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Agenda B-2: NMFS Management Report

Attachment 2 -- Inseason Management Report

Catch during 2026 is through September 27, 2026 compared to catch during 2025 through September 27, 2025. All catch amounts are in metric tons (mt). Additional information is available from [weekly catch reports](#) and [information bulletins](#). Weekly catch reports are through the most recent week-end-date which ends on Saturday.

Fisheries closed to retention

Several fisheries and stocks/stock complexes have been put on prohibited catch status in 2026. Prohibited catch status means that the stock/stock complex can no longer be retained. This does not prevent catching and discarding. All catch (retained and discarded) accrues towards the total allowable catch (TAC).

- Western and Central Aleutian Islands blackspotted and rougheye rockfish - September 9, 2026
- Aleutian Islands “other rockfish” - September 21, 2026

Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands

Bering Sea Pollock

The 2026 Bering Sea pollock TAC is 1,375,000 mt, the same as 2025. For 2026, NMFS reallocated projected unharvested Community Development Quota (CDQ) pollock TAC 1,900 mt and Aleut Corporation TAC 12,600 mt from the Aleutian Islands to the Bering Sea American Fisheries Act (AFA) sectors. The TACs in table 1 reflect these reallocations. The Bering Sea pollock incidental catch allowance of 46,000 mt is not included in the table.

Table 1. 2026 Bering Sea Pollock Sectors, Allocations and Catch Summaries.

Sector	Harvest	Allocation	Proportion harvested
BS Pollock CDQ	135,687	139,400	0.97
BS Pollock CP	440,891	481,640	0.92
BS Pollock Inshore	495,374	602,050	0.82
BS Pollock Mothership	112,159	120,410	0.93
Total	1,184,111	1,343,500	0.88



Salmon Bycatch in the Bering Sea Pollock Fisheries

The 2026 Chinook salmon PSC limit in the Bering Sea is 45,000 salmon and is allocated to each sector as specified in 50 CFR 679.21(f)(3)(iii)(A). In 2026 relative to 2025, the total salmon PSC and rates are lower for Chinook but higher for non-Chinook (table 2).

There is no non-Chinook PSC limit established for Bering Sea pollock fisheries, however, Amendment 130 establishing non-Chinook PSC limits to reduce bycatch of Western Alaska chum salmon stocks during the BSAI pollock fishery is expected to be implemented for the B season in 2028.

Table 2. Chinook and non-chinook count and rates for the Bering Sea Pollock sectors in 2025 and 2026.

Salmon species	Management program	Count 2025	Rate 2025 ¹	Count 2026	Rate 2026 ¹
Chinook	AFA	15,683	0.0141	10,921	0.0103
Chinook	CDQ	1,493	0.0108	1,087	0.0079
Non-chinook	AFA	132,780	0.0298	136,121	0.0321
Non-chinook	CDQ	4,425	0.0080	3,460	0.0063

¹Rate is number of salmon per metric tons of groundfish in the pollock targets.

Herring in the BSAI

As of October 1 the pelagic pollock fishery category is reported to have taken 2,949 mt or 125% of the 2,359 mt PSC herring limit in the BSAI. As a result of the limit being taken, the Winter Herring Savings Area closed to the pelagic trawl pollock fishery category on September 30, 2026 and will remain closed through March 1, 2027 per 50 CFR 679.21(e)(7)(vi) and Figure 4 in part 679. This closure includes CDQ. For the rock sole/flathead sole/Alaska plaice/“other flatfish” fishery category, 30 mt or 39% of the 77 mt PSC limit has been reported.

Blackspotted and Roughey Rockfish

For 2026, the maximum species specific catch recommended in the Western Aleutian Islands is 100 mt, the same as 2025. All sectors are requested to avoid blackspotted/roughey rockfish in the Aleutian Islands. A weekly report from [weekly catch reports](#) is available to monitor total catch of blackspotted/roughey rockfish in the Western Aleutian Islands. The ABC/ACL for this species complex has been exceeded two out of the last four years.

BSAI Pacific Cod by Sector

The 2026 Pacific cod TAC is 123,077 mt in the Bering Sea and 8,951 mt in the Aleutian Islands. The 2025 Pacific cod TAC is 133,602 mt in the Bering Sea and 8,694 in the Aleutian Islands. More Pacific cod has been harvested in 2026 compared to 2025 at this same time of year (table 3).

Table 3. Comparison of 2025 and 2026 BSAI Pacific cod allocations and harvest by sector.

BSAI Sector	Allocation 2025 ¹	Catch 2025	Proportion taken 2025	Allocation 2026 ¹	Catch 2026	Proportion taken 2026
CDQ	15,225	7,859	0.52	14,127	9,161	0.65
Hook-and-line (HAL) CP	61,483	48,414	0.79	57,017	45,845	0.80
HAL/Pot CV < 60 ft	5,496	4,042	0.74	4,207	4,094	0.97
ICA HAL/Pot	500	491	0.98	500	414	0.83
Pot CP	2,094	1,281	0.61	1,756	Conf.	Conf.
Pot CV ≥60	10,405	7,382	0.71	9,835	6,997	0.71
Trawl CP AFA	2,173	970	0.45	2,712	2,638	0.97
Amendment 80	17,777	12,917	0.73	15,799	14,136	0.89
Trawl CV	27,083	22,344	0.83	26,056	24,272	0.93
Jig	50	0	0	10	0	0
HAL CV ≥60	10	0	0	10	0	0
Total	145,469	106,438	0.73	134,893	107,557 ²	0.80

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

²Does not include confidential catch.

Pacific cod directed fishing - trawl CVs and PCTC

In 2026 a total of 28 vessels participated in the Pacific Cod Trawl Cooperative (PCTC) program and harvested 19,763 mt of the 20,048 mt TAC (99%). In 2025 the PCTC program harvested 19,002 mt of the 21,670 mt TAC (88%). 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, 2026.

BS Pacific cod directed fishing

As of October 1, 2026, 96,663 mt has been taken from the non-CDQ Pacific cod Bering Sea TAC of 109,908 mt (88%). NMFS is projecting that the Bering Sea directed fishing allowance (DFA) might be reached for non-CDQ Pacific cod by the end of October. Once the DFA is reached, NMFS will close the Bering Sea to directed fishing of Pacific cod for all sectors except CDQ. Any remaining sector TAC may be fished in the Aleutian Islands. NMFS will set aside an incidental catch allowance in the Bering Sea to support the needs of other directed fisheries for the remainder of the year. The projected closure date may change based on future catch rates and fishing conditions.

BSAI Flatfish

Table 4 shows 2025 and 2026 BSAI flatfish catch. In 2026 catch of flathead sole, rock sole, and yellowfin sole increased when compared to 2025. These increases resulted in more overall flatfish being taken in 2026 than in 2025 at this same time last year. All other species decreased in 2026 when compared to 2025.

Table 4. Comparison of 2025 and 2026 BSAI Flatfish TAC and harvest (includes CDQ).

Species	Allocation 2025 ¹	Catch 2025	Proportion taken 2025	Allocation 2026 ¹	Catch 2026	Proportion taken 2026
BSAI Alaska Plaice	13,518	6,344	0.47	13,330	4,828	0.36
BSAI Arrowtooth Flounder	13,398	7,942	0.59	13,398	5,396	0.40
BSAI Flathead Sole	36,000	6,970	0.19	36,000	17,236	0.48
BSAI Kamchatka Flounder	5,780	4,621	0.80	5,615	2,013	0.36
BSAI Other Flatfish	5,725	5,191	0.91	4,500	3,877	0.86
BSAI Rock Sole	75,000	32,163	0.43	75,000	40,520	0.54
BSAI Yellowfin Sole	135,000	61,543	0.46	145,000	73,816	0.51
Greenland turbot	1,488	592	0.40	1,129	187	0.17
Total	285,909	125,366	0.44	293,972	147,873	0.50

¹Allocations do not include groundfish nonspecified reserve amounts that have not been allocated.

BSAI Atka mackerel, Pacific ocean perch, and trawl sablefish

The catch of Atka mackerel, Pacific ocean perch, and trawl sablefish are all lower in 2026 than 2025 (table 5).

Table 5. Comparison of 2025 and 2026 BSAI Atka mackerel, Pacific ocean perch, and trawl sablefish TAC and harvest (includes CDQ).

Stock	Area	Allocation 2025 ¹	Catch 2025	Proportion taken 2025	Allocation 2026 ¹	Catch 2026	Proportion taken 2026
Sablefish - Trawl	AI	1,836	765	0.42	1,721	295	0.17
Sablefish - Trawl	BS	3,930	1,980	0.50	4,160	1,353	0.33
Atka mackerel	BSAI	82,000	74,856	0.91	82,941	64,657	0.78
Pacific ocean perch	BSAI	33,459	26,243	0.78	33,490	25,589	0.76

¹Allocations do not include groundfish nonspecified reserve amounts that have not been allocated.

Gulf of Alaska

The GOA Pacific cod B season fisheries opened by regulation on September 1 with the exception of the GOA Pacific cod jig sector which opened by regulation on June 10.

Western Gulf of Alaska Pacific Cod**Table 6. Comparison of 2025 and 2026 Western GOA Pacific cod allocations and harvest.**

Sector	Allocation 2025 ¹	Catch 2025	Proportion taken 2025	Allocation 2026	Catch 2026	Proportion taken 2026
WGOA Pcod HAL C/P	1,165	847	0.73	1,292	813	0.63
WGOA Pcod HAL CV	152	99	0.65	91	273	3.00
WGOA Pcod Jig	213	89	0.42	167	52	0.31
WGOA Pcod Pot	2,386	1,522	0.64	2,480	2,208	0.89
WGOA Pcod Trawl C/P	141	34	0.24	157	16	0.10
WGOA Pcod Trawl CV	2,040	1,921	0.94	2,506	1,507	0.60
Total	6,097	4,512	0.74	6,693	4,869	0.73

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

Central Gulf of Alaska Pacific Cod**Table 7. Comparison of 2026 and 2025 Central GOA Pacific cod A season allocations and harvest.**

Sector	Allocation 2025 ¹	Catch 2025	Proportion taken 2025	Allocation 2026	Catch 2026	Proportion taken 2026
CGOA Pcod HAL C/P	762	679	0.89	1,056	830	0.79
CGOA Pcod HAL CV <50	2,178	1,553	0.71	3,021	2,460	0.81
CGOA Pcod HAL CV >= 50	1,000	728	0.73	1,387	1,217	0.88
CGOA Pcod Jig	462	444	0.96	862	844	0.98
CGOA Pcod Pot	4,168	3,946	0.95	5,752	5,342	0.93
CGOA Pcod Trawl C/P	1,046	1,036	0.99	868	840	0.97
CGOA Pcod Trawl CV non RP	5,177	3,593	0.69	7,782	7,056	0.91
Total	14,793	11,979	0.81	20,728	18,589	0.90

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

GOA Pollock

The GOA pollock B season opened by regulation on September 1. Table 8 includes harvest of directed and incidental catch of pollock for the year. All pollock sectors were open when this report was finalized.

Table 8. GOA Pollock harvest

Sector	Allocation 2025	Catch 2025	Proportion taken 2025	Allocation 2026	Catch 2026	Proportion taken 2026
CGOA (620 Chirikof) Pollock	82,265	66,921	0.81	60,477	50,653	0.84
CGOA (630 Kodiak) Pollock	51,605	25,465	0.49	37,936	25,338	0.67
GOA West Yakutat Pollock	5,282	1,861	0.35	3,883	2,098	0.54
WGOA (610 Shumagin) Pollock	37,344	12,295	0.33	27,453	7,956	0.29
Total	176,496	106,542	0.60	129,749	86,045	0.66

Chinook Salmon PSC Limits in the GOA

Total 2026 Chinook salmon PSC and rates in the directed pollock fisheries are higher relative to 2025 (table 9).

Table 9. GOA Chinook Salmon PSC limits, count, and rate comparison for 2026 and 2025

Sector	2025 and 2026 Limit	Count 2025	Rate 2025 ¹	Count 2026	Rate 2026 ¹
Central GOA pollock	18,316	6,863	0.07	10,087	0.13
Western/Central trawl CP	4,080	2,057	0.07	489	0.02
Western/Central trawl CV	3,060	1	0.00	423	0.02
Central Rockfish Program CV	1,200	315	0.02	285	0.02
Western GOA pollock	6,684	1,980	0.16	1,657	0.21

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

BSAI and GOA Halibut PSC

In 2026 relative to 2025, the total halibut mortality and rates are slightly higher in the BSAI and GOA (table 10).

Table 10. 2025 and 2026 BSAI and GOA halibut mortality, groundfish in metric tons, and rates.

Sector	2025 Halibut Mortality	2025 Groundfish	2025 Rate	2026 Halibut Mortality	2026 Groundfish	2026 Rate
BSAI Total	1,265	540,850	0.0023	1,367	550,917	0.0025
Amendment 80	839	236,658	0.0035	895	246,831	0.0036
Trawl Limited Access and PCTC ¹	149	32,777	0.0045	182	37,484	0.0049
Non-trawl Pacific cod	135	102,755	0.0013	146	94,902	0.0015
CDQ	142	168,660	0.0008	144	171,700	0.0008
GOA Total	324	210,113	0.0015	592	202,596	0.0029
Trawl, Deep-water	132	48,817	0.0027	366	60,259	0.0061
Trawl, Shallow-water	71	117,432	0.0006	108	96,625	0.0011
Trawl, Rockfish Program	47	30,263	0.0016	45	32,635	0.0014
HAL	74	13,601	0.0054	73	13,077	0.0056

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

²Rate is kg of halibut per metric tons of groundfish.

Cook Inlet

The 2026 salmon fishery for the Cook Inlet exclusive economic zone (EEZ) Area opened on June 22 and NMFS closed the fishery on August 5 in response to the coho salmon TAC being reached (published in the [Federal Register](#) and announced by [NOAA Information Bulletin](#)). The preliminary percentage of TAC and number of fish harvested for each salmon species are shown in table 11.

Table 11. 2026 Cook Inlet Salmon harvest and catch.

Salmon Species	TAC	2026 Catch	Proportion of TAC
Sockeye	1,487,153	608,508	0.41
Chinook	240	60	0.25
Coho	16,619	38,591	2.32
Chum	68,645	54,970	0.80
Pink	124,721	16,308	0.13