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GOA Inseason Management Report

November 2024

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Terminology for Reference

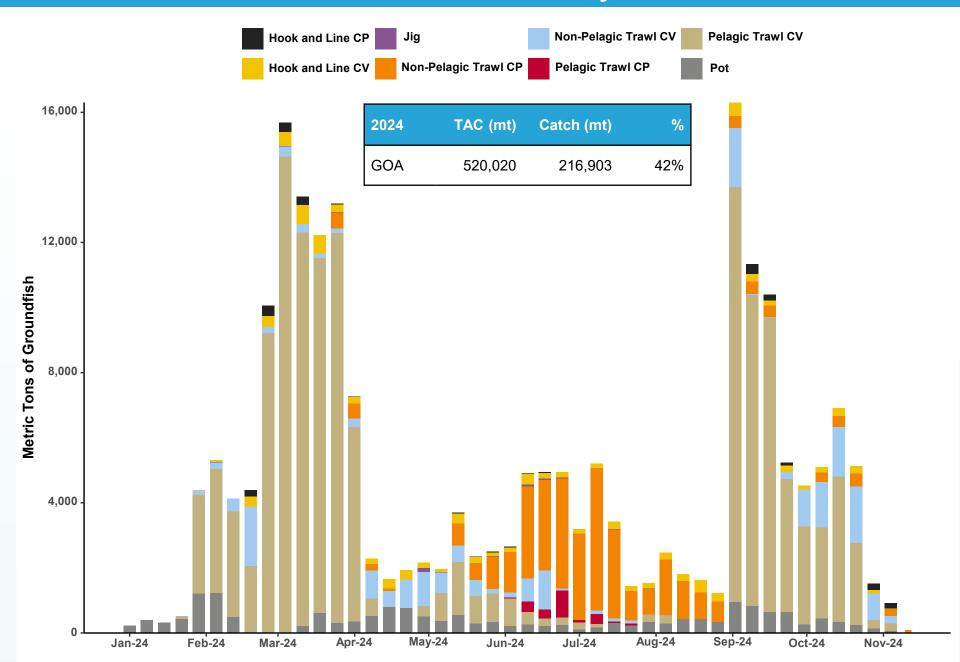
Fisheries status:

- Open = open to directed fishing in the harvest specifications
- Bycatch = closed to directed fishing in the harvest specifications or through an inseason action
- Prohibited species catch (PSC) = prohibit directed fishing in regulations or through an inseason action
- Overfishing level (OFL) closure = may prohibit areas or fisheries with high incidental catch of a species approaching an OFL

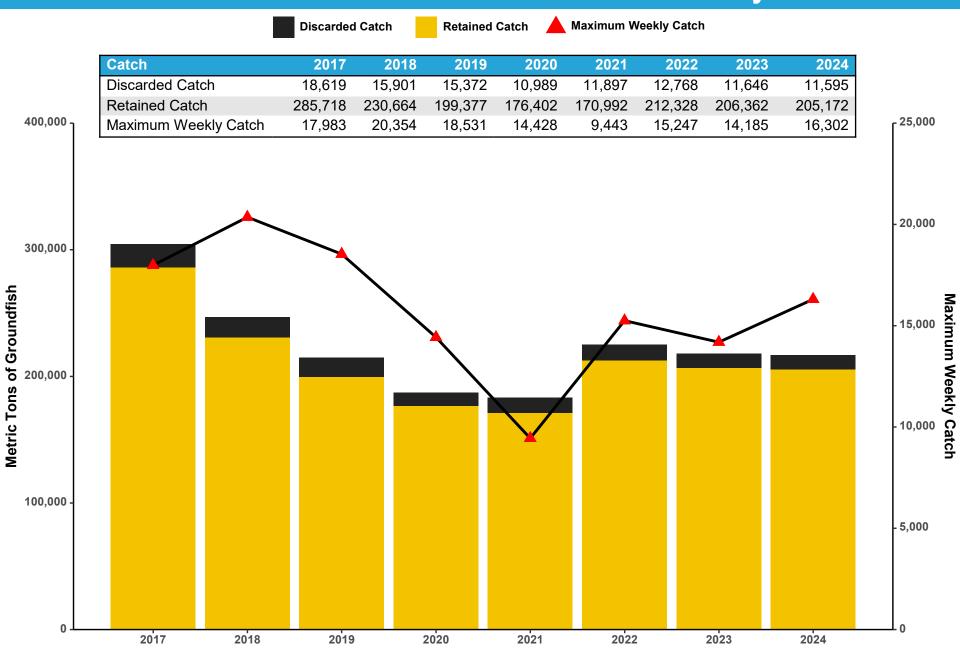
Management terms:

- Total allowable catch (TAC) = set less than or equal to the acceptable biological catch (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
- Incidental catch allowance (ICA) = TAC set-aside to support other directed fisheries
- Directed Fishing Allowance (DFA) = remaining TAC apportioned by area after the ICA is deducted if applicable

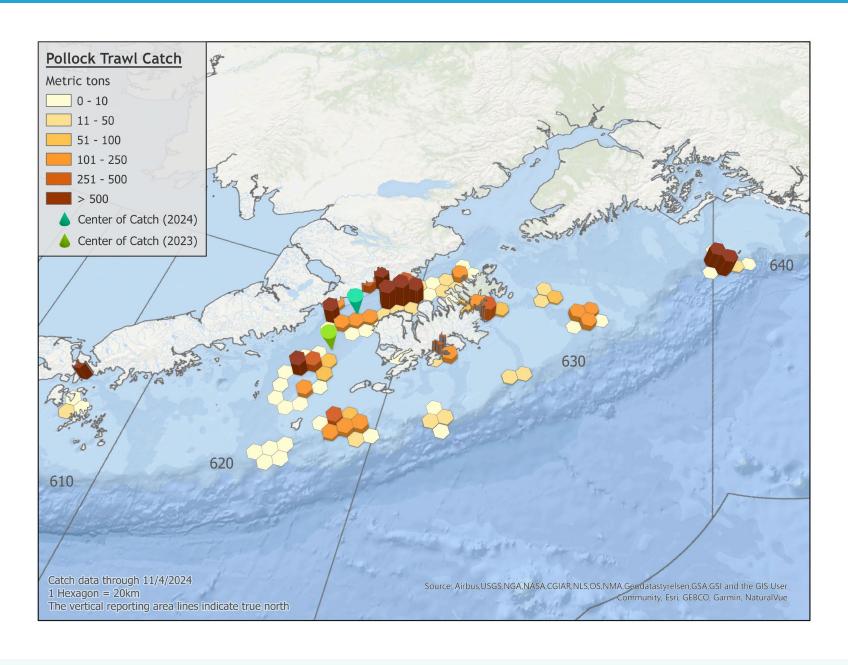
2024 GOA Total Groundfish Catch by Gear and Sector



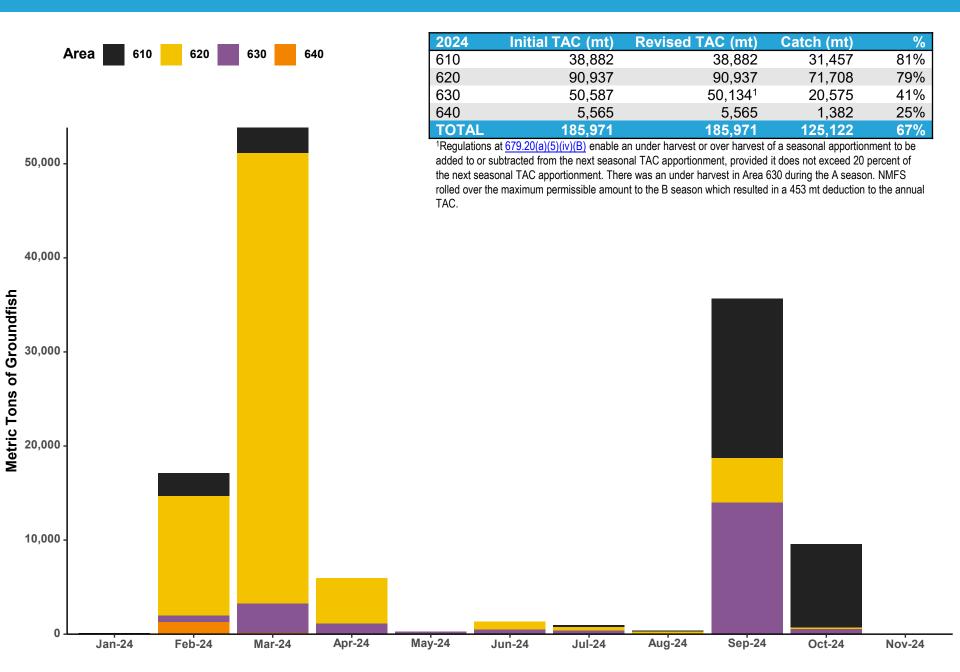
GOA Total Groundfish Catch and Maximum Weekly Harvest



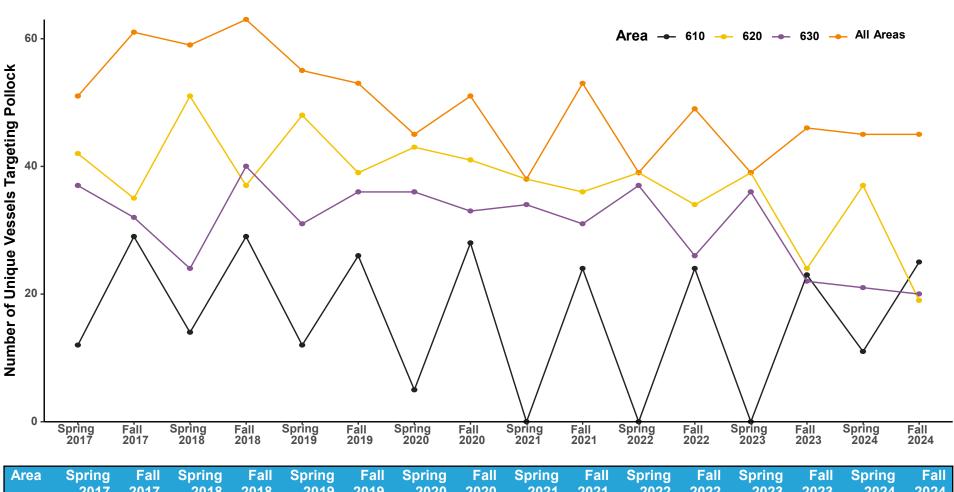
2024 Gulf of Alaska Pollock Directed Fishery



2024 Pollock Catch in the GOA

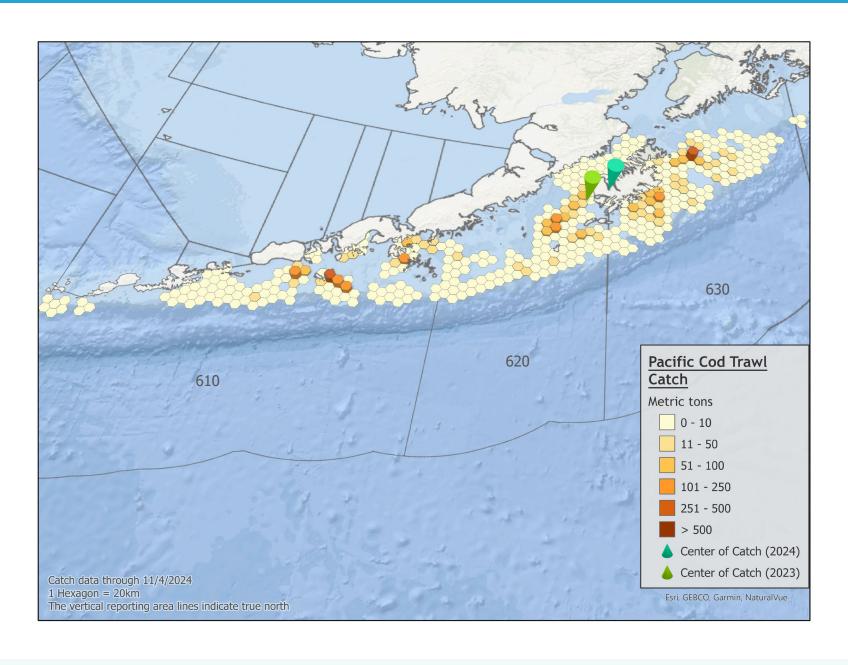


Counts of Vessels Targeting GOA Pollock

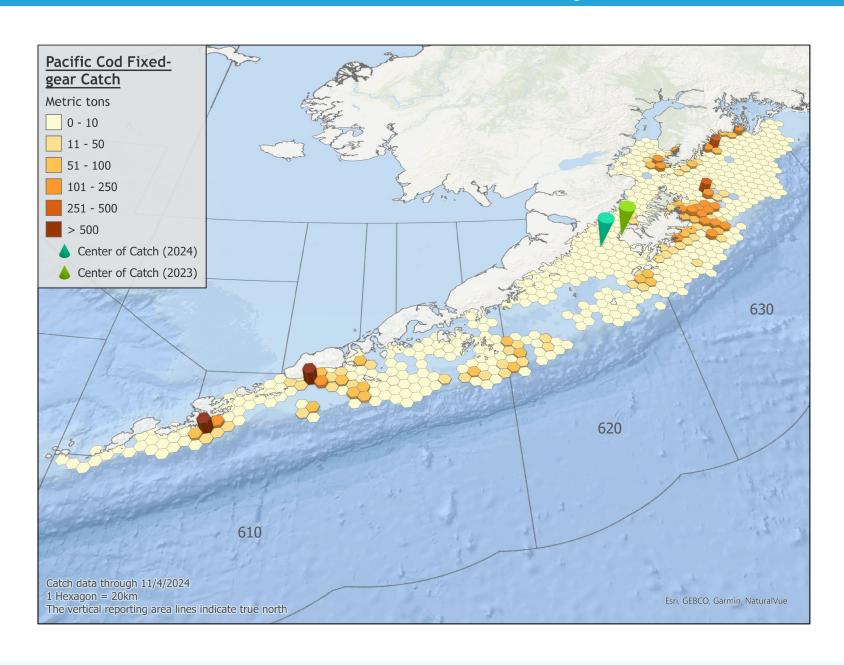


Area	2017	2017	2018	2018	2019	2019	2020	2020	2021	2021	2022	2022	2023	2023	2024	2024
610	12	29	14	29	12	26	5	28	0	24	0	24	0	23	11	25
620	42	35	51	37	48	39	43	41	38	36	39	34	39	24	37	19
630	37	32	24	40	31	36	36	33	34	31	37	26	36	22	21	20
All Areas	51	61	59	63	55	53	45	51	38	53	39	49	39	46	45	45

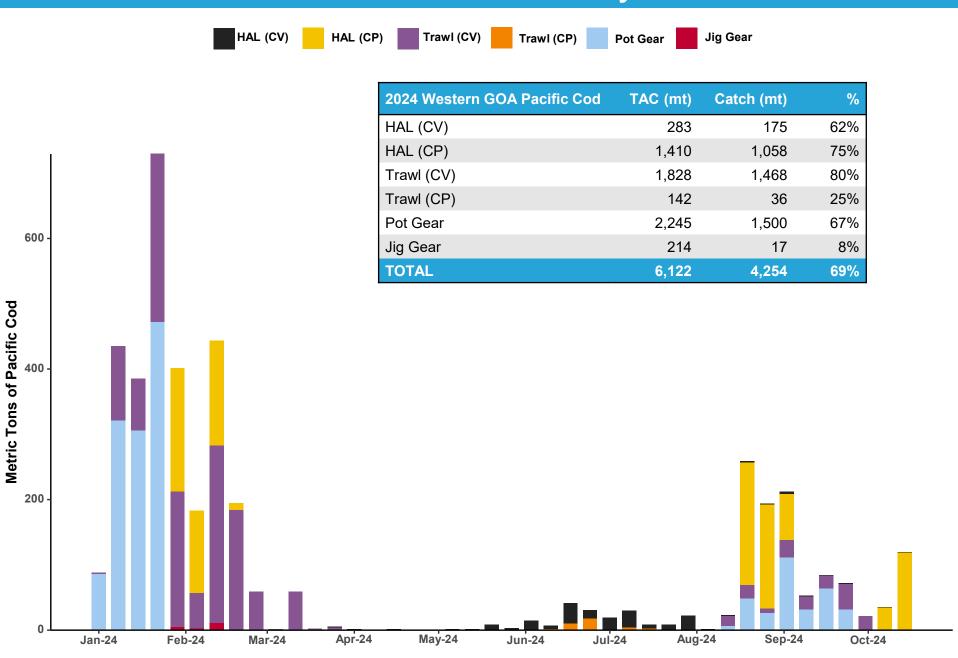
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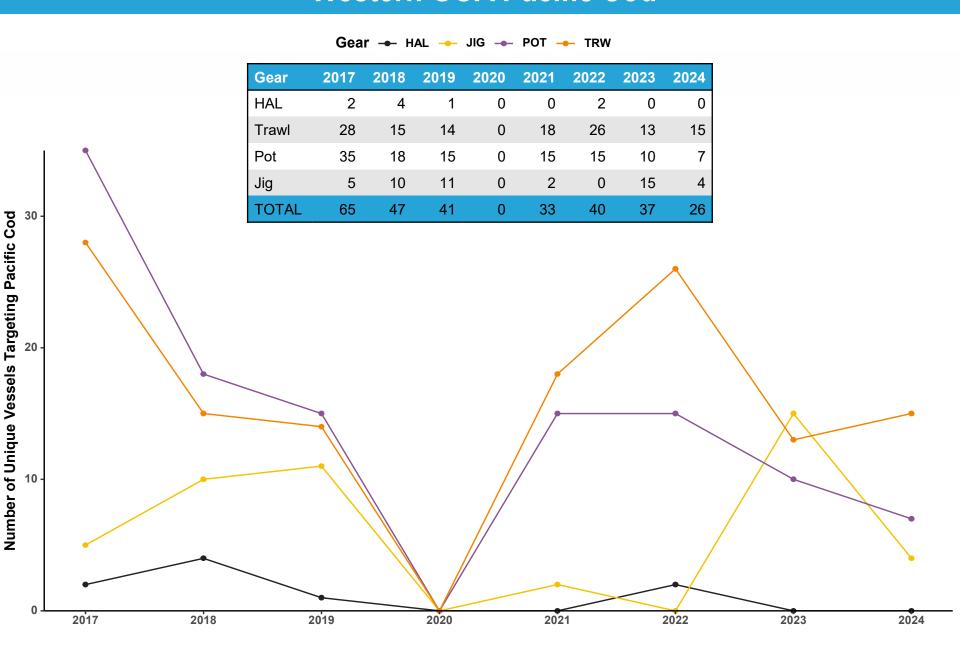
2024 Gulf of Alaska Pacific Cod Catch by Non-Trawl Gear



2024 Western GOA Pacific Cod Catch by Week and Sector



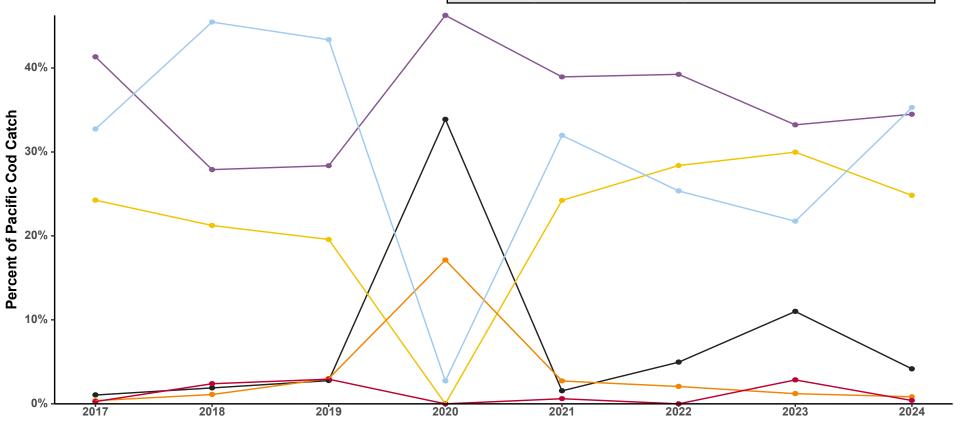
Counts of Catcher Vessels Targeting Western GOA Pacific Cod



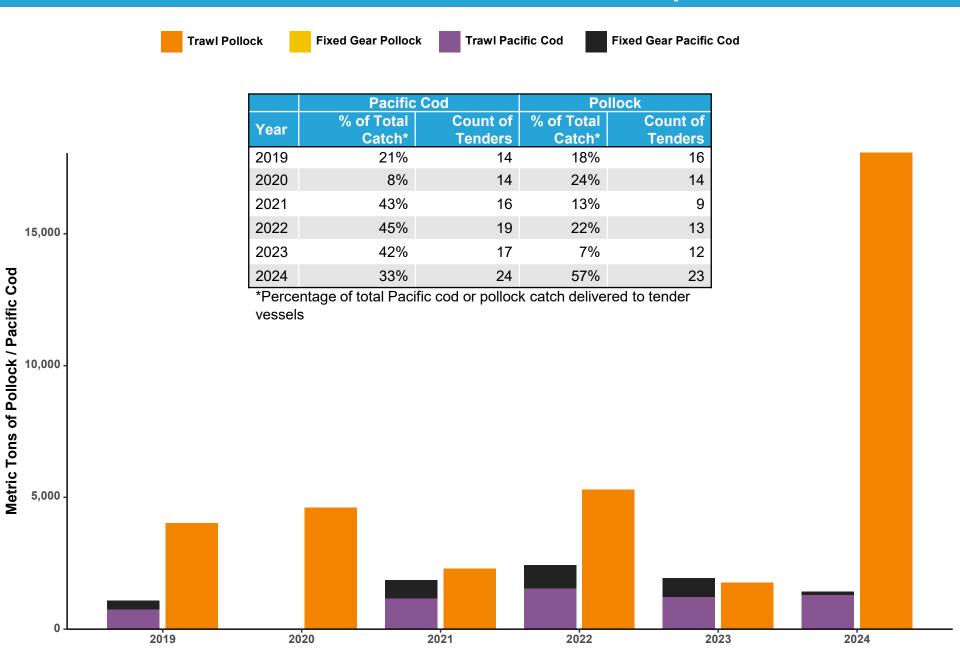
Western GOA Pacific Cod Catch by Sector



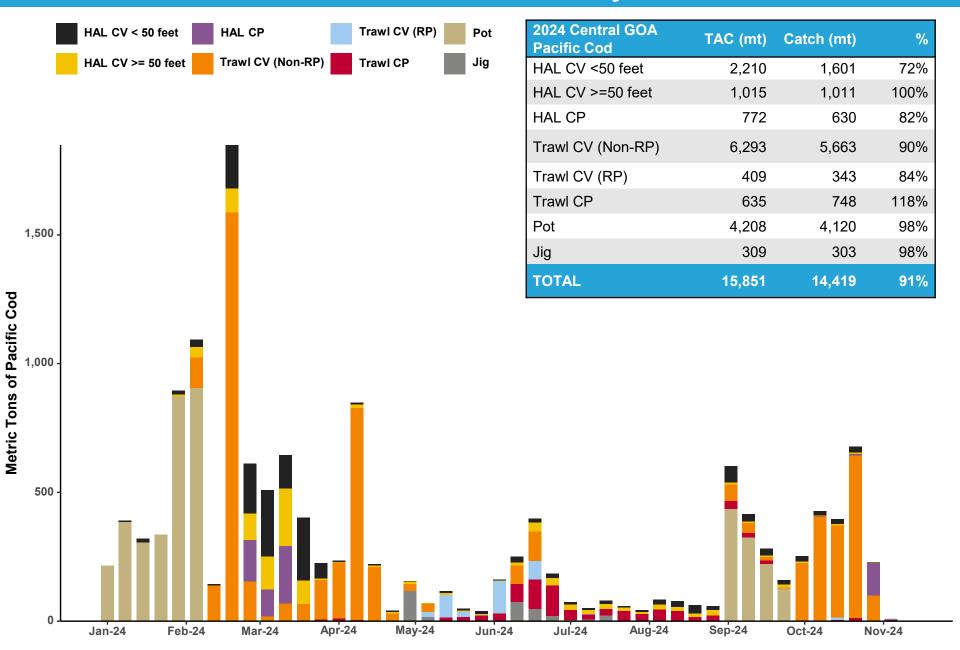
Sector	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
HAL (CV)	1%	2%	3%	34%	2%	5%	11%	4%
HAL (CP)	24%	21%	20%	0%	24%	28%	30%	25%
Trawl (CV)	41%	28%	28%	46%	39%	39%	33%	34%
Trawl (CP)	0%	1%	3%	17%	3%	2%	1%	1%
Pot	33%	45%	43%	3%	32%	25%	22%	35%
Jig	0%	2%	3%	0%	1%	0%	3%	0%



Western GOA Tender Vessels Report

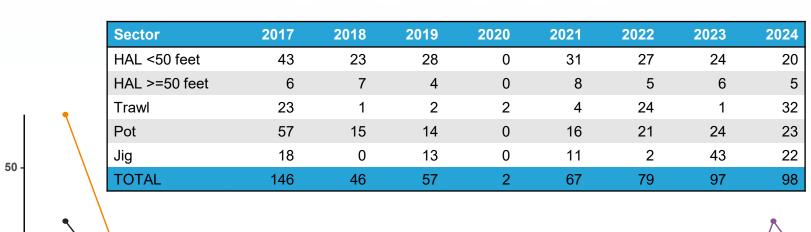


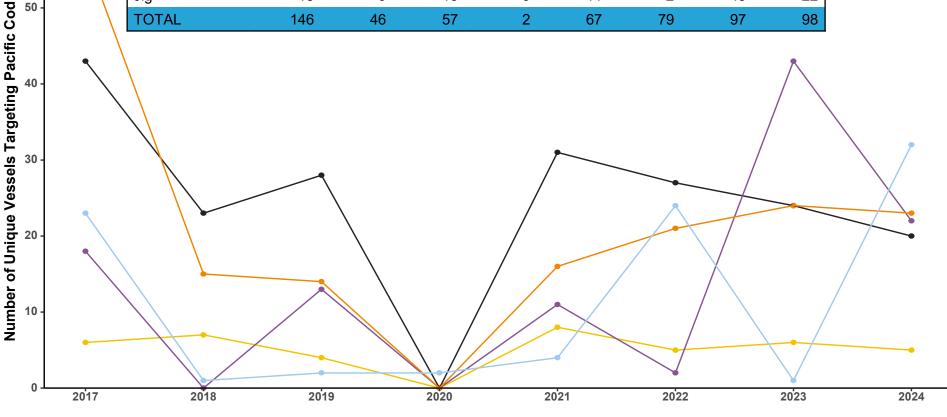
2024 Central GOA Pacific Cod Catch by Week and Sector



Counts of Catcher Vessels Targeting Central GOA Pacific Cod

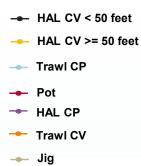
→ HAL < 50 → HAL >= 50 → JIG → POT → TRW

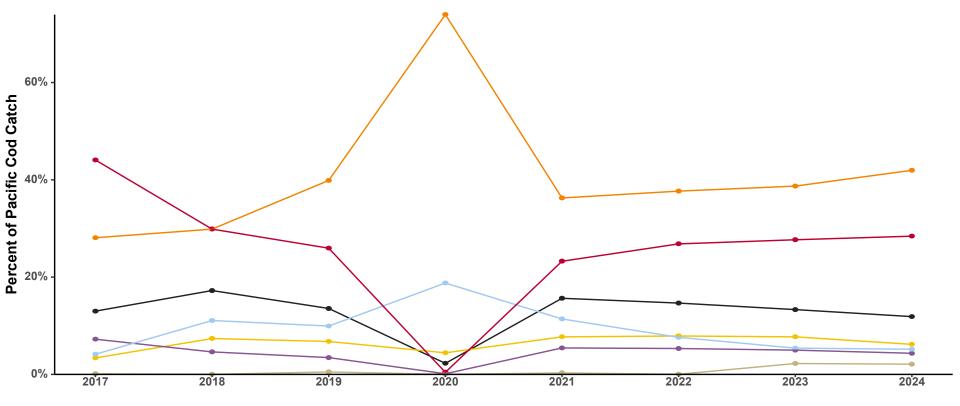




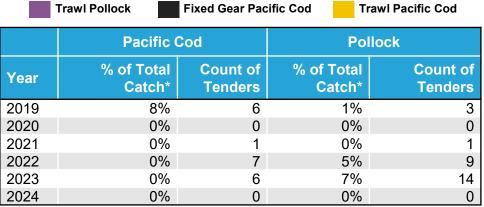
Central GOA Pacific Cod Catch by Sector

Sector	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
HAL CV < 50 feet	13%	17%	14%	2%	16%	15%	13%	12%
HAL CV >= 50 feet	3%	7%	7%	4%	8%	8%	8%	6%
HAL CP	7%	5%	3%	0%	5%	5%	5%	4%
Trawl CV	28%	30%	40%	74%	36%	38%	39%	42%
Trawl CP	4%	11%	10%	19%	11%	8%	5%	5%
Pot	44%	30%	26%	0%	23%	27%	28%	28%
Jig	0%	0%	1%	0%	0%	0%	2%	2%

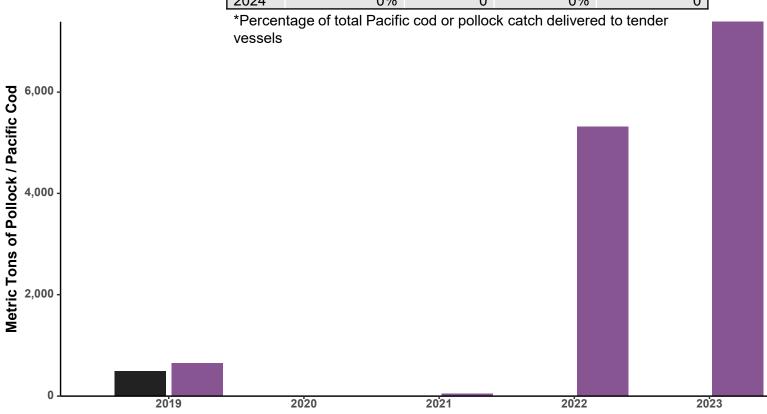




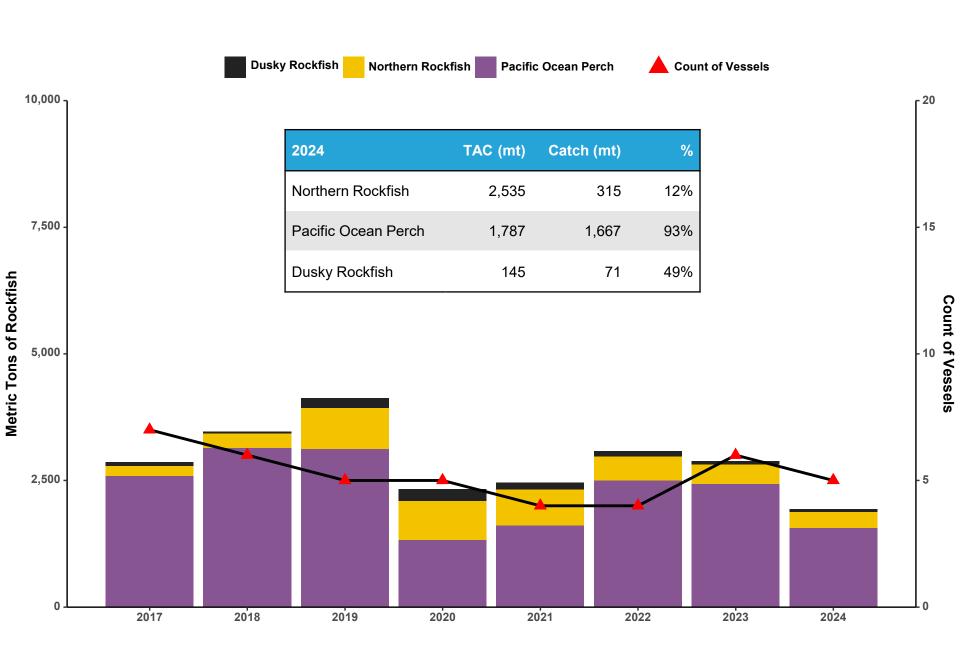
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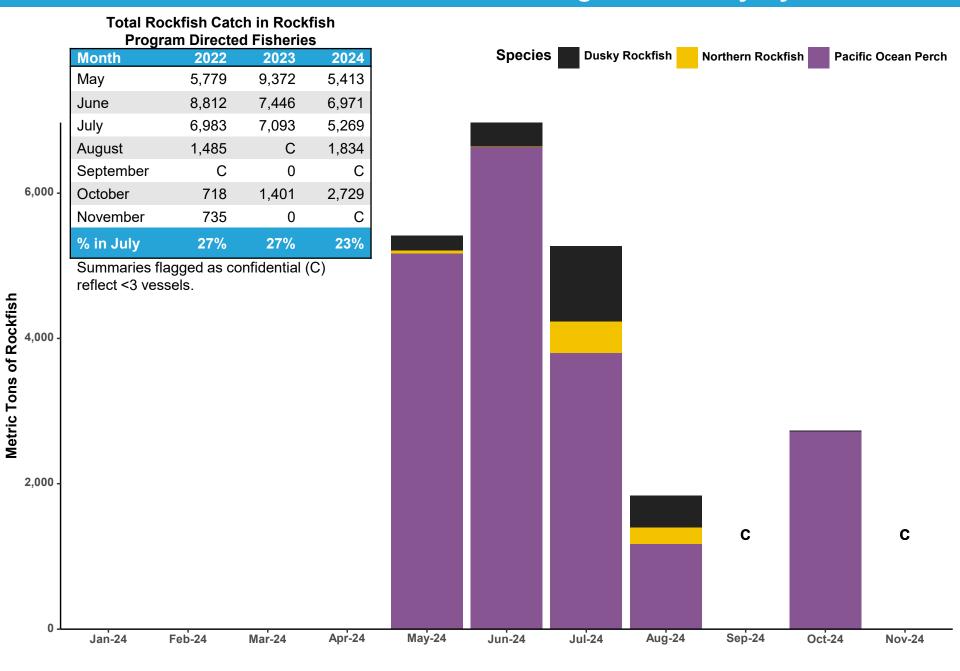
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Western GOA Trawl Rockfish Fishery



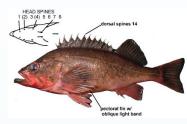
2024 Central GOA Trawl Rockfish Program Fishery by Month



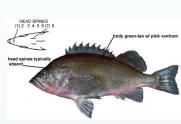
2024 Rockfish Program Allocations and Catch

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Pacific Ocean Perch



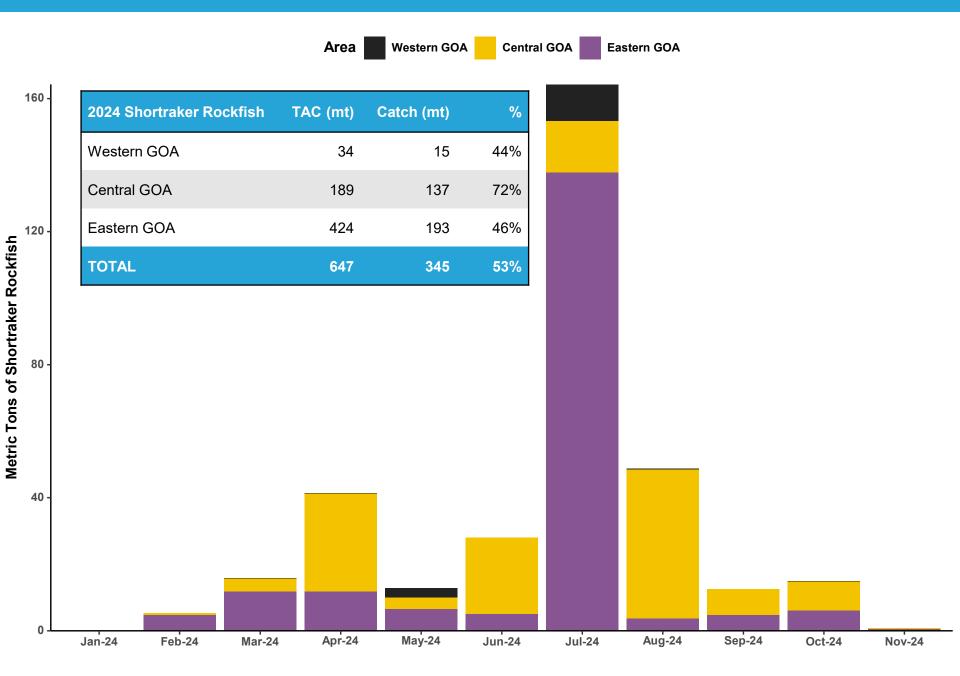
Northern Rockfish



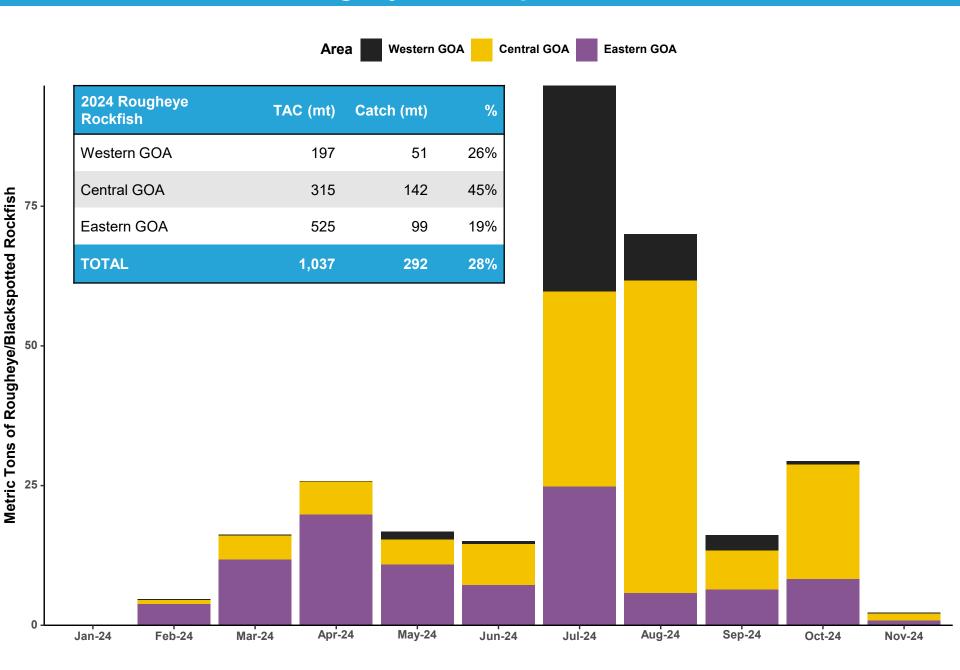
Dusky Rockfish

	Allocations	Species	Limit (mt)	Catch (mt)	%
		Pacific Ocean Perch	5	0	0%
	Entry Level Longline Fishery	Northern Rockfish	5	0	0%
		Dusky Rockfish	50	1	2%
		Pacific Ocean Perch	25,252	20,274	80%
		Northern Rockfish	1,975	746	38%
		Dusky Rockfish	7,065	2,036	29%
		Pacific Cod	588	418	71%
	Cooperatives	Sablefish	993	786	79%
		Thornyhead	238	52	22%
		Shortraker	76	Confidential	Confidential
strum		Rougheye	185	Confidential	Confidential
3		Pacific Halibut PSC	191	93	48%
		Pacific Ocean Perch	3,500	1,387	40%
	Primary Species Central GOA Incidental Catch	Northern Rockfish	300	71	24%
		Dusky Rockfish	250	87	35%

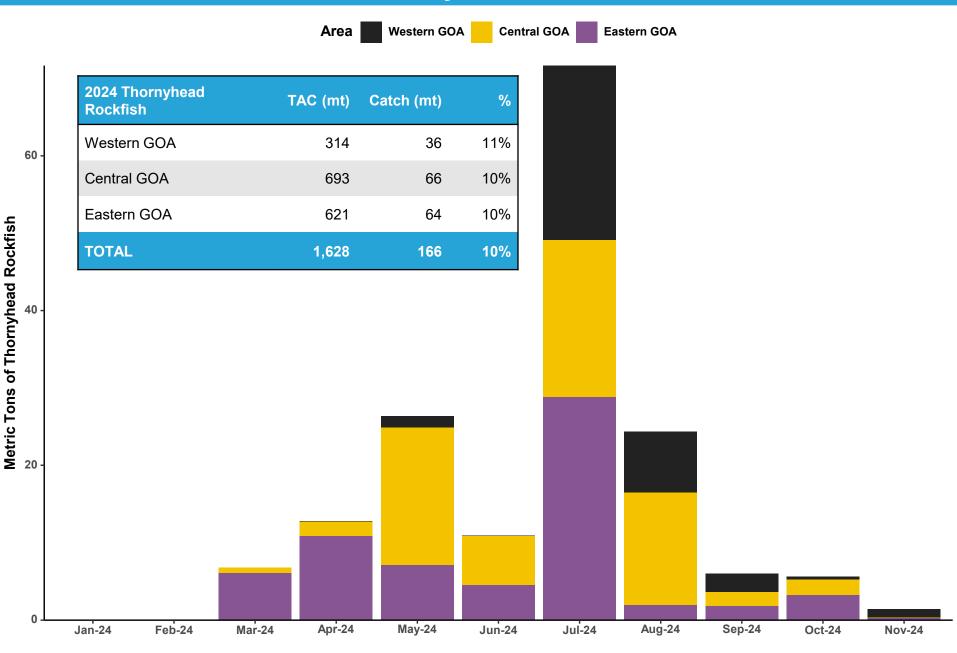
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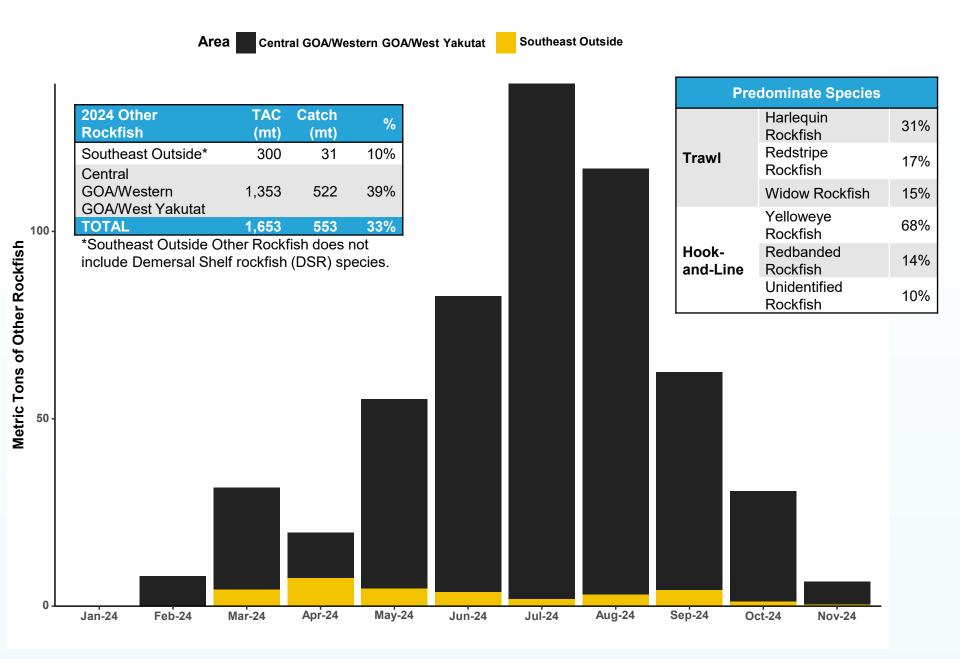
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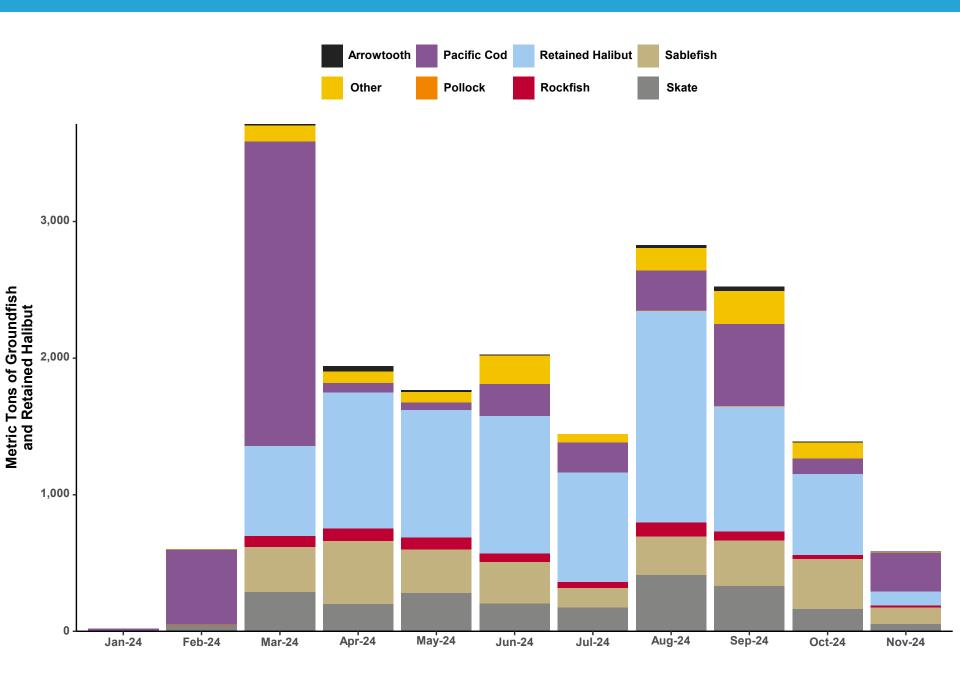
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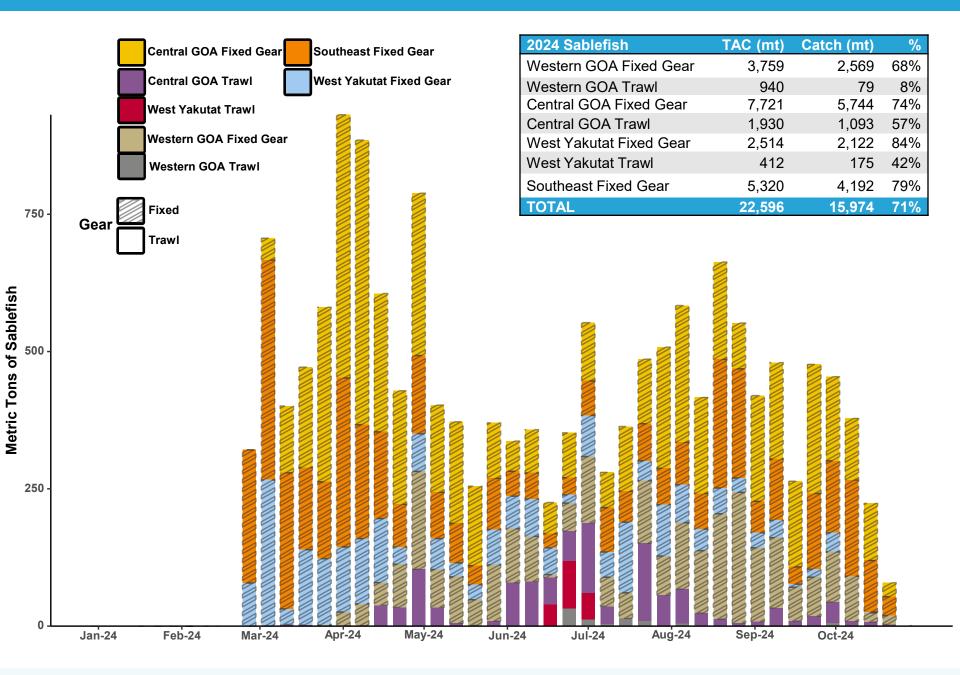
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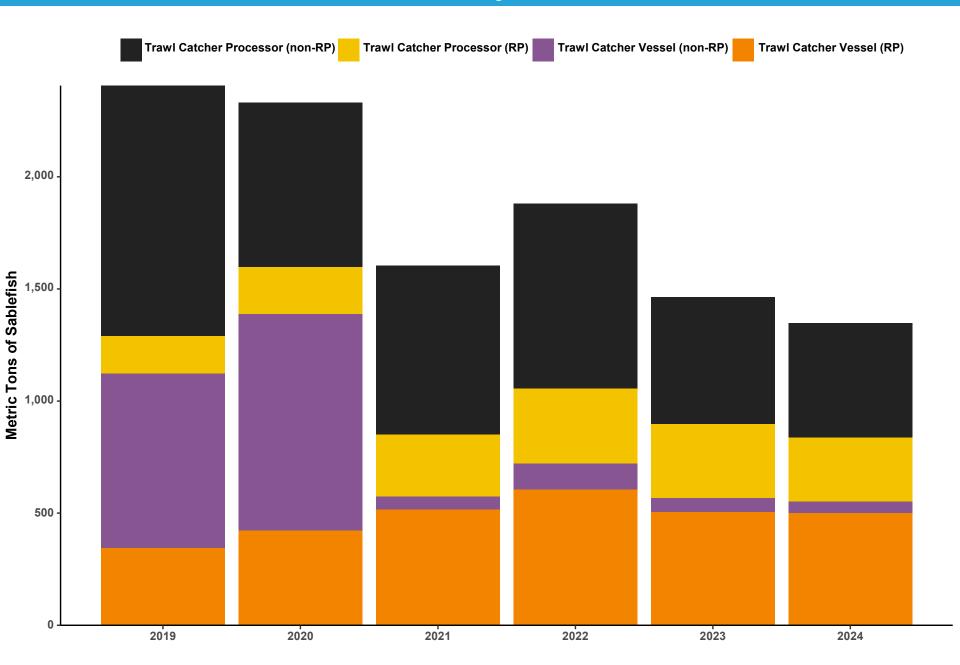
2024 GOA Hook-and-Line Catch



2024 GOA Sablefish Catch



Sablefish Catch by Trawl Vessels

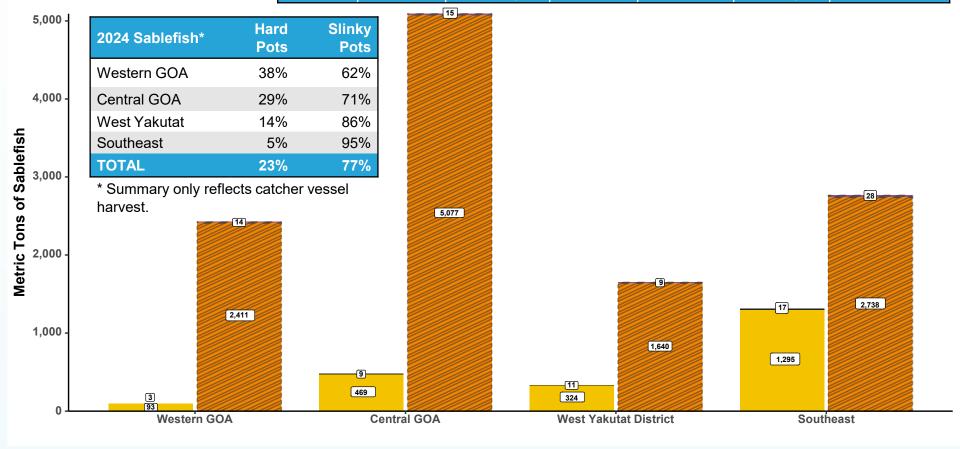


2024 Sablefish by Fixed Gear

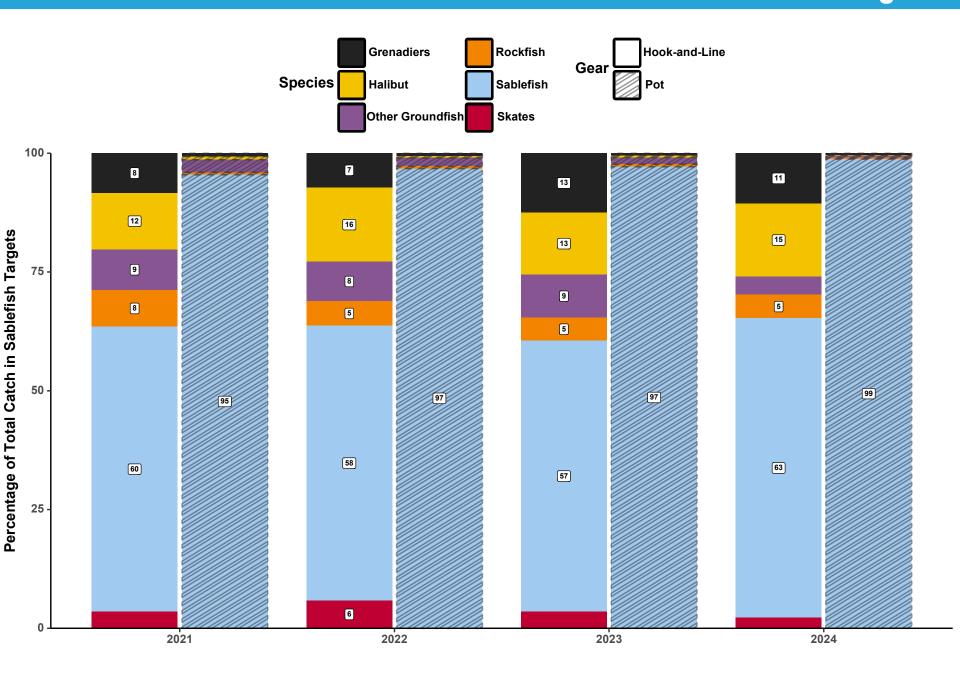




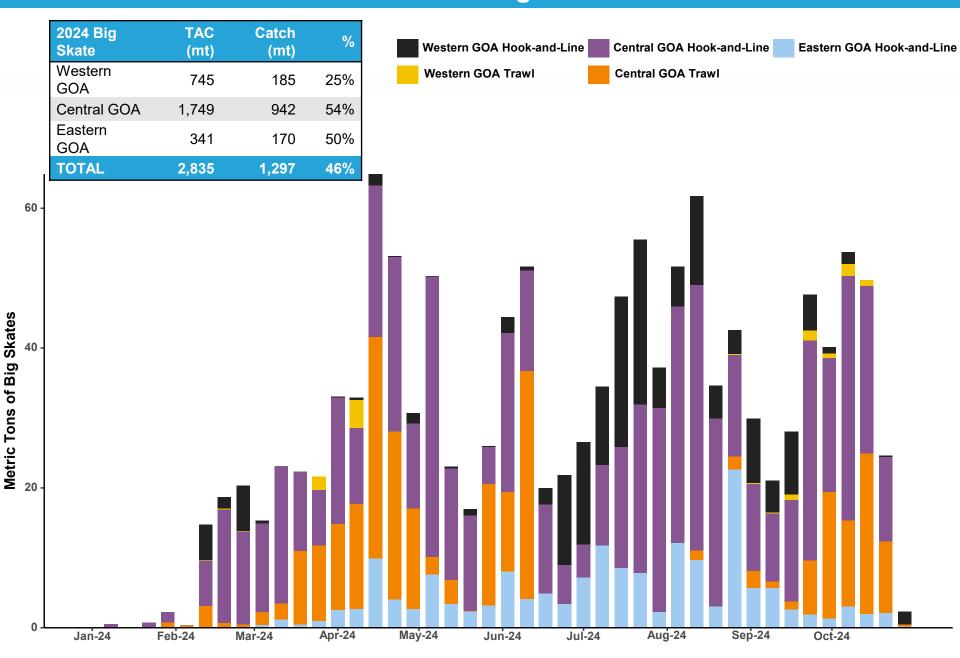
2024		Hook-and-Line		Pot		
Sablefish	Unique Vessels	Sablefish (mt)	% of IFQ Sablefish	Unique Vessels	Sablefish (mt)	% of IFQ Sablefish
Western GOA	12	96	4%	35	2,425	96%
Central GOA	36	478	9%	68	5,092	91%
West Yakutat	32	336	17%	51	1,649	83%
Southeast	80	1,311	32%	98	2,766	68%
TOTAL	113	2,222	16%	159	11,932	84%



2024 Sablefish and Incidental Catch in Fixed Gear Sablefish Targets

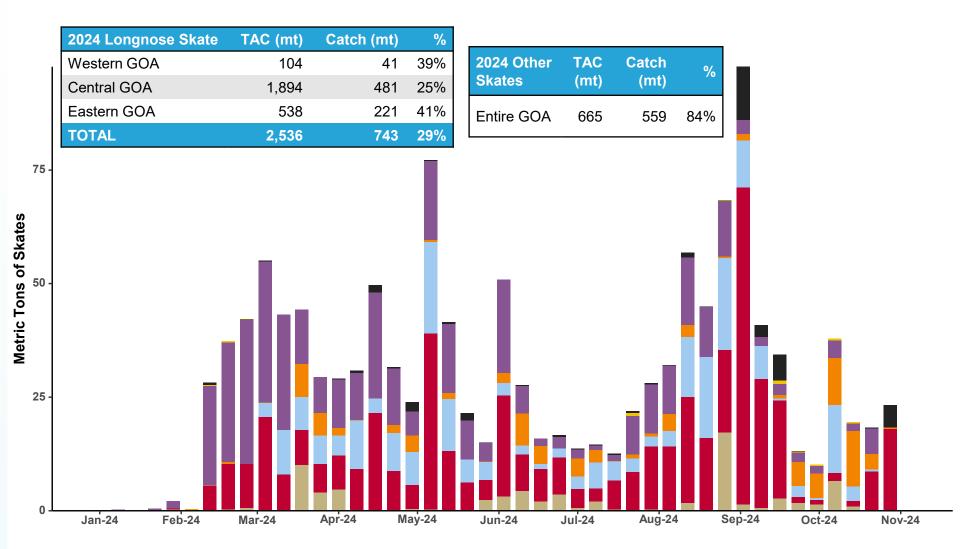


2024 GOA Big Skate

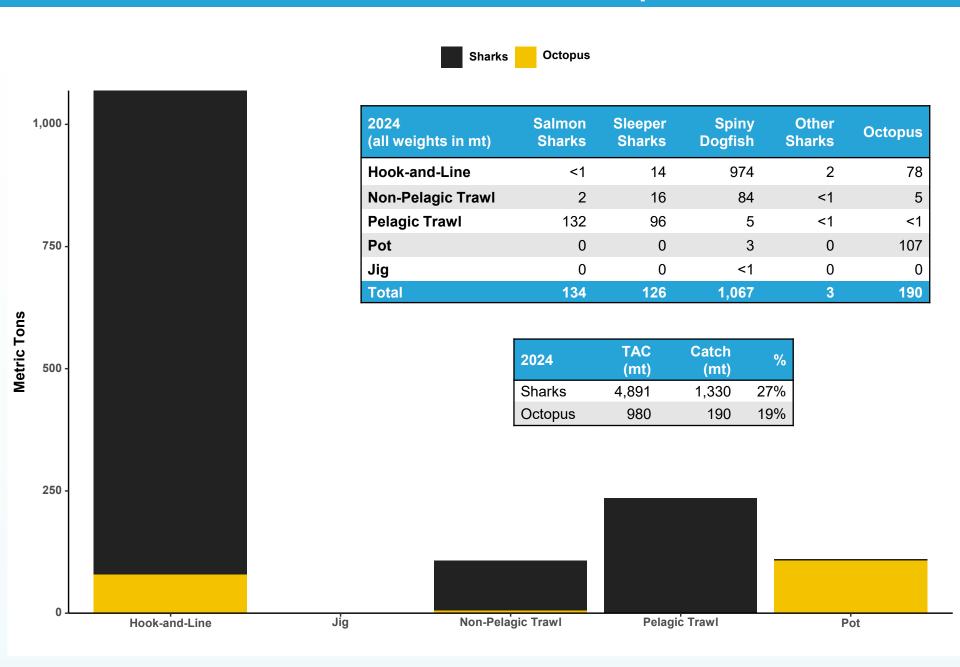


2024 GOA Longnose Skate and Other Skates





2024 GOA Sharks and Octopus

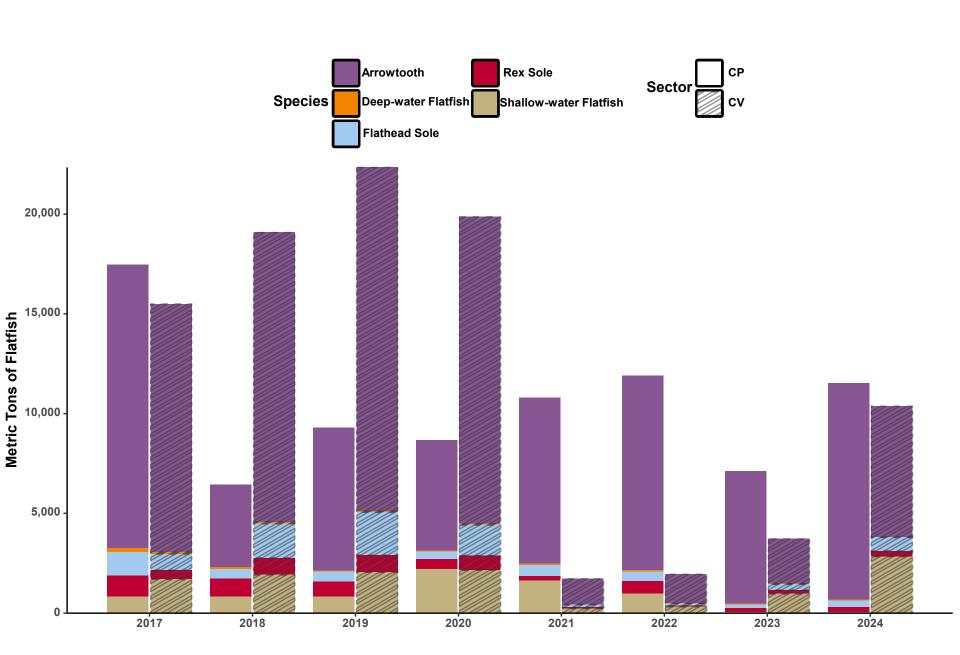


2024 GOA Groundfish Species Placed on Prohibited Species Status

		2023		Date
Pacific Cod	GOA - Central 620/630	All	Jig	June 10
Longnose Skate	GOA - Eastern 640/650	All	Trawl,Hook-and-Line,Pot,Jig	July 12
Pacific Cod	GOA - Central 620/630	Catcher Processor	Trawl	July 18
Pacific Cod	GOA - Central 620/630	CV >= 50 feet LOA	Hook-and-Line	September 01
Other Rockfish	GOA - Central 620/630	All	Trawl,Hook-and-Line,Pot,Jig	November 13
Other Rockfish	GOA - Western 610	All	Trawl,Hook-and-Line,Pot,Jig	November 13

	2024					
Pacific Cod	GOA - Central 620/630	Catcher Processor	Trawl	August 29		

GOA Trawl Flatfish Catch by Species



2024 Flatfish and Skate Catch in the GOA



Big Skate

Species	Area	TAC (mt)	Total Catch (mt)	%
Arrowtooth	Western	14,500	487	3%
Flounder	Central	64,871	17,050	26%
Flathand Cala	Western	8,650	145	2%
Flathead Sole	Central	21,307	851	4%
Rex Sole	Western	3,367	23	1%
Rex Sole	Central	13,639	521	4%
Shallow Water	Western	13,250	63	0%
Flatfish	Central	27,783	2,819	10%
Deep Water	Western	237	8	3%
Flatfish	Central	2,655	78	3%
	Western	745	185	25%
Big Skate	Central	1,749	942	54%
	Eastern	341	170	50%
	Western	104	41	39%
Longnose Skate	Central	1,894	481	25%
	Eastern	538	221	41%
Other Skate	GOA	665	559	84%



Rex Sole

GOA Trawl Groundfish Retained and Discarded

2023 Trawl	Retained	Discarded	% Retained
Pollock	130,483	1,316	99%
Pacific Ocean Perch	28,628	1,132	96%
Dusky Rockfish	3,445	37	99%
Arrowtooth Flounder	8,183	685	92%
Northern Rockfish	1,300	22	98%
Rex Sole	382	28	93%
Pacific Cod*	5,902	572	91%
Atka Mackerel	446	17	96%
Shortraker Rockfish	361	18	95%
Thornyhead Rockfish	130	8	94%
Flathead Sole	437	26	94%
Rougheye Rockfish	258	41	86%
Sablefish	1,173	291	80%
Skates*	177	86	67%
Other Rockfish*	466	299	61%
Shallow Water Flatfish	856	136	86%
Deep Water Flatfish	40	48	45%
Other Species	11	128	8%
TOTAL	182,680	4,889	97%

This table is sorted by 2024 species' percent retained.

2024 Trawl	Retained	Discarded	% Retained
Pollock	123,360	1,751	99%
Pacific Ocean Perch	24,595	678	97%
Dusky Rockfish	2,106	88	96%
Arrowtooth Flounder	16,495	902	95%
Northern Rockfish	1,063	68	94%
Rex Sole	510	34	94%
Pacific Cod*	7,736	597	93%
Atka Mackerel	344	36	91%
Shortraker Rockfish	240	29	89%
Thornyhead Rockfish	99	16	86%
Flathead Sole	853	142	86%
Rougheye Rockfish	168	32	84%
Sablefish	1,096	251	81%
Skates	306	147	68%
Other Rockfish	187	127	60%
Shallow Water Flatfish	1,280	1,595	45%
Deep Water Flatfish	29	54	35%
Other Species	12	330	3%
TOTAL	180,478	6,878	96%

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^{&#}x27;Other Species' includes sharks and octopus.

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GOA Fixed Gear Groundfish Retained and Discarded

2023 Hook-and-Line	Retained	Discarded	% Retained
Demersal Shelf Rockfish	167	18	90%
Rougheye Rockfish	85	12	87%
Sablefish	2,655	332	89%
Thornyhead Rockfish	52	11	82%
Pacific Cod*	3,836	1,182	76%
Shortraker Rockfish	74	31	70%
Other Rockfish*	184	130	59%
Other Species'	29	123	19%
Skates*	215	2,586	8%
Arrowtooth Flounder	1	159	0%
Shark	1	1,810	0%
TOTAL	7,299	6,393	53%

Sorted by 2024 species' percent retained.

^{&#}x27;Other Species' includes Atka mackerel, flatfish, octopus, and pollock.

2023 Pot	Retained	Discarded	% Retained
Pacific Cod	4,043	26	99%
Sablefish	11,848	94	99%
Octopus	40	56	42%
Other Species*'	94	201	32%
TOTAL	16,025	376	98%

Sorted by 2023 species' percent retained.

2024 Hook-and-Line	Retained	Discarded	% Retained
Demersal Shelf Rockfish	139	9	94%
Rougheye Rockfish	68	6	92%
Sablefish	2,441	211	92%
Thornyhead Rockfish	40	7	84%
Pacific Cod	3,711	962	79%
Shortraker Rockfish	53	17	76%
Other Rockfish	166	75	69%
Other Species'	10	90	10%
Skates	118	2,027	5%
Arrowtooth Flounder	0	145	0%
Shark	1	990	0%
TOTAL	6,749	4,539	60%

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2024 Pot	Retained	Discarded	% Retained
Pacific Cod	5,609	12	100%
Sablefish	11,904	71	99%
Octopus	76	31	71%
Other Species'	33	67	33%
TOTAL	17,623	181	99%

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2024 GOA Salmon, Crab, and Herring PSC

Chinook Salmon	Total Catch (#)	Limit (#)	%
Pollock Western GOA	5,048	6,684	76%
Pollock Central GOA	20,641	18,316	113%
Catcher Vessel Non- pollock/Non-Rockfish Program	18	3,060	1%
Catcher Vessel Rockfish Program	258	1,200	21%
Catcher Processors	2,214	4,080	54%
TOTAL	28,178	33,340	85%
Pollock 640	51	n/a	n/a
Non-trawl Gear	0	n/a	n/a



Golden King Crab

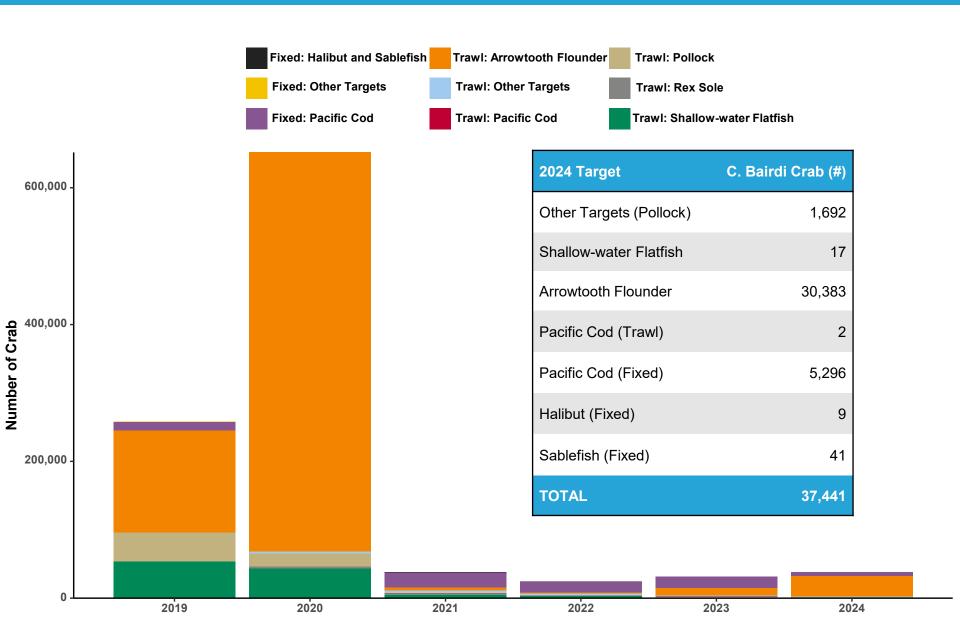


Chinook Salmon

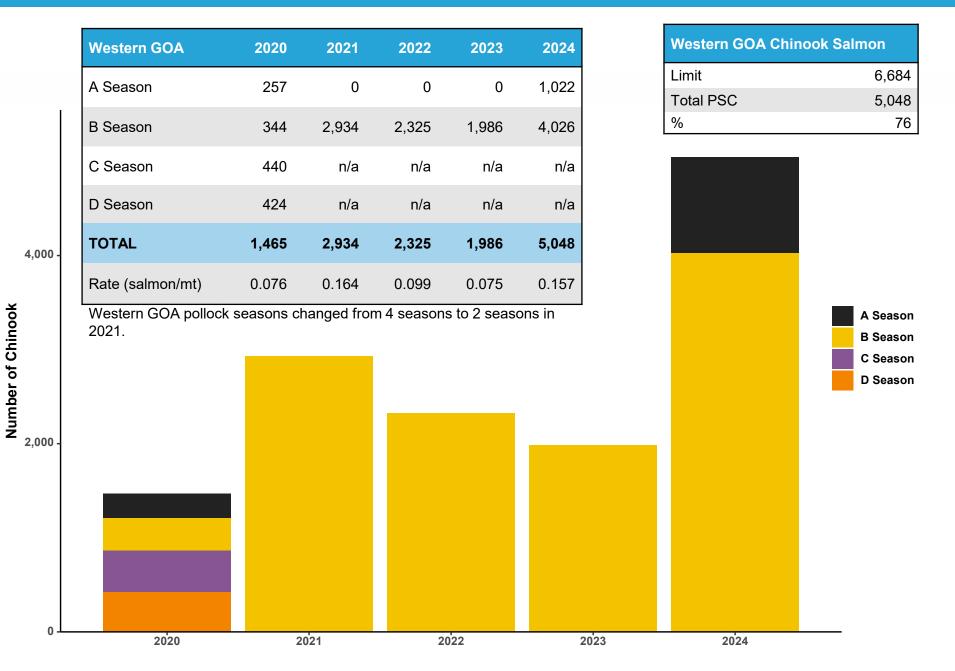
Other PSC Species	2023	2024
Non-Chinook Salmon (#)	5,765	9,551
Trawl Bairdi Tanner (#)	14,514	32,095
Fixed Gear Bairdi Tanner (#)	17,031	5,346
Red King Crab (#)	0	444
Golden King Crab (#)	2,107	5,832
Herring (mt)	69	39

Crab and salmon PSC is reported in number of animals. Herring PSC is reported in metric tons.

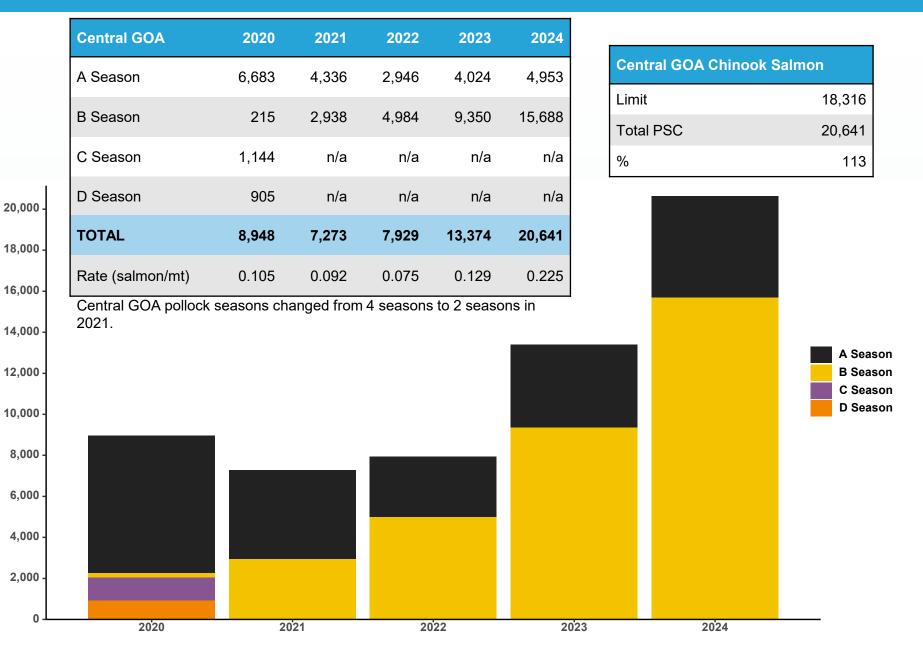
GOA C. Bairdi Tanner Crab Incidental Catch by Targets



Chinook Salmon PSC in Western GOA Pollock Fisheries

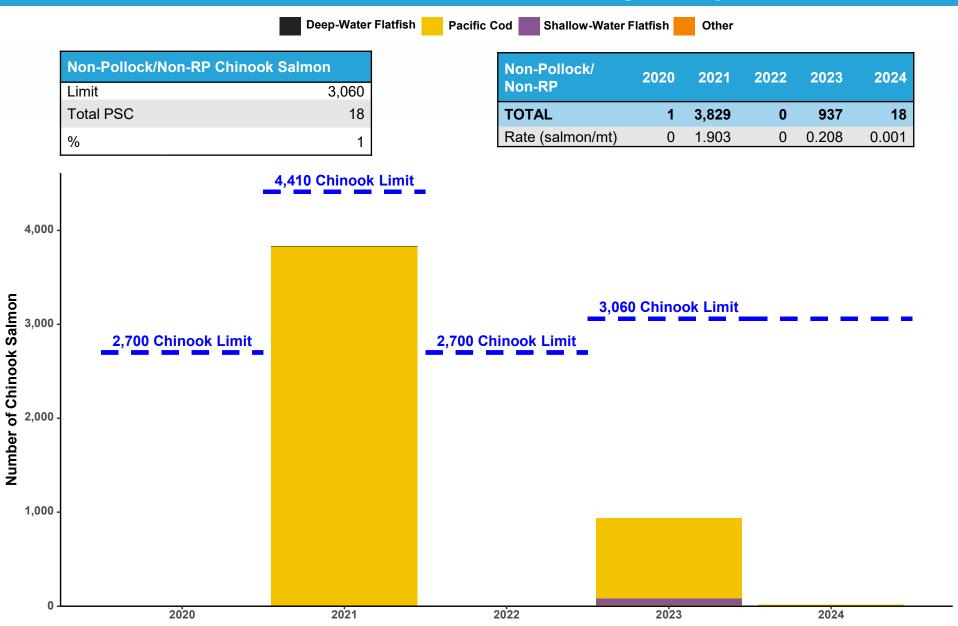


Chinook Salmon PSC in Central GOA Pollock Fisheries



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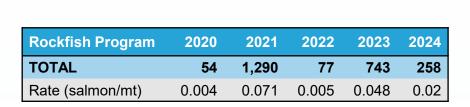
Chinook Salmon PSC in Non-Pollock / Non-Rockfish Program by CV



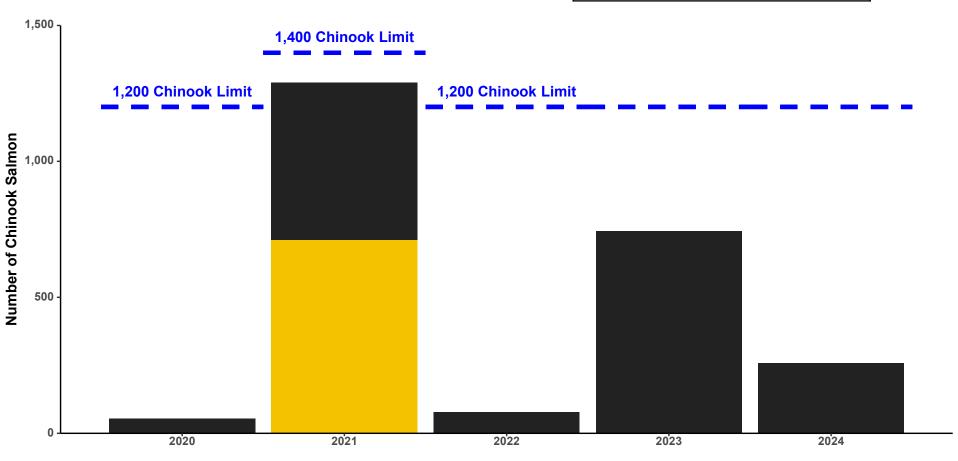
Chinook Salmon PSC in Rockfish Program by Catcher Vessels

Rockfish

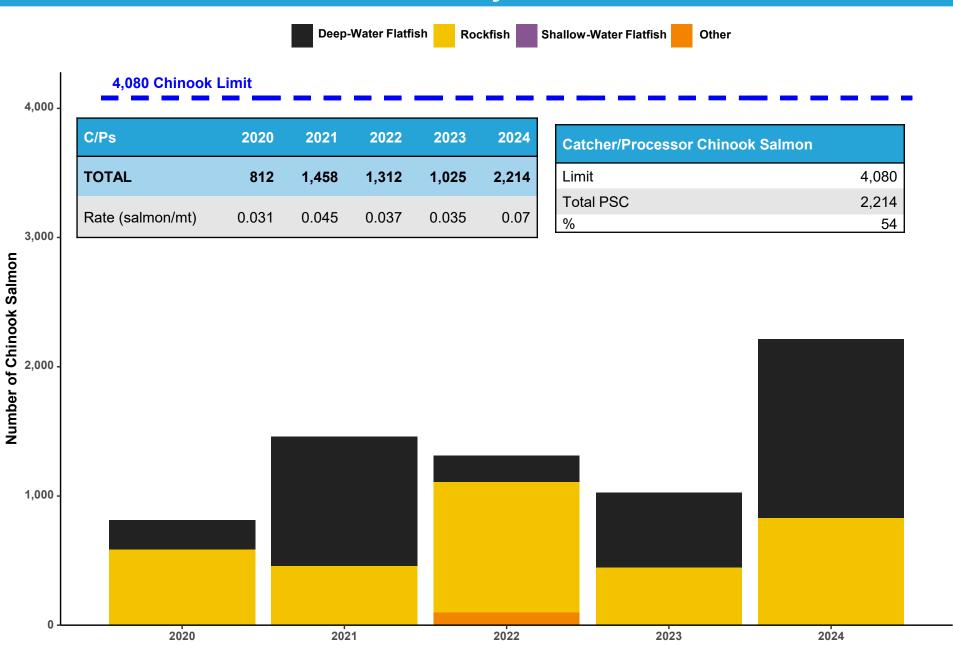
Other



Rockfish Program Chinook Salmon		
Limit	1,200	
Total PSC	258	
%	21	



Chinook Salmon PSC by Catcher/Processors



2024 GOA Halibut Catch

Trawl Halibut	Total Discard (mt)	Mortality (mt)	Mortality Limit (mt)	%
Pollock	20	14		
Pacific Cod	56	37		
Rockfish/Sablefish	156	94	n/a	n/a
Arrowtooth Flounder	560	329		
Shallow Water Flatfish	23	16		
TOTAL	815	491	1,705	29%

Includes 116 mt deck sorted halibut mortality by 8 trawl CPs.

Discard mortality rates are 100% for pelagic trawl, 83% for non-pelagic trawl CPs and motherships, 69% for non-pelagic trawl CVs, and 56% for Rockfish Program CVs.

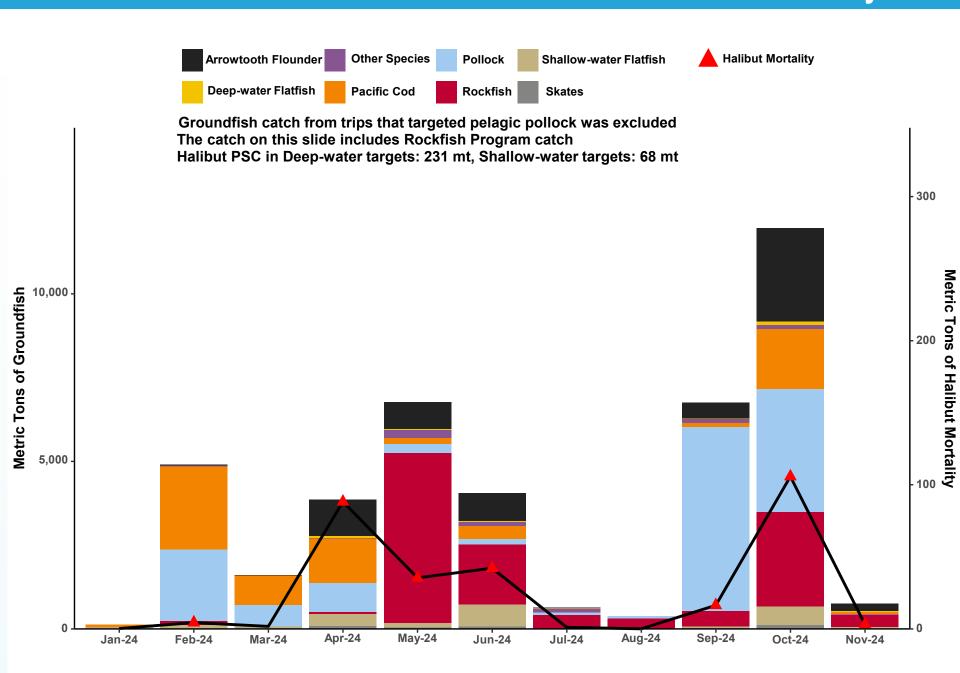
Fixed Gear Halibut (mt)	Retained	Discard	Mortality	Limit	%
IFQ Halibut Fishery	7,566	3,181	509	n/a	n/a
IFQ Sablefish Fishery		56	9	n/a	n/a
Pacific Cod/Other Groundfish Targets - HAL		254	27	257	10%
Pacific Cod/Other Groundfish Targets - Pot		23	6	n/a	n/a
TOTAL	7,566	3,514	551	n/a	n/a

All catch, retained and discarded, is in round weight metric tons.

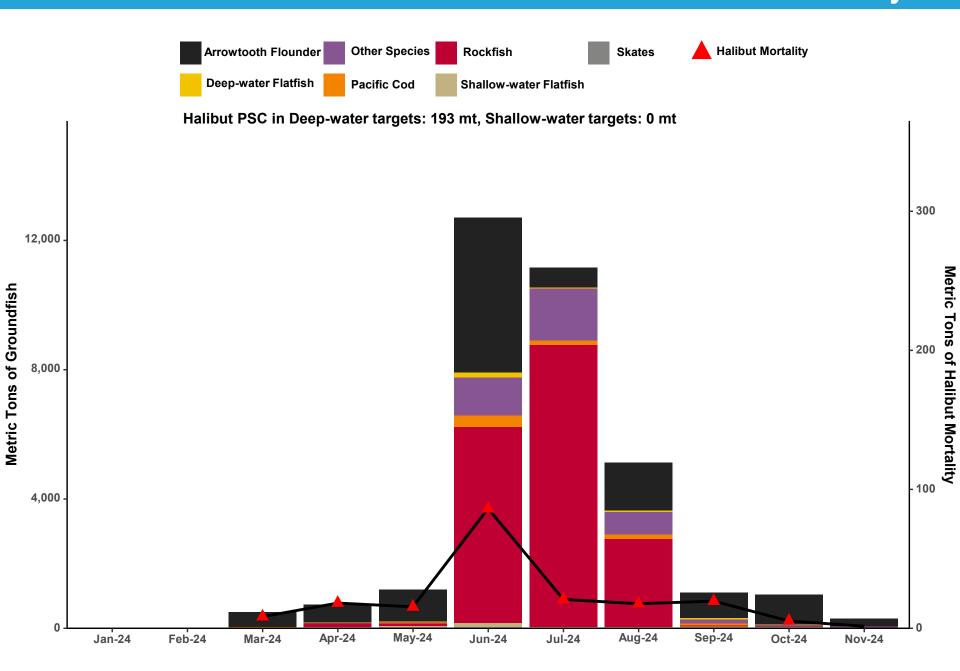
Halibut mortality rate in IFQ Halibut is 16% (Gilroy, H.L. 2012. Incidental mortality of halibut in the commercial halibut fishery (Wastage). Int. Pac. Halibut Comm. Report of Assessment and Research Activities).

IFQ Sablefish and Pacific Cod/Other groundfish target discard mortality rates are 11% for HAL CPs, 10% for HAL CVs, and 26% for pot CPs and CVs.

2024 GOA Catcher Vessel Trawl Catch and Halibut Mortality



2024 GOA Catcher/Processor Trawl Catch and Halibut Mortality



2024 Trawl Halibut Mortality

Category	Season	Start Date	End Date	Limit (mt)	Total Mortality (mt)	%
	1	Jan 20	Apr 01	135	9	7%
	2	Apr 01	Jul 01	256	238	93%
Deep Water Species	3	Jul 01	Aug 01	149	11	7%
	4	Aug 01	Oct 01	75	38	51%
	TOTAL			615	297	48%
	1	Jan 20	Apr 01	385	6	2%
	2	Apr 01	Jul 01	85	21	25%
Shallow Water Species	3	Jul 01	Aug 01	120	0	0%
	4	Aug 01	Oct 01	53	12	24%
	TOTAL			643	40	6%
Rockfish Program	TOTAL			191	93	48%
Season 5 Halibut Allocation	TOTAL			256	62	24%
Halibut Mortality	TOTAL			1,705	491	29%

Mortality from trawl gear only; No fixed gear mortality included.

2024 GOA Reduction in Halibut Mortality Compared to 5 year Average

	Sector	2019-2023 Average (mt)	2024 (mt)	% Change (mt)	2019-2023 Rate *	2024 Rate *	% Change in Rate
Hook-and-Line	Catcher/Processors	22	15	-30%	9.88	7.61	-23%
	Catcher Vessels	30	11	-62%	12.00	4.10	-66%
Hook-and-Line	Total	52	27	-49%	11.12	5.58	-50%
Trawl CVs	Central GOA CVs (NPT)	322	295	-8%	15.76	15.58	-1%
	Western GOA CVs (NPT)	14	1	-90%	7.03	1.07	-85%
	Pelagic Trawl CVs	24	2	-91%	0.18	0.02	-91%
Trawl CVs	Total	359	298	-17%	2.37	1.90	-20%
Trawl CPs	Total	219	193	-12%	6.79	5.70	-16%
All Sectors	Total	630	518	-18%	3.33	2.64	-21%

Mortality from trawl and fixed gear.

^{*} Rate is kg of halibut / mt of groundfish

2024 GOA Reduction in Halibut Mortality Compared to 2023

Sector		2023 (mt)	2024 (mt)	% Change (mt)	2023 Rate *	2024 Rate *	% Change in Rate
Hook-and-Line	Catcher/Processors	26	15	-41%	10.31	7.61	-26%
	Catcher Vessels	19	11	-40%	5.63	4.10	-27%
Hook-and-Line	Total	45	27	-41%	7.62	5.58	-27%
Trawl CVs	Central GOA CVs (NPT)	134	295	119%	11.98	15.58	30%
	Western GOA CVs (NPT)	12	1	-88%	8.07	1.07	-87%
	Pelagic Trawl CVs	13	2	-84%	0.09	0.02	-82%
Trawl CVs	Total	160	298	87%	1	1.90	90%
Trawl CPs	Total	123	193	57%	4.02	5.70	42%
All Sectors	Total	327	518	58%	1.66	2.64	59%

Mortality from trawl and fixed gear.

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Cook Inlet Salmon Summary

2024	Catch (Number of Fish)	%	Number of Vessels	%
Federal Waters	364,117	19%	206	73%
State Waters	1,554,544	81%	271	96%
TOTAL	1,918,661	100%	282	100%

Species	Number of Vessels	Catch (Number of Fish)	TAC (Number of Fish)	%
Chinook	22	31	240	13%
Chum	205	28,800	99,400	29%
Coho	176	4,439	25,000	18%
Pink	189	6,250	121,700	5%
Sockeye	206	324,597	492,100	66%

Season closed by regulation on August 15, 2024.

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Catcher Processors

49 unique CP vessels fishing approximately 8,752 vessel days

Catcher Vessels

883 unique vessels with approximately 9,423 landings to 67 unique processors

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