

2023 American Fisheries Act Catcher Vessel Intercooperative Annual Report

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Section 2. Bering Sea Pollock Fishery

All AFA catcher vessel coops landed all pollock inside the State of Alaska in 2023.

One vessel retired and named a replacement vessel within Unalaska coop.

One vessel moved from Peter Pan Coop to Open Access*

96 AFA CVs in total
85 AFA Inshore CVs

13 Dual Qualified CVs

Table 2.1

Source: Annual Catcher Vessel Coop Reports & NMFS

2023 AFA CATCHER VESSEL COOPERATIVES' POLLOCK ALLOCATIONS AND DIRECTED FISHING HARVESTS					
Cooperative	Number of Vessels in Coop	Annual Allocation Percentage	Annual Allocation in Metric Tons (w/Al Rollover)	Harvest in Metric Tons	Over / (Under) Allocation
INSHORE CATCHER VESSEL COOPERATIVES					
Akutan Catcher Vessel Assoc.	34	33.788%	191,341	191,171	(170)
Arctic Enterprise Assoc.	0	0.000%	0	0	0
Northern Victor Fleet Cooperative	16	10.773%	61,008	60,305	(703)
Peter Pan Fleet Cooperative	7	1.483%	8,400	7,340	(1,060)
Unalaska Fleet Cooperative	8	11.454%	64,862	64,851	(11)
Unisea Fleet Cooperative	12	22.094%	125,119	125,076	(43)
Westward Fleet Cooperative	8	19.380%	109,747	109,730	(17)
Inshore Totals*	85	98.97%	560,477	558,472	(2,005)
OFFSHORE CATCHER VESSEL COOPERATIVES					
Mothership Fleet Cooperative	19	10.0% of DFA	113,260	112,694	(566)
High Seas Catchers Cooperative	5	3.4% of DFA	38,508	Details of the HSCC pollock harvest are covered in the joint PCC and HSCC report	

* 2023 Inshore AFA Coop Totals do not include the AFA Inshore Open Access

Section 2.

Bering Sea Pollock Fishery

Salmon Bycatch Reduction Measures

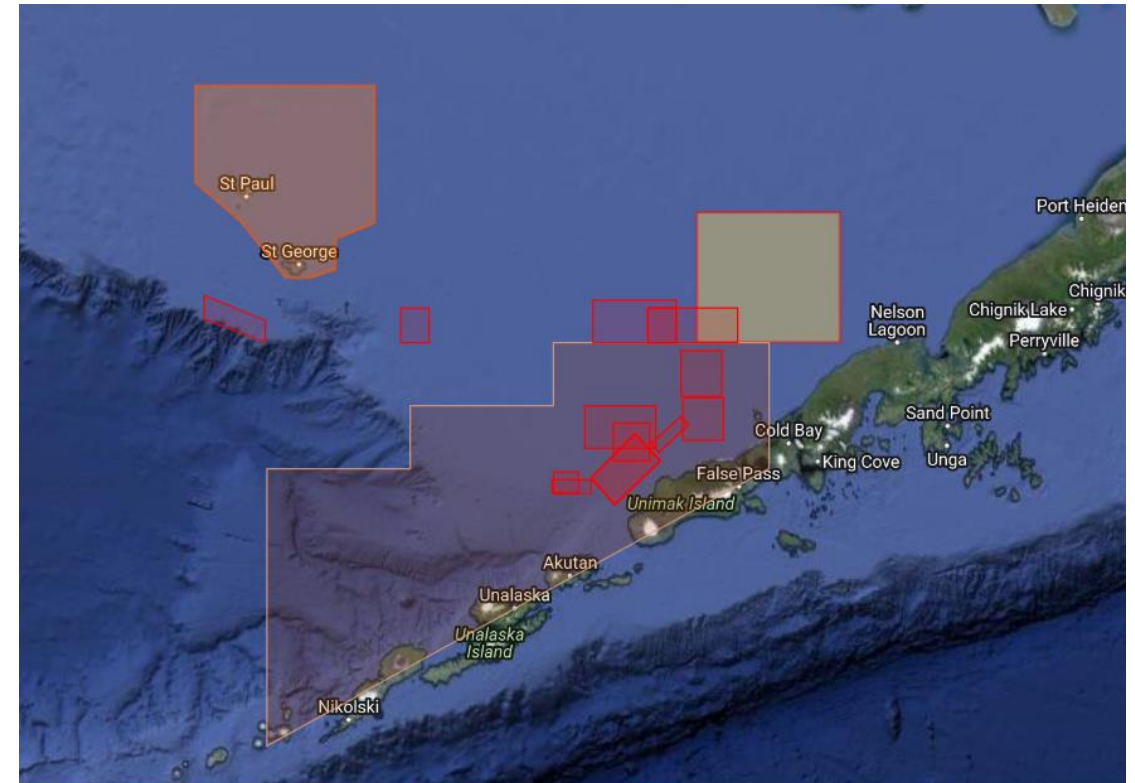
All AFA CVs were members to the Incentive Plan Agreements and participated in salmon avoidance measures

The most prominent and known tool in the IPA is Rolling Hot Spot Program.

- 7 Chinook RHS Closure in A Season
- 6 Chum RHS closures in B Season

Salmon Excluder Use both seasons.

No incursions or restrictions exceeded



Detailed 2023 IPA Reports can be found under Council Agenda C2 and on posted on the [Council's website](#).

Section 2.

Bering Sea Pollock Fishery

Salmon Bycatch Reduction Measures

The 2022 Three River Index fell below the 250,000 fish threshold

BSAI Pollock Fishery - 2023

- Overall Limit was 45,000 Chinook
- Overall Performance Standard was 33,318 Chinook.

AFA CVs – Inshore & Mothership - 2023

- 2023 Inshore Sector Limit – 25,020 Chinook
- 2023 Inshore Performance Standard – 18,525 Chinook
- 2023 Mothership Limit – 3,510 Chinook
- 2023 Mothership Performance Standard – 2,599 Chinook

Table 2.2 Source: Annual IPA and Coop Reports

2023 AFA Catcher Vessel Salmon Bycatch in Pollock		
IPA Group	Chinook Bycatch	Chum Bycatch
Inshore Chinook Salmon Savings Incentive Plan Agreement (ISSIP)*	5,241	66,659
Mothership Salmon Savings Incentive Plan (MSSIP)	918	19,125
Chinook Salmon Bycatch Reduction Plan and Agreement (HSCC only)	0	0
	(No HSCC vessels fished BS pollock in 2023)	

*AFA Inshore Open Access vessels are members to the Inshore IPA therefore salmon bycatch from Open Access is included

Section 3. Sideboard Fishery Management

BSAI Groundfish Sideboard Harvest

The BSAI Pacific Cod Fishery is the only eligible directed AFA Sideboard fishery in the BSAI region.

No Vessel or Coop exceeded its sideboard limit.

2023 will be the last year with an AFA BSAI directed P.Cod sideboard fishery due to the implementation of PCTC Program in 2024

(T.L.A.S. Yellowfin Sole fishery is not a sideboarded fishery)

**Table 3.1a. 2023 BSAI DIRECTED PCOD
SIDEBOARD Fishery**

Source: Sea State & Annual AFA Coop Reports

Coop	Coop Sideboard Percentage	Annual Sideboard Limits (mt)	Sideboard Limit Transfers	Final Sideboard Limits	Directed Catch	Unharvested Sideboard Limits
Akutan CV Assoc.	31.47%	7,263	0	7,262.96	7,104.35	158.61
HSCC	10.57%	2,439	-350	2,089.45	575.00	1,514.45
MS Fleet Cooperative	14.99%	3,460	350	3,809.54	2,033.38	1,776.16
N. Victor Cooperative	13.32%	3,074	-100	2,974.12	2,139.82	834.30
Peter Pan Coop	0.50%	115	100	215.40	88.68	126.72
Unalaska Fleet Coop	8.13%	1,876	351	2,227.32	403.55	1,823.77
Unisea Fleet Coop	10.76%	2,483	0	2,483.30	1,796.00	687.30
Westward Fleet Coop	8.49%	1,959	-351	1,608.41	1,080.00	528.41
Intercoop Totals	98%	23,079	0.00	23,079	15,221	7,450

Section 3. Sideboard Fishery Management PSC Catch - BSAI

Table 3.2a

Data supplied by Annual Coop Reports

2023 BSAI AFA CATCHER VESSEL AGGREGATE PSC SIDEBOARD CATCH					
PSC Species	Target Fishery	Sideboard Limit	Aggregate PSC Mortality		Over / (Under) Sideboard Limit
Halibut	Pacific Cod, Trawl	887	102.31		(785)
	Yellowfin Sole	101	0.22		(101)
	Pollock/A.Mack/O.Species*	5	0		(5)
Red King Crab, Zone 1	All AFA CV BSAI Fisheries (except pollock)	8,544	Cod (all areas)	5	(8,539)
			YFS (all areas)	0	
C.Opilio, COBLZ	All AFA CV BSAI Fisheries (except pollock)	652,604	Cod (all areas)	1	(652,565)
			YFS (all areas)	38	
C.Bairdi, Zone 1 & 2	All AFA CV BSAI Fisheries (except pollock)	244,593	Cod (all areas)	247	(661,980)
		418,567	YFS (all areas)	933	

*Does not include MW Pollock - 679.21(e)(3)(iv)(F)

Section 3. Sideboard Fishery Management

GOA Groundfish Fishery Sideboard Harvest

- The 2023 GOA Sideboard fisheries effort was conducted by 3 vessels from 2 cooperatives.

Table 3.1b.- 2023 GOA Directed Sideboard Harvests and Limits

Fishery	Coops with GOA Harvest	Season	Coop Harvest	Total AFA Non-Exempt Harvest	2023 Total AFA CV Sideboard Limit	(Under) / Over Sideboard Limit
610 Pollock	Northern Victor	B	1465.17	1,465	16,301	(14,836)
620 Pollock	Northern Victor	A	1350.43	1,350	8,986	(7,636)
630 Pollock	Northern Victor	A	129.58	3,038	6,840	(3,802)
		B	770.57			
	Unalaska	A	245.24			
		B	1892.50			
640 Pollock	Unalaska	Annual	126.31	126	2,629	(2,503)
CGOA Arrowtooth	Unalaska	Annual	259.57	260	1,820	(1,560)

Section 3. Sideboard Fishery Management PSC Catch - GOA

Table 3.2b

Data supplied by Annual Coop Reports

2023 GOA NON-EXEMPT AFA CATCHER VESSEL PSC SIDEBOARD CATCH				
PSC Species	Target Fishery	Sideboard Limit	Aggregate PSC Catch	Over / (Under) Sideboard Limit
Halibut (mortality in metric tons)	Trawl, 1st Season Allowance			
	Shallow water Targets	131.0	0.02	(131.0)
	Deep water Targets	9.0		(9.0)
	Trawl, 2nd Season Allowance			
	Shallow water Targets	29.0	0.03	(29.0)
	Deep water Targets	18.0	0.98	(17.0)
	Trawl, 3rd Season Allowance			
	Shallow water Targets	41.0		(41.0)
	Deep water Targets	24.0		(24.0)
	Trawl, 4th Season Allowance			
	Shallow water Targets	18.0		(18.0)
	Deep water Targets	5.0		(5.0)
	Trawl, 5th Season Allowance			
	All Targets	52.0		(52.0)

Shallow water Targets	Pollock, cod, shallow-water flatfish, flathead sole, atka mackerel, and "other species".
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Deep water Targets	Sablefish, rockfish, deep-water flatfish, rex sole, and arrowtooth flounder.
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Table 3.2c

Data supplied by Annual Coop Reports

2023 GOA AFA Non-Exempt CATCHER VESSEL CHINOOK PSC CATCH in Pollock		
Area	Fishery Limit	AFA CV Catch
CGOA	18,316	302
WGOA	6,684	22

Section 3. PSC Catch – BSAI

Table 3.2d Data supplied by Annual Coop Reports & Sea State

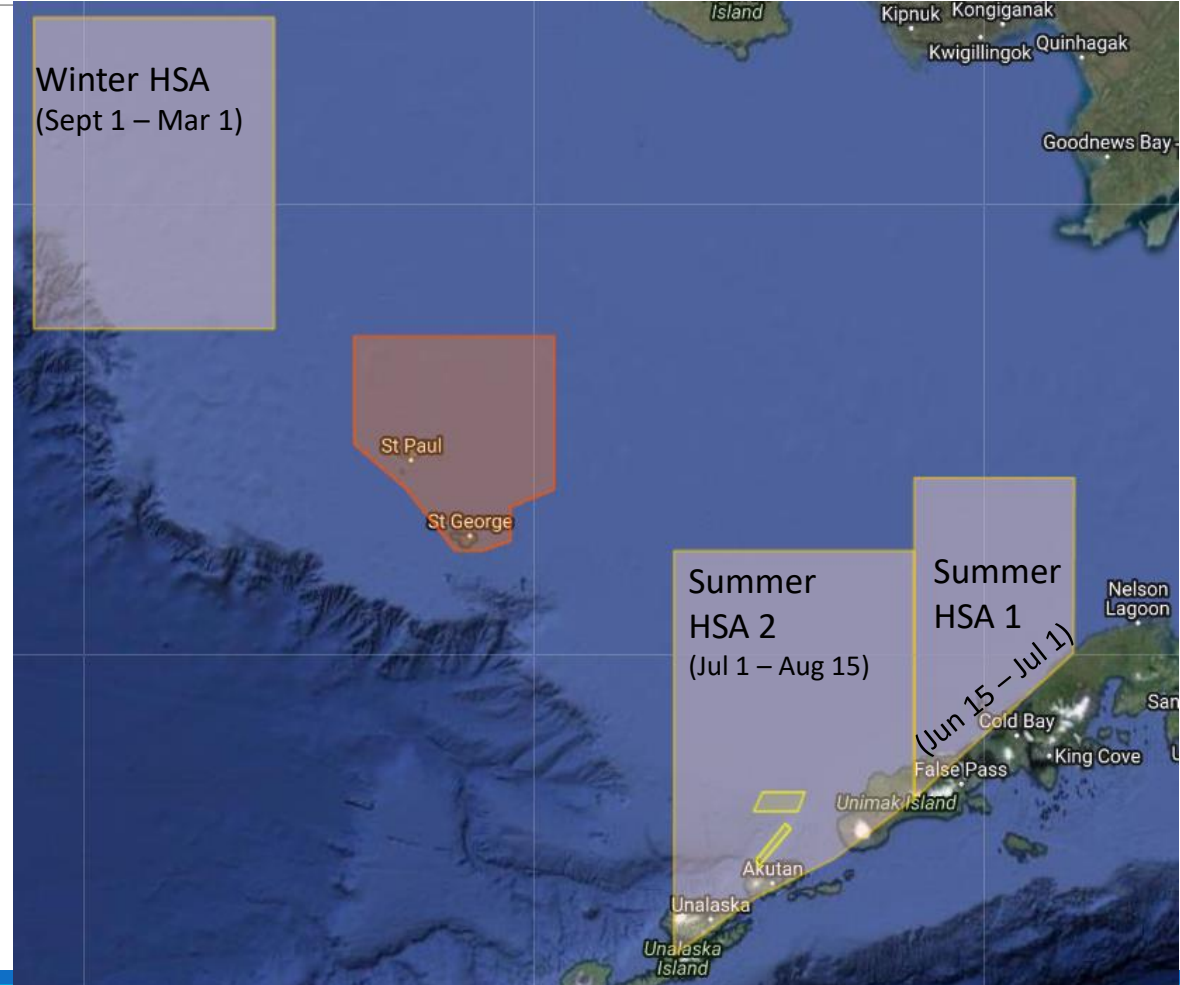
2023 BSAI AFA CATCHER VESSEL PSC CATCH POLLOCK FISHERY**		
PSC Species	Target Fishery	Aggregate Bycatch
Herring	Pollock	2,655
Halibut	Pollock	16
Total Sablefish*	Pollock	444

* Sablefish did not go to "No Retention" in 2023

** PSC catch from Open Access pollock fishing not included

2 Voluntary Herring Avoidance Areas (8/28 – 9/4)

- Full Compliance



Supplemental Documents and Info

The 2023 AFA CV Intercoop Agreement can be found in Appendix 1 of the AFA CV IC Report.

The full 2023 AFA CV Intercoop Report can be found on the [Council's website](#) under AFA Cooperative Reports.

Given the implementation of the PCTC program there was an extensive amendment to the 2024 AFA CV Intercoop Agreement. Those amendments will be presented next year.

Questions???