## ADVISORY PANEL Motions and Rationale October 1-3, 2024 - Anchorage, AK

## **C3 GOA Groundfish Specs**

The AP recommends the Council adopt the proposed 2025 and 2026 Gulf of Alaska (GOA) groundfish specifications for OFLs and ABCs, as recommended by the SSC and set TACs and shown in Table 1. Final specifications will be approved in December. The TACs for both GOA cod and pollock have been adjusted to account for the State water GHL fisheries. The proposed GOA Pacific cod adjustments are shown in Table 2. The AP recommends that the Council adopt the proposed 2025 and 2026 annual and seasonal Pacific halibut PSC limits and apportionments in the GOA as provided in Tables 9, 10, and 11 and the proposed 2025 and 2026 halibut discard mortality rates (DMRs) for the GOA in Table 12.

Motion passed unanimously: 20/0

## **Rationale in Favor of Motion:**

- At this meeting the Council will recommend, for proposed rulemaking, both BSAI and GOA groundfish harvest specifications for the upcoming two-year period (2025 and 2026) which will notify the public of expected Council action to set final harvest specifications in December 2024.
- Final harvest specifications in December 2024 will be based on stock assessment reports included in the Groundfish SAFE reports for the BSAI and GOA that will be released in late November 2024.

Table 1. SSC recommended OFLs and ABCs, AP recommended TACs for Groundfish in the Gulf of Alaska (metric tons) Proposed Harvest Specifications for 2025 and 2026

			2023		Catch		2024		Catch		2025-2026	
Species	Area	OFL	ABC	TAC	9/14/2023	OFL	ABC	TAC	9/16/2024	OFL	ABC	TAC
	State GHL	n/a	3,723	n/a	3,261	n/a	4,769		3,640	n/a	3,942	n/a
	W (610)	n/a	26,958	26,958	6,033	n/a	38,882	38,882	14,598	n/a	32,144	32,144
	C (620) C (630)	n/a n/a	77,005 33,729	77,005 33,729	58,327 13,052	n/a n/a	90,937 50,587	90,937 50,587	69,272 16.296	n/a n/a	75,179 41 821	75,179 41.821
Pollock	WYAK	n/a	7.523	7.523	6.888	n/a	5,565	5 565	1382	n/a	4,601	4.601
	Subtotal	173,470	148,938	145,215	84,300	269,916	190,740	185,971	101,547	182,891	157,687	153,745
	SEO	15,150	11,363	11,363	1	12,998	9,749	9,749	-	12,998	9,749	9,749
	Total	188,620	160,301	156,578	84,300	282,914	200,489	195,720	101,547	195,889	167,436	163,494
	W	n/a	7,464	5,225	3,233	n/a	8,745	6,121	3,289	n/a	7,638	5,347
Pacific Cod	С	n/a	14,830	11,123	8,501	n/a	20,590	15,442	11,645	n/a	17,981	13,486
	Total	n/a 29.737	2,340 24.634	1,755 18.103	510 12 245	n/a 38.712	2,937 32,272	2,203 23,766	150 15 085	n/a 33.970	2,565 28.184	1,924 20.757
	W	29,737 n/a	4,473	4,473	2.313	30,712 n/a	4.699	4.699	1.943	33,970 n/a	4.719	4,719
	C	n/a	9,921	9,921	5,456	n/a	9,651	9,651	5,521	n/a	9,693	9,693
Sablefish	WYAK	n/a	3,205	3,205	2,043	n/a	2,926	2,926	2,116	n/a	2,940	2,940
	SEO	n/a	5,602	5,602	3,596	n/a	5,320	5,320	3,358	n/a	5,343	5,343
	GOA Total	n/a		23,201	13,409	n/a	n/a	22,596	12,938	n/a		22,695
Alaska-wide OFL and ABC	AK Total	47,390 n/a	40,502 22.485	n/a 13,250	33	55,084 n/a	47,146 23.337	n/a 13,250	61	55,317 n/a	47,350 23,782	n/a 13.250
	C	n/a	26,769	26.769	589	n/a	27,783	27.783	2.448	n/a	28.311	28.311
Shallow-Water Flatfish	WYAK	n/a	2.677	2.677	6	n/a	2,778	2,778	1	n/a	2.831	2.831
	SEO	n/a	1,606	1,606	1	n/a	1,667	1,667	1	n/a	1,699	1,699
	Total	65,736	53,537	44,302	630	68,121	55,565	45,478	2,510	69,354	56,623	46,091
	W	n/a	256	256	11	n/a	237	237	8	n/a	234	234
D W-4	С	n/a	2,105	2,105	68	n/a	2,655	2,655	58	n/a	2,614	2,614
Deep-Water Flatfish	WYAK SEO	n/a n/a	1,407 2.048	1,407 2.048	3 2	n/a n/a	1,856 2,314	1,856 2.314	3 2	n/a	1,827 2,278	1,827 2,278
	SEO Total	6,918	5.816	5.816	84	8.387	7.062	7.062	71	n/a 8.257	6,953	6,953
	W	n/a	3,236	3,236	21	n/a	3.367	3.367	21	n/a	3 363	3.363
	C	n/a	13,110	13,110	355	n/a	13,639	13,639	366	n/a	13,624	13,624
Rex Sole	WYAK	n/a	1,439	1,439	-	n/a	1,453	1,453	1	n/a	1,439	1,439
	SEO	n/a	2,879	2,879	-	n/a	2,905	2,905	-	n/a	2,877	2,877
	Total	25,135	20,664	20,664	376	25,978	21,364	21,364	388	25,900	21,303	21,303
	W	n/a	30,469	14,500	133	n/a	30,409	14,500	177	n/a	30,323	14,500
Arrowtooth Flounder	C WYAK	n/a n/a	65,000 7,886	65,000 7,886	8,102 28	n/a n/a	64,871 7,870	64,871 7,870	12,283	n/a n/a	64,688 7,848	64,688 7,848
Arrowtooth Flounder	SEO	n/a n/a	16,130	6,900	28 25	n/a n/a	16,099	6.900	20	n/a n/a	16,053	6,900
	Total	142,749	119,485	94,286	8,287	142,485	119,249	94,141	12,507	142,074	118,912	93,936
	W	n/a	12,793	8,650	12	n/a	13,273	8,650	89	n/a	13,521	8,650
	С	n/a	21,487	21,487	364	n/a	21,307	21,307	606	n/a	21,702	21,702
Flathead Sole	WYAK	n/a	2,320	2,320	-	n/a	3,876	3,876	0	n/a	3,949	3,949
	SEO	n/a	2,880	2,880	-	n/a	2,047	2,047	0	n/a	2,086	2,086
	Total	48,161	39,480	35,337	376	49,414	40,503	35,880	695	50,322	41,258	36,387
	W	n/a	2,529	2,529	2,312	n/a	1,787	1,787	1,571	n/a	1,726	1,726
	С	n/a	29,940	29,940	23,288	n/a	28,757	28,757	18,177	n/a	27,768	27,768
Pacific ocean perch	WYAK	n/a	1,370	1,370	1,366	n/a	2,110	2,110	1,946	n/a	2,038	2,038
	W/C/WYAK	40,308	33,839	33,839	26,967	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	31,532
	SEO	3,994	3,354	3,354	-	n/a	7,065	7,065	-	n/a	6,822	6,822
	Total	44,302	37,193	37,193	26,967	47,466	39,719	39,719	21,694	45,835	38,354	38,354
	W	n/a	2,614	2,614	360	n/a	2,535	2,535	314	n/a	2,446	2,446
Northern Rockfish	С	n/a	2,350	2,350	934	n/a	2,280	2,280	815	n/a	2,200	2,200
	E	n/a	4.004	4.004	4.005	n/a	1.045	1015	4 400	n/a	0	0
	Total W	5,927 n/a	4,964 51	4,964 51	1,295	5,750 n/a	4,815 34	4,815 34	1,129 15	5,548 n/a	4,646 34	4,646 34
	C	n/a	280	280	133	n/a	189	189	121	n/a	189	189
Shortraker Rockfish	E	n/a	374	374	186	n/a	424	424	185	n/a	424	424
	Total	940	705	705	325	863	647	647	320	863	647	647
	W	n/a	149	149	56	n/a	145	145	66	n/a	137	137
	С	n/a	7,647	7,647	3,376	n/a	7,365	7,365	2,099	n/a	6,979	6,979
Dusky Rockfish	WYAK	n/a	90	90	1	n/a	84	84	5	n/a	81	81
	SEO	n/a	31	31	-	n/a	30	30	-	n/a	28	28
	Total	9,638	7,917	7,917	3,433	9,281	7,624	7,624	2,170	8,796	7,225	7,225
	W C	n/a n/a	180 232	180 232	101 133	n/a n/a	197 315	197 315	49 116	n/a n/a	198 317	198 317
Rougheye and Blackspotted Rockfish	E	n/a n/a	363	363	133	n/a n/a	315 525	315 525	116	n/a n/a	526	317 526
	Total	930	775	775	381	1,555	1,037	1,037	253	1,566	1,041	1,041
Demersal shelf rockfish	Total	376	283	283	197	376	283	283	144	376	283	283
	W	n/a	314	314	49	n/a	314	314	33	n/a	314	314
Thoroughood Desired	C	n/a	693	693	87	n/a	693	693	62	n/a	693	693
Thornyhead Rockfish	E	n/a	621	621	44	n/a	621	621	60	n/a	621	621
	Total	2,170	1,628	1,628	179	2,170	1,628	1,628	155	2,170	1,628	1,628
·	W/C/WYK combined	n/a	940	940	868	n/a	1,353	1,353	454	n/a	1,353	1,353
Other Rockfish	(starting in 2024) WYAK	n/a	370	370	46	n/a	-,	.,		n/a	n/a	n/a
	SEO	n/a	2,744	300	24	n/a	2,421	300	26	n/a	2,421	300
	Total	5,320	4,054	1,610	938	4,977	3,774	1,653	480	4,977	3,774	1,653
Atka mackerel	Total	6,200	4,700	3,000	435	6,200	4,700	4,700	380	6,200	4,700	3,000
-	W	n/a	591	591	47	n/a	745	745	97	n/a	745	745
	С	n/a	1,482	1,482	619	n/a	1,749	1,749	613	n/a	1,749	1,749
Big Skate	E	n/a	794	794	117	n/a	341	341	72	n/a	341	341
Big Skate		3,822	2,867	2,867	783	3,780	2,835	2,835	782	3,780	2,835	2,835
Big Skate	Total		151	151	58	n/a	1.894	104 1.894	22	n/a	104	104 1.894
	W	n/a		0044								
Big Skate  Longnose Skate	W C	n/a	2,044	2,044	405	n/a			422	n/a	1,894	
	W		2,044 517	517	405 605 1.068	n/a	538 2 536	538	422 160 604	n/a	538	538
Longnose Skate	W C E	n/a n/a	2,044		605		538	538 2,536	160			538 2,536
	W C E	n/a n/a 3,616	2,044 517 2,712	517 2,712	605 1,068	n/a 3,380	538 2,536	538	160 604	n/a 3,380	538 2,536	538 2,536 665
Longnose Skate Other Skates	W C E Total	n/a n/a 3,616 1,311	2,044 517 2,712 984	517 2,712 984	605 1,068 318	n/a 3,380 887	538 2,536 665	538 2,536 665	160 604 437	n/a 3,380 887	538 2,536 665	538

Source: 2023 and 2024 Final GOA Harvest Specifications; 2024 and 2025 Final GOA Harvest Specifications; Catch Accounting System

Table 2. Proposed 2025 and 2026 Gulf of Alaska Pacific cod ABCs, TACs, and State Guideline Harvest Levels (GHLs)

[Values are rounded to the nearest metric ton]

Specifications	Western	Central	Eastern	Total
ABC	8,745	20,590	2,937	32,272
State GHL	2,624	5,148	734	8,506
(%)	30%	25%	25%	ı
Federal TAC	6,121	15,442	2,203	23,766

Table 9. Proposed 2025 and 2026 Pacific Halibut PSC Limits, Allowances, and Apportionments (Values are in metric tons)

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Trawl gear			Hook-and-line gear <sup>1</sup>					
			Other	than DSR	DSR			
Season	Percent	Amount	Season	Percent	Amount <sup>2</sup>	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>&</sup>lt;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. The hook-and-line IFQ sablefish fishery is exempt from halibut PSC limits, as are pot and jig gear for all groundfish fisheries.

Table 10. Proposed 2025 and 2026 Seasonal Apportionments of the Pacific Halibut PSC Limit Apportioned Between the Trawl Gear Shallow-Water and Deep-Water Species Fisheries (Values are in metric tons)

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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>			256			
Total			1,705			

Vessels participating in cooperatives in the Rockfish Program will receive 191 mt of the third season (July 1 through September 1) deep-water species fishery halibut PSC apportionment.

<sup>&</sup>lt;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 11. Proposed 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)

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"Other than DSR" allowance	Hook-and- line sector	Sector annual amount	Season	Seasonal percentage	Sector seasonal amount
			January 1 - June 10	86	129
	Catcher Vessel	150	June 10 - September 1	2	3
256	Vessei		September 1 - December 31	12	18
	Catcher/ Processor		January 1 - June 10	86	92
			June 10 - September 1		2
			September 1 - December 31	12	13

Table 12. Proposed 2025 and 2026 Halibut Discard Mortality Rates for Vessels Fishing in the Gulf of

Alaska. (Values are in percent of halibut assumed to be dead.)

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