

**C2 Council Motion**  
**2025 and 2026 Gulf of Alaska Groundfish Final Harvest Specifications**  
**December 7, 2024**

The Council approves the 2024 Gulf of Alaska SAFE report.

The Council approves the 2025 and 2026 Gulf of Alaska groundfish specifications for OFLs and ABCs as recommended by the SSC, and the TACs as shown in the attached Table 1.

The TACs for both GOA Pacific cod and pollock have been adjusted to account for the State water Guideline Harvest Level fisheries. The GOA Pacific cod adjustments are shown in the attached Table 2.

The 2025 and 2026 Pacific halibut PSC limits, allowances, and apportionments in the GOA are attached in Tables 3, 4, and 5.

The Council approves the halibut discard mortality rates for 2025 and 2026 as shown in attached Table 6.



**Table 2**--GOA TAC and GHL for State Waters Pacific Cod based on SSC recommendations for ABC/OFLs.

Final 2025 GOA Pacific cod ABCs, TACs, and State GHLs (mt)

Specifications	Western	Central	Eastern	Total
ABC	8,710	20,506	2,925	32,141
State GHL	2,613	5,127	731	8,471
(%)	30%	25%	25%	
Federal TAC	6,097	15,379	2,194	23,670

Note: The Federal TAC is designated for Federal fisheries only and does not include the State GHL.

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

Specifications	Western	Central	Eastern	Total
ABC	8,182	19,263	2,748	30,193
State GHL	2,455	4,816	687	7,957
(%)	30%	25%	25%	
Federal TAC	5,727	14,447	2,061	22,235

Note: The Federal TAC is designated for Federal fisheries only and does not include the State GHL.

**Table 3**--Final 2025 and 2026 Pacific Halibut PSC Limits, Allowances, and Apportionments  
[Values are in metric tons]

Trawl gear			Hook-and-line gear <sup>1</sup>				
			Other than DSR			DSR	
Season	Percent	Amount	Season	Percent	Amount	Season	Amount
January 20 - April 1	30.5	520	January 1 - June 10	86%	220	January 1 - December 31	9
April 1 - July 1	20	341	June 10 - September 1	2%	5		
July 1 - August 1	27	460	September 1 - December 31	12%	31		
August 1 - October 1	7.5	128					
October 1 - December 31	15	256					
Total		1,705			256		9

<sup>1</sup> The Pacific halibut PSC limit for hook-and-line gear is allocated to the demersal shelf rockfish (DSR) fishery and fisheries other than DSR. Since 1995, the Council recommended and NMFS proposed that the hook-and-line sablefish fishery and the pot and jig gear groundfish fisheries be exempt from halibut PSC limits.

**Table 4--Final 2025 and 2026 Apportionment of the Pacific Halibut PSC Limits Apportioned Between the Trawl Gear Shallow-Water and Deep-Water Species Fisheries [Values are in metric tons]**

Season	Shallow-water	Deep-water <sup>1</sup>	Total
January 20 - April 1	385	135	520
April 1 - July 1	85	256	341
July 1 - August 1	120	340	460
August 1 - October 1	53	75	128
Subtotal January 20 - October 1	643	806	1,449
October 1 - December 31 <sup>2</sup>	n/a	n/a	256
Total	n/a	n/a	1,705

<sup>1</sup> Vessels participating in cooperatives in the Rockfish Program will receive 191 mt of the third season (July 1 – August 1) deep-water species fishery Halibut PSC apportionment.

<sup>2</sup> There is no apportionment between trawl shallow-water and deep-water species fisheries during the fifth season (October 1 through December 31).

**Table 5--Final 2025 and 2026 Apportionments of the “Other Hook and Line Fisheries” Halibut PSC Allowance Between the Hook-and-Line Gear Catcher Vessel and Catcher/Processor Sectors [Values are in metric tons]**

Hook-and-Line gear (Other than DSR) Annual PSC Amount	Hook-and-line Sector	Annual Amount	Season	Seasonal Percentage	Seasonal Amount
256	Catcher Vessel	149	A	86	128
			B	2	3
			C	12	18
	Catcher/Processor	107	A	86	92
			B	2	2
			C	12	13

**Table 6**--Final 2025 and 2026 Discard Mortality Rates for Vessels Fishing in the Gulf of Alaska  
 [Values are percent of halibut assumed to be dead]

Gear	Sector	Groundfish fishery	Halibut discard mortality rate (percent)
Pelagic trawl	Catcher vessel	All	100
	Catcher/processor	All	100
Non-pelagic trawl	Catcher vessel	Rockfish Program	56
	Catcher vessel	All others	74
	Mothership and catcher/processor	All	76
Hook-and-line	Catcher/processor	All	10
	Catcher vessel	All	19
Pot	Catcher vessel and catcher/processor	All	32