

Public Review Draft of EA/RIR/IRFA to
Revise Bering Sea/Aleutian Islands Halibut Prohibited Species Catch Limits

Supplemental Information for the IRFA – May 28, 2015

This supplemental sheet provides information on the number and description of small entities affected by the proposed halibut PSC limit action. This information relates to the number and description of directly regulated small entities, and is supplementary to the text in Section 5.6 of the document, on page 395.

Entities that are directly regulated through the proposed action are vessels participating in the trawl and hook-and-line groundfish fisheries, and CDQ groups. Table S-1 provides the estimated number of directly regulated entities (vessels and CDQ groups) affected by this action, in the most recent fishing year for which complete data is available (2014). As described in Section 5.6, the numbers below may overstate the number of small entities directly affected by this action (and conversely, understate the number of large entities) due to affiliations among vessels that are not tracked in available data. Based on the 2014 data, there are 22 entities that would be considered small entities. Seventeen of these are hook and line catcher vessels; as described in Section 4.11 of the RIR, these vessels are not impacted by any of the PSC reductions that are being considered in this action. Five vessels are trawl catcher vessels that participate in the BSAI trawl limited access sector, specifically the Pacific cod target fishery. Three of these are in an AFA cooperative, but transfer their pollock quota and only fish for Pacific cod. Of the remaining two, only one is substantially dependent on the BSAI groundfish fishery. Impacts of the action on the Bering Sea trawl limited access sector, and the Pacific cod fishery in particular, are discussed in Section 4.9 of the RIR.

Table S-1 Estimated numbers of directly regulated entities (vessels and CDQ groups) in the BSAI in 2014

Vessel gear / operational type, CDQ groups		Number of entities		Discussion in RIR
		Small	Large	
Trawl	Catcher vessels	5	92	Impacts for Option 2, Bering Sea Trawl Limited Access Sector, are in Section 4.9, pp 301-324.
	Catcher processors	0	34	(no small entities)
Hook and line	Catcher vessels	17	0	Impacts for Option 4 and 5, affecting longline catcher vessels, are in Section 4.11, pp 340-342.
	Catcher processors	0	30	(no small entities)
CDQ groups		6	0	Impacts for Option 6, affecting CDQ groups, are in Section 4.12, pp 342-356, as well as CDQ impacts from ownership interests in the non-CDQ BSAI groundfish fishery.

The six CDQ groups are all small entities by virtue of their non-profit status. These groups include Aleutian Pribilof Island Community Development Association, Bristol Bay Economic Development Corporation, Central Bering Sea Fishermen’s Association, Coastal Villages Region Fund, Norton Sound Economic Development Corporation, and Yukon Delta Fisheries Development Association. Each of these groups is organized as an independently owned and operated not-for-profit entity and none is dominant in its field; consequently, each is a “small entity” under the RFA. The impacts on the CDQ groups are described in Section 4.12 of the RIR, including both impacts from the option to reduce the prohibited species quota for the CDQ groups, and the impacts resulting from ownership interests in the non-CDQ BSAI groundfish fishery.