.47	4.27	3.93
4B	Value	6.03	6.30	5.99	4.68	4.27
	Price	5.69	5.76	5.14	4.07	3.95
4CDE	Value	6.86	8.79	9.41	6.19	7.24
	Price	5.61	5.82	5.28	4.05	3.98

**Notes:** Values and prices are for catch from all Alaska commercial fisheries (including CDQ). Price is calculated as landed value divided by net weight. Values are not adjusted for inflation. Net weight is dressed, head-off, slime and ice deducted. “\*” indicates a confidential value; “-” indicates no applicable data or value.

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Table H5: Ex-vessel value and average annual revenue per vessel in the commercial Pacific halibut fisheries off Alaska by region and vessel length (feet), 2015-2019, (\$ millions and \$ thousands, respectively).

	Length	Gulf of Alaska		Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands		All Alaska	
		Value	Avg. Value/Vessel	Value	Avg. Value/Vessel	Value	Avg. Value/Vessel
2015	<20	0.14	8.49	*	*	0.18	6.51
	20-29	2.15	21.29	1.09	41.76	3.24	25.48
	30-39	14.41	57.86	2.34	83.47	16.74	62.48
	40-49	27.62	108.33	2.33	166.55	29.95	115.66
	50-59	35.74	196.37	7.69	248.11	43.43	231.01
	>=60	13.86	315.07	4.19	220.73	18.06	376.19
2016	<20	0.15	8.00	*	*	0.28	10.03
	20-29	2.41	23.62	1.06	39.22	3.47	26.89
	30-39	15.78	66.28	2.43	83.63	18.20	70.27
	40-49	30.14	120.09	2.71	208.23	32.85	128.32
	50-59	36.32	199.58	8.49	273.95	44.82	240.94
	>=60	14.06	312.39	4.77	280.73	18.83	400.63
2017	<20	0.13	9.86	*	*	0.27	12.07
	20-29	2.13	23.12	1.03	39.53	3.15	26.74
	30-39	15.46	63.11	3.29	93.87	18.75	69.43
	40-49	30.11	120.93	3.21	214.18	33.32	131.72
	50-59	35.83	205.93	7.30	260.71	43.13	247.88
	>=60	13.72	319.02	4.38	257.69	18.10	393.45
2018	<20	0.09	6.95	*	*	0.27	13.30
	20-29	1.44	18.22	0.75	31.42	2.19	21.29
	30-39	11.57	48.84	2.77	74.99	14.35	55.62
	40-49	23.71	97.18	2.47	154.14	26.18	105.14
	50-59	25.78	152.55	5.03	186.22	30.81	179.12
	>=60	10.10	229.64	3.17	186.69	13.28	282.51
2019	<20	0.09	6.33	*	*	0.46	17.64
	20-29	1.79	21.53	0.76	31.53	2.54	23.78
	30-39	13.19	53.41	2.65	71.59	15.84	58.46
	40-49	25.35	114.71	2.22	185.34	27.58	122.02
	50-59	27.26	166.21	5.67	218.00	32.93	198.35
	>=60	10.62	246.97	3.46	192.30	14.08	306.11

**Notes:** Values are for catch from all Alaska commercial fisheries (including CDQ). Excludes vessels in the Annette Island commercial Pacific halibut fishery. Length is measured in feet. Values are not adjusted for inflation. “\*” indicates a confidential value; “-” indicates no applicable data or value.

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Table H6: Ex-vessel value port ranking, annual ex-vessel value, price and percent of statewide value in the commercial Pacific halibut fisheries off Alaska, 2015-2019, (\$ millions and \$/lb net weight).

	Port	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Ex-vessel Value	Homer	17.25	18.31	13.06	13.04	14.70
	Kodiak	17.28	16.95	19.59	10.28	10.38
	Seward	12.76	13.26	13.46	12.79	11.39
	Dutch Harbor	*	*	*	*	*
	Sitka	*	8.17	*	5.83	6.51
	Juneau	*	7.51	6.68	5.23	*
	St Paul Island	*	*	*	*	3.14
	Petersburg	7.01	9.93	9.97	6.56	6.48
	Yakutat	4.07	4.33	*	*	*
Price	Homer	6.11	6.43	5.82	5.24	5.27
	Kodiak	6.23	6.60	5.59	4.60	4.60
	Seward	6.20	6.46	5.79	4.98	5.20
	Dutch Harbor	*	*	*	*	*
	Sitka	*	6.53	*	4.63	4.84
	Juneau	*	6.76	6.01	4.87	*
	St Paul Island	*	*	*	*	3.76
	Petersburg	6.52	6.72	5.93	4.86	5.01
	Yakutat	6.48	6.52	*	*	*
Percent State Value	Homer	15 %	15 %	11 %	15 %	16 %
	Kodiak	15 %	14 %	17 %	12 %	11 %
	Seward	11 %	11 %	11 %	15 %	12 %
	Dutch Harbor	*	*	*	*	*
	Sitka	*	7 %	*	7 %	7 %
	Juneau	*	6 %	6 %	6 %	*
	St Paul Island	*	*	*	*	3 %
	Petersburg	6 %	8 %	9 %	8 %	7 %
	Yakutat	4 %	4 %	*	*	*
Rank	Homer	2	1	3	1	1
	Kodiak	1	2	1	3	3
	Seward	3	3	2	2	2
	Dutch Harbor	4	5	5	6	8
	Sitka	6	6	6	5	5
	Juneau	5	7	7	7	4
	St Paul Island	11	11	10	11	10
	Petersburg	7	4	4	4	6
	Yakutat	9	9	9	8	7

**Notes:** Displays only the 10 Alaska ports of landing with the highest average ex-vessel value over the last 5 years. Values and prices are for catch from all Alaska commercial fisheries (including CDQ). Price is calculated as landed value divided by net weight. Net weight is dressed, head-off, slime and ice deducted. Values are not adjusted for inflation. “\*” indicates a confidential value; “-” indicates no applicable data or value.

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Table H7: First wholesale production volume, value and price in the commercial Pacific halibut fisheries off Alaska by product, 2015-2019, (1000s of metric tons, \$ millions and \$/lb net weight, respectively).

	Year	Quantity	Value	Price
Head and Gut	2015	5.38	92.07	7.77
	2016	6.29	94.99	6.85
	2017	5.64	91.86	7.39
	2018	5.01	75.59	6.84
	2019	5.07	71.12	6.37
Fillet	2015	1.11	34.82	14.21
	2016	1.23	39.30	14.50
	2017	1.40	42.05	13.65
	2018	1.16	33.17	12.92
	2019	1.38	34.76	11.44
Other Products	2015	3.05	6.86	1.02
	2016	0.68	4.61	3.09
	2017	0.46	2.74	2.68
	2018	0.33	1.73	2.39
	2019	0.66	2.80	1.92
All Products	2015	9.54	133.76	6.36
	2016	8.19	138.91	7.69
	2017	7.50	136.64	8.27
	2018	6.50	110.50	7.71
	2019	7.11	108.69	6.94

**Notes:** Landings, values and prices for catch from all Alaska commercial fisheries (including CDQ). Price is calculated as landed value divided by net weight. Net weight is dressed, head-off, slime and ice deducted. Values are not adjusted for inflation. “\*” indicates a confidential value; “-” indicates no applicable data or value.

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Table H8: Number of vessels catching Pacific halibut commercially off Alaska and median vessel length by region and vessel length class, 2015-2019.

	Year	Gulf of Alaska		Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands		All Alaska	
		Vessels	Median Length	Vessels	Median Length	Vessels	Median Length
<20	2015	16	18	12	18	27	18
	2016	19	17	10	18	28	18
	2017	13	18	9	18	22	18
	2018	13	17	7	18	20	18
	2019	15	18	11	18	26	18
20-29	2015	101	25	26	27	127	25
	2016	102	25	27	28	129	25
	2017	92	25	26	28	118	25
	2018	79	26	24	28	103	27
	2019	83	26	24	28	107	26
30-39	2015	249	34	28	32	268	34
	2016	238	34	29	32	259	33
	2017	245	33	35	32	270	33
	2018	237	34	37	32	258	33
	2019	247	33	37	32	271	33
40-49	2015	255	43	14	47	259	43
	2016	251	44	13	47	256	44
	2017	249	44	15	47	253	44
	2018	244	44	16	47	249	44
	2019	221	44	12	47	226	44
50-59	2015	182	55	31	58	188	55
	2016	182	55	31	58	186	55
	2017	174	55	28	58	174	55
	2018	169	55	27	58	172	55
	2019	164	55	26	58	166	55
≥60	2015	44	70	19	76	48	72
	2016	45	70	17	76	47	72
	2017	43	70	17	76	46	72
	2018	44	71	17	76	47	72
	2019	43	72	18	76	46	73

**Notes:** Excludes vessels in the Annette Island commercial Pacific halibut fishery. “\*” indicates a confidential value; “-” indicates no applicable data or value.

**Source:** ADF&G fish tickets; CFEC gross earnings (fish tickets) file. Data compiled and provided by the Alaska Fisheries Information Network (AKFIN). National Marine Fisheries Service, P.O. Box 15700, Seattle, WA 98115-0070.

Table H9: Total vessel days fishing Pacific halibut commercially off Alaska by area, 2015-2019.

Year	Gulf Of Alaska	Bering Sea And Aleutian Islands	All Alaska
2015	12,546	2,744	15,056
2016	12,748	2,800	15,343
2017	13,390	2,797	15,793
2018	12,792	2,646	15,106
2019	13,050	3,246	15,842

**Notes:** Excludes vessels in the Annette Island commercial Pacific halibut fishery. “\*” indicates a confidential value; “-” indicates no applicable data or value.

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Table H10: Crew days fishing Pacific halibut commercially off Alaska by month and area, 2015-2019.

	Year	Mar- Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov
Gulf of Alaska	2015	9,274	10,716	4,904	3,028	5,018	6,386	4,433	733
	2016	10,297	10,087	4,964	3,566	5,887	5,078	3,358	627
	2017	10,399	9,558	5,886	3,704	5,677	6,574	4,923	793
	2018	8,738	8,359	5,735	4,000	6,287	6,756	4,699	1,102
	2019	10,139	8,256	5,083	3,862	5,459	5,865	5,294	1,639
Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands	2015	416	1,533	2,111	2,206	2,474	1,536	1,185	133
	2016	529	1,525	2,100	2,121	2,686	1,578	809	100
	2017	346	1,384	2,091	1,891	2,857	1,540	1,104	192
	2018	455	1,270	1,456	2,044	2,986	1,766	679	105
	2019	864	1,651	1,937	2,376	2,577	1,986	950	288
All Alaska	2015	9,618	12,117	6,894	5,139	7,252	7,787	5,459	866
	2016	10,729	11,373	6,845	5,642	8,417	6,584	4,098	695
	2017	10,672	10,775	7,851	5,455	7,996	7,824	5,718	985
	2018	9,121	9,402	7,027	5,931	8,845	8,307	5,351	1,157
	2019	10,906	9,647	6,906	5,984	7,736	7,322	5,979	1,887

**Notes:** Excludes vessels in the Annette Island commercial Pacific halibut fishery because crew size is not reported for this fishery. Minimal fishing occurs in March and to ensure confidentiality it is combined with April. "\*" indicates a confidential value; "-" indicates no applicable data or value.

**Source:** ADF&G fish tickets; CFEC gross earnings (fish tickets) file. Data compiled and provided by the Alaska Fisheries Information Network (AKFIN). National Marine Fisheries Service, P.O. Box 15700, Seattle, WA 98115-0070.

## 5. ECONOMIC PERFORMANCE INDICES FOR THE NORTH PACIFIC GROUND FISH FISHERIES

### 5.1. Introduction

Fisheries markets are complex. A multitude of factors influence demand, supply, price, catch composition, product types produced and other market activity. Indices are a common method used by agencies to synthesize market information in a digestible format. Indices establish a baseline that helps characterize trends in the market for values, prices and quantities of fisheries goods. Market indices have many uses. From a management perspective indices can both retrospectively characterize changes in the market that may be related to policy decisions (such as a change in TAC), or allow managers to evaluate current market conditions in the context of future policy change. Indices may also be useful to market participants when making business decisions.

This section of the Economic Status of the Groundfish Fisheries off Alaska attempts to distill the numerous factors that affect the North Pacific groundfish markets into a simple set of indices that can be used to track performance. Indices of value, price and quantity are presented for the Bering Sea and Aleutian Island (BSAI) at-sea, the BSAI shoreside, and the Gulf of Alaska (GOA). Figure 5.1 displays the ex-vessel and first-wholesale values for the BSAI and GOA at-sea and shoreside sectors. For the BSAI at-sea sector, index analysis will focus on the wholesale market; for the BSAI shoreside and GOA sectors, index analysis will consider the wholesale and ex-vessel markets. To help understand and evaluate the indices, we plot the value share stratified by species and product type for wholesale markets, and by species and gear type for the ex-vessel markets. Value share is the proportion of total value from each of the stratified components, such as the proportion of total value that comes from pollock. Additionally, bar graphs provide detail on the division of production among species, product types and gear types. Specifically, for the wholesale market, these graphs show the composition of species within product types and the composition of product type for a given species, and in the ex-vessel market, they show composition of species harvested by a given gear type and the composition of gear types used to harvest a species.

Aggregate indices, by their very nature, cumulate over the many species, products types, and gear types in a sector. The values, prices, and quantities from individual components of these factors (e.g., individual species) may contribute to the movements of the aggregate indices in very different ways. The myriad of market influences make it difficult to disentangle the relative importance of different species or products when monitoring aggregate performance, a problem that can be approached by using a value-share decomposition to examine the influence of these different components on the aggregate index. Decomposition relates the indices for each of the components of a single factor to the aggregate through its value share. For example, consider an aggregate price index for a sector. The aggregate price index is a function of the prices of all the species sold (e.g., pollock, Pacific cod, sablefish). Here, species type is the factor and the component indices of this factor are the price indices for all the species (e.g., pollock price index, Pacific cod price index). The importance of each individual species price index is determined by the proportion of total value in the sector for the species. By decomposing the aggregate index in this way, one can see how each of the species price indices influence the movement in the aggregate price index. Similar value-share decompositions

are also constructed for product types in the wholesale market, and for gear types in the ex-vessel market.

The primary tools we will use to analyze market performance are Figures 5.2-5.11. The index figures in Figures 5.2-5.11 are designed to help the reader visualize changes in the indices and relate the changes to shifts in aggregate value, prices, and quantities. All indices use 2015 as the base year for the index. All calculations and statistics are made using nominal U.S. dollars (i.e., not adjusted for inflation).<sup>1</sup> Aggregate indices are located in the upper-left panel and the value share decomposition of the aggregate index is below in the lower-left panels of the figures. Changes in the indices have been color coded to indicate the relevance in determining aggregate index movements. The relevance of a change in the price index in year  $t$  is calculated by  $(year - on - year \ growth \ rate) * (share \ weight) = (I_{i,t}/I_{i,t-1} - 1) * \tilde{w}(i,t)$  where  $I_{i,t}$  is the level of the index and  $\tilde{w}(i,t) = \frac{p_{i,t} * q_{i,t}}{\sum_j p_{j,t} * q_{j,t}}$  is the year  $t$  value share and  $i, j$  enumerates species, products, or gear types depending on the index. When the value  $(year - on - year \ growth \ rate) * (share \ weight)$  is roughly zero, indicating little to no change or influence on the aggregate index, it is colored blue. When this value is less than -0.1, the index is colored red to indicate that it has had a significant negative impact on the aggregate index. When this value is greater than 0.1, the index is colored green, indicating a significant positive impact on the aggregate index. Shades in between these colors indicate intermediate impacts. The indices can take on these “significant colors” if the percentage change is large and/or the value share is large. The value share plot in the upper-right corner of each figure helps to discern the difference. For each sector and market, two decompositions are presented. The wholesale market is decomposed by species and product type, and the ex-vessel market is decomposed by species and gear type. To help relate the different decompositions, bar graphs in the lower-right panel of each figure show the composition of one factor (e.g., product type) for each relevant category of the other factor (e.g., species) as measured by production. The height of the bars shows the annual output in that market. Only the components of a factor with a value share greater than 1% have been plotted, although all prices and quantities were used in the construction of the aggregate index. Ex-vessel indices are constructed using catch that is counted against a federal total allowable catch (TAC). Hereafter, “wholesale value” and “ex-vessel value” refer to the revenue from production at the first wholesale level or from sales of catch on the ex-vessel market, respectively. Walleye pollock will often be referred to simply as “pollock”; similarly, Pacific cod will often be referred to as “cod”. The “other” product type contains all products that are not fillets, H&G, surimi, meal and oil, or roe. In particular, the “other” product type include whole fish and minced fish.

Understanding the indices and their construction facilitates accurate interpretation. To properly interpret the indices, the reader must realize that the indices are merely descriptive and characterize the state of the market relative to other periods, and display the co-movement of different species, product types, or gear types both individually and in aggregate. The indices have no inherent causal interpretation. For example, it would be wrong to assert from these indices that a change in surimi prices “caused” a change in pollock price. Nor could we say the opposite. We can say that they are connected, as surimi is a significant portion of the value from pollock in some regions, but causality is beyond the scope of indices. Carefully designed regression analysis is better suited for addressing such causality questions. The indices are displayed graphically in Section 5.2 followed by tables with the index values.

<sup>1</sup>U.S. nominal dollars are used so price indices capture unadjusted changes in prices throughout time, allowing them to be used as deflator indices. For readers comparing these indices to other figures in the SAFE denominated in inflation adjusted terms, this adjustment should be kept in mind.

5.2. Economic Indices of the Groundfish Fisheries off Alaska

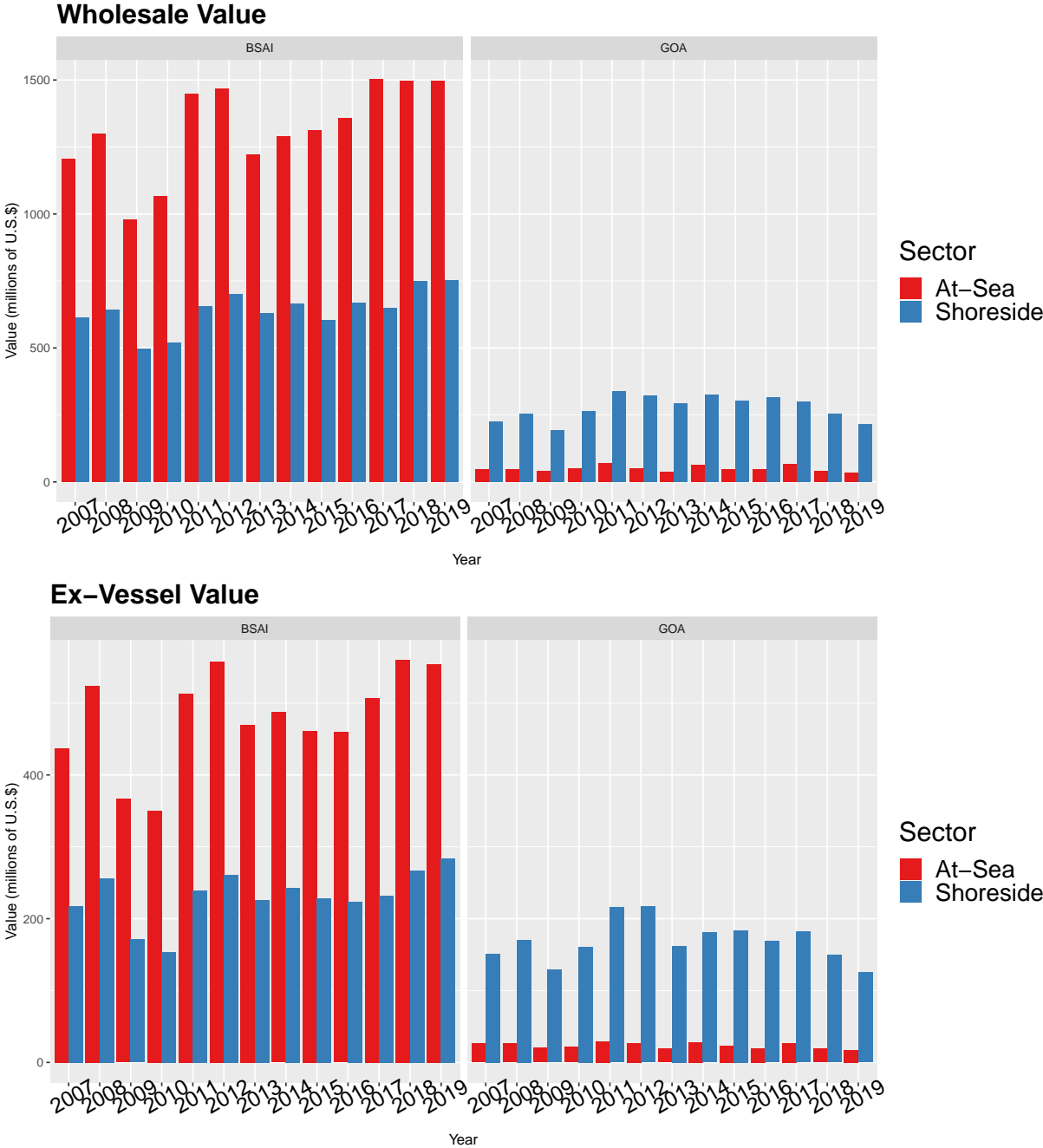


Figure 5.1: Wholesale and ex-vessel value by region and sector 2007-2019.

**Source:** NMFS Alaska Region’s Catch-accounting system (CAS) and Weekly Production Report (WPR) estimates; Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G) Commercial Operator’s Annual Report (COAR), National Marine Fisheries Service. P.O. Box 15700, Seattle, WA 98115-0070.

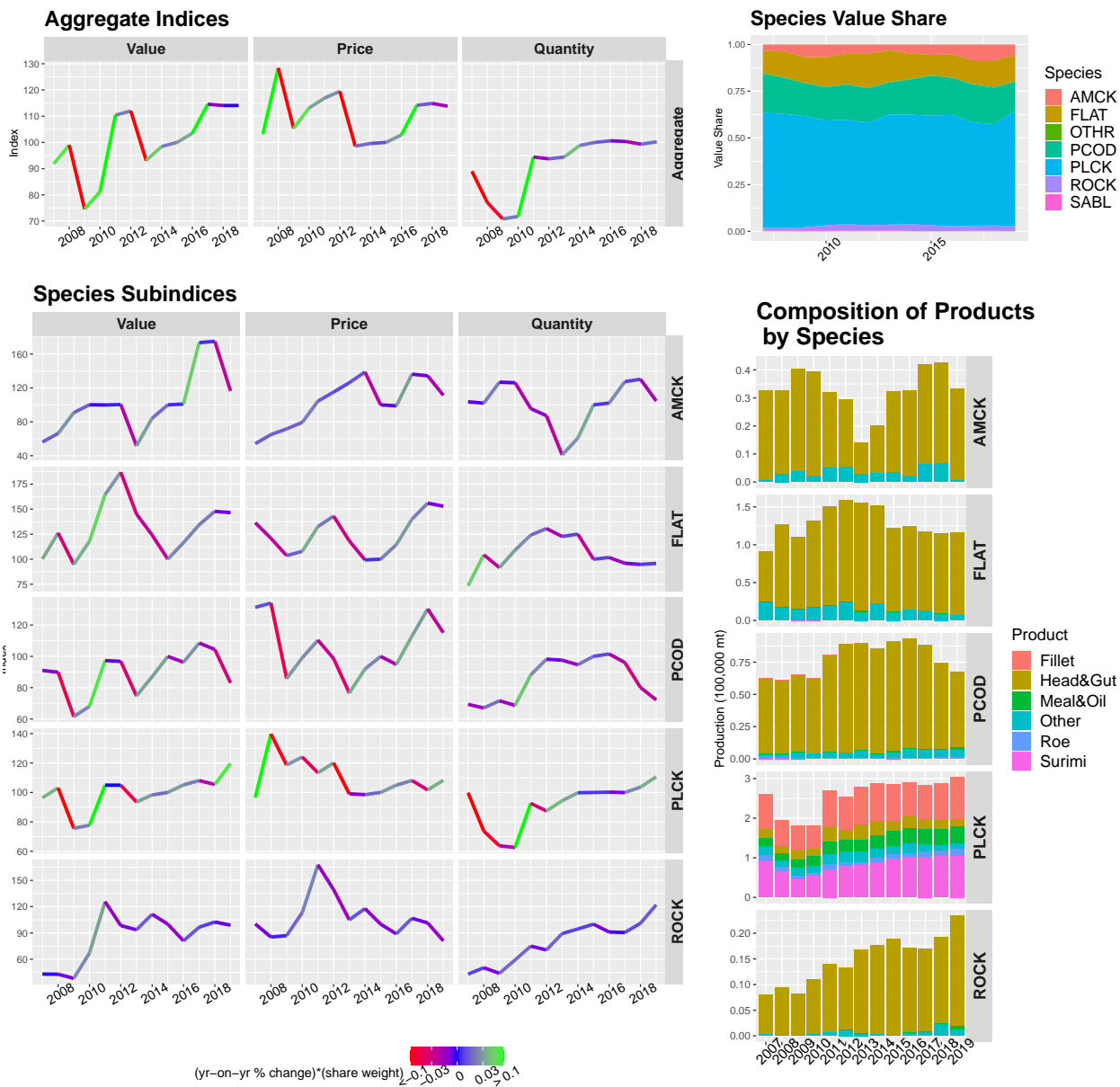


Figure 5.2: BSAI at-sea wholesale market: species decomposition 2007-2019 (Index 2015 = 100).  
**Notes:** Index values for 2014-2019, notes and source information for the indices are on Table 5.1. Index coloring indicates its influence on aggregate index movements, see Section 5.1 for details.



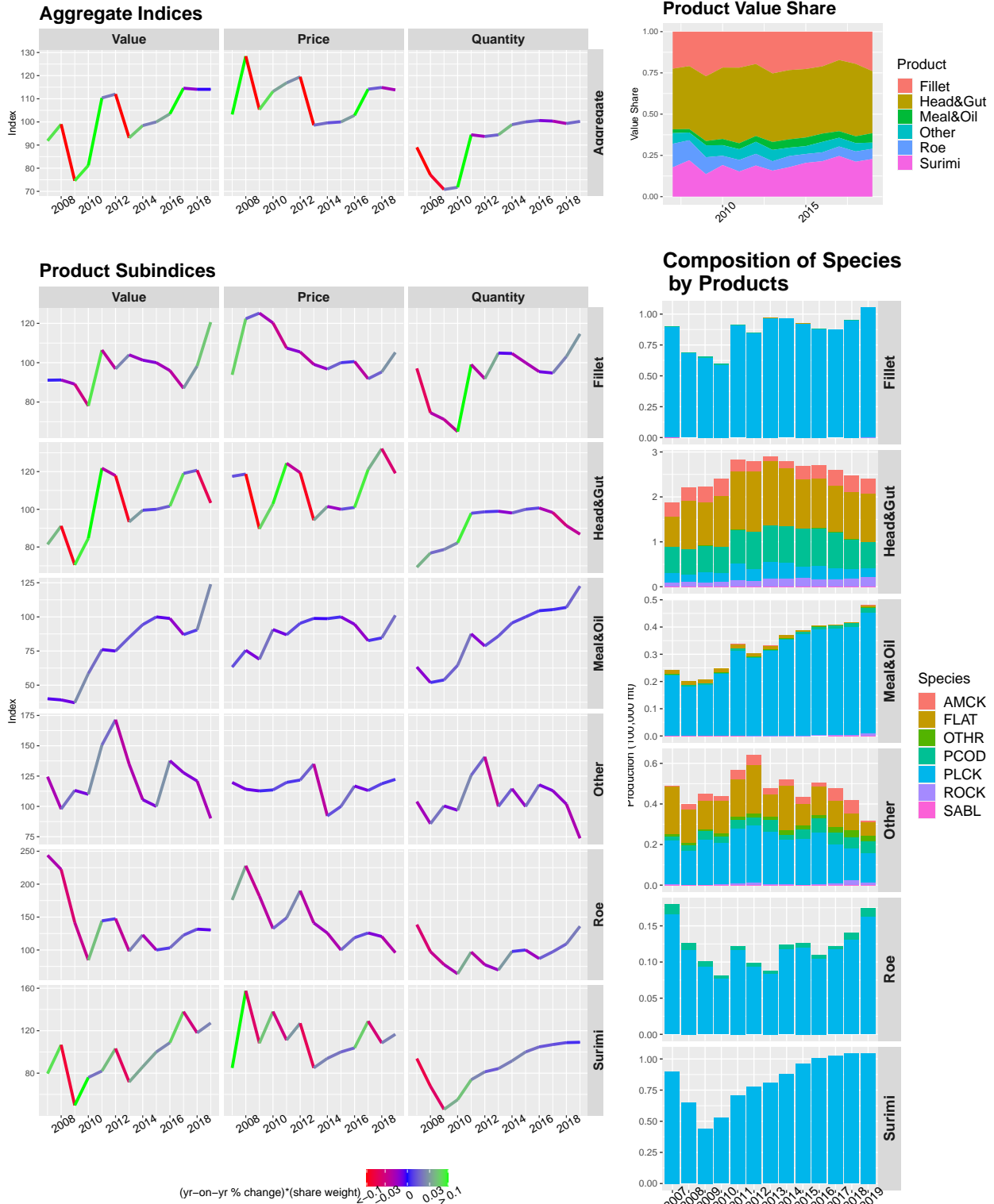


Figure 5.3: BSAI at-sea wholesale market: product decomposition 2007-2019 (Index 2015 = 100).  
**Notes:** Index values for 2014-2019, notes and source information for the indices are on Table 5.2. Index coloring indicates its influence on aggregate index movements, see Section 5.1 for details.

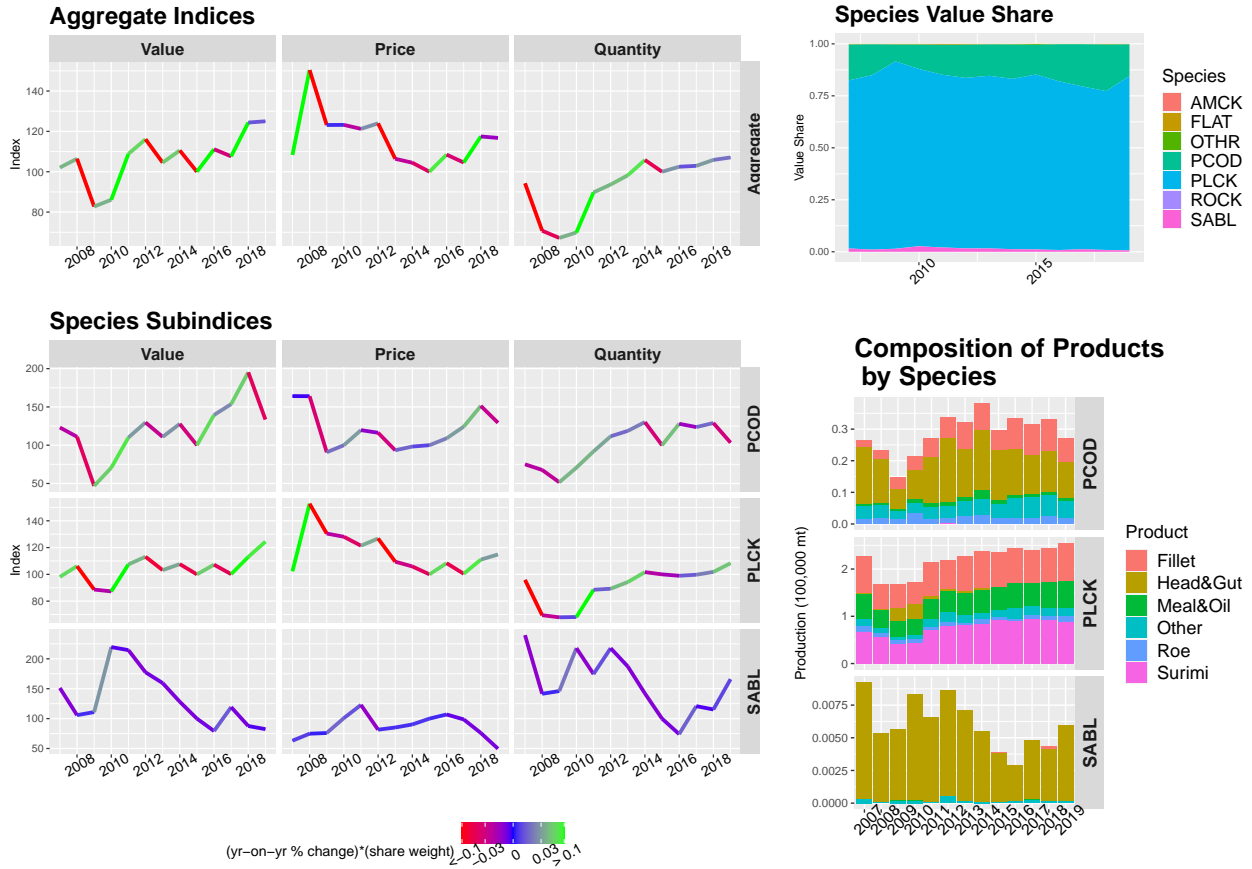


Figure 5.4: BSAI shoreside wholesale market: species decomposition 2007-2019 (Index 2015 = 100).  
**Notes:** Index values for 2014-2019, notes and source information for the indices are on Table 5.3. Index coloring indicates its influence on aggregate index movements, see Section 5.1 for details.

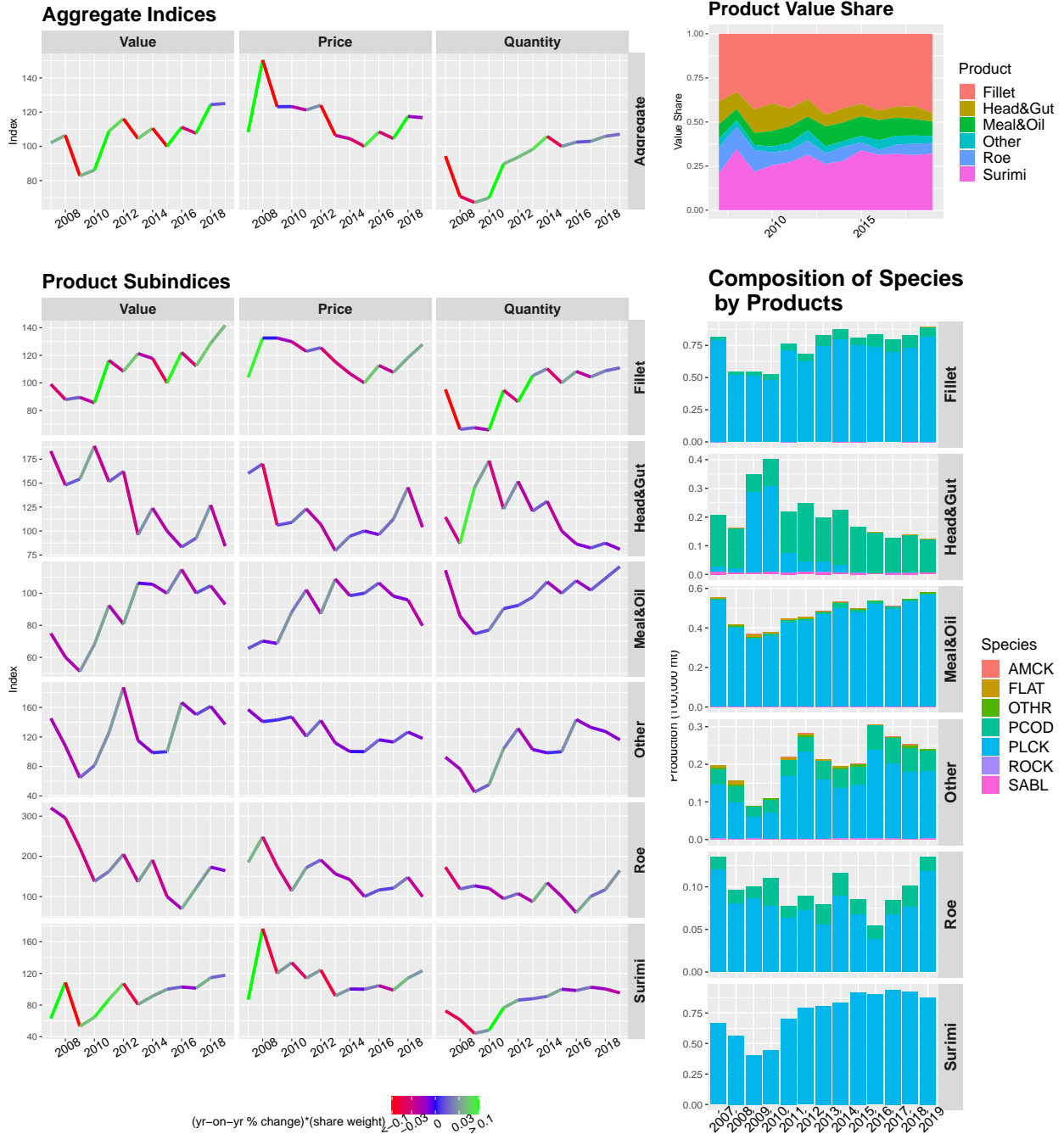


Figure 5.5: BSAI shoreside wholesale market: product decomposition 2007-2019 (Index 2015 = 100).  
**Notes:** Index values for 2014-2019, notes and source information for the indices are on Table 5.4. Index coloring indicates its influence on aggregate index movements, see Section 5.1 for details.

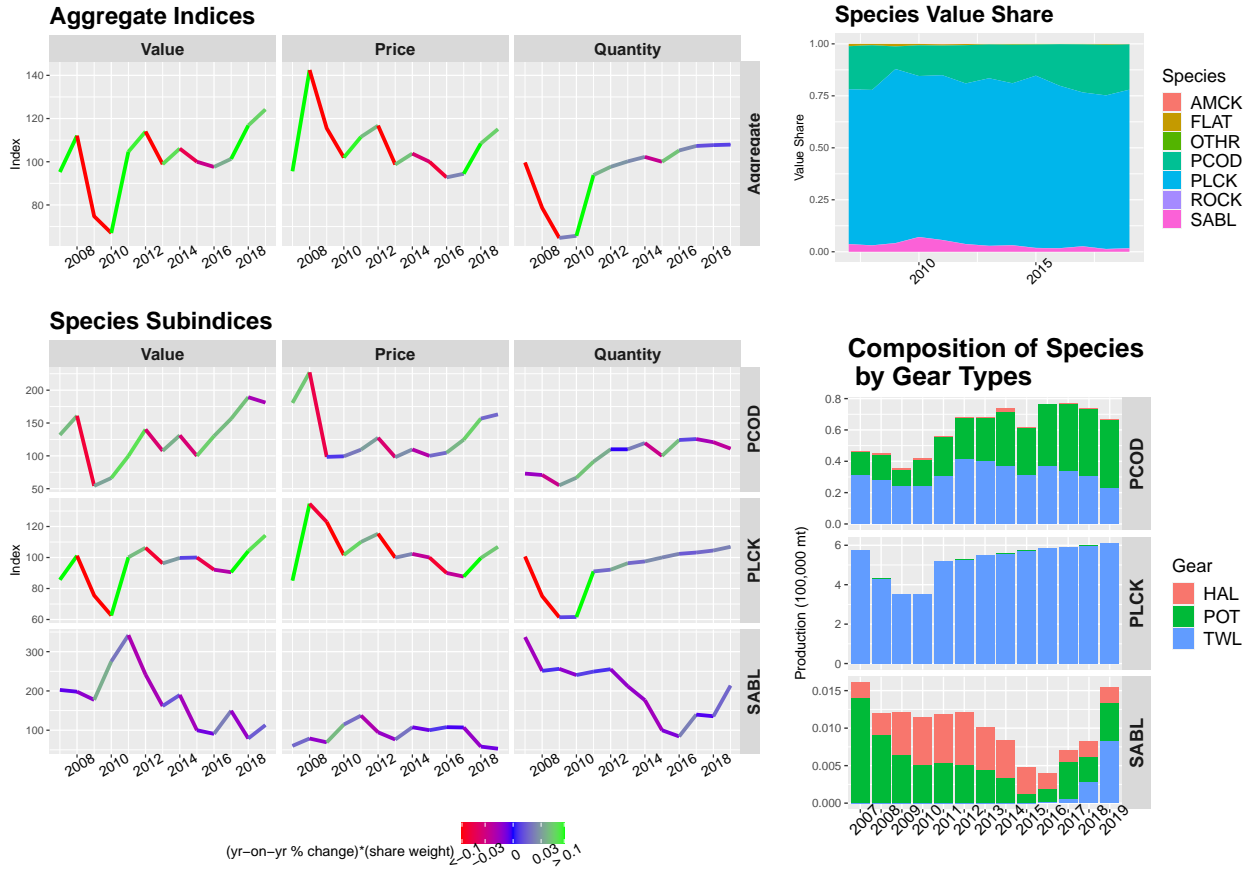


Figure 5.6: BSAI shoreside ex-vessel market: species decomposition 2007-2019 (Index 2015 = 100).  
**Notes:** Index values for 2014-2019, notes and source information for the indices are on Table 5.5. Index coloring indicates its influence on aggregate index movements, see Section 5.1 for details.

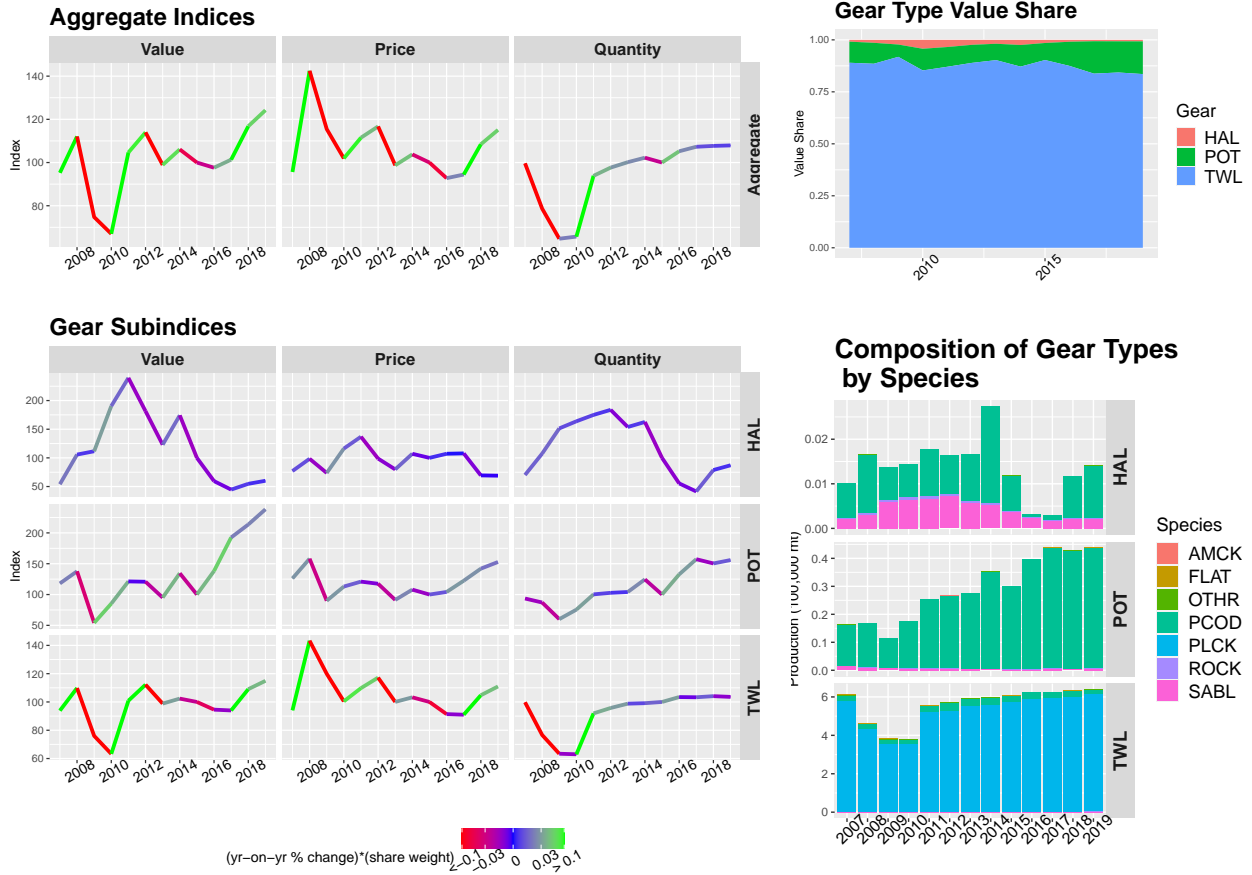


Figure 5.7: BSAI shoreside ex-vessel market: gear decomposition 2007-2019 (Index 2015 = 100).  
**Notes:** Index values for 2014-2019, notes and source information for the indices are on Table 5.6. Index coloring indicates its influence on aggregate index movements, see Section 5.1 for details.

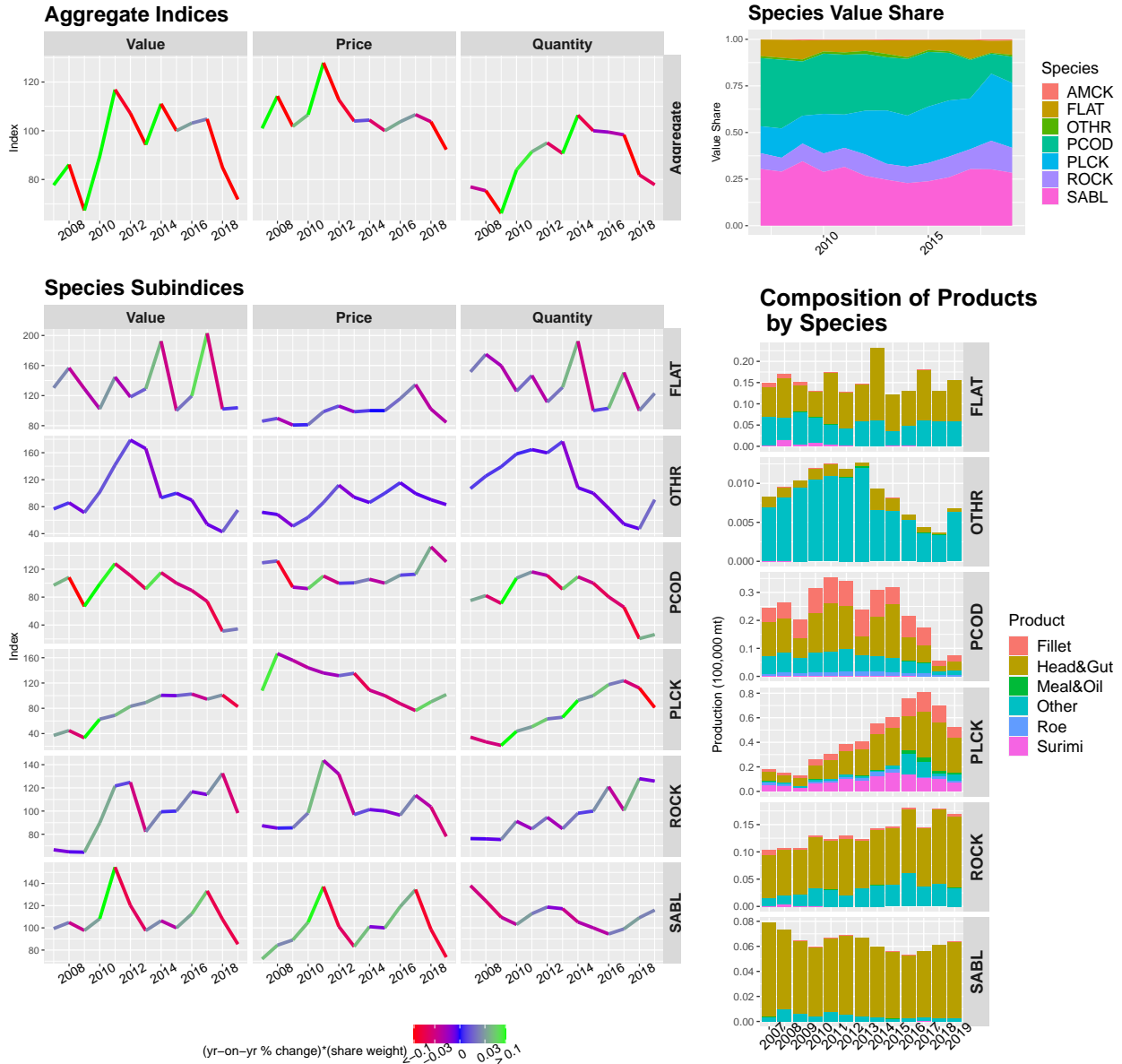


Figure 5.8: GOA wholesale market: species decomposition 2007-2019 (Index 2015 = 100).  
**Notes:** Index values for 2014-2019, notes and source information for the indices are on Table 5.7. Index coloring indicates its influence on aggregate index movements, see Section 5.1 for details.

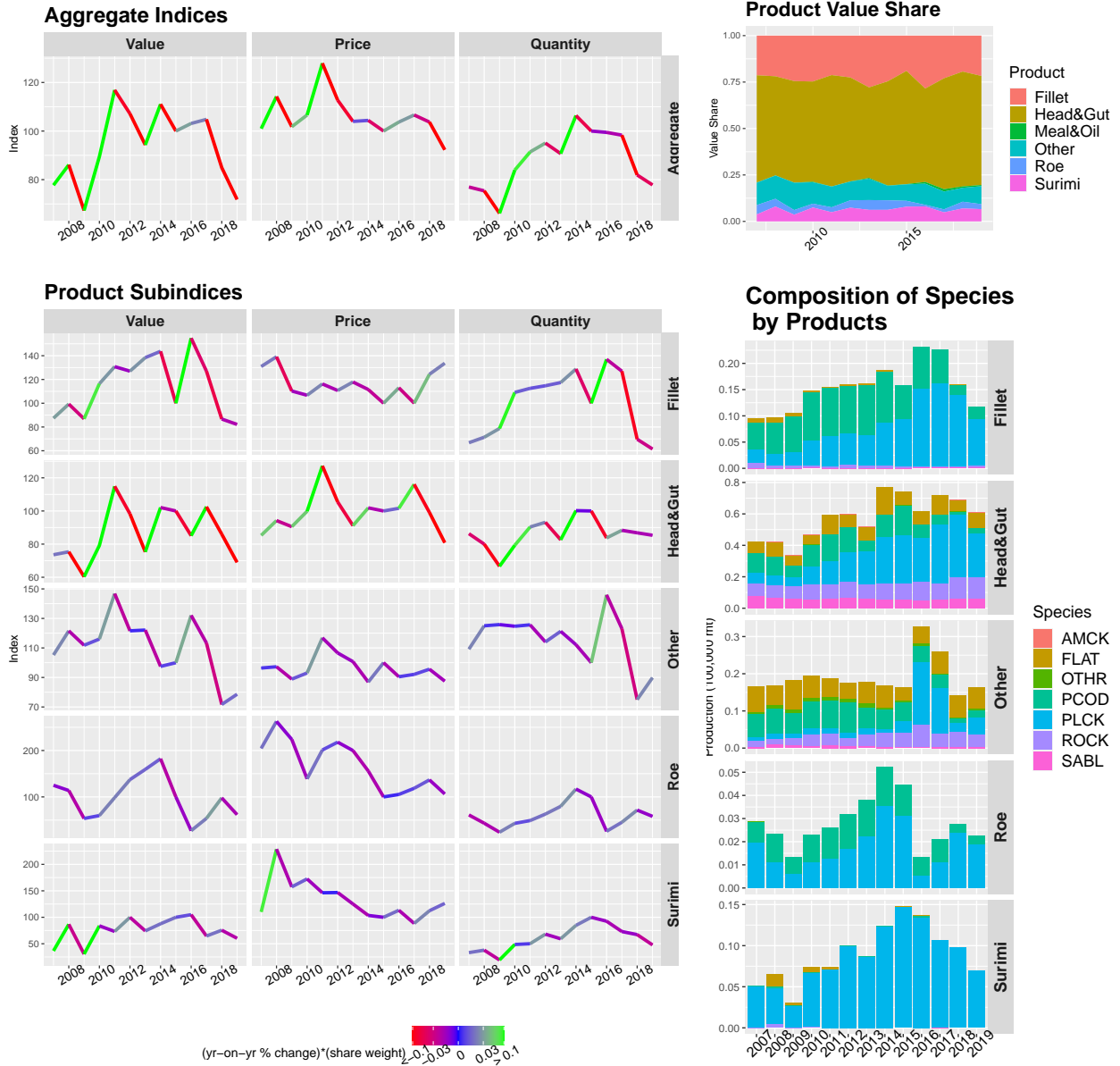


Figure 5.9: GOA wholesale market: product decomposition 2007-2019 (Index 2015 = 100).  
**Notes:** Index values for 2014-2019, notes and source information for the indices are on Table 5.8. Index coloring indicates its influence on aggregate index movements, see Section 5.1 for details.

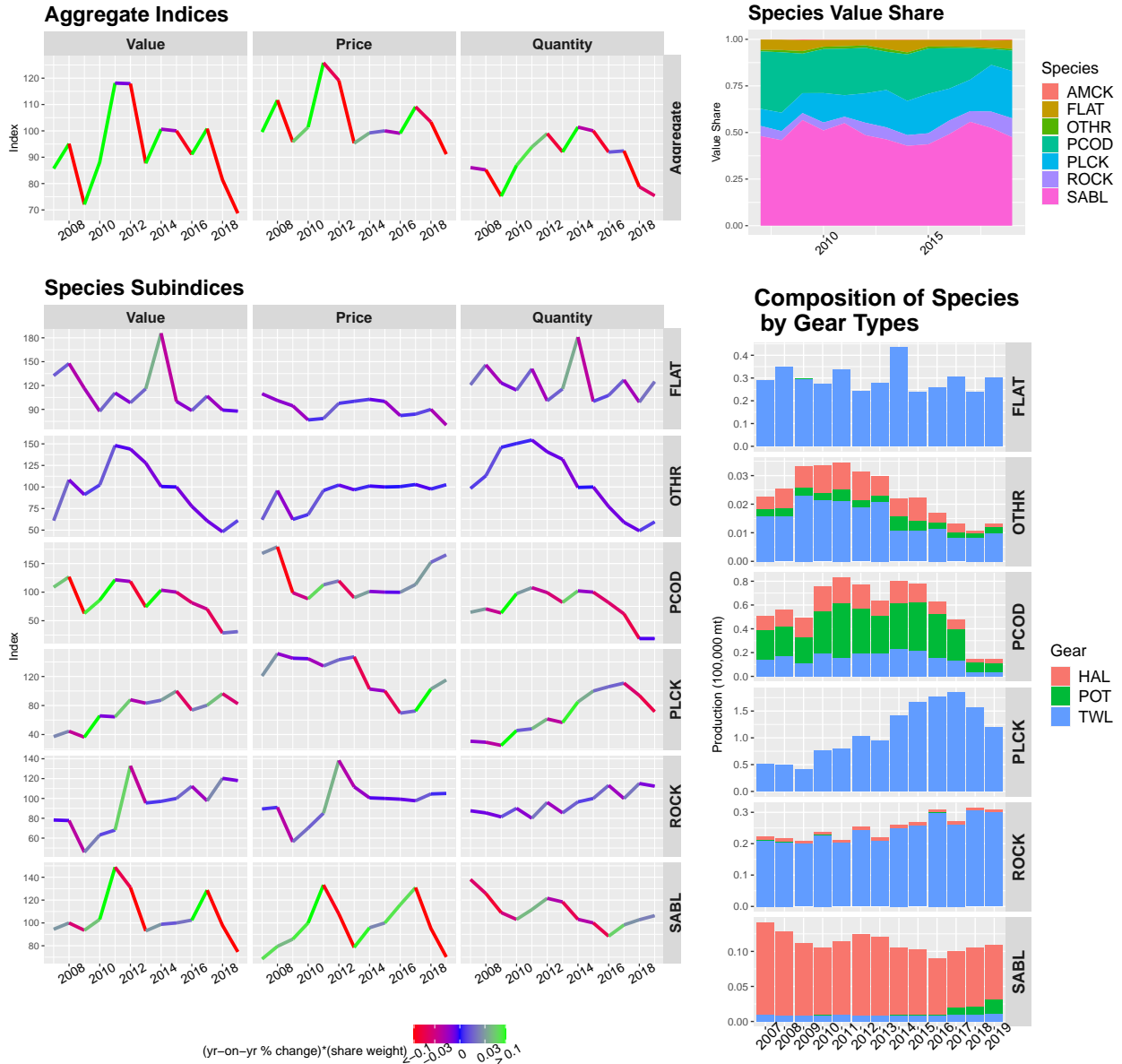


Figure 5.10: GOA ex-vessel market: species decomposition 2007-2019 (Index 2015 = 100).  
**Notes:** Index values for 2014-2019, notes and source information for the indices are on Table 5.9. Index coloring indicates its influence on aggregate index movements, see Section 5.1 for details.





Figure 5.11: GOA ex-vessel market: gear decomposition 2007-2019 (Index 2015 = 100).  
**Notes:** Index values for 2014-2019, notes and source information for the indices are on Table 5.10. Index coloring indicates its influence on aggregate index movements, see Section 5.1 for details.

Table 5.1: Species indices and value share for the BSAI at-sea first-wholesale market 2014-2019.

Species	Index Type	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Aggregate	Value	98.43	100.00	103.49	114.57	114.09	114.09
Aggregate	Price	99.59	100.00	102.86	114.15	114.87	113.84
Aggregate	Quantity	98.83	100.00	100.62	100.36	99.32	100.22
AMCK	Value	84.27	100.00	100.97	173.52	174.97	116.48
AMCK	Price	138.81	100.00	98.87	136.24	134.33	111.29
AMCK	Quantity	60.71	100.00	102.12	127.36	130.26	104.66
AMCK	Value Share	0.05	0.06	0.05	0.08	0.09	0.06
FLAT	Value	124.12	100.00	116.51	134.38	147.84	146.56
FLAT	Price	99.26	100.00	114.58	140.07	156.02	153.00
FLAT	Quantity	125.06	100.00	101.69	95.94	94.76	95.79
FLAT	Value Share	0.14	0.11	0.12	0.13	0.14	0.14
PCOD	Value	86.99	100.00	96.25	108.53	104.41	83.09
PCOD	Price	91.91	100.00	94.80	112.97	130.32	115.12
PCOD	Quantity	94.65	100.00	101.53	96.07	80.12	72.17
PCOD	Value Share	0.19	0.21	0.20	0.20	0.19	0.16
PLCK	Value	98.35	100.00	105.15	108.08	105.45	119.73
PLCK	Price	98.54	100.00	104.93	108.15	101.73	108.22
PLCK	Quantity	99.80	100.00	100.21	99.94	103.65	110.63
PLCK	Value Share	0.59	0.59	0.60	0.55	0.54	0.62
ROCK	Value	111.28	100.00	80.94	96.51	102.43	98.84
ROCK	Price	117.81	100.00	88.93	106.67	101.44	80.99
ROCK	Quantity	94.46	100.00	91.01	90.48	100.98	122.04
ROCK	Value Share	0.04	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.03

**Notes:** Species with a value share less than 1% were not included in this table. All groundfish species were used to calculate aggregate indices and value share. The Fisher index method was used to construct the indices. Further details can be found in the text or by contacting [ben.fissel@noaa.gov](mailto:ben.fissel@noaa.gov).

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Table 5.2: Product indices and value share for the BSAI at-sea first-wholesale market 2014-2019.

Product	Index Type	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Aggregate	Value	98.43	100.00	103.49	114.57	114.09	114.09
Aggregate	Price	99.59	100.00	102.86	114.15	114.87	113.84
Aggregate	Quantity	98.83	100.00	100.62	100.36	99.32	100.22
Fillet	Value	101.29	100.00	95.98	87.01	98.29	120.61
Fillet	Price	96.76	100.00	100.57	91.82	95.31	105.22
Fillet	Quantity	104.68	100.00	95.43	94.77	103.13	114.62
Fillet	Value Share	0.23	0.23	0.21	0.17	0.20	0.24
Head&Gut	Value	99.52	100.00	101.71	119.03	120.71	103.41
Head&Gut	Price	101.51	100.00	101.01	121.12	132.17	119.14
Head&Gut	Quantity	98.04	100.00	100.69	98.28	91.33	86.80
Head&Gut	Value Share	0.42	0.41	0.41	0.43	0.44	0.38
Meal&Oil	Value	94.33	100.00	98.85	87.00	90.50	123.95
Meal&Oil	Price	98.72	100.00	94.57	82.60	84.61	101.15
Meal&Oil	Quantity	95.56	100.00	104.52	105.33	106.96	122.55
Meal&Oil	Value Share	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.04	0.04	0.06
Other	Value	105.56	100.00	137.63	127.78	120.92	90.15
Other	Price	92.17	100.00	116.83	113.12	118.68	122.30
Other	Quantity	114.52	100.00	117.80	112.96	101.89	73.71
Other	Value Share	0.05	0.05	0.06	0.05	0.05	0.04
Roe	Value	122.88	100.00	103.20	122.50	131.65	130.50
Roe	Price	125.71	100.00	118.69	125.89	120.50	95.97
Roe	Quantity	97.75	100.00	86.95	97.31	109.25	135.98
Roe	Value Share	0.07	0.05	0.05	0.06	0.06	0.06
Surimi	Value	86.00	100.00	108.76	137.90	117.98	127.23
Surimi	Price	93.93	100.00	103.81	128.95	108.45	116.61
Surimi	Quantity	91.56	100.00	104.77	106.94	108.78	109.11
Surimi	Value Share	0.18	0.20	0.22	0.25	0.21	0.23

**Notes:** Products types ‘Minced’, ‘Other’ and those with a value share less than 1% were not included in this table. All product types were used to construct aggregate indices and value share. The Fisher index method was used to construct the indices. Further details can be found in the text or by contacting [ben.fissel@noaa.gov](mailto:ben.fissel@noaa.gov).

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Table 5.3: Species indices and value share for the BSAI shoreside first-wholesale market 2014-2019.

Species	Index Type	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Aggregate	Value	110.56	100.00	111.17	107.63	124.38	125.01
Aggregate	Price	104.47	100.00	108.48	104.58	117.49	116.75
Aggregate	Quantity	105.84	100.00	102.48	102.92	105.86	107.07
PCOD	Value	127.87	100.00	139.47	153.64	195.17	133.58
PCOD	Price	98.24	100.00	108.96	124.23	151.33	129.27
PCOD	Quantity	130.16	100.00	128.00	123.67	128.97	103.34
PCOD	Value Share	0.16	0.14	0.18	0.20	0.22	0.15
PLCK	Value	107.67	100.00	107.22	100.15	113.03	124.41
PLCK	Price	105.92	100.00	108.37	100.44	111.01	114.86
PLCK	Quantity	101.65	100.00	98.94	99.71	101.82	108.31
PLCK	Value Share	0.82	0.84	0.81	0.78	0.76	0.84
SABL	Value	128.21	100.00	79.25	119.21	87.60	82.43
SABL	Price	90.22	100.00	106.94	98.66	75.98	49.68
SABL	Quantity	142.11	100.00	74.10	120.83	115.30	165.90
SABL	Value Share	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01

**Notes:** Species with a value share less than 1% were not included in this table. All groundfish species were used to calculate aggregate indices and value share. The Fisher index method was used to construct the indices. Further details can be found in the text or by contacting [ben.fissel@noaa.gov](mailto:ben.fissel@noaa.gov).

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Table 5.4: Product indices and value share for the BSAI shoreside first-wholesale market 2014-2019.

Product	Index Type	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Aggregate	Value	110.56	100.00	111.17	107.63	124.38	125.01
Aggregate	Price	104.47	100.00	108.48	104.58	117.49	116.75
Aggregate	Quantity	105.84	100.00	102.48	102.92	105.86	107.07
Fillet	Value	117.79	100.00	122.08	112.28	128.71	141.80
Fillet	Price	106.77	100.00	112.68	107.64	118.35	127.85
Fillet	Quantity	110.32	100.00	108.34	104.31	108.76	110.91
Fillet	Value Share	0.42	0.40	0.44	0.41	0.41	0.45
Head&Gut	Value	123.92	100.00	83.27	92.55	127.08	84.21
Head&Gut	Price	94.60	100.00	96.28	112.46	145.50	104.04
Head&Gut	Quantity	131.00	100.00	86.49	82.30	87.34	80.94
Head&Gut	Value Share	0.08	0.07	0.05	0.06	0.07	0.05
Meal&Oil	Value	105.61	100.00	114.89	100.16	104.75	93.08
Meal&Oil	Price	98.55	100.00	106.50	98.23	95.84	79.79
Meal&Oil	Quantity	107.17	100.00	107.88	101.97	109.30	116.65
Meal&Oil	Value Share	0.11	0.11	0.11	0.10	0.09	0.08
Other	Value	98.64	100.00	166.75	150.34	161.42	136.91
Other	Price	100.22	100.00	116.08	113.06	126.65	117.98
Other	Quantity	98.42	100.00	143.65	132.97	127.45	116.05
Other	Value Share	0.03	0.04	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.04
Roe	Value	190.98	100.00	69.56	121.34	173.17	164.54
Roe	Price	142.12	100.00	116.29	120.98	147.93	99.73
Roe	Quantity	134.38	100.00	59.81	100.30	117.06	164.98
Roe	Value Share	0.08	0.05	0.03	0.05	0.06	0.06
Surimi	Value	91.25	100.00	102.83	101.39	114.55	117.74
Surimi	Price	100.30	100.00	104.52	98.88	114.10	123.43
Surimi	Quantity	90.98	100.00	98.38	102.54	100.40	95.39
Surimi	Value Share	0.28	0.34	0.31	0.32	0.31	0.32

**Notes:** Products types ‘Minced’, ‘Other’ and those with a value share less than 1% were not included in this table. All product types were used to construct aggregate indices and value share. The Fisher index method was used to construct the indices. Further details can be found in the text or by contacting [ben.fissel@noaa.gov](mailto:ben.fissel@noaa.gov).

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Table 5.5: Species indices and value share for the BSAI shoreside ex-vessel market 2014-2019.

Species	Index Type	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Aggregate	Value	106.09	100.00	97.61	101.33	116.80	124.21
Aggregate	Price	103.77	100.00	92.77	94.44	108.44	115.08
Aggregate	Quantity	102.24	100.00	105.22	107.30	107.70	107.93
PCOD	Value	131.21	100.00	130.16	156.52	189.29	181.13
PCOD	Price	109.79	100.00	104.84	124.65	156.69	163.13
PCOD	Quantity	119.51	100.00	124.15	125.57	120.80	111.03
PCOD	Value Share	0.18	0.15	0.20	0.23	0.24	0.22
PLCK	Value	99.72	100.00	92.14	90.51	104.16	114.27
PLCK	Price	102.33	100.00	90.01	87.69	99.65	106.88
PLCK	Quantity	97.45	100.00	102.37	103.21	104.52	106.91
PLCK	Value Share	0.78	0.83	0.78	0.74	0.74	0.76
SABL	Value	189.72	100.00	90.71	149.40	78.98	112.99
SABL	Price	107.56	100.00	107.76	106.94	58.26	52.92
SABL	Quantity	176.39	100.00	84.17	139.71	135.58	213.53
SABL	Value Share	0.03	0.02	0.02	0.03	0.01	0.02

**Notes:** Species with a value share less than 1% were not included in this table. All groundfish species were used to calculate aggregate indices and value share. The Fisher index method was used to construct the indices. Further details can be found in the text or by contacting [ben.fissel@noaa.gov](mailto:ben.fissel@noaa.gov).

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Table 5.6: Gear indices and value share for the BSAI shoreside ex-vessel market 2014-2019.

Gear	Index Type	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Aggregate	Value	106.09	100.00	97.61	101.33	116.80	124.21
Aggregate	Price	103.77	100.00	92.77	94.44	108.44	115.08
Aggregate	Quantity	102.24	100.00	105.22	107.30	107.70	107.93
HAL	Value	174.26	100.00	59.46	44.63	54.72	60.02
HAL	Price	107.14	100.00	107.20	107.82	69.43	68.93
HAL	Quantity	162.65	100.00	55.47	41.40	78.82	87.07
HAL	Value Share	0.02	0.02	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01
POT	Value	134.50	100.00	138.18	192.58	213.59	238.23
POT	Price	107.95	100.00	104.18	122.41	141.98	152.76
POT	Quantity	124.59	100.00	132.64	157.33	150.44	155.95
POT	Value Share	0.10	0.08	0.12	0.16	0.15	0.16
TWL	Value	102.37	100.00	94.56	94.00	109.05	114.93
TWL	Price	103.26	100.00	91.40	90.98	104.75	110.95
TWL	Quantity	99.13	100.00	103.46	103.32	104.10	103.58
TWL	Value Share	0.87	0.90	0.87	0.84	0.84	0.84

**Notes:** The Fisher index method was used to construct the indices. Further details on index construction and gear decomposition can be found in the text or by contacting [ben.fissel@noaa.gov](mailto:ben.fissel@noaa.gov).

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Table 5.7: Species indices and value share for the GOA first-wholesale market 2014-2019.

Species	Index Type	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Aggregate	Value	111.04	100.00	103.12	104.81	84.94	71.83
Aggregate	Price	104.38	100.00	103.70	106.62	103.70	92.28
Aggregate	Quantity	106.38	100.00	99.45	98.30	81.91	77.84
FLAT	Value	192.36	100.00	119.66	202.94	102.13	103.83
FLAT	Price	100.00	100.00	115.98	134.64	102.09	84.45
FLAT	Quantity	192.36	100.00	103.18	150.73	100.04	122.95
FLAT	Value Share	0.09	0.05	0.06	0.10	0.06	0.08
OTHR	Value	93.19	100.00	89.69	53.99	42.74	74.96
OTHR	Price	86.15	100.00	115.56	99.53	90.39	83.07
OTHR	Quantity	108.17	100.00	77.61	54.24	47.28	90.24
OTHR	Value Share	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01
PCOD	Value	115.12	100.00	89.53	73.82	31.22	34.38
PCOD	Price	105.51	100.00	111.43	112.77	152.03	130.61
PCOD	Quantity	109.11	100.00	80.35	65.46	20.53	26.32
PCOD	Value Share	0.30	0.29	0.25	0.21	0.11	0.14
PLCK	Value	100.55	100.00	102.54	94.43	100.97	82.61
PLCK	Price	108.74	100.00	87.32	76.34	90.15	101.66
PLCK	Quantity	92.47	100.00	117.43	123.70	112.01	81.26
PLCK	Value Share	0.27	0.30	0.30	0.27	0.36	0.35
ROCK	Value	99.39	100.00	116.71	114.24	132.51	98.33
ROCK	Price	101.30	100.00	96.46	113.60	103.58	78.12
ROCK	Quantity	98.11	100.00	120.99	100.56	127.94	125.86
ROCK	Value Share	0.09	0.10	0.11	0.11	0.15	0.13
SABL	Value	106.39	100.00	112.59	133.27	107.73	85.34
SABL	Price	101.08	100.00	119.15	134.50	98.70	73.58
SABL	Quantity	105.26	100.00	94.49	99.08	109.16	115.97
SABL	Value Share	0.23	0.24	0.26	0.30	0.30	0.28

**Notes:** Species with a value share less than 1% were not included in this table. All groundfish species were used to calculate aggregate indices and value share. The Fisher index method was used to construct the indices. Further details can be found in the text or by contacting [ben.fissel@noaa.gov](mailto:ben.fissel@noaa.gov).

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Table 5.8: Product indices and value share for the GOA first-wholesale market 2014-2019.

Product	Index Type	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Aggregate	Value	111.04	100.00	103.12	104.81	84.94	71.83
Aggregate	Price	104.38	100.00	103.70	106.62	103.70	92.28
Aggregate	Quantity	106.38	100.00	99.45	98.30	81.91	77.84
Fillet	Value	143.69	100.00	154.77	127.01	86.70	82.20
Fillet	Price	111.54	100.00	113.02	100.05	124.38	133.66
Fillet	Quantity	128.83	100.00	136.95	126.95	69.71	61.49
Fillet	Value Share	0.25	0.19	0.28	0.23	0.19	0.22
Head&Gut	Value	102.08	100.00	85.09	102.54	86.01	69.01
Head&Gut	Price	101.87	100.00	101.62	116.09	99.07	80.86
Head&Gut	Quantity	100.20	100.00	83.74	88.33	86.82	85.34
Head&Gut	Value Share	0.56	0.61	0.50	0.60	0.62	0.59
Other	Value	97.49	100.00	132.05	113.36	71.69	78.61
Other	Price	86.90	100.00	90.47	92.09	95.60	87.50
Other	Quantity	112.18	100.00	145.95	123.10	75.00	89.84
Other	Value Share	0.08	0.09	0.11	0.10	0.07	0.10
Roe	Value	182.23	100.00	27.29	53.71	97.89	61.81
Roe	Price	155.85	100.00	105.30	118.52	136.69	106.40
Roe	Quantity	116.93	100.00	25.92	45.32	71.61	58.10
Roe	Value Share	0.05	0.03	0.01	0.02	0.04	0.03
Surimi	Value	87.70	100.00	104.88	64.59	75.58	60.37
Surimi	Price	103.49	100.00	113.28	88.41	112.38	126.20
Surimi	Quantity	84.74	100.00	92.58	73.07	67.26	47.84
Surimi	Value Share	0.06	0.08	0.08	0.05	0.07	0.07

**Notes:** Products types ‘Minced’ and those with a value share less than 1% were not included in this table. All product types were used to construct aggregate indices and value share. The Fisher index method was used to construct the indices. Further details can be found in the text or by contacting ben.fissel@noaa.gov.

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Table 5.9: Species indices and value share for the GOA ex-vessel market 2014-2019.

Species	Index Type	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Aggregate	Value	100.64	100.00	91.08	100.82	81.42	68.72
Aggregate	Price	99.23	100.00	99.07	109.13	103.34	91.16
Aggregate	Quantity	101.42	100.00	91.94	92.38	78.78	75.39
FLAT	Value	185.71	100.00	88.46	106.72	89.14	87.80
FLAT	Price	102.64	100.00	82.20	84.03	89.95	70.31
FLAT	Quantity	180.93	100.00	107.62	127.00	99.10	124.88
FLAT	Value Share	0.07	0.04	0.03	0.04	0.04	0.05
OTHR	Value	100.58	100.00	77.59	60.81	48.03	61.13
OTHR	Price	101.12	100.00	100.44	102.87	97.61	102.63
OTHR	Quantity	99.47	100.00	77.25	59.11	49.20	59.56
OTHR	Value Share	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01
PCOD	Value	103.50	100.00	81.48	70.24	28.59	30.94
PCOD	Price	101.26	100.00	99.75	113.39	152.18	165.11
PCOD	Quantity	102.21	100.00	81.69	61.95	18.79	18.74
PCOD	Value Share	0.25	0.24	0.22	0.17	0.09	0.11
PLCK	Value	87.29	100.00	73.62	80.39	96.35	82.41
PLCK	Price	102.72	100.00	69.51	72.51	102.64	115.16
PLCK	Quantity	84.97	100.00	105.91	110.87	93.87	71.56
PLCK	Value Share	0.18	0.21	0.17	0.17	0.25	0.25
ROCK	Value	97.07	100.00	112.30	97.57	120.25	118.01
ROCK	Price	100.56	100.00	99.24	97.67	104.51	105.02
ROCK	Quantity	96.53	100.00	113.16	99.89	115.05	112.36
ROCK	Value Share	0.06	0.06	0.07	0.06	0.09	0.10
SABL	Value	98.80	100.00	102.47	128.68	97.79	74.67
SABL	Price	95.79	100.00	115.93	130.98	95.15	70.20
SABL	Quantity	103.14	100.00	88.39	98.24	102.78	106.36
SABL	Value Share	0.43	0.44	0.49	0.56	0.52	0.47

**Notes:** Species with a value share less than 1% were not included in this table. All groundfish species were used to calculate aggregate indices and value share. The Fisher index method was used to construct the indices. Further details can be found in the text or by contacting [ben.fissel@noaa.gov](mailto:ben.fissel@noaa.gov).

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Table 5.10: Gear indices and value share for the GOA ex-vessel market 2014-2019.

Gear	Index Type	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Aggregate	Value	100.64	100.00	91.08	100.82	81.42	68.72
Aggregate	Price	99.23	100.00	99.07	109.13	103.34	91.16
Aggregate	Quantity	101.42	100.00	91.94	92.38	78.78	75.39
HAL	Value	100.30	100.00	97.21	107.87	80.69	58.28
HAL	Price	96.46	100.00	114.23	128.39	98.81	75.94
HAL	Quantity	103.99	100.00	85.10	84.02	81.66	76.75
HAL	Value Share	0.47	0.47	0.50	0.50	0.47	0.40
POT	Value	96.09	100.00	91.97	110.56	64.59	76.16
POT	Price	100.40	100.00	98.76	109.99	112.97	98.78
POT	Quantity	95.71	100.00	93.12	100.52	57.17	77.10
POT	Value Share	0.13	0.13	0.14	0.15	0.11	0.15
TWL	Value	102.60	100.00	83.44	89.08	88.01	78.69
TWL	Price	102.23	100.00	82.63	88.07	104.77	106.10
TWL	Quantity	100.36	100.00	100.99	101.15	84.00	74.17
TWL	Value Share	0.40	0.39	0.36	0.35	0.43	0.45

**Notes:** The Fisher index method was used to construct the indices. Further details on index construction and gear decomposition can be found in the text or by contacting [ben.fissel@noaa.gov](mailto:ben.fissel@noaa.gov).

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## 6. GROUND FISH AND HALIBUT IN-SEASON EX-VESSEL REVENUE ESTIMATES FOR 2020

### 6.1. Overview

This section represents an ongoing effort by AFSC to provide the NPFMC, industry, and the public with economic information that is up to date through September 2020 for the annual groundfish harvest specifications process. Other sections of the Groundfish Economic SAFE (hereafter GFEconSAFE) are currently reporting final 2019 prices and revenues. The data presented in this section are estimates, “nowcasts”, of current 2020 year-to-date monthly ex-vessel revenues and landings for Alaska groundfish and halibut fisheries (methods are summarized below). These ex-vessel revenue estimates are the best estimates of 2020 North Pacific fisheries values currently available, but are likely to be different than the values that will be presented in the 2021 GFEconSAFE. Therefore, in the future, this section will be expanded to evaluate how these estimates correlate with finalized data to improve our ability to provide economic information into the annual groundfish harvest specifications process.

Harvest volumes in 2020 are down in Alaska approximately 13% compared with 2019 ( $\approx 270,000$  MT) and 15% below ( $\approx 320,000$  MT) the prior 5 year average baseline period (2015-2019; Figure 6.1) January through September, and prices are generally expected to be lower in 2020 than prior years. These trends are broadly consistent with the volume of U.S. exports of Alaska groundfish and halibut through June 2020. Estimated year-to-date 2020 revenues have dropped by 11% compared to 2019 (-\$90 million) and 27% (-\$279 million) from 2015-2019 average values between January and September.

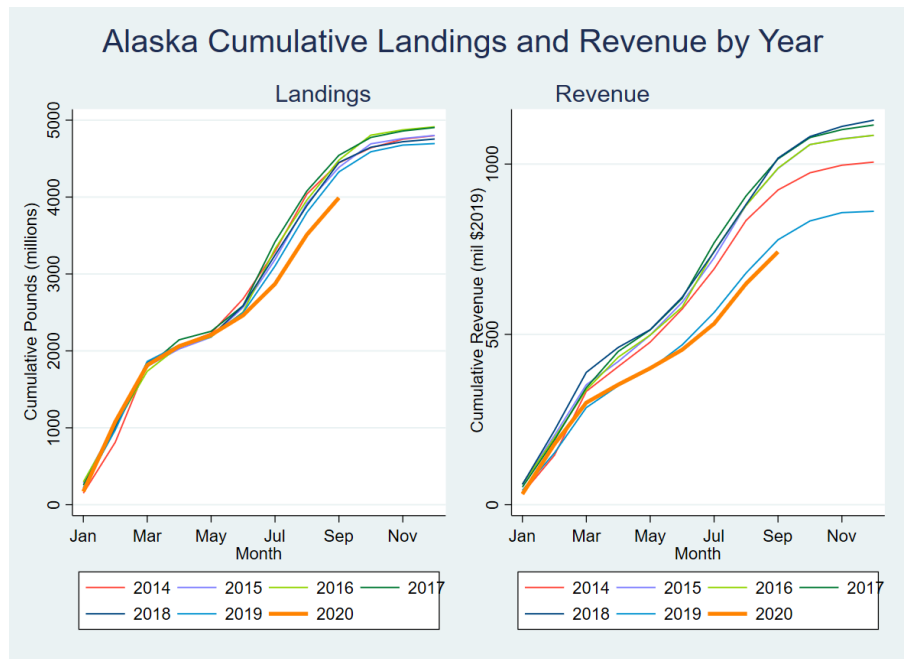


Figure 6.1: Alaska Groundfish and Halibut Cumulative Landings and Revenue by Year, 2014-2020.

On a percentage basis, BSAI harvest volumes fell by approximately 11% in 2020 compared with 2019 and 2015-2019 ( $\approx 200,000$  MT). This change is larger in absolute terms, but smaller in percentage terms than the 27% and 44% decline in landings in the GOA (which corresponds to  $\approx 56,000$  MT decline from 2019 and  $\approx 120,000$  MT decline from 2015-2019 average) as shown in Figures 6.2 and 6.3.

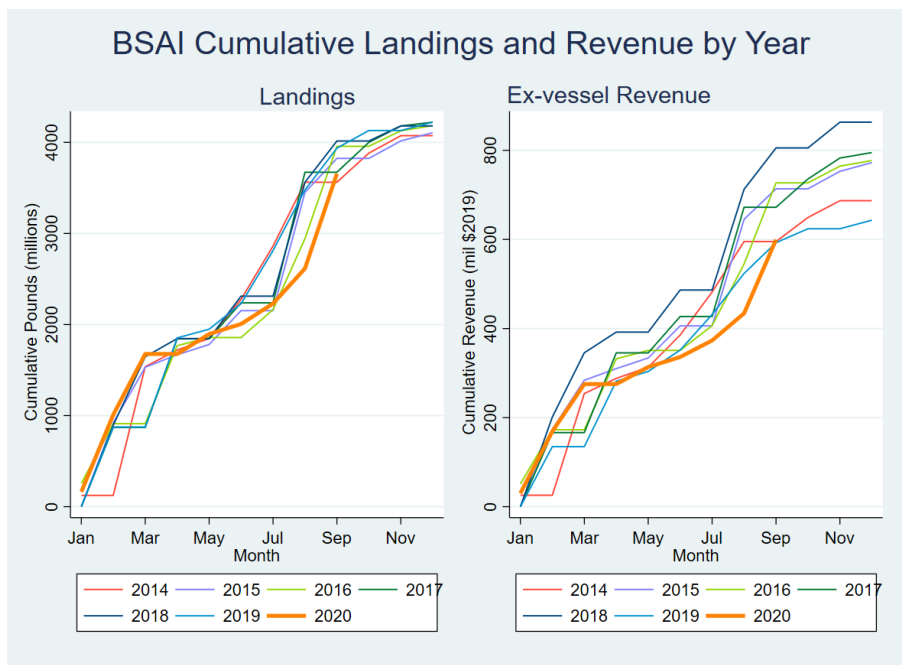


Figure 6.2: BSAI Groundfish and Halibut Cumulative Landings and Ex-vessel Revenue by Year

The GOA also experienced the larger percentage decline in estimated revenues over the baseline periods at approximately 32% (-\$66 million) and 47% (-\$128 million) comparing 2020 with 2019 and the 2015-2019 average. 2020 BSAI revenues are expected to only be down 4% (-\$25 million) from 2019 levels but over 20% below (-\$150 million) the 2015-2019 average.

Alaska remains the region of the U.S. with the largest seafood export values over the January to June period (about \$1 billion), but experienced a 7% decline in value in 2020 relative to 2019. There was also a large (48%) decline in seafood imports to Alaska, but those only represent a very small amount (approximately \$5 million). China is the US's top export country for Jan-June seafood exports, and is a major importer of Alaska seafood. Exports to China (including cod, crab, pollock) decreased from the \$515m baseline average to \$386m in 2020, a 25% decline (NMFS Foreign Trade Data<sup>1</sup>). However, the U.S. dollar weakened from January through October 2020 against the Euro (-5.7%)<sup>2</sup>, Yen (-3.6%)<sup>3</sup>, and Yuan (-2.8%)<sup>4</sup>, which should have helped U.S. and Alaska seafood export competitiveness. However, while the January-October US\$/Yuan exchange rate weakened overall, the US\$ appreciated in value compare with the Yuan from February through August which may have decreased US export competitiveness to China over much of 2020.

<sup>1</sup><https://www.st.nmfs.noaa.gov/commercial-fisheries/foreign-trade/>

<sup>2</sup><https://www.x-rates.com/average/?from=USD&to=EUR&amount=1&year=2020>, assessed 10/29/20.

<sup>3</sup><https://www.x-rates.com/average/?from=USD&to=JPY&amount=1&year=2020>, assessed 10/29/20.

<sup>4</sup><https://www.x-rates.com/average/?from=USD&to=CNY&amount=1&year=2020>, assessed 10/29/20.

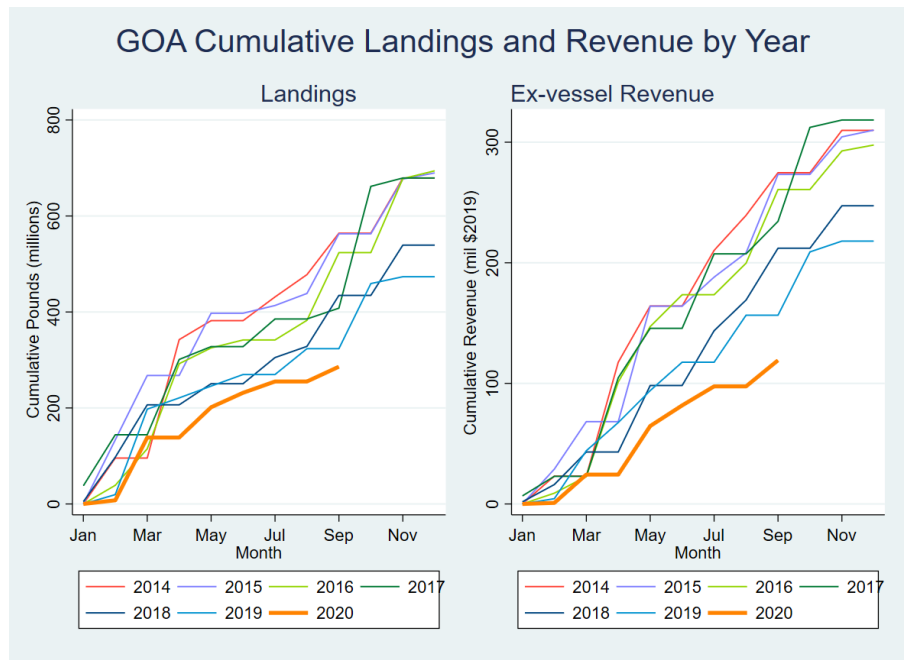


Figure 6.3: GOA Groundfish and Halibut Cumulative Landings and Ex-vessel Revenue by Year

## 6.2. COVID-19 Impacts

Alaska Governor Dunleavy declared a state of emergency on March 11 and the first confirmed case occurred on March 12. Restaurants, bars, breweries, and food trucks all closed beginning on March 18, which may have limited some amount of seafood sales in some communities, however, the large scale and global nature of Alaska fisheries means that restaurant closures throughout the lower 48 and globally are more likely to impact Alaska seafood sales. The Governor announced on March 23<sup>rd</sup> that “All people arriving in Alaska, whether resident, worker or visitor, are required to self-quarantine for 14 days and monitor for illness. Arriving residents and workers in self-quarantine, should work from home, unless you support critical infrastructure (see Attachment A).” Fishing and processing businesses are included in Attachment A as “essential businesses,” which allowed many fishing operations to continue in 2020, albeit at a substantial cost to the harvesting and processing industries in Alaska to maintain a safe working environment for their employees and minimize spread to local community residents. More information on the actions of the State of Alaska in response to this crisis can be found on the Office of Governor Mike Dunleavy’s webpage on COVID-19 Health Mandates.

Industry has reported that they have spent over \$50 million (McDowell September 2020)<sup>5</sup> to reduce the risk of COVID-19 transmission among harvesters, processors, and the local communities while still providing important seafood for the U.S. and international markets as well as providing food security for many Alaskans. The seafood industry has been fairly successful in Alaska limiting virus spread, but they had to deal with a substantial reduction in transportation options in many Western Alaska and Aleutian Islands communities and limited ability to switch crews throughout the fishing seasons to date. The NMFS Alaska Regional Office has been instrumental in devising solutions with industry to allow the continuation of fishing operations and limit the need for fisheries closures

<sup>5</sup><https://www.alaskaseafood.org/covid-19-impact-reports/>

which would otherwise lead to vessel downtime and higher crew turnover increasing the risk of COVID-19 transmission.

### 6.3. Methods

The method of “nowcasting” year-to-date monthly 2020 ex-vessel prices is analogous to the methods described in Section 7 of the GFEconSAFE. Ex-vessel prices information for 2020 is available through e-landings reports (fishtickets) and serve as the basis for estimating current year monthly ex-vessel prices. These prices, which are preliminary and unadjusted for year-end adjustments (e.g., bonuses), are reconciled with final ex-vessel prices from the Catch Accounting System.<sup>6</sup> Unadjusted monthly ex-vessel fish ticket prices are used to estimate final monthly ex-vessel prices in 2020 through linear regression accounting for species, area, gear, and harvest sector. These are highly significant with an  $R^2$  of 0.95 or higher.

Ex-vessel price estimates are presented for six groups of groundfish and halibut: flatfish, halibut, Pacific cod, pollock, rockfish, sablefish, and other. These groups are stratified by BSAI and GOA, and for BSAI pollock and Pacific cod, shoreside and at-sea harvest sectors. Estimated prices are then multiplied by the groundfish and halibut landings from the Catch Accounting System for January 1, 2014 through September 30, 2020 to obtain revenue estimates. These 2020 landings data and revenue estimates are based on the best currently available data, but are still considered preliminary. Caution should be taken in interpreting or extrapolating from these estimates as they are preliminary and may change. The baseline period of comparison with 2020 values will be relative to 2019 as well as the previous five year average from January-September of 2015-2019. All revenues were adjusted for inflation using the GDP deflator using 2019 as the base year.<sup>7</sup>

### 6.4. BSAI Groundfish and Halibut Landings and Revenues through September 2020

Figures 6.1-6.3 display the cumulative landings and ex-vessel revenue of groundfish and halibut fisheries by month for Alaska, BSAI, and GOA, respectively. Figures 6.4 and 6.5 present the cumulative revenues by month and year for the BSAI in 2020 (the thick orange line), compared with each of the years 2014-2019.<sup>8</sup> The following section provides a brief summary cumulative harvest and revenue trends of BSAI groundfish and halibut from January through September 2020.

Estimated BSAI revenue from January through September 2020 are only 4% below 2019 levels (a decline of \$25 million from \$624 million to \$599 million) but 20% below the 2015-2019 baseline period (a decline of \$150 million from \$750 million; Figures 6.4 and 6.5). This decline is a result of the combination of lower volumes and lower prices across many species. The largest components of the decrease in value over the 2015-2019 period include estimated \$37 million decline in pollock at-sea revenues, \$28 million decline in pollock shoreside revenues, \$41 million reduction in Pacific cod at-sea revenues, \$15 million in shoreside Pacific cod, \$11 million decrease in flatfish revenues, \$8 million reduction in shoreside Pacific cod revenues, and \$7.5 million reduction in halibut revenues.

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<sup>6</sup>Only landings volume coded as fit for human consumption are considered as other landings volume are largely unpriced in e-landings. Because of this, landings initially destined for fishmeal are not included. This constituted a relatively small portion of the total landed volume.

<sup>7</sup>BEA Table 1.1.9 accessed on 9/28/20 from: [https://apps.bea.gov/iTable/iTable.cfm?reqid=19&step=3&isuri=1&nipa\\_table\\_list=13](https://apps.bea.gov/iTable/iTable.cfm?reqid=19&step=3&isuri=1&nipa_table_list=13)

<sup>8</sup>Note that Atka mackerel is included in the “other” grouping.

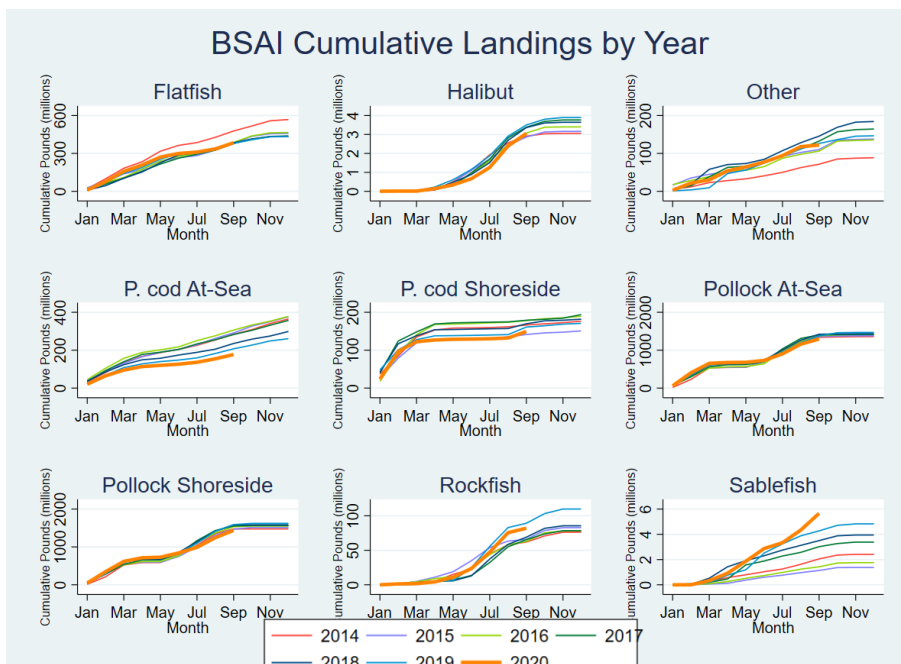


Figure 6.4: BSAI Cumulative Landings by Species and Year

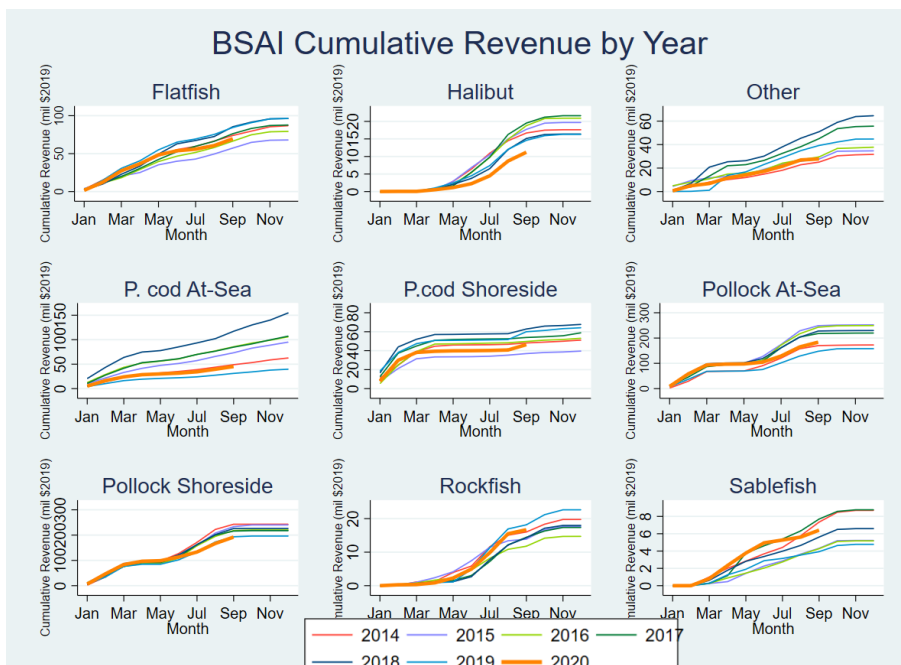


Figure 6.5: BSAI Cumulative Ex-vessel Revenue by Species and Year

Compared with 2019, estimated revenue declines in 2020 include \$21 million in flatfish revenues, \$5 million in halibut revenues, and \$4.5 million in rockfish revenues.

*BSAI Flatfish*



January to September BSAI flatfish catch in 2020 is down 6% from the 2019 level and 9% lower than the 2015-2019 average by volume, but revenues are down 23% compared with 2019 and 14% lower than the average over 2015-2019 (Figures 6.4 and 6.5).

#### *BSAI Halibut*

January to September 2020 has seen a reduction in BSAI halibut landings of approximately 20% from the 2019 level and 13% from the 2015-2019 average. Reduced landings combined with lower prices has resulted in a decline in revenues of 30% in January to September 2020, relative to same period in 2019, and a 40% decline relative to the average January to September period from 2015-2019 (Figures 6.4 and 6.4).

#### *BSAI Pacific cod*

Ex-vessel prices in 2020 have decreased slightly from 2019, but remain above 2014-2018 levels. Consistent with TAC declines in Pacific cod in the BSAI and GOA, BSAI shoreside catch of Pacific cod have declined by approximately 9% from January to September of 2020 relative to the same period in 2019, while shoreside catches are down 12% from the average January to September period from 2015-2019. A slight decrease in ex-vessel prices in 2020 has resulted in a reduction in shoreside BSAI Pacific cod revenue from the January to September period of approximately 24%, compared with 2019, and 14% for the January to September period in 2020, compared with the average over the same months from 2015-2019 (Figures 6.4 and 6.5).

For the at-sea sector fishing Pacific cod in the BSAI, fishing conditions were mixed this past summer. Prices in 2019 and 2020 are down relative to 2018 but are within 2014-2017 levels. Processors report that prices have softened since this past winter as we approach the fall. They are also reporting that there is a lot of inventory and people are holding, hoping that prices will rebound. There is some indication of a lot of Russian cod on the market that is lowering prices in Japan and Europe. Consistent with TAC declines in Pacific cod in the BSAI and GOA, at-sea catch of BSAI P. cod have declined by approximately 22% from January to September 2020 relative to the same period in 2019, while at-sea catches are down 39% from the average January to September from 2015-2019. Estimated ex-vessel revenue for at-sea Pacific cod are down approximately 48% for the January to September period of 2020 relative to the average from the same period in 2015-2019, but a surprising 32% increase relative to revenue in 2019 (Figures 6.4 and 6.5).

#### *BSAI Pollock*

For the shoreside sector, fishing was not very good (especially in the south where the shoreside sector predominantly harvests) this past summer and therefore some vessels waited to fish later in the season and 2020 shoreside pollock harvests through September are down 11% compared with 2019 and 12% compared with the 2015-2019 average (Figure 6.4). Shoreside pollock prices are relatively stable in both GOA and BSAI relative to 2019 and within the historical range. 2020 BSAI pollock shoreside revenues are estimated to be 2% lower than 2019 through September and 13% below the average over 2015-2019.

For the at-sea sector, prices are down slightly now from the expectations for B Season. Pollock surimi exports to Japan are down significantly through August. However, surimi exports to the EU remain strong. Pollock fillet exports in March and April (the peak following A season) were below typical levels. 2020 BSAI at-sea pollock harvests are below recent periods (9% less than the 2015-2019 average and 11% lower than 2019), and the revenues through September are estimated to

be lower than the 2015-2019 average by approximately 17% while the at-sea pollock revenues are up nearly 17% in 2020 compared with the same period in 2019, which was the lowest revenue year over this period for this sector (Figure 6.5).

### *BSAI Rockfish*

Rockfish ex-vessel prices are currently within the 2014-2019 range. BSAI Rockfish harvests through September 2020 are down 20% from 2019 levels, but only 0.5% lower than the average January to September period of 2015-2019. Similarly, ex-vessel revenues through September of 2020 are estimated to be down 21% from the same period in 2019 and by 2% over the 2015-2019 period (Figures 6.4 and 6.5).

### *BSAI Sablefish*

There was a large increase in BSAI sablefish harvested over the summer of 2020 as shown in Figure 6.4. BSAI Sablefish landings through September 2020 were up 20% from 2019 levels and 89% above the 2015-2019 average (Figure 6.4), while revenue is only up by 7%, and 2020 revenue is 38% above the lowest revenue over this period, which occurred in 2019 (Figure 6.5).

## 6.5. GOA Groundfish and Halibut Landings and Revenues through September 2020

Figures 6.6 and 6.7 present the cumulative revenues by month and year for GOA groundfish and halibut in 2020 (the thick orange line), compared with each of the years 2014-2019.<sup>9</sup> The following section provides a brief summary of cumulative harvest and revenue trends for GOA groundfish and halibut from January through September.

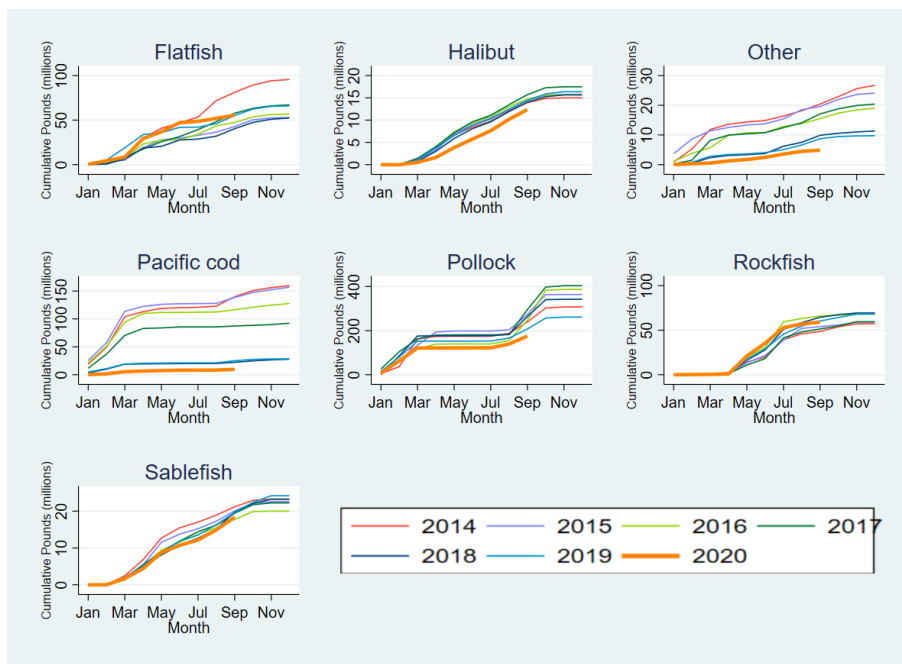


Figure 6.6: GOA Cumulative Landings by Species and Year

<sup>9</sup>Note that Atka mackerel is included in “other” grouping.

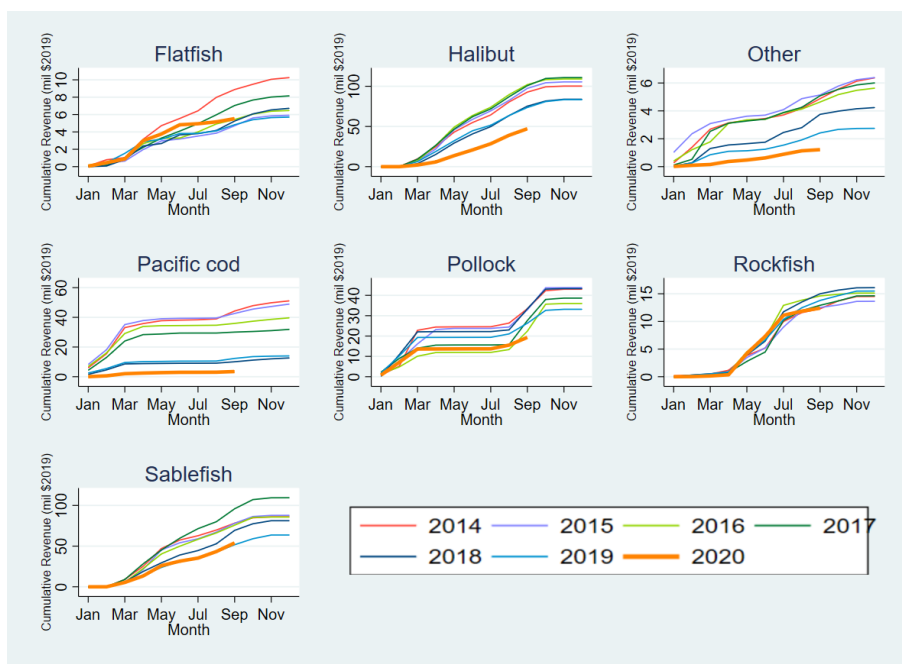


Figure 6.7: GOA Cumulative Ex-vessel Revenue by Species and Year

Due to a combination of lower volumes and lower prices in 2020, GOA groundfish and halibut exhibited declines in estimated ex-vessel revenues relative to 2019, and the 2015-2019 average, of approximately 32% (-\$66 million) and 47% (-\$128 million), respectively. The largest components of the decrease in value relative to 2015-2019 include estimated declines of \$50 million in halibut, \$29 million in sablefish, \$24 million in Pacific cod, and \$19 million in pollock ex-vessel revenues. Compared with 2019, estimated revenue declines in 2020 include \$34 million in halibut, \$13 in pollock, \$10 million in Pacific cod, and \$5 million in sablefish.

#### *GOA Flatfish*

January to September GOA flatfish catch in 2020 is down 11% from the 2019 level and even with the 2015-2019 average by volume. However, GOA flatfish revenues are estimated to increase by 2% compared with 2019, which is 10% lower than the average over 2015-2019 (Figures 6.6 and 6.7).

#### *GOA Halibut*

January to September 2020 has seen a reduction in GOA halibut landings of approximately 22% from the 2019 level, and from the 2015-2019 average. Reduced landings and lower prices resulted in a decline in revenues of 42% in January to September 2020 relative to the same period in 2019, and a 51% decline relative to the average January to September period from 2015-2019 (Figures 6.6 and 6.7).

#### *GOA Pacific cod*

Ex-vessel prices in 2020 have decreased slightly from 2019 but remain above 2014-2018 levels. Consistent with the closure of the directed federal GOA Pacific cod fishery, GOA shoreside landings of Pacific cod have declined by approximately 9% from January to September of 2020 relative to the same period in 2019, while shoreside catches are down 12% from the average January to September period from 2015-2019. Consequently GOA shoreside Pacific cod revenues declined about 74% from

January to September of 2020 compared with 2019, and 87% compared with the average over the same months from 2015-2019 (Figures 6.6 and 6.7).

#### *GOA Pollock*

2020 GOA pollock harvests through September are down 32% compared with 2019, and 50% compared with the 2015-2019 average (Figure 6.6). GOA pollock prices are relatively stable relative to 2019 and within the historical range. GOA pollock ex-vessel revenues in 2020 are estimated to be 41% lower than 2019 through September, and 50% below the average over the January to September period from 2015-2019 (Figures 6.7).

#### *GOA Rockfish*

Rockfish ex-vessel prices are within the 2014-2019 range. GOA Rockfish harvests through September 2020 are down 8% from 2019 levels, and 4% lower than the average January to September period from 2015-2019. Similarly, ex-vessel revenues through September of 2020 are estimated to be down 15% compared to the January to September period in 2019, and by 14% relative to the same period from 2015-2019 (Figures 6.6 and 6.7).

#### *GOA Sablefish*

The fleet has reported sablefish prices to be down by 55% compared to last year in some places, probably driven by the size-based pricing structure for sablefish and the current catch composition of small sablefish. It is possible that not all of the TAC is going to be landed for sablefish as a result, as was true in 2019. GOA Sablefish landings through September 2020 were down 18% from 2019 levels and 15% below the 2015-2019 average (Figure 6.6), while revenue is down by 9% from 2019 levels, and 35% below the January to September 2015-2019 average (Figure 6.7).

## 7. ALASKA GROUND FISH PRICE PROJECTIONS

### 7.1. Introduction

The most recent year for which ex-vessel and first-wholesale prices (Tables 12, 17, 28, and 33) are available is 2019. These prices are largely derived from the Commercial Operators Annual Report (COAR). Because of the report’s submission deadline, processing and validation of the data from the report are not completed until July of the following year. Thus, at the time of this report’s writing (November 2020), the most recent COAR data available was for the previous year, 2019. To provide recent information, current (i.e., 2020) prices are estimated (“nowcast”) using related data that is reported at a higher frequency and provides more contemporaneous information on the likely state of prices for 2020. Ex-vessel prices estimates are based on unadjusted prices<sup>1</sup> on fish tickets through the month of Sept. 2020. First-wholesale price estimates are based on export prices through the month of Aug. 2020, estimated global catch, and exchange rates for 2020. In addition to the nowcasts, ex-vessel and first-wholesale prices are projected out over the next 2 years (2021-2022). These projections give a probabilistic characterization of the range of future prices.

The species and products for which price projections are made approximately correspond with the prices in Tables 12, 17, 28, and 33 in Section 4 of this document. With the notable exception that first-wholesale estimates are made for all of Alaska, and no distinction is made between at-sea and shoreside prices. This corresponds with the export data which make no distinction between sectors, only the customs district of origin. Ex-vessel price estimates are only for the shoreside sectors.

Tables 7.1 and 7.2 summarize the price projections for the six years spanning 2017-2022. Prices between 2017-2019 are realized (actual) prices. The summary data provided for the years 2020-2022 are the expected price (mean) and 90% confidence bounds. Confidence bounds give the estimated probability that the price will fall within the bound. Thus, for the 5% bound, 5% of the simulated prices were less than the given value. Similarly, for the 95% bound, 95% of the simulated prices were less (and 5% were greater). Hence, the region between the 5% and 95% bounds can be interpreted as the 90% confidence bound. Smaller confidence bounds indicate less uncertainty in the projections. In general, price projections for the current year, 2020, display a modest degree of volatility. As prices are projected past the current year the confidence bounds grow reflecting increased uncertainty further out in the future.

Methods are briefly outlined in Section 7.3. Sections 7.4 and 7.5 examines the individual ex-vessel and product price projections for 2020-2022. For these projections a more detailed characterization of the forecast distribution is given by the mean, median and 40%, 60%, 80%, and 90% confidence bounds. Figures plot the price projection results as well as historical realized prices.

### 7.2. Tabular Summary of Price Projection Results

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<sup>1</sup>Unadjusted prices do not account for year-end bonuses

Species	Region	Gear	stat.	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
pollock	BSAI	trawl	mean	0.137	0.156	0.167	0.157	0.161	0.162
pollock	BSAI	trawl	conf.int.90				[0.15,0.16]	[0.12,0.21]	[0.11,0.22]
pollock	GOA	trawl	mean	0.087	0.123	0.138	0.117	0.113	0.118
pollock	GOA	trawl	conf.int.90				[0.11,0.12]	[0.08,0.15]	[0.07,0.17]
pacific cod	BSAI	trawl	mean	0.296	0.384	0.369	0.341	0.354	0.372
pacific cod	BSAI	trawl	conf.int.90				[0.34,0.35]	[0.24,0.5]	[0.22,0.59]
pacific cod	BSAI	fixed	mean	0.332	0.41	0.443	0.406	0.419	0.435
pacific cod	BSAI	fixed	conf.int.90				[0.4,0.41]	[0.28,0.62]	[0.25,0.72]
pacific cod	GOA	trawl	mean	0.329	0.412	0.456	0.333	0.321	0.367
pacific cod	GOA	trawl	conf.int.90				[0.33,0.34]	[0.24,0.42]	[0.23,0.55]
pacific cod	GOA	fixed	mean	0.336	0.465	0.504	0.406	0.399	0.433
pacific cod	GOA	fixed	conf.int.90				[0.4,0.41]	[0.3,0.53]	[0.28,0.64]
sablefish	GOA	fixed	mean	5.314	3.929	2.988	2.234	2.343	2.51
sablefish	GOA	fixed	conf.int.90				[2.05,2.4]	[1.55,3.45]	[1.39,4.2]

Table 7.1: Groundfish ex-vessel price projection summary

Species	Product	stat.	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
pollock	surimi	mean	1.302	1.257	1.363	1.358	1.351	1.38
pollock	surimi	conf.int.90				[1.31,1.4]	[0.96,1.9]	[0.96,1.99]
pollock	roe	mean	2.818	2.778	2.1	1.892	2.129	2.243
pollock	roe	conf.int.90				[1.51,2.26]	[1.43,3.09]	[1.3,3.74]
pollock	fillet	mean	1.141	1.288	1.481	1.383	1.378	1.42
pollock	fillet	conf.int.90				[1.32,1.44]	[1.12,1.68]	[1.08,1.85]
pollock	deep-skin fillet	mean	1.494	1.489	1.6	1.58	1.591	1.601
pollock	deep-skin fillet	conf.int.90				[1.53,1.63]	[1.36,1.84]	[1.29,1.96]
pollock	head and gut	mean	0.435	0.472	0.562	0.51	0.523	0.527
pollock	head and gut	conf.int.90				[0.43,0.58]	[0.4,0.68]	[0.38,0.71]
pacific cod	fillet	mean	3.484	4.159	3.961	3.464	3.627	3.632
pacific cod	fillet	conf.int.90				[3.33,3.6]	[2.76,4.73]	[2.58,5.07]
pacific cod	head and gut	mean	1.569	1.866	1.587	1.445	1.51	1.567
pacific cod	head and gut	conf.int.90				[1.38,1.51]	[1.17,1.94]	[1.11,2.17]
sablefish	head and gut	mean	8.86	6.482	4.765	5.053	5.387	5.484
sablefish	head and gut	conf.int.90				[4.74,5.37]	[3.8,7.53]	[3.2,9.06]
yellowfin (bsai)	head and gut	mean	0.657	0.817	0.786	0.74	0.743	0.756
yellowfin (bsai)	head and gut	conf.int.90				[0.7,0.78]	[0.6,0.92]	[0.55,1.03]
rock sole (bsai)	head and gut with roe	mean	1.241	1.503	1.321	1.214	1.21	1.228
rock sole (bsai)	head and gut with roe	conf.int.90				[1.18,1.25]	[0.91,1.59]	[0.83,1.79]
rock sole (bsai)	head and gut	mean	0.655	0.831	0.795	0.582	0.628	0.625
rock sole (bsai)	head and gut	conf.int.90				[0.5,0.66]	[0.43,0.91]	[0.4,0.95]
arrowtooth	head and gut	mean	1.125	0.738	0.667	0.666	0.903	0.919
arrowtooth	head and gut	conf.int.90				[0.62,0.71]	[0.58,1.41]	[0.55,1.52]
atka mackerel	head and gut	mean	1.469	1.412	1.162	1.145	1.187	1.209
atka mackerel	head and gut	conf.int.90				[1.03,1.27]	[0.78,1.78]	[0.68,2.11]
rockfish	head and gut	mean	1.183	1.141	0.835	0.887	0.958	0.953
rockfish	head and gut	conf.int.90				[0.78,0.99]	[0.68,1.33]	[0.6,1.48]

Table 7.2: Groundfish wholesale product price projection summary

### 7.3. Summary of Price Projection Methods

Prices are estimated using a two-step procedure. The same basic procedure is used for both ex-vessel and first wholesale nowcasts and projections. The first step nowcasts the current year 2020 prices based on currently available (as of Oct. 2020) partial year information. The second step projects prices forward using model simulations to give a probabilistic characterization of the range of future prices.

Current year first-wholesale prices (2020) were nowcast using export prices which are available with a minimal time lag of up to three months. Export prices through August 2020 were available for the current nowcasts. Export prices were obtained from the NMFS Science and Technology trade database. Nowcast models also incorporate 2020 exchange rate data and global catch estimates when they were determined to increase predictability. Global catch estimates for 2020 were obtained from the 2020 International Groundfish Forum. The data were used in a regression to estimate 2020 annual unit value first-wholesale prices of major species and product forms calculated from the COAR and published in Tables 17 and 33 of this report. The statistical relationship between export prices and first-wholesale prices was fairly strong for most products. The relationship tends to be stronger for product where a large share of the production volume is exported.

Nowcasts of 2020 ex-vessel prices were made for shoreside pollock, pacific cod, and sablefish for the predominant gear types used to harvest these species. Nowcasts were made using available fish-ticket prices through October 2020. These data were obtained through the Alaska Fisheries Information Network (AKFIN) from the V\_ELLR\_SLOG\_PRODUCT database. Data were filtered to the major delivered product forms fit for human consumption and stratified by gear types accordingly. Prices are calculated as the remunerations received at the time of landing divided by the delivered volume. Because of this, these prices do not account for end-of-year bonuses or other post-season adjustments to price. The data were used in a regression to estimate 2020 annual unit value ex-vessel prices calculated from the COAR and published in Tables 12 and 28 of this report. By contrast, COAR based ex-vessel prices do account for end of bonuses and other post-season adjustments to price. The statistical relationship between raw partial year fish-ticket prices and annual COAR based ex-vessel prices was strong for the species and gear types presented.

Price projections for the years 2021-2022 were made using a suite of canonical time series models to estimate returns (the percent change in price). The primary suite of models used were within the class of ARMA time series models (Hamilton, 1994). Two exponential smoothing models were also used, however, these tended to contribute little to the price projections (Hyndman & Athanopoulos, 2013). Changes in price return volatility (a measure of the dispersion of the return distribution) over time were also modeled. Confidence bounds for the estimated models were constructed using residual resampling methods. Simulations created a probabilistic distribution of potential returns that are consistent with historical deviations from the models. Price projections from the suite of models were then combined using weights that were determined by model fit. Prices were calculated from returns and statistics such as the mean and percentiles for confidence bounds were calculated from the forecast distribution. Only a small component of the future prices (2021-2022) was forecastable by the time series models, a feature that is common in price forecasts for commodities, and projections largely reflect the long-run trends and mean reversion estimated by the models. The primary value of these projections is to provide a credible range of potential future prices based on historical variation.



## 7.4. Ex-vessel Price Projections

### 7.4.1 Alaska Pollock Ex-vessel Prices

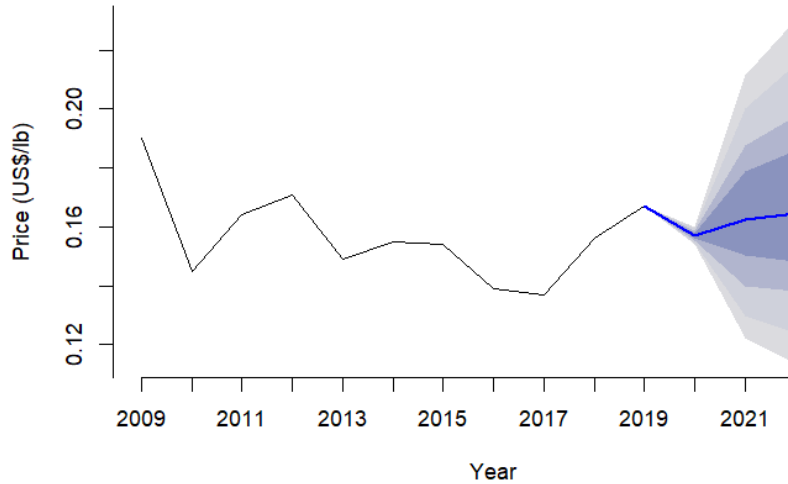


Figure 7.1: Pollock BSAI trawl ex-vessel price projections and confidence bounds

Table 7.3: Projected mean, probability bounds of pollock BSAI trawl ex-vessel prices (US\$/lb)

	Lower					mean	Median	Upper			
	5%	10%	20%	30%	70%			80%	90%	95%	
2020	0.154	0.155	0.155	0.156	0.157	0.157	0.158	0.159	0.159	0.160	
2021	0.122	0.130	0.140	0.150	0.162	0.165	0.179	0.188	0.200	0.212	
2022	0.113	0.124	0.138	0.148	0.165	0.167	0.186	0.197	0.215	0.230	

At the ‘Lower’ and ‘Upper’ bounds x% of the simulated prices were less. The confidence bounds are the regions between the ‘Upper’ and ‘Lower’ bounds.

Pollock BSAI trawl ex-vessel return volatility projections			
Hist. Avg.	2021	2022	Long-run
18.10	18.10	18.10	18.10

Pollock accounted for 74% of the ex-vessel value for the BSAI catcher vessels (CV) in 2019 and is targeted using trawl gear. BSAI trawl CV pollock retained catch increased 2% in 2019, correspondingly with the TAC. The realized ex-vessel price of BSAI trawl pollock increased 7% to \$0.167/lb in 2019. Price projections from last year’s report indicated an increase as well and had 95% confidence bounds of \$0.163/lb to \$0.170/lb with a median of \$0.166/lb, placing the realized price within the projected range. This year’s price projections for the 2020 BSAI trawl pollock ex-vessel price have a median of \$0.157/lb with 95% confidence bounds of \$0.153/lb to \$0.161/lb. (Figure 7.1). These estimates imply that a price decrease in 2020 is likely. Catch data through Sept. 2020 show a 7% decrease in the year-over-year BSAI trawl CV pollock catch. BSAI trawl pollock ex-vessel price projections for 2021 and beyond based on historical trends indicate that expected prices may bounce back in 2021. Because of the substantial volatility a range of potential increases or decreases are plausible.

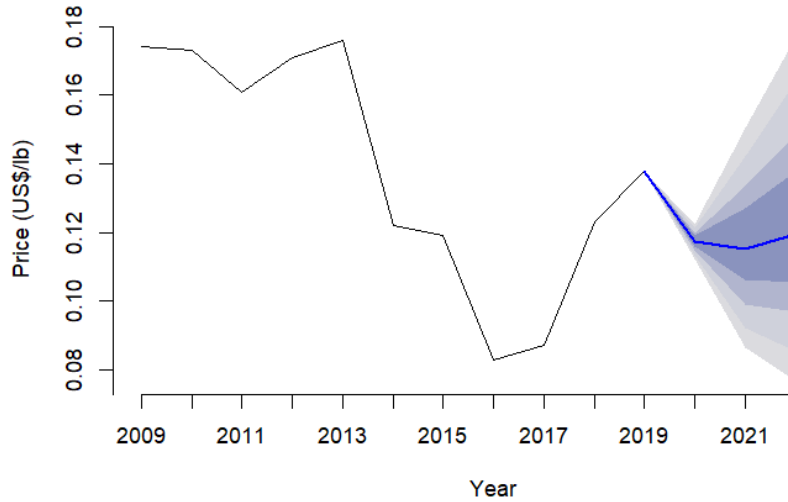


Figure 7.2: Pollock GOA trawl ex-vessel price projections and confidence bounds

Table 7.4: Projected mean, probability bounds of pollock GOA trawl ex-vessel prices (US\$/lb)

	Lower				mean	Median	Upper			
	5%	10%	20%	30%			70%	80%	90%	95%
2020	0.112	0.114	0.115	0.116	0.117	0.117	0.119	0.120	0.121	0.123
2021	0.087	0.092	0.099	0.106	0.115	0.117	0.127	0.134	0.142	0.150
2022	0.077	0.085	0.097	0.105	0.120	0.121	0.138	0.149	0.164	0.177

At the ‘Lower’ and ‘Upper’ bounds x% of the simulated prices were less. The confidence bounds are the regions between the ‘Upper’ and ‘Lower’ bounds.

Pollock GOA trawl ex-vessel return volatility projections			
Hist. Avg.	2021	2022	Long-run
18.49	18.05	18.86	18.48

Pollock accounted for 29% of the ex-vessel value for the GOA catcher vessels (CV) in 2019 and is targeted using trawl gear. GOA trawl CV pollock retained catch decreased 24% in 2019. The realized ex-vessel price of GOA trawl pollock increased 12% to \$0.138/lb. Price projections from last year’s report indicated an increase as well and had 95% confidence bounds of \$0.119/lb to \$0.134/lb with a median of \$0.127/lb, placing the realized price \$0.004/lb above the projected range. This year’s price projections for the 2020 GOA trawl pollock ex-vessel price have a median of \$0.117/lb with 95% confidence bounds of \$0.112/lb to \$0.124/lb. (Figure 7.2). These estimates imply that the 2020 price will likely decrease. Catch data through Sept. 2020 show a 12% decrease in the year-over-year GOA trawl CV pollock catch. GOA trawl pollock ex-vessel price projections for 2021 and beyond based on historical trends indicate that expected prices do not exhibit a significant trend or potential mean reversion. Because of the substantial volatility a range of potential increases or decreases are plausible.

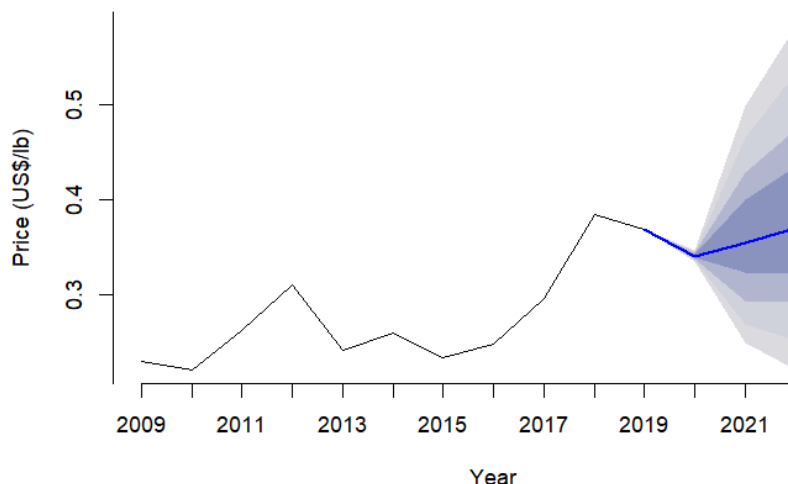


Figure 7.3: Pacific cod BSAI trawl ex-vessel price projections and confidence bounds

Table 7.5: Projected mean, probability bounds of pacific cod BSAI trawl ex-vessel prices (US\$/lb)

	Lower				mean	Median	Upper			
	5%	10%	20%	30%			70%	80%	90%	95%
2020	0.335	0.336	0.338	0.339	0.341	0.341	0.343	0.344	0.345	0.346
2021	0.249	0.268	0.294	0.323	0.355	0.361	0.400	0.429	0.465	0.499
2022	0.221	0.252	0.293	0.322	0.370	0.377	0.435	0.474	0.533	0.583

At the ‘Lower’ and ‘Upper’ bounds x% of the simulated prices were less. The confidence bounds are the regions between the ‘Upper’ and ‘Lower’ bounds.

Pacific cod BSAI trawl ex-vessel return volatility projections			
Hist. Avg.	2021	2022	Long-run
23.37	22.96	24.27	24.55

#### 7.4.2 Pacific Cod Ex-vessel Prices

Pacific cod accounted for 20% of the ex-vessel value for the BSAI catcher vessels in 2019 and catches from trawl gear accounted for 31% of the BSAI Pacific cod value. BSAI trawl CV Pacific cod retained catch decreased 15% in 2019. The realized ex-vessel price of BSAI trawl Pacific cod decreased 4% to \$0.369/lb. Price projections from last year’s report indicated an decrease as well and had 95% confidence bounds of \$0.374/lb to \$0.385/lb with a median of \$0.380/lb, placing the realized price below the projected range. This year’s price projections for the 2020 BSAI trawl Pacific cod ex-vessel price have a median of \$0.341/lb with 95% confidence bounds of \$0.334/lb to \$0.348/lb. (Figure 7.3). These estimates imply that prices in 2020 will likely decrease. Catch data through Sept. 2020 show a 4% decrease in the year-over-year BSAI trawl Pacific cod catch. BSAI trawl Pacific cod ex-vessel price projections for 2021 and beyond based on historical trends indicate that expected prices may bounce back. Because of the substantial volatility a range of potential increases or decreases are plausible.

Pacific cod accounted for 20% of the ex-vessel value for the BSAI catcher vessels in 2019 and catches from fixed gear accounted for 69% of the BSAI Pacific cod value. BSAI fixed gear Pacific cod

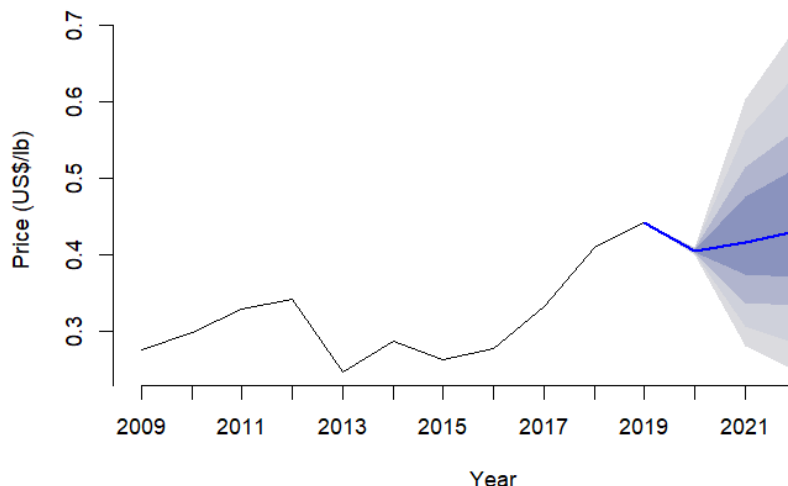


Figure 7.4: Pacific cod BSAI fixed gear ex-vessel price projections and confidence bounds

Table 7.6: Projected mean, probability bounds of pacific cod BSAI fixed gear ex-vessel prices (US\$/lb)

	Lower				mean	Median	Upper			
	5%	10%	20%	30%			70%	80%	90%	95%
2020	0.401	0.402	0.403	0.404	0.406	0.406	0.407	0.408	0.410	0.411
2021	0.282	0.306	0.337	0.375	0.417	0.426	0.476	0.514	0.561	0.604
2022	0.250	0.284	0.334	0.372	0.431	0.439	0.513	0.564	0.636	0.697

At the ‘Lower’ and ‘Upper’ bounds x% of the simulated prices were less. The confidence bounds are the regions between the ‘Upper’ and ‘Lower’ bounds.

Pacific cod BSAI fixed gear ex-vessel return volatility projections				
Hist.	Avg.	2021	2022	Long-run
25.05		25.09	25.60	25.71

retained catch decreased 3% in 2019. The realized ex-vessel price of BSAI fixed gear Pacific cod increased 8% to \$0.443/lb. Price projections from last year’s report indicated an increase as well and had 95% confidence bounds of \$0.425/lb to \$0.439/lb with a median of \$0.432/lb, placing the realized price above the projected range. This year’s price projections for the 2020 BSAI fixed gear Pacific cod ex-vessel price have a median of \$0.406/lb with 95% confidence bounds of \$0.400/lb to \$0.412/lb. (Figure 7.4). These estimates imply that a price decrease in 2020 is likely. Catch data through Sept. 2020 show a 9% decrease in the year-over-year BSAI fixed gear Pacific cod catch. BSAI fixed gear Pacific cod ex-vessel price projections for 2021 and beyond based on historical trends indicate that expected prices may bounce back. Because of the substantial volatility a range of potential increases or decreases are plausible.

Pacific cod accounted for 11% of the ex-vessel value for the GOA catcher vessels (CV) in 2019 and catches from trawl gear accounted for 24% of the GOA Pacific cod value. GOA trawl Pacific cod retained catch increased 10% in 2019. The realized ex-vessel price of GOA trawl Pacific cod increased 11% to \$0.456/lb. Price projections from last year’s report indicated an increase as well and had 95% confidence bounds of \$0.440/lb to \$0.457/lb with a median of \$0.448/lb, placing the

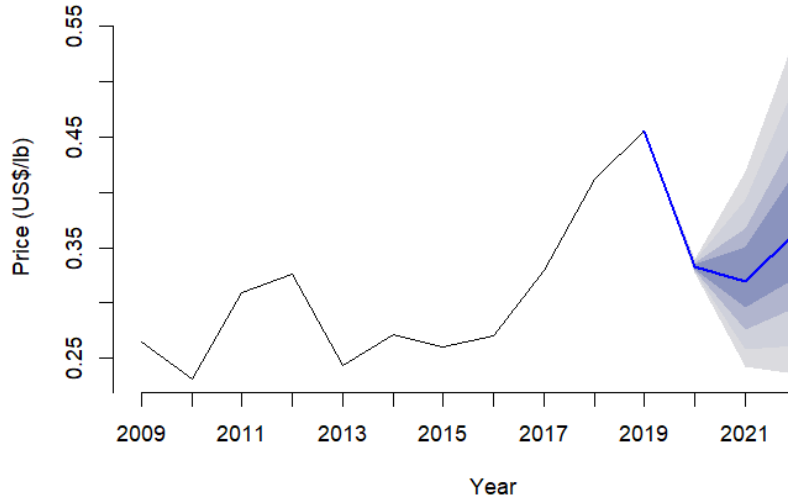


Figure 7.5: Pacific cod GOA trawl ex-vessel price projections and confidence bounds

Table 7.7: Projected mean, probability bounds of pacific cod GOA trawl ex-vessel prices (US\$/lb)

	Lower				mean	Median	Upper			
	5%	10%	20%	30%			70%	80%	90%	95%
2020	0.327	0.328	0.330	0.331	0.333	0.333	0.335	0.336	0.338	0.340
2021	0.242	0.258	0.276	0.296	0.320	0.323	0.350	0.367	0.393	0.418
2022	0.235	0.261	0.296	0.322	0.364	0.368	0.419	0.451	0.499	0.542

At the ‘Lower’ and ‘Upper’ bounds x% of the simulated prices were less. The confidence bounds are the regions between the ‘Upper’ and ‘Lower’ bounds.

Pacific cod GOA trawl ex-vessel return volatility projections			
Hist.	Avg.	2021	2022
18.41		17.46	17.63
			Long-run
			19.90

realized price within the projected range. This year’s price projections for the 2020 GOA trawl Pacific cod ex-vessel price have a median of \$0.333/lb with 95% confidence bounds of \$0.325/lb to \$0.341/lb. (Figure 7.5). These estimates imply that a price decrease in 2020 is likely. Catch data through Sept. 2020 show a 36% decrease in the year-over-year GOA trawl CV Pacific cod catch. GOA trawl Pacific cod ex-vessel price projections for 2021 and beyond based on historical trends indicate that expected prices may decrease in 2021 before rebounding in 2022. Because of the substantial volatility a range of potential increases or decreases are plausible.

Pacific cod accounted for 11% of the ex-vessel value for the GOA catcher vessels in 2019 and catches from fixed gear accounted for 76% of the GOA Pacific cod value. GOA fixed gear Pacific cod retained catch remained level in 2019 relative to 2018. The realized ex-vessel price of GOA fixed gear Pacific cod increased 8% to \$0.504/lb. Price projections from last year’s report indicated an increase as well and had 95% confidence bounds of \$0.499/lb to \$0.511/lb with a median of \$0.505/lb, placing the realized price within the projected range. This year’s price projections for the 2020 GOA fixed gear Pacific cod ex-vessel price have a median of \$0.406/lb with 95% confidence bounds of \$0.396/lb to \$0.415/lb. (Figure 7.7). These estimates imply that a price decrease in 2020 is likely. Catch data through Sept. 2020 show a 71% decrease in the year-over-year GOA fixed gear

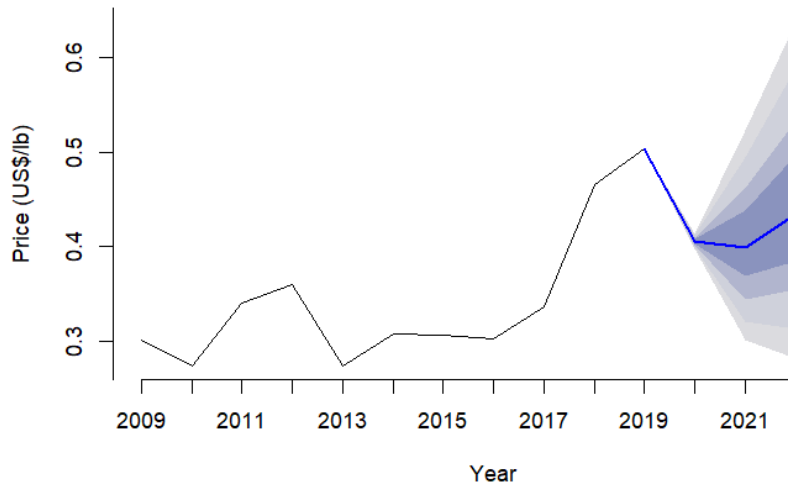


Figure 7.6: Pacific cod GOA fixed gear ex-vessel price projections and confidence bounds

Table 7.8: Projected mean, probability bounds of pacific cod GOA fixed gear ex-vessel prices (US\$/lb)

	Lower				mean	Median	Upper			
	5%	10%	20%	30%			70%	80%	90%	95%
2020	0.398	0.399	0.401	0.403	0.406	0.406	0.408	0.410	0.412	0.414
2021	0.301	0.320	0.344	0.369	0.399	0.403	0.438	0.461	0.494	0.523
2022	0.282	0.313	0.355	0.385	0.434	0.439	0.496	0.534	0.590	0.638

At the 'Lower' and 'Upper' bounds x% of the simulated prices were less. The confidence bounds are the regions between the 'Upper' and 'Lower' bounds.

Pacific cod GOA fixed gear ex-vessel return volatility projections				
Hist. Avg.	2021	2022	Long-run	
18.83	18.05	18.06	18.39	

Pacific cod catch. GOA fixed gear Pacific cod ex-vessel price projections for 2021 and beyond based on historical trends indicate that expected prices may decrease in 2021 before rebounding in 2022. Because of the substantial volatility a range of potential increases or decreases are plausible.

Pacific cod accounted for 11% of the ex-vessel value for the GOA catcher vessels in 2019 and catches from fixed gear accounted for 76% of the GOA Pacific cod value. GOA fixed gear Pacific cod retained catch remained level in 2019 relative to 2018. The realized ex-vessel price of GOA fixed gear Pacific cod increased 8% to \$0.504/lb. Price projections from last year's report indicated an increase as well and had 95% confidence bounds of \$0.499/lb to \$0.511/lb with a median of \$0.505/lb, placing the realized price within the projected range. This year's price projections for the 2020 GOA fixed gear Pacific cod ex-vessel price have a median of \$0.406/lb with 95% confidence bounds of \$0.396/lb to \$0.415/lb. (Figure 7.7). These estimates imply that a price decrease in 2020 is likely. Catch data through Sept. 2020 show a 71% decrease in the year-over-year GOA fixed gear Pacific cod catch. GOA fixed gear Pacific cod ex-vessel price projections for 2021 and beyond based on historical trends indicate that expected prices may decrease in 2021 before rebounding in 2022. Because of the substantial volatility a range of potential increases or decreases are plausible.

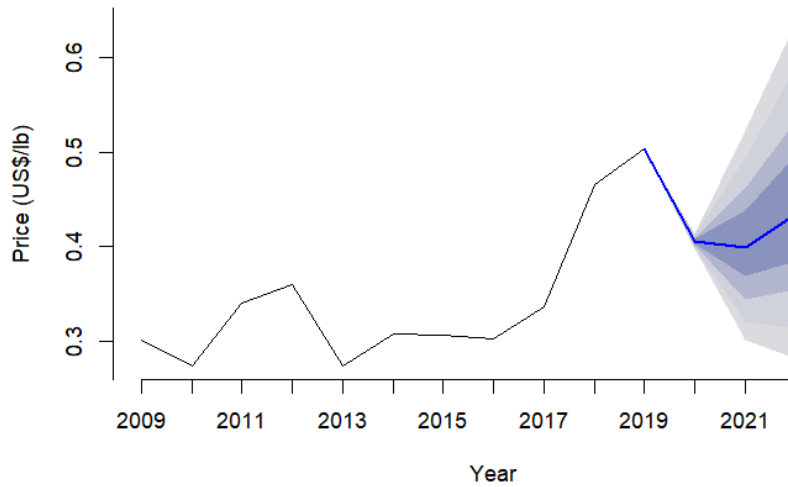


Figure 7.7: Pacific cod GOA fixed gear ex-vessel price projections and confidence bounds

Table 7.9: Projected mean, probability bounds of pacific cod GOA fixed gear ex-vessel prices (US\$/lb)

	Lower				mean	Median	Upper			
	5%	10%	20%	30%			70%	80%	90%	95%
2020	0.398	0.399	0.401	0.403	0.406	0.406	0.408	0.410	0.412	0.414
2021	0.301	0.320	0.344	0.369	0.399	0.403	0.438	0.461	0.494	0.523
2022	0.282	0.313	0.355	0.385	0.434	0.439	0.496	0.534	0.590	0.638

At the 'Lower' and 'Upper' bounds x% of the simulated prices were less. The confidence bounds are the regions between the 'Upper' and 'Lower' bounds.

Pacific cod GOA fixed gear ex-vessel return volatility projections				
Hist.	Avg.	2021	2022	Long-run
18.83		18.05	18.06	18.39

### 7.4.3 Sablefish Ex-vessel Prices

Sablefish accounted for 49% of the ex-vessel value for the GOA catcher vessels in 2019 and is targeted primarily using fixed gear. GOA fixed gear sablefish retained catch increased 1.3% in 2019. The realized ex-vessel price of GOA fixed gear sablefish decreased 24% to \$2.988/lb. Price projections from last year's report indicated an decrease as well and had 95% confidence bounds of \$3.127/lb to \$3.346/lb with a median of \$3.237/lb, placing the realized price below the projected range. This year's price projections for the 2020 GOA fixed gear sablefish ex-vessel price have a median of \$2.233/lb with 95% confidence bounds of \$2.032/lb to \$2.445/lb. (Figure 7.8). These estimates imply that a price decrease in 2020 is likely. Catch data through Sept. 2020 show a 1.3% increase in the year-over-year GOA fixed gear sablefish catch. GOA fixed gear sablefish ex-vessel price projections for 2021 and beyond based on historical trends indicate that expected prices may show mean reversion by increasing. Because of the substantial volatility a range of potential increases or decreases are plausible.

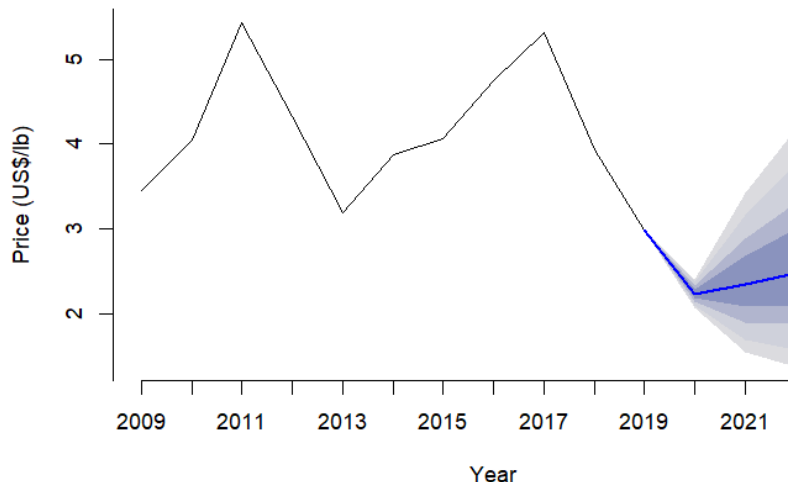


Figure 7.8: Sablefish GOA fixed gear ex-vessel price projections and confidence bounds

Table 7.10: Projected mean, probability bounds of sablefish GOA fixed gear ex-vessel prices (US\$/lb)

	Lower				mean	Median	Upper			
	5%	10%	20%	30%			70%	80%	90%	95%
2020	2.064	2.102	2.147	2.179	2.234	2.233	2.290	2.323	2.369	2.410
2021	1.536	1.695	1.896	2.080	2.340	2.393	2.683	2.879	3.163	3.424
2022	1.365	1.578	1.876	2.102	2.479	2.530	2.995	3.308	3.762	4.185

At the 'Lower' and 'Upper' bounds x% of the simulated prices were less. The confidence bounds are the regions between the 'Upper' and 'Lower' bounds.

Sablefish GOA fixed gear ex-vessel return volatility projections			
Hist.	Avg.	2021	2022
			Long-run
20.21		25.79	24.30
			21.81



## 7.5. First-Wholesale Product Price Projections

### 7.5.1 Alaska Pollock

In the North Pacific FMP groundfish fisheries 66% of the wholesale value came from Alaska pollock in 2019 (Tables 16 and 32). The primary products produced from pollock are surimi, fillets and roe. Fillets have been divided into deep-skin fillets and all other fillets (which are simply labeled fillets).

#### *Pollock Surimi First-Wholesale Prices*

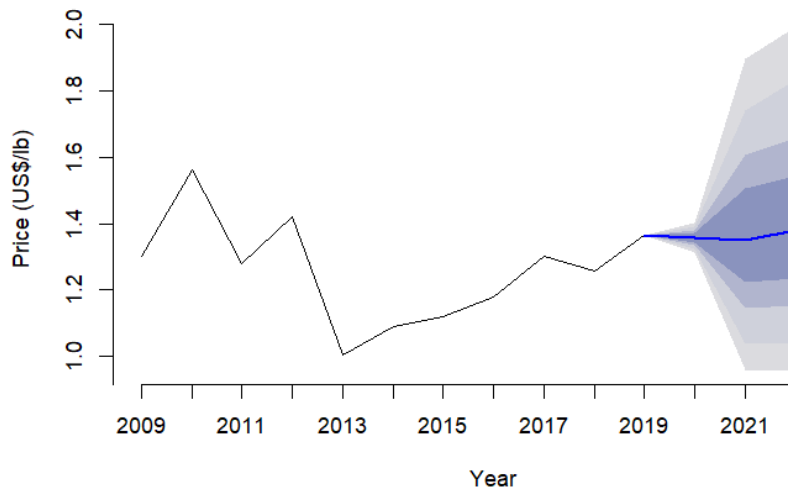


Figure 7.9: Pollock surimi wholesale price projections and confidence bounds

Table 7.11: Projected mean, probability bounds of pollock surimi wholesale prices (US\$/lb)

	Lower				mean	Median	Upper			
	5%	10%	20%	30%			70%	80%	90%	95%
2020	1.31	1.32	1.34	1.34	1.36	1.36	1.37	1.38	1.39	1.40
2021	0.96	1.04	1.14	1.22	1.35	1.35	1.51	1.61	1.74	1.90
2022	0.96	1.04	1.15	1.24	1.38	1.38	1.55	1.66	1.83	1.99

At the ‘Lower’ and ‘Upper’ bounds x% of the simulated prices were less. The confidence bounds are the regions between the ‘Upper’ and ‘Lower’ bounds.

Pollock surimi wholesale return volatility projections				
Hist. Avg.	2021		2022	Long-run
21.76	21.76	21.76	21.76	21.76

The production of pollock surimi decreased 3.4% in 2019 and the first-wholesale price increased 8.5% to \$1.363/lb. The price decrease was consistent with the decrease estimated last year and was inside last year’s estimated 95% confidence bounds for the 2019 price which were \$1.350/lb and \$1.448/lb with a median of \$1.396/lb. The current first-wholesale surimi 2020 price projection 95% confidence bounds are \$1.303/lb and \$1.411/lb with a median of \$1.358/lb (Figure 7.9; Table 7.11). Surimi export prices tend to provide a reasonably good prediction of the state of surimi prices. These

estimates imply that a price decrease in 2020 is somewhat likely though stable or a slight increase are also within the estimated range. Production data through Oct. 3, 2020 show a 15% decrease in year-over-year surimi production. Projections of surimi prices for 2021 and beyond indicate that based on historical patterns may fluctuate with no expected trend up or down. Volatility projections suggest that the recent level of volatility will persist in the near-term and are consistent with the historical average.

*Pollock Fillet First-Wholesale Prices*

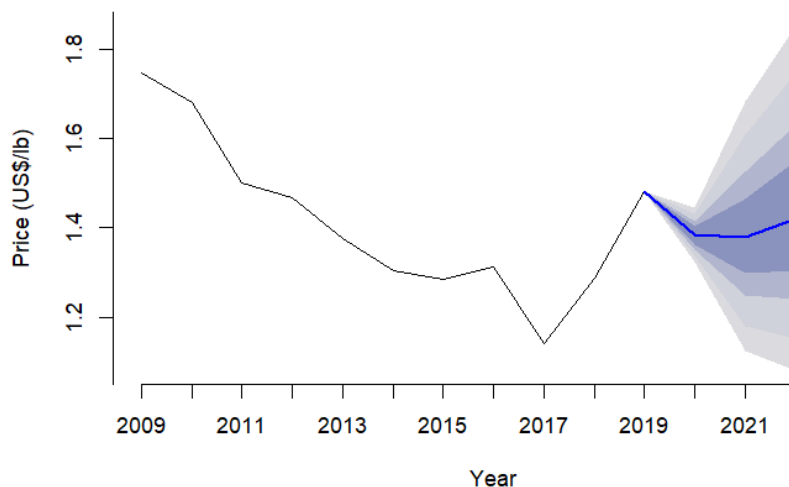


Figure 7.10: Pollock fillet wholesale price projections and confidence bounds

Table 7.12: Projected mean, probability bounds of pollock fillet wholesale prices (US\$/lb)

	Lower				mean	Median	Upper			
	5%	10%	20%	30%			70%	80%	90%	95%
2020	1.32	1.34	1.35	1.36	1.38	1.38	1.40	1.41	1.43	1.44
2021	1.12	1.18	1.25	1.30	1.38	1.38	1.47	1.53	1.61	1.68
2022	1.08	1.15	1.24	1.30	1.42	1.42	1.55	1.63	1.75	1.85

At the 'Lower' and 'Upper' bounds x% of the simulated prices were less. The confidence bounds are the regions between the 'Upper' and 'Lower' bounds.

Pollock fillet wholesale return volatility projections				
Hist. Avg.	2021	2022	Long-run	
13.43	12.67	12.38	14.93	

The production of pollock fillets increased 11% in 2019 and the price increased 15% to \$1.481/lb. The price increase was inconsistent with the projected stable prices from last year projection and was above last year's estimated confidence bounds which had a median of \$1.286/lb and 95% confidence bounds of \$1.226/lb and \$1.349/lb. Current projections for the 2020 fillet price have 95% confidence bounds of \$1.312/lb to \$1.456/lb with a median of \$1.384/lb (Figure 7.10). These estimates imply that prices are likely to decrease in 2020. Production data through Oct. 3, 2020 show that year-over-year fillet production is down 25% in 2020. Projections of fillet prices for 2021 and beyond indicate that based on historical patterns expected prices do not exhibit a significant

trend or potential mean reversion. Volatility projections indicate that future volatility may decrease. Because of the substantial volatility a range of potential increases or decreases are plausible.

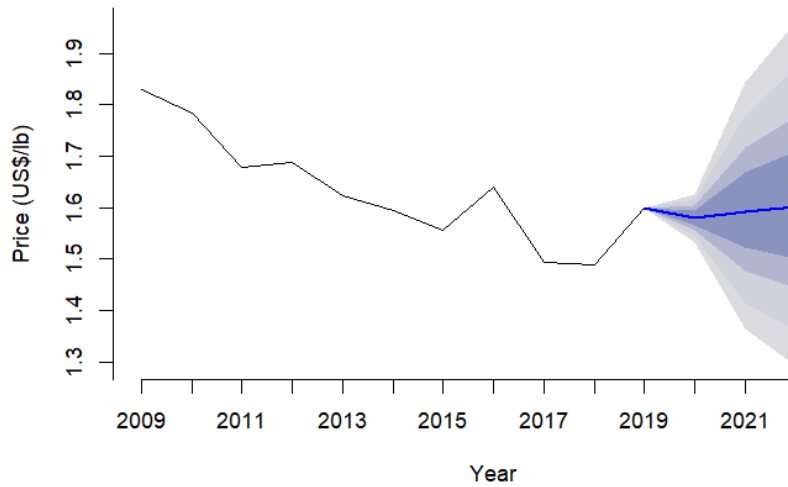


Figure 7.11: Pollock deep-skin fillet wholesale price projections and confidence bounds

Table 7.13: Projected mean, probability bounds of pollock deep-skin fillet wholesale prices (US\$/lb)

	Lower				mean	Median	Upper			
	5%	10%	20%	30%			70%	80%	90%	95%
2020	1.53	1.54	1.56	1.57	1.58	1.58	1.59	1.60	1.62	1.63
2021	1.36	1.41	1.48	1.52	1.59	1.60	1.67	1.72	1.78	1.84
2022	1.29	1.36	1.44	1.50	1.60	1.60	1.71	1.78	1.87	1.96

At the ‘Lower’ and ‘Upper’ bounds x% of the simulated prices were less. The confidence bounds are the regions between the ‘Upper’ and ‘Lower’ bounds.

Pollock deep-skin fillet wholesale return volatility projections				
Hist. Avg.	2021	2022	Long-run	
9.62	9.47	9.80	11.00	

The volume of deep-skin fillets produced increased 2.5% and prices increased 7.5% to \$1.60/lb in 2019. The price increase was consistent with the projected increase from last year and was above last year’s estimated 95% confidence bounds of \$1.498/lb to \$1.584/lb with a median of \$1.540/lb. Current estimates for the 2020 deep-skin fillet price have 95% confidence bounds of \$1.524/lb to \$1.636/lb with a median estimate of \$1.580/lb (Figure 7.11). These estimates imply that the 2020 price will likely remain stable with the potential for increases or decreases also within the projected range. Production data through Oct. 3 2020 indicate an 16% decrease in year-over-year production. Projections of deep-skin fillet prices for 2021 and beyond based on historical trends indicate that expected prices do not exhibit a significant trend or potential mean reversion. Because of the substantial volatility a range of potential increases or decreases are plausible. Volatility estimates indicate that expected return volatility may increase in the future.

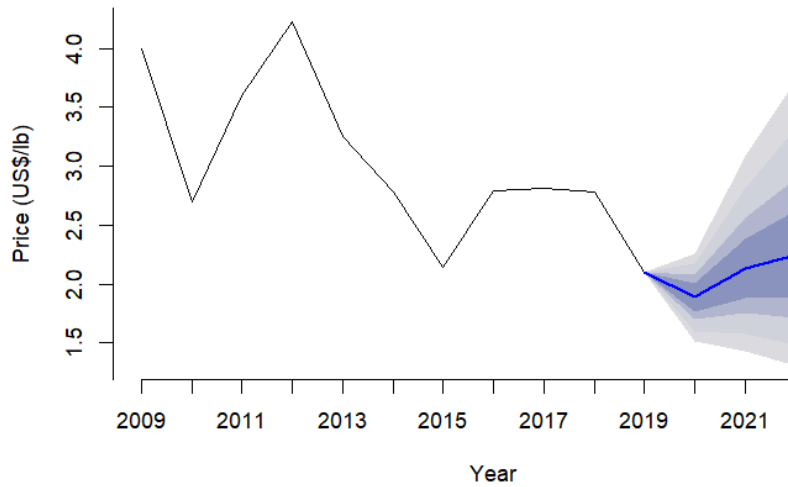


Figure 7.12: Pollock roe wholesale price projections and confidence bounds

Table 7.14: Projected mean, probability bounds of pollock roe wholesale prices (US\$/lb)

	Lower				mean	Median	Upper			
	5%	10%	20%	30%			70%	80%	90%	95%
2020	1.51	1.60	1.70	1.77	1.89	1.89	2.01	2.08	2.18	2.26
2021	1.43	1.58	1.75	1.88	2.13	2.11	2.39	2.56	2.82	3.09
2022	1.30	1.48	1.71	1.89	2.24	2.24	2.63	2.90	3.33	3.74

At the ‘Lower’ and ‘Upper’ bounds x% of the simulated prices were less. The confidence bounds are the regions between the ‘Upper’ and ‘Lower’ bounds.

Pollock roe wholesale return volatility projections				
Hist.	Avg.	2021	2022	Long-run
22.12		21.08	22.59	22.75

### *Pollock Roe First-Wholesale Prices*

Pollock roe production increased 30% in 2019 and prices decreased 24% to \$2.10/lb. The price decrease was consistent with the projected decrease from last year and was within last year’s estimated 95% confidence bounds of \$1.324/lb and \$2.287/lb and a median of \$1.886/lb. The projected first-wholesale pollock roe price for 2020 has a median estimate of \$1.888/lb and 95% confidence bounds of \$1.433/lb and \$2.334/lb (Figure 7.12). These estimates imply that a decrease in roe prices for 2020 is somewhat likely though stable or slight increases are within the projected range. Projections of roe prices for 2021 and beyond indicate that based on historical patterns prices may trend back up reverting back towards recent levels. Production data through Oct. 3, 2020 indicate that production is down 12% year-over-year. Because of the substantial volatility a range of potential increases or decreases are plausible. There is considerable volatility in pollock roe returns which is projected to increase in the long-run.

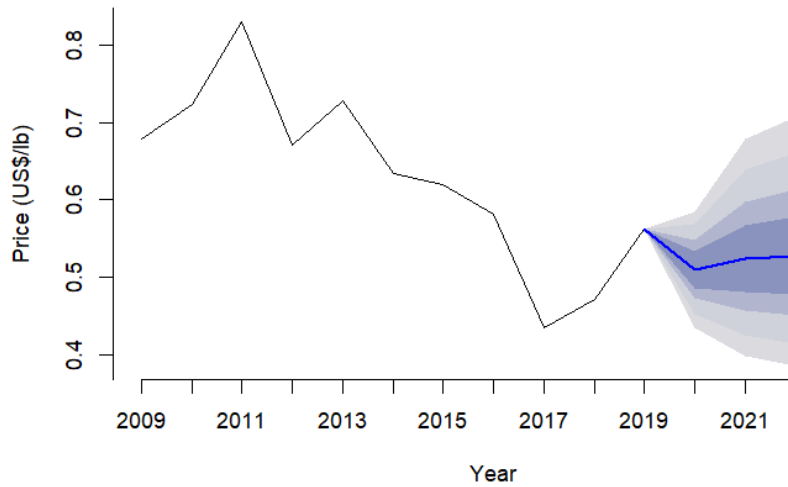


Figure 7.13: Pollock head and gut wholesale price projections and confidence bounds

Table 7.15: Projected mean, probability bounds of pollock head and gut wholesale prices (US\$/lb)

	Lower				mean	Median	Upper			
	5%	10%	20%	30%			70%	80%	90%	95%
2020	0.43	0.45	0.47	0.49	0.51	0.51	0.53	0.55	0.57	0.58
2021	0.40	0.42	0.46	0.48	0.52	0.52	0.57	0.60	0.64	0.68
2022	0.38	0.41	0.45	0.48	0.53	0.53	0.58	0.61	0.66	0.71

At the ‘Lower’ and ‘Upper’ bounds x% of the simulated prices were less. The confidence bounds are the regions between the ‘Upper’ and ‘Lower’ bounds.

Pollock head and gut wholesale return volatility projections					
Hist. Avg.	2021		2022		Long-run
14.95	14.47	15.00			14.95

### *Pollock H&G First-Wholesale Prices*

Pollock head and gut production decreased 25% in 2019 and prices increased 19% to \$0.562/lb. The price increase was consistent with the projected increase from last year and was above last year’s estimated 95% confidence bounds of \$0.413/lb to \$0.542/lb with a median of \$0.481/lb. The projected first-wholesale pollock H&G price in 2020 has a median estimate of \$0.510/lb and 95% confidence bounds of \$0.420/lb and \$0.599/lb (Figure 7.13). These estimates imply that prices in 2020 will likely decrease with potential for stable or a slight increase in prices falling within the projected range. Production data through Oct. 3, 2019 indicate that 2020 H&G production is down 17% year-over-year. Export data on which projections are based do not have a distinct H&G code which contributes to the considerable volatility in H&G price projections. Because of the substantial volatility a range of potential increases or decreases are plausible in future years.

7.5.2 Pacific Cod First-Wholesale Prices

Pacific cod is mainly produced into the H&G product form, though fillets constitute a significant portion of the output, particularly for shoreside processors (Tables 16 and 32).

Pacific Cod H&G First-Wholesale Prices

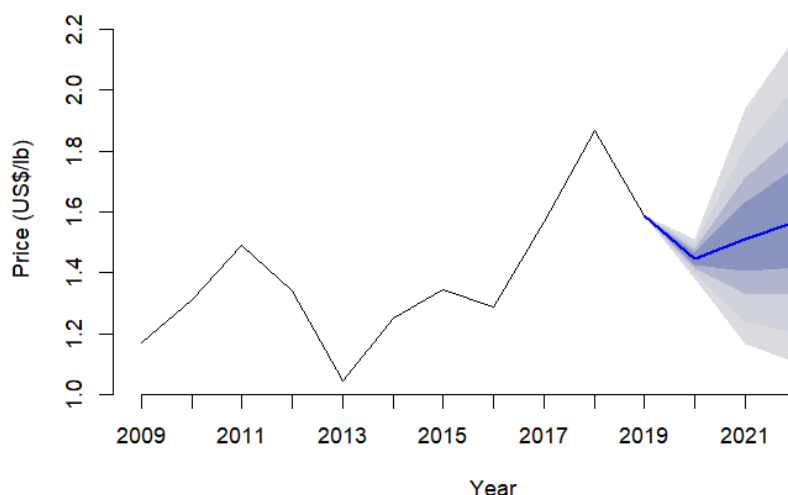


Figure 7.14: Pacific cod head and gut wholesale price projections and confidence bounds

Table 7.16: Projected mean, probability bounds of pacific cod head and gut wholesale prices (US\$/lb)

	Lower				mean	Median	Upper			
	5%	10%	20%	30%			70%	80%	90%	95%
2020	1.38	1.40	1.41	1.42	1.44	1.44	1.47	1.48	1.50	1.51
2021	1.17	1.24	1.33	1.40	1.51	1.51	1.63	1.71	1.81	1.94
2022	1.11	1.21	1.33	1.42	1.57	1.57	1.75	1.86	2.01	2.17

At the ‘Lower’ and ‘Upper’ bounds x% of the simulated prices were less. The confidence bounds are the regions between the ‘Upper’ and ‘Lower’ bounds.

Pacific cod head and gut wholesale return volatility projections				
Hist. Avg.	2021	2022	Long-run	
16.38	15.99	16.13	16.23	

Production of Pacific cod H&G decreased 19.5% in 2019 and realized prices decreased 15% to \$1.587/lb. Price projections from last year’s report indicated an decrease as well and had 95% confidence bounds of \$1.651/lb to \$1.771/lb with a median of \$1.703/lb, placing the realized price below the projected range. The 2020 price projections 2020 H&G prices have an estimated median price of \$1.445/lb and 95% confidence bounds ranging from \$1.368/lb to \$1.523/lb. (Figure 7.14). These estimates indicate that a price decrease in 2020 is likely. Production data through Oct. 3, 2020 show a 21% reduction in the year-over-year production of H&G. Projections of cod H&G prices for 2021 and beyond indicate that based on historical patterns prices may rebound, reverting back towards 2019 levels, but also confidence bounds show a wide range of potential future prices. Volatility projections indicate that future volatility may decrease.

*Pacific Cod Fillet First-Wholesale Prices*

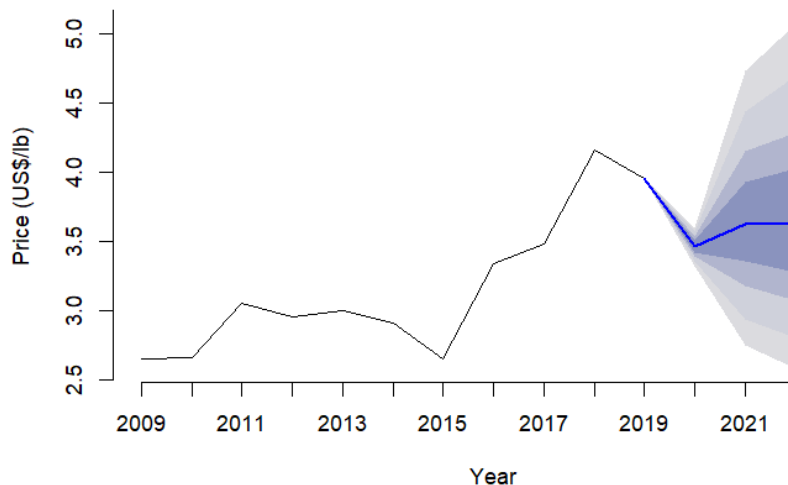


Figure 7.15: Pacific cod fillet wholesale price projections and confidence bounds

Table 7.17: Projected mean, probability bounds of pacific cod fillet wholesale prices (US\$/lb)

	Lower				mean	Median	Upper			
	5%	10%	20%	30%			70%	80%	90%	95%
2020	3.33	3.36	3.39	3.42	3.46	3.46	3.51	3.53	3.57	3.60
2021	2.76	2.94	3.18	3.36	3.63	3.63	3.93	4.16	4.44	4.73
2022	2.58	2.80	3.07	3.28	3.63	3.64	4.03	4.29	4.70	5.07

At the ‘Lower’ and ‘Upper’ bounds x% of the simulated prices were less. The confidence bounds are the regions between the ‘Upper’ and ‘Lower’ bounds.

Pacific cod fillet wholesale return volatility projections				
Hist. Avg.	2021	2022	Long-run	
17.15	17.36	18.16	20.51	

Production of Pacific cod fillets decreased 16% in 2019 as prices fell 5% to \$3.961/lb. Price projections from last year’s report indicated an decrease as well and had 95% confidence bounds of \$3.901/lb to \$4.333/lb with a median of \$4.188/lb, placing the realized price within the projected range. The current projections for 2020 first-wholesale cod fillets have 95% confidence bounds of \$3.298/lb and \$3.627/lb with a median of \$3.464/lb (Figure 7.15). These estimates indicate that a decrease in 2020 cod fillet price is likely. Production data through Oct. 3, 2020 show a 9% reduction in the year-over-year production of fillets. Fillet price projections for 2021 and beyond indicate future prices may rebound. Confidence bounds show a wide range of potential future prices reflecting the historical and projected volatility in the cod fillet price. Volatility projections indicate that future volatility may increase.

*7.5.3 Sablefish H&G First-Wholesale Prices*

Sablefish is mostly produced into the head-and-gut product form at the first-wholesale level, comprising 93% of the value from sablefish products. Sablefish H&G production in 2019 increased

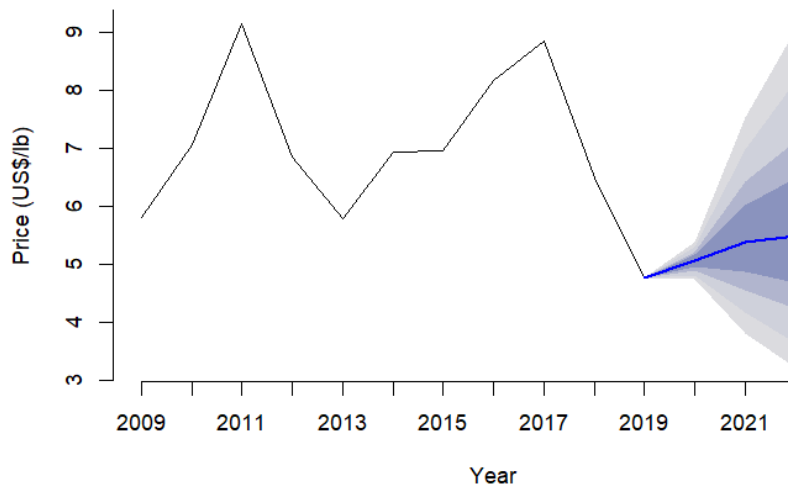


Figure 7.16: Sablefish head and gut ex-vessel price projections and confidence bounds

Table 7.18: Projected mean, probability bounds of sablefish head and gut ex-vessel prices (US\$/lb)

	Lower				mean	Median	Upper			
	5%	10%	20%	30%			70%	80%	90%	95%
2020	4.74	4.81	4.89	4.95	5.05	5.05	5.15	5.22	5.30	5.37
2021	3.80	4.16	4.54	4.87	5.39	5.40	6.01	6.42	6.97	7.53
2022	3.20	3.63	4.23	4.68	5.48	5.52	6.49	7.13	8.16	9.06

At the ‘Lower’ and ‘Upper’ bounds x% of the simulated prices were less. The confidence bounds are the regions between the ‘Upper’ and ‘Lower’ bounds.

Sablefish head and gut ex-vessel return volatility projections				
Hist.	Avg.	2021	2022	Long-run
18.60		21.52	22.74	16.47

2.3%. The realized price of sablefish H&G in 2019 decreased 26% to \$4.765/lb. Price projections from last year’s report indicated a decrease as well and had 95% confidence bounds of \$5.721/lb to \$6.560/lb with a median of \$6.158/lb, placing the realized price below the projected range. This year’s price projections for the 2020 first-wholesale sablefish H&G price have 95% confidence bounds of \$4.680/lb to \$5.424/lb with a median of \$5.052/lb (Figure 7.16). These estimates imply that a price increase in 2020 is somewhat likely, however the 2019 price falls within the projected bounds indicating the possibility that prices may remain stable. Production data through Oct. 3, 2020 show 5% decrease in the year-over-year production of sablefish H&G. Projections of sablefish H&G prices for 2021 and beyond indicate that based on historical patterns prices may trend back up reverting back towards recent levels, but also confidence bounds show a wide range of potential future prices. Volatility projections indicate an increase in future volatility.

#### 7.5.4 Atka Mackerel H&G First-Wholesale Prices

Greater than 90% of the Alaska caught Atka mackerel production volume is processed as head-and-gut. The Atka mackerel first-wholesale H&G production decreased 9.5% in 2019 and price decreased



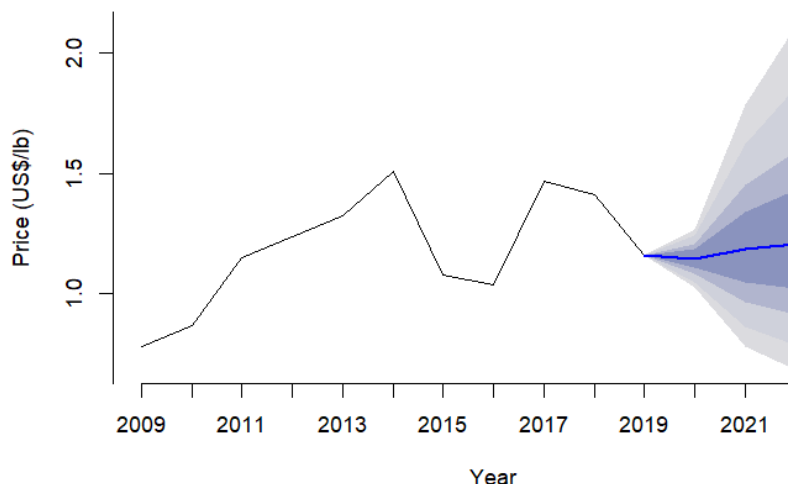


Figure 7.17: Atka mackerel head and gut wholesale price projections and confidence bounds

Table 7.19: Projected mean, probability bounds of atka mackerel head and gut wholesale prices (US\$/lb)

	Lower				mean	Median	Upper			
	5%	10%	20%	30%			70%	80%	90%	95%
2020	1.03	1.05	1.08	1.11	1.14	1.15	1.18	1.21	1.24	1.27
2021	0.78	0.87	0.97	1.05	1.19	1.19	1.34	1.45	1.62	1.78
2022	0.68	0.79	0.92	1.02	1.21	1.21	1.43	1.59	1.86	2.11

At the ‘Lower’ and ‘Upper’ bounds x% of the simulated prices were less. The confidence bounds are the regions between the ‘Upper’ and ‘Lower’ bounds.

Atka mackerel head and gut wholesale return volatility projections				
Hist. Avg.	2021	2022	Long-run	
25.79	25.86	25.79	25.79	

18% to \$1.161/lb. Price projections from last year’s report had 95% confidence bounds of \$1.196/lb and \$1.456/lb with a median of \$1.324/lb, placing the realized price below the projected range. Current projections for the 2020 Atka mackerel H&G price have 95% confidence bounds of \$1.003/lb to \$1.291/lb with a median of \$1.146/lb (Figure 7.16). These estimates imply that the 2020 Atka mackerel price will likely remain stable, however marginal increases and decreases are within the projected range. Production data through Oct. 3, 2020 show a 6% increase in the year-over-year production of H&G. Atka mackerel H&G price projections for 2021 and beyond based on historical trends indicate that expected prices do not exhibit a trend or potential mean reversion. Because of the substantial volatility a range of potential increases or decreases are plausible in the future. Volatility projections indicate future volatility levels will remain stable.

### 7.5.5 Flatfish First-Wholesale Prices

The two largest flatfish species in terms of market value and volume are yellowfin and rock sole in the BSAI. Arrowtooth flounder is the predominant species caught in the GOA and in also caught in

substantial quantities in the BSAI. The market shares for other flatfish fisheries are comparatively smaller. Flatfish are primarily processed into the head-and-gut product form.

*Yellowfin Sole H&G First-Wholesale Prices*

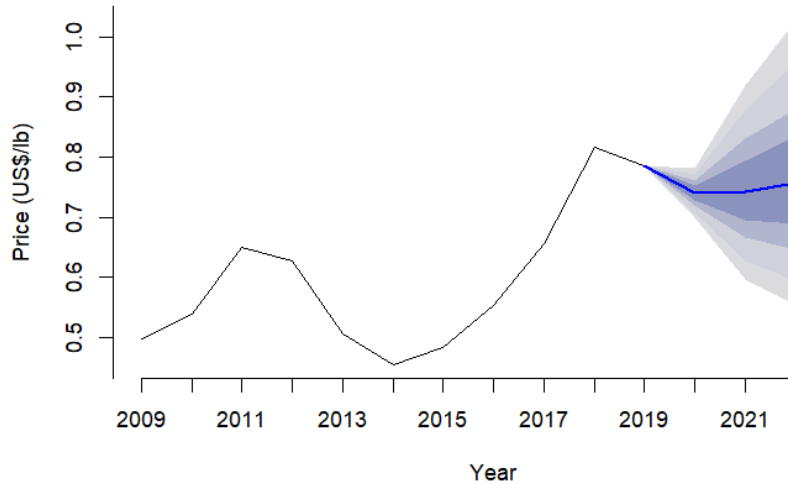


Figure 7.18: Yellowfin (BSAI) head and gut wholesale price projections and confidence bounds

Table 7.20: Projected mean, probability bounds of yellowfin (BSAI) head and gut wholesale prices (US\$/lb)

	Lower				mean	Median	Upper			
	5%	10%	20%	30%			70%	80%	90%	95%
2020	0.70	0.71	0.72	0.73	0.74	0.74	0.75	0.76	0.77	0.78
2021	0.60	0.63	0.67	0.70	0.74	0.74	0.79	0.83	0.88	0.92
2022	0.55	0.59	0.65	0.69	0.76	0.76	0.83	0.88	0.96	1.03

At the ‘Lower’ and ‘Upper’ bounds x% of the simulated prices were less. The confidence bounds are the regions between the ‘Upper’ and ‘Lower’ bounds.

Yellowfin (BSAI) head and gut wholesale return volatility projections				
Hist. Avg.	2021	2022	Long-run	
13.71	13.70	13.63	13.66	

The yellowfin sole first-wholesale H&G production increased 1% in 2019 and the first-wholesale price decreased 4% to \$0.786/lb. This price was consistent with the price projection from last year’s report that estimated that prices would decrease with 95% confidence bounds of \$0.707/lb and \$0.828/lb and a median of \$0.761/lb. This year’s projection for 2020 yellowfin sole H&G prices estimate a median price of \$0.740/lb with 95% confidence bounds of \$0.692/lb and \$0.788/lb (Figure 7.18). These estimates imply that a price decrease in 2020 is likely, however the 2019 price falls within the projected bounds indicating the possibility that prices may remain stable. Production data through Oct. 3, 2020 show 3% increase in the year-over-year production of H&G. Yellowfin sole H&G price projections for 2021 and beyond based on historical trends indicate that expected prices do not exhibit a significant trend or potential mean reversion. Because of the substantial volatility a range

of potential increases or decreases are plausible. Volatility projections indicate a decrease in future volatility.

*Rock Sole H&G First-Wholesale Prices*

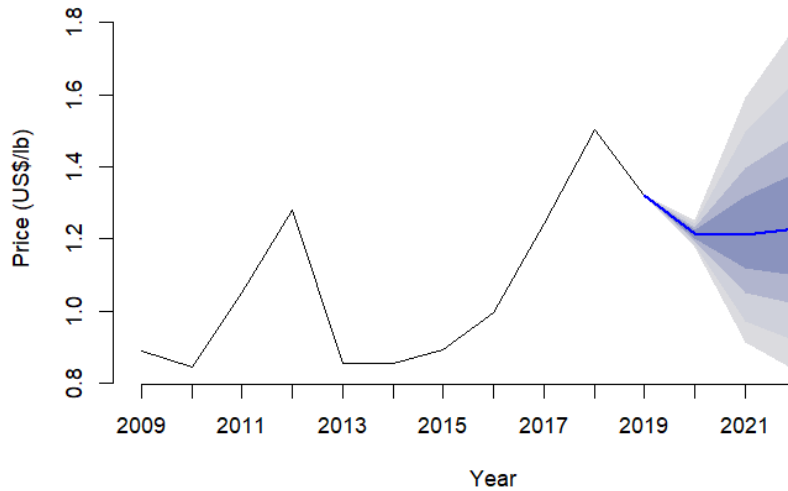


Figure 7.19: Rock sole (BSAI) head and gut with roe wholesale price projections and confidence bounds

Table 7.21: Projected mean, probability bounds of rock sole (BSAI) head and gut with roe wholesale prices (US\$/lb)

	Lower				mean	Median	Upper			
	5%	10%	20%	30%			70%	80%	90%	95%
2020	1.18	1.18	1.19	1.20	1.21	1.21	1.23	1.23	1.24	1.25
2021	0.91	0.97	1.05	1.12	1.21	1.21	1.32	1.40	1.49	1.59
2022	0.83	0.92	1.02	1.10	1.23	1.23	1.38	1.48	1.64	1.79

At the 'Lower' and 'Upper' bounds x% of the simulated prices were less. The confidence bounds are the regions between the 'Upper' and 'Lower' bounds.

Rock sole (BSAI) head and gut with roe wholesale return volatility projections			
Hist. Avg.	2021	2022	Long-run
18.29	18.28	18.28	18.26

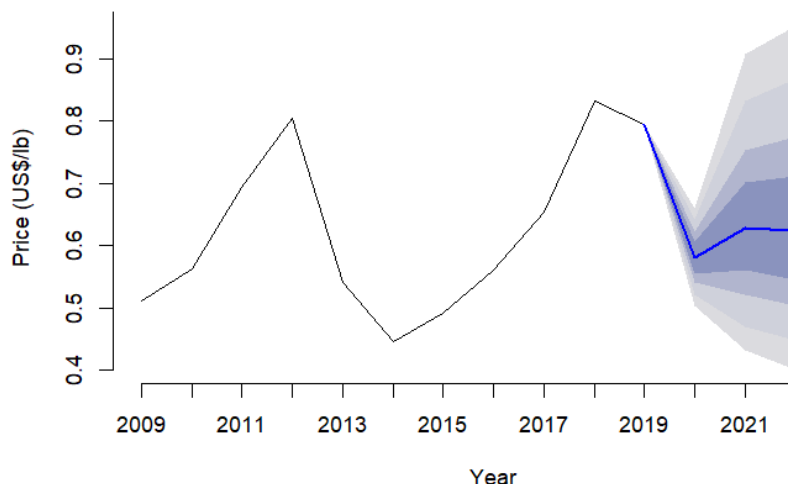


Figure 7.20: Rock sole (BSAI) head and gut wholesale price projections and confidence bounds

Table 7.22: Projected mean, probability bounds of rock sole (BSAI) head and gut wholesale prices (US\$/lb)

	Lower				mean	Median	Upper			
	5%	10%	20%	30%			70%	80%	90%	95%
2020	0.50	0.52	0.54	0.56	0.58	0.58	0.61	0.62	0.64	0.66
2021	0.43	0.47	0.52	0.56	0.63	0.63	0.70	0.75	0.83	0.91
2022	0.40	0.45	0.50	0.55	0.62	0.62	0.71	0.77	0.87	0.95

At the ‘Lower’ and ‘Upper’ bounds x% of the simulated prices were less. The confidence bounds are the regions between the ‘Upper’ and ‘Lower’ bounds.

Rock sole (BSAI) head and gut wholesale return volatility projections				
Hist.	Avg.	2021	2022	Long-run
21.97		22.45	22.39	22.73

The majority of rock sole is processed into two product forms; H&G with roe is a higher priced product with slightly different price dynamics than the other product form H&G (without roe) (Figures 7.19 and 7.20).

The first-wholesale production of rock sole H&G with roe decreased 32% in 2019 and the price decreased 12% to \$1.321/lb. Price projections from last year’s report indicated a decrease which had 95% confidence bounds of \$1.225/lb and \$1.333/lb with a median of \$1.283/lb, placing the realized price within the projected range. This year’s projection for the 2020 rock sole H&G with roe price has a median of \$1.214/lb with 95% confidence bounds of \$1.169/lb and \$1.258/lb (Figure 7.19) indicating that it is likely that prices will decrease. Production data through Oct. 3, 2020 show a 99% increase in the year-over-year production of H&G with roe. The price projection for 2021 and beyond does not exhibit a significant trend. Because of the substantial volatility a range of potential increases or decreases are plausible in future years.

The first-wholesale production of rock sole H&G (without roe) decreased 10% in 2019 and the price increased 4% to \$0.795/lb. Price projections from last year’s report indicated a decrease which had 95% confidence bounds of \$0.480/lb and \$0.619/lb with a median of \$0.544/lb, placing the

realized price above the projected range. This year’s projections estimate the 2020 rock sole H&G (without roe) median price will decrease with a median estimate of \$0.580/lb with confidence bounds ranging from \$0.487/lb to \$0.674/lb (Figure 7.20). Production data through Oct. 3, 2020 show a 8.6% decrease in the year-over-year production of H&G for 2020. The price projection for 2021 and beyond indicate that prices may rebound in 2021.

*Arrowtooth Flounder H&G First-Wholesale Prices*

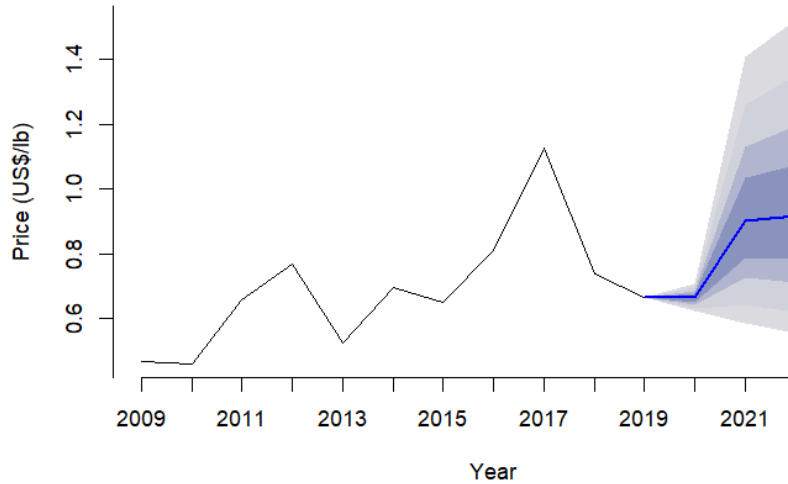


Figure 7.21: Arrowtooth head and gut wholesale price projections and confidence bounds

Table 7.23: Projected mean, probability bounds of arrowtooth head and gut wholesale prices (US\$/lb)

	Lower				mean	Median	Upper			
	5%	10%	20%	30%			70%	80%	90%	95%
2020	0.62	0.63	0.65	0.65	0.67	0.67	0.68	0.69	0.70	0.71
2021	0.58	0.65	0.73	0.79	0.90	0.90	1.03	1.13	1.26	1.41
2022	0.55	0.62	0.71	0.79	0.92	0.92	1.07	1.19	1.35	1.52

At the ‘Lower’ and ‘Upper’ bounds x% of the simulated prices were less. The confidence bounds are the regions between the ‘Upper’ and ‘Lower’ bounds.

Arrowtooth head and gut wholesale return volatility projections			
Hist. Avg.	2021	2022	Long-run
23.15	28.37	31.92	18.80

Arrowtooth flounder are primarily produced into the head-and-gut product form. The first-wholesale production of arrowtooth H&G increased 51% in 2019 and the price decreased 10% to \$0.667/lb. This value was within last year’s estimated 95% confidence bounds of \$0.613/lb and \$0.854/lb, and a median \$0.746/lb. This year’s price projections for the 2020 arrowtooth H&G price have 95% confidence bounds of \$0.616/lb and \$0.715/lb with median of \$0.666/lb (Figure 7.21). These estimates indicate that prices will likely remain stable with potential for a marginal price increase or decrease falling within the projected range. Production data through Oct. 3, 2020 show 8.3% increase in the year-over-year production of H&G for 2020. Projections for 2021 and beyond indicate

an increase with a return to the pre-2020 trend. Because of the substantial volatility a range of potential increases or decreases are plausible. Export data aggregate arrowtooth into a general flatfish category which can reduce the accuracy of the model depending on how well year-over-year changes in the arrowtooth price match changes for this general flatfish group.

### 7.5.6 Rockfish H&G First-Wholesale Prices

Rockfish fisheries have historically been aggregated into a species complex in this report. Species within the complex include northern rockfish, Pacific Ocean perch, roughey rockfish, shorttraker rockfish, dusky rockfish and thornyhead rockfish. The only rockfish species defined in the export data is Pacific Ocean perch (POP) which is used to nowcast current first-wholesale prices for the aggregate rockfish complex. Price projections are included here to provide the best available estimates of prices given the information available. Rockfish are primarily produced into the head-and-gut product form.

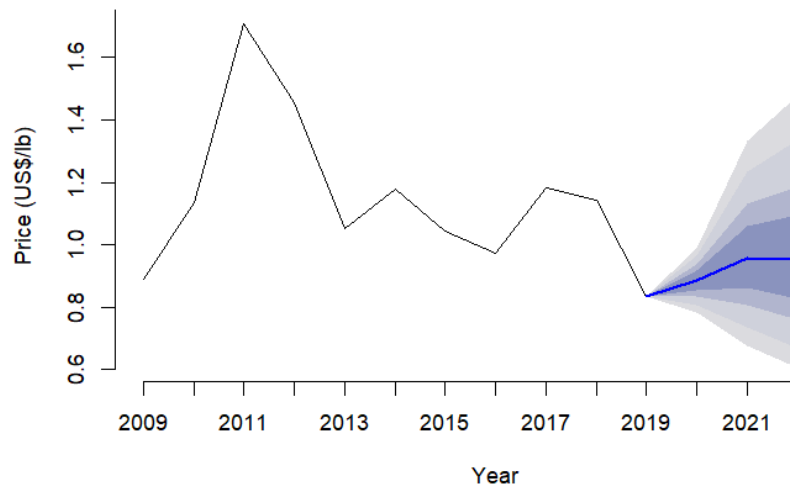


Figure 7.22: Rockfish head and gut wholesale price projections and confidence bounds

Table 7.24: Projected mean, probability bounds of rockfish head and gut wholesale prices (US\$/lb)

	Lower				mean	Median	Upper			
	5%	10%	20%	30%			70%	80%	90%	95%
2020	0.78	0.81	0.83	0.85	0.89	0.89	0.92	0.94	0.96	0.99
2021	0.68	0.73	0.81	0.86	0.96	0.95	1.06	1.13	1.23	1.33
2022	0.60	0.67	0.76	0.83	0.95	0.95	1.09	1.19	1.34	1.48

At the ‘Lower’ and ‘Upper’ bounds x% of the simulated prices were less. The confidence bounds are the regions between the ‘Upper’ and ‘Lower’ bounds.

Rockfish head and gut wholesale return volatility projections			
Hist. Avg.	2021	2022	Long-run
19.50	20.69	17.06	19.48

First-wholesale rockfish H&G prices decreased 27% to \$0.0835/lb in 2019 (Figure 7.22). This value was below the last year’s 95% confidence bounds of \$0.942/lb and \$1.071/lb. Projections for the

2020 price have 95% confidence bounds of \$0.765/lb and \$1.008/lb with a median of \$0.887/lb indicating that 2020 prices are somewhat likely to increase although price decreases are within the projected range.

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## 8. WHOLESALE MARKET PROFILES FOR ALASKA GROUND FISH

The Alaska Groundfish Wholesale Market Profiles was prepared for Alaska Fisheries Science Center (AFSC) by McDowell Group in collaboration with AFSC and Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission. This section is an extract from the full Profiles report.

Note: AKFIN and COAR data used in the Profiles report may not match other figures in the Economic SAFE exactly because different versions of the data sets were used independently in the analysis.



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This section of the *Economic Status Report of the Groundfish Fisheries off Alaska, 2019* is extracted from the content in the larger and more comprehensive Alaska Groundfish Wholesale Market Profiles (<https://repository.library.noaa.gov/view/noaa/25242>). The analysis was conducted during the winter of 2018 and spring of 2019, based primarily on 2017 harvest and market data. For data sourced from NMFS and AKFIN the reader should refer to the Economic Status Report of the Groundfish Fisheries Off Alaska, 2017. The following section of the report covers the primary wholesale products for the high valued FMP groundfish species Alaska pollock, Pacific cod, sablefish, yellowfin sole, rock sole, Atka mackerel, Pacific Ocean perch, and arrowtooth. The full Alaska Groundfish Wholesale Market Profiles report contains more extensive analysis and covers additional species and products not contained here, including Pacific halibut, king crab and snow crab.

The profiles provide an overview of the wholesale markets related to primary Alaska groundfish species and/or products. Most of the wholesale data and analysis outside of this section pertains to first wholesale markets. This section and the Market Profiles report provide a broader analysis on wholesale markets from production to consumers. Each profile in this series contains detailed information about key markets and competing supply for individual species or products, while this chapter contextualizes Alaska groundfish production versus the rest of the world. Each profile characterizes wholesale production volume and value, product mix, supply chain, competing supply, and key markets. Values and prices throughout this section are nominal unless stated otherwise.

#### **Data Sources:**

In general: Alaska groundfish and crab production were sourced from the NMFS Alaska Region At-sea and Shoreside Production Report which was combined with prices derived from the ADF&G Commercial Operators Annual Reports (COAR) to produce data on value (Data provided by the Alaska Fisheries Information Network (AKFIN)). Alaska groundfish harvest data for recent years are sourced from NMFS Alaska Region Blend and Catch-accounting System estimates and crab harvest from ADFG/CFEC Fish Tickets (Data provided by the Alaska Fisheries Information Network (AKFIN)). Historical harvest data for U.S. fisheries were sourced from NMFS Office of Science and Technology, Annual Commercial Fisheries Statistics Database. Global harvest data were sourced from FAO Fisheries and Aquaculture Department. Fisheries statistics and information. U.S. export and import trade data were sourced from NMFS Office of Science and Technology, Foreign Fishery Trade Data. Global export and import trade data were sourced from IHS Markit. Global Trade Atlas: International Import and Export Commodity Trade Data. Exchange rate data were sourced from Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System (US), FRED, Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis. For details on specific tables, figures or values see information in the notes, sources or contact authors.

### 8.1. Global Groundfish Production & Key Markets

#### *8.1.1 Global Whitefish and Other Marine Fish Production*

Alaska's groundfish fisheries are of particular global importance thanks to their production of whitefish; Alaska produces approximately 21 percent of global marine wild-harvest whitefish annually. Whitefish generally refers to non-oily species like cod, pollock, haddock, hake, whiting, and benthic flatfish species, such as sole, plaice, flounder, and halibut (Table 8.1). These species - primarily caught in wild fisheries - also compete in global seafood markets with notable aquaculture species such as tilapia and pangasius. Though there are different perceptions of quality and price premiums

within this range of species, they are all competitors and may be substituted depending on price and availability.

Table 8.1: Global whitefish production, in metric tons, 2016

Species	2016 Harvest Volume (mt)	Alaska Pct. Of Global Production (2016)	Primary Uses
Pollock	3,476,149	44%	Meat, Surimi, Meal/Oil
Hakes, Hoki, Lings, and Whiting	2,813,434	0%	Meat, Surimi, Meal/Oil
Cod <sup>1</sup> and Haddock	2,106,327	15%	Meat
Sole, Flounder, and Plaice	715,493	33%	Meat
Saithe	298,086	0%	Meat
Other Whitefish (Whitefish and Cod Varieties)	84,085	0%	Meat
Halibuts and Turbots	212,433	5%	Meat
<b>Total Wild Whitefish (Capture Fisheries)</b>	<b>9,706,007</b>	<b>21%</b>	
Tilapias and Cichlids (Farmed and Capture)	6,685,921	0%	Meat
Pangasius (Farmed)	1,757,843	0%	Meat
<b>Total - Tilapias and Pangasius</b>	<b>8,443,764</b>	<b>-</b>	
<b>Total Wild Whitefish, Tilapia, and Pangasius</b>	<b>18,149,771</b>	<b>11%</b>	

**Notes:** Global harvest/production data for 2017 is not yet available.

1. Pacific and Atlantic cod only.

**Source:** FAO, compiled by McDowell Group.

Globally, 9.7 million metric tons of whitefish were harvested in 2016, with Alaska pollock being the largest component of this group at 3.5 million metric tons (Table 8.1). Following Alaska pollock, 2.8 million metric tons of hakes, hoki, lings, and whittings were harvested. While the majority of production of these high-volume species is used for meat, surimi production is also a critically important product. Roe, fish meal, fish oil, and other ancillary products are also produced in significant volumes from these wild marine fish species.

After pollock and hakes/hoki/lings/whiting, the next most important whitefish species group is cod/haddock, with a total global harvest of 2.1 million metric tons. The vast majority of these fish are used to produce fillets that could represent a substitute for key Alaska groundfish species on a general level, especially in European and North American markets. While consumers generally will not substitute imported whitefish species for less expensive and traditionally palatable domestic species, frozen seafood manufacturers increasingly develop products and packaging that allows them to use multiple species for the same product, permitting them greater sourcing options and the ability to lower costs. Flatfish are another key whitefish species and Alaska produces an estimated 33% of the global supply. Most Alaska flatfish exports are reprocessed as fillets in China. Important markets for flatfish include Japan, U.S., and Europe.

In addition to whitefish, Alaska’s groundfish fisheries produce significant volumes of rockfish, Pacific Ocean perch, sablefish, and Atka mackerel (Table 8.2). Though these species also have white flesh, they are treated separately due to their oil content and where they compete within the overall seafood hierarchy; rockfish would most closely compete with “snappers” while sablefish compete directly with the ultra-premium Antarctic and Patagonia toothfish. Alaska harvested more than 18 percent of the world’s snappers, rockfish, sablefish, and Antarctic/Patagonia toothfish in 2016.

Table 8.2: Global production of snappers/rockfish and sablefish/toothfish, in metric tons, 2016

Species	2016 Harvest Volume (mt)	Alaska Pct. Of Global Production (2016)	Primary Uses
Snappers and Rockfish (Includes Pacific Ocean Perch)	360,757	18%	Meat
Sablefish and Antarctic/Patagonia Toothfish	46,886	21%	Meat
<b>Total Wild Snappers, Rockfish, and Toothfish</b>	<b>119,965</b>	<b>20%</b>	

Source: FAO, compiled by McDowell Group.

### 8.1.2 Alaska’s Position in the Global Whitefish Market

Alaska produces a fraction of global whitefish production and is thus highly impacted by global macroeconomic trends, trade policies, and competing whitefish supply. In terms of supply, Russia (cod/pollock/flatfish), China (tilapia), Norway (cod), Japan (pollock/cod), New Zealand (hoki), and Vietnam (pangasius) are the biggest competitors for Alaska’s high-volume whitefish species. Other species like POP and Atka mackerel have both defined export markets and limited competition where Alaska is the primary export supplier and generally accounts for a larger percent of global supply. As a result, species substitution is less common in markets for these species with price driven by local demand dynamics, currency fluctuations, and Alaska harvest volume. Once almost exclusively dependent on the Japanese market, sablefish markets have expanded around the world, and is now well-known and sought-after by chefs and discerning consumers.

### 8.1.3 Alaska Groundfish Production and Market Summary

In 2016, 2.2 million mt of groundfish were harvested off Alaska, with roughly two-thirds of this volume made up of pollock. Table 8.3 summarizes production volume, value, key markets, and the percentage of global production for Alaska groundfish species and products. Alaska accounts for a significant share of global whitefish production. The U.S. domestic market has grown in importance for Alaska’s groundfish fisheries, with Europe, Japan, China, and South Korea remaining key export markets for Alaska groundfish.

Export markets buy about 69 percent of Alaska’s total groundfish production, and an even larger percentage of surimi, roe, fish meal, and other groundfish products. China is the largest wholesale market for groundfish, accounting for 24 percent of estimated sales volume in 2017, with the largest single export product being flatfish. However, the vast majority of Alaska groundfish exported to China is re-exported to Europe, the U.S., and Japan. Japan is the second largest overall market for

Table 8.3: Alaska groundfish production and market summary, 2017.

Species/Product	First Wholesale Value (\$millions)	Alaska Production (mt)	Key Markets
Pollock – Fillets	\$480	173,000	Europe
Pollock – Surimi	595	207,000	Japan/Korea
Pollock – Roe	121	19,500	Japan
Pollock – Other	242	205,000	China*
Pacific Cod	510	137,000	U.S.
Soles, Flounders, and Plaice	230	135,000	China*
Pacific Halibut	117	9,300	U.S.
Sablefish	124	6,600	Japan
Rockfish	16	6,000	U.S.
Pacific Ocean Perch <sup>1</sup>	64	26,000	China*
Atka Mackerel	128	42,200	Japan
Other	7	3,300	Korea

**Notes:** \*Denotes re-export market. Alaska production figures are rounded.

1. While Pacific Ocean perch is also considered a rockfish, it is separated here due to its volume and that it is almost exclusively exported.

**Source:** AKFIN, ADF&G (COAR), and McDowell Group estimates.

Alaska groundfish due to the high volume of pollock roe, surimi, and cod which enter the market. Europe is particularly important for pollock fillets, surimi, and H/G Pacific cod production, though its importance has been somewhat diminished due to the recent abundance of its own whitefish harvests.

With an estimated 31 percent of Alaska groundfish production remaining in the U.S. – and a great deal more processed in China and re-exported back the U.S. – the U.S. is the largest consumer of Alaska groundfish. This position could remain steady or increase in coming years due to tariffs and technical trade barriers imposed on China and Vietnam, and the persistent strength of the U.S. dollar.

## 8.2. Alaska Pollock Product Market Profiles

Pollock or walleye pollock (*Gadus chalcogrammus*) is currently the largest single-species fishery in the world, with stocks concentrated in the North Pacific Ocean.<sup>1</sup> Pollock are commercially harvested by several countries, but U.S. (Alaska) and Russia are the largest producers by a wide margin. Pollock harvests in Alaska are significant on a national scale, accounting for 28 percent of total U.S. commercial fishery in 2017. Alaskan pollock accounted for 63 percent of Alaska’s groundfish production volume and 57 percent of first wholesale value in 2017 (Table 8.4). Alaskan pollock is processed into fillets, surimi, roe, head/gut (H&G), fish meal, fish oil, and other products. Europe, Japan, and U.S. are the primary consumer markets.

<sup>1</sup>Note: Differentiating pollock by its place of origin, primarily Russia or Alaska, can be confusing due to the widespread use of the name Alaska pollock. To avoid confusion, we use the term “pollock” to refer to *Gadus chalcogrammus* from any country/place. References to pollock from a specific place are called out by name (e.g. “Alaskan pollock” or “Russian pollock”).

Table 8.4: Summary profile of Alaska pollock wholesale production and markets, 2017.

Value and Volume		Key Products	Fillets	Surimi	Roe	Meal	Other
First Wholesale Production (mt)	604,426	Pct. of Value	33%	41%	8%	7%	11%
Pct. of Global Pollock Harvest	45%	Key Markets	Japan	Europe	US	Korea	China
First Wholesale Value (\$millions)	\$1,438	Pct. of 1 <sup>st</sup> Sales	18%	24%	23%	17%	14%
Pct. Change in Value from 2013-2017	3.2%	YoY Change	13%	-6%	-9%	-14%	16%
Pct. of Alaska Groundfish Value	57%	Competing Species: Russian pollock, hake, hoki, tropical surimi, & cod.					

*Alaskan Pollock Production*

*Wholesale Production and Value Summary*

Pollock is one of the most valuable fisheries in Alaska, and even the world, due to its tremendous volume, production versatility, and white, mild-flavored flesh. Virtually all edible pollock products are frozen before being sold into wholesale markets. Alaska pollock harvests yielded 604,426 mt of processed product in 2017, with a first wholesale value of \$1.44 billion (Figure 8.1).

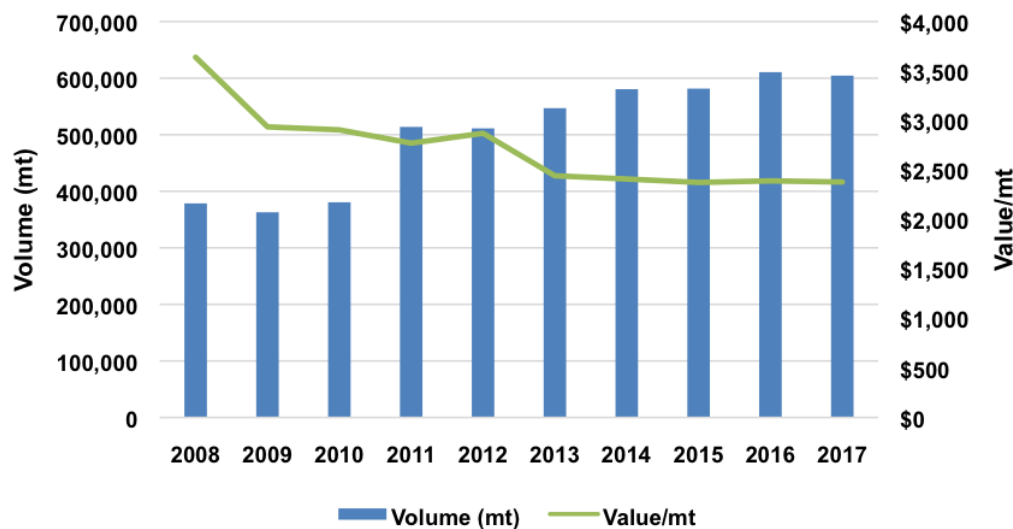


Figure 8.1: First wholesale volume and value for Alaska pollock, 2008-2017

	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Value (\$millions)	\$1,378	\$1,065	\$1,106	\$1,424	\$1,468	\$1,336	\$1,399	\$1,381	\$1,460	\$1,438

Source: AKFIN.

Alaskan pollock yield five primary product types: surimi, fillets, head/gut, roe, and fish meal/oil (Figure 8.2). In 2017 34 percent of that volume was surimi, followed by 29 percent fillet, 11 percent fish meal, 10 percent H&G, 3 percent roe, and the remainder in other products such as minced meat, fish oil, and organs.

Fillets typically provide the most revenue of any product type, though surimi topped the list in 2017. Together fillets and surimi accounted for 75 percent of Alaskan pollock’s first wholesale value

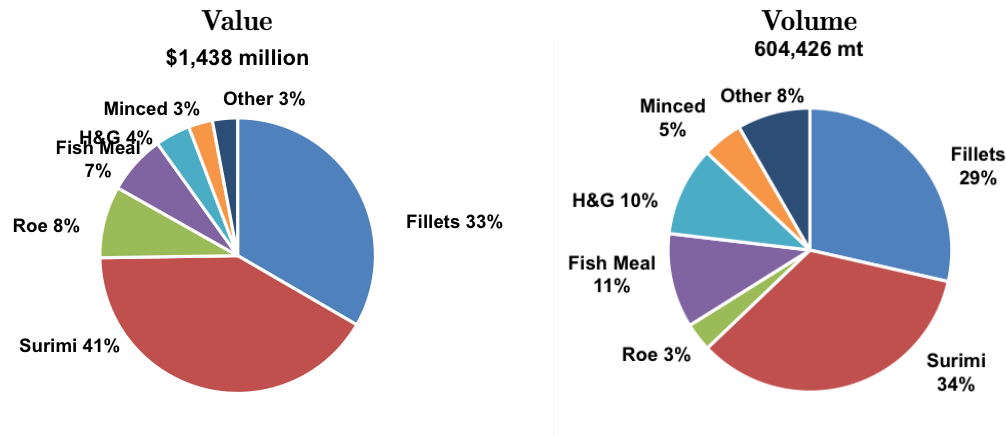


Figure 8.2: Alaska pollock first wholesale production volume and value, by product type, 2017  
**Notes:** Percentages may not sum to 100 percent due to rounding.

**Source:** AKFIN.

in 2017. Although roe is only 3 percent of the production volume, it accounts for 8 percent of the fish's value and typically has the highest profit margin per unit of production. Fish meal/oil, minced meat, and other ancillary products account for 10 percent of the value, while head/gut production is 7 percent.

### 8.2.1 Alaskan Pollock Fillets

Pollock fillets function as a whitefish commodity for production of fish sticks/fingers, breaded fillets, and other value-added frozen whitefish fillet products. The majority of Alaskan pollock fillets are processed into frozen blocks of skinless or deep-skinned fillets. Pollock fillets are also produced at secondary processing facilities in China and Europe using imported H&G product. However, the fish must be thawed and re-frozen after processing, creating what is known as twice-frozen fillets. Once-frozen and twice-frozen Alaska pollock fillets compete in most of the same markets, but once-frozen product sells at a premium due to its higher quality and purity. Whether the fish is processed in Alaska or abroad, the primary product forms are skinless/boneless fillets (PBO) and deep-skinned fillets.

The two primary markets for fillets are the U.S. and Europe. Pollock fillets are primarily used in frozen, generic whitefish products, such as fish sticks/fingers, breaded fish fillets/patties, and other value-added frozen products. They are popular in quick service restaurants such as McDonald's and Long John Silver's. Frozen products made from pollock fillets are widely available in most European and North American grocery stores.

### Supply Chain

When pollock is landed in Alaska, it enters one of the most complex supply chains of any groundfish species. Landed fish are first headed and gutted. Heads and other offal are turned into fish meal/oil or retained for other niche markets. Pollock meat is generally used to make either surimi or fillets. The majority of Alaska's once-frozen fillet production is exported to secondary processing companies in Europe, while a lesser amount goes to similar companies in the U.S. Most H&G production is

exported to China for twice-frozen fillet production. European and Brazilian processors import significant volumes of twice-frozen fillets from China and other countries. Secondary processors manufacture a range of breaded, coated, salted, and other products, mostly for high-volume retail, foodservice, or distribution companies.

*Fillet Production Analysis*

Fillets accounted for 29 percent of all Alaskan pollock production volume in 2017. Fillets were the second most valuable pollock product form in 2017 in terms of total revenue, after surimi. Fillet production declined slightly in 2017, due to an increasing emphasis on surimi (and despite increased harvest levels). The average wholesale value per mt decreased more or less steadily from 2013 to 2017, declining 13 percent over the period (Figure 8.3). This decline was, in part, influenced by competition from Russian pollock and other market factors. The price decline was greater for skinless/boneless fillets (-17 percent) compared to deep skin fillets (-8 percent) – helping explain deep skin’s relative increase in production over this period. Skinless/boneless fillet production decreased 9 percent between 2013 and 2017, while deep-skinned fillet production increased 14 percent to a record high.

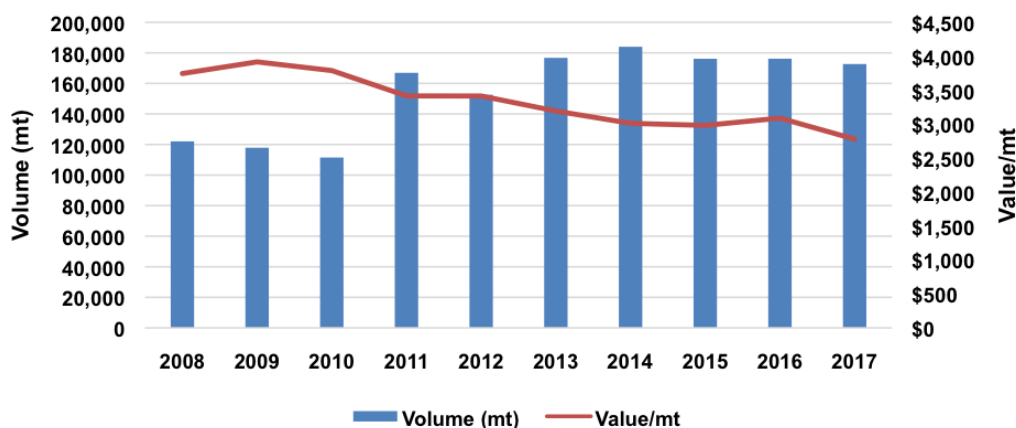


Figure 8.3: First wholesale volume and value for Alaska pollock fillets, 2008-2017

	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Value (\$millions)	\$457	\$462	\$422	\$570	\$521	\$564	\$554	\$525	\$544	\$480

Source: AKFIN.

Due mostly to lower fillet prices, the total value of Alaska pollock fillet production decreased 15 percent from 2013 through 2017. Export data for 2018 show a rebound in fillet prices to close to \$3,000 per mt. Similarly, trade press reports 2018 A-season prices for once-frozen PBO blocks at \$3,000/mt with contracts for 2019 A-season starting at \$3,500/mt.<sup>2</sup> While these prices represent a sharp increase, from a long-term perspective they can be seen as a return to the norm.

<sup>2</sup><https://www.undercurrentnews.com/2018/11/19/only-way-is-up-for-pollock-prices-in-2019/>



*Fillet Market Analysis*

Export markets are critically important to Alaska’s pollock industry. It is estimated that export markets buy nearly three-quarters of all Alaskan pollock fillet production (Table 8.5). Almost two-thirds of all Alaskan pollock fillets go directly to European markets. In addition, the majority of Alaskan pollock fillets exported to China are eventually re-exported to Europe. The pollock industry has avoided U.S. tariffs that would have a significant negative impact on them in the U.S.-China trade war. However, Chinese tariffs on U.S. products could inhibit growth in that market.

Table 8.5: Sales of Alaska pollock fillets to key markets (mt), 2013-2017

Market	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	Pct. of Total (5-yr. Avg.)
Europe <sup>1</sup>	103,787	119,972	109,487	107,465	97,897	61%
China*	4,632	4,526	5,615	9,021	18,474	5%
South Korea*	848	839	2,726	5,828	1,351	1%
Canada	1,689	1,164	760	551	6,482	1%
Japan	903	277	1,131	980	2,643	1%
Australia	929	1,096	1,158	1,100	1,213	1%
Other Countries	2,064	3,943	3,276	2,763	2,635	2%
<b>Total Exports</b>	<b>114,852</b>	<b>131,819</b>	<b>124,153</b>	<b>127,708</b>	<b>130,694</b>	<b>71%</b>
U.S. (Estimated) <sup>2</sup>	61,865	52,151	51,956	48,469	41,981	29%
<b>Total Production</b>	<b>176,717</b>	<b>183,970</b>	<b>176,109</b>	<b>176,177</b>	<b>172,675</b>	<b>100%</b>
Percent Exported	65%	72%	70%	72%	76%	

**Notes:** Data pertains to primary exports only, does not portray product which may be re-exported to other markets. \* Denotes countries which primarily re-process and/or re-export product to other markets.

<sup>1</sup> Includes all countries in the European Single Market.

<sup>2</sup> Estimated based on annual production less calendar year exports.

**Source:** ASMI Export Database, AKFIN, and McDowell Group estimates.

Estimates indicate that domestic market purchases decreased steadily over the 2013 to 2017 period – both in volume (61,865 mt to 41,981 mt) and as a percent of Alaska’s total fillet production (from 35 percent to 24 percent). This indicates comparatively strong export markets, primarily in Europe where demand could be increasing in part due to high cod prices driving substitution, among other factors.

**Europe** Europe is the world’s largest market for pollock fillets. European countries account for 80 to 90 percent of all U.S. pollock fillet export value. European markets imported 97,897 mt of Alaskan pollock fillets in 2017, worth \$257 million (Figure 8.4). Alaskan pollock fillets are primarily exported to Europe via Germany and the Netherlands. Most secondary processing into finished products occurs in Germany, France, and Poland. Germany is the largest consumer of pollock fillets, although France and the U.K. are also major consumer markets in Europe. Europe has a long history of whitefish consumption, so the presence of pollock as an affordable substitute to cod is common in most countries. Overall consumption of finished product is mostly a function of population, the prevalence of modern grocery stores, and median household incomes.

The total volume of exports to Europe have remained more or less steady in recent years, though export value/mt has continued a steady, long-term decline as export prices declined 24 percent from \$3,455 to \$2,630 from 2010 to 2017.

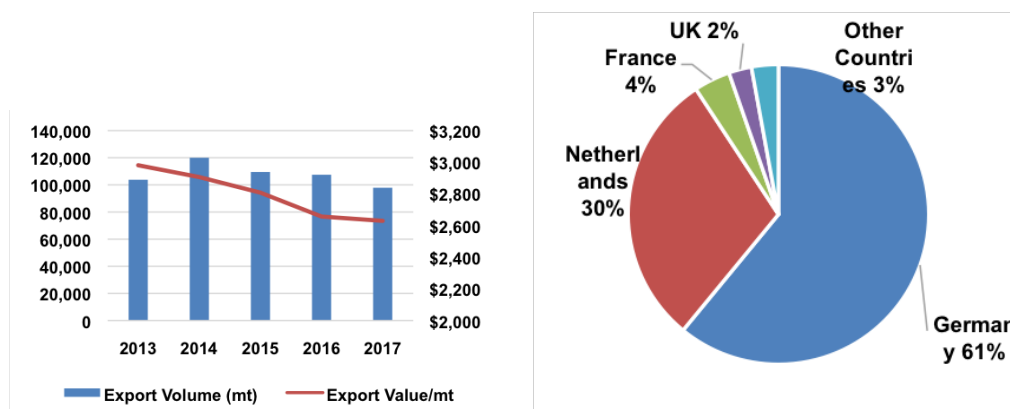


Figure 8.4: Exports of Alaska pollock fillets to major European markets, 2013-2017.

	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Export Volume (mt)	103,787	119,972	109,487	107,465	97,897
Export Value (\$000s)	\$309,385	\$348,675	\$307,437	\$285,547	\$257,466
<b>Average Export Value per Metric Ton (\$US)</b>	<b>\$2,981</b>	<b>\$2,906</b>	<b>\$2,808</b>	<b>\$2,657</b>	<b>\$2,630</b>

Source: ASMI Export database, compiled by McDowell Group.

Europe imports between 270,000 and 310,000 metric tons of pollock fillets per year from China, Alaska, and Russia. Alaskan once-frozen pollock fillets accounted for more than a third (37 percent) of all pollock fillets imported into Europe over the past five years. The balance comes from China - mostly re-processed, twice-frozen fillet block made from Russian pollock - or directly from Russia as single-frozen fillet blocks.

Several major European retailers have committed to only selling certain seafood products from sustainable fisheries, certified by the Marine Stewardship Council (MSC). Until Russia’s Sea of Okhotsk pollock fishery was certified in 2013, Alaska’s pollock fisheries were the only source for certified pollock fillets. MSC certification of Russia’s Sea of Okhotsk fishery led to increased competition in key European markets, a slump in wholesale prices, and a declining premium for once-frozen Alaska’s pollock fillets. While fillet prices have increased in 2018, Russia’s increasing production of once-frozen fillet blocks is an important trend with significant potential to impact the value of Alaska’s pollock fillet production going forward.

**United States** The U.S. domestic market is the second-largest consumer of Alaska pollock fillets in the world. In contrast to Europe, Americans consume more pollock through foodservice channels than retail outlets. Pollock is the primary whitefish species used in most generic fried fish sandwiches, although it is becoming more common to see the species name identified in product messaging.

The U.S. market consumed an average of 93 thousand mt of pollock fillets per year from 2013-2017, with domestic supply decreasing over this period to 68 thousand mt consumed in 2017 (Table 8.6). The main factor behind declining U.S. pollock supply is a steady decrease in pollock imports.

Imports declined 52 percent from more than 55 thousand mt in 2013 to 26 thousand mt in 2017. As a result of declining imports, the share of domestic pollock fillet consumption originating from Alaska has increased, from an estimated 53 percent in 2013 to 61 percent in 2017.

Table 8.6: Estimated U.S. pollock fillet market supply (mt), 2013-2017

Year	Alaskan Pollock Fillet Production	Imports	Exports	Est. U.S. Supply	Est. Once- Frozen Product from Alaska	Pct. Alaskan
2013	176,717	55,105	114,852	116,970	61,865	53%
2014	183,970	49,833	131,819	101,984	52,151	51%
2015	176,109	44,532	124,153	96,488	51,956	54%
2016	176,177	32,000	127,708	80,469	48,469	60%
2017	172,675	26,361	130,694	68,342	41,981	61%
<b>2013-2017 Avg.</b>	<b>177,130</b>	<b>41,566</b>	<b>125,845</b>	<b>92,851</b>	<b>51,284</b>	<b>55%</b>

**Notes:** Figures may not sum due to rounding.

**Source:** NMFS OST, AKFIN, ASMI Export Database, and McDowell Group estimates.

Pollock fillets are usually put through a secondary manufacturing process before reaching American consumers. Most fillets are bought by companies unaffiliated with harvesting companies in Alaska or Russia. However, there is some integration in the U.S. market. Alaska's largest pollock producer, Trident Seafoods, owns 29 percent of the pollock quota in Alaska. Trident sells a variety of finished products to retailers, including pollock fillets, burgers, and fish sticks through a variety of stores including Costco.

### *Competing Supply*

Alaskan pollock's primary competition comes from Russian-origin twice-frozen pollock fillets. The vast majority of Russian pollock production is exported as a frozen H&G product to China, where it is thawed, filleted, then re-frozen and exported to other countries. Once-frozen fillet production in Russia is limited by minimal processing capacity, though such production is expected to grow due to a major government-backed initiative.

Roughly half of Russia's pollock harvests occur in the Sea of Okhotsk. MSC certification of the Sea of Okhotsk fishery in 2013 significantly increased the impact of Russian production on Alaska by opening up Russian-origin products to key European fillet markets that require MSC certification. Russian production is expected to decline slightly in the coming years, while Alaska production is expected to increase slightly (Figure 8.5). However, a variety of other efforts are underway to increase the value of Russian pollock production and exports. Fillet production increased 34 percent from 2015 to 2016 (from 40,200 mt to 53,700 mt) and is projected by some to triple from 2016 to

2025 with the construction of more than 20 fish processing facilities and 33 fishing vessels, as well as the launch of a new marketing and supply chain organization known as “The Russian Fish.”<sup>3</sup>

Other whitefish species such as cod, haddock, saithe, hake, hoki, sole, tilapia, and pangasius also impact the market for Alaska pollock fillets as potential substitutes in the global fillet market.

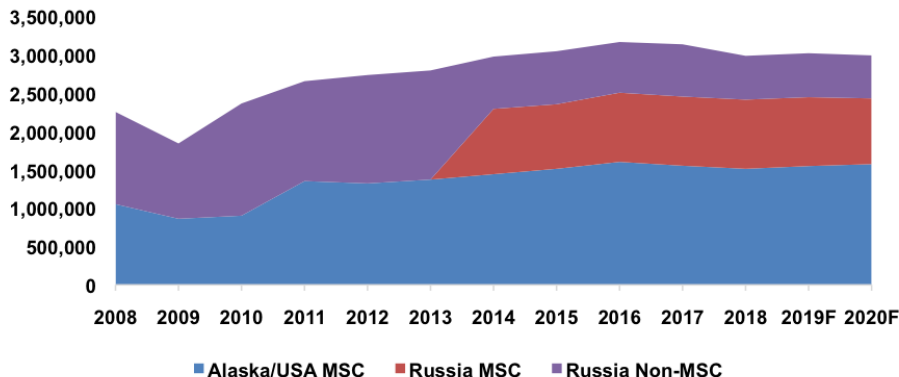


Figure 8.5: Russian and Alaska pollock harvests, 2008-2018 and 2019-2020 forecasts

Source: FAO, NOAA OST, AKFIN, Groundfish Forum, NPFMC TACs, and McDowell Group estimates.

### 8.2.2 Alaska Pollock Surimi

Surimi accounted for 34 percent of Alaska’s pollock wholesale production volume and 41 percent of wholesale production value in 2017. More than 207,000 mt of pollock surimi, worth \$595 million, was produced in Alaska in 2017. Japan, Europe, South Korea, and the U.S. are key surimi markets. Surimi can be made from a variety of fish, but Alaska pollock surimi is sought after for its white color, binding ability, abundance, and mild flavor.

The term surimi refers to the intermediate product used in the production of surimi seafood products. Surimi is an odorless, protein-rich, wet paste that is an intermediate product used in the production of a variety of surimi seafood products (such as imitation crab meat). Pollock surimi is made using finely minced meat that has been repeatedly rinsed and mixed with additives such as salt, starch, and sugar, and then frozen and packaged. The quality of surimi is determined by its gel strength, color (the whiter, the better), and purity. Surimi technology has improved over the years, with the yield increasing from 12 percent to over 30 percent. Surimi production is standard in nearly all of the Alaska’s major shoreside and at-sea processing facilities that focus on pollock. Grades of surimi commonly available from Alaska processors include (in descending order of quality) SA, FA, AA, KA, KB, KC, and RA. Demand for surimi made with only “natural” additives has been increasing in recent years, due to shifting consumer preferences and an increasing focus on product development.

There are hundreds of surimi seafood product varieties produced by secondary processors. The broad categories include kamakobo (steamed), chikuma (broiled), satsuma-age (fried), and seafood analogs (e.g. imitation crab sticks).

<sup>3</sup><https://www.intrafish.com/marketplace/1659121/russia-planning-aggressive-expansion-of-value-added-exports>  
<https://www.seafoodsource.com/news/supply-trade/new-campaign-to-refresh-marketing-supply-chain-efforts-in-russia>

### Supply Chain

Alaskan pollock surimi blocks are produced by catcher-processors with onboard surimi processing capacity and by shoreside processors that take deliveries of unprocessed pollock from catcher vessels. Alaska processors sell frozen surimi blocks to secondary processors (some of which may be affiliated with the primary processing company) and distribution companies in Asia, the U.S., and Europe. Secondary processors use surimi blocks from Alaska to create surimi seafood products tailored to various end markets.

### Surimi Production Analysis

In 2017, surimi accounted for 34 percent of Alaskan pollock production volume and 41 percent of first wholesale value. Surimi production reached 207,300 mt last year and had a value of \$595 million (Figure 8.6). Production volume has typically ranged from 150,000 to 200,000 mt annually (except for a drop in 2008-2010), driven primarily by harvest volumes. Surimi production volume is also driven by the relative demand for surimi versus fillets, though surimi production as percentage of total pollock production has been relatively steady. From 2008 through 2017, this percentage has ranged from 24 to 35 percent. In recent years, surimi production has grown steadily as harvests levels and surimi prices increased.

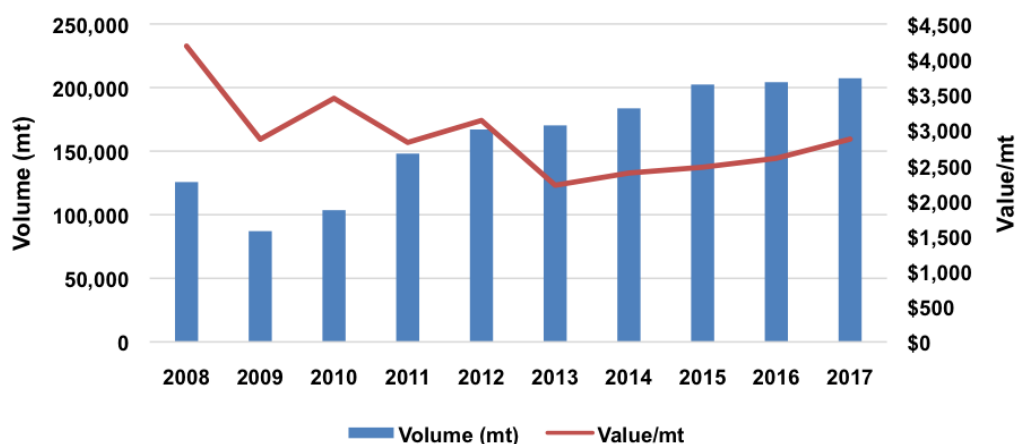


Figure 8.6: Wholesale production volume and value for Alaska pollock surimi, 2008-2017.

	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Value (\$millions)	\$526	\$250	\$357	\$418	\$524	\$378	\$439	\$500	\$531	\$595

Source: AKFIN.

Wholesale value is more variable, as the price of Alaskan pollock surimi can vary from year to year depending on global surimi market conditions. Average surimi material prices were \$2.87 per kilo in 2017, up 10 percent from the previous year. Preliminary data from 2018 indicates that the trend of increasing surimi wholesale prices has continued, with export prices in the first nine months of 2018 up 10 percent over the same period in 2017.

*Key Market Analysis*

Approximately 90 percent of Alaskan pollock surimi is sold to export markets (Table 8.7). In 2017, Japan and South Korea imported 70 percent of all Alaskan pollock surimi production. The remaining markets included Europe, U.S., China, and Thailand. Europe is a larger market than the export data below suggests, importing significant volumes of surimi from South Korea (containing Alaskan pollock as well as surimi made from other species). U.S. surimi exports in 2017 were 10 percent above the previous four-year average.

Table 8.7: U.S. exports of Alaska pollock surimi by country (mt), 2013-2017

Country	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	% Change over 2013-2016 Avg.    % of Total (2013-2017)	
Japan	56,292	71,889	81,830	69,184	74,554	7%	37%
South Korea	61,448	56,847	60,407	71,113	71,570	15%	33%
Europe	35,626	25,324	22,697	27,832	26,419	-5%	14%
Thailand	530	1,198	2,395	4,831	7,746	246%	2%
China	1,466	1,281	2,008	2,194	3,280	89%	1%
Other Countries	5,546	4,366	2,176	2,862	1,712	-54%	2%
<b>Total Exports</b>	<b>160,907</b>	<b>160,906</b>	<b>171,513</b>	<b>178,016</b>	<b>185,281</b>	<b>10%</b>	<b>89%</b>
U.S. (Estimated)	9,352	22,750	30,870	26,215	22,060	-1%	11%
<b>Total Production</b>	<b>170,259</b>	<b>183,656</b>	<b>202,383</b>	<b>204,230</b>	<b>207,341</b>	<b>9%</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>Percent Exported</b>	<b>95%</b>	<b>88%</b>	<b>85%</b>	<b>87%</b>	<b>89%</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

**Notes:** Reflects direct exports only. Does not reflect final market destination.

**Source:** ASMI Export Database and AKFIN.

The global production of raw surimi material totaled approximately 820,000 metric tons in 2017, down from the 850,000 mt produced in 2016.<sup>4</sup> The decline is attributed primarily to declining tropical fish harvests – the source of nearly two-thirds of global surimi production. Alaska’s pollock fishery accounts for roughly a quarter of global surimi production. Japan is the largest market for surimi, though other Asian countries such as China and Korea are important and growing surimi consumers.

The 820,000 mt of raw surimi produced in 2017 was converted into an estimated 3 million metric tons of surimi seafood products. China was the largest producer of end products – despite consuming less surimi raw material than Japan – due to a lower average percentage of seafood in their surimi seafood products.

**Japan** Japan is the world’s largest end market for surimi seafood products, consuming a third of global surimi production. Large companies and artisanal shops in Japan process over 1,000 different

<sup>4</sup>Future Seafood Group (via Undercurrent News).

surimi products. Consumption has declined since the mid-1970s, but has stabilized since 2010 at roughly 570,000 mt of surimi seafood products per year.<sup>5</sup>

Japan directly imported 37 percent of Alaskan pollock surimi produced from 2013 to 2017, averaging 70,750 mt of direct imports worth \$156 million per year (Table 23). Including product routed through Korea and other countries, more than half of Alaska's total pollock surimi production is estimated to go to the Japanese market.

Alaska accounted for 47 percent of Japan's imported surimi volume between 2013 and 2017 (Table 8.8). Competing suppliers include Thailand, India, China, and Vietnam. Thailand's tropical surimi production has declined in recent years and India has increased market share as a lower cost producer with access to substantial resources.

Table 8.8: Japan surimi imports from major producers (mt), 2013-2017

Exporter	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	Pct. of Total (5-yr. Avg.)
U.S. (Alaska)	99,525	117,827	124,018	110,320	137,681	47%
India	28,083	33,969	38,177	33,323	38,407	14%
Thailand	36,661	34,159	30,342	29,296	22,412	12%
China	13,459	19,078	17,898	19,303	17,416	7%
Vietnam	12,122	16,753	16,327	15,883	15,356	6%
All Others	34,875	37,599	35,096	33,369	31,287	14%
<b>Total</b>	<b>224,725</b>	<b>259,386</b>	<b>261,857</b>	<b>241,496</b>	<b>262,560</b>	-
<b>Pct. from Alaska</b>	<b>44%</b>	<b>45%</b>	<b>47%</b>	<b>46%</b>	<b>52%</b>	-

Source: Japan Trade Statistics (Ministry of Finance), compiled by McDowell Group.

**South Korea** The U.S. exported 71,570 mt (worth \$177 million) of Alaskan pollock surimi to South Korea in 2017, which accounted for 39 percent of Alaskan pollock surimi exports (Table 23). Some of the exports to Korea are likely held in bonded, duty-free cold storage warehouses before being shipped to other markets (primarily Japan, Europe, and Russia). Despite the prevalent re-export trade, South Korea is the second-largest buyer of Alaska surimi in terms of a single country (in most years). The 2012 Korea-U.S. Free Trade Agreement has deepened the economic ties between Korea and the U.S. and increased consumption of U.S. pollock surimi.

South Korea imported roughly 130,000 mt of all surimi varieties in 2017, or about half as much import volume as Japan. Vietnam and China are the country's top surimi suppliers, while Alaska accounted for 19 percent of total surimi imports.<sup>6</sup> Korea is one of the largest manufacturers of surimi seafood products after China and Japan, supplying its own domestic market and other international markets.

**Europe** Europe is a large market for Alaskan pollock surimi. Alaska producers exported 26,419 mt of surimi worth \$58 million to Europe in 2017 (Table 23). Direct exports of Alaskan pollock

<sup>5</sup>(Park, 2014)

<sup>6</sup><https://www.undercurrentnews.com/2018/12/10/pollock-surimi-cant-meet-global-demand-as-tropical-supply-continues-to-drop/>

surimi accounts for approximately half of the market’s total surimi base consumption (~50,000 mt annually). Processors in France, Spain, Lithuania, and Poland produce surimi seafood products for the European market, with relatively little importation of foreign surimi seafood products.<sup>7</sup> Spain and France are Europe’s largest surimi consumers, accounting for more than 70 percent of the region’s total consumption.

**United States** The United States market for surimi is dominated by imitation crab products. Seven surimi processors operate in North America, consuming roughly 35,000 mt of surimi raw material (mostly Alaska pollock but also whiting/hake and other species) to produce an estimated 100,000 mt of surimi seafood products. American surimi producers have focused on product innovation in recent years. An example of a recent product developed is Trident Seafoods’ surimi noodles. The U.S. also imports surimi seafood products from Japan and other countries, though trade data do not allow for a detailed analysis of these product flows.

### *Competing Supply*

Pollock surimi accounted for about a quarter of global surimi production in 2017 (Figure 8.7). Virtually all pollock surimi is produced in Alaska or comes from Alaskan fisheries, though Russian processors plan to start producing pollock surimi in significant quantities in the coming years. Tropical surimi dominates global surimi production, accounting for about two-thirds of total production. China, Vietnam, Thailand, and India are the largest tropical surimi producers.

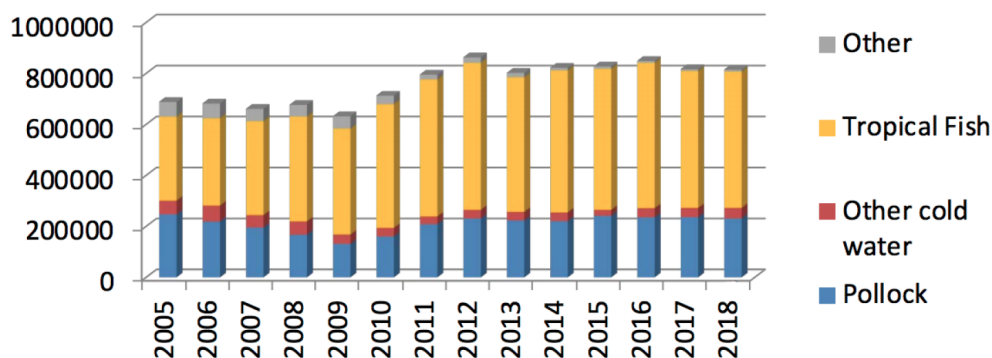


Figure 8.7: Global surimi production (mt), by source species, 2005-2018

**Source:** Future Seafood Group (via Undercurrent News). 2018 is an estimate.

Surimi is made from a variety of fish species. Alaskan pollock is the most widely used species accounting for 25 percent of global surimi supply, but other types of surimi utilize a range of other fish. Tropical fish species account for 68 percent of surimi production, with threadfin bream (*Nemipterus japonicus*) is the most common of these species .

Many countries have active fisheries that support surimi production. In terms of a single country, the U.S. is the second-largest surimi producer in the world. China, India, and Southeast Asia (including Thailand and Vietnam) are key tropical surimi producers. After a decade of steady growth, Vietnam has overtaken China as the largest tropical surimi producer, with more than

<sup>7</sup><https://www.eumofa.eu/documents/20178/114144/MH+3+2018.pdf/04031fe1-af72-4ce0-9890-a4a15a41ec8f>



150,000 mt of production each of the last five years. Production in India has also grown steadily, while Chinese and Thai production has declined in recent years (likely due to overfishing).<sup>8</sup>

It should be noted that surimi production statistics are not universally tracked. Although FAO compiles data on minced fish and surimi production, the manner in which data is categorized do not allow for comprehensive production accounting. As a result, industry estimates (which are based on public and private data) are a more reliable source of information.

### *8.2.3 Alaska Pollock Roe*

Pollock roe commands the highest price of all major pollock products at \$6.21 per kilo and was worth \$121 million (wholesale value) in 2017. It accounted for 8 percent of Alaskan pollock's total wholesale value but only 3 percent of production volume (19,517 mt). Pollock roe is consumed as a condiment/flavoring and during holidays in Japan. South Korea is the world's only other sizeable market.

Pollock roe production occurs when the fish are spawning, typically during the late winter and early spring. Roe is extracted during the gutting process and rapidly frozen before deterioration occurs. Roe prices are tied to the quality of the roe, which varies greatly. Lower grade roe might have defects such as discoloring, broken skeins, or roe maturity (eggs are too young or too old). Product processed at sea tends to command higher prices. Pollock roe is traditionally sold to wholesale buyers in frozen block form, packed into 49.5-lb. cases each containing three blocks of roe.

### *Supply Chain*

Pollock roe is an export product. Frozen Alaskan pollock roe is sold at auctions in Seattle, WA, while Russian pollock roe is often sold at auctions held in Busan, South Korea. However, larger volumes of Alaska product is also sold directly to buyers through negotiated contracts. "Direct sales" have become more common in recent years, based on pricing discovered through the auction process. The pollock roe supply chain is vertically integrated for large companies that maintain a pipeline from the raw material all the way to distribution in markets in Japan and South Korea. After frozen pollock roe is exported to Asia, it eventually undergoes secondary processing. Japan, Korea, China, and Thailand are common destinations, where it is processed by defrosting and brining the roe in spices or salt.<sup>9</sup>

### *Alaska Production Analysis*

Alaska pollock roe is an important element of the pollock product mix. Although it is a low-volume product, roe assumes the highest unit price of any pollock product. In 2017, 19,517 metric tons was produced (roughly in line with the ten-year average) worth \$121.2 million and was 8 percent of the species' wholesale value (Figure 8.8). Pollock roe production is primarily a function of overall harvest volume; however, it can fluctuate significantly based on roe recovery/maturity and harvest distribution.

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<sup>8</sup><https://www.undercurrentnews.com/2018/12/10/pollock-surimi-cant-meet-global-demand-as-tropical-supply-continues-to-drop/>

<sup>9</sup>Industry interview

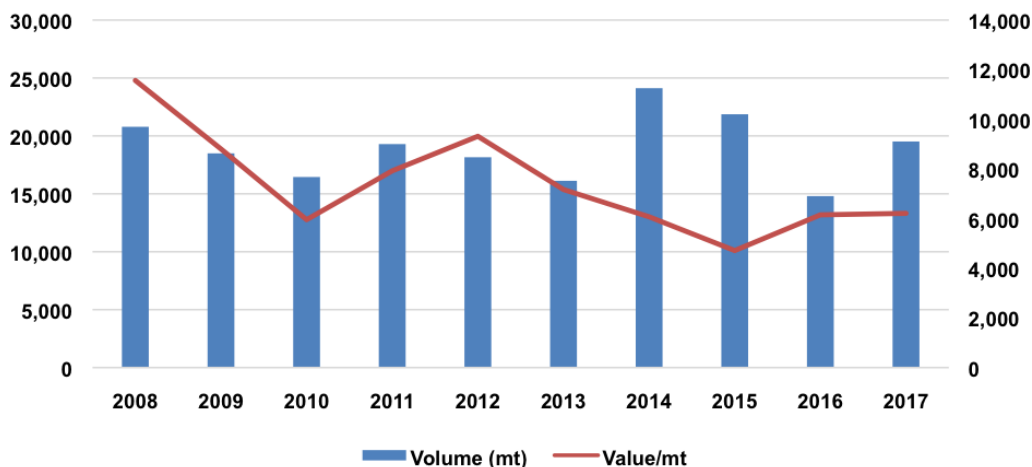


Figure 8.8: Wholesale production volume and value/mt for Alaska pollock roe, 2008-2017.

	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Value (\$millions)	\$240	\$163	\$98	\$153	\$169	\$116	\$146	\$103	\$91	\$121

Source: AKFIN.

Historically (prior to 2007), roe often accounted for one-third to one-fifth of Alaska pollock’s total first wholesale value. However, the percentage of roe value compared to all Alaskan pollock products has declined significantly in recent years. Since 2013, roe has only generated 6 to 9 percent of total first wholesale value. Pollock roe prices have decreased steadily over the last decade due to weakening traditional markets and a lack of new markets. Roe market development is a top priority of the Alaska pollock industry.

### Key Roe Market Analysis

Virtually all Alaskan pollock roe is exported to Japan or South Korea. In 2017, exports totaled 18,471 mt worth \$112 million (Table 8.9). Japan is the dominant market, absorbing more than 80 percent of finished Alaskan pollock roe exports. South Korea is the only other sizeable market, but the majority of frozen pollock roe sold to Korea is held in cold storage and exported on to the Japanese market. Exports to Europe jumped in 2017; the product entered the market through the Netherlands, though the final market is unclear. Efforts to develop other pollock roe markets outside of Japan have been largely unsuccessful, but given stagnant Japanese consumption patterns, finding additional roe markets is extremely important to the long-term health of Alaska’s pollock industry.

**Japan** Japan is the world’s primary pollock roe market with imports of 42,051 mt in 2017, worth \$285 million (Table 8.10). Alaskan product accounted for 42 percent of the import volume between 2013 and 2017. Russia is the country’s largest pollock roe supplier. Imports of Alaskan product fluctuate from year to year but 2017 saw shipments matching the prior four-year average. Total Japanese pollock roe imports increased 9 percent versus the prior four-year average.

The value of roe is function of production volume in Russia and Alaska, as well as the strength or weakness of the yen. However, due to static demand, an aging population in Japan, and a

Table 8.9: Exports of Alaska pollock roe by country (mt), 2013-2017

Export Destination	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	Pct. Change from 4 Yr. Avg.
Japan	6,544	11,212	10,460	5,457	8,426	0%
South Korea	7,414	9,792	9,281	8,295	9,260	6%
China	901	754	505	258	148	-76%
Other	108	20	33	50	637	1109%
<b>Export Volume</b>	<b>14,967</b>	<b>21,778</b>	<b>20,279</b>	<b>14,060</b>	<b>18,471</b>	<b>4%</b>
<b>Export Value (\$Million)</b>	<b>\$114</b>	<b>\$153</b>	<b>\$152</b>	<b>\$111</b>	<b>\$112</b>	<b>-16%</b>
<b>Avg. Export Price/Kilo</b>	<b>\$7.63</b>	<b>\$7.02</b>	<b>\$7.50</b>	<b>\$7.90</b>	<b>\$6.05</b>	<b>-19%</b>

Source: ASMI Export database, compiled by McDowell Group.

Table 8.10: Japan pollock roe imports (mt), 2013-2017

Exporter	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	Pct. of Total (5-yr. Avg.)
Russia	21,008	24,916	21,958	20,367	24,434	57%
U.S. (Alaska)	13,158	19,720	18,440	14,400	17,357	42%
Others	237	163	185	154	259	1%
<b>Total</b>	<b>34,403</b>	<b>44,800</b>	<b>40,582</b>	<b>34,921</b>	<b>42,051</b>	-
<b>Pct. from Alaska</b>	<b>38%</b>	<b>44%</b>	<b>45%</b>	<b>41%</b>	<b>41%</b>	-

Notes: Includes minor amounts of cod roe and roe from other related species.

Source: Japan Trade Statistics (Ministry of Finance), compiled by McDowell Group.

lack of market diversification, the long-term value of pollock roe is an area of concern and market development is a top priority for the Alaska pollock industry.

**South Korea** South Korea is the second largest consumer of pollock roe, but it also is an intermediary buyer. Russia and Alaska sent 49,745 mt of pollock roe to South Korea per year during this period (Table 8.11). Korean import statistics suggest the Korean market consumes approximately a quarter to a third of total pollock roe imports (with most of the rest ending up in Japan). Alaska supplies an estimated 19 percent of the Korean domestic market. Korea is known for having less traditional tastes than Japan, and the market will accept small sized roe that is less marketable in Japan.

#### 8.2.4 Alaska Pollock Headed and Guttled

In 2017, headed and gutted (H&G) products accounted for 10 percent of total pollock production volume and 4 percent of the species' total first wholesale value. H&G production averaged \$80 million in value over the last five years (2013-2017). H&G pollock is frozen in blocks and the majority is exported to China for secondary processing into twice-frozen fillets.

H&G pollock is produced primarily by Alaska processors that handle pollock as part of a large mix of species and do not have the space or volume needed to invest in fillet and/or surimi processing

Table 8.11: South Korean pollock roe trade (mt), 2013-2017

	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	5-yr. Average
<b>Exports Reported by Major Producers</b>						
Russia	39,972	39,488	42,118	35,991	47,116	40,937
Alaska	7,414	9,792	9,281	8,295	9,260	8,808
<b>Total</b>	<b>47,386</b>	<b>49,280</b>	<b>51,399</b>	<b>44,286</b>	<b>56,376</b>	<b>49,745</b>
<b>Actual Imports by Major Producer</b>						
Russia	11,838	12,008	12,202	12,271	12,334	12,131
Alaska	3,425	3,061	2,955	2,334	2,368	2,829
<b>Total</b>	<b>15,263</b>	<b>15,069</b>	<b>15,157</b>	<b>14,605</b>	<b>14,702</b>	<b>14,959</b>
<b>Export/Import Difference</b>	<b>32,123</b>	<b>34,211</b>	<b>36,242</b>	<b>29,681</b>	<b>41,674</b>	<b>34,786</b>

Source: Global Trade Atlas, compiled by McDowell Group.

lines. H&G production is also a way to handle smaller pollock (these are also sometime diverted to fish meal or sold as frozen blocks of whole fish).

### *Product Description and Supply Chain*

Virtually all H&G Alaskan pollock is sent abroad for further processing. The primary destination is China, where it is a raw material used to produce frozen fillet blocks and salted fillets for markets in Europe, the U.S., and Brazil. Secondary processors in Europe (fillet products) and Korea/Japan (likely surimi) also import significant volumes. Finally, there are anecdotal reports that some dressed and whole/round product is routed through China to markets in Africa.

### *Production Analysis*

In 2017, H&G pollock production totaled 61,605 mt – in line with average volumes since 2009 (Figure 8.9). Over the last decade, H&G production has generally represented around 10 percent of total Alaskan pollock production volume (with the exception of big years in 2009 and 2010). H&G production value, though, was down 31 percent since 2009 due to a steady drop in prices. In 2017, H&G pollock value per mt dropped below \$1,000 – an unprecedented low in recent times.

### *Key H&G Market Analysis*

Headed and gutted Alaskan pollock is primarily exported to China for reprocessing: the country bought 72 percent of exported Alaskan product between 2015 and 2017 (Table 8.12). South Korea and Ukraine also import substantial volumes of H&G Alaskan pollock. Virtually all of Alaska's H&G pollock production is sold to export markets, primarily to countries that perform secondary processing to produce whitefish fillets or surimi.

**China** The majority of Alaskan H&G pollock is sent to China for secondary processing, due to lower production costs. In 2017, China reported imports of 54,489 mt of Alaskan H&G/whole pollock (Table 8.13). This product, along with Russian H&G pollock is processed into fillets and

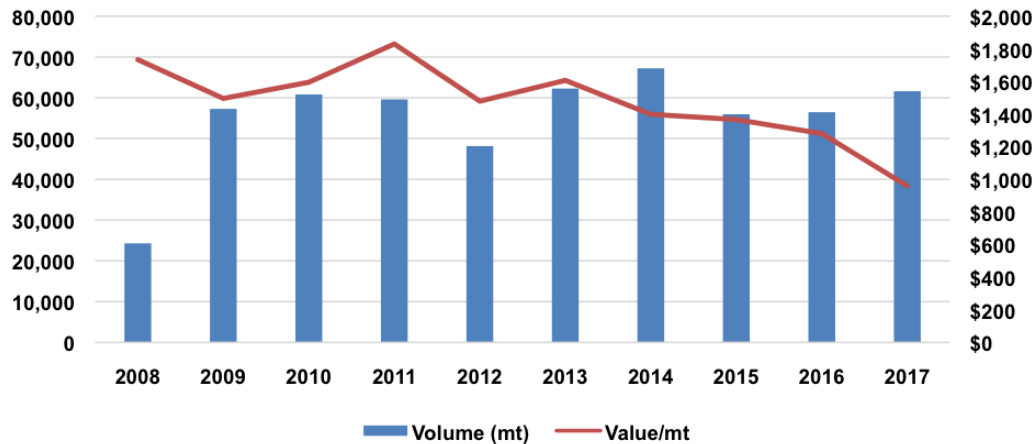


Figure 8.9: Wholesale production volume and value for H&G Alaska pollock, 2008-2017.

	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Value (\$millions)	\$42	\$86	\$97	\$109	\$71	\$100	\$94	\$76	\$72	\$59

Source: AKFIN.

Table 8.12: Alaska pollock H&G exports (mt), by country, 2015-2017

Exporter	2015	2016	2017	Pct. of Total (2015-2017)
China	44,729	51,757	54,489	72%
Ukraine	664	3,296	10,029	7%
South Korea	5,885	10,748	6,886	11%
Thailand	3,291	3,842	2,543	5%
Other Countries	4,077	4,342	2,140	5%
<b>Total Exports</b>	<b>58,646</b>	<b>73,985</b>	<b>76,087</b>	

Source: Global Trade Atlas

other salted or breaded products for re-export to Europe, the U.S., and Brazil. At this point, most product joins the global pollock fillet supply as a twice frozen product.

Table 8.13: China imports of frozen H&G pollock by country (mt), 2015-2017

Country	2015	2016	2017
Russia	560,516	556,927	595,097
U.S.	44,729	51,757	54,489
Japan	18,064	9,275	4,598
Other	2,025	7,104	12,147
<b>Total</b>	<b>625,334</b>	<b>625,063</b>	<b>666,331</b>

Source: Global Trade Atlas.

More than half of China's frozen pollock fillets are re-exported to Europe. The U.S. is the next largest market, accounting for 10 percent of re-exports while South Korea and Brazil are also important.

*Competing Supply*

The largest pollock harvests come from Alaska and Russia, with combined TACs over three million metric tons. The vast majority of Russian pollock is exported or sold to domestic buyers as an H&G product, while most Alaskan pollock is filleted directly or used in surimi production. Alaskan H&G pollock supply is somewhat dictated by relative value of once-frozen pollock fillets over twice-frozen pollock and other whitefish fillets, as well as processing production costs in Alaska relative to other areas.

## 8.3. Pacific Cod Market Profile

Pacific cod (*Gadus macrocephalus*) is a whitefish found in the coastal Pacific Ocean from Alaska to California, with the largest concentrations found in the Gulf of Alaska and Bering Sea. One of the largest of the Alaska groundfish species, Pacific cod are highly valued for their mild, white flesh and are primarily processed into fillet and H&G products. Final cod products include fillets and fish sticks destined for international and domestic markets. In 2016, Alaska's Pacific cod accounted for 18 percent of the total global cod harvest. In 2017, Alaska cod harvest and production volumes declined slightly over the previous year but increased prices driven by global supply constraints pushed the first wholesale value up to a 12-year peak of \$510 million (Table 8.14).

Table 8.14: Summary profile of Alaska Pacific cod wholesale production and markets, 2017

Value and Volume		Key Products	H&G	Fillet	Other	
First Wholesale Production (mt)	136,990	Pct. of Value	67%	25%	8%	
Pct. of Global Cod Harvest (2016)	18%	Key Markets	China	Europe	U.S.	Other
First Wholesale Value (\$millions)	\$510	Pct. of 1 <sup>st</sup> Sales	28%	10%	44%	17%
Pct. of Alaska Groundfish Value	20%	YoY Value Change	-6%	-14%	25%	-6%
Production Volume Exported	65%	Competing Species: Russian Pacific cod and Atlantic cod				

*Alaska Pacific Cod Production Summary*

In 2017, Alaska's processors produced 136,990 mt of Pacific cod products, valued at \$510.2 million (Figure 8.10). Production volume in 2017 was the lowest since 2010, closely tracking lower TACs and harvests. Despite lower volumes, 2017 production value rose to a 12-year high of \$510 million due to an exceptionally strong market. Price increases are generally understood to be the result of strong demand combined with a reduction in Pacific and Atlantic cod harvest volume, as well as a reduction in the haddock quota in the Barents Sea. Strong cod pricing continued throughout 2018 and enters 2019 near peak 2008 levels.

H&G product accounted for 72 percent of production volume (98,489 mt) in 2017, and 67 percent of first wholesale value (\$341 million) (Figure 8.11). Fillets accounted for 12 percent by wholesale volume (16,538 mt) and 25 percent of first wholesale value (\$127 million). Other products (e.g., roe, milt, fish meal) collectively made up 16 percent of wholesale volume with 21,963 mt valued at \$42.5 million.

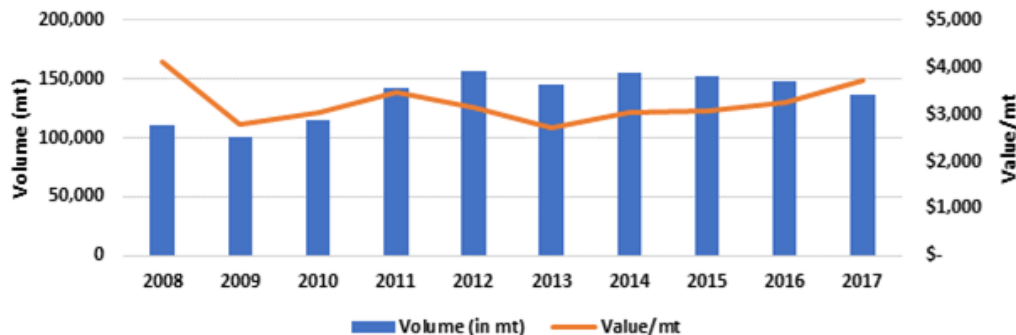


Figure 8.10: First wholesale volume and value/mt for Alaska Pacific cod, 2008-2017.

	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Value (\$millions)	\$457	\$280	\$351	\$498	\$496	\$398	\$471	\$467	\$480	\$510

Source: AKFIN.

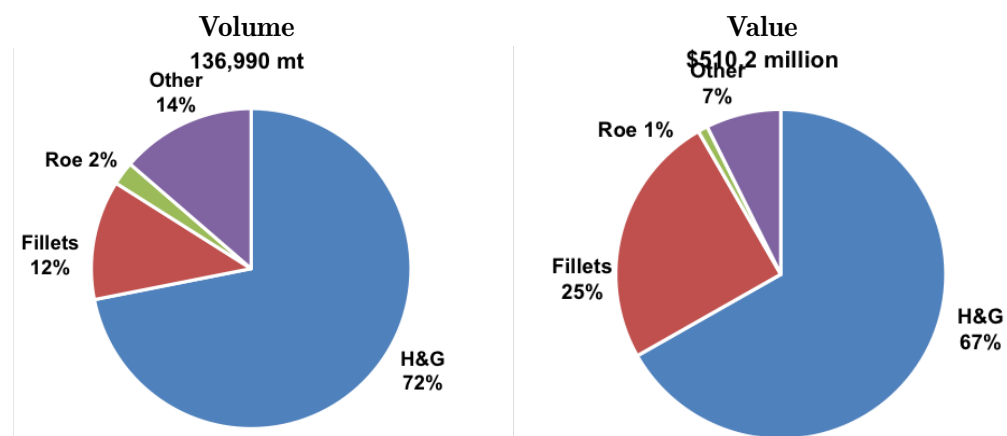


Figure 8.11: Volume and value of Pacific cod wholesale production in Alaska, by product type, 2017.  
Source: AKFIN.

*Product Analysis and Supply Chain: Head and Gut and Fillets*

Alaska’s Pacific cod harvest is primarily processed as H&G, with a significant shore-based production focus on fillets. Most H&G cod is frozen and exported for secondary processing in China, Europe, and Japan. Single-frozen Alaska cod fillets are a high-value product destined primarily for domestic markets. Fillet product forms include frozen shatterpacks, blocks, IQF (individually-quick frozen), and a small amount of fresh.

Final products (after secondary processing) include fillets, frozen portions, salted cod, and value-added products sold in restaurants, grocery stores, and in food service. The largest final markets for Alaska’s cod are in Europe and the U.S. In many end markets, cod is not differentiated at the consumer level between Pacific cod or Atlantic cod.

### *Headed and Gutted (H&G)*

H&G products – which make up nearly three-quarters of Alaska’s cod production – follow complex supply chains spread across numerous markets. Most frozen H&G product is exported, and the largest reprocessing market is China, which re-exports the bulk of their cod imports to the U.S. and Europe. Cod sent to Japan and Europe is reprocessed and consumed in those regions. Some H&G product distributed to domestic U.S. market is thawed and filleted and sold thawed without refreezing, known as the refresh market. Other U.S. processors create fillet blocks to produce breaded or coated sticks and portions.

### *Fillets*

Alaska processors produced 16,538 mt of cod fillets in 2017, worth \$127 million. Most Alaska cod fillets are packaged as shatterpacks, consisting of frozen fillet blocks with individual fillets separated by plastic sheets, making them easier to separate without the need for the entire block to be thawed.

### *Key Market Analysis*

#### *Head and Gut*

In 2017, Alaska Pacific cod H&G exports totaled 86,043 mt, representing 96 percent of Alaska’s cod exports (Table 8.15).<sup>10</sup> H&G exports have been relatively stable in recent years, though 2017 saw a decrease of 12 percent over 2016, primarily due to reduced harvest levels. China is the largest importer of Alaska’s Pacific cod, most of which is reprocessed for export to the U.S. and Europe. In 2017, China imported 47,975 mt of cod from Alaska. The next largest export markets are Japan, Europe, and South Korea.

#### *Fillet*

In 2017, Alaska processors produced 16,538 mt of Alaska Pacific cod fillets (single-frozen) worth \$127 million (Table 8.16). The vast majority of this production is sold into the U.S. domestic market. The rest is exported, with China the largest single export market in recent years. In 2017, cod fillets made up 4 percent of the value of Alaska’s cod exports, down from 12 percent in 2010. The period 2010 to 2013 saw South Korea and Japan shift fillet demand to H&G and substantial declines in demand from Portugal and Spain.

**United States** The U.S. is by far the most important market for Alaska’s single-frozen Pacific cod fillets, purchasing 74 to 88 percent of Alaska production over the last five years and absorbed 13,362 mt in 2017 (Table 8.17). The U.S. also imported 74,022 mt of cod in 2017 (Pacific and Atlantic cod combined), valued at \$513.7 million. Of this, frozen fillets accounted for 75 percent of import

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<sup>10</sup>ASMI Export Database. Some cod exports are comingled with other fish and not distinguishable by species in export data, including fish meal, organs, and other ancillary products. H&G represent 96 percent of distinguishable cod exports.



Table 8.15: Sales of H&amp;G Alaska Pacific cod to key markets (mt), 2013-2017

Market	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	Pct. of Total (2013-2017)
China*	45,841	55,181	56,419	55,428	46,483	48%
Europe <sup>1</sup>	20,922	17,973	18,619	15,894	13,903	16%
Japan*	10,908	16,338	13,995	13,865	13,914	13%
South Korea*	7,686	5,388	8,939	8,951	7,404	7%
Canada	1,347	1,038	1,237	1,208	1,701	1%
Other Countries	3,473	1,792	2,948	2,595	2,636	2%
<b>Total Exports</b>	<b>90,178</b>	<b>97,711</b>	<b>102,157</b>	<b>97,940</b>	<b>86,043</b>	<b>88%</b>
U.S. (Estimated) <sup>2</sup>	12,760	15,714	17,496	9,169	12,446	12%
<b>Alaska Production</b>	<b>102,938</b>	<b>113,425</b>	<b>119,653</b>	<b>107,109</b>	<b>98,489</b>	

**Notes:** Data pertains to primary exports only, does not portray product which may be re-exported to other markets.

\* Denotes countries which primarily re-process and/or re-export product to other markets.

<sup>1</sup> Europe refers to the major European export destinations: France, Denmark, Spain, Netherlands, Germany, Italy, and Portugal.

<sup>2</sup> Estimated based on annual production less calendar year exports.

**Source:** AKFIN, NOAA OST, ASMI Export Database, and McDowell Group estimates.

Table 8.16: Sales of Alaska Pacific cod fillets to key markets (mt), 2013-2017

Market	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	Pct. of Total (5-yr. Avg.)
China*	852	759	1,489	1,017	1,491	7%
Canada	1,004	588	796	731	595	5%
Portugal	201	80	507	188	586	2%
Spain	25	63	117	114	289	1%
South Korea	0	66	42	58	57	0%
Other	439	576	313	289	158	2%
<b>Total Exports</b>	<b>2,521</b>	<b>2,132</b>	<b>3,264</b>	<b>2,397</b>	<b>3,176</b>	<b>16%</b>
U.S. (Estimated) <sup>1</sup>	15,975	16,136	9,403	15,502	13,362	84%
<b>Alaska Production</b>	<b>18,496</b>	<b>18,268</b>	<b>12,667</b>	<b>17,900</b>	<b>16,538</b>	

**Notes:** Data pertains to primary exports only, does not portray product which may be re-exported to other markets.

\* Denotes countries which primarily re-process and/or re-export product to other markets.

<sup>1</sup> Estimated based on annual production less calendar year exports.

**Source:** AKFIN, NOAA OST, ASMI Export Database, and McDowell Group estimates.

volume. China comprises the majority import market with 79 percent of U.S. cod fillet import volume (2017), much of the remainder are Atlantic fillets from Iceland.

**China** China imports H&G cod (both Pacific and Atlantic) as raw material for reprocessing into twice-frozen fillet blocks, frozen portions, and value-added products such as battered or breaded

Table 8.17: Total cod imports into U.S. market, volume and value, 2013-2017

	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	Pct. Change YoY 2017
Volume (mt)	59,850	66,495	67,757	70,670	74,022	4.7%
Value (\$millions)	\$341.46	\$393.02	\$430.70	\$465.97	\$513.73	10.2%
Value/kilo (\$)	\$5.71	\$5.91	\$6.36	\$6.59	\$6.94	5.3%

Source: NOAA OST.

portions. In 2017, Alaska exported 47,975 mt of cod to China, representing 35 percent of Alaska cod production volume and 24 percent of China's total cod imports (Atlantic and Pacific cod) (Table 8.18).

Double-frozen Chinese-produced cod fillets (Pacific and Atlantic cod) are reexported to the rest of the world, with the U.S., Europe, and Canada being the largest markets. Other markets for Chinese cod include countries like Japan and Brazil. The trade disputes with China and the risk of escalating tariffs on cod products reprocessed in China poses risks to cod supply chains.

Table 8.18: Primary export markets for Chinese twice-frozen cod fillets (mt), 2013-2017.

	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	Percent Change, 2013-2017
U.S.	38,899	44,756	43,369	44,384	46,985	21%
U.K.	20,705	24,634	20,767	20,218	20,769	0%
Germany	12,220	16,232	15,269	15,711	15,038	23%
Spain	8,223	11,710	11,081	11,462	10,732	31%
France	5,643	5,943	6,085	7,230	8,378	48%
Canada	4,568	4,918	4,654	6,945	8,001	75%
Sweden	4,691	6,831	6,393	5,908	5,949	27%
Japan	3,735	3,579	3,182	3,234	3,168	-15%
Netherlands	4,083	3,183	2,430	2,816	2,512	-38%
Other	15,525	16,833	13,644	13,923	11,257	-27%
<b>Total</b>	<b>188,292</b>	<b>138,619</b>	<b>126,874</b>	<b>131,831</b>	<b>132,789</b>	<b>-29%</b>

Notes: Figures may not sum due to rounding.

Source: Global Trade Atlas.

**Japan & South Korea** Japan and South Korea are also important markets for Alaska H&G cod. In 2017, 14,247 mt of Alaska cod products were exported to Japan and 7,460 mt were exported to South Korea (Table 8.19). Due to its role in warehousing and reprocessing, it is unclear how much H&G cod exported to South Korea remains in the country for domestic consumption. Both Japan and Korea are consumers of cod byproducts, including roe and cod milt.

**Europe** In 2017, approximately 18 percent of Pacific cod exports from Alaska were directly exported to the European market, down from 23 percent in 2013 and 40 percent in 2010 (Table 8.20).<sup>11</sup> This

<sup>11</sup>ASMI Seafood Export Database

Table 8.19: Alaska Pacific cod export volume to major Asian markets (mt), 2013-2017.

Export Market	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
		Japan			
Fillet	59	46	50	15	36
H&G	10,751	16,289	13,995	13,853	13,866
Other	311	236	69	219	345
		South Korea			
Fillet	0	66	42	58	57
H&G	7,686	5,343	8,916	8,951	7,404
Other	275	82	2,143	0	0
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>19,083</b>	<b>22,061</b>	<b>25,216</b>	<b>23,097</b>	<b>21,707</b>
<b>Pct. of Alaska Cod Exports</b>	<b>20%</b>	<b>21%</b>	<b>23%</b>	<b>23%</b>	<b>24%</b>

Source: ASMI Export Database.

is due largely to the decline in exports to Portugal, Norway, and the Netherlands resulting from the dramatic increase in Atlantic cod harvests during this period. Nevertheless, Europe is still an important end-market for Alaska's cod and while direct exports may represent a modest percentage of the total, a great deal of Alaska's cod is routed through China or South Korea before being sold into Europe.

The EU protects its domestic cod producers by maintaining higher duties on imported cod fillets, whereas frozen H&G cod can generally be imported into the EU with no tariff. Therefore, Alaska exports relatively little fillet production to the EU.

Table 8.20: European imports of cod fillets from major producers (mt), 2015-2017.

Exporter	2015	2016	2017
China*	70,312	72,257	70,485
U.S. (Alaska)	721	513	959
Russia	26,652	25,503	42,567
Iceland	25,762	36,344	32,475
Norway	10,024	9,178	9,251
<b>Total</b>	<b>133,471</b>	<b>143,795</b>	<b>155,737</b>

Notes: Totals may not sum due to rounding. \* Denotes re-exporter.

Source: Global Trade Atlas and ASMI Export Database.

### *Competing Supply*

The two main species of cod, Pacific cod (*Gadus macrocephalus*) and Atlantic cod (*Gadus morhua*), are found in the northern hemispheres of the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans. While there are some slight differences, as *Gadus* whitefishes, they are considered almost identical substitutes for each other. In 2016, it is estimated that 477,387 mt of Pacific cod and 1,329,450 mt of Atlantic cod were harvested globally, with some of the largest Atlantic cod harvests coming from the Barents Sea (Figure 8.12). After years of supply increases, quotas in Alaska and Europe are below their peaks and projected to decline further in coming years, buoying prices. This trend is also reinforced by

decreases in the haddock quota, which competes with cod as a lower-priced alternative. As cod prices have increased due to growing demand and/or supply constraints, pollock, the largest single species fishery in the world, has also served as a substitute for cod.

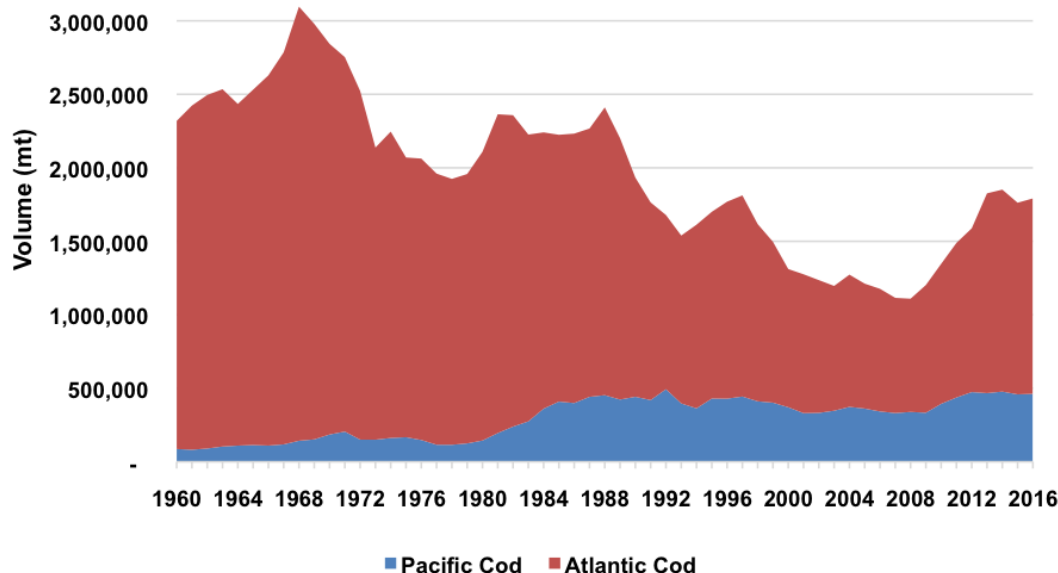


Figure 8.12: Global supply of Pacific and Atlantic cod (mt), 1960-2016

Source: FAO.

#### 8.4. Sablefish Market Profile

Sablefish (*Anoplopoma fimbria*), also known as black cod, is a premium whitefish with a high oil content and delicate texture. Sablefish are among the most valuable species harvested in Alaska, accounting for 4.9 percent of Alaska groundfish first wholesale value in 2017 and just 0.7 percent of first wholesale production volume. In 2017, Alaska processors produced 6,593 million mt in wholesale sablefish products (nearly all H&G), valued at \$123.8 million (Table 8.21). Sablefish has long been prized by Japan, which today remains its primary market. Sablefish has also developed important markets in the U.S., China, Hong Kong, Europe, and the United Arab Emirates, among others.

Table 8.21: Summary profile of sablefish wholesale production and markets, 2017

Value and Volume		Key Products	H&G	Other
First Wholesale Production (mt)	6,593	Pct. of Value	97%	3%
Pct. of Global Sablefish Harvest (2016)	57%	Key Markets	Japan	Hong Kong Others
First Wholesale Value (\$millions)	\$123.8	Pct. of 1 <sup>st</sup> Sales	65%	10% 25%
Pct. Change in Value from 2013-2016	27.5%	YoY Change	21%	-25% 0%
Pct. of Alaska Groundfish Value	4.9%	Competing Species: Patagonia toothfish (Chilean Seabass)		

### *Product Description*

The dominant sablefish wholesale product is IQF frozen H&G (Eastern cut) fish, often sold in 50-pound boxes. Relatively small amounts of heads, collars, fillets, and other products are also produced. Combined, non-H&G production made up just 7 percent of production volume in 2017.

Following harvesting and primary processing, the majority of product is sold as frozen H&G fish to high-volume distributors in Japan and other Asian countries. Product sold into the U.S. domestic market is filleted by primary processors in Alaska or by secondary processors/distributors. Regardless of whether sablefish is exported or sold domestically, it typically passes through one or two distributors before being sold to consumers at the retail level.

Sablefish prices and markets are sensitive to the size of the fish, with larger sablefish worth much more than smaller fish. Wholesale price per pound for the largest fish can be more than double those for smaller fish. Unfortunately, smaller sablefish have become a larger portion of the harvest in recent years – a trend that is expected to continue due to significant recruitment in recent age classes and other factors affecting fish size. Small sablefish are difficult to sell into higher-end export markets, like Japan, but there is a market in China as well as a growing domestic market.

### *Alaska Sablefish Production*

Between 2008 and 2013, first wholesale volume of sablefish products averaged just under 8,000 mt annually (Figure 8.13). Subsequently, production has fallen further due to lower harvest levels, hitting a low of less than 6,000 mt in 2016 followed by a modest rebound in 2017. The value of Alaska sablefish production peaked in 2011 (\$147 million) due to exceptionally strong prices and large harvest volumes. After dropping substantially from 2011 levels, the average first wholesale value per mt of sablefish products climbed more than 50 percent from 2013 to 2017, reaching an average value/mt of \$18,784 (based on production of 6,593 mt worth \$123.8 million).

### *Market Profile and Analysis*

Japan is the primary market for Alaska's sablefish, generally accounting for 70 to 80 percent of total exports by volume (Table 8.22). China was the second-largest international market by volume in 2017, following several years of growth. However, when measured by value, Hong Kong was the second-most important international market after Japan, a position the country has held for several years. In contrast to Mainland China, which imports a greater volume of lower-value small sablefish for reprocessing, Hong Kong imports a greater percentage of larger fish; these imports serve both Hong Kong foodservice and retail markets as well as re-export markets in Southern China and other SE Asia countries. As a free port, exports to Hong Kong are not subject to Chinese tariffs (though presumably they would be if re-exported to China).

While exports to the Netherlands and the United Arab Emirates are modest, the volume and value of sablefish exports to these countries more than doubled over the 2013 to 2017 period. Other niche export markets exist in similarly wealthy, seafood-eating countries such as Singapore, the U.K., and South Korea.

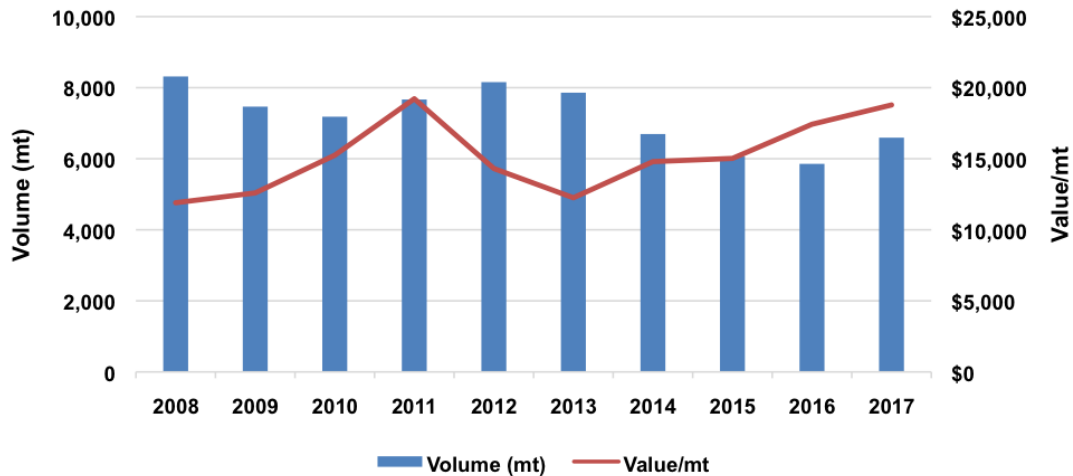


Figure 8.13: First wholesale volume and value of Alaska sablefish, 2008-2017.

	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Value (\$millions)	\$99.0	\$94.0	\$109.5	\$147.4	\$116.7	\$96.3	\$99.1	\$91.1	\$102.1	\$123.8
Volume (mt)	8,315	7,467	7,183	7,667	8,156	7,859	6,696	6,062	5,856	6,593

Source: AKFIN.

Table 8.22: Estimated export volume and value of Alaska-harvested sablefish, 2013-2017.

Country	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Export Value (\$millions)					
Japan	\$62.0	\$52.4	\$45.8	\$44.5	\$54.1
Hong Kong	\$4.7	\$5.1	\$7.4	\$10.5	\$7.9
China	\$2.2	\$2.4	\$5.5	\$6.1	\$7.6
Netherlands	\$0.5	\$0.8	\$0.7	\$1.3	\$2.8
United Arab Emirates	\$0.8	\$1.1	\$2.4	\$1.5	\$2.5
Other	\$11.4	\$9.8	\$12.0	\$12.0	\$8.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$81.6</b>	<b>\$71.5</b>	<b>\$73.8</b>	<b>\$76.0</b>	<b>\$82.9</b>
Export Volume (mt)					
Japan	5,893	4,477	4,137	3,374	3,787
China	194	187	353	441	563
Hong Kong	340	282	397	490	333
Netherlands	71	68	54	70	151
United Arab Emirates	57	57	117	68	112
Other	837	637	840	731	486
<b>Total</b>	<b>7,391</b>	<b>5,710</b>	<b>5,898</b>	<b>5,174</b>	<b>5,432</b>

Source: ASMI Export Database.

**Japan** The primary market for sablefish is Japan, a country that pioneered the commercial harvest of the species in Alaska. The Tokyo Central Wholesale Market plays an important role in sablefish markets.<sup>12</sup> Between 1987 and 2013, an estimated 37 percent of Japan sablefish imports (from all countries) were sold at this market. Prices observed at the Tokyo Central Wholesale Market function

<sup>12</sup><https://www.st.nmfs.noaa.gov/Assets/commercial/market-news/sablefishSupplyMarket2014.pdf>

as a price index, impacting sablefish values globally. The United States is the primary supplier of sablefish to the Japanese market, accounting for 91 percent of imports between 2012 and 2017; Canadian supply accounted for the remainder (Table 8.23). Currency rates are an important factor impacting sablefish markets. When the yen is relatively strong against the dollar, Japanese buyers are able to purchase more U.S.-sourced sablefish.

Table 8.23: Japan frozen H&amp;G sablefish imports, by major trade partner, 2012-2017.

	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Import Value (\$millions)						
U.S.	\$106.9	\$90.3	\$87.6	\$74.8	\$83.8	\$86.9
Canada	\$11.4	\$9.0	\$8.9	\$11.4	\$8.4	\$8.9
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$118.2</b>	<b>\$99.3</b>	<b>\$96.6</b>	<b>\$86.2</b>	<b>\$92.2</b>	<b>\$95.7</b>
Import Volume (mt)						
U.S.	8,324	7,655	6,514	5,749	5,691	5,258
Canada	789	725	668	841	544	481
<b>Total</b>	<b>9,113</b>	<b>8,380</b>	<b>7,182</b>	<b>6,590</b>	<b>6,235</b>	<b>5,739</b>
<b>Import Value/mt</b>	<b>\$12,973</b>	<b>\$11,850</b>	<b>\$13,443</b>	<b>\$13,078</b>	<b>\$14,793</b>	<b>\$16,681</b>
<b>Avg. Yen/USD</b>						
<b>Exchange Rate</b>	<b>¥80</b>	<b>¥98</b>	<b>¥106</b>	<b>¥121</b>	<b>¥109</b>	<b>¥112</b>

**Notes:** Volume is in product-weight terms.

**Source:** Global Trade Atlas and St. Louis Federal Reserve Bank (currency rates).

**United States** The estimated size of the U.S. market for sablefish increased from about 3,200 MT to 7,200 MT between 2013 and 2017, due to increased imports and reduced exports (Table 8.24). Imports grew from 269 MT in 2013 to 1,756 MT in 2017, due to increased supply from Canada. Concurrently, export volume of U.S. sablefish declined as a result of reduced landings, high prices, and a relatively weak yen which affected shipments to Japan.<sup>13</sup>

Table 8.24: Estimated U.S. sablefish market size, in metric tons, 2013-2017

Year	Est. U.S. Whole-sale Production	U.S. Imports	U.S. Exports	Est. U.S. Market Size
2013	11,609	269	8,670	3,208
2014	10,411	696	6,665	4,442
2015	10,385	1,406	6,664	5,127
2016	9,899	1,747	5,577	6,069
2017	11,140	1,756	5,733	7,163
<b>Five-year Average</b>	<b>10,689</b>	<b>1,175</b>	<b>6,662</b>	<b>5,202</b>

**Notes:** An average recovery rate of 65 percent is used in this analysis to make volumes comparable.

**Source:** McDowell Group estimates, based on data from NMFS and AKFIN.

<sup>13</sup><https://www.seafoodnews.com/Story/971116/Near-Record-Prices-for-Sablefish-May-Mean-Much-Lower-Consumption-in-Japan>

*Global Production and Competing Supply*

The United States and Canada account for nearly all global production of sablefish.<sup>14</sup> Alaska is the primary supplier, contributing an annual average of 63 percent between 2012 and 2016 (Figure 8.14). Harvest from other West Coast states accounted for 26 percent of global supply. Of these, Oregon was the most important, followed by California and Washington. Canada (British Columbia) contributed 11 percent to global supply between 2012 and 2016.

Patagonia toothfish (*Dissostichus eleginoides*) is the primary competitor with sablefish. The whitefish has a high oil content and is also known as Chilean seabass or *mero* in Japan. Between 2012 and 2016, the global supply of Patagonia toothfish ranged from about 21,700 MT to 25,600 MT. These figures do not include illegal, unreported, or unregulated (IUU) harvests. In the early 2000s, up to half of Patagonia toothfish harvests were estimated to be IUU landings. Although fisheries management has improved, IUU harvests are likely happening today, though at a smaller scale.

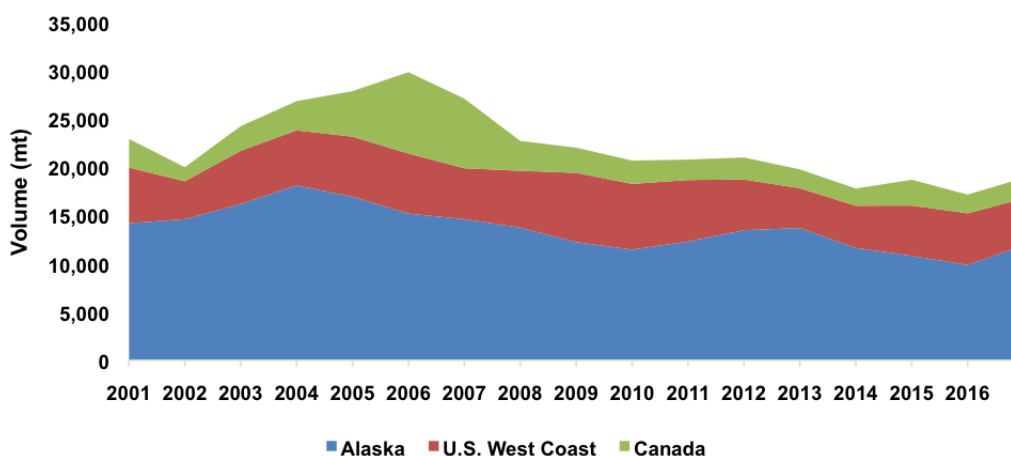


Figure 8.14: Global supply of Sablefish, in metric tons, 2001-2016.

Source: FAO; NMFS OST; AKFIN Production Database.

8.5. Yellowfin Sole, Rock Sole, Atka Mackerel, and Pacific Ocean Perch Market Profiles

Alaska’s flatfish fisheries for soles and plaice in the BSAI and GOA, while comprised of more than 10 different species, are dominated by three species of sole (yellowfin, rock, and flathead) and plaice; other species harvested in smaller volumes include Greenland turbot, rex sole, butter sole, Dover sole, and starry flounder. Due to the many harvest and market similarities across this group, this section will treat many species with similar market aspects collectively while including additional detail for the four key species. Alaska’s flatfish harvests include considerable volumes of Arrowtooth flounder; this species is covered in separate profile and not discussed in detail here.

**Yellowfin sole** (*Limanda aspera*) is the most abundant commercial flatfish in the eastern Bering Sea and the world’s largest single flatfish fishery by volume, representing 14 percent of the global flatfish harvest. Overall, the species represented 48 percent of the first wholesale value of all Alaska

<sup>14</sup>Between 2000 and 2016, Russia periodically produced small volumes of sablefish. The highest annual volume for this period was 50 MT harvested in 2002; average annual harvest was 15 MT.



flatfish in 2017 with a first wholesale value of \$110.8 million (Table 8.25).<sup>15</sup> The vast majority of this production is frozen H&G product destined for export to China for reprocessing or export to South Korea for reprocessing and domestic consumption.

Table 8.25: Summary profile of yellowfin sole wholesale production and markets, 2017.

Value and Volume		Key Products	H&G	Whole Round	Other
First Wholesale Production (mt)	77,102	Pct. of Value	89%	11%	0%
Pct. of Global Flatfish Harvest (2016)	14%	Key Markets	China	South Korea	Other
First Wholesale Value (\$millions)	\$110.8	Pct. of 1 <sup>st</sup> Sales	65%	13%	22%
Pct. of Alaska Groundfish Value	4.4%	YoY Change	-20%	-2%	22%
Pct. of Alaska Flatfish Volume	57%	Competing Species: Other flatfish, tilapia, whitefish			

**Rock sole** (*Lepidopsetta polyxystra*), the second most abundant BSAI/GOA flatfish by wholesale volume (after yellowfin sole), accounted for 14 percent of the total first wholesale value of Alaska flatfish. Alaska is responsible for the vast majority of the global rock sole harvest, producing 20,200 mt in 2017, valued at \$31.9 million (Table 8.26). Like yellowfin sole, most of Alaska’s rock sole production is exported to China and South Korea, though Japan is also an important export market for females with roe. Rock sole generates a higher unit value per metric ton than yellowfin sole due to export markets for rock sole with roe.

Table 8.26: Summary profile of rock sole wholesale production and markets, 2017

Value and Volume		Key Products	H&G	H&G with Roe	Whole Round
First Wholesale Production (mt)	20,200	Pct. of Value	89%	10%	1%
Pct. of Global Flatfish Harvest (2016)	4%	Key Markets	China	South Korea	Other
First Wholesale Value (\$millions)	\$31.9	Pct. of 1 <sup>st</sup> Sales	70%	5%	25%
Pct. of Alaska Groundfish Value	1.3%	YoY Change	-1%	-4%	5%
Pct. of Alaska Flatfish Volume	15%	Competing species: Other flatfish, tilapia, whitefish			

**Atka mackerel** production was valued at \$127.8 million in 2017, accounting for 5 percent of the first wholesale value of all Alaska groundfish (Table 8.27). Production value in 2017 was double that of the previous four-year average thanks to a 27 percent increase in harvest volume over 2016 combined with high value/mt nearly equal to the all-time high in 2015. Alaska produced 54 percent of global Atka mackerel harvests in 2017, and nearly all production was exported to Japan, China, or South Korea as a frozen H&G product. Final consumer products include split/salted and surimi and is largely consumed in Japan, Korea, and China. This market profile summarizes production and markets for Alaska’s Atka mackerel fisheries.

Atka mackerel is a key species for Alaska’s Amendment 80 fleet, which also targets high volume flatfish (sole/flounder) and rockfish (including Pacific Ocean perch). Atka mackerel accounted for 29 percent of the combined wholesale production value of these target species in 2017.

**Pacific Ocean perch** (*Sebastes alutus* – also known by the acronym POP) is the most abundant rockfish species in Alaska, comprising 81 percent of all Alaska rockfish production in 2017. Overall,

<sup>15</sup>“Flatfish” includes all comparable BSAI/GOA flatfish species, including arrowtooth flounder and turbot. It does not include Pacific halibut or skate.

Table 8.27: Summary profile of Atka mackerel wholesale production and markets, 2017.

Value and Volume		Key Products	H&G	Other	
First Wholesale Production (mt)	42,231	Pct. of Value	91%	9%	
Pct. of Global Harvest (2016)	54%	Key Markets	Japan	China	Korea
First Wholesale Value (\$millions)	\$127.8	Pct. of Final Sales	58%	14%	9%
Pct. Change in Value from Prior 4-yr Avg.	100%	YoY Change	-16%	-3%	0%
Pct. of Alaska Groundfish Value	5%	Competing Species: Okhotsk Atka mackerel			

POP represented 2.6 percent of the first wholesale value of all Alaska groundfish in 2017 (Table 8.28). About eighty percent of Alaska’s POP is exported to two countries – China (for processing) and Japan (the species’ largest consumer market). Alaska POP accounted for 21 percent of global rockfish harvests in 2016. This market profile summarizes production and markets for POP fisheries in Alaska.

Table 8.28: Summary profile of Pacific ocean perch wholesale production and markets, 2017.

Value and Volume		Key Products	H&G	Whole	
First Wholesale Production (mt)	26,000	Pct. of Value	91%	9%	
Pct. of Global Rockfish Harvest (2016)	21%	Key Markets	China	Japan	South Korea
First Wholesale Value (\$millions)	\$64.2	Pct. of Final Sales	53%	30%	5%
Pct. Change in Value from Prior 4-yr Avg.	11.3%	YoY Change	-26%	25%	-20%
Pct. of Alaska Groundfish Value	2.6%	Competing Species: Redfish and other rockfish species.			

POP is a key species for the Amendment 80 fleet, which also harvests high volume flatfish (sole/flounder), Atka mackerel, and other rockfish species. POP accounted for 11 percent of the combined wholesale value of production by the Amendment 80 fleet in 2017.

### Key Market Analysis

**China** Alaska soles and plaice require hand processing, which is labor-intensive. Due to lower labor costs, China is responsible for reprocessing most Alaska-caught flatfish, with yellowfin and rock sole providing the largest volume. Approximately 80 percent of all China’s flatfish exports go to Europe, Japan, and the United States. As China’s economy has grown, an increasing number of sole has remained in the domestic market.

Though not reflected in 2017 trade statistics, 2018 has brought a great deal of uncertainty to Alaska’s flatfish industry due to its dependence on China and the tariffs and trade disputes between China and the U.S. At this time, the uncertainty surrounding tariffs or other intensifications in a U.S.-China trade dispute has already caused supply chain disruptions, with more U.S. flatfish being processed in the U.S., Poland, and other parts of Southeast Asia. As approximately 25-35 percent of Alaska flatfish product that is exported to China returns to the U.S., many custom-processors of flatfish for the U.S. have been actively looking for new markets and switching to Russian or other non-Alaska product.<sup>16</sup>

<sup>16</sup>Per seafood industry representative, 2018.

From 2015 to 2017, exports to China accounted for 53 percent of all POP production. This includes a strong 2016 when 60 percent of production went to the Chinese wholesale market. Virtually all POP and other rockfish exported to China consists of frozen whole or H&G fish, which is filleted, and re-exported.

**Japan** Though most Alaska flatfish exports are directed at China, Japan is an important export market, importing 5 percent of Alaska’s rock sole production volume in 2017, primarily females with roe intact. Japan, as the largest flatfish export market for China, also imports a great deal of Alaska flatfish reprocessed in China, particularly rock sole roe and flatfish kirimis.

Japan is the largest consumer market for POP. Depending on the product form demanded, importers buy frozen fish from Chinese (fillets) or Alaska (H&G/whole) processors and distribute the product to retailers or food service establishments. Direct exports from Alaska to Japan generally represent a quarter to a third of all Alaska production. Alaska is Japan’s largest rockfish/redfish supplier, both in direct terms and product routed through China. Europe is the second largest supplier, followed by domestic production and Russian imports.

The majority of Alaska’s Atka mackerel is exported to Japanese markets. Retail wholesale Atka mackerel prices have risen due to declining harvests in Japan. While declining harvest trends in Japan put Alaska in a better market position, Japanese consumers are extremely flexible when it comes to substituting seafood species. For surimi producers – which historically have used both Atka and horse mackerel<sup>17</sup> for Japan’s domestic surimi production – declining harvests and rising prices have already prompted Japanese surimi producers to substitute Atka mackerel with other species for surimi production.

**US & Europe** The U.S. and Europe consume a large amount of flatfish, much of it processed in China. Both end markets consume sole, plaice, and flounder (often commingled and sold as “flounder” or “sole”) in fast food restaurants as well as in grocery stores in the frozen aisle. The U.S. remains China’s second largest export market for flatfish, receiving 17,976 mt of flatfish valued at \$92.5 million in 2017, an increase of 11 percent over 2015 value.<sup>18</sup>

In Europe, key export markets include the Netherlands, France, Spain, Poland, and Germany, all of which have a seafood processing sector that could further transform and distribute flatfish products across Europe. While Alaska is very dependent on China for reprocessing its flatfish harvest, both the U.S. and Europe have access to other sources of flatfish from across the globe and are thus not fully dependent on China for flatfish products. The EU produces large volumes of competitor species of flatfish that are consumed domestically and exported to the U.S. The U.S. also imports a large volume of flatfish from Canada.

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<sup>17</sup>“Horse mackerel” is a generic name given to a range of species, predominantly from the Carangidae (jack mackerels and scads) family. Fish included in the *Trachurus* (including Atlantic horse mackerel) and *Caranx* genera encompass most of the horse mackerel category.

<sup>18</sup>Global Trade Atlas

### *Competing Supply*

Global flatfish supply has remained fairly constant over the past two decades after declining significantly from harvest levels attained in the 1980s that exceeded 1.2 million mt annually. In contrast, Alaska's contribution to global production of flatfish has grown steadily from tiny volumes in the 1980s. Alaska flatfish continue to compete with species such as European plaice and dabs, and have remained popular for use in frozen meals and as frozen fillets/kirimis in the U.S., Japan, and Europe. Competition comes from fresh flatfish as well as from fresh/frozen whitefish like tilapia, pangasius, pollock, and cod, among others.

Alaska accounted for 42 percent of global Atka mackerel production between 2014 and 2016, the most recent three years with complete data for global harvest. Historically, Japan is the largest producer but its harvests have declined significantly since 2008 - down 90 percent through 2016.

Global rockfish (including POP and other *Sebastes* species) harvests averaged 218,372 mt from 2012 to 2016 and increased roughly 20 percent over the period. Europe is the largest redfish/rockfish producer, accounting for just over half (52 percent) of total production in 2016. Alaska POP accounted for one-fifth (21 percent) of global rockfish production in 2016, and 88 percent of all rockfish production in the United States.

## **9. BERING SEA/ALEUTIAN ISLANDS NON-POLLOCK TRAWL CATCHER-PROCESSOR GROUND FISH COOPERATIVES (AMENDMENT 80) PROGRAM: SUMMARY OF ECONOMIC STATUS OF THE FISHERY**

This report summarizes the economic status of the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands (BSAI) non-pollock groundfish trawl catcher-processor fleet (referred to in the following as the Amendment 80 fleet) over the period 2008 through 2019, following implementation of the rationalization program in 2008 under Amendment 80 (Amendment 80) to the Fishery Management Plan for Groundfish of the BSAI Management Area (FMP). This report provides additional detail to supplement information provided elsewhere in the Groundfish SAFE Economic Status Report; details regarding catch, production, and value of BSAI and Gulf of Alaska groundfish species allocated to Amendment 80 fleet are provided in Section 4 of the Annual Fishery Statistics section.

As a requirement of the Amendment 80 program designed by the North Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council), annual economic reports are submitted to NMFS by Amendment 80 vessel owners and Quota Share (QS) permit holders, providing detailed data on vessel and QS-entity earnings, employment, QS lease transfers, operating costs and expenses, and capital improvements. The Economic Data Report (EDR) program is a mandatory annual reporting requirement for Amendment 80 entities, and supplements data provided by in-season monitoring and data collection programs, including eLandings, catch accounting, and the North Pacific Groundfish Observer program. Beginning with implementation of the Amendment 80 program in 2008, the EDR data collection program has collected annual economic census data, with the most recent available data representing results from the 2019 calendar year of operations.<sup>1</sup>

Among the goals of Amendment 80 is improving economic incentives to increase retention and utilization, and reduce bycatch by the commercial catcher-processor (CP) fleet using trawl gear in the non-pollock groundfish fisheries. The structure of the program was developed to encourage fishing practices and use of vessel capital with lower discard rates and to mitigate the costs of increased retention requirements<sup>2</sup> by improving the opportunity to increase the value of harvest species while improving operational efficiency and lowering costs.

The BSAI non-pollock groundfish trawl CP sector is composed of vessel-entities representing the 24 CPs with history of harvesting groundfish in the BSAI, but that did not qualify for inclusion in the rationalization of the CP pollock fishery under the American Fisheries Act. Of the original 24 CPs electing to enroll in the Amendment 80 catch share program, 22 remained operational as of implementation of the program in 2008, and 21 CPs participated in the program that year. Over

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<sup>1</sup>The EDR program is managed collaboratively by Alaska Fisheries Science Center (AFSC) and Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission (PSMFC), with guidance and oversight from the North Pacific Fishery Management Council. Further information regarding the data collection program, including protocols and results of data quality assessment and controls, is provided in database documentation available from the AFSC's Economic and Social Sciences Research Program (ESSR).

<sup>2</sup>Concurrent with passage of Amendment 80, the Council also developed a groundfish retention standard (GRS) program for Amendment 80 catcher-processors by establishing a minimum retention schedule for the sector, beginning at 65% roundweight retention for 2008, and increasing by 5% increments to 85% for 2011 and subsequent years. Due to high compliance costs for the GRS program, Amendment 80 vessels and cooperatives were granted exemptions to the standard under emergency rule beginning in 2010, and the GRS program requirements were permanently rescinded under Amendment 93 to the FMP (77 FR 59852, October 1, 2012), effective March, 2013.

the first 12 years of the program, four new vessels have entered to replace an original vessel, one each in 2009, 2016, 2017, and 2019, and of the 19 vessels participating in the program during 2019, 17 vessels remain of the original fleet.

Species allocated to the Amendment 80 fleet include: Aleutian Islands Pacific ocean perch, BSAI Atka mackerel, BSAI flathead sole, BSAI Pacific cod, BSAI rock sole, and BSAI yellowfin sole. In addition, the Amendment 80 cooperatives and vessels receive allocations of Pacific halibut and crab prohibited species catch (PSC) for use while fishing in the BSAI, and groundfish sideboard limits and halibut PSC for use in the Gulf of Alaska. Amendment 80 allocates the six target species and five prohibited species in the BSAI to the CP sector and allows qualified vessels to form cooperatives. These voluntary harvest cooperatives coordinate use of the target allocations, incidental catch allowances and prohibited species allocations among active member vessels. In the initial year of the program, 16 vessels/LLP licenses formed a single cooperative (identified as the Best Use Cooperative, renamed Alaska Seafood Cooperative in 2010), with an additional seven vessels operating in the limited-access fishery. The Alaska Groundfish Cooperative formed in 2011 from the eight vessels that operated in the limited-access fishery during 2009-2010, increasing to nine member vessels in 2013-2014, and six during 2016-2017. In 2018, the Amendment 80 cooperatives consolidated into the Alaska Seafood Cooperative, with a membership of 20 vessels/LLP licenses.

To describe the economic condition and performance of the fleet under the rationalization program and subsequent changes in fishery management, statistics reported below are intended to indicate the status and trends in a variety of economic indicators and metrics. The reported statistics provide a general overview of economic conditions and performance over time, and are not intended as a rigorous statistical analysis of specific hypotheses regarding economic efficiency or other performance metrics. These generally include changes in the physical characteristics of the participating vessel stock, including productive capacity of vessel physical plant (freezer and processing line capacity and maximum potential throughput) and fuel consumption rates, efficiency and diversification of processing output, investment in vessel capital improvements, operational costs incurred for fishing and processing in the Amendment 80 fisheries and elsewhere, and employment and compensation of vessel crews and processing employees. The reader is referred to the Council's Five-Year Review of the program for a more detailed and comprehensive analysis of economic effects of Amendment 80 (Northern Economics, 2014).

In the following tables, annual statistics are reported for Amendment 80 fleet or fishery aggregate total values and median vessel-level values. All monetary values in the report are presented as inflation-adjusted 2019 equivalent U.S. dollars, consistent with inflation-adjusted data presented in other sections of the Groundfish Economic Status Report. Due to the small number of reporting entities comprising the Amendment 80 sector, some statistical results are suppressed to protect the confidentiality of proprietary information, as indicated in tables by the symbol “\*”, and “-” indicates that no data are available for the tabular value. The total count of non-zero reported values are shown in the tables (under the heading “Obs” or “Vessels”). As a general convention, fleet- or sector-level aggregate values are calculated as the sum total over all vessel- or entity-level reported values for a given data item. Vessel-level median values (calculated over reported non-zero values) are reported to represent the “average” vessel; arithmetic means for the reported indicators can be derived as needed by users of this report by dividing the aggregate total value shown by either the associated number of non-zero observations, or alternately by the total count of vessels (where different). It should be noted, however, that most statistical values reported in the following tables are derived from fewer than 20 observations for a given statistical value, and the underlying

data may be highly variable and/or irregularly distributed, such that the arithmetic mean may be a poor representation of the population average value.

### 9.1. Fleet Characteristics and Production Capacity

Table 9.1 shows fleet aggregate and median vessel values for physical size and capacity of the vessel stock within the active fleet from 2008-2019. With the entry of F/V America's Finest during 2019, the fleet increased from 19 to 20 Amendment 80-qualified vessels active in EEZ fisheries in the Bering Sea/Aleutian Islands (BSAI) and Gulf of Alaska (GOA). With this entry, the physical size of the fleet (as shown in metrics reported in Table 9.1) exhibited the largest one-year increase to-date, with aggregate gross tonnage increasing 20% from the previous peak, to 21,792 tons, and other metrics showing a similar scale of increase.

With the exception of 2018 and the three years from 2013 to 2015, overall fleet composition has been in constant flux since 2008, with entry and/or exit of one or two vessels from the active fleet each year. The initial reduction from 22 active vessels the first year of the program (2008) to 20 in 2012 was due to loss of one vessel at sea (the Alaska Ranger) and the inactivity of the Tremont, which last fished in 2008. In total, five vessels permanently exited the Amendment 80 fleet between 2008 and 2012, all of which were built between 1970 and 1980. Regulations implementing Amendment 97 to the BSAI Groundfish FMP were published and became effective in October of 2012 (77 FR 59852), lifting prohibitions on replacement of Amendment 80 vessels and establishing regulatory requirements and processes for qualifying a replacement for an Amendment 80 vessel and transfer of associated fishing privileges. The first such vessels qualified for entry to the Amendment 80 program during 2016: the Seafreeze America and the Cape Flattery, both owned by United States Seafood, replaced the company's vessels Alliance and Ocean Alaska, which last operated in 2012. The Seafreeze American began active operations during 2016, increasing the active fleet from 18 to 19 vessels, however, the Alaska Juris, owned by Fishing Company of Alaska (FCA), sank while underway on the Bering Sea in July of 2016;<sup>3</sup> statistics in Table 9.1 showing increased aggregate and median physical capacity reported for 2016 are inclusive of both vessels and do not reflect the loss of the Alaska Juris. FCA ceased business operations during 2017 and the company's three remaining vessels and all quota share holdings were acquired by other Amendment 80 entities (vessels Alaska Victory and Alaska Warrior were acquired by Ocean Peace, Inc., and the Alaska Spirit was acquired by O'Hara, Inc.). With entry of F/V Araho (owned by O'Hara, Inc.) in 2017, maintaining the count of vessels at 19, aggregate fleet gross tonnage increased from the previous year to 18,152 tons (+4.6%)<sup>4</sup>, while fleet aggregate length overall (LOA) decreased slightly to 3,443 feet. As noted above, entry of F/V America's Finest in 2019 increased aggregate fleet size metrics substantially, with LOA increasing by 8% to 3,705 feet, aggregate shaft horsepower increasing by 13% to 54.5 thousand, and aggregate fuel capacity increasing by 20% to 2.8 million gallons.

By all available metrics, physical production capacity of processing plants in the Amendment 80 fleet have shown a marked increase in each of the last 5 years. Consistent with significant capital improvement in the existing fleet over the last 7 years, including the FCA vessels under new ownership as of 2017 and entry of new and replacement vessels beginning in 2016 (see subsection 9.4.4 below), production throughput capacity and onboard frozen storage indicators reported in Tables 9.2

<sup>3</sup>NTSB, 2017. <https://www.nts.gov/investigations/AccidentReports/Reports/MAB1726.pdf>

<sup>4</sup>Note that all annual fleet-aggregate physical capacity and production throughput statistics in the following discussion (and referenced tables) represent the summed value over all reported vessel-level physical measurements and production volume-per-hour values for the year.

and 9.3 for the recent period confirm substantial expansion of aggregate production capacity of the fleet.



Table 9.1: Amendment 80 Fleet - Aggregate and Median Vessel Size Statistics

Year	Vessels	Gross Tonnage		Net Tonnage		Length Overall (ft)		Beam (ft)		Shaft Horsepower		Fuel Capacity (million gal)	
		Total	Median	Total	Median	Total	Median	Total	Median	Total	Median	Total	Median
2008	22	17,483	806	9,449	403	3,760	177	826	39	54,650	2,385	1.99	77,920
2009	21	15,482	560	8,723	380	3,546	169	784	38	48,300	2,250	1.82	76,840
2010	20	15,285	775	8,589	403	3,424	177	758	39	47,475	2,385	1.78	77,920
2011	20	15,285	775	8,568	403	3,434	177	748	39	47,400	2,385	1.77	77,920
2012	20	15,880	775	8,712	403	3,434	177	761	40	47,400	2,385	1.82	77,920
2013	18	15,495	1,008	8,451	506	3,218	185	706	40	45,075	2,560	1.77	89,077
2014	18	15,495	1,008	8,451	506	3,218	185	706	40	45,075	2,560	1.77	89,077
2015	18	15,897	1,026	8,403	506	3,218	185	706	40	45,075	2,560	1.77	89,077
2016	19	17,362	1,027	9,399	586	3,449	185	751	40	47,625	2,550	1.93	99,154
2017	19	18,152	1,027	9,543	586	3,443	185	758	40	48,025	2,550	1.95	99,154
2018	19	18,152	1,027	9,543	586	3,443	185	758	40	48,025	2,550	1.94	99,154
2019	20	21,792	1,055	10,636	630	3,705	186	808	40	54,475	2,575	2.80	115,440

**Source:** Amendment 80 Economic Data Reports.

Over the active fleet of 20 vessels, total processing lines increased to 31 in 2017, an average of 1.6 per vessel, although most vessels continue to have only one processing line (as indicated by the median value Table 9.2, which has been constant since 2008). Fleet aggregate processing line throughput capacity for whole-fish product increased to 83.1 metric tons per hour (*t/hr*) in 2019, compared to an annual average of 59 *t/hr* over the 2008-2014 period. More recently, line throughput over all head and gut product types types<sup>5</sup> showed a marked increase beginning in 2017, to a fleet aggregate of 103.9 *t/hr* (median 4.8 *t/hr*), compared to a range of 80 - 90 *t/hr* prior to 2017, and increasing to 107.1 in 2019. Notably, although not as directly indicative of physical production capacity, the number of distinct species and product types reported by active vessels have followed a similar trend, increasing in recent years, with 33 distinct species processed and 57 distinct species-product types produced across the fleet representing the highest variety of outputs reported since the program began. Cold-handling capacity is commonly cited as principal limiting factor in overall production capacity on Amendment 80 CP's, and the recent increasing trend in associated metrics is similar to that shown in processing line capacity. Product chilling (i.e. plate freezer) throughput and on-board frozen storage metrics are reported in Table 9.3. Fleet-aggregate freezer throughput capacity, which ranged between 59 and 67 *t/hr* on an annual basis prior to 2016, increased to 72.8 *t/hr* in 2017, and reached a peak of 77.2 *t/hr* in 2019. Fleet-aggregate cold storage capacity, which ranged between 7,100 and 7,700 *t* over the 2009 to 2015 period, increased to 8,439 *t* in 2017, and again peaked at 9,466 *t* in 2019, with median cold storage capacity increasing slightly to 358 *t*.

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<sup>5</sup>Head and gut (H&G) product types include the following product code and descriptions, as defined by the State of Alaska (SOA) in eLandings and Commercial Operators Annual Report (COAR) specifications: 06 - H&G with roe, 07 - H&G western cut, 08 - H&G eastern cut, and 10 - H&G tail removed. Production capacity in the EDR is reported by species and product type use according to SOA standard codes. In a addition to code 01 - Whole fish, small quantities of other product types are produced by A80 vessels, including 11 - Kirimi, and various ancillary product types, but do not appear in EDR processing capacity records.

Table 9.2: Amendment 80 Fleet - Aggregate and Median Vessel Processing Capacity Statistics

Year	Vessels	Processing Lines on Vessel		Species Processed		Total No. Products Processed (species+product)		Max Throughput (mt/hr), Whole-fish Product		Max Throughput (mt/hr), Any Product	
	Count	Total	Median	Total	Median	Total	Median	Total	Median	Total	Median
2008	22	32	1	23	12	46	18	62.06	3.33	90.72	3.63
2009	21	31	1	26	12	47	17	61.37	3.33	81.86	3.63
2010	20	30	1	25	12	46	18	64.55	3.32	81.21	3.85
2011	19	29	1	27	12	44	17	61.59	3.31	79.07	3.92
2012	19	29	1	23	12	49	16	50.27	3.22	90.82	4.43
2013	18	28	1	21	12	37	16	48.64	3.32	88.83	4.62
2014	18	28	1	22	12	41	16	56.69	3.88	87.31	4.30
2015	18	28	1	28	13	53	18	74.21	4.04	82.20	4.18
2016	19	30	1	26	13	48	19	79.19	4.16	87.63	4.20
2017	19	31	1	33	13	55	18	78.94	4.53	103.85	4.81
2018	19	31	1	33	13	57	18	78.17	4.33	102.49	4.67
2019	20	31	1	32	15	70	19	83.12	3.92	107.14	4.29

**Notes:**

**Source:** Amendment 80 Economic Data Reports.

Table 9.3: Amendment 80 Fleet - Aggregate and Median Vessel Freezer Capacity

Year	Vessels	Freezer Hold Capacity (t)		Maximum Freezing Capacity (t/hr)	
		Total	Median	Total	Median
2008	22	8,227.42	317.51	62.98	2.77
2009	21	7,693.25	317.51	58.83	2.68
2010	20	7,576.07	317.51	60.01	2.89
2011	20	7,076.30	308.76	64.21	3.64
2012	20	7,558.92	317.51	67.08	3.90
2013	18	7,345.19	336.57	64.28	3.92
2014	18	7,345.19	336.57	64.28	3.92
2015	18	7,345.07	336.57	64.06	3.92
2016	19	8,171.14	355.62	69.94	3.92
2017	19	8,438.92	355.62	72.81	4.04
2018	19	8,400.12	355.62	70.31	4.04
2019	20	9,466.74	357.82	77.19	4.04

**Source:** Amendment 80 Economic Data Reports.

Fuel consumption statistics for the Amendment 80 fleet show some indications of increasing fuel efficiency associated with recent entry of replacement Amendment 80 vessels and capital improvement in existing vessel capital stock discussed above. Table 9.4 shows median values for reported estimates of average hourly fuel consumption rate, in gallons per hour (gph), of Amendment 80 vessels during fishing and processing, steaming loaded, and steaming empty operational modes. Median reported hourly fuel use rates vary by activity (highest during steaming loaded and lowest while steaming empty) and generally increased over the 2008 - 2016 period, reflecting the increase in median and aggregate vessel size within the active fleet. Although changes in the composition of the fleet during 2016 and 2017 resulted in net increases in all metrics of aggregate fleet size while maintaining a total of 19 vessels for both years (which were unchanged from 2017 to 2018), median fuel consumption rates declined across all operational modes in 2017 for the first time since 2009, declining to 95 gph steaming empty, 110 gph while steaming loaded, and 101 gph while fishing and processing; 2018 saw a partial reversal, and median fuel consumption rates increased in 2019, again reaching approximately the maximum values of the ranges estimated for the respective operating modes across all previous years.

Table 9.5 shows aggregate and vessel median annual fuel consumption (gallons) by operational mode, and annual total over all activity. Total fleet fuel consumption peaked at 14.3 million gallons in 2016, declined in 2017 and 2018, and again increased to 14.25 million in 2019. More statistical analysis is required to evaluate net changes in fuel efficiency across the fleet over time, controlling for compositional and operational changes as well as improvements to existing vessel stock; nonetheless, the most recent investments in the fleet appear to correspond with substantial net improvements in fuel efficiency indicated in the metrics described above.

## 9.2. Fishing Effort - Vessel Days at Sea

Table 9.6 reports fleet aggregate and median statistics for vessel activity days reported in EDR data from 2008-2019, representing counts of days during which the vessel undertook fishing and processing operations in 1) Amendment 80 program fisheries in the Bering Sea/Aleutian Islands management area (including mothership operations in the BSAI processing Amendment 80 program

Table 9.4: Amendment 80 Fleet - Median Vessel Fuel Consumption Rates by Vessel Activity

Year	Vessels	Fishing/ Processing (gal/hr)	Steaming Loaded (gal/hr)	Steaming Empty (gal/hr)
		Median	Median	Median
2008	22	97	95	97
2009	21	90	89	87
2010	20	97	95	94
2011	20	97	95	93
2012	20	100	105	96
2013	18	103	121	100
2014	18	103	121	101
2015	18	103	117	101
2016	19	105	120	97
2017	19	101	110	95
2018	19	105	108	98
2019	20	106	118	100

**Source:** Amendment 80 Economic Data Reports.

Table 9.5: Amendment 80 Fleet - Aggregate and Median Vessel Annual Fuel Use, by Vessel Activity

Year	Vessels	Fishing/Processing		Steaming Empty		Steaming Loaded		All Fuel Use	
		Total	Median	Total	Median	Total	Median	Total	Median
		(million Gal)	(1000 Gal)	(million Gal)	(1000 Gal)	(million Gal)	(1000 Gal)	(million Gal)	(1000 Gal)
2008	22	10.78	522	1.04	52	1.76	70	13.57	644
2009	21	9.27	449	1.04	61	1.77	81	12.09	591
2010	20	9.73	485	1.45	66	1.46	68	12.65	619
2011	20	10.16	457	1.74	85	1.44	63	13.34	606
2012	20	9.26	445	1.31	70	1.64	89	12.21	603
2013	18	9.70	520	1.20	67	1.50	79	12.40	667
2014	18	10.09	551	1.19	63	1.52	88	12.79	702
2015	18	10.03	543	1.19	74	1.64	79	12.86	695
2016	19	11.11	585	1.21	73	1.98	72	14.30	730
2017	19	10.59	511	1.20	61	1.52	56	13.31	629
2018	19	10.84	578	1.33	79	1.49	59	13.65	717
2019	20	11.49	578	1.46	82	1.30	61	14.25	721

**Source:** Amendment 80 Economic Data Reports.

catch), 2) all fisheries other than Amendment 80 program fisheries (inclusive of catch and processing of Open Access (OA), CDQ allocation, and/or landings on experimental or exempted fishing permits in any management area, as well as catch and processing of Rockfish Pilot Program (RPP) catch in the GOA and/or Amendment 80 sideboard allowances in the GOA), 3) days on which the vessel was in transit (not fishing or processing) or offloading in port, and 4) inactive in shipyard. Beginning in 2015, EDR reporting broke out vessel activity in the GOA from Amendment 80 and all other fisheries, respectively; to provide consistent metrics over time, Table 9.6 reports active vessels and vessel days in all non-A80 fisheries inclusive of GOA activity for the full 2008-2019 period, with metrics for the GOA beginning in 2015 (as included in the non-A80 metrics). Note that counts of

days by activity, area, and/or fishery for a given vessel are not mutually exclusive and represent days during which the vessel reported activity by fishery management program in eLandings; a given calendar day may be counted both as a day fishing and as a day processing (counts of days processing are generally inclusive of days fishing), in one or more program fisheries, as well as a day transiting/offloading. As such, the results as reported in Table 9.6 give a relative account of the distribution of fleet activity among different activities and as an upper-bound approximation of the cumulative duration of vessel use in a given activity.<sup>6</sup>

Aggregate fleet total and median vessel activity days in the Amendment 80 program fisheries exhibited a general downward trend from 2008 until 2012, when fleet aggregate vessel-days processing declined to a low of 3,425 across 19 active vessels, with 173 days over 20 vessels during 2011 the lowest median vessel value to-date. Aggregate fleet-level fishing and processing days in the Amendment 80 program have increased each subsequent year, to 4,054 vessel-days processing across 20 vessels during 2019, the most intensive year of fishing and processing activity reported in A80 fisheries to-date. From 2013 to 2019, median vessel-days fishing and processing have fluctuated between 200 to 213, reaching 211 vessel-days in 2019. Vessel participation in fisheries other than those included in the Amendment 80 program is more variable from year to year, declining from 17 in 2011-2012 to 10 in 2017, and increasing to 11 vessels in 2019. The period beginning 2015 has represented the most intensive fleet-level activity in non-A80 fisheries reported to date, with fleet total vessel days fishing peaking at 867 days in 2017, and declining to 590 in 2019. Prior to 2016, aggregate vessel-days fishing and days processing in non-A80 fisheries tracked closely, but in the four most recent years, in addition to seeing the highest historical level of fleet processing activity in these fisheries, aggregate and median vessel-days processing increased relative to days fishing. The relative increase in processing days beginning in 2016 is the result of a segment (between 4 to 6 vessels<sup>7</sup>) of the fleet operating as motherships in the BSAI. Statistics reported for raw fish purchasing costs reported in Tables 9.9 and 9.10 provide some metric of this trend, however, a more detailed analysis is pending development for a future edition of this report.

As noted above, all 2008 through 2019 vessel counts and activity days statistics shown for all non-A80 fisheries in Table 9.6 are inclusive of activity in GOA trawl fisheries, and 2015 to 2019 results reported separately for GOA fisheries represent a subset of the information included in the statistics reported for the latter. In 2019, nine vessels were active in the GOA, and fleet aggregate vessel-days fishing and processing increasing from 291 in 2018 to 326 in 2019.

Across the active fleet of 20 vessels during 2019, 1,314 vessel-days included transiting and/or offloading and 58 days on a median basis, and days inactive (in-port or inactive at sea) during 2019 totaled 1,211 across the fleet and 63 days at median.

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<sup>6</sup>Vessel days at sea (including days offloading) can be calculated using days inactive values shown above in Table 9.6 as follows: median days at sea = 365-days inactive, and fleet total days at sea = (Vessel count x 365) - fleet total days inactive.

<sup>7</sup>this does not include F/T America's Finest, which operated as a mothership during 2018, but was not yet approved for a federal fishing permit or other regulatory requirements for entry to the Amendment 80 sector.

Table 9.6: Amendment 80 Fleet Activity - Days Fishing and Processing by Fishery, and Days in Transit/Offloading and Inactive in Port, Fleet Total and Median Vessel Values

		Stat	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Amendment 80 Fisheries		Active vessels	22	21	20	20	19	18	18	18	19	19	19	20
	Days Fishing	Fleet total	3,821	3,765	3,639	3,405	3,395	3,513	3,567	3,611	3,746	3,755	3,932	4,054
		Median vessel	185	181	182	175	178	200	209	210	202	208	203	211
	Days Processing	Fleet total	4,117	3,774	3,747	3,454	3,425	3,559	3,615	3,633	3,747	3,757	3,935	4,056
		Median vessel	196	181	189	173	185	200	213	210	202	208	203	211
	All Non-A80 Fisheries		Active vessels	11	11	14	17	17	12	12	11	11	10	12
Days Fishing		Fleet total	456	261	535	812	735	648	818	826	802	867	856	590
		Median vessel	25	20	30	32	30	28	27	41	58	47	65	44
Days Processing		Fleet total	455	259	534	819	730	649	818	880	1,032	1,094	1,127	830
		Median vessel	26	20	30	32	30	28	27	41	78	115	70	58
GOA Fisheries			Active vessels	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7	8	9	8
	Days Fishing	Fleet total	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	402	339	422	291	325
		Median vessel	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	41	32	31	32	23
	Days Processing	Fleet total	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	402	339	422	291	326
		Median vessel	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	41	32	31	32	23
	Non-Fishing and Inactive		Vessels	22	21	20	20	20	18	18	18	19	19	19
Days Travel/Offload		Fleet total	1,318	1,398	1,681	1,956	1,682	1,560	1,401	1,327	1,332	1,465	1,431	1,314
		Median vessel	58	72	77	80	69	80	65	69	69	68	59	58
Days Inactive		Fleet total	1,980	2,355	1,928	1,857	2,089	1,466	1,301	1,298	1,319	1,373	1,079	1,211
		Median vessel	94	100	81	78	98	74	73	75	61	69	55	63

**Notes:** Vessel activity days as reported in Economic Data Reports are not mutually exclusive with respect to fishery or activity type, and summing number of days over activity and/or fishery categories may total to more than 365 for a given vessel. Vessel days at sea (including days offloading) can be calculated using days inactive values shown above as follows: median days at sea = 365-days inactive, and fleet total days at sea = (Vessel count x 365) - fleet total days inactive.

Prior to 2015, fishing and processing activity days reported in the Economic Data Report were broken out by Amendment 80 fisheries and all other fisheries, with separate reporting of activity days in Gulf of Alaska fisheries beginning in 2015; vessel activity statistics shown above for 'All Non-A80 Fisheries' for 2008 through 2019 are inclusive of days when vessels were active fishing or processing in the GOA and all other non-Amendment 80 fisheries.

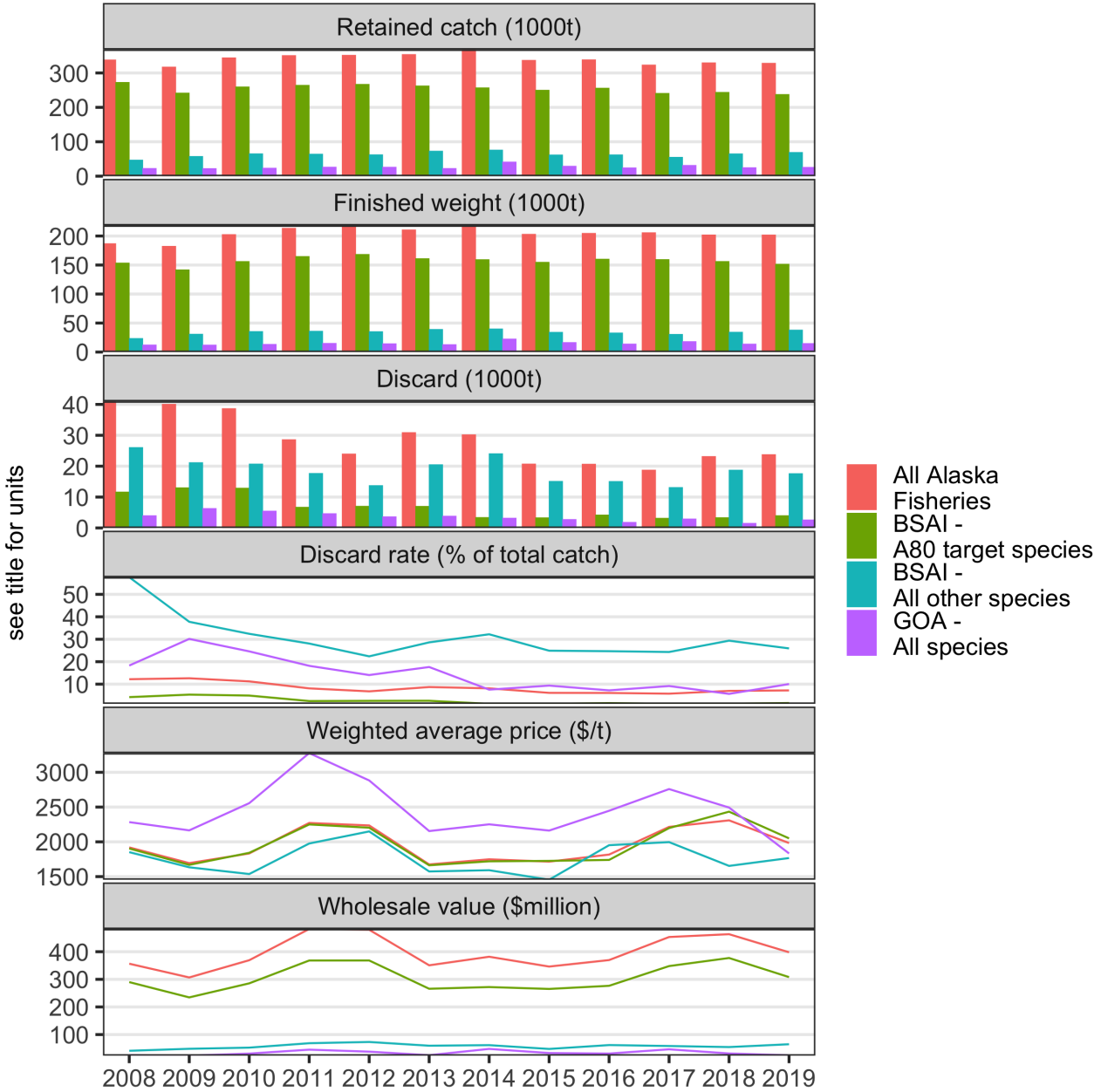
**Source:** Amendment 80 Economic Data Reports.

### 9.3. Catch, Production, and Value

Figure 9.1 and Table 9.7 report annual fleet aggregate and median vessel-level values for retained and discarded catch, volume of processed product in finished weight terms (in  $t$ ), and estimated wholesale value of finished processed volume (aggregate and per- $t$  values in \$US adjusted to 2019-equivalent value using the GDP deflator). Statistics for these metrics are shown aggregated over all Alaska fisheries, and stratified by Amendment 80 target species (as a group), all other species caught in fisheries in the BSAI, and all species caught in fisheries in the Gulf of Alaska. Aggregating over all Alaska fisheries, total retained catch in the Amendment 80 fleet declined slightly compared to 2018 to 326 thousand  $t$  in 2019, with discard volume of 23.5 thousand  $t$  and discard rate (discard as percentage of total catch) of 7.2%, both increased from the historically low bycatch levels of 2017. Total retained catch aggregated over the six targeted Amendment 80 species (Atka mackerel, flathead sole, rock sole, yellowfin sole, Pacific cod, and Pacific Ocean perch) declined slightly to 236 thousand  $t$  in 2019, while discards within Amendment 80 program fisheries increased to 3.8 thousand  $t$ , 1.6% of total catch. Total retained catch of all other species in the BSAI in 2019 increased to 67 thousand  $t$  (up 6% from 2018), with total discards declining by 6% to 17.4 thousand  $t$ , a rate of 26% of total catch. Total retained catch in GOA fisheries increased by 4% to 23.8 thousand  $t$  in 2019, with discard volume and rate both increased from the unusually low levels in 2018 to 2.4 thousand  $t$  and 10%.



Figure 9.1: Amendment 80 fleet aggregate production and value



Tabular data available in Table 9.7; see table notes for data source and other details.

Production and value information displayed in Figure 9.1 and Table 9.7 indicate that, from 2008 to 2019, the total volume of finished production of the Amendment 80 fleet, aggregated over all Alaska fisheries, has varied between 181 thousand *t* and 218 thousand *t* per year, with gross first wholesale value varying between \$307 million and \$482 million over the period.<sup>8</sup> Aggregate finished volume of the fleet over all Alaska fisheries during 2019 declined slightly from 2018 to 201 thousand *t* while aggregate gross wholesale value declined by 14% to \$398 million, reflecting a similar proportional decline in weighted average value per *t*. For Amendment 80 program fisheries, aggregate finished volume and value for the fleet in 2019 were 150 thousand *t* (down 3% from 2018), and \$308 million (down 18%), representing 75% of production volume and 78% of gross revenue value over all Alaska production for the fleet. On a median basis, production volume in Amendment 80 program fisheries declined by 14% to 6.3 thousand *t* in 2019, while first wholesale value declines by 30% to \$12.3 million.

GOA fisheries typically contribute a relatively small proportion of total production and value for the Amendment 80 fleet, averaging approximately 7% of finished volume and 9% of wholesale value for the fleet in aggregate in most years. During 2014, total aggregate production volume and value from GOA fisheries reached the highest levels reported to-date over the 12-year period, with finished volume increasing to 21.3 thousand *t*, accounting for nearly 10% of aggregate finished volume for the fleet as a whole (although only 10 of 18 vessels were active during 2014 in GOA fisheries), and \$47.4 million accounting for 13% of fleet-aggregate wholesale value. Fleet-aggregate finished volume of GOA production in 2019 increased by 8% from 2018 to 13.6 thousand *t*, while first wholesale value declined by 21% to \$24.9 million. Fleet production volume from non-Amendment 80 species in the BSAI (varying between 12% and 18% of both total volume and total value of fleet production over the 12-year period) increased by 11% to 37 thousand *t* for 2019, while first wholesale value increased by 19% to \$65 million, with weighted average price across these fisheries increasing by 6.8%, counter to negative price trends in Amendment 80 target and GOA fisheries. Further analysis of production, prices, and market conditions for individual species, Amendment 80 target species and others, are provided elsewhere in the Economic Status Report.

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<sup>8</sup>Note that Table 9.8 below also reports aggregate first wholesale statistics for the Amendment 80 sector, which are differentiated from statistics reported in Table 9.7 in that the former represent volume and value of product sales completed during the calendar year as reported in Amendment 80 Economic Data Reports. In contrast, statistics shown in Table 9.7 report volume of physical production by active vessels in the Amendment 80 sector during the calendar year, with first wholesale value estimated based on ADF&G Commercial Operators Annual Reports (COAR) price data. Discrepancies between values reported in the respective tables (and comparable tables presented elsewhere in the SAFE report) are attributable to differences in timing between production output, sales, and fluctuating inventories, as well as other sources of variation.

Table 9.7: Amendment 80 Fleet - Aggregate and Median Vessel Catch, Discard, and Finished Production Volume and Value

	Year	Fleet Aggregate						Median Vessel					
		Vessels	Retained Catch (1000t)	Discard (1000t)	Discard Rate	Finished Weight (1000t)	Wholesale Value (\$million)	Weighted Average Price (\$/t)	Retained Catch (1000t)	Discard (1000t)	Discard Rate	Finished Weight (1000t)	Wholesale Value (\$million)
BSAI - Amendment 80 target species	2008	22	270.64	11.42	4.22 %	152.31	\$ 289.93	\$ 1,904	13.01	0.30	3.06 %	6.89	\$ 12.55
	2009	21	239.66	12.80	5.34 %	140.54	\$ 234.58	\$ 1,669	12.22	0.51	4.95 %	7.52	\$ 11.59
	2010	20	257.57	12.68	4.92 %	154.95	\$ 285.42	\$ 1,842	13.96	0.44	3.40 %	8.43	\$ 14.13
	2011	20	262.29	6.50	2.48 %	163.61	\$ 368.14	\$ 2,250	14.34	0.17	1.91 %	8.56	\$ 17.41
	2012	20	265.04	6.82	2.57 %	167.18	\$ 368.28	\$ 2,203	14.55	0.23	2.35 %	8.96	\$ 17.55
	2013	18	260.43	6.79	2.61 %	159.85	\$ 265.87	\$ 1,663	15.03	0.31	2.27 %	8.32	\$ 13.18
	2014	18	254.97	3.17	1.24 %	158.16	\$ 272.09	\$ 1,720	13.94	0.15	1.19 %	8.53	\$ 12.00
	2015	18	248.00	3.08	1.24 %	153.65	\$ 265.25	\$ 1,726	12.84	0.18	1.19 %	7.57	\$ 11.01
	2016	19	253.93	3.98	1.57 %	158.99	\$ 276.57	\$ 1,740	13.68	0.15	1.13 %	8.15	\$ 12.32
	2017	19	238.78	2.93	1.23 %	158.31	\$ 348.00	\$ 2,198	12.25	0.13	0.87 %	7.29	\$ 13.80
2018	19	241.76	3.12	1.29 %	154.99	\$ 377.25	\$ 2,434	12.05	0.16	1.46 %	7.33	\$ 17.65	
2019	20	235.55	3.77	1.60 %	150.28	\$ 308.06	\$ 2,050	10.70	0.18	1.54 %	6.34	\$ 12.31	
BSAI - All other species	2008	22	44.81	25.83	57.63 %	22.28	\$ 41.27	\$ 1,852	1.82	1.27	69.47 %	0.92	\$ 1.63
	2009	21	55.43	20.94	37.78 %	29.67	\$ 48.49	\$ 1,634	2.30	1.00	49.87 %	1.23	\$ 1.62
	2010	20	63.18	20.49	32.43 %	34.29	\$ 52.70	\$ 1,537	2.38	0.96	45.38 %	1.27	\$ 1.78
	2011	20	62.11	17.45	28.09 %	34.77	\$ 68.72	\$ 1,976	3.16	0.80	26.97 %	1.71	\$ 3.12
	2012	20	60.34	13.51	22.39 %	34.05	\$ 73.20	\$ 2,150	3.17	0.63	22.70 %	1.82	\$ 3.33
	2013	18	70.85	20.27	28.61 %	37.90	\$ 59.65	\$ 1,574	3.97	1.17	29.80 %	2.18	\$ 3.55
	2014	18	73.94	23.83	32.22 %	38.74	\$ 61.67	\$ 1,592	3.94	1.22	31.23 %	2.12	\$ 3.31
	2015	18	59.78	14.88	24.90 %	32.96	\$ 47.95	\$ 1,455	3.66	0.79	25.53 %	1.96	\$ 2.63
	2016	19	60.12	14.84	24.68 %	31.77	\$ 62.00	\$ 1,952	3.33	0.77	27.29 %	1.64	\$ 2.17
	2017	19	53.02	12.89	24.32 %	29.36	\$ 58.60	\$ 1,996	3.09	0.60	23.21 %	1.53	\$ 2.18
2018	19	63.04	18.51	29.37 %	33.10	\$ 54.74	\$ 1,654	3.41	0.87	27.65 %	1.88	\$ 2.84	
2019	20	67.08	17.38	25.92 %	36.79	\$ 65.01	\$ 1,767	3.30	0.86	26.72 %	1.81	\$ 2.79	
GOA - All species	2008	12	20.54	3.76	18.29 %	11.10	\$ 25.35	\$ 2,284	1.88	0.29	15.04 %	0.93	\$ 2.07
	2009	17	20.19	6.09	30.15 %	10.95	\$ 23.71	\$ 2,165	0.99	0.17	24.20 %	0.42	\$ 1.01
	2010	16	21.36	5.25	24.60 %	12.15	\$ 31.06	\$ 2,556	0.91	0.24	17.80 %	0.49	\$ 1.30
	2011	16	24.34	4.42	18.17 %	13.85	\$ 45.37	\$ 3,276	0.75	0.19	15.52 %	0.39	\$ 1.55
	2012	16	24.20	3.40	14.06 %	13.21	\$ 38.08	\$ 2,883	0.67	0.07	12.87 %	0.38	\$ 1.26
	2013	13	20.46	3.61	17.64 %	11.71	\$ 25.24	\$ 2,155	0.98	0.15	10.27 %	0.54	\$ 1.43
	2014	10	39.19	2.96	7.56 %	21.34	\$ 48.06	\$ 2,252	2.11	0.13	5.79 %	1.13	\$ 3.43
	2015	9	27.05	2.53	9.36 %	15.29	\$ 33.05	\$ 2,162	2.14	0.23	5.65 %	1.88	\$ 4.56
	2016	13	22.29	1.61	7.24 %	12.74	\$ 31.18	\$ 2,447	0.70	0.02	2.21 %	0.37	\$ 0.74
	2017	10	29.43	2.70	9.17 %	16.90	\$ 46.62	\$ 2,759	2.58	0.06	2.83 %	1.38	\$ 4.14
2018	8	22.82	1.29	5.66 %	12.64	\$ 31.51	\$ 2,493	2.61	0.09	4.81 %	1.49	\$ 3.95	
2019	10	23.76	2.39	10.05 %	13.59	\$ 24.91	\$ 1,833	2.15	0.05	10.16 %	1.10	\$ 2.35	

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Table 9.7: Continued

Year	Fleet Aggregate							Median Vessel					
	Vessels	Retained Catch (1000t)	Discard (1000t)	Discard Rate	Finished Weight (1000t)	Wholesale Value (\$million)	Weighted Average Price (\$/t)	Retained Catch (1000t)	Discard (1000t)	Discard Rate	Finished Weight (1000t)	Wholesale Value (\$million)	
2008	22	335.99	41.00	12.20 %	185.69	\$ 356.55	\$ 1,920	15.76	1.63	12.22 %	8.26	\$ 15.35	
2009	21	315.29	39.83	12.63 %	181.15	\$ 306.78	\$ 1,694	16.12	1.70	11.31 %	9.18	\$ 14.18	
2010	20	342.11	38.43	11.23 %	201.38	\$ 369.18	\$ 1,833	18.58	1.69	12.21 %	10.66	\$ 17.51	
2011	20	348.74	28.37	8.13 %	212.23	\$ 482.23	\$ 2,272	18.88	1.43	8.02 %	10.96	\$ 24.04	
2012	20	349.58	23.74	6.79 %	214.44	\$ 479.56	\$ 2,236	18.57	1.21	7.78 %	10.55	\$ 22.80	
All Alaska Fisheries	2013	18	351.74	30.67	8.72 %	209.45	\$ 350.76	\$ 1,675	19.65	1.66	9.14 %	10.75	\$ 17.36
	2014	18	368.11	29.96	8.14 %	218.25	\$ 381.82	\$ 1,749	20.07	1.38	7.58 %	11.79	\$ 19.94
	2015	18	334.83	20.49	6.12 %	201.90	\$ 346.25	\$ 1,715	19.39	1.13	6.39 %	11.44	\$ 17.58
	2016	19	336.34	20.44	6.08 %	203.50	\$ 369.74	\$ 1,817	19.40	1.07	6.41 %	10.80	\$ 19.02
	2017	19	321.23	18.52	5.76 %	204.58	\$ 453.23	\$ 2,215	15.27	0.88	6.08 %	10.09	\$ 23.15
	2018	19	327.62	22.92	7.00 %	200.73	\$ 463.50	\$ 2,309	16.97	1.13	5.80 %	10.76	\$ 23.10
	2019	20	326.38	23.54	7.21 %	200.66	\$ 397.99	\$ 1,983	15.50	1.07	7.27 %	9.21	\$ 17.53

**Notes:** All dollar values are inflation-adjusted to 2019-equivalent value. Fleet aggregate discard rate represents total discarded catch as a percentage of total retained catch. Amendment 80 target species are: Atka mackerel, yellowfin sole, flathead sole, rock sole, Pacific Ocean perch, and Pacific cod.

**Source:** Catch and discard statistics sourced from NMFS Alaska Region Catch Accounting System data, and production volume statistics are sourced from NMFS Alaska Region At-Sea Production Reporting system data, with production value estimated using average species/product per-unit prices sourced from ADF&G Commercial Operators Annual Report (COAR) data; source data and compilation are provided by the Alaska Fisheries Information Network (AKFIN).

#### 9.4. Operating Income, Costs, and Capital Expenditures

The following section provides a brief summary of the economic performance of the Amendment 80 sector over the 12-year period since implementation of Amendment 80 in 2008, in terms of sector/fleet and median vessel-level statistics for annual gross revenues, annual operating expenses, net operating income calculations, and capital investment expenditures. The analysis is limited to reporting summarized results calculated from available revenue and cost data, and does not currently encompass a broader analytical assessment of trends in reported outcomes and causal factors driving economic and financial performance of the sector.

##### 9.4.1 Revenues

Table 9.8 presents a summary of annual revenues for the Amendment 80 sector (including all Amendment 80 LLP holders and QS entities), by revenue source. Fishery product sales clearly represent the principal source of revenue for the sector, with annual sales ranging from \$280 million to \$457 million in aggregate, and from \$12.5 million to \$24.4 million on a median-vessel basis. Total reported volume of finished product sales for the sector during 2019 was 190 thousand *t*, a slight increase from 2018, producing gross first wholesale revenue of \$387 million, a 14% decline from 2018. At the median vessel-level, total sales volume and revenue declined in 2019, with 8.6 thousand *t* sold and revenue of \$17.3 million.

In comparison, fee-for-services revenue earned by vessels (e.g., charters, tendering, cargo transport) and royalties received from leasing QS and other fishery allocations both represent minor sources of revenue, and revenue from fishery permit sales reported in EDR data has been negligible.<sup>9</sup> Royalty revenues represent a small proportion of annual operating revenue for the sector due to the relatively inactive QS lease market compared to other catch shares programs.<sup>10</sup> The volume of QS lease activity during 2018 and 2019 was markedly reduced compared to most years, with five of the 20 reporting entities reporting lease royalties in 2019 totaling \$400 thousand from leases of 3,680 *t* of Amendment 80 QS allocation transferred, totaling over all QS types (species).<sup>11</sup>

<sup>9</sup>As of 2019, only one Amendment 80 entity has reported revenue from permanent sale of LLP license assets in an annual EDR (not shown in Table 9.8); other LLP sale transfers have occurred, but were associated with exit of the entity from the Amendment 80 sector and thus are not captured in EDR submissions that apply only to current sector entities.

<sup>10</sup>Fleet consolidation was not a management objective in developing Amendment 80 given the limited number of CPs comprising the fleet historically, most of which continue to be active in the fishery to-date. As a result, leasing activity of QS and other transferable allocations within the fishery has been limited compared to other catch-shares management programs in Alaska fisheries (e.g., BSAI Crab Rationalization, Halibut IFQ) where consolidation was a prominent management outcome facilitated by introduction of transferable quota. In addition, most of the companies that hold A80 QS operate multiple vessels and primarily effect QS transfers internally. The number of QS permit holders (lessors) reporting revenue from leasing QS for a given Amendment 80 target species has ranged from zero (0) to as many as 9, while the number of vessels reporting costs (lessees) for QS allocation from Amendment 80 QS permit holders ranges from 0 to 8; due to the small number of entities reporting lease activity, little useful information regarding quota lease markets for individual species can be reported. The most active lease market to-date has occurred in yellowfin sole QS beginning in 2011, however, non-confidential data can only be published for 2014, a total of 18 thousand *t* of yellowfin sole QS was transferred between QS holders and harvesting vessels, for a total of \$1.3 million, or approximately \$70 per *t* (nominal 2014 value).

<sup>11</sup>Annual revenue and quantities are aggregated over all species QS allocation and PSC lease data reported, and composition of the aggregate varies from year-to-year; as such, the aggregate value of royalty revenue shown for different years may not track closely with aggregate lease volume. The decline of quota lease volume and revenue during 2019 is largely the result of sale transfers of QS assets associated with the exit of Fishing Company of Alaska from the Amendment 80 sector completed during the year.

### 9.4.2 Operating expenses

Figures 9.3 and 9.2, respectively, summarize sector-level aggregate annual expenses incurred by Amendment 80 CPs from 2008 to 2019 as operating costs for all fishing and processing activity, by expense item, and pro-rata indices by category of expense item in terms of 1) cost per day of vessel operation, 2) cost per thousand  $t$  of finished product output, 3) item cost as a proportion of total vessel expenses, and 4) as a proportion of total vessel gross revenue. The figures summarize statistics reported in Table 9.9 representing aggregated results for the fleet as a whole, while Table 9.10 provides results on a median per-vessel basis. Operating expenses are grouped into the following categories: *labor costs* (including crew share, wages, and payroll taxes for deck crews, processing employees, and for officers and all other on-board personnel, and all benefits, travel, recruitment, and other labor-related expenses); *vessel costs* (repair and maintenance, fishing gear, equipment leases, and associated freight costs); *materials* (fuel, lubrication and fluids, food and provisions, production and packaging materials, and raw fish purchases); *fees* (fishery landing taxes, cooperative costs (which includes cost-recovery fees assessed by NMFS on A80 cooperatives), observer fees, and QS and other permit lease costs); and *overhead* (general administrative costs, insurance, and product and other freight services). It should be noted that the categorized expenses constitute the majority of operating costs incurred, but are not inclusive of all annual expenses, notably excluding financial expenses (e.g., interest and principal payments, asset depreciation), which accrue to annual overhead expenses, do not tend to vary directly relative to annual operation and production cost, and primarily reflect annualized payments on prior years' capitalized purchases. As such, statistics reporting aggregate annual operating expenses herein represent a close lower-bound approximation of annual operating costs of production within the fleet, and a less-inclusive lower bound index of total (variable and fixed) annual expenses. The cost per day and cost per thousand  $t$  pro-rata indices shown in Figure 9.3 and Tables 9.9 and 9.10 provide relative indices of cost per unit of vessel effort and production output, respectively, and are most relevant for those input costs that vary most directly with production level, particularly fishing crew and processing labor costs, material expenses, and (somewhat less directly) vessel costs.

Table 9.8: Amendment 80 Sector Annual Revenue from All Sources, including Volume and Value of Total Fishery Product Sales, Other Vessel Income, and Quota Royalties

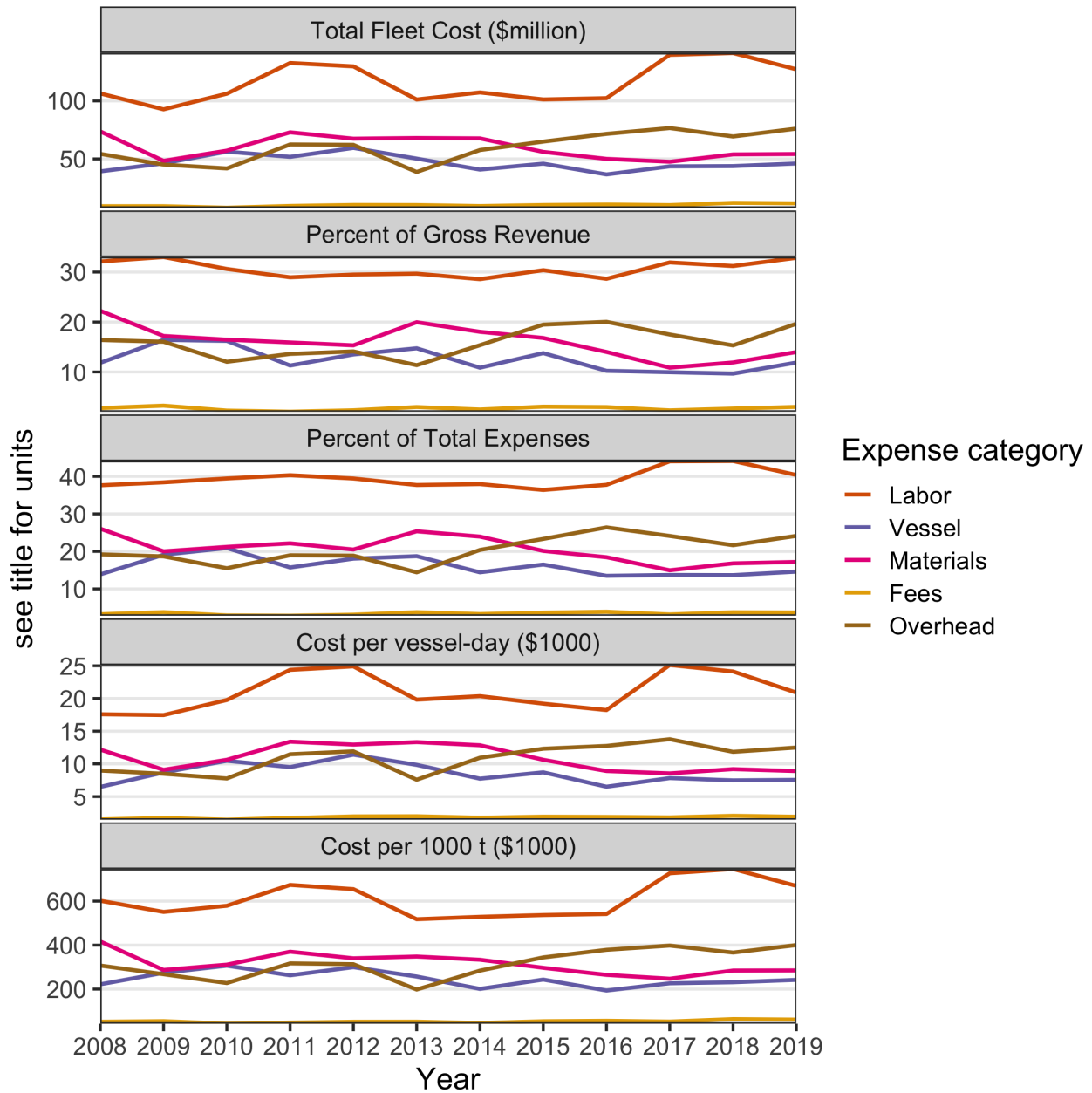
	Year	LLPs	Total		Median	
			Revenue (\$million)	Volume (1,000t)	Revenue (\$million)	Volume (1,000t)
Total Fishery Product Sales	2008	22	\$ 330.78	176.85	\$ 14.76	7.47
	2009	21	\$ 280.76	168.31	\$ 12.54	8.45
	2010	20	\$ 346.75	183.48	\$ 15.92	9.76
	2011	20	\$ 457.44	196.97	\$ 22.37	10.17
	2012	20	\$ 439.04	198.31	\$ 21.06	9.39
	2013	18	\$ 339.55	195.42	\$ 17.16	10.38
	2014	18	\$ 373.90	202.93	\$ 19.36	10.65
	2015	18	\$ 333.06	188.63	\$ 16.94	10.58
	2016	19	\$ 356.45	188.98	\$ 17.47	9.96
	2017	19	\$ 437.22	192.33	\$ 20.67	9.50
	2018	19	\$ 452.27	189.32	\$ 24.35	10.29
	2019	20	\$ 386.98	190.11	\$ 17.28	8.55
Quota Lease Royalties	2008	6	\$ 0.47	2.38	\$ 0.02	0.17
	2009	3	\$ *	*	\$ *	*
	2010	6	\$ 0.12	0.66	\$ 0.02	0.10
	2011	10	\$ 1.00	8.70	\$ 0.04	0.32
	2012	10	\$ 1.41	11.18	\$ 0.08	0.65
	2013	7	\$ 1.32	11.40	\$ 0.23	2.00
	2014	8	\$ 1.49	18.28	\$ 0.21	2.85
	2015	4	\$ *	*	\$ *	*
	2016	5	\$ 0.79	20.32	\$ 0.20	5.07
	2017	5	\$ 0.46	11.59	\$ 0.10	1.56
	2018	6	\$ 0.36	3.16	\$ 0.01	0.60
	2019	5	\$ 0.40	3.68	\$ 0.09	0.36
Other Income from Vessel Operations	2008	-	\$ -	-	\$ -	-
	2009	-	\$ -	-	\$ -	-
	2010	1	\$ *	-	\$ *	-
	2011	-	\$ -	-	\$ -	-
	2012	1	\$ *	-	\$ *	-
	2013	1	\$ *	-	\$ *	-
	2014	-	\$ -	-	\$ -	-
	2015	-	\$ -	-	\$ -	-
	2016	-	\$ -	-	\$ -	-
	2017	-	\$ -	-	\$ -	-
	2018	-	\$ -	-	\$ -	-
	2019	-	\$ -	-	\$ -	-

**Notes:** All dollar values are inflation-adjusted to 2019-equivalent value. Fleet aggregate catch and production volumes are shown in 1000s of metric tons(t), and fleet aggregate and median revenue values are shown in \$million. “\*” indicates value is suppressed for confidentiality.

Revenue statistics include all Amendment 80 entities that reported revenue from the respective sources, including Amendment 80 LLP holders that did not actively fish or process on the associated vessel during the reporting year but received revenue from QS lease royalties, vessel services, and/or sales of inventory produced during a prior year. Revenue from sale of LLP licenses is not shown due to confidential data restrictions.

**Source:** Amendment 80 Economic Data Reports.

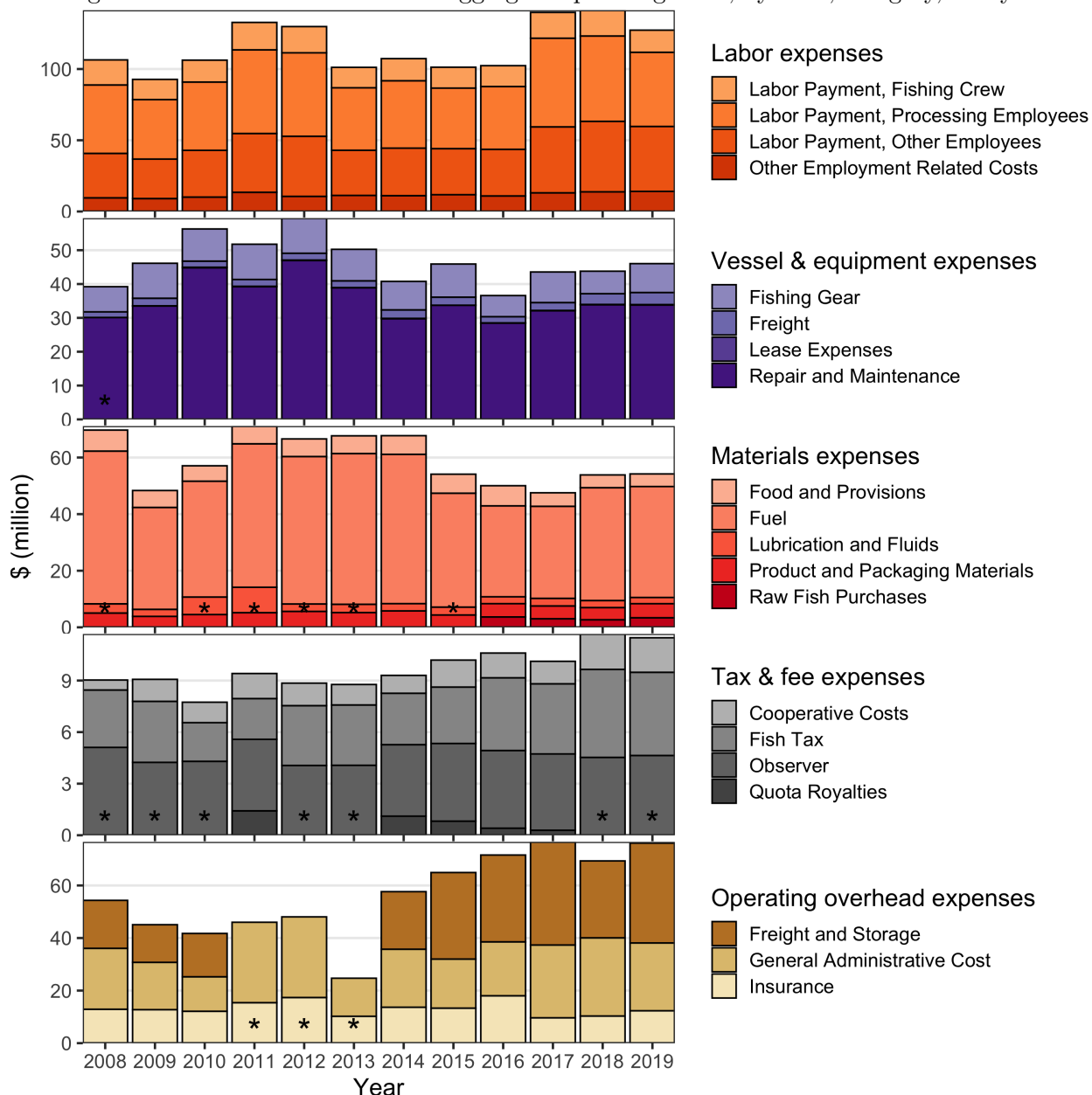
Figure 9.2: Amendment 80 sector operating cost indices, by category and year



Tabular data shown in figure for A80 sector aggregate values are reported in Table 9.9, and median vessel-level values (not shown in figure) are reported in 9.10. See table notes for data sources and other details.



Figure 9.3: Amendment 80 sector aggregate operating costs, by item, category, and year



Tabular data shown in figure for A80 sector aggregate values are reported in Table 9.9, and median vessel-level values (not shown in figure) are reported in 9.10. See table notes for data sources and other details.

\*\*\* indicates value for one or more cost categories is suppressed for confidentiality.

Aggregate operating and overhead expenses for the active fleet during 2019 totaled \$315 million, a slight decline from 2018, but were relatively high compared to most years over the 2008-2017 period. As depicted in Figure 9.2, combined labor costs (including direct wages and bonuses, payroll taxes, benefits, and travel and recruitment expenses incurred for all members of the vessel’s paid fishing and processing crew and other on-vessel labor) consistently represent the largest component of annual expenses in total direct value and pro-rata terms, with taxes and fees, as a category, representing the smallest component. As categories of expenses, vessel-, materials-, and overhead

expenses have alternated in relative ordering over the 2008 to 2019 period. Beginning in 2013, however, overhead costs as measured across all calculated indices have generally trended upward, while vessel and materials expenses generally trended downward over the same period.

Combined labor costs increased substantially during 2017-2018, to \$140 million and \$141 million, respectively, representing 44% of total fleet operating costs for both years, before declining in 2019 to \$127 million (40% of total operating expenses). The largest increases in 2017-2018 fleet-level labor costs were in direct wage costs for processing labor and for senior vessel crew (including captains, other vessel officers, and engineers (labeled “Other employees” in Figure 9.3 and Tables 9.9 and 9.10)). Fishing (deck) crew labor costs and other employment-related expenses also showed significant increases in 2017-2018, but did not substantially increase as a proportion of total operating costs compared to the pre-2017 period, and aggregate fishing crew labor cost of \$15.5 million in 2019 declined in pro-rata terms to relatively low values compared to previous years.

As shown in Figure 9.3 and Tables 9.9 and 9.10, processing labor costs proportionally represent the single largest expense item in most years, ranging from 15% to 20% of total operating cost, followed by fuel costs, ranging more variably from 10% to 20% of aggregate fleet-level expenses. After a period of declining fuel costs between 2014 to 2017, fuel costs for the fleet increased to \$40 million in 2018 and \$39 million in 2019, 10% of total 2019 expenses. Repair and maintenance expenses of \$34 million aggregated across the fleet represented approximately 11% of overall costs. Product freight and storage costs have varied widely over the 2008 to 2019 period, from \$14 million to \$39 million at the aggregate fleet level (11% to 20% of fleet total costs), comprising one of the largest single expense items at both the fleet- and median vessel-level in recent years, and declining by 26% to \$29 million at the fleet-level during 2019.<sup>12</sup> General administrative costs also grew substantially in 2018, increasing by 35% to \$27 million, and by an additional 7% in 2019 to \$29 million. With successive annual growth in product freight/storage and general administrative costs beginning in 2014, concurrent with declining fuel costs, overhead expenses as a category have displaced material expenses as the second largest category of annual expenditures at both the fleet and median vessel levels, behind labor costs.

Ownership restructuring among vessels and firms within the Amendment 80 sector during the most recent three years, as noted above, are likely to have generated substantial transitional costs, as reflected in annual expense statistics reported for the year at both the fleet- and vessel-level. As a result of adjustment to recent structural changes within the Amendment 80 sector, notwithstanding any further changes in ownership and/or fleet composition, these elevated transitional costs appear to have tapered off somewhat in 2019 and may continue to over the next few years. It should be noted, however, that some of the transitional variation in annual expenses shown in Figures 9.2 and 9.3, and Tables 9.9 and 9.10, reflects redistribution of costs between expense categories as reported in EDR data, and likely result in part from changing business structures and/or accounting practices associated with shifting ownership.

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<sup>12</sup>Note that EDR data on product freight and storage costs are somewhat irregular, with fewer than one-half of the active vessels in the fleet reporting a value for this expense item during years 2008 to 2014 (as indicated in Table 9.9), and reported values in successive years for a given vessel ranging from \$0 to more than \$1 million.

Table 9.9: Fleet Aggregate Operating Expenses, by Category and Year

	Year	Vessels	Total Fleet Cost (\$million)	Percent Of Total Expenses	Percent Of Gross Revenue	Cost Per Vessel-day (\$1000)	Cost Per 1000 T (\$)
Labor Payment, Fishing Crew	2008	22	\$ 17.60	6.22 %	5.31 %	\$ 2.91	\$ 99.49
	2009	21	\$ 14.14	5.86 %	5.03 %	\$ 2.66	\$ 84.01
	2010	20	\$ 15.37	5.71 %	4.43 %	\$ 2.86	\$ 83.79
	2011	20	\$ 19.27	5.85 %	4.20 %	\$ 3.54	\$ 97.83
	2012	20	\$ 18.43	5.60 %	4.19 %	\$ 3.54	\$ 92.92
	2013	18	\$ 14.35	5.35 %	4.21 %	\$ 2.81	\$ 73.43
	2014	18	\$ 15.54	5.49 %	4.14 %	\$ 2.95	\$ 76.55
	2015	18	\$ 14.67	5.27 %	4.40 %	\$ 2.78	\$ 77.77
	2016	19	\$ 14.63	5.40 %	4.10 %	\$ 2.61	\$ 77.42
	2017	19	\$ 18.11	5.70 %	4.14 %	\$ 3.26	\$ 94.17
	2018	19	\$ 18.10	5.65 %	4.00 %	\$ 3.09	\$ 95.60
	2019	20	\$ 15.54	4.93 %	4.01 %	\$ 2.55	\$ 81.72
Labor Payment, Other Employees	2008	21	\$ 31.20	11.25 %	9.53 %	\$ 5.47	\$ 178.69
	2009	21	\$ 27.70	11.48 %	9.86 %	\$ 5.22	\$ 164.60
	2010	20	\$ 32.81	12.19 %	9.46 %	\$ 6.11	\$ 178.81
	2011	20	\$ 41.27	12.53 %	9.00 %	\$ 7.58	\$ 209.50
	2012	20	\$ 42.18	12.82 %	9.59 %	\$ 8.09	\$ 212.70
	2013	18	\$ 31.70	11.81 %	9.30 %	\$ 6.21	\$ 162.23
	2014	18	\$ 33.36	11.80 %	8.89 %	\$ 6.33	\$ 164.40
	2015	18	\$ 32.34	11.62 %	9.70 %	\$ 6.13	\$ 171.43
	2016	19	\$ 32.73	12.07 %	9.16 %	\$ 5.83	\$ 173.20
	2017	19	\$ 46.30	14.58 %	10.58 %	\$ 8.32	\$ 240.71
	2018	19	\$ 49.49	15.45 %	10.93 %	\$ 8.45	\$ 261.42
	2019	20	\$ 45.61	14.47 %	11.77 %	\$ 7.49	\$ 239.90
Labor Payment, Processing Employees	2008	22	\$ 48.03	16.98 %	14.50 %	\$ 7.94	\$ 271.61
	2009	21	\$ 41.80	17.32 %	14.88 %	\$ 7.87	\$ 248.37
	2010	20	\$ 47.93	17.80 %	13.82 %	\$ 8.92	\$ 261.22
	2011	20	\$ 58.70	17.83 %	12.80 %	\$ 10.78	\$ 297.99
	2012	20	\$ 58.57	17.80 %	13.31 %	\$ 11.24	\$ 295.32
	2013	18	\$ 43.85	16.34 %	12.86 %	\$ 8.59	\$ 224.40
	2014	18	\$ 47.29	16.73 %	12.60 %	\$ 8.98	\$ 233.04
	2015	18	\$ 42.47	15.26 %	12.74 %	\$ 8.05	\$ 225.12
	2016	19	\$ 44.09	16.26 %	12.34 %	\$ 7.85	\$ 233.30
	2017	19	\$ 62.22	19.60 %	14.22 %	\$ 11.19	\$ 323.51
	2018	19	\$ 59.90	18.70 %	13.23 %	\$ 10.23	\$ 316.38
	2019	20	\$ 52.04	16.50 %	13.43 %	\$ 8.55	\$ 273.71
Other Employment Related Costs	2008	22	\$ 9.58	3.39 %	2.89 %	\$ 1.58	\$ 54.20
	2009	21	\$ 9.08	3.76 %	3.23 %	\$ 1.71	\$ 53.94
	2010	20	\$ 10.12	3.76 %	2.92 %	\$ 1.88	\$ 55.13
	2011	20	\$ 13.48	4.09 %	2.94 %	\$ 2.48	\$ 68.43
	2012	20	\$ 10.62	3.23 %	2.41 %	\$ 2.04	\$ 53.58
	2013	18	\$ 11.28	4.20 %	3.31 %	\$ 2.21	\$ 57.72
	2014	18	\$ 11.11	3.93 %	2.96 %	\$ 2.11	\$ 54.76
	2015	18	\$ 11.79	4.23 %	3.54 %	\$ 2.24	\$ 62.48
	2016	19	\$ 10.91	4.02 %	3.05 %	\$ 1.94	\$ 57.74
	2017	19	\$ 13.10	4.13 %	2.99 %	\$ 2.36	\$ 68.13
	2018	19	\$ 13.79	4.30 %	3.05 %	\$ 2.35	\$ 72.84
	2019	20	\$ 14.09	4.47 %	3.64 %	\$ 2.31	\$ 74.11

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	Year	Vessels	Total Fleet Cost (\$million)	Percent Of Total Expenses	Percent Of Gross Revenue	Cost Per Vessel-day (\$1000)	Cost Per 1000 T (\$)
Fishing Gear	2008	19	\$ 7.44	2.90 %	2.52 %	\$ 1.43	\$ 53.27
	2009	21	\$ 10.33	4.28 %	3.68 %	\$ 1.95	\$ 61.40
	2010	20	\$ 9.50	3.53 %	2.74 %	\$ 1.77	\$ 51.78
	2011	20	\$ 10.42	3.17 %	2.27 %	\$ 1.92	\$ 52.92
	2012	19	\$ 10.38	3.17 %	2.36 %	\$ 2.00	\$ 52.33
	2013	18	\$ 9.31	3.47 %	2.73 %	\$ 1.82	\$ 47.64
	2014	18	\$ 8.42	2.98 %	2.24 %	\$ 1.60	\$ 41.48
	2015	18	\$ 9.79	3.52 %	2.94 %	\$ 1.86	\$ 51.91
	2016	14	\$ 6.24	2.84 %	2.14 %	\$ 1.47	\$ 42.30
	2017	19	\$ 9.04	2.85 %	2.07 %	\$ 1.63	\$ 47.01
	2018	19	\$ 6.65	2.08 %	1.47 %	\$ 1.14	\$ 35.14
	2019	20	\$ 8.54	2.71 %	2.20 %	\$ 1.40	\$ 44.91
Freight	2008	22	\$ 1.65	0.58 %	0.50 %	\$ 0.27	\$ 9.31
	2009	21	\$ 2.24	0.93 %	0.80 %	\$ 0.42	\$ 13.32
	2010	20	\$ 1.81	0.67 %	0.52 %	\$ 0.34	\$ 9.88
	2011	20	\$ 2.01	0.61 %	0.44 %	\$ 0.37	\$ 10.22
	2012	20	\$ 2.01	0.61 %	0.46 %	\$ 0.39	\$ 10.13
	2013	18	\$ 1.99	0.74 %	0.58 %	\$ 0.39	\$ 10.19
	2014	18	\$ 2.51	0.89 %	0.67 %	\$ 0.48	\$ 12.37
	2015	18	\$ 2.38	0.85 %	0.71 %	\$ 0.45	\$ 12.61
	2016	19	\$ 1.83	0.67 %	0.51 %	\$ 0.33	\$ 9.67
	2017	17	\$ 2.32	0.81 %	0.58 %	\$ 0.47	\$ 13.31
	2018	19	\$ 3.17	0.99 %	0.70 %	\$ 0.54	\$ 16.72
	2019	20	\$ 3.56	1.13 %	0.92 %	\$ 0.58	\$ 18.72
Vessel	2008	1	\$ *	* %	* %	\$ *	\$ *
	2009	5	\$ 0.06	0.08 %	0.06 %	\$ 0.04	\$ 1.05
	2010	6	\$ 0.16	0.19 %	0.13 %	\$ 0.09	\$ 2.48
	2011	7	\$ 0.10	0.13 %	0.08 %	\$ 0.05	\$ 1.92
	2012	8	\$ 0.12	0.13 %	0.08 %	\$ 0.06	\$ 1.89
	2013	6	\$ 0.08	0.11 %	0.07 %	\$ 0.04	\$ 1.33
	2014	5	\$ 0.11	0.14 %	0.10 %	\$ 0.07	\$ 1.98
	2015	5	\$ 0.03	0.05 %	0.04 %	\$ 0.02	\$ 0.66
	2016	7	\$ 0.08	0.11 %	0.08 %	\$ 0.04	\$ 1.38
	2017	9	\$ 0.10	0.07 %	0.05 %	\$ 0.04	\$ 1.17
	2018	9	\$ 0.09	0.07 %	0.04 %	\$ 0.03	\$ 1.10
	2019	7	\$ 0.13	0.11 %	0.08 %	\$ 0.06	\$ 1.79
Repair and Maintenance	2008	22	\$ 30.12	10.65 %	9.09 %	\$ 4.98	\$ 170.29
	2009	21	\$ 33.50	13.88 %	11.93 %	\$ 6.31	\$ 199.02
	2010	20	\$ 44.80	16.64 %	12.92 %	\$ 8.34	\$ 244.16
	2011	19	\$ 39.23	12.53 %	8.99 %	\$ 7.49	\$ 208.25
	2012	20	\$ 46.96	14.27 %	10.67 %	\$ 9.01	\$ 236.78
	2013	18	\$ 38.87	14.49 %	11.40 %	\$ 7.62	\$ 198.93
	2014	18	\$ 29.74	10.52 %	7.92 %	\$ 5.64	\$ 146.55
	2015	18	\$ 33.71	12.11 %	10.11 %	\$ 6.39	\$ 178.71
	2016	19	\$ 28.44	10.49 %	7.96 %	\$ 5.06	\$ 150.48
	2017	19	\$ 32.10	10.11 %	7.33 %	\$ 5.77	\$ 166.89
	2018	19	\$ 33.88	10.58 %	7.49 %	\$ 5.79	\$ 178.96
	2019	20	\$ 33.80	10.72 %	8.73 %	\$ 5.55	\$ 177.79

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	Year	Vessels	Total Fleet Cost (\$million)	Percent Of Total Expenses	Percent Of Gross Revenue	Cost Per Vessel-day (\$1000)	Cost Per 1000 T (\$)
Food and Provisions	2008	19	\$ 7.42	2.89 %	2.52 %	\$ 1.42	\$ 53.10
	2009	18	\$ 5.97	2.78 %	2.38 %	\$ 1.34	\$ 40.53
	2010	17	\$ 5.44	2.30 %	1.79 %	\$ 1.21	\$ 34.55
	2011	17	\$ 6.27	2.13 %	1.57 %	\$ 1.38	\$ 37.26
	2012	17	\$ 6.22	2.13 %	1.63 %	\$ 1.44	\$ 36.58
	2013	15	\$ 6.26	2.69 %	2.15 %	\$ 1.49	\$ 37.62
	2014	15	\$ 6.59	2.77 %	2.03 %	\$ 1.52	\$ 37.94
	2015	15	\$ 6.72	2.81 %	2.30 %	\$ 1.55	\$ 41.51
	2016	16	\$ 7.12	3.05 %	2.23 %	\$ 1.50	\$ 43.42
	2017	14	\$ 4.78	2.02 %	1.43 %	\$ 1.16	\$ 32.21
	2018	14	\$ 4.51	1.96 %	1.33 %	\$ 1.03	\$ 31.72
2019	17	\$ 4.45	1.68 %	1.39 %	\$ 0.86	\$ 27.69	
Fuel	2008	22	\$ 53.97	19.08 %	16.29 %	\$ 8.92	\$ 305.20
	2009	21	\$ 36.02	14.92 %	12.82 %	\$ 6.78	\$ 214.01
	2010	20	\$ 40.94	15.21 %	11.80 %	\$ 7.62	\$ 223.13
	2011	20	\$ 50.69	15.39 %	11.06 %	\$ 9.31	\$ 257.35
	2012	20	\$ 52.10	15.83 %	11.84 %	\$ 10.00	\$ 262.70
	2013	18	\$ 53.27	19.85 %	15.63 %	\$ 10.44	\$ 272.58
	2014	18	\$ 52.76	18.66 %	14.05 %	\$ 10.01	\$ 259.99
	2015	18	\$ 40.24	14.46 %	12.07 %	\$ 7.63	\$ 213.30
	2016	19	\$ 32.13	11.85 %	8.99 %	\$ 5.72	\$ 170.03
	2017	19	\$ 32.52	10.24 %	7.43 %	\$ 5.85	\$ 169.10
	2018	19	\$ 39.87	12.45 %	8.81 %	\$ 6.81	\$ 210.59
2019	20	\$ 39.20	12.43 %	10.12 %	\$ 6.44	\$ 206.22	
Materials	2008	22	\$ 3.25	1.15 %	0.98 %	\$ 0.54	\$ 18.40
	2009	21	\$ 2.49	1.03 %	0.89 %	\$ 0.47	\$ 14.78
	2010	20	\$ 6.19	2.30 %	1.78 %	\$ 1.15	\$ 33.75
	2011	20	\$ 8.99	2.73 %	1.96 %	\$ 1.65	\$ 45.64
	2012	19	\$ 2.62	0.80 %	0.60 %	\$ 0.51	\$ 13.24
	2013	18	\$ 2.92	1.09 %	0.86 %	\$ 0.57	\$ 14.93
	2014	18	\$ 2.57	0.91 %	0.69 %	\$ 0.49	\$ 12.68
	2015	18	\$ 2.79	1.00 %	0.84 %	\$ 0.53	\$ 14.81
	2016	19	\$ 2.43	0.90 %	0.68 %	\$ 0.43	\$ 12.86
	2017	19	\$ 2.69	0.85 %	0.61 %	\$ 0.48	\$ 13.98
	2018	19	\$ 2.49	0.78 %	0.55 %	\$ 0.43	\$ 13.17
2019	20	\$ 2.20	0.70 %	0.57 %	\$ 0.36	\$ 11.58	
Product and Packaging Materials	2008	22	\$ 5.05	1.79 %	1.53 %	\$ 0.84	\$ 28.58
	2009	21	\$ 3.86	1.60 %	1.37 %	\$ 0.73	\$ 22.91
	2010	20	\$ 4.51	1.67 %	1.30 %	\$ 0.84	\$ 24.55
	2011	20	\$ 5.17	1.57 %	1.13 %	\$ 0.95	\$ 26.24
	2012	20	\$ 5.63	1.71 %	1.28 %	\$ 1.08	\$ 28.38
	2013	18	\$ 5.22	1.95 %	1.53 %	\$ 1.02	\$ 26.73
	2014	18	\$ 5.80	2.05 %	1.54 %	\$ 1.10	\$ 28.57
	2015	18	\$ 4.36	1.57 %	1.31 %	\$ 0.83	\$ 23.10
	2016	19	\$ 4.69	1.73 %	1.31 %	\$ 0.84	\$ 24.82
	2017	19	\$ 4.52	1.42 %	1.03 %	\$ 0.81	\$ 23.49
	2018	19	\$ 4.31	1.34 %	0.95 %	\$ 0.74	\$ 22.75
2019	20	\$ 4.97	1.58 %	1.28 %	\$ 0.82	\$ 26.14	

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	Year	Vessels	Total Fleet Cost (\$million)	Percent Of Total Expenses	Percent Of Gross Revenue	Cost Per Vessel-day (\$1000)	Cost Per 1000 T (\$)	
Materials	Raw Fish	2008	2	\$ *	* %	* %	\$ *	\$ *
	Purchases	2010	1	\$ *	* %	* %	\$ *	\$ *
		2011	1	\$ *	* %	* %	\$ *	\$ *
		2012	1	\$ *	* %	* %	\$ *	\$ *
		2013	1	\$ *	* %	* %	\$ *	\$ *
		2015	4	\$ *	* %	* %	\$ *	\$ *
		2016	5	\$ 3.67	3.50 %	2.62 %	\$ 2.34	\$ 48.99
		2017	5	\$ 3.03	2.74 %	2.10 %	\$ 2.13	\$ 47.41
		2018	6	\$ 2.67	2.03 %	1.48 %	\$ 1.54	\$ 35.85
		2019	7	\$ 3.38	2.53 %	2.25 %	\$ 1.76	\$ 43.56
Cooperative Costs	2008	16	\$ 0.58	0.26 %	0.23 %	\$ 0.13	\$ 3.95	
	2009	15	\$ 1.28	0.69 %	0.61 %	\$ 0.31	\$ 10.01	
	2010	14	\$ 1.19	0.57 %	0.44 %	\$ 0.29	\$ 8.30	
	2011	16	\$ 1.46	0.56 %	0.41 %	\$ 0.32	\$ 9.23	
	2012	16	\$ 1.31	0.53 %	0.38 %	\$ 0.31	\$ 8.22	
	2013	14	\$ 1.19	0.55 %	0.44 %	\$ 0.29	\$ 7.55	
	2014	14	\$ 1.04	0.48 %	0.35 %	\$ 0.25	\$ 6.57	
	2015	14	\$ 1.57	0.73 %	0.62 %	\$ 0.37	\$ 10.56	
	2016	15	\$ 1.44	0.69 %	0.55 %	\$ 0.32	\$ 9.48	
	2017	18	\$ 1.31	0.45 %	0.33 %	\$ 0.25	\$ 7.41	
Fees	Fish Tax	2018	19	\$ 2.06	0.64 %	0.45 %	\$ 0.35	\$ 10.87
		2019	20	\$ 2.01	0.64 %	0.52 %	\$ 0.33	\$ 10.56
		2008	22	\$ 3.34	1.18 %	1.01 %	\$ 0.55	\$ 18.91
		2009	21	\$ 3.55	1.47 %	1.26 %	\$ 0.67	\$ 21.09
		2010	20	\$ 2.25	0.84 %	0.65 %	\$ 0.42	\$ 12.27
		2011	20	\$ 2.37	0.72 %	0.52 %	\$ 0.44	\$ 12.05
		2012	20	\$ 3.48	1.06 %	0.79 %	\$ 0.67	\$ 17.56
		2013	18	\$ 3.51	1.31 %	1.03 %	\$ 0.69	\$ 17.96
		2014	18	\$ 2.99	1.06 %	0.80 %	\$ 0.57	\$ 14.75
		2015	18	\$ 3.28	1.18 %	0.98 %	\$ 0.62	\$ 17.40
Observer	Observer	2016	19	\$ 4.23	1.56 %	1.18 %	\$ 0.75	\$ 22.40
		2017	19	\$ 4.08	1.28 %	0.93 %	\$ 0.73	\$ 21.21
		2018	19	\$ 5.12	1.60 %	1.13 %	\$ 0.87	\$ 27.03
		2019	20	\$ 4.84	1.54 %	1.25 %	\$ 0.80	\$ 25.48
		2008	22	\$ 5.11	1.81 %	1.54 %	\$ 0.85	\$ 28.92
		2009	21	\$ 4.24	1.76 %	1.51 %	\$ 0.80	\$ 25.20
		2010	20	\$ 4.30	1.60 %	1.24 %	\$ 0.80	\$ 23.43
		2011	20	\$ 4.16	1.26 %	0.91 %	\$ 0.76	\$ 21.11
		2012	19	\$ 4.06	1.24 %	0.92 %	\$ 0.78	\$ 20.47
		2013	18	\$ 4.07	1.52 %	1.19 %	\$ 0.80	\$ 20.83
2014	18	\$ 4.16	1.47 %	1.11 %	\$ 0.79	\$ 20.52		
2015	18	\$ 4.52	1.63 %	1.36 %	\$ 0.86	\$ 23.98		
2016	19	\$ 4.52	1.67 %	1.26 %	\$ 0.80	\$ 23.90		
2017	19	\$ 4.44	1.40 %	1.01 %	\$ 0.80	\$ 23.06		
2018	19	\$ 4.53	1.41 %	1.00 %	\$ 0.77	\$ 23.93		
2019	20	\$ 4.64	1.47 %	1.20 %	\$ 0.76	\$ 24.38		

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Table 9.9: Continued

	Year	Vessels	Total Fleet Cost (\$million)	Percent Of Total Expenses	Percent Of Gross Revenue	Cost Per Vessel-day (\$1000)	Cost Per 1000 T (\$)	
Fees	Quota Royalties	2008	\$ *	* %	* %	\$ *	\$ *	
		2009	\$ *	* %	* %	\$ *	\$ *	
		2010	\$ *	* %	* %	\$ *	\$ *	
		2011	8	\$ *	* %	* %	\$ *	\$ *
		2012	4	\$ *	* %	* %	\$ *	\$ *
		2013	3	\$ *	* %	* %	\$ *	\$ *
		2014	8	\$ 1.11	0.74 %	0.56 %	\$ 0.45	\$ 10.41
		2015	7	\$ 0.82	0.73 %	0.61 %	\$ 0.39	\$ 10.51
		2016	9	\$ 0.41	0.26 %	0.21 %	\$ 0.15	\$ 3.72
		2017	5	\$ 0.29	0.30 %	0.25 %	\$ 0.21	\$ 5.66
		2018	4	\$ *	* %	* %	\$ *	\$ *
2019	2	\$ *	* %	* %	\$ *	\$ *		
	Freight and Storage	2008	\$ 18.25	14.02 %	13.49 %	\$ 7.45	\$ 267.64	
		2009	\$ 14.33	11.28 %	10.86 %	\$ 5.46	\$ 175.53	
		2010	\$ 16.48	11.80 %	10.14 %	\$ 7.36	\$ 188.58	
		2011	\$ *	* %	* %	\$ *	\$ *	
		2012	\$ *	* %	* %	\$ *	\$ *	
		2013	\$ *	* %	* %	\$ *	\$ *	
		2014	7	\$ 21.90	17.05 %	14.13 %	\$ 10.07	\$ 250.44
		2015	10	\$ 32.93	19.91 %	18.20 %	\$ 11.14	\$ 298.48
		2016	10	\$ 33.03	20.46 %	17.19 %	\$ 10.81	\$ 293.35
		2017	13	\$ 39.24	16.43 %	12.57 %	\$ 10.43	\$ 283.21
		2018	10	\$ 29.27	14.00 %	10.51 %	\$ 9.97	\$ 257.38
2019	14	\$ 37.97	16.02 %	13.72 %	\$ 8.89	\$ 276.61		
Overhead	General Administrative Cost	2008	\$ 23.18	8.20 %	7.00 %	\$ 3.83	\$ 131.06	
		2009	\$ 18.00	7.46 %	6.41 %	\$ 3.39	\$ 106.94	
		2010	\$ 13.13	5.78 %	4.71 %	\$ 3.12	\$ 86.12	
		2011	\$ 30.60	10.92 %	8.09 %	\$ 7.04	\$ 184.97	
		2012	\$ 30.68	9.32 %	6.97 %	\$ 5.89	\$ 154.69	
		2013	\$ 14.49	5.40 %	4.25 %	\$ 2.84	\$ 74.16	
		2014	\$ 22.07	8.30 %	6.27 %	\$ 4.72	\$ 115.85	
		2015	\$ 18.66	9.89 %	8.72 %	\$ 5.95	\$ 154.39	
		2016	\$ 20.52	10.93 %	8.61 %	\$ 6.30	\$ 170.22	
		2017	\$ 27.69	10.35 %	7.97 %	\$ 6.39	\$ 180.15	
		2018	\$ 29.74	11.04 %	8.26 %	\$ 6.42	\$ 194.46	
2019	\$ 25.80	8.18 %	6.66 %	\$ 4.24	\$ 135.73			
	Insurance	2008	\$ 12.90	4.56 %	3.90 %	\$ 2.13	\$ 72.96	
		2009	\$ 12.74	5.28 %	4.54 %	\$ 2.40	\$ 75.69	
		2010	\$ 12.13	4.51 %	3.50 %	\$ 2.26	\$ 66.12	
		2011	\$ 15.40	4.68 %	3.36 %	\$ 2.83	\$ 78.20	
		2012	\$ 17.37	5.28 %	3.95 %	\$ 3.33	\$ 87.59	
		2013	\$ 10.22	3.81 %	3.00 %	\$ 2.00	\$ 52.30	
		2014	\$ 13.67	5.10 %	3.84 %	\$ 2.74	\$ 70.89	
		2015	\$ 13.33	4.79 %	4.00 %	\$ 2.53	\$ 70.69	
		2016	\$ 18.03	6.65 %	5.05 %	\$ 3.21	\$ 95.43	
		2017	\$ 9.65	3.04 %	2.20 %	\$ 1.73	\$ 50.17	
		2018	\$ 10.33	3.23 %	2.28 %	\$ 1.76	\$ 54.58	
2019	\$ 12.33	3.91 %	3.18 %	\$ 2.03	\$ 64.87			

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Table 9.9: Continued

	Year	Vessels	Total Fleet Cost (\$million)	Percent Of Total Expenses	Percent Of Gross Revenue	Cost Per Vessel-day (\$1000)	Cost Per 1000 T (\$)
All Annual Expenses	2008	22	\$ 282.81	100.00 %	85.38 %	\$ 46.75	\$ 1,599.17
	2009	21	\$ 241.42	100.00 %	85.96 %	\$ 45.46	\$ 1,434.38
	2010	20	\$ 269.23	100.00 %	77.62 %	\$ 50.12	\$ 1,467.40
	2011	20	\$ 329.26	100.00 %	71.82 %	\$ 60.49	\$ 1,671.63
	2012	20	\$ 329.10	100.00 %	74.79 %	\$ 63.15	\$ 1,659.49
	2013	18	\$ 268.37	100.00 %	78.73 %	\$ 52.58	\$ 1,373.29
	2014	18	\$ 282.75	100.00 %	75.32 %	\$ 53.66	\$ 1,393.32
	2015	18	\$ 278.33	100.00 %	83.51 %	\$ 52.79	\$ 1,475.52
	2016	19	\$ 271.16	100.00 %	75.91 %	\$ 48.28	\$ 1,434.90
	2017	19	\$ 317.54	100.00 %	72.55 %	\$ 57.09	\$ 1,650.99
	2018	19	\$ 320.34	100.00 %	70.77 %	\$ 54.70	\$ 1,692.07
	2019	20	\$ 315.28	100.00 %	81.39 %	\$ 51.78	\$ 1,658.41

**Notes:** All dollar values are inflation-adjusted to 2019-equivalent value; aggregate fleet cost per expense item are shown in \$million; cost per vessel day and cost per thousand *t* are prorated by fleet total number of days and *t* produced, representing average pro-rata values for the fleet, and are shown in \$1000 per pro-rata unit. “\*” indicates value is suppressed for confidentiality.

Gross revenue values are inclusive of all reported fishery product sales, tendering and other for-hire vessel services, quota royalties and other permit/license leasing and sales realized during the year. Fleet-level pro-rata values by expense item are calculated using fleet aggregated cost values and pro-rata factors, respectively, and represent the weighted average (mean) for vessels within the fleet; cost per vessel-day is pro-rated over the number of days that each vessel was active (365 - days inactive), aggregated over all vessels; cost per thousand metric ton is pro-rated over aggregate fleet production output.

**Source:** Amendment 80 Economic Data Reports.



Table 9.10: Vessel Operating Expenses, Median, by Category and Year

	Year	Vessels	Cost Per Vessel, Median (\$1,000)	Percent Of Total Expenses	Percent Of Gross Revenue	Cost Per Vessel-day (\$1000)	Cost Per 1000 T (\$)
Labor Payment, Fishing Crew	2008	22	\$ 788	6.20 %	5.07 %	\$ 3.24	\$ 104.37
	2009	21	\$ 710	5.33 %	4.78 %	\$ 3.11	\$ 80.26
	2010	20	\$ 718	5.53 %	4.10 %	\$ 3.01	\$ 82.88
	2011	20	\$ 990	5.34 %	3.52 %	\$ 3.41	\$ 86.82
	2012	20	\$ 861	5.62 %	3.64 %	\$ 3.17	\$ 85.57
	2013	18	\$ 721	5.15 %	4.18 %	\$ 2.63	\$ 69.46
	2014	18	\$ 854	5.05 %	4.00 %	\$ 2.79	\$ 70.76
	2015	18	\$ 774	4.90 %	4.57 %	\$ 2.66	\$ 80.57
	2016	19	\$ 746	5.37 %	4.21 %	\$ 2.71	\$ 78.97
	2017	19	\$ 905	5.22 %	4.30 %	\$ 3.11	\$ 96.66
	2018	19	\$ 1,046	5.38 %	4.00 %	\$ 3.53	\$ 98.63
	2019	20	\$ 788	4.73 %	4.07 %	\$ 2.93	\$ 81.58
Labor Payment, Other Employees	2008	21	\$ 1,305	10.57 %	10.06 %	\$ 4.62	\$ 174.48
	2009	21	\$ 1,176	12.28 %	11.64 %	\$ 5.03	\$ 174.61
	2010	20	\$ 1,619	13.36 %	11.68 %	\$ 5.93	\$ 195.99
	2011	20	\$ 2,169	14.04 %	10.64 %	\$ 7.25	\$ 218.22
	2012	20	\$ 2,289	13.68 %	10.72 %	\$ 7.85	\$ 220.48
	2013	18	\$ 1,797	11.84 %	10.28 %	\$ 6.19	\$ 173.09
	2014	18	\$ 1,794	12.49 %	9.70 %	\$ 6.10	\$ 167.38
	2015	18	\$ 1,609	11.77 %	10.50 %	\$ 5.18	\$ 174.34
	2016	19	\$ 1,551	13.27 %	11.16 %	\$ 5.47	\$ 197.68
	2017	19	\$ 2,044	13.92 %	10.81 %	\$ 7.04	\$ 233.33
	2018	19	\$ 2,336	15.65 %	11.38 %	\$ 9.38	\$ 256.34
	2019	20	\$ 2,281	14.97 %	11.75 %	\$ 7.37	\$ 242.91
Labor Payment, Processing Employees	2008	22	\$ 2,185	16.84 %	14.73 %	\$ 9.04	\$ 275.15
	2009	21	\$ 2,008	16.16 %	15.08 %	\$ 8.65	\$ 243.50
	2010	20	\$ 2,148	17.42 %	13.77 %	\$ 9.06	\$ 266.10
	2011	20	\$ 2,920	18.09 %	13.06 %	\$ 10.05	\$ 309.25
	2012	20	\$ 2,887	18.50 %	14.23 %	\$ 10.10	\$ 309.55
	2013	18	\$ 2,154	15.46 %	13.12 %	\$ 7.76	\$ 225.70
	2014	18	\$ 2,442	16.42 %	12.59 %	\$ 8.06	\$ 238.01
	2015	18	\$ 2,151	14.74 %	12.86 %	\$ 7.34	\$ 216.99
	2016	19	\$ 2,166	16.89 %	12.77 %	\$ 7.84	\$ 228.15
	2017	19	\$ 3,331	18.86 %	14.74 %	\$ 11.00	\$ 322.71
	2018	19	\$ 3,255	18.67 %	13.52 %	\$ 10.00	\$ 315.72
	2019	20	\$ 2,665	16.12 %	12.78 %	\$ 8.97	\$ 262.65
Other Employment Related Costs	2008	22	\$ 301	3.46 %	2.64 %	\$ 1.08	\$ 56.83
	2009	21	\$ 391	3.89 %	3.11 %	\$ 1.33	\$ 54.84
	2010	20	\$ 464	3.72 %	2.89 %	\$ 1.85	\$ 52.52
	2011	20	\$ 591	3.67 %	2.40 %	\$ 1.90	\$ 54.64
	2012	20	\$ 562	3.24 %	2.22 %	\$ 2.00	\$ 49.06
	2013	18	\$ 654	4.14 %	3.15 %	\$ 2.23	\$ 52.67
	2014	18	\$ 601	4.07 %	2.94 %	\$ 2.21	\$ 53.53
	2015	18	\$ 642	4.40 %	3.59 %	\$ 2.25	\$ 58.13
	2016	19	\$ 597	4.43 %	3.15 %	\$ 2.11	\$ 56.61
	2017	19	\$ 684	4.52 %	3.15 %	\$ 2.33	\$ 72.50
	2018	19	\$ 700	4.60 %	3.19 %	\$ 2.33	\$ 74.29
	2019	20	\$ 734	4.62 %	3.42 %	\$ 2.31	\$ 70.79

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	Year	Vessels	Cost Per Vessel, Median (\$1,000)	Percent Of Total Expenses	Percent Of Gross Revenue	Cost Per Vessel-day (\$1000)	Cost Per 1000 T (\$)	
Fishing Gear	2008	19	\$ 311	3.11 %	2.82 %	\$ 1.16	\$ 53.73	
	2009	21	\$ 447	3.89 %	3.30 %	\$ 1.76	\$ 60.53	
	2010	20	\$ 468	3.80 %	2.76 %	\$ 1.77	\$ 57.42	
	2011	20	\$ 396	2.42 %	1.64 %	\$ 1.37	\$ 36.52	
	2012	19	\$ 428	2.00 %	1.41 %	\$ 1.61	\$ 32.50	
	2013	18	\$ 518	3.51 %	2.61 %	\$ 1.72	\$ 44.30	
	2014	18	\$ 427	2.31 %	2.02 %	\$ 1.40	\$ 34.03	
	2015	18	\$ 430	2.95 %	2.86 %	\$ 1.41	\$ 41.30	
	2016	14	\$ 374	2.13 %	1.83 %	\$ 1.26	\$ 31.92	
	2017	19	\$ 423	2.03 %	1.48 %	\$ 1.43	\$ 32.92	
	2018	19	\$ 316	1.86 %	1.32 %	\$ 1.10	\$ 30.69	
	2019	20	\$ 482	2.92 %	2.29 %	\$ 1.38	\$ 48.47	
	Freight	2008	22	\$ 53	0.50 %	0.44 %	\$ 0.20	\$ 10.69
		2009	21	\$ 62	0.67 %	0.69 %	\$ 0.30	\$ 11.04
		2010	20	\$ 81	0.64 %	0.52 %	\$ 0.32	\$ 10.23
		2011	20	\$ 70	0.64 %	0.44 %	\$ 0.26	\$ 10.39
		2012	20	\$ 72	0.57 %	0.45 %	\$ 0.28	\$ 9.90
		2013	18	\$ 94	0.69 %	0.54 %	\$ 0.39	\$ 9.72
		2014	18	\$ 117	0.78 %	0.61 %	\$ 0.38	\$ 10.93
2015		18	\$ 119	0.82 %	0.56 %	\$ 0.45	\$ 10.82	
2016		19	\$ 63	0.80 %	0.56 %	\$ 0.25	\$ 11.01	
2017		17	\$ 116	0.65 %	0.40 %	\$ 0.37	\$ 10.63	
2018		19	\$ 136	0.78 %	0.48 %	\$ 0.43	\$ 10.89	
2019	20	\$ 139	1.02 %	0.78 %	\$ 0.46	\$ 15.82		
Lease Expenses	2008	1	\$ *	* %	* %	\$ *	\$ *	
	2009	5	\$ 5	0.05 %	0.05 %	\$ 0.02	\$ 0.60	
	2010	6	\$ 6	0.05 %	0.04 %	\$ 0.02	\$ 0.64	
	2011	7	\$ 7	0.13 %	0.09 %	\$ 0.03	\$ 2.05	
	2012	8	\$ 11	0.13 %	0.09 %	\$ 0.05	\$ 2.12	
	2013	6	\$ 8	0.08 %	0.05 %	\$ 0.03	\$ 1.00	
	2014	5	\$ 19	0.13 %	0.11 %	\$ 0.06	\$ 2.17	
	2015	5	\$ 3	0.03 %	0.02 %	\$ 0.01	\$ 0.36	
	2016	7	\$ 7	0.08 %	0.07 %	\$ 0.03	\$ 1.18	
	2017	9	\$ 9	0.08 %	0.04 %	\$ 0.03	\$ 0.95	
	2018	9	\$ 7	0.04 %	0.03 %	\$ 0.03	\$ 0.67	
	2019	7	\$ 12	0.08 %	0.06 %	\$ 0.04	\$ 1.50	
	Repair and Maintenance	2008	22	\$ 1,066	10.46 %	9.54 %	\$ 4.59	\$ 173.08
		2009	21	\$ 1,346	13.41 %	11.11 %	\$ 4.67	\$ 199.87
		2010	20	\$ 1,949	14.50 %	10.37 %	\$ 6.97	\$ 184.39
2011		19	\$ 1,654	11.53 %	9.03 %	\$ 6.20	\$ 191.03	
2012		20	\$ 1,925	16.63 %	10.91 %	\$ 7.00	\$ 251.74	
2013		18	\$ 2,062	15.02 %	11.46 %	\$ 7.59	\$ 202.51	
2014		18	\$ 1,630	10.91 %	8.17 %	\$ 5.71	\$ 157.10	
2015		18	\$ 1,701	9.19 %	8.09 %	\$ 5.68	\$ 141.08	
2016		19	\$ 1,078	8.64 %	6.66 %	\$ 3.31	\$ 131.81	
2017		19	\$ 1,549	8.16 %	6.03 %	\$ 5.15	\$ 145.57	
2018		19	\$ 1,686	9.86 %	6.94 %	\$ 6.06	\$ 173.79	
2019	20	\$ 1,715	9.67 %	8.54 %	\$ 6.38	\$ 171.71		

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	Year	Vessels	Cost Per Vessel, Median (\$1,000)	Percent Of Total Expenses	Percent Of Gross Revenue	Cost Per Vessel-day (\$1000)	Cost Per 1000 T (\$)
Food and Provisions	2008	19	\$ 312	2.69 %	2.63 %	\$ 1.27	\$ 57.55
	2009	18	\$ 312	2.80 %	2.66 %	\$ 1.21	\$ 40.61
	2010	17	\$ 322	2.59 %	2.00 %	\$ 1.21	\$ 35.38
	2011	17	\$ 389	2.32 %	1.60 %	\$ 1.33	\$ 35.74
	2012	17	\$ 376	1.99 %	1.63 %	\$ 1.33	\$ 31.78
	2013	15	\$ 372	2.40 %	2.01 %	\$ 1.34	\$ 32.18
	2014	15	\$ 314	2.51 %	1.79 %	\$ 1.06	\$ 33.89
	2015	15	\$ 362	2.77 %	2.34 %	\$ 1.25	\$ 36.45
	2016	16	\$ 355	3.03 %	2.10 %	\$ 1.20	\$ 37.85
	2017	14	\$ 342	1.98 %	1.53 %	\$ 1.17	\$ 34.06
	2018	14	\$ 306	2.15 %	1.48 %	\$ 1.04	\$ 34.84
	2019	17	\$ 288	1.98 %	1.76 %	\$ 0.84	\$ 33.13
Fuel	2008	22	\$ 2,518	20.57 %	18.29 %	\$ 9.19	\$ 331.31
	2009	21	\$ 1,727	15.90 %	14.23 %	\$ 6.64	\$ 226.18
	2010	20	\$ 2,133	16.82 %	13.09 %	\$ 7.88	\$ 227.26
	2011	20	\$ 2,417	17.45 %	11.47 %	\$ 8.57	\$ 242.78
	2012	20	\$ 2,696	15.97 %	11.81 %	\$ 9.07	\$ 260.26
	2013	18	\$ 3,003	19.36 %	17.10 %	\$ 10.17	\$ 277.06
	2014	18	\$ 2,825	19.05 %	14.09 %	\$ 9.95	\$ 252.49
	2015	18	\$ 1,982	13.78 %	12.14 %	\$ 7.44	\$ 197.30
	2016	19	\$ 1,537	11.48 %	9.16 %	\$ 4.87	\$ 154.56
	2017	19	\$ 1,595	10.07 %	7.63 %	\$ 5.98	\$ 162.70
	2018	19	\$ 2,215	12.49 %	8.74 %	\$ 6.37	\$ 204.46
Materials	2019	20	\$ 1,890	12.24 %	10.59 %	\$ 6.36	\$ 210.73
Lubrication and Fluids	2008	22	\$ 99	0.91 %	0.84 %	\$ 0.34	\$ 16.54
	2009	21	\$ 121	1.05 %	0.80 %	\$ 0.44	\$ 14.40
	2010	20	\$ 110	0.90 %	0.69 %	\$ 0.41	\$ 11.34
	2011	20	\$ 126	0.89 %	0.60 %	\$ 0.48	\$ 13.50
	2012	19	\$ 126	0.67 %	0.60 %	\$ 0.51	\$ 13.63
	2013	18	\$ 147	0.96 %	0.85 %	\$ 0.52	\$ 14.42
	2014	18	\$ 117	0.85 %	0.58 %	\$ 0.42	\$ 10.95
	2015	18	\$ 127	1.05 %	0.83 %	\$ 0.47	\$ 14.33
	2016	19	\$ 120	0.87 %	0.67 %	\$ 0.37	\$ 12.69
	2017	19	\$ 142	0.89 %	0.55 %	\$ 0.49	\$ 14.55
	2018	19	\$ 124	0.65 %	0.47 %	\$ 0.43	\$ 10.96
	2019	20	\$ 82	0.55 %	0.43 %	\$ 0.26	\$ 9.03
Product and Packaging Materials	2008	22	\$ 237	1.74 %	1.53 %	\$ 0.91	\$ 29.64
	2009	21	\$ 172	1.43 %	1.32 %	\$ 0.65	\$ 22.19
	2010	20	\$ 197	1.54 %	1.16 %	\$ 0.82	\$ 23.42
	2011	20	\$ 284	1.51 %	1.12 %	\$ 0.93	\$ 23.37
	2012	20	\$ 274	1.64 %	1.23 %	\$ 0.92	\$ 24.57
	2013	18	\$ 242	1.68 %	1.36 %	\$ 0.97	\$ 23.00
	2014	18	\$ 306	1.80 %	1.56 %	\$ 0.96	\$ 25.74
	2015	18	\$ 212	1.50 %	1.30 %	\$ 0.72	\$ 20.34
	2016	19	\$ 228	1.74 %	1.31 %	\$ 0.78	\$ 24.98
	2017	19	\$ 234	1.39 %	1.08 %	\$ 0.74	\$ 22.93
	2018	19	\$ 216	1.31 %	0.92 %	\$ 0.71	\$ 23.08
	2019	20	\$ 257	1.60 %	1.28 %	\$ 0.75	\$ 24.92

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		Year	Vessels	Cost Per Vessel, Median (\$1,000)	Percent Of Total Expenses	Percent Of Gross Revenue	Cost Per Vessel-day (\$1000)	Cost Per 1000 T (\$)
Materials	Raw Fish Purchases	2008	2	\$ *	* %	* %	\$ *	\$ *
		2010	1	\$ *	* %	* %	\$ *	\$ *
		2011	1	\$ *	* %	* %	\$ *	\$ *
		2012	1	\$ *	* %	* %	\$ *	\$ *
		2013	1	\$ *	* %	* %	\$ *	\$ *
		2015	4	\$ *	* %	* %	\$ *	\$ *
		2016	5	\$ 455	2.02 %	1.74 %	\$ 1.50	\$ 30.07
		2017	5	\$ 649	2.71 %	1.92 %	\$ 2.19	\$ 47.12
		2018	6	\$ 488	2.13 %	1.54 %	\$ 1.70	\$ 38.44
		2019	7	\$ 420	2.08 %	1.71 %	\$ 1.40	\$ 34.88
	Cooperative Costs	2008	16	\$ 31	0.34 %	0.25 %	\$ 0.11	\$ 4.37
		2009	15	\$ 81	0.79 %	0.64 %	\$ 0.28	\$ 10.36
		2010	14	\$ 84	0.66 %	0.51 %	\$ 0.34	\$ 9.28
		2011	16	\$ 91	0.58 %	0.40 %	\$ 0.30	\$ 8.76
		2012	16	\$ 90	0.58 %	0.44 %	\$ 0.36	\$ 9.16
		2013	14	\$ 99	0.59 %	0.46 %	\$ 0.31	\$ 8.11
		2014	14	\$ 72	0.59 %	0.43 %	\$ 0.25	\$ 8.16
		2015	14	\$ 74	0.59 %	0.46 %	\$ 0.24	\$ 8.23
		2016	15	\$ 79	0.71 %	0.53 %	\$ 0.27	\$ 9.52
		2017	18	\$ 74	0.43 %	0.28 %	\$ 0.27	\$ 7.56
		2018	19	\$ 115	0.66 %	0.45 %	\$ 0.35	\$ 11.26
2019	20	\$ 98	0.66 %	0.52 %	\$ 0.29	\$ 10.42		
Fees	Fish Tax	2008	22	\$ 156	1.15 %	1.05 %	\$ 0.60	\$ 21.30
		2009	21	\$ 162	1.42 %	1.28 %	\$ 0.72	\$ 18.52
		2010	20	\$ 95	0.79 %	0.66 %	\$ 0.33	\$ 12.01
		2011	20	\$ 113	0.79 %	0.55 %	\$ 0.36	\$ 11.50
		2012	20	\$ 155	1.10 %	0.83 %	\$ 0.65	\$ 17.85
		2013	18	\$ 175	1.36 %	1.04 %	\$ 0.61	\$ 17.93
		2014	18	\$ 164	1.10 %	0.86 %	\$ 0.57	\$ 15.16
		2015	18	\$ 165	1.20 %	1.02 %	\$ 0.53	\$ 18.56
		2016	19	\$ 232	1.84 %	1.20 %	\$ 0.82	\$ 23.80
		2017	19	\$ 165	1.31 %	1.04 %	\$ 0.58	\$ 22.23
		2018	19	\$ 209	1.66 %	1.17 %	\$ 0.70	\$ 27.44
2019	20	\$ 216	1.49 %	1.28 %	\$ 0.82	\$ 25.44		
	Observer	2008	22	\$ 218	1.57 %	1.40 %	\$ 0.82	\$ 26.31
		2009	21	\$ 202	1.90 %	1.60 %	\$ 0.81	\$ 25.64
		2010	20	\$ 220	1.75 %	1.31 %	\$ 0.80	\$ 21.79
		2011	20	\$ 221	1.33 %	0.90 %	\$ 0.75	\$ 21.83
		2012	19	\$ 212	1.19 %	0.94 %	\$ 0.78	\$ 20.40
		2013	18	\$ 226	1.46 %	1.23 %	\$ 0.78	\$ 21.55
		2014	18	\$ 229	1.53 %	1.23 %	\$ 0.80	\$ 20.69
		2015	18	\$ 242	1.57 %	1.40 %	\$ 0.82	\$ 22.32
		2016	19	\$ 237	1.58 %	1.27 %	\$ 0.79	\$ 23.95
		2017	19	\$ 235	1.51 %	1.05 %	\$ 0.76	\$ 22.66
		2018	19	\$ 226	1.58 %	1.07 %	\$ 0.77	\$ 24.59
2019	20	\$ 224	1.47 %	1.22 %	\$ 0.77	\$ 25.41		

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		Year	Vessels	Cost Per Vessel, Median (\$1,000)	Percent Of Total Expenses	Percent Of Gross Revenue	Cost Per Vessel-day (\$1000)	Cost Per 1000 T (\$)
Fees	Quota Royalties	2008	2	\$ *	* %	* %	\$ *	\$ *
		2009	4	\$ *	* %	* %	\$ *	\$ *
		2010	2	\$ *	* %	* %	\$ *	\$ *
		2011	8	\$ 81	0.39 %	0.29 %	\$ 0.26	\$ 6.18
		2012	4	\$ *	* %	* %	\$ *	\$ *
		2013	3	\$ *	* %	* %	\$ *	\$ *
		2014	8	\$ 179	0.75 %	0.51 %	\$ 0.58	\$ 10.74
		2015	7	\$ 13	0.10 %	0.09 %	\$ 0.04	\$ 1.37
		2016	9	\$ 46	0.18 %	0.14 %	\$ 0.15	\$ 2.78
		2017	5	\$ 34	0.17 %	0.14 %	\$ 0.11	\$ 2.78
		2018	4	\$ *	* %	* %	\$ *	\$ *
		2019	2	\$ *	* %	* %	\$ *	\$ *
	Freight and Storage	2008	9	\$ 2,335	14.38 %	14.24 %	\$ 8.31	\$ 275.01
		2009	10	\$ 290	4.34 %	4.66 %	\$ 1.09	\$ 75.77
		2010	8	\$ 1,650	8.40 %	7.19 %	\$ 5.21	\$ 145.54
		2011	4	\$ *	* %	* %	\$ *	\$ *
		2012	4	\$ *	* %	* %	\$ *	\$ *
		2013	4	\$ *	* %	* %	\$ *	\$ *
		2014	7	\$ 3,194	18.28 %	16.53 %	\$ 9.89	\$ 299.08
		2015	10	\$ 3,212	20.04 %	18.35 %	\$ 10.91	\$ 300.72
		2016	10	\$ 3,021	20.60 %	17.02 %	\$ 10.28	\$ 296.19
		2017	13	\$ 2,983	16.13 %	12.54 %	\$ 9.62	\$ 287.96
		2018	10	\$ 3,242	14.95 %	11.56 %	\$ 11.56	\$ 274.28
		2019	14	\$ 2,460	16.40 %	13.83 %	\$ 9.52	\$ 281.26
Overhead	General Administrative Cost	2008	22	\$ 521	5.20 %	4.75 %	\$ 2.07	\$ 89.27
		2009	21	\$ 818	8.78 %	7.72 %	\$ 2.85	\$ 128.42
		2010	16	\$ 835	6.27 %	4.42 %	\$ 3.50	\$ 81.58
		2011	16	\$ 1,310	5.90 %	4.46 %	\$ 4.25	\$ 95.64
		2012	20	\$ 805	4.69 %	3.91 %	\$ 3.25	\$ 76.69
		2013	18	\$ 600	4.68 %	4.15 %	\$ 2.48	\$ 65.99
		2014	16	\$ 1,372	8.27 %	7.18 %	\$ 4.50	\$ 115.82
		2015	11	\$ 1,461	9.62 %	8.08 %	\$ 6.25	\$ 135.49
		2016	11	\$ 1,899	11.65 %	8.42 %	\$ 6.86	\$ 173.65
		2017	15	\$ 1,840	10.34 %	8.10 %	\$ 6.17	\$ 172.65
		2018	15	\$ 1,862	9.24 %	7.12 %	\$ 6.67	\$ 177.63
		2019	20	\$ 1,215	6.35 %	5.27 %	\$ 3.97	\$ 103.75
	Insurance	2008	22	\$ 538	3.95 %	3.87 %	\$ 1.90	\$ 72.77
		2009	21	\$ 528	5.41 %	4.65 %	\$ 1.79	\$ 73.51
		2010	20	\$ 567	4.55 %	3.34 %	\$ 2.08	\$ 59.72
		2011	20	\$ 567	3.59 %	2.50 %	\$ 1.85	\$ 53.50
		2012	20	\$ 645	4.12 %	3.05 %	\$ 2.43	\$ 62.94
		2013	18	\$ 604	3.87 %	3.00 %	\$ 1.94	\$ 54.50
		2014	17	\$ 758	5.67 %	3.62 %	\$ 2.64	\$ 74.47
		2015	18	\$ 497	3.82 %	3.43 %	\$ 1.63	\$ 53.79
		2016	19	\$ 463	4.17 %	3.31 %	\$ 1.59	\$ 58.16
		2017	19	\$ 448	2.98 %	2.55 %	\$ 1.44	\$ 48.29
		2018	19	\$ 457	3.44 %	2.71 %	\$ 1.37	\$ 57.93
		2019	20	\$ 503	4.04 %	3.30 %	\$ 1.64	\$ 68.62

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Table 9.10: Continued

	Year	Vessels	Cost Per Vessel, Median (\$1,000)	Percent Of Total Expenses	Percent Of Gross Revenue	Cost Per Vessel-day (\$1000)	Cost Per 1000 T (\$)
	2008	22	\$ 12,260	100.00 %	87.28 %	\$ 51.79	\$ 1,729.38
	2009	21	\$ 10,613	100.00 %	82.96 %	\$ 42.80	\$ 1,446.96
	2010	20	\$ 12,079	100.00 %	76.09 %	\$ 49.93	\$ 1,429.29
	2011	20	\$ 16,351	100.00 %	70.98 %	\$ 63.44	\$ 1,639.23
	2012	20	\$ 18,473	100.00 %	79.82 %	\$ 69.36	\$ 1,635.62
All Annual	2013	18	\$ 13,842	100.00 %	76.92 %	\$ 54.28	\$ 1,388.49
Expenses	2014	18	\$ 15,409	100.00 %	75.93 %	\$ 54.67	\$ 1,387.37
	2015	18	\$ 15,215	100.00 %	86.87 %	\$ 53.65	\$ 1,412.05
	2016	19	\$ 13,417	100.00 %	77.01 %	\$ 44.22	\$ 1,461.75
	2017	19	\$ 16,021	100.00 %	79.18 %	\$ 59.63	\$ 1,643.96
	2018	19	\$ 19,178	100.00 %	73.38 %	\$ 60.15	\$ 1,695.07
	2019	20	\$ 15,432	100.00 %	81.25 %	\$ 49.83	\$ 1,675.76

**Notes:** All dollar values are inflation-adjusted to 2019-equivalent value; median cost per expense item, cost per vessel day, and cost per thousand *t* are shown in \$1000. “\*” indicates value is suppressed for confidentiality.

Gross revenue values are inclusive of all reported fishery product sales, tendering and other for-hire vessel services, quota royalties and other permit/license leasing and sales realized during the year. Median cost values and pro-rata indices are calculated over non-zero observations in individual vessel data for each expense item. Note that the set of vessels reporting non-zero values typically differs across expense items during a given year, and median values reported for respective expense items in a given year are calculated over distinct sets of vessels. As such, the statistics reported in the above table should not be interpreted as directly comparable across respective expense items and/or years in terms of characterizing a consistent representative “median vessel”.

**Source:** Amendment 80 Economic Data Reports.

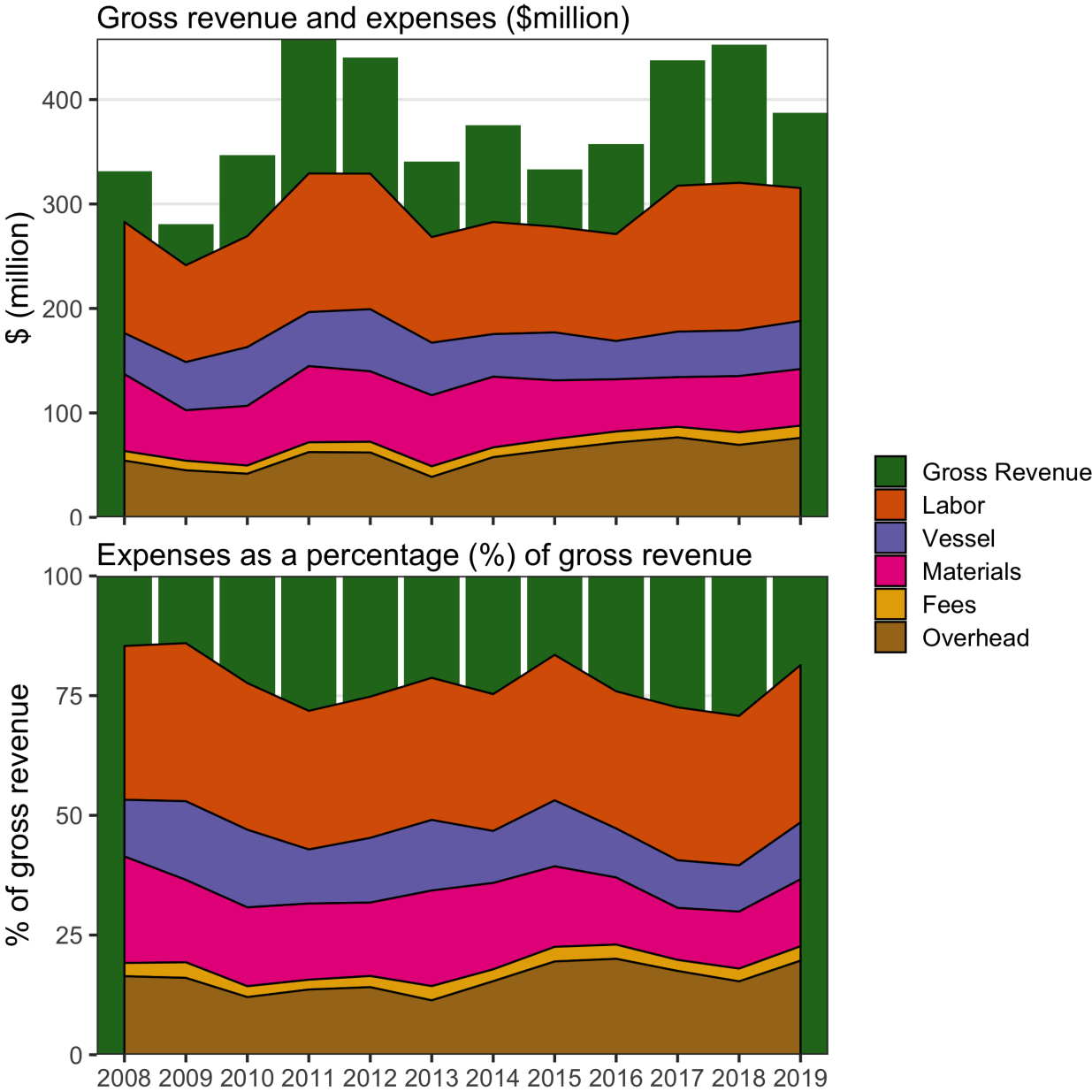
### 9.4.3 Operating returns

Table 9.11 provides an overview of economic and financial performance of the Amendment 80 sector at the fleet and median vessel level over the 12-year period in terms of a high-level income analysis, summarizing and synthesizing operating revenue and operating cost information presented in the previous two subsections. *Gross revenue* values in the table report aggregate fleet- and median vessel-level gross operating revenues, itemized by revenue category in Table 9.8. Operating and overhead cost values shown in Table 9.11 summarize itemized expenses detailed in Tables 9.9 and 9.10, aggregating over total labor costs, non-labor operating costs (inclusive of all vessel, materials, and fee expense items), and overhead costs, respectively. *Gross income* is calculated as gross revenue, less total operating costs (i.e., expenses incurred most directly in the operation of the vessel and the process of production, including on-board labor, vessel and equipment, materials, and ad-valorem fees and taxes). *Operating income* is calculated as gross income less overhead expenses; as reported based on available data, this approximates the sector aggregate and median vessel-level annual operating return to vessel owners from the primary production activities of vessels and associated assets in the Amendment 80 fleet. These results provide a measure of profitability of vessel operations on an annual cash-flow basis, with residual percentage values (income as percentage of gross revenue) shown as well.<sup>13</sup> However, the results shown do not provide a complete accounting of all relevant variable operating costs, exclude non-payroll income and other taxes, depreciation and debt payments (principle and interest) on capital assets, and other financial and cash-flow accounting items relevant to some or all vessels. As such, the operating income results presented in Table 9.11 do not measure aggregate or average net profit within the sector, and should be regarded as representing an upper bound on pre-tax annual returns to capital over time.

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<sup>13</sup>Monetary cost, revenue and income values presented in this section are adjusted for inflation, as described above, to provide comparability of value over time; note, however, that the specific adjustment method may result in a different relative ranking of high/low values over time than an alternative method, e.g., using a Producer Price Index. Residual percentages provide normalized measures of financial performance that are directly comparable over time without requiring inflation adjustment.

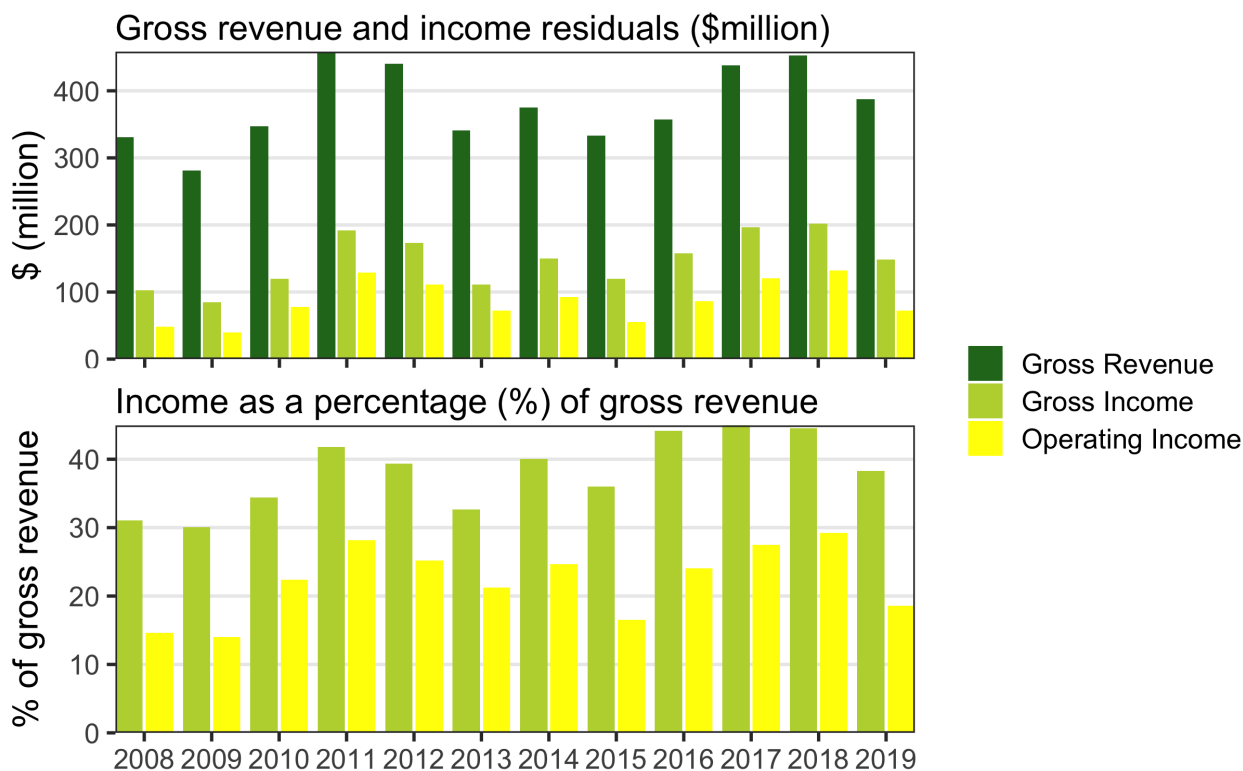
Figure 9.4: Amendment 80 sector gross revenue and operating costs



Tabular data for A80 sector aggregate values shown in figure, and median vessel-level values, are reported in Table 9.11; see table notes for data sources and other information.



Figure 9.5: Amendment 80 sector gross revenue and net operating income residuals



Tabular data for A80 sector aggregate values shown in figure, and median vessel-level values, are reported in Table 9.11; see table notes for data sources and other information.

From a fleet aggregate gross revenue of \$387 million during 2019, declining 14% from 2018, \$148 million remained as estimated gross income after deducting aggregate labor and non-labor operating costs, declining 27% from 2018, and operating income (after deducting overhead expenses) declined 46% to \$72 in aggregate. Although the decline in gross revenue from the previous two years, which saw the second and third highest annual values in the 12-year period, was substantial, 2019 gross revenue exceeded that produced in seven of the previous 11 years and exceeded the 11-year average of \$378 million. The decline in gross income and operating income during in 2019 relative to previous years was more severe, however. Both 2017 and 2018 represented the highest period of operating performance in 11 years, with \$132 million in operating income produced in 2018 representing the highest annual value to-date in both direct value, and in residual percentage terms at 29% of gross revenue. With total annual expenses declining only slightly from the previous year to \$315 in aggregate, 2019 operating income of \$72 million declined to less than 19% of gross revenue, the fourth lowest operating return of the period in both direct and residual terms, and substantially below the 11-year average of \$88 million and 23%, respectively.

#### 9.4.4 Capital investment

Table 9.12 reports aggregate sector-level and median vessel-level annual expenditures for new investment and improvements in fishing gear (e.g., net electronics and hydraulic equipment), processing plant and equipment, vessel and other on-board equipment (e.g., hull improvements,

propulsion), and other capital expenditures associated with operations of the vessel.<sup>14</sup> Data reported exclude any expenditures for onshore equipment or facilities, and reflect the full initial purchase cost (including sales tax) for capitalized assets and improvements purchased during the year. Expensed payments for principal and debt servicing on financed assets previously purchased are not included. Also, the EDR only captures capital investment costs for vessels once they have entered the sector and become subject to EDR reporting requirements, such that investment in new vessels occurring over a period of years prior to entering the sector is not captured in EDR data. Capital purchase costs reported by vessel owners typically reflect moderate expenditures associated with routine capital maintenance and improvement (e.g., during 3-year overhauls), but in some cases includes expenditures of a larger scale associated with major vessel refitting, new vessel construction, or ownership restructuring (i.e., investments associated with substantially longer amortization and depreciation schedules than more routine expenditures). EDR data collection does not explicitly distinguish between routine versus “major” capital expenditures, such that the distributions of values within a given capital asset category reported in EDRs, and in some cases in summarized values shown in Table 9.12, tend to be highly asymmetric (i.e., “lumpy”). As a result, fleet aggregate and vessel-median statistics reflect high variability over differences in scale and direction of year-on-year variation between metrics and/or asset categories, and statistics are suppressed in Table 9.12 to avoid potential disclosure of confidential information where the annual value reported for an individual vessel represents a disproportionately large fraction of the associated summary value.<sup>15</sup>

Combined capital expenditures in total for the fleet have varied between \$9 million and \$20 million prior to 2017, but investment has increased substantially over the the last three years, largely driven by large expenditures associated with entry of three new vessels to the sector starting in 2017 (annual values for 2017 to 2019 suppressed for confidentiality). Fleet aggregate capital expenditures on fishing equipment increased slightly during 2019, to \$4.4 million, and expenditures on vessel and equipment (exclusive of fishing and processing equipment) declined to \$10 million, where 2018 values for the respective categories represented the highest level of investment reported prior to 2019. Summary values for other capital investment categories cannot be reported for the recent period 2019 due to confidentiality.

## 9.5. Employment

Table 9.13 displays aggregate and median statistics for employment in the fleet, in terms of total number of individuals employed during all or part of the year and the number of positions on-board vessels at a given time, and average gross wages per employee, by labor category. Total fishing crew positions for the fleet in aggregate was 104 during 2019, and the total number of individuals participating as crew was 211, both increasing from the previous two years. Median crew positions per vessel has remained constant at 6, while the median number of distinct crew members increased to 11 in 2019. Average annual gross wages per deck crew member employed during 2019 declined

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<sup>14</sup>While EDR reporting includes capital expenditures for purchase of LLP licenses, no data has been reported to date; as LLP transfers are infrequent, data on such expenditures would likely be confidential.

<sup>15</sup>Note that median statistics for individual expenditure categories are calculated over vessels reporting non-zero values in the respective category, and for combined (total annual) capital expenditures, are calculated over all vessels reporting non-zero values for one or more capital expenditure category in a given year; i.e., the distribution of combined cost observations is more asymmetric (right-skewed) than for individual capital categories. In contrast to fleet-level statistics, which represent the active fleet in a given year as a whole, median statistics reported for individual expenditure categories in a given year represent distinct sets of reporting vessels rather than a consistent, representative “median vessel”. See table footnotes for Table 9.12 for additional detail.

to \$74 thousand. Processing employment in 2019 increased to the highest, or near-highest, levels to date, with number of processing positions in aggregate across the fleet up from 526 in 2018 to 557, and the number of distinct persons employed declining slightly to 1,590. Median number of processing positions per vessel and distinct persons employed both increased slightly during 2019, to 27 and 75, respectively. Average annual gross wages earned by processing employees declined to \$33 thousand per employee. For other vessel crew, including officers, engineers, and others involved in onboard management and record-keeping, the number of position in total across the fleet increased from 165 to 174 during 2019, while the number of distinct persons employed in such positions increased from 372 to 426, while average gross wages declined from \$133 thousand to \$107 thousand per crew member employed.

Table 9.14 reports the spatial distribution of Amendment 80 crew employment and wages by community of crew residence for the years 2015 to 2019.<sup>16</sup> Over the 2015 to 2019 period, the Seattle Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) has consistently been the predominant location of residence for Amendment 80 vessel crew members.<sup>17</sup> During 2019, 400 of the total 602 licensed crew members (66%) identified in EDR reporting were residents of the Seattle MSA, which is the highest proportion of annual crew employment associated with this location in the 5 years of data available, which has increased each year, from 52% in 2015 to 64% in 2017. The estimated income contribution to the Seattle MSA area from direct gross wages paid to vessel crew members during 2019 is \$39.5 million, and \$44.8 million to the state of Washington overall, which accounted for 453 (75%) of all crew members for the year. Alaska residents have accounted for between 3% and 8% of Amendment 80 crew employment over the 5-year period, increasing to 27 of 602 (4%) total crew members in 2019, and accounting for an estimated \$2.7 million in direct crew income paid to residents of Alaska for the year. The community of Unalaska/Dutch Harbor is the only Alaska locality that has accounted for a minimum of 3% of total crew employment in any year for which data are available, with a maximum of 27 residents reported in 2015 representing 5% of the total 571 crew members identified that year, and accounting for \$2.3 million in estimated wage income paid to residents of the community during 2015; 11 residents of that community were employed in the fleet during 2019, with estimated gross wage earnings of \$1.1 million.

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<sup>16</sup>Crew member community of residence is derived from reporting of commercial crew license and CFEC gear operator permit numbers reported for all non-processing crew members by each vessel in the Amendment 80 EDR beginning in 2015, using residence information captured in ADF&G's crew license registry database. While a small number of processing employees are secondarily employed as deck crew, and are thus included in the counts of licensed crew members, Amendment 80 fleet processing employee residence is not systematically captured in available data sources.

<sup>17</sup>The Seattle-Tacoma-Bellevue MSA is defined by Office of Management and Budget as the geographic area comprised of King, Pierce, and Snohomish counties of Washington state; <https://www.whitehouse.gov/wp-content/uploads/2018/09/Bulletin-18-04.pdf>

Table 9.11: Amendment 80 Fleet Operating Costs and Income, Fleet Total and Vessel Median

	Year	Fleet Total			Vessel Median	
		Vessels	\$ Million	Percent Of Fleet Gross Revenue	\$1,000	Percent Of Vessel Gross Revenue
Gross Revenue	2008	22	\$ 331.25	100.00 %	\$ 14,761	100.00 %
	2009	21	\$ 280.86	100.00 %	\$ 12,544	100.00 %
	2010	20	\$ 346.87	100.00 %	\$ 15,919	100.00 %
	2011	20	\$ 458.44	100.00 %	\$ 22,373	100.00 %
	2012	20	\$ 440.05	100.00 %	\$ 21,091	100.00 %
	2013	18	\$ 340.87	100.00 %	\$ 17,276	100.00 %
	2014	18	\$ 375.39	100.00 %	\$ 19,394	100.00 %
	2015	18	\$ 333.28	100.00 %	\$ 16,940	100.00 %
	2016	19	\$ 357.24	100.00 %	\$ 17,473	100.00 %
	2017	19	\$ 437.68	100.00 %	\$ 20,674	100.00 %
	2018	19	\$ 452.63	100.00 %	\$ 24,360	100.00 %
	2019	20	\$ 387.37	100.00 %	\$ 17,370	100.00 %
Labor - Total Costs	2008	22	\$ 106.41	32.12 %	\$ 4,521	32.20 %
	2009	21	\$ 92.73	33.01 %	\$ 4,100	36.62 %
	2010	20	\$ 106.22	30.62 %	\$ 4,810	34.56 %
	2011	20	\$ 132.71	28.95 %	\$ 6,619	33.31 %
	2012	20	\$ 129.80	29.50 %	\$ 6,516	33.08 %
	2013	18	\$ 101.19	29.68 %	\$ 5,053	30.72 %
	2014	18	\$ 107.30	28.58 %	\$ 5,356	29.87 %
	2015	18	\$ 101.26	30.38 %	\$ 5,046	33.02 %
	2016	19	\$ 102.36	28.65 %	\$ 4,903	34.61 %
	2017	19	\$ 139.73	31.93 %	\$ 7,654	35.67 %
	2018	19	\$ 141.28	31.21 %	\$ 7,669	33.61 %
	2019	20	\$ 127.27	32.85 %	\$ 6,222	33.65 %
Operating (Non-labor) - Total Costs	2008	22	\$ 122.07	36.85 %	\$ 5,347	35.86 %
	2009	21	\$ 103.63	36.90 %	\$ 4,971	38.44 %
	2010	20	\$ 121.26	34.96 %	\$ 5,603	34.15 %
	2011	20	\$ 134.10	29.25 %	\$ 6,675	28.94 %
	2012	20	\$ 137.17	31.17 %	\$ 6,749	29.66 %
	2013	18	\$ 128.47	37.69 %	\$ 6,742	38.26 %
	2014	18	\$ 117.80	31.38 %	\$ 5,869	30.75 %
	2015	18	\$ 112.14	33.65 %	\$ 5,466	31.72 %
	2016	19	\$ 97.22	27.21 %	\$ 3,945	27.40 %
	2017	19	\$ 101.22	23.13 %	\$ 5,182	22.27 %
	2018	19	\$ 109.72	24.24 %	\$ 5,782	24.21 %
	2019	20	\$ 111.91	28.89 %	\$ 5,283	29.51 %
Gross Income	2008	22	\$ 102.77	31.03 %	\$ 4,486	31.48 %
	2009	21	\$ 84.51	30.09 %	\$ 3,193	24.48 %
	2010	20	\$ 119.38	34.42 %	\$ 5,353	31.99 %
	2011	20	\$ 191.63	41.80 %	\$ 9,013	36.79 %
	2012	20	\$ 173.07	39.33 %	\$ 8,856	38.92 %
	2013	18	\$ 111.21	32.63 %	\$ 5,198	31.34 %
	2014	18	\$ 150.28	40.03 %	\$ 7,343	37.67 %
	2015	18	\$ 119.88	35.97 %	\$ 5,387	34.17 %
	2016	19	\$ 157.66	44.13 %	\$ 6,797	43.57 %
	2017	19	\$ 196.72	44.95 %	\$ 8,876	42.15 %
	2018	19	\$ 201.63	44.55 %	\$ 10,088	41.99 %
	2019	20	\$ 148.19	38.26 %	\$ 6,769	38.04 %

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Table 9.11: Continued

	Year	Fleet Total			Vessel Median	
		Vessels	\$ Million	Percent Of Fleet Gross Revenue	\$1,000	Percent Of Vessel Gross Revenue
Overhead - Total Costs	2008	22	\$ 54.33	16.40 %	\$ 2,086	14.00 %
	2009	21	\$ 45.06	16.05 %	\$ 1,189	15.22 %
	2010	20	\$ 41.75	12.04 %	\$ 1,057	8.70 %
	2011	20	\$ 62.45	13.62 %	\$ 1,289	5.91 %
	2012	20	\$ 62.12	14.12 %	\$ 1,576	7.80 %
	2013	18	\$ 38.71	11.36 %	\$ 1,340	8.52 %
	2014	18	\$ 57.64	15.36 %	\$ 2,389	11.35 %
	2015	18	\$ 64.93	19.48 %	\$ 3,170	21.34 %
	2016	19	\$ 71.59	20.04 %	\$ 3,557	20.36 %
	2017	19	\$ 76.58	17.50 %	\$ 4,277	20.22 %
	2018	19	\$ 69.34	15.32 %	\$ 4,108	17.42 %
	2019	20	\$ 76.11	19.65 %	\$ 3,997	21.85 %
Operating Income	2008	22	\$ 48.44	14.62 %	\$ 1,502	12.72 %
	2009	21	\$ 39.44	14.04 %	\$ 1,613	17.04 %
	2010	20	\$ 77.63	22.38 %	\$ 3,964	23.91 %
	2011	20	\$ 129.18	28.18 %	\$ 6,124	29.02 %
	2012	20	\$ 110.95	25.21 %	\$ 4,153	20.18 %
	2013	18	\$ 72.51	21.27 %	\$ 3,292	23.08 %
	2014	18	\$ 92.64	24.68 %	\$ 3,746	24.07 %
	2015	18	\$ 54.95	16.49 %	\$ 2,121	13.13 %
	2016	19	\$ 86.08	24.09 %	\$ 3,294	22.99 %
	2017	19	\$ 120.14	27.45 %	\$ 3,599	20.82 %
	2018	19	\$ 132.29	29.23 %	\$ 5,112	26.62 %
	2019	20	\$ 72.09	18.61 %	\$ 3,561	18.75 %

**Notes:** All dollar values are inflation-adjusted to 2019-equivalent value; “\*” indicates value is suppressed for confidentiality. Median and fleet aggregate operating expenses and income values shown above are approximations based on available data; annual expense reporting in Amendment 80 Economic Data Reports is relatively comprehensive, but does not include depreciation and debt payments (principle or interest) on capital assets, and other financial and cash-flow accounting items relevant to some or all vessels. Gross revenue values are inclusive of all reported fishery product sales, tendering and other for-hire vessel services, quota royalties and other permit/license leasing and sales realized during the year. Gross Income is calculated as Gross Revenue less expenses for labor, vessel and equipment, materials, and fees; Operating Income is calculated as Gross Income less Overhead Expenses. Note that royalties paid and received for Amendment 80 QS and PSC allocations represent transfer payments between fishery participants and have net-zero value at the fleet-level in Gross Income, but may be of non-zero net value at the median vessel-level. Fleet-level residual percentages are calculated using fleet aggregate values and represent the weighted average (mean) for vessels within the fleet. Median values for income residuals and percentages are calculated over non-zero observations in individual vessel data for each item; users should use caution in interpreting median statistics as characterizing a consistent representative “median vessel” across accounting categories and/or years.

**Source:** Amendment 80 Economic Data Reports.

Table 9.12: Amendment 80 Fleet Capital Expenditures by Category and Year, Fleet Total and Median Vessel Values

	Year	Vessels	Expenditure Per Vessel, Median (\$1,000)	Percent Of Vessel Total Capital Ex- penditures, Median	Total Fleet Expenditure (\$million)	Percent Of Fleet Total Capital Ex- penditures
Fishing gear	2008	12	\$ 111	40 %	\$ 1.84	20 %
	2009	8	\$ *	* %	\$ *	* %
	2010	8	\$ *	* %	\$ *	* %
	2011	9	\$ *	* %	\$ *	* %
	2012	10	\$ 304	41 %	\$ 3.21	16 %
	2013	9	\$ *	* %	\$ *	* %
	2014	9	\$ *	* %	\$ *	* %
	2015	11	\$ 229	24 %	\$ 2.29	18 %
	2016	13	\$ 157	35 %	\$ 3.11	24 %
	2017	13	\$ *	* %	\$ *	* %
	2018	18	\$ 158	21 %	\$ 4.34	12 %
	2019	18	\$ 139	19 %	\$ 4.41	14 %
Processing plant and equipment	2008	11	\$ *	* %	\$ *	* %
	2009	9	\$ *	* %	\$ *	* %
	2010	13	\$ 176	28 %	\$ 3.33	28 %
	2011	10	\$ *	* %	\$ *	* %
	2012	14	\$ *	* %	\$ *	* %
	2013	9	\$ *	* %	\$ *	* %
	2014	8	\$ *	* %	\$ *	* %
	2015	10	\$ 144	18 %	\$ 1.85	14 %
	2016	8	\$ *	* %	\$ *	* %
	2017	11	\$ *	* %	\$ *	* %
	2018	15	\$ *	* %	\$ *	* %
	2019	19	\$ *	* %	\$ *	* %
Vessel and other onboard equipment	2008	11	\$ 60	33 %	\$ 2.11	22 %
	2009	13	\$ 464	75 %	\$ 7.28	74 %
	2010	15	\$ 125	57 %	\$ 6.13	52 %
	2011	11	\$ 142	32 %	\$ 3.42	36 %
	2012	18	\$ *	* %	\$ *	* %
	2013	11	\$ *	* %	\$ *	* %
	2014	13	\$ 426	73 %	\$ 7.19	47 %
	2015	12	\$ *	* %	\$ *	* %
	2016	10	\$ *	* %	\$ *	* %
	2017	11	\$ *	* %	\$ *	* %
	2018	17	\$ *	* %	\$ *	* %
	2019	20	\$ 225	33 %	\$ 10.00	31 %

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	Year	Vessels	Expenditure Per Vessel, Median (\$1,000)	Percent Of Vessel Total Capital Ex- penditures, Median	Total Fleet Expenditure (\$million)	Percent Of Fleet Total Capital Ex- penditures
Other capital expenditures	2008	9	\$ *	* %	\$ *	* %
	2009	5	\$ *	* %	\$ *	* %
	2010	4	\$ *	* %	\$ *	* %
	2011	8	\$ *	* %	\$ *	* %
	2012	7	\$ *	* %	\$ *	* %
	2013	8	\$ 122	44 %	\$ 0.93	5 %
	2014	10	\$ *	* %	\$ *	* %
	2015	10	\$ *	* %	\$ *	* %
	2016	6	\$ *	* %	\$ *	* %
	2017	9	\$ *	* %	\$ *	* %
	2018	11	\$ *	* %	\$ *	* %
2019	14	\$ *	* %	\$ *	* %	
Total Annual Capital Expenditures	2008	17	\$ 425	100 %	\$ 9.41	100 %
	2009	16	\$ 377	100 %	\$ 9.79	100 %
	2010	18	\$ 401	100 %	\$ 11.79	100 %
	2011	15	\$ 344	100 %	\$ 9.64	100 %
	2012	19	\$ 320	100 %	\$ 19.93	100 %
	2013	16	\$ *	* %	\$ *	* %
	2014	18	\$ 442	100 %	\$ 15.30	100 %
	2015	16	\$ 481	100 %	\$ 12.96	100 %
	2016	18	\$ 325	100 %	\$ 13.08	100 %
	2017	19	\$ *	* %	\$ *	* %
	2018	19	\$ *	* %	\$ *	* %
2019	20	\$ *	* %	\$ *	* %	

**Notes:** All dollar values are inflation-adjusted to 2019-equivalent value. Fleet average dollar values are shown in \$1,000 and total aggregate values are shown in \$millions. “\*” indicates value is suppressed for confidentiality.

‘Percentage of Fleet-Total Capital Expenditures’ index values represent the weighted average (mean) for vessels within the fleet. Median statistics reported in the above table should not be interpreted as directly comparable across respective expenditure categories and/or years in terms of characterizing a consistent representative “median vessel”. Median values are calculated over non-zero observations in individual vessel data for each capital expense category, noting that the set of vessels reporting non-zero values typically differs across expenditure categories during a given year, and therefore a) median values reported for respective categories are representative of distinct sets of vessels, and b) median percent of total capital expenditure is not additive across categories in a given year.

**Source:** Amendment 80 Economic Data Reports.

Table 9.13: Amendment 80 Fleet Employment and Average Gross Wages, by Labor Category, Fleet Total and Median Vessel Values

	Year	Positions on board			Number of employees during the year		Average annual gross wages (\$million)
		Vessels	Median	Total	Median	Total	Per Employee
Fishing (deck crew)	2008	22	6	134	11	340	\$ 52
	2009	21	6	120	12	273	\$ 52
	2010	20	6	114	13	294	\$ 52
	2011	20	6	111	9	234	\$ 82
	2012	20	6	107	10	242	\$ 76
	2013	18	6	105	8	214	\$ 67
	2014	18	6	106	11	239	\$ 65
	2015	18	6	107	11	231	\$ 64
	2016	19	6	108	13	262	\$ 56
	2017	19	6	103	11	202	\$ 90
	2018	19	6	99	8	178	\$ 102
2019	20	6	104	11	211	\$ 74	
Processing employees	2008	22	22	529	56	1,465	\$ 33
	2009	21	23	516	56	1,341	\$ 31
	2010	20	23	476	67	1,567	\$ 31
	2011	20	23	473	61	1,234	\$ 48
	2012	20	23	448	52	1,296	\$ 45
	2013	18	23	437	59	1,183	\$ 37
	2014	18	24	449	75	1,300	\$ 36
	2015	18	24	449	62	1,160	\$ 37
	2016	19	25	477	65	1,357	\$ 32
	2017	19	24	504	76	1,533	\$ 41
	2018	19	25	526	74	1,595	\$ 38
2019	20	27	557	75	1,590	\$ 33	
Other vessel crew	2008	22	7	156	18	418	\$ 75
	2009	21	6	136	16	371	\$ 75
	2010	20	7	145	19	549	\$ 60
	2011	20	7	150	18	356	\$ 116
	2012	20	7	170	20	436	\$ 97
	2013	18	7	160	19	383	\$ 83
	2014	18	7	140	18	347	\$ 96
	2015	18	7	141	18	338	\$ 96
	2016	19	7	157	18	417	\$ 78
	2017	19	7	160	20	446	\$ 104
	2018	19	7	165	19	372	\$ 133
2019	20	8	174	21	426	\$ 107	

**Notes:** Average positions on-board reflects the number of individuals employed on-board at one time (i.e., the complement of crew employed to operate the vessel), by employment category; number of employees during the year counts each unique person employed over the course of the year. The higher numbers reported for the latter reflects turnover in employment when compared to the average number of positions on-board. Average annual gross wages per employee reflects the aggregate annual labor costs reported for active vessels by labor category, divided by the number of employees during the year, including any payroll taxes paid, and not accounting for the value of any non-wage benefits received.

**Source:** Amendment 80 Economic Data Reports.



Table 9.14: Amendment 80 Catcher/Processor Fleet - Estimated Crew Employment and Income, by Community of Residence

	Community	2015			2016			2017			2018			2019		
		Employ Count	Employ Share	Income \$million	Employ Count	Employ Share	Income \$million	Employ Count	Employ Share	Income \$million	Employ Count	Employ Share	Income \$million	Employ Count	Employ Share	Income \$million
Alaska	Unalaska/Dutch Harbor	27	5 %	\$ 2.22	23	4 %	\$ 1.77	11	2 %	\$ 1.07	6	1 %	\$ 0.75	11	2 %	\$ 1.12
	Other Alaska	14	2 %	\$ 1.15	24	4 %	\$ 1.85	26	4 %	\$ 2.52	10	2 %	\$ 1.26	16	3 %	\$ 1.63
	Alaska Total	41	7 %	\$ 3.38	47	8 %	\$ 3.61	37	6 %	\$ 3.59	16	3 %	\$ 2.01	27	4 %	\$ 2.74
Oregon	Oregon Total	21	4 %	\$ 1.73	14	2 %	\$ 1.08	11	2 %	\$ 1.07	7	1 %	\$ 0.88	10	2 %	\$ 1.02
Washington	Seattle MSA	298	52 %	\$ 24.53	352	57 %	\$ 27.06	426	64 %	\$ 41.32	372	69 %	\$ 46.74	400	66 %	\$ 40.63
	Other Wash.	81	14 %	\$ 6.67	67	11 %	\$ 5.15	61	9 %	\$ 5.92	47	9 %	\$ 5.90	53	9 %	\$ 5.38
	Wash. Total	380	67 %	\$ 31.29	419	68 %	\$ 32.21	488	73 %	\$ 47.34	419	78 %	\$ 52.64	453	75 %	\$ 46.01
Other	-	120	21 %	\$ 9.88	120	19 %	\$ 9.23	97	15 %	\$ 9.41	83	15 %	\$ 10.43	98	16 %	\$ 9.95
Unknown	-	9	2 %	\$ 0.74	16	3 %	\$ 1.23	31	5 %	\$ 3.01	13	2 %	\$ 1.63	14	2 %	\$ 1.42
All Locations		571	100 %	\$ 47.01	616	100 %	\$ 47.36	664	100 %	\$ 64.41	538	100 %	\$ 67.59	602	100 %	\$ 61.15

**Notes:** ‘Employ count’ reports the number of individual vessel crew members identified as resident of the listed community or location. ‘Employ share’ reports the proportion of the total vessel employment pool associated by residence with the listed community or location. Statistics are reported for individual communities or community groupings within states (incorporated cities, counties or boroughs, or metropolitan statistical areas (MSAs)) only for communities that represented 3% or greater of the total employment pool in at least one year of reporting; employment and income statistics for residence locations below that threshold are aggregated together as ‘Other (state)’. Note that no Alaska city or borough other than Unalaska/Dutch Harbor (Aleutians West Census Area) represented at least 3% of total vessel employment in any year of reporting. ‘Other’ references residence locations other than the states of Alaska, Oregon and Washington, and ‘Unknown’ references crew identifier entries where a valid crew license permit number could not be identified from information reported in the EDR.

‘Income’ (reported in \$million, inflation-adjusted to 2019-equivalent value) is the estimated amount of vessel labor income, by community/location of residence, that is distributed to vessel crew members in aggregate; the estimate is derived by multiplying aggregate direct labor payments to non-processing vessel crew (reported by year in Amendment 80 EDR data; includes total fleet cost values reported for ‘Labor Payment, Fishing Crew’ and ‘Labor Payment - Other Employees’ in Table 9.9 by the ‘Employ share’ percentage value for the respective community/location. This does not control for differentials in proportional residence associations among different crew labor types (i.e., deck crew, captain, fish master, etc.) and respective pay rates.

**Source:** Amendment 80 Economic Data Reports, ADF&G commercial crew license database, and CFEC gear operator permit database; source data and compilation are provided by the Alaska Fisheries Information Network (AKFIN).

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## 10. AMENDMENT 91 CHINOOK BYCATCH ECONOMIC DATA REPORT (EDR) SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS

### 10.1. Introduction

Amendment 91 (A91) to the BSAI Groundfish Fishery Management Plan was developed by the North Pacific Fisheries Management Council (NPFMC or Council) as a suite of measures intended to promote a system of incentives to minimize bycatch of Chinook salmon in the Bering Sea/Aleutian Islands (BSAI) pollock trawl fishery, primarily established through private contractual arrangements between industry entities participating in the American Fisheries Act (AFA) management program. The Council finalized A91 in 2009, and the final rule was issued by NMFS in 2010 (75 FR 53026) and became effective in September, 2010.<sup>1</sup> The Council subsequently passed a trailing amendment identifying several new recordkeeping and reporting requirements for AFA participants specifically intended to support monitoring and assessment of incentive measures under A91 and industry costs associated with its implementation. In addition to administrative reporting requirements and annual AFA Cooperative and Incentive Plan Agreement (IPA) reports, the Council initiated an annual Economic Data Report (EDR) requirement for AFA entities.

The purpose of this section of the Economic SAFE is to report updated results from EDR data collected for the 2012-2019 fishing seasons. The following is intended to contribute information to enable the public, the Council, industry, and other stakeholders to better understand and analyze the impacts of Amendment 91. A general report on Amendment 91 implementation is beyond the scope of this report, however, which is limited primarily to summary and synthesis of data collected to-date in the A91 EDR. This information should be viewed in the context of recent Council analyses and other relevant resources, including Chinook catch information and the AFA Cooperative and Incentive Plan Agreement (IPA) reports, and the Council's recent AFA Program Review (Northern Economics, 2017).<sup>2</sup>

### 10.2. Amendment 91 Economic Data Report (EDR) Background

In developing Amendment 91, the Council determined that fisheries data available through existing sources would be insufficient to adequately monitor the implementation of management measures under the amendment. The Council subsequently recommended a data collection program to supplement existing data and support analysis of the effectiveness of Amendment 91 in reducing Chinook salmon PSC and to assess any changes in operational costs and/or the yield of pollock. The Council's December 2009 purpose and need statement recommended that these data be used to address four components of Amendment 91:

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<sup>1</sup>An overview of Amendment 91 and other recent and ongoing Council initiatives related to salmon bycatch management in BSAI groundfish fisheries is accessible at <https://www.npfmc.org/bsai-salmon-bycatch/>.

<sup>2</sup>Council analyses of salmon bycatch in BSAI fisheries are available on the Council's website at <https://www.npfmc.org/bsai-salmon-bycatch/>. Current and historical Chinook salmon catch information can be found at <https://alaskafisheries.noaa.gov/fisheries-catch-landings>. AFA Cooperative and IPA Reports are available at <https://alaskafisheries.noaa.gov/fisheries-data-reports>.

- Understand the effects and impacts of the Amendment 91 IPAs, the higher and lower PSC hard caps, and the performance standard;
- Evaluate the effectiveness of the IPA incentives in times of high and low levels of salmon PSC, and the effectiveness of the performance standard to reduce salmon PSC;
- Evaluate how Amendment 91 affects where, when, and how pollock fishing and salmon PSC occur; and
- Study and evaluate conclusions drawn by industry in the IPA annual reports.

In its final motion on the trailing amendment on new data collection measures under Amendment 91, the Council recommended new or modified reporting requirements to collect the following:

1. Transaction data for salmon and pollock, including:
  - a. IPA and AFA Cooperative reports, summarizing the assignment of Chinook PSC and pollock quota to each participating vessel at the start of each fishing season, and all in-season transfers of Chinook and pollock PSC;
  - b. Compensated Transfer Form, to collect the quantity and price of Chinook PSC and quantity of pollock, in all PSC transfers in which there is a monetary exchange for PSC transferred from one party to another;
2. A logbook checkbox, incorporated into exiting AFA vessel logbooks, to collect data at the tow-level regarding movement of the vessel for the primary purpose of Chinook PSC avoidance;
3. A vessel fuel usage survey, to collect average hourly fuel use rates for fishing and transiting as well as quantity and cost of annual fuel purchases to be used to estimate costs of vessels moving to avoid salmon PSC; and
4. A vessel master survey, to determine rationale for decision making during the pollock season (fishing location choices and salmon PSC reduction measures).

Daily Fishing Logbook and AFA Cooperative Report requirements predate Amendment 91, and annual submission of IPAs and IPA Annual Reports were required under the final rule implementing the amendment, in effect since September, 2010. In the Council's final action on the EDR program in 2009, modifications of these (items 1.a and 2 above) were included in addition to the new data collections that comprise the A91 EDR itself (items 1.b, 3, and 4). Modification of the Daily Fishing Logbook (DFL) for BSAI pollock trawl CVs and CPs was intended to identify instances when a vessel fishing for pollock in the BSAI changed fishing locations for the primary purpose of avoiding Chinook salmon PSC. However, vessel movement data collected to-date from CVs is not captured in an electronic database available to analysts, and data reported by CPs has varied greatly in coverage; as such, vessel movement data is not included in this report.<sup>3</sup>

The final rule to implement the above measures went into effect March 3, 2012, and administration of the A91 EDR began in 2013, with a June 1 due date for submission of annual EDR forms

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<sup>3</sup>See this section of the 2017 edition of the Economic SAFE for further details regarding implementation and data quality concerns regarding the A91 EDR and associated reporting requirements.

reporting data for 2012 operations.<sup>4</sup> The EDR program is comprised of three separate survey forms; submission requirements for the respective forms are contingent on the entity's role and activity in the AFA pollock fishery in a given year, as defined under Amendment 91, and include conditions for certification-only submission with exemption from data reporting portions of respective EDR forms. Requirements are as follows:

- Compensated Transfer Report
  - Certification: An owner or leaseholder of an AFA-permitted vessel and the representative of any entity<sup>5</sup> that received an allocation of Chinook salmon PSC from NMFS must submit a CTR, Part 1, each calendar year, for the previous calendar year.
  - Fully completed CTR: Any person who transferred Chinook salmon PSC allocation after January 20, and paid or received money for the transfer, must submit a completed CTR (Part 1 and Part 2) for the previous calendar year.
  
- Vessel Fuel Survey
  - An owner or leaseholder of an AFA-permitted vessel must submit all completed Vessel Fuel Surveys for each vessel used to harvest pollock in the Bering Sea in a given year.
  
- Vessel Master Survey
  - For any AFA-permitted vessel used to harvest pollock in the Bering Sea in the previous year:
    - \* The vessel master must complete the Vessel Master Survey and the Vessel Master certification following the instructions on the form, and
    - \* An owner or leaseholder must submit all Vessel Master Surveys and each Vessel owner certification following the instructions on the form.

### 10.3. Overview of the Annual Amendment 91 EDR Data Submission Process

The Amendment 91 EDR program is managed primarily by the Alaska Fisheries Science Center (AFSC), with support from NMFS Alaska Region, and is administered in collaboration with Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission (PSMFC). In consultation with NMFS staff, PSMFC annually identifies current contact information for all AFA entities determined to be subject to A91 EDR reporting requirements for the prior year, and distributes notices by certified mail describing the requirements for EDR submission and instructions for accessing the online survey forms using secure login credentials enclosed. Notices are mailed for delivery by April 1 when PSMFC's EDR web portal goes online,<sup>6</sup> with a final submission deadline of June 1. During the EDR submission period,

<sup>4</sup>See **77 FR 5389** (February 3, 2012) for details.

<sup>5</sup>In addition to AFA vessel owners, entities potentially receiving allocations of Chinook salmon prohibited species catch (PSC) include AFA Sector entities and Inshore harvest cooperatives, Incentive Plan Agreement (IPA) entities, and CDQ groups. For the sake of clearer exposition, "vessel owners or leaseholders" as a group are referred to collectively as "vessel owners" hereafter in this report, except where a relevant distinction pertains.

<sup>6</sup>A91 EDR forms are required under implementing regulations to be submitted in electronic form. PSMFC has developed an EDR Web portal to facilitate password-secured access to EDR webforms for completion and submission online. Printable EDR forms and instructions for online submission can be accessed at <http://www.psmfc.org/chinookedr/>. Copies of all mailings distributed to EDR submitters by AFSC or PSMFC are available on request from the AFSC Economics and Social Science Research Program.

PSMFC staff provides phone support to submitters and monitors form completion and data quality; where data anomalies are identified, PSMFC contacts the submitter to confirm data corrections as appropriate.

All A91 EDR data collection procedures for the 2012-2018 fishing years have been completed. However, as of the completion of this report, EDR forms reporting for the 2019 calendar year remain outstanding and have yet to be submitted for 12 AFA catcher vessels. PSMFC has made consistent efforts to communicate with EDR submitters regarding the need for timely completion of EDR submissions, and entities with outstanding A91 EDR submissions have been contacted by NMFS Alaska Region. However, noncompliance with A91 EDR requirements during 2019 has not been resolved to-date, and may be subject to enforcement action by NMFS OLE. As such, statistics reported for the AFA catcher vessel sector in the following sections represent preliminary results based on incomplete data collection for the 2019 calendar year. Results for the CP sector reported for 2019 are complete.

Table 10.1 below shows counts of EDR submissions by year, reported separately for vessel owners and AFA entities (which include AFA Incentive Plan Agreement entities, AFA Sector Entities and Harvest Cooperatives, and CDQ groups), and Table 10.2 reports the number of completed fuel survey and vessel master survey records collected to date, by vessel sector. Note that counts of *EDRs - data submitted* shown for vessel owners in Table 10.1 are substantially fewer than the counts of completed fuel and vessel master surveys shown in Table 10.2; this is due to the flexibility vessel owners have in using PSMFCs EDR web portal to consolidate reporting for one or more vessels onto a single EDR 'package', and the decline in number of *EDRs - data submitted* from 2012 to 2019 reflects increased use of this functionality by individuals that complete and submit EDR forms for multiple vessels. Note that the fuel survey counts shown in Table 10.2 indicate the number of vessels for which fuel survey data was reported each year (i.e., one record per vessel); the higher counts of vessel master surveys reflect cases where two or more individual skippers submitted a vessel master survey for the same vessel, with the number of surveys per vessel declining over time (also note that *Master Survey Count* includes all vessel master surveys submitted, including those that did not provide complete responses to all questions in the survey.)

#### 10.4. Vessel Master Survey Overview and Key Findings

The vessel master survey is comprised of a series of qualitative response questions regarding fishing and bycatch conditions observed by vessel masters during the BSAI pollock fishery, and factors in effect that motivated Chinook bycatch avoidance (survey questions are listed below):<sup>7</sup>

1. *If the vessel participated in an Incentive Plan Agreement, did the IPA affect your fishing strategy? If yes, please describe and discuss what incentives had the largest impact on your strategy.*
2. *Did the amount and/or cost of Chinook PSC allocation available to the vessel lead you to make changes in pollock fishing operations? If yes, please describe.*

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<sup>7</sup>The vessel master survey was designed under Council direction and approval after being requested as a data element by a principle pollock industry trade group, and survey questions were designed with extensive input from the pollock industry.

3. *How would you compare the Chinook salmon bycatch and pollock conditions during the A and B seasons this year relative to the last two years? Please describe any unique aspects of the season.*
4. *Did Chinook salmon bycatch conditions cause you to delay the start of your pollock fishing or otherwise alter the timing of your pollock fishing for some period during the past A and/or B season? If yes, please describe the Chinook salmon bycatch condition, when it occurred, and any change in your pollock fishing as a result.*
5. *In the past year, did you end a trip and return to port early because of Chinook salmon bycatch conditions? [ ] YES [ ] NO. If YES, please indicate the number of trips that this occurred in each season (use a checkmark to indicate appropriate answer for each season).*
6. *Please describe how any area closures or restrictions for the purpose of reducing Chinook salmon bycatch affected where and how you fished.*
7. *Please describe how any regulatory or other area closures or restrictions for a purpose other than reducing Chinook salmon bycatch affected where and how you fished.*
8. *Compared to a typical year, did weather or sea ice conditions have more, less or about the same impact on fishing as in a typical year? Please describe especially if there were particularly uncommon conditions at any point this year. If these conditions had an impact on your ability to avoid Chinook salmon bycatch, please describe.*
9. *Were there exceptional factors that affected your pollock fishing this year? For example, were there unusual market or stock conditions, unusual pollock fishing conditions, or maintenance problems? Please describe.*
10. *Separate from an Incentive Plan Agreement, were there other incentives for you to reduce Chinook salmon bycatch? If yes, please describe.*
11. *Did actual or potential bycatch of species other than Chinook salmon cause you to change your harvesting decisions during the pollock season? If yes, please describe.*

An extensive, formal qualitative analysis of survey response data for the years 2012 through 2016 was reported in the 2017 edition of the Economic Status Report. Survey data were analyzed with a grounded theory approach, meaning codes were created based on verbatim statements of respondents (Glaser and Strauss 1967), and frequency statistics were calculated using coded responses for each question. Resource requirements for performing the formal qualitative analysis prohibit annual application, and has not been completed to fully update results to include vessel master survey data for the 2017 through 2019 fishing years. Pending a more formal analysis, ESSRP analysts have performed informal review of survey data from the most recent three years to identify notable responses that characterized the pollock fishery during 2017, 2018, and 2019, as distinct from previous years. These are summarized below, followed by key findings from the formal analysis of survey responses for 2012 to 2016.

Notable findings from the vessel master survey for 2019 include:

- The IPAs motivate vessels to prioritize Chinook avoidance.

- Avoiding salmon costs a great deal of fuel and pushes the fishery to fish in areas with less dense pollock aggregations.
- Sablefish, herring, and Pacific Ocean perch (POP) were all mentioned in 2019 as significant issues. Herring was more of an A-season problem than usual and was encountered outside of traditional area. POP was reported to be more of a B-season problem.
- Squid was mentioned as a unique problems for one skipper in 2018 and as a unique problem for the year by another skipper in 2019. For 2018, one skipper also mentioned jellyfish as a unique problem.
- In general, skippers described both 2018 and 2019 as being comparable to other recent years. Interestingly, in virtually every year surveyed, several skippers have reported a particular year having challenging fishing conditions while other skippers have described it as being less challenging than other recent years, indicating that individual experiences can vary significantly.

Notable findings from the vessel master survey for 2018 include:

- Compared to previous years, the largest share of vessels reported that IPAs impacted their fishing strategy. Many skippers commented that they spent more time avoiding salmon this year, with several noting they traveled farther and had to catch less valuable fish.
- The 2018 A Season started off very badly but improved. Interestingly, some skippers commented that the Chinook were wide-spread but others said they were more concentrated. Several skippers commented on the constant stress of Chinook avoidance.
- Many skippers made the general statement that they always work to avoid salmon.
- Most respondents commented that weather in 2018 was typical of a low-ice year. Many people mentioned the lack of ice and an increase of storms and several people commented that the weather did not impact the salmon avoidance practices.

Notable findings from the vessel master survey for 2017 include:

- There were few notable differences in reported experiences compared to those reported previously for the 2016 fishing year.
- Skippers mentioned Steller sea lion rookery closures more frequently than in previous years.
- As in recent years, many skippers noted that Chinook were more difficult to avoid in the A Season.

Key findings from the vessel master survey for 2012-2016, include:

- The Chinook salmon hard cap, rather than IPA, is viewed as the biggest incentive for avoiding salmon bycatch. For the inshore and mothership sectors, salmon saving credits were initially reported as an important incentive in 2012, but reporting of the importance of this incentive declined over the 2012-2016 period.



- Respondents identified many other incentives other than the IPA plan. The most common response was that operators felt a personal or moral obligation to avoid salmon bycatch. Many respondents stated that this was simply the right thing to do and that they took pride in ensuring their bycatch was minimal.
- Operators are reporting that they are increasingly risk adverse in regards to catching salmon. Many of the strategies for avoiding salmon are associated with increased operating costs such as traveling further and fishing in less productive or lower-value areas.
- Respondents increasingly emphasize the role of information sharing and communication as a primary means of reducing salmon bycatch.
- Operators typically are cautious in starting the A season to avoid Chinook in a period when bycatch can be very high, and start the B season as soon as possible to complete their fishing before the fall when more Chinook are present on the fishing grounds.
- Closures (rolling hotspot and other fixed closures) are often associated with increased travel and operating costs; many vessels report avoiding hotspot closures even if they do not apply to them in order to avoid those identified high-salmon areas.
- Other than Chinook, chum salmon is the most likely species that vessels report alters their fishing strategy.
- Most vessel operators stated that they did not experience any exceptional factors that affected their fishing season for any given year (2012-2016) when they were prompted to explain any unusual circumstances. The exceptional factors that were reported had to do with fishing and/or stock conditions. For example, several respondents complained that there were greater populations of smaller pollock on the fishing grounds; this seemed to be particularly problematic for the CV sector in 2015. Also, squid closures, and to a lesser extent herring closures, emerged as a significant factor impacting fishing in the 2015 B season in the CV sector.

#### 10.5. Vessel Fuel Survey: Summary and Results

Vessel operators are required to report the total annual quantity of fuel loaded onto the vessel, the total cost of that fuel, and the average annual rates of fuel consumption while fishing and transiting while engaged in the pollock fishery. Fuel survey data reported for all catcher vessels (CVs) and catcher-processors (CPs) active in the 2012-2019 Bering Sea AFA pollock fishery are summarized in Table 10.3 below.

The fuel use results indicate a slight increase in average hourly fuel consumption rates among CVs during 2019, to 75 gallons per hour (gph) while fishing and 51 gph while transiting (both within the range of variation observed in previous years of reporting). Average fuel consumption rates among CPs have been much more variable over the 2012 to 2019 period, with consumption rates for fishing and transiting activity reported for 2016 both rising to the highest levels reported for the sector prior to that year, to 297 gph and 282 gph, respectively. During 2019, fuel consumption rates reported for the CP sector were virtually unchanged from 2018, at 279 gph on average for fishing activity (approximately equal to the average over the sector's rates reported for 2012 through 2015, and reduced from the average rate reported in 2016 by 6%), and 285 gph on average while transiting.

Annual fuel cost for both sectors was virtually unchanged from the previous year in 2019 as a result of decreased cost per gallon, offsetting increased total volume of fuel purchased in both sectors. In the CP sector, the average quantity of fuel purchased during 2019 increased by nearly 11% to 1.64 million gallons per vessel, substantially higher than annual fuel quantities reported in all previous years, while average fuel cost reported declined slightly, from \$3.9 million to \$3.8 million. Annual fuel quantities and costs in the CV sector saw similar changes during 2019, with average gallons per vessel increasing from 2018 by 5% to 146 thousand gallons, and cost per vessel decreasing by 1% to \$382 thousand. Note that average fuel cost per gallon in each sector can be calculated from fuel survey data (not shown in table), and indicate that average fuel price paid by the CV sector is consistently higher than that paid by the CP sector, with annual average price difference ranging from 10 to 50 cents per gallon, a 17% difference averaging over results reported for 2012 to 2019.

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Table 10.1: Amendment 91 - EDR Submissions

Year	EDRs certified		Certification-only EDRs		EDRs - data submitted		CTR forms completed	
	AFA Entities	Vessel Owners	AFA Entities	Vessel Owners	AFA Entities	Vessel Owners	AFA Entities	Vessel Owners
2012	16	118	16	33	0	85	0	0
2013	16	109	16	24	0	85	0	0
2014	17	103	17	28	0	75	0	0
2015	13	85	13	23	0	62	0	0
2016	13	84	13	19	0	65	0	0
2017	14	82	14	21	0	61	0	0
2018	13	81	13	20	0	61	0	0
2019	14	69	14	16	0	53	0	0

**Notes:** The general decline in EDR submissions from 2012 to 2017, and in particular, between 2014 and 2015, is primarily the result of changes in administrative procedures implemented by PSMFC to reduce duplication and improve efficiency for EDR submitters, and as information on vessel ownership and management roles has improved. While timely submission of all required A91 EDR forms has varied, overall compliance with A91 EDR requirements has not declined over time, and instances of non-compliance encountered have been incidental and generally resolved with clarified communication. See Fuel Survey counts below for the number vessels for which Vessel Fuel Survey forms have been completed, which been relatively constant from 2012 to current.

The decline in 'EDRs - data submitted' counts over time largely reflects an increase in consolidated vessel owner EDR submissions, in which data forms for multiple vessels are submitted using a single EDR userid. For each AFA vessel, PSMFC assigns a unique EDR userid that is mailed to the vessel owner, such that multi-vessel owners receive notifications and EDR userids for each vessel that they own. For the sake of convenience, the EDR web portal allows a vessel owner to consolidate and submit Vessel Fuel Survey and Vessel Master Survey form data for one or more vessels using one EDR userid. Unused EDR userids associated with consolidated vessel-owner EDR submissions are excluded in counts of 'EDRs-certified' shown in the table. Note that certification-only submissions cannot be consolidated, as reflected by the relative consistency in 'Certification-only EDRs' counts over time.

From the initial implementation of the A91 EDR for calendar year 2012 through 2014, PSMFC assigned and delivered unique EDR userids to all AFA vessel owners identified in AKRO's vessel owner registry, including the primary managing owner and in some cases one or more secondary, non-managerial owner. As information has improved regarding primary versus secondary owners, PSMFC has limited distribution of EDR notifications to primary owners, and the decline from 118 EDRs certified by vessel owners for 2012 to 85 for 2015 reflects this change. Also note that AFA Mothership owners are subject to A91 EDR requirements under 50 CFR 679.65(b), but are exempt from fuel and vessel master data reporting requirements that are limited to pollock harvesting vessels; voluntary submission of fuel and vessel master surveys by owners of AFA motherships for 2012 to 2014 are included in 'EDRs - data submitted' counts for those years.

The A91 EDR "certification" requirement specified in 50 CFR 679.65(b)(1) encompasses all AFA vessel owners and the designated representatives of all Amendment 91 Incentive Plan Agreements, AFA Sectors, AFA Inshore Harvest Cooperatives, and CDQ groups that receive BSAI pollock allocation: "An owner or leaseholder of an AFA permitted vessel and the representative of any entity that received an allocation of Chinook salmon PSC from NMFS must submit a CTR, Part 1, each calendar year, for the previous calendar year". Using contact information maintained by NMFS Alaska Region, Pacific State Marine Fisheries Commission (PSMFC, acting as NMFS EDR Data Collection Agent) annually distributes notices to all persons subject to the certification requirement, with instructions for submitting an A91 EDR online using an assigned EDR userid and password. Counts of 'EDRs certified' represent the number of EDR userids assigned to vessel owners and AFA entities that were used to complete the A91 EDR certification requirement for each year. Counts of 'Certification-only EDRs' represent the subset of certified EDR submissions for which no completed EDR data forms were required, and 'EDRs - data submitted' reports the number of assigned EDR userids for which one or more EDR data forms were completed. As shown under 'CTR Forms Completed', no compensated transfers of Chinook salmon PSC as defined under 50 CFR 679.65(b)(2) have been reported in the Compensated Transfer Report portion of the A91 EDR data collection.

**Source:** Amendment 91 Chinook salmon Economic ~~202~~ Reports.

Table 10.2: A91 EDR Vessel Fuel Survey and Vessel Master Survey Submissions

Year	Fuel Survey Count		Master Survey Count	
	CP	CV+MS	CP	CV+MS
2012	14	92	17	117
2013	15	89	18	115
2014	15	87	18	107
2015	14	83	17	104
2016	14	87	17	100
2017	14	84	17	99
2018	14	80	15	96
2019	14	72	14	83

**Notes:** Combined counts shown under "CV+MS" in the table includes EDR forms submitted on a voluntary basis for AFA Mothership vessels during 2012 through 2014.

**Source:** Amendment 91 Chinook salmon Economic Data Reports.

Table 10.3: Vessel Fuel Survey Summary Results

Year	Vessels	Annual average fuel consumption rate (gallons per hour), mean (sd)		Annual Fuel Use, mean (sd)	
		Fishing	Transiting	Gallons (1,000)	Cost (\$1,000)
2012	14	284 (40)	255 (59)	1,168 (181)	\$4,643 (656)
2013	15	290 (70)	249 (83)	1,171 (318)	\$4,554 (1,154)
2014	15	277 (61)	249 (79)	1,396 (395)	\$5,089 (1,296)
CP 2015	14	284 (40)	270 (82)	1,438 (368)	\$3,470 (754)
2016	14	297 (32)	282 (85)	1,393 (378)	\$2,681 (760)
2017	13	278 (31)	281 (64)	1,572 (399)	\$3,425 (804)
2018	13	278 (35)	279 (50)	1,481 (262)	\$3,869 (689)
2019	14	278 (34)	284 (54)	1,641 (366)	\$3,819 (874)
2012	90	75 (38)	51 (30)	160 (99)	\$704 (431)
2013	85	73 (34)	51 (28)	154 (85)	\$652 (361)
2014	85	74 (34)	51 (27)	143 (74)	\$582 (301)
CV 2015	83	76 (36)	52 (29)	131 (52)	\$388 (160)
2016	87	75 (34)	51 (27)	117 (44)	\$241 (90)
2017	84	74 (34)	50 (27)	120 (53)	\$284 (133)
2018	80	75 (35)	51 (27)	139 (65)	\$392 (189)
2019	71	80 (71)	62 (93)	146 (67)	\$382 (172)

**Notes:** All dollar values are inflation-adjusted to 2019-equivalent value. Data reported for mothership vessels is excluded from the statistics reported in the table above.

**Source:** Amendment 91 Chinook salmon Economic Data Reports.

## **11. GULF OF ALASKA GROUNDFISH TRAWL FISHERY - SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC INDICATORS FOR THE CATCHER VESSEL FLEET AND PROCESSING SECTOR**

This section of the Groundfish Economic Status Report provides a brief summary of cost, employment, and earnings information associated with commercial fishing and processing industry operations in the groundfish trawl fisheries of the central and western Gulf of Alaska (GOA). Beginning in 2015, the GOA Groundfish Trawl Economic Data Report (EDR) data collection program has collected annual census data from trawl catcher vessels, catcher-processors, and share-based processors active in GOA groundfish fisheries. The EDR program was developed by the Council to collect baseline cost and employment data from vessels and processors in advance of FMP amendments intended to rationalize the GOA groundfish trawl fisheries and improve bycatch avoidance (79 FR 71313); although Council action on GOA rationalization was suspended in December 2016, the GOA Trawl EDR represents an effort to improve the quality of information describing baseline economic conditions that was not available in the implementation of earlier catch share programs.<sup>1</sup> As with all EDR data collections developed by the Council, the program is implemented jointly by the Alaska Fisheries Science Center (AFSC) and Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission (PSMFC).

The GOA Trawl EDR is comprised of data collections targeting the three respective sectors of the fishery. The Annual Trawl Catcher Vessel EDR and Annual Shoreside Processor EDR were designed by the Council to collect selected data elements from the respective populations that would capture key operating cost and employment conditions that were expected to be particularly susceptible to institutional changes associated with rationalization. As such, the GOA Trawl EDR does not collect comprehensive financial and employment data sufficient to support monitoring and assessment of general economic conditions in the respective industry sectors. In particular, the scope of data captured in the EDR is as follows:

The Trawl CV EDR form is required for all trawl catcher vessels that harvested groundfish in the GOA during the previous year, and collects the following data elements:

- Estimated market value and replacement value of vessel;
- Fishing gear costs - total direct capitalized expenditures and fully expensed costs for purchase, lease, installation and repair of a) salmon and halibut excluder gear, and b) trawl gear (including excluder gear other than salmon and halibut);
- Annual total fuel and lubrication cost and gallons;
- Total labor payments to a) crew and b) captain (total of final settlement payments), and number of crew, for GOA groundfish only;
- ADF&G commercial crew license number or CFEC gear operator permit number, by individual crew member that worked on vessel during GOA groundfish trawl fishing.

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<sup>1</sup>At its April, 2019 meeting, the North Pacific Fishery Management Council received a staff discussion paper reviewing the EDR Program, and initiated an analysis of alternatives for amending regulatory requirements associated with the GOA Groundfish Trawl EDR, including potentially discontinuing the data collection. See Item D5 on the April, 2019 Council meeting agenda for more information. <https://meetings.npfmc.org/Meeting/Details/583>.

The Annual Shoreside Processor EDR form is required from all shore-based processors that receive and process groundfish from GOA trawl fisheries. The form collects the following data elements:

- Estimated market value; borough assessed value or replacement value;
- Municipal water utility consumption, gallons and cost, by month, for Kodiak plants only;
- Municipal electrical utility consumption, kilowatt-hours and cost, by month, for Kodiak plants only;
- Processing labor gross wages and hours, by month and housing-status (housed, non-housed), for groundfish processing only;
- Number of processing employees, by month, for groundfish only;
- Non-processing employment, number employed, total wages and salaries, annual total.

In addition, trawl CPs active in GOA groundfish fisheries are required to submit the Annual Trawl CP EDR, which collects more comprehensive financial and other data; with the exception of one CP that operates exclusively in the GOA, all other trawl CPs active in the GOA are part of the Amendment 80 CP fleet that also operate in the Bering Sea. Section 9 of the Economic SAFE Report provides a more complete presentation of EDR data representing the trawl CP fleet, and this section of the Economic Status Report is limited to the GOA groundfish trawl catcher vessel and shore-based processing sectors. For the current edition, the analysis is limited to presentation of catcher vessel sector employment and wages, including regional and community-level detail, and annual vessel expenditures on fuel and trawl gear. In future editions, the authors intend to develop a more integrated analysis of economic and social indicators for all sectors of the fishery and affected communities.

**NOTE:** As of the completion of this report, **EDR forms reporting for the 2019 calendar year remain outstanding and have yet to be submitted for nine (9) catcher vessels and one (1) shoreside processor.** PSMFC has made consistent efforts to communicate with EDR submitters regarding the need for timely completion of EDR submissions, and entities with outstanding GOA Trawl EDR submissions have been contacted by NMFS Alaska Region. However, noncompliance with GOA Trawl EDR requirements during 2019 has not been resolved to-date, and may be subject to enforcement action by NMFS OLE. As such, **statistics reported for 2019 for the GOA catcher vessel sector in the following sections represent preliminary results based on incomplete data collection for the 2019 calendar year.** Results for the shoreside processing sector are withheld from the report pending completed data collection due to concerns regarding protection of confidential data.

### 11.1. Harvest Sector Employment

Trawl catcher vessel crew employment and revenue share earnings for 2015 to 2019 are shown in Table 11.1, noting that statistics reported for the 55 vessels for which 2019 EDR data are available reflect substantial outstanding EDR submissions for the year, and are incomplete pending completion of 2019 EDR forms for as many as nine additional catcher vessels.

The number of vessels operating in GOA groundfish fisheries over the period prior to 2019 ranged from 63 to 66, and declined from 64 to 63 in 2018. Note that, for a given vessel, ‘crew positions’ is

the typical number of crew members onboard the vessel at one time, i.e., the ‘size’ of the vessel’s crew, whereas ‘crew employed’ is the (likely larger) number of distinct individuals employed by the vessel over the course of a year. Fleet aggregate crew positions declined from 279 in 2015 to 238 in 2018, while the number of crew employed in the fleet during each year has increased over the same period from 358 to 404, suggesting that crew turnover has increased concurrent with an overall decline in the aggregate size of the crew over all vessels.<sup>2</sup>

The total value of annual share payments to crew and captains aggregated over the fleet declined consistently between 2016 to 2018, from a high of \$14.7 million to \$13.3 million in payments to crew members, and from \$9.8 million to \$8.6 million in payments to vessel captains in 2018; among the 55 vessels reporting for 2019 (pending completion of outstanding EDR submissions), aggregate crew share payments totaled \$10.7 million and captain share payments totaled \$6.7 million. Noting that median values for 2019, though incomplete, are likely indicative of changes across the fleet as a whole, the median number of crew positions has remained stable at 4, with the number of crew employed increasing to 6 per-vessel in 2018 from 5 during each of the previous years, and declining again to 5 in 2019. Total non-captain share payment for the median vessel has consistently declined over the period, from \$214 thousand in 2015 to \$171 thousand in 2018, and \$144 thousand in 2019, and on a per-crew position basis, from \$53 thousand in 2015 to \$43 thousand in 2018, and \$36 thousand in 2019. Median captain share payment has generally followed the same trend, declining from \$146 thousand in 2015 to \$124 thousand in 2018, and \$91 thousand in 2019.

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<sup>2</sup>For each vessel, the number of ‘crew employed’ is derived from the number of non-captain crew members receiving crew share payments, as reported in Trawl CV EDRs. Also for each vessel, the number of ‘crew positions’ is estimated as the average over all ‘crew size’ entries on the vessel’s fish ticket records for the year, adjusted (less one) to exclude the captain position. At both the vessel and fleet level, ‘crew employed’ is likely to be larger than ‘crew positions’ due to employment turnover during the year. However, if crew turnover includes individual crew members rotating between vessels in the fleet, there will be some double-counting in fleet aggregate ‘crew employed’ values reported in Table 11.1. Also note that the aggregate crew employment counts reported in Table 11.2 are derived from counts of distinct crew members (uniquely identified by crew license number) and aren’t subject to double-counting, but are inclusive of vessel captains and are thus greater than the counts shown in Table 11.1.

Table 11.1: Gulf of Alaska Catcher Vessel Fleet - Aggregate and Median Vessel Crew and Captain Employment and Share Earnings

Year	N	Fleet aggregate				Median vessel				
	Vessels	Crew Employed	Crew Positions	Crew Share (\$million)	Captain Share (\$million)	Crew Employed	Crew Positions	Crew Share (\$1000)	Share Per Position (\$1000)	Captain Share (\$1000)
2015	63	358	279	\$ 14.42	\$ 9.63	5	4	\$ 213.66	\$ 53.41	\$ 146.07
2016	66	385	252	\$ 14.74	\$ 9.78	5	4	\$ 193.88	\$ 48.47	\$ 126.25
2017	64	388	250	\$ 13.87	\$ 8.56	5	4	\$ 172.33	\$ 43.08	\$ 113.01
2018	63	404	238	\$ 13.34	\$ 8.57	6	4	\$ 170.59	\$ 42.65	\$ 124.34
2019	55	319	212	\$ 10.66	\$ 6.65	5	4	\$ 143.96	\$ 35.99	\$ 91.24

**Notes: Statistics reported for 2019 represent preliminary results pending completion of mandatory EDR submission for all catcher vessels active in GOA Trawl fisheries during the 2019 calendar year.**

‘Fleet aggregate’ statistics reported in the table represent the annual aggregate value of reported variables summed over all vessel-level observations in EDR data reported for trawl catcher vessels active in Gulf of Alaska groundfish fisheries for the year; ‘Vessels’ reports the number of vessel-level observations. ‘Median vessel’ statistics represent the average vessel-level value of reported variables; if preferred, arithmetic mean average values can be derived by dividing fleet aggregate values by the number of vessels. ‘Crew employed’ reports the number of individual vessel crew members receiving crew share payments; ‘Crew positions’ reports the average number of fishing crew members aboard the vessel (calculated from crew size data captured in eLandings records) and is smaller than the total number of crew employed due to turnover of crew members on a given vessel during the fishing year. ‘Crew share’ represents the aggregate share settlement payment to all non-Captain crew members of a given vessel, and ‘Share per position’ reports the average amount of share payment paid per crew position. Share payment values are inflation-adjusted using the GDP deflator to 2019-equivalent value, and reported in \$million for fleet aggregate and \$1000 at the median vessel level.

**Source:** GOA Trawl Economic Data Reports and eLandings; source data and compilation are provided by the Alaska Fisheries Information Network (AKFIN).



The spatial distribution of GOA trawl catcher vessel crew employment and wages is reported in Table 11.2, showing the estimated number of individual crew members (including captains) employed by location of residence (as identified from ADF&G commercial crew licenses and CFEC gear permit numbers reported in the CV EDR form), and the relative share of total crew employment and estimated share of total crew and captain share income accruing to residents at the community and regional level. Only four Alaska communities (Anchorage, King Cove, Kodiak, and Sand Point) have accounted for at least 3% of total crew employment in the trawl catcher vessel fleet in one or more year of 2015 to 2019 period. Kodiak represents the largest concentration of crew employment in the fleet, accounting over the period for between 25% and 32% of total employment, and between 101 and 153 individual crew members employed in the fleet. Estimated revenue share earnings paid to Kodiak-resident crew members in the fleet have ranged annually between \$5.9 million and \$7.6 million.<sup>3</sup> The state of Alaska as a whole averages approximately 50% of total crew employment in the GOA groundfish trawl catcher vessel fleet, with an average of 230 crew members per year and \$11 million in crew wages. The state of Oregon averages approximately 19% of crew employments and Washington averages 17%.

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<sup>3</sup>See the table notes for Table 11.2 for qualifications regarding the estimation of crew income by location.

Table 11.2: Gulf of Alaska Catcher Vessel Fleet - Estimated Vessel Crew Employment and Income, by Community of Residence

	Community	2015			2016			2017			2018			2019		
		Employ Count	Employ Share	Income \$mil-lion	Employ Count	Employ Share	Income \$mil-lion	Employ Count	Employ Share	Income \$mil-lion	Employ Count	Employ Share	Income \$mil-lion	Employ Count	Employ Share	Income \$mil-lion
Alaska	Anchorage	13	3 %	\$ 0.77	13	3 %	\$ 0.68	16	3 %	\$ 0.78	9	2 %	\$ 0.42	5	1 %	\$ 0.22
	King Cove	9	2 %	\$ 0.54	21	4 %	\$ 1.10	23	5 %	\$ 1.12	5	1 %	\$ 0.23	2	1 %	\$ 0.09
	Kodiak	99	25 %	\$ 5.89	145	31 %	\$ 7.57	122	27 %	\$ 5.95	147	31 %	\$ 6.87	97	25 %	\$ 4.36
	Sand Point	51	13 %	\$ 3.04	31	7 %	\$ 1.62	29	6 %	\$ 1.41	43	9 %	\$ 2.01	30	8 %	\$ 1.35
	Other Alaska	23	6 %	\$ 1.37	33	7 %	\$ 1.72	45	10 %	\$ 2.19	34	7 %	\$ 1.59	18	5 %	\$ 0.81
	Alaska Total	195	48 %	\$ 11.61	243	52 %	\$ 12.68	235	51 %	\$ 11.46	238	51 %	\$ 11.12	152	39 %	\$ 6.84
Oregon	Lincoln County	57	14 %	\$ 3.39	53	11 %	\$ 2.77	48	10 %	\$ 2.34	56	12 %	\$ 2.62	28	7 %	\$ 1.26
	Other Oregon	32	8 %	\$ 1.90	27	6 %	\$ 1.41	27	6 %	\$ 1.32	35	7 %	\$ 1.63	24	6 %	\$ 1.08
	Oregon Total	89	22 %	\$ 5.30	80	17 %	\$ 4.17	75	16 %	\$ 3.66	91	19 %	\$ 4.25	52	14 %	\$ 2.34
Washington	Bellingham	11	3 %	\$ 0.65	6	1 %	\$ 0.31	4	1 %	\$ 0.20	8	2 %	\$ 0.37	2	1 %	\$ 0.09
	Seattle MSA	27	7 %	\$ 1.61	44	9 %	\$ 2.30	39	8 %	\$ 1.90	34	7 %	\$ 1.59	41	11 %	\$ 1.84
	Other Wash.	32	8 %	\$ 1.90	30	6 %	\$ 1.57	37	8 %	\$ 1.80	31	7 %	\$ 1.45	17	4 %	\$ 0.76
	Wash. Total	70	17 %	\$ 4.17	80	17 %	\$ 4.17	80	17 %	\$ 3.90	73	16 %	\$ 3.41	60	16 %	\$ 2.70
Other	-	35	9 %	\$ 2.08	48	10 %	\$ 2.50	50	11 %	\$ 2.44	42	9 %	\$ 1.96	37	10 %	\$ 1.66
Unknown	-	15	4 %	\$ 0.89	19	4 %	\$ 0.99	20	4 %	\$ 0.98	25	5 %	\$ 1.17	84	22 %	\$ 3.78
All Locations		404	100 %	\$ 24.05	470	100 %	\$ 24.52	460	100 %	\$ 22.43	469	100 %	\$ 21.91	385	100 %	\$ 17.31

**Notes:** Statistics reported for 2019 represent preliminary results pending completion of mandatory EDR submission for all catcher vessels active in GOA Trawl fisheries during the 2019 calendar year.

‘Employ count’ reports the number of individual vessel crew members identified as resident of the listed community or location. ‘Employ share’ reports the proportion of the total vessel employment pool associated by residence with the listed community or location. Statistics are reported for individual communities or community groupings within states (incorporated cities, counties or boroughs, or metropolitan statistical areas (MSAs)) only for communities that represented 3% or greater of the total employment pool in at least one year of reporting; employment and income statistics for residence locations below that threshold are aggregated together as ‘Other (state)’. ‘Other’ references residence locations other than the states of Alaska, Oregon and Washington, and ‘Unknown’ references crew identifier entries where a valid crew license permit number could not be identified from information reported in the EDR.

‘Income’ (reported in \$million, inflation-adjusted using the GDP deflator to 2019-equivalent value) is the estimated amount of vessel labor income, by community/location of residence, that is distributed to vessel crew members in aggregate; the estimate is derived by multiplying aggregate crew and captain labor payments (reported by year in GOA Trawl CV EDR data) by ‘Employ share’ percentage by community/location. This does not control for differentials in proportional residence associations among different crew labor types (i.e., deck crew, captain) and respective pay rates.

**Source:** GOA Trawl Economic Data Reports, ADF&G commercial crew license database, and CFEC gear operator permit database; source data and compilation are provided by the Alaska Fisheries Information Network (AKFIN).

## 11.2. Vessel fuel and trawl gear expenditures

Vessel fuel consumption and cost, and expenditures on trawl gear and salmon and halibut excluder gear are reported in Table 11.3. Aggregate fuel consumption in the fleet over the 2015 to 2018 period peaked at 5.1 million gallons per year in 2018, and 87 thousand gallons on a median basis, with fuel costs peaking in 2018 at \$14.7 million in aggregate and \$257 thousand on a median basis; median values among the 55 vessels completing EDR submissions for 2019 indicate a decline in fuel consumption and cost from the 2018 peak values. The majority of vessels have reported some expenditure on trawl gear each year, with fleet aggregate expenditure ranging from \$4.2 million to \$5.6 million. In each year of EDR reporting, fewer than half of the fleet has reported expenditures on salmon and halibut excluder gear, and in 2018, only 14 of 63 vessels reported excluder costs; in aggregate over the fleet, expenditures have ranged annually from \$135 thousand to \$265 thousand, with the median value of \$4.8 thousand reported for 2019 representing a substantial decline from previous years. As noted above, trawl gear expenditures as reported in the GOA Trawl CV EDR include the total over all direct capitalized expenditures during the year, as well as fully expensed costs for purchase, lease, installation and repair.

Table 11.3: Gulf of Alaska Catcher Vessel Fleet - Fuel and Gear Costs

Year	Vessels		Fuel gallons (1000)		Fuel cost (\$1000)		Excluder gear (\$1000)			Trawl gear (\$1000)		
	N	Total	Median	Total	Median	Non-zero N	Total	Median	Non-zero N	Total	Median	
2015	63	4,730	63.04	\$ 13,789	\$ 189.13	25	\$ 215	\$ 6.84	61	\$ 5,588	\$ 61.57	
2016	66	4,983	62.20	\$ 12,054	\$ 180.12	27	\$ 275	\$ 7.39	63	\$ 5,514	\$ 45.96	
2017	65	4,421	52.54	\$ 11,625	\$ 164.86	19	\$ 198	\$ 6.49	62	\$ 4,241	\$ 43.87	
2018	63	5,098	87.08	\$ 14,715	\$ 257.36	14	\$ 140	\$ 8.77	60	\$ 4,561	\$ 48.84	
2019	55	4,013	75.45	\$ 11,663	\$ 226.35	16	\$ 182	\$ 4.83	51	\$ 3,787	\$ 44.00	

**Notes: Statistics reported for 2019 represent preliminary results pending completion of mandatory EDR submission for all catcher vessels active in GOA Trawl fisheries during the 2019 calendar year.**

‘Total’ statistics reported in the table represent the annual aggregate value of reported variables summed over all vessel-level observations in EDR data reported for trawl catcher vessels active in Gulf of Alaska groundfish fisheries for the year; ‘Vessels’ reports the number of vessel-level observations. ‘Median’ statistics represent the average vessel-level value of reported variables; if preferred, arithmetic mean average values can be derived by dividing fleet aggregate values by the number of vessels or Non-zero observations for the variable. Fuel and gear cost values are inflation-adjusted using the GDP deflator to 2019-equivalent value, and reported in \$1000 for both fleet aggregate total and vessel-median levels.

**Source:** GOA Trawl Economic Data Reports; source data and compilation are provided by the Alaska Fisheries Information Network (AKFIN).