

Table 1. Plan Team OFL, ABC, and BRD recommendations (metric tons) for GOA Final Harvest Specifications for stocks reviewed in September 2026

Stock	Area	2026			Catch	Plan Team Recommended 2027			Plan Team Recommended 2028		
		OFL	ABC	TAC	9/8/2026	OFL	ABC	BRD	OFL	ABC	BRD
Shallow-Water Flatfish	W	n/a	23,902	13,250	44	n/a		23,738	n/a		23,619
	C	n/a	28,455	28,455	1,523	n/a		28,259	n/a		28,118
	WYAK	n/a	2,846	2,846	3	n/a		2,826	n/a		2,812
	SEO	n/a	1,707	1,707	-	n/a		1,696	n/a		1,687
	Total	69,277	56,910	46,258	1,570	69,206	56,519		68,867	56,236	
Deep-Water Flatfish	W	n/a	231	231	2	n/a		228	n/a		224
	C	n/a	2,570	2,570	111	n/a		2,519	n/a		2,464
	WYAK	n/a	1,796	1,796	3	n/a		1,760	n/a		1,721
	SEO	n/a	2,239	2,239	1	n/a		2,195	n/a		2,146
	Total	8,118	6,836	6,836	117	7,959	6,702		7,784	6,555	
Rex Sole	W		3,353	3,353	15	n/a		2,786	n/a		2,669
	C		13,582	13,582	1,139	n/a		10,053	n/a		9,631
	WYAK		1,413	1,413	-	n/a		1,532	n/a		1,457
	SEO		2,825	2,825	-	n/a		1,706	n/a		1,624
	Total	25,743	21,173	21,173	1,154	19,523	16,077		186,883	15,381	
Arrowtooth Flounder	W		33,716	14,500	84	n/a		25,572	n/a		25,537
	C		68,511	68,511	16,872	n/a		80,318	n/a		80,209
	WYAK		6,719	6,719	26	n/a		9,692	n/a		9,679
	SEO		11,039	11,039	15	n/a		18,501	n/a		18,476
	Total	143,347	119,985	100,769	16,997	157,261	134,083		157,060	133,091	
Flathead Sole	W		13,757	8,650	21	n/a		13,208	n/a		13,103
	C		22,083	22,083	900	n/a		21,421	n/a		21,250
	WYAK		4,018	4,018	-	n/a		4,807	n/a		4,768
	SEO		2,122	2,122	-	n/a		2,539	n/a		2,518
	Total	51,176	41,980	36,873	921	51,152	41,975		50,740	41,639	
Dusky Rockfish	W		199	199	38	n/a		188	n/a		178
	C		5,527	5,527	3,091	n/a		5,225	n/a		4,967
	WYAK		204	204	40	n/a		193	n/a		184
	SEO		91	91	-	n/a		87	n/a		82
	Total	7,319	6,021	6,021	3,169	6,920	5,693		6,577	5,411	
Big Skate	W		745	745	72	n/a		567	n/a		567
	C		1,749	1,749	654	n/a		1,796	n/a		1,796
	E		341	341	129	n/a		428	n/a		428
	Total	3,780	2,835	2,835	855	3,721	2,791		3,721	2,791	
Longnose Skate	W		104	104	41	n/a		55	n/a		55
	C		1,894	1,894	527	n/a		2,021	n/a		2,021
	E		538	538	380	n/a		602	n/a		602
	Total	3,380	2,536	2,536	948	3,572	2,678		3,572	2,678	
Other Skates	GOA-wide	887	665	665	369	1,111	833		1,111	833	

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 GOA Harvest Specifications; Catch Accounting System. GOA catch (not AK wide catch) for sablefish included in catch total.