

**Table 1. Plan Team OFL, ABC, and BRD recommendations (metric tons) for BSAI Groundfish  
Proposed Harvest Specifications for 2027/ 2028**

| Species              | Area     | 2026      |           |           |                      | Plan Team Recommended 2027/2028 |           |        |
|----------------------|----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|----------------------|---------------------------------|-----------|--------|
|                      |          | OFL       | ABC       | TAC       | Catch as of 9/8/2026 | OFL                             | ABC       | BRD    |
| Pollock              | EBS      | 2,496,000 | 2,036,000 | 1,375,000 | 1,125,707            | 2,496,000                       | 2,036,000 |        |
|                      | AI       | 56,231    | 46,437    | 19,000    | 2,478                | 56,231                          | 46,437    |        |
|                      | Bogoslof | 77,354    | 58,015    | 250       | 165                  | 77,354                          | 58,015    |        |
| Pacific cod          | BS       | 169,243   | 141,520   | 123,077   | 111,824              | 169,243                         | 141,520   |        |
|                      | AI       | 16,273    | 12,973    | 8,951     | 6,084                | 16,273                          | 12,973    |        |
| Sablefish            | BSAI/GOA | 57,797    | 47,008    |           | 19,226               | 57,797                          | 47,008    |        |
|                      | BS       |           |           | 8,996     | 2,723                | NA                              |           | 13,037 |
|                      | AI       |           |           | 7,440     | 831                  | NA                              |           | 11,421 |
| Yellowfin sole       | BSAI     | 305,039   | 267,639   | 145,000   | 67,518               | 305,039                         | 267,639   |        |
| Greenland turbot     | BSAI     | 2,059     | 1,328     | 1,328     | 178                  | 2,059                           | 1,328     |        |
|                      | BS       |           |           | 1,120     | 121                  | NA                              |           | 1,120  |
|                      | AI       |           |           | 208       | 57                   | NA                              |           | 208    |
| Arrowtooth flounder  | BSAI     | 102,472   | 87,035    | 14,000    | 4,820                | 102,472                         | 87,035    |        |
| Kamchatka flounder   | BSAI     | 7,790     | 6,606     | 6,606     | 1,953                | 7,790                           | 6,606     |        |
| Northern rock sole   | BSAI     | 166,220   | 158,225   | 75,000    | 35,917               | 166,220                         | 158,225   |        |
| Flathead sole        | BSAI     | 106,283   | 87,700    | 36,000    | 16,216               | 106,283                         | 87,700    |        |
| Alaska plaice        | BSAI     | 33,965    | 28,230    | 15,682    | 4,143                | 33,965                          | 28,230    |        |
| Other flatfish       | BSAI     | 26,083    | 19,562    | 4,500     | 3,754                | 26,083                          | 19,562    |        |
| Pacific Ocean perch  | BSAI     | 43,084    | 36,578    | 33,490    | 18,945               | 43,084                          | 36,578    |        |
|                      | BS       |           |           | 9,905     | 3,070                | NA                              |           | 9,905  |
|                      | EAI      |           |           | 6,144     | 3,366                | NA                              |           | 6,144  |
|                      | CAI      |           |           | 5,441     | 4,050                | NA                              |           | 5,441  |
| Northern rockfish    | WAI      |           |           | 12,000    | 8,459                | NA                              |           | 16,058 |
| Blackspotted/Roughey | BSAI     | 22,284    | 18,232    | 12,000    | 8,389                | 22,284                          | 18,232    |        |
|                      | BSAI     | 902       | 766       | 766       | 439                  | 902                             | 766       |        |
|                      | EBS/EAI  |           |           | 441       | 101                  | NA                              |           | 441    |
| Shortraker rockfish  | CAI/WAI  |           |           | 325       | 338                  | NA                              |           | 325    |
| Other rockfish       | BSAI     | 631       | 473       | 473       | 50                   | 631                             | 473       |        |
|                      | BSAI     | 1,406     | 1,054     | 1,054     | 527                  | 1,406                           | 1,054     |        |
|                      | BS       |           |           | 639       | 160                  | NA                              |           | 639    |
| Atka mackerel        | AI       |           |           | 415       | 367                  | NA                              |           | 415    |
|                      | BSAI     | 107,889   | 92,361    | 82,941    | 59,986               | 107,889                         | 92,361    |        |
|                      | EAI/BS   |           |           | 41,731    | 24,297               | NA                              |           | 41,731 |
|                      | CAI      |           |           | 23,716    | 19,991               | NA                              |           | 23,716 |
| Skates               | WAI      |           |           | 17,494    | 15,698               | NA                              |           | 26,914 |
| Sharks               | BSAI     | 43,285    | 35,833    | 27,646    | 14,312               | 43,285                          | 35,833    |        |
| Octopuses            | BSAI     | 689       | 450       | 400       | 157                  | 689                             | 450       |        |
| Total                | BSAI     | 6,080     | 4,560     | 400       | 150                  | 6,080                           | 4,560     |        |

Beginning in 2026, the Groundfish Plan Teams and Council bodies will use new terminology for groundfish harvest specifications. The purpose of this endeavor is to make the following distinction: the ABC (ACL) is specified at the stock or stock complex level, and the overall TAC for a stock or stock complex cannot be set above ABC. ABC is tied to MSA requirements and accountability measures (AMs). Spatial apportionments are based on survey data, fishery data, or a combination of the two data types, and are meant to inform distribution of the TAC across areas. These spatial apportionments will be referred to as Biologically-informed Recommended Distributions (BRD).

OFL = Overfishing Limit

ABC = Acceptable Biological Catch

BRD = Biologically-informed Recommended Distribution

TAC = Total Allowable Catch

Source: 2025 and 2026 Final BSAI Harvest Specifications; Catch Accounting System. BSAI catch (not AK wide catch) for sablefish included in catch total.

**Table 3—Proposed 2027 and 2028 Seasonal and Spatial Allowances, Gear Shares, CDQ Reserve, ICA, and Amendment 80 Allocations of the BSAI Atka Mackerel TAC (values are rounded to the nearest metric ton)**

| Sector <sup>1</sup>       | Season <sup>2 3 4</sup> | BS/EAI | CAI <sup>5</sup> | WAI <sup>5</sup> |
|---------------------------|-------------------------|--------|------------------|------------------|
| TAC <sup>1</sup>          | Total                   | 41,731 | 23,716           | 17,494           |
| CDQ reserve <sup>1</sup>  | Total                   | 4,465  | 2,538            | 1,872            |
|                           | A                       | 2,233  | 1,269            | 936              |
|                           | Critical Habitat        | n/a    | 761              | 562              |
|                           | B                       | 2,233  | 1,269            | 936              |
|                           | Critical Habitat        | n/a    | 761              | 562              |
| non-CDQ TAC               | Total                   | 37,266 | 21,178           | 15,622           |
| ICA <sup>1</sup>          | Total                   | 800    | 100              | 20               |
| Jig <sup>1 6</sup>        | Total                   | 0      | n/a              | n/a              |
| BSAI trawl limited access | Total                   | 3,647  | 2,108            | n/a              |
|                           | A                       | 1,823  | 1,054            | n/a              |
|                           | Critical Habitat        | n/a    | 632              | n/a              |
|                           | B                       | 1,823  | 1,054            | n/a              |
|                           | Critical Habitat        | n/a    | 632              | n/a              |
| Amendment 80              | Total                   | 32,819 | 18,970           | 15,602           |
|                           | A                       | 16,410 | 9,485            | 7,801            |
|                           | Critical Habitat        | n/a    | 5,691            | 4,681            |
|                           | B                       | 16,410 | 9,485            | 7,801            |
|                           | Critical Habitat        | n/a    | 5,691            | 4,681            |

Note: Seasonal or sector apportionments may not total precisely due to rounding.

<sup>1</sup>Section 679.20(a)(8)(ii) allocates the Atka mackerel TACs, after subtracting the CDQ reserves, ICAs, and the jig gear allocation, to the Amendment 80 and BSAI trawl limited access sectors. The allocation of the ITAC for Atka mackerel to the Amendment 80 and BSAI trawl limited access sectors is established in table 33 to 50 CFR part 679 and § 679.91. The CDQ reserve is 10.7 percent of the TAC for use by CDQ participants (see § 679.20(b)(1)(ii)(C)).

<sup>2</sup>Sections 679.20(a)(8)(ii)(A) and 679.22(a) establish temporal and spatial limitations for the Atka mackerel fishery.

<sup>3</sup>The seasonal allowances of Atka mackerel for the CDQ reserve, BSAI trawl limited access sector, and Amendment 80 sector are 50 percent in the A season and 50 percent in the B season.

<sup>4</sup>Section 679.23(e)(3) authorizes directed fishing for Atka mackerel with trawl gear during the A season from January 20 to June 10, and the B season from June 10 to December 31.

<sup>5</sup>Section 679.20(a)(8)(ii)(C)(1)(i) limits no more than 60 percent of the annual TACs in Areas 542 and 543 to be caught inside of Steller sea lion critical habitat; § 679.20(a)(8)(ii)(C)(1)(ii) equally divides the annual harvest limits between the A and B seasons as defined at § 679.23(e)(3); and § 679.20(a)(8)(ii)(C)(2) requires that the TAC in Area 543 shall be no more than 65 percent of BRD in Area 543.

<sup>6</sup>Sections 679.2 and 679.20(a)(8)(i) require that up to 2 percent of the Eastern Aleutian District and Bering Sea subarea TAC be allocated to jig gear after subtraction of the CDQ reserve and ICA. The proposed amount of this allocation is 0 percent. The jig gear allocation is not apportioned by season.

**Table 7—Proposed 2027 and 2028 ABC Surplus, ABC Reserves, CDQ ABC Reserves, and Amendment 80 ABC Reserves in the BSAI for Flathead Sole, Rock Sole, and Yellowfin Sole (values are rounded to the nearest metric ton)**

| Sector                                | Flathead sole | Rock sole | Yellowfin Sole |
|---------------------------------------|---------------|-----------|----------------|
| ABC                                   | 87,700        | 158,225   | 267,639        |
| TAC                                   | 36,000        | 75,000    | 145,000        |
| ABC surplus                           | 51,700        | 83,225    | 122,639        |
| ABC reserve                           | 51,700        | 83,225    | 122,639        |
| CDQ ABC reserve                       | 5,532         | 8,905     | 13,122         |
| Amendment 80 ABC reserve <sup>1</sup> | 46,168        | 74,320    | 109,517        |

Note: Seasonal or sector apportionments may not total precisely due to rounding.

<sup>1</sup>The 2028 allocations between Amendment 80 cooperatives and the Amendment 80 limited access sector will not be known until eligible participants apply for participation in the program by the deadline of November 1, 2027.

**Table 8—Proposed 2027 and 2028 Apportionment of Prohibited Species Catch Allowances to Non-Trawl Gear, the CDQ Program, Amendment 80, and the BSAI Trawl Limited Access Sectors (values are rounded to the nearest metric ton. Crab are in number of animals.)**

| PSC species and area and zone <sup>1</sup> | Total PSC | Non-trawl PSC | CDQ PSQ reserve <sup>2</sup> | Trawl PSC remaining after CDQ PSQ | Amendment 80 sector <sup>3</sup> | BSAI trawl limited access sector | BSAI PSC limits not allocated to Amendment 80 |
|--------------------------------------------|-----------|---------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|
| Halibut mortality (mt) BSAI                | 3,079     | 710           | 315                          | n/a                               | 1,309                            | 745                              | n/a                                           |
| Herring (mt) BSAI                          | 2,015     | n/a           | n/a                          | n/a                               | n/a                              | n/a                              | n/a                                           |
| Red king crab (animals) Zone 1             | 97,000    | n/a           | 10,379                       | 86,621                            | 43,293                           | 26,489                           | 16,839                                        |
| <i>C. opilio</i> (animals) COBLZ           | 6,764,586 | n/a           | 723,811                      | 6,040,775                         | 2,969,041                        | 1,941,505                        | 1,130,229                                     |
| <i>C. bairdi</i> crab (animals) Zone 1     | 980,000   | n/a           | 104,860                      | 875,140                           | 368,521                          | 411,228                          | 95,390                                        |
| <i>C. bairdi</i> crab (animals) Zone 2     | 2,970,000 | n/a           | 317,790                      | 2,652,210                         | 627,778                          | 1,241,500                        | 782,932                                       |

Note: Seasonal or sector apportionments may not total precisely due to rounding.

<sup>1</sup>Refer to § 679.2 for definitions of areas and zones.

<sup>2</sup>The PSQ reserve for the CDQ Program for crab species is 10.7 percent of each crab PSC limit.

<sup>3</sup> The halibut PSC limit for the Amendment 80 sector is determined annually based on the most recent halibut biomass estimates from the IPHC setline survey index and the NMFS AFSC Eastern Bering Sea shelf trawl survey index (§ 679.21(b)(1)(i)(A) through (C)). NMFS uses both halibut biomass estimates such that the value at the intercept of those survey indices from table 58 to 50 CFR part 679 is the Amendment 80 sector halibut PSC limit.

**Table 9—Proposed 2027 and 2028 Herring and Red King Crab Savings Subarea Prohibited Species Catch Allowances for All Trawl Sectors (Herring amounts are rounded to the nearest metric ton. Crab are in number of animals.)**

| Fishery categories <sup>1</sup>                                        | Herring (mt) BSAI | Red king crab (animals) Zone 1 |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|--------------------------------|
| Yellowfin sole                                                         | 116               | n/a                            |
| Rock sole/flathead sole/Alaska plaice/other flatfish <sup>2</sup>      | 59                | n/a                            |
| Greenland turbot/arrowtooth flounder/Kamchatka flounder/sablefish      | 6                 | n/a                            |
| Rockfish                                                               | 6                 | n/a                            |
| Pacific cod                                                            | 11                | n/a                            |
| Midwater trawl pollock                                                 | 1,793             | n/a                            |
| Pollock/Atka mackerel/other species <sup>3 4</sup>                     | 24                | n/a                            |
| 2026 Red king crab savings subarea non-pelagic trawl gear <sup>5</sup> | n/a               | 24,250                         |
| Total trawl PSC                                                        | 2,015             | 97,000                         |

Note: Seasonal or sector apportionments may not total precisely due to rounding.

<sup>1</sup>Target fishery categories are defined at § 679.21(b)(1)(ii)(B) and (e)(3)(iv).

<sup>2</sup>“Other flatfish” for PSC monitoring includes all flatfish species, except for halibut (a prohibited species), Alaska plaice, arrowtooth flounder, flathead sole, Greenland turbot, Kamchatka flounder, rock sole, and yellowfin sole.

<sup>3</sup>Pollock other than midwater trawl pollock, Atka mackerel, and “other species” fishery category.

<sup>4</sup>“Other species” for PSC monitoring includes skates, sharks, and octopuses.

<sup>5</sup>In October 2026, the Council recommended and NMFS proposes that the red king crab bycatch limit within the RKCSS be limited to 25 percent of the red king crab PSC limit (see § 679.21(e)(3)(ii)(B)(2)).

**Table 10—Proposed 2027 and 2028 Prohibited Species Bycatch Allowances for the BSAI Trawl Limited Access Sectors and Pacific Cod Trawl Cooperative Programs (values are rounded to the nearest metric ton. Crab are in number of animals.)**

| BSAI trawl limited access sector fisheries <sup>2</sup>           | Prohibited species and area <sup>1</sup> |                                   |                                     |                            |           |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------------|-----------|
|                                                                   | Halibut mortality<br>(mt) BSAI           | Red king crab<br>(animals) Zone 1 | <i>C. opilio</i> (animals)<br>COBLZ | <i>C. bairdi</i> (animals) |           |
|                                                                   |                                          |                                   |                                     | Zone 1                     | Zone 2    |
| Yellowfin sole                                                    | 250                                      | 23,337                            | 1,853,931                           | 346,228                    | 1,185,500 |
| Rock sole/flathead sole/Alaska plaice/other flatfish <sup>3</sup> | n/a                                      | n/a                               | n/a                                 | n/a                        | n/a       |
| Greenland turbot/arrowtooth flounder/Kamchatka flounder/sablefish | n/a                                      | n/a                               | n/a                                 | n/a                        | n/a       |
| Rockfish April 15-December 31                                     | 5                                        | n/a                               | 1,564                               | n/a                        | 1,000     |
| Total Pacific cod <sup>4</sup>                                    | 315                                      | 2,955                             | 78,191                              | 60,000                     | 50,000    |
| AFA CP Pacific cod                                                | 6                                        | 278                               | 7,350                               | 5,640                      | 4,700     |
| PCTC Program Pacific cod, A and B                                 | 220                                      | 1,653                             | 43,744                              | 33,567                     | 27,973    |
| Trawl CV Pacific cod, C season                                    | 15                                       | 134                               | 3,542                               | 2,718                      | 2,265     |
| PCTC Program unallocated reduction                                | 73                                       | 890                               | 23,555                              | 18,075                     | 15,062    |
| Pollock/Atka mackerel/other species <sup>5</sup>                  | 175                                      | 197                               | 7,819                               | 5,000                      | 5,000     |
| Total BSAI trawl limited access sector PSC                        | 745                                      | 26,489                            | 1,941,505                           | 411,228                    | 1,241,500 |

Note: Seasonal or sector apportionments may not total precisely due to rounding.

<sup>1</sup>Refer to § 679.2 for definitions of areas and zones.

<sup>2</sup>Target fishery categories are defined at § 679.21(b)(1)(ii)(B) and (e)(3)(iv).

<sup>3</sup>“Other flatfish” for PSC monitoring includes all flatfish species, except for halibut (a prohibited species), Alaska plaice, arrowtooth flounder, flathead sole, Greenland turbot, Kamchatka flounder, rock sole, and yellowfin sole.

<sup>4</sup>The BSAI trawl limited access sector Pacific cod PSC limits for halibut and crab are split between AFA C/Ps, PCTC A and B-season for trawl CVs, and open access C-season (§ 679.131(c) and (d)). The halibut PSC limits are reduced for the A and B season trawl CV sector by 25 percent each year (§ 679.131(c)(1)(iii)). The crab PSC limits are reduced for the A and B season trawl CV sector by 35 percent each year (§ 679.131(d)(1)(iii)). Any amount of the PCTC Program PSC limit remaining after the B season may be reapportioned to the trawl CV open access fishery in the C season.

<sup>5</sup>“Other species” for PSC monitoring includes skates, sharks, and octopuses.

**Table 11—Proposed 2027 and 2028 Halibut Prohibited Species Bycatch Allowances for Non-Trawl Fisheries (values are rounded to the nearest metric ton)**

| Non-trawl fisheries             | Seasons               | C/P | CV  | All Non-Trawl |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------|-----|-----|---------------|
| Pacific cod                     | Annual Pacific cod    | 648 | 13  | 661           |
|                                 | January 1-June 10     | 388 | 9   | n/a           |
|                                 | June 10-August 15     | 162 | 2   | n/a           |
|                                 | August 15-December 31 | 98  | 2   | n/a           |
| Non-Pacific cod non-trawl-Total | May 1-December 31     | n/a | n/a | n/a           |
| Groundfish pot and jig          | n/a                   | n/a | n/a | Exempt        |
| Sablefish hook-and-line         | n/a                   | n/a | n/a | Exempt        |
| Total for all non-trawl PSC     | n/a                   | n/a | n/a | 710           |

Note: Seasonal or sector apportionments may not total precisely due to rounding.

**Table 12—Proposed 2027 and 2028 Pacific Halibut Discard Mortality Rates (DMR) for the BSAI**

| Gear              | Sector                           | Halibut discard mortality rate (percent) |
|-------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------------------|
| Pelagic Trawl     | All                              | 100                                      |
| Non-Pelagic Trawl | Mothership and catcher/processor | 84                                       |
| Non-Pelagic Trawl | Catcher vessel                   | 64                                       |
| Hook-and-line     | Catcher vessel                   | 9                                        |
| Hook-and-line     | Catcher/processor                | 9                                        |
| Pot               | All                              | 18                                       |

Note: Seasonal or sector apportionments may not total precisely due to rounding.