



**NOAA**  
**FISHERIES**

# Inseason Management Update

Steve Whitney and Abby Jahn

September 2025



# Inseason Management

## Terminology for reference:

### Fisheries status:

- Open = open to directed fishing in the harvest specifications
- Bycatch = closed to directed fishing in the harvest specifications or through an inseason action. Maximum retainable amounts apply.
- PSC = prohibit retention through an inseason action.

### Management terms:

- OFL = overfishing limit specified at the stock or stock complex level. If harvest is approaching the OFL, NMFS can close fisheries to prevent exceeding an OFL.
- ABC = acceptable biological catch specified at the stock or stock complex level.
- BRD = biologically-informed recommended distribution of the ABC.
- TAC = total allowable catch, set less than or equal to the ABC or BRD for an area.
- Apportionment = when TAC is divided across areas.
- Allocation = when TAC apportionment is distributed to a specific user group or gear type.
- Allowance = when a TAC apportionment is distributed seasonally.
- ICA = Incidental catch allowance is a TAC set-aside to support other directed fisheries.
- DFA = directed fishing allowance is the TAC minus the ICA.



**NOAA**  
FISHERIES

# Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands

- Amendment 80 fleet is getting smaller. There are two less vessels this year and we are down to 14 total.
- Yellowfin sole trawl limited access is still largely unfished, which points to continued market weakness.
- More CDQ Pacific cod is being harvested by trawl CPs instead of hook and line CPs.
- There is more shifts in fleet behavior in attempts to avoid blackspotted/rougheye and “other rockfish.”



**NOAA**  
FISHERIES

# Gulf of Alaska

## A season pollock fisheries

Slight decrease in TAC utilization in 610. Increase in TAC utilization for 620 and 630.

Regulatory Areas	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021
Shumigan (Area 610)	76%	97%	4%	12%	26%
Chirikof (Area 620)	99%	93%	98%	94%	97%
Kodiak (Area 630)	89%	37%	82%	95%	97%

## Pacific cod fisheries

Central GOA jig sector utilized 96% of the annual allocation

Central GOA trawl CP sector placed on PSC status July 14, 2025. This was much earlier in the summer than in prior years.

## Other fisheries

NMFS prohibited retention for shortraker in the Central GOA April 11.

NMFS prohibited directed fishing for POP and Dusky Rockfish in the West Yakutat District July 16 and for POP in the Western GOA September 12.



**NOAA**  
FISHERIES

# Resources

NMFS Inseason management will present the annual inseason management report at the Council in December.

- Inseason management reports are updated annually:  
<https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/resource/document/alaska-inseason-management-annual-reports-north-pacific-fishery-management>
- Catch and landing reports are updated weekly:  
<https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/alaska/commercial-fishing/fisheries-catch-and-landings-reports-alaska>

Thank you! - Inseason management team



**NOAA**  
FISHERIES