

C-1 Council motion

Gulf of Alaska Pacific Cod Groundfish Specifications

February 5, 2026

The Council revises the 2026 and 2027 Gulf of Alaska Pacific cod OFLs and ABCs as recommended by the SSC and the TACs as shown in Table 1. The TACs have been adjusted to account for the State water Pacific cod GHL fisheries (Table 2). The Council revises the 2026 and 2027 annual and seasonal Pacific halibut PSC limits and apportionments in the Gulf of Alaska as provided in Table 3. The Council supports NMFS' intent to implement this change through an inseason adjustment.

Table 1. 2026 – 2027 Gulf of Alaska Pacific cod OFLs, ABCs, TACs (mt)

Pacific cod		2026			2027		
	Area	OFL	ABC	TAC	OFL	ABC	TAC
	WG		10,297	6,693		7,987	5,192
	CG		28,732	21,549		22,289	16,717
	EG		2,491	1,811		1,933	1,450
	Total	49,782	41,520	30,053	38,812	32,209	23,358

Table 2. 2026 – 2027 Gulf of Alaska TACs and GHLs for State Waters Pacific Cod

2026 GOA Pacific cod ABCs, TACs, and State GHLs (mt)

Specifications	Western	Central	Eastern	Total
ABC	10,297	28,732	2,491	41,520
State GHL	3,604	7,183	680	11,467
(%) of ABC for State GHL	35%	25%	27%	
Federal TAC	6,693	21,549	1,811	30,053

Note: Table 2 retains the previously specified (Dec 2025) 2026 State water GHL of 680 mt in the Eastern Gulf of Alaska because that fishery is underway.

2027 GOA Pacific cod ABCs, TACs, and State GHLs (mt)

ABC	7,987	22,289	1,933	32,209
State GHL	2,795	5,572	483	8,851
(%) of ABC for State GHL	35%	25%	25%	
Federal TAC	5,192	16,717	1,450	23,358

Table 3. 2026 - 2027 Apportionments of the “Other hook-and-line fisheries” Halibut PSC Allowance between the Hook-and-Line Gear Catcher Vessel and Catcher/Processor Sectors (in mt)

“Other than DSR” allowance	Hook-and-line sector	Sector annual amount	Season	Seasonal percentage	Sector seasonal amount
255	CV	163	A	86%	140
			B	2%	3
			C	12%	20
	CP	92	A	86%	79
			B	2%	2
			C	12%	11