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Agenda B-2: NMFS Management Report

Attachment 2 -- Inseason Management Report

Catch during 2025 is through May 24, 2025 compared to catch during 2024 through May 25, 2024. All catch amounts are in metric tons. Additional information is available from <u>daily catch reports</u> and information bulletins.

Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands

Bering Sea Pollock

The 2025 Bering Sea pollock TAC is 1,375,000 mt compared to the 2024 Bering Sea TAC of 1,300,000 mt. For 2025, NMFS reallocated projected unharvested AI CDQ pollock TAC (1,900 mt) and Aleut Corporation TAC (12,100 mt) from the Aleutian Islands to the Bering Sea AFA sectors.

Bering Sea	2025 A season allocation	2025 A season catch	Percent taken
Inshore	270,715	253,924	94%
СР	216,572	212,667	98%
Mothership	54,144	52,997	98%
CDQ	62,730	62,687	100%
Total	604,161	582,275	96%

Salmon in the Bering Sea Pollock Fisheries

The 2025 Chinook salmon PSC limit is 45,000 Chinook salmon, and is allocated to each sector as specified in 50 CFR 679.21(f)(3)(iii)(A).

Species	Chinook				Non-Chinook				
Year	20	25	2024		2025		2024		
Amount	#	Rate ¹	#	Rate ¹	#	Rate ¹	#	Rate ¹	
CDQ	1,354	0.02	694	0.012	45	0.0002	71	0.002	
AFA	12,628	0.02	4,590	0.009	470	0.0002	843	0.002	
Total	13,982	0.02	5,284	0.009	515	0.0002	914	0.002	

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



Blackspotted and Rougheye Rockfish

For 2025, the maximum species specific catch recommended in the Western Aleutian Islands is 100 mt. All sectors are requested to avoid blackspotted/rougheye rockfish. A <u>weekly report</u> is available to monitor total catch of blackspotted/rougheye rockfish in the Western Aleutian Islands.

BSAI Pacific Cod by Sector

The 2025 Pacific cod TAC is 133,602 mt in the Bering Sea and 8,694 mt in the Aleutian Islands compared to the 2024 Bering Sea TAC of 147,753 mt and Aleutian Islands TAC of 8,080 mt.

		2025	5		2024			
BSAI Sector	A season allocation ¹	Catch	A season closed ²	% Taken	A season allocation ¹	Catch	A season closed	% Taken
CDQ	9,135	7,429	na	81%	10,005	7,118	na	71%
Hook-and-line CP	31,356	27,657	na	95%	34,359	31,624	na	92%
Pot CP	966	937	March 12	97%	1,058	0	na	0%
Pot CV >= 60 ft	5,408	5,707	Feb 6	106%	5,926	3,645	na	62%
Hook-and-line CV >= 60 ft	129	0	na	0%	141	0	na	0%
Hook-and-line/Pot CVs < 60 ft	3,525	3,447	Jan 21	98%	3,867	4,120	Jan 25	107%
Jig	423	0	na	0%	459	0	na	0%
Trawl CV	23,870	20,582	na	73%	26,141	21,764	na	83%
AFA CP	2,923	679	na	23%	3,201	827	na	26%
Amendment 80 CP	17,027	10,617	na	62%	18,647	11,811	na	63%
Total	94,762	76,766		79%	103,804	81,298		78%

¹In 2025, NMFS reallocated 1,000 mt of the A season jig allocation to the hook-and-line or pot gear less than 60 ft length annual allocation. Jig and trawl gear show the A and B season allocations because they have three seasons, and the B season has already begun.

²For 2025 the fishery "closed" date is the date NMFS advised the fleet that the TAC would be reached. Closures in the Federal Register may have occurred after these dates.

BSAI Flatfish (Includes CDQ)

In 2025 relative to 2024, overall BSAI flatfish catch is about 3,391 mt higher. In 2025, yellowfin sole, arrowtooth flounder, and other flatfish had the largest increases in catch, and flathead sole had the largest decrease in catch. Directed fishing for turbot with longline pot gear in the BS is authorized in 2025 for the first time.

		2025		2024				
Species	Catch	TAC	% Taken	Catch	TAC	% Taken		
Alaska plaice	5,092	15,903	32%	6,217	21,752	29%		
Arrowtooth flounder	2,458	14,000	18%	736	14,000	5%		
Flathead sole	4,981	36,000	14%	8,504	35,500	24%		
Greenland turbot	38	1,678	2%	109	3,188	3%		
Kamchatka flounder	619	6,800	9%	877	7,498	12%		
Other flatfish	3,389	4,500	75%	1,600	4,500	36%		
Rock sole	24,702	75,000	33%	23,905	66,000	36%		
Yellowfin sole	43,999	135,000	33%	39,628	195,000	20%		
Total	85,278	288,881	30%	81,577	347,438	23%		

Note: Directed fishing for Arrowtooth flounder, Kamchatka flounder, and Greenland turbot opened at noon, May 1.

BSAI Atka Mackerel, Pacific Ocean Perch (POP) Includes CDQ, and Trawl Sablefish

The 2025 Atka mackerel and POP catch is higher relative to 2024, and the trawl sablefish catch is lower relative to 2024.

Species		2025		2024			
Species	Catch	TAC	% Taken	Catch	TAC	% Taken	
Atka mackerel	35,258	82,000	43%	30,257	72,987	41%	
Pacific ocean perch	2,915	33,458	9%	2,152	37,626	6%	
BS non-CDQ Sablefish-Trawl	124	3,611	3%	175	3,398	5%	
AI non-CDQ Sablefish-Trawl	80	1,687	5%	199	1,794	11%	

Gulf of Alaska

Pacific Cod - Western GOA

The 2025 jig gear allocation was 3.5 percent in both 2024 and 2025. The below table includes harvest of both directed and incidental catch of Pacific cod.

		2025				2024				
Sector	A season allocation	Catch	A season closed ¹	% Taken	A season allocation	Catch	A season closed	% Taken		
Hook-and-line CP	641	596	na	93%	644	486	na	75%		
Hook-and-line CV	41	3	Jan 1	7%	41	6	Jan 1	15%		
Jig	128	89	na	70%	129	17	na	13%		
Pot CV/CP	1,165	1,203	Feb 7	103%	1,170	1,184	Feb 19	101%		
Trawl CV	1,856	1,899	Mar 4	102%	1,863	1,296	na	70%		
Trawl CP	53	0	Jan 20	0%	53	0	Jan 20	0%		
Total	3,884	3,789		98%	3,900	2,990		77%		

¹For 2025 the fishery "closed" date is the date NMFS advised the fleet that the TAC would be reached unless otherwise closed in the harvest specifications. Closures in the Federal Register may have occurred after these dates.

Pacific Cod - Central GOA

The 2025 jig gear allocation increased from 2 percent in 2024 to 3 percent in 2025, and the other sectors decreased in 2025 to account for the jig gear allocation increase. In 2025 the Rockfish Program opening date changed from May 1 to April 1. The below table includes harvest of both directed and incidental catch of Pacific cod.

		202	5		2024				
Sector	A season allocation	Catch	A season closed ²	% Taken	A season allocation	Catch	A season closed	% Taken	
Hook-and-line CP	613	613	May 8	100%	622	495	na	80%	
Hook-and-line CV <50 ft	1,389	1,364	Feb 23	98%	1,410	1,233	Mar 26	87%	
Hook-and-line CV >=50 ft	836	666	Mar 10	80%	849	835	Mar 22	98%	
Jig	277	388	April 10	140%	185	135	May 6	73%	
Pot CV/CP	2,660	2,988	Feb 7	112%	2,698	3,014	Feb 9	112%	
Trawl CV ¹	3,773	2,910	Jan 21	77%	3,828	3,635	Apr 16	95%	
Trawl CV RP	644	171	na	27%	588	129	na	22%	
Trawl CP	299	0	Jan 20	0%	303	45	Jan 20	15%	
Total	10,491	9,101		87%	10,483	9,522		91%	

¹In 2024, the Central GOA trawl CV sector was closed January 20 to February 5, 2024.

²For 2025 the fishery "closed" date is the date NMFS advised the fleet that the TAC would be reached unless otherwise closed in the harvest specifications. Closures in the Federal Register may have occurred after these dates.

Pollock

For Area 610, ten CVs targeted pollock in the A season and the fishery closed by regulation on May 31.

For Area 620, the vessels voluntarily waited to fish until February 10, 2025. Thirty-five CVs targeted pollock in the A season and the TAC was reached on March 28.

For Area 630, the vessels voluntarily waited to fish until February 20, 2025. Thirty-two CVs targeted pollock in the A season and the TAC was reached on April 13.

For Area 640 six vessels have targeted pollock.

The below table includes harvest of both directed and incidental catch of pollock.

2025 A season	025 A season 610		630	640
A season allocation	5,589	63,267	16,751	5,282 (annual)
A season catch	4,256	62,410	14,914	1,852
A season closure ¹	May 31	Mar 20	Apr 13	na

¹For 2025 the fishery "closed" date is the date NMFS advised the fleet that the TAC would be reached unless otherwise closed by regulation. Closures in the Federal Register may have occurred after these dates.

Chinook Salmon PSC Limits in the GOA

Chinook Salmon	2025 Limit	2025 PSC (Rate ¹)	2024 PSC (Rate ¹)
Total	n/a	5,252	6,575
Western GOA pollock	6,684	438 (0.10)	1,022 (0.19)
Central GOA pollock	18,316	4,752 (0.06)	4,955 (0.07)
Western/Central trawl CV ²	3,060	0	4 (0.0005)0
Central Rockfish Program CV	1,200	62 (0.006)	0
Western/Central trawl C/P ²	4,080	0	594 (0.008)

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

²The limit includes the incentive buffer for 2024 and 2025 Western/Central trawl C/P limit (480 Chinook) and Western/Central trawl CV (360 Chinook).

Halibut PSC Data

In 2025 relative to 2024, the total halibut PSC and groundfish are greater in the BSAI than in the GOA.

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Area, Gear, and Sector	Halibut mortality	Groundfish	Rate	Halibut mortality	Groundfish	Rate	
BSAI Total	908	362,272	0.003	898	377,490	0.002	
Amendment 80	626	200,395	0.003	672	209,425	0.003	
BSAI trawl limited access ¹	109	29,174	0.004	97	31,468	0.003	
Non-trawl Pacific cod	56	38,303	0.0015	56	46,207	0.0012	
Non-trawl Other	1	240	0.003	0	350	0.0007	
CDQ	116	94,160	0.0012	68	90,040	0.0007	
GOA Total	150	39,847	0.004	186	76,388	0.002	
Trawl, Deep-water	29	3,033	0.01	157	7,295	0.02	
Trawl, Shallow-water	53	31,382	0.002	12	65,540	0.0002	
Hook-and-line	68	5,432	0.013	17	3,553	0.005	

¹Includes halibut mortality for the PCTC Program.