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# Inseason Management Update

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# Inseason Management

## Terminology for reference:

- Open = open to directed fishing in the harvest specifications
- Bycatch = closed to directed fishing in the harvest specifications or through an inseason action
- PSC = prohibit directed fishing in regulations or through an inseason action
- OFL = may prohibit fisheries that have incidental catch
- TAC = total allowable catch, set less than or equal to the ABC for an area or subarea
  - Allocation = when TAC is distributed to a specific user group or gear type
  - Apportionment = when TAC is split proportionally to the ABC across an area
  - ICA = TAC set aside as incidental catch to support other directed fisheries
  - DFA = directed fishing allowance is the remaining TAC apportioned by area after the ICA is deducted (I/A)



# Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands

- Markets remain extremely depressed. Cod harvest has been minimal across sectors and 2024 is on target to have the lowest A80 flatfish species harvest in a decade.
- BS/RE problems continue in the Pacific Ocean Perch fishery.
- Kamchatka flounder is on track to be fully harvested even with whale avoidance measures. This has led to a reduced interest in northern rockfish.
- Atka mackerel was harvested in the EAI earlier than normal. This seems to have reduced the incidental take of dusky rockfish.
- More thornyhead rockfish is being taken in the Kamchatka/arrowtooth/sablefish fishery than normal.



# Gulf of Alaska

## A season pollock fisheries

Less harvest in A season for 620 and 630 relative to normal and more harvest in A season for 610 than normal

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

## Pacific cod fisheries

Central GOA jig sector utilized 98% of the annual allocation

Central GOA trawl CP sector placed on PSC status August 20, 2024

## Other fisheries

Arrowtooth and shallow water flatfish catch (through 9-16) in the Central GOA is higher than the previous three years of annual catch

OFL, ABC, and Catch (through 9-16) is posted on the eAgenda as an attachment



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# Resources

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

- Inseason management reports dating back to 2003 can be found here:  
<https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/resource/document/alaska-inseason-management-annual-reports-north-pacific-fishery-management>
- Catch and landing reports can be found here:  
<https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/alaska/commercial-fishing/fisheries-catch-and-landings-reports-alaska>

Thank you! - Inseason management team



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