

Agenda B-2 -- Inseason Management Report

Catch during 2024 is through September 21, 2024 and is compared to catch during 2023 through September 23, 2023. All catch amounts are in metric tons. Additional information is available from [daily catch reports and information bulletins](#).

Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands

Bering Sea Pollock

The 2024 Bering Sea pollock TAC is 1,300,000 metric tons (mt) which is the same as the 2023 TAC. For 2024, NMFS reallocated 11,680 mt of Aleut Corporation and 1,900 mt of CDQ projected unharvested AI pollock TAC from the Aleutian Islands to the Bering Sea. The B season opened at noon, A.l.t., June 10, 2024.

Bering Sea	2024 Annual allocation	2024 Annual catch	Percent taken
Inshore	565,840	547,408	97%
CP	452,672	416,860	92%
Mothership	113,168	112,457	99%
CDQ	131,900	131,813	100%
ICA	50,000	39,524	79%
Total	1,313,580	1,248,062	95%

Salmon in the Bering Sea Pollock Fisheries

The Chinook salmon PSC limit is 45,000 Chinook salmon in 2024, and allocated to each sector as specified in 50 CFR 679.21(f)(3)(iii)(A). In 2024 relative to 2023, the total salmon PSC and rates are lower for both Chinook and Non-Chinook.

Species	Chinook				Non-Chinook			
	2024		2023		2024		2023	
Amount	#	Rate ¹	#	Rate ¹	#	Rate ¹	#	Rate ¹
CDQ	748	0.006	1,171	0.009	1,494	0.011	3,430	0.026
AFA	6,826	0.006	10,523	0.009	32,851	0.031	108,060	0.098
Total	7,574	0.006	11,694	0.009	34,345	0.028	111,490	0.090

¹Rate is total salmon per groundfish in the pollock target.

Herring in the BSAI

For the pelagic pollock fishery category, 1,271 mt or 56% of the 2,256 mt PSC herring limit has been reported in the BSAI. For the rock sole/flathead sole/Alaska plaice/“other flatfish” fishery category, 59 mt or 80% of the 74 mt PSC limit has been reported. There have been no closures of the Herring Savings Areas in 2024.

Blackspotted and Rougheye Rockfish

For 2024, the maximum species specific catch recommended in the Western Aleutian Islands is 67 mt. All sectors are requested to avoid blackspotted/rougheye rockfish. A [weekly report](#) is available to monitor total catch of blackspotted/rougheye rockfish in the Western Aleutian Islands.

BSAI Pacific cod by Sector

The 2024 Pacific cod TAC is 147,753 mt in the Bering Sea and 8,080 mt in the Aleutian Islands compared to the 2023 Bering Sea TAC of 127,409 mt and Aleutian Islands TAC of 8,425 mt. The remaining amount of the 2024 total non-CDQ sector annual allocation is 37,664 mt. The remaining non-CDQ Bering Sea TAC is 33,368 mt. This leaves 4,296 mt of the non-CDQ Pacific cod allocation that cannot be caught in the Bering Sea.

BSAI Sector	2024				2023			
	Annual TAC ¹	Catch Sept 21	Closed	# vessels Sept 21	Annual TAC ¹	Catch Sept 23	Closed	# vessels Sept 23
CDQ	16,675	8,740	na	32	14,534	7,718	na	35
Hook-and-line CP	67,370	51,658	na	18	58,672	53,941	na	18
Pot CP	2,075	<1	na	<3	1,807	1,296	na	3
Pot CV >= 60 ft	11,620	4,358	na	7	10,120	7,739	na	22
Hook-and-line CV >= 60 ft	10	0	na	0	11	2	na	<3
Hook-and-line/Pot CVs < 60 ft	5,884	5,231	na	18	5,040	4,366	na	20
Jig	98	0	na	0	98	0	na	0
Trawl CV	29,754	23,921	na	83	24,607	23,367	na	90
AFA CP	1,701	1,019	na	14	2,790	1,952	na	15
Amendment 80 CP	20,147	14,815	na	16	17,654	13,568	na	18
ICA HAL/Pot	500	493		60	500	401		82
Total	155,834	110,235		248	135,833	114,350		303

¹Includes reallocations. See information bulletins at <https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/alaska/sustainable-fisheries/alaska-groundfish-fisheries-management>

Pacific cod directed fishing - trawl CVs and PCTC

2024 was the first year of the Pacific Cod Trawl Cooperative (PCTC) program which occurs during the A and the B seasons. A total of 33 vessels participated and harvested 20,490 mt of the 23,941 mt TAC (86%). Any unharvested portion of the TAC rolled into the CV trawl C season. The C season, which is not a part of the PCTC program, opened at noon, A.l.t., June 10, 2024 and is not expected to close until the regulatory closure at noon, A.l.t., November 1, 2024.

BSAI Flatfish (includes CDQ)

In 2024 relative to 2023, overall BSAI flatfish catch is about 22,000 mt lower, but varies by species. In 2024, arrowtooth flounder and flathead sole has the largest increases in catch, and yellowfin sole has the largest decrease in catch.

Species	2024			2023		
	Catch	TAC	% Taken	Catch	TAC	% Taken
Alaska plaice	8,761	21,752	40%	11,206	17,500	64%
Arrowtooth flounder	8,317	14,000	59%	6,174	15,000	41%
Flathead sole	10,905	35,500	31%	7,899	35,500	22%
Greenland turbot	743	3,188	23%	1,262	3,960	32%
Kamchatka flounder	4,781	7,498	64%	6,790	7,579	90%
Other flatfish	2,890	4,500	64%	2,902	4,500	64%
Rock sole	25,649	66,000	39%	24,065	66,000	36%
Yellowfin sole	59,001	195,000	30%	82,620	230,000	36%
Total	121,047	347,438	35%	142,918	380,039	37%

BSAI Atka mackerel, Pacific ocean perch (POP) includes CDQ, and Trawl Sablefish

The catch of Atka mackerel is higher in 2024 than 2023. BS non-CDQ trawl sablefish catch is similar in both years. Pacific ocean perch and AI non-CDQ trawl sablefish catches are lower in 2024 than 2023.

Species	2024			2023		
	Catch	TAC	% Taken	Catch	TAC	% Taken
Atka mackerel	62,184	72,987	85%	56,955	69,282	82%
Pacific ocean perch	24,733	37,626	66%	31,020	37,703	82%
BS non-CDQ Sablefish-Trawl	2,725	3,998	68%	2,701	3,398	79%
AI non-CDQ Sablefish-Trawl	1,094	2,110	52%	1,287	1,794	72%

Gulf of Alaska

Pacific cod

Some vessels participate in more than one sector.

Pacific cod - Western GOA

Sector	2024				2023			
	Annual allocation	Catch Sept 21	Closed	# of vessels Sept 21	Annual allocation	Catch Sept 23	Closed	# of vessels Sept 23
Hook-and-line CP	1,170	833	na	4	1,438	413	na	4
Hook-and-line CV	83	237	Jan 1	55	516	177	Jan 1	70
Jig	214	17	na	4	131	130	Aug 2	15
Pot CV/CP	2,245	1,262	na	5	1,484	1,000	na	10
Trawl CV	2,268	1,340	na	27	1,531	1,394	Sept 1	26
Trawl CP	142	36	Jan 20	5	122	55	Jan 20	5
Total	6,121	3,725		100	5,223	3,169		130

¹Includes reallocations. See information bulletins at <https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/alaska/sustainable-fisheries/alaska-groundfish-fisheries-management>

Pacific cod - Central GOA

Sector	2024				2023			
	Annual allocation	Catch Sept 21	Closed	# of vessels Sept 21	Annual allocation	Catch Sept 23	Closed	# of vessels Sept 23
Hook-and-line CP	772	495	na	3	562	336	na	4
Hook-and-line CV <50 ft	2,210	1,562	na	124	1,608	1,352	na	139
Hook-and-line CV ≥50 ft	1,015	1,045	Sept 23	69	863	830	Sept 1	77
Jig	309	303	Jul 19	22	246	246	Jun 10	43
Pot CV/CP	4,208	3,994	na	25	3,061	2,614	na	29
Trawl CV	6,293	3,941	Apr 16	38	4,184	3,221	Jan 20	38
Trawl CV - RP	588	339	na	13	424	143	na	18
Trawl CP	635	725	Jan 20	7	597	596	Jan 20	5
Total	16,030	12,404		301	11,545	9,338		353

¹Includes reallocations. See information bulletins at <https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/alaska/sustainable-fisheries/alaska-groundfish-fisheries-management>

Pollock

In the B season pollock target, in Area 610, 24 CVs have reported 12,527 mt, in Area 620, 18 CVs have reported 4,530 mt, and in Area 630, 19 CVs have reported 13,653 mt. The directed pollock fisheries in Areas 620 and 630 closed on September 25 as a result of reaching the CGOA Chinook limit.

2024	610	620	630	640
Annual Allocation	38,882	90,937	50,587	5,565 (annual)
Annual Catch	18,189	71,377	19,760	1,381
Closure	na	Sep 25	Sep 25	na

Chinook Salmon PSC Limits in the GOA

Total 2024 Chinook salmon PSC and rates are higher relative to 2023.

Chinook Salmon	2024 Limit	2024 PSC (Rate ¹)	2023 PSC (Rate ¹)
Total	n/a	24,463 (0.16)	9,485 (0.07)
Western GOA pollock	6,684	2,193 (0.12)	816 (0.06)
Central GOA pollock	18,316	19,868 (0.22)	5,965 (0.07)
Western/Central trawl CV ²	3,060	5 (0.00)	937 (0.26)
Central Rockfish Program CV	1,200	258 (0.03)	743 (0.06)
Western/Central trawl CP ²	4,080	2,139 (0.07)	1,024 (0.04)

¹Rate is number of salmon per metric tons of groundfish.

²The limit include the incentive buffer for 2023 and 2024 Western/Central trawl C/P limit (480 Chinook) and Western/Central trawl CV (360 Chinook).

BSAI and GOA Halibut PSC

In 2024 relative to 2023, the total halibut PSC and total groundfish is lower in the BSAI and higher in the GOA.

Area, Gear, and Sector	2024			2023		
	Halibut mortality	Groundfish	Rate	Halibut mortality	Groundfish	Rate
BSAI Total	1,241	1,606,442	0.08%	1,579	1,655,279	0.10%
Amendment 80	901	241,850	0.37%	1,144	255,981	0.45%
BSAI trawl limited access ¹	136	1,113,369	0.01%	245	1,147,544	0.02%
Non-trawl Pacific cod	115	84,089	0.14%	110	89,527	0.12%
CDQ	89	167,134	0.05%	80	162,227	0.05%
GOA Total	394	194,337	0.20%	263	154,177	0.17%
Trawl, Deep-water	293	40,503	0.72%	144	14,694	0.97%
Trawl, Shallow-water	39	124,900	0.03%	61	105,184	0.06%
Trawl, Rockfish Program	39	24,803	0.16%	35	30,989	0.11%
Hook-and-line	23	4,131	0.56%	23	3,310	0.69%

¹ BSAI trawl limited access includes all trawl except CDQ and A80.