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Flatfish Flexibility Program

Overview of the Implementation of Amendment
105 to the BSAI FMP

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Background

- Council took Final Action April 2013
- Proposed Rule published June 30, 2014
 - *79 FR 36702*
- Final Rule published September 23, 2014
 - *79 FR 56671*
- Effective October 23, 2014 to be implemented in the 2015 fishing year

Example of Allocation of TAC

- ICA, CDQ, Amendment 80, and BSAI Trawl Limited Access Fishery Allocations for Flathead Sole, Rock Sole, and Yellowfin Sole Using Proposed 2015 Harvest Specification Amounts in Metric Tons

Species	TAC	Incidental catch amount	CDQ Program (10.7 %)	Amendment 80 Program	BSAI Trawl Limited Access Fishery
Flathead sole	25,129	5,000	2,689	17,440	0
Rock sole	85,000	10,000	9,095	65,905	0
Yellowfin sole	187,000	2,400	20,009	133,812	30,779

Yellowfin Sole Catch Data in metric tons

*Amendment 80 catch data is considered confidential and is not reported below. Therefore, this table includes only the Yellowfin Sole catch by the BSAI Trawl Limited Access sector.

Year	Allocation	Total Catch	TAC Remaining	Percent caught
2008	50,512	19,382	31,130	38
2009	39,154	10,394	28,760	27
2010	22,369	19,485	2,884	87
2011	32,153	25,375	6,778	79
2012	36,297	28,501	7,796	79
2013	34,868	34,786	82	100
2014	29,707	27,615	2,092	93

Implementation

- Modifications to Harvest Specification Process
 - Define an ABC surplus for flathead sole, rock sole, and yellowfin sole in the BSAI

$$\text{ABC-TAC} = \text{ABC surplus}$$

- Define an ABC reserve amount for flatfish exchanges

$$\text{ABC surplus} - (\text{discretionary buffer}) = \text{ABC reserve}$$

Example of Flatfish Exchange Program

Example Allocation of ABC surplus, ABC Reserve, CDQ ABC Reserve, and Amendment 80 ABC Reserve Using Proposed 2015 Harvest Specification Amounts in Metric Tons.

Species	OFL	ABC	TAC	ABC Surplus (ABC-TAC)	ABC Reserve *no buffer	CDQ ABC Reserve (10.7 % of ABC Reserve)	Amendment 80 ABC Reserve (89.3 % of ABC Reserve)
Flathead sole	77,023	66,127	25,129	38,998	38,998	4,173	34,825
Rock sole	213,310	190,100	85,000	105,100	105,100	11,245	93,854
Yellowfin sole	268,900	248,300	187,000	61,300	61,300	6,559	54,741

Example CDQ ABC Reserve

Species	CDQ ABC Reserve	CDQ Group and Allocation of CDQ ABC Reserve					
		APICDA	BBEDC	CBSFA	CVRF	NSEDC	YDFDA
Flathead sole	3,572	716 (20.05%)	753 (21.09%)	314 (8.87%)	535 (14.98%)	534 (14.96%)	716 (20.05%)
Rock sole	11,246	2,707 (24.07%)	2,586 (23.00%)	895 (7.96%)	1,233 (10.96%)	1,233 (10.96%)	2,593 (23.06%)
Yellowfin sole	6,559	1,817 (27.71%)	1,569 (23.92%)	525 (8.00%)	417 (6.35%)	478 (7.29%)	1,753 (26.72%)

Example of Amendment 80 ABC Reserve

Species	Amendment 80 ABC Reserve	Amendment 80 Cooperative Allocation of Amendment 80 ABC Reserve	
		Alaska Groundfish Cooperative (AGC)	Alaska Seafood Cooperative (ASC)
Flathead sole	34,825	3,572 (10.26%)	31,253 (89.74%)
Rock sole	93,854	23,217 (24.74%)	70,637 (75.26%)
Yellowfin sole	54,741	21,750 (39.73%)	32,991 (60.27%)

Approval of an Inseason Exchange

- Amendment 80 Cooperatives & CDQ groups would have to apply to NMFS
- Any exchange would need to be published in Federal Register before it is effective
- Each participant is limited to 3 exchanges
- 6 CDQ groups + 2 A80 Co-ops X 3 exchanges =
Total of 24 possible exchanges each fishing year

Example of an Inseason Flatfish Exchange

Flatfish Exchange by an Amendment 80 Cooperative (ASC)

Species	Before Exchange		Exchange		After Exchange	
	ASC ABC Reserve Before Flatfish Exchange	ASC CQ Before Flatfish Exchange	Adjustment to ABC Reserve Amount	Adjustment to CQ Amount	ASC ABC Reserve After Flatfish Exchange	ASC CQ After Flatfish Exchange
Flathead sole	31,253	15,651	+1,500	-1,500	32,753 (+1,500)	14,151 (-1,500)
Rock sole	70,637	49,602	+2,000	-2,000	72,637 (+2,000)	47,602 (-2,000)
Yellowfin sole	32,991	80,649	-3,500	+3,500	29,491 (-3,500)	84,149 (+3,500)
Sum	134,881	145,902	0	0	134,881	145,902

Questions?