

National Marine Fisheries Service
Alaska Region, June XX, 2011

Amendment 91 Monitoring and Enforcement Implementation Group

Since the beginning of 2011, a group consisting of FMA, NOAA OLE, and Sustainable Fisheries staff has met weekly to discuss and resolve issues relating to the implementation of Amendment 91 monitoring and enforcement requirements for AFA shore based processors, catcher vessels, catcher processors and motherships. This group has solicited from and provided feedback to members of the AFA fleet during the season to improve the quality of salmon bycatch information and to timely address problems inseason in order to increase communication, and limit/eliminate violations. The group is currently working with industry members to address several outstanding concerns and will continue to meet weekly throughout the fishing year. This group recognizes the value of collaboration with industry, and looks forward to continued cooperation to address mutual issues.

Inseason Management Highlights

2011 catch is through May 28 and 2010 catch is through May 29 unless otherwise stated.

Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands

Bering Sea Pollock

By April 21 all sectors finished the 2011 A season fishery with 488,114 metric tons (mt) of total catch. The 2011 B season opens at noon, Alaska local time (A.l.t.), June 10 with 744,482 mt remaining: 331,871 mt for inshore, 270,129 mt for catcher/processors (C/Ps), 66,425 mt for motherships, and 76,057 mt for CDQ.

Chinook Salmon in the pollock fishery

In 2011, the A season pollock fishery has caught 6,705 non-CDQ and 430 CDQ Chinook salmon compared to the 2010 A season catch of 7,325 non-CDQ and 335 CDQ Chinook salmon. The 2011 incentive plan agreements are at six to 16 percent of their annual Chinook salmon PSC allocations.

Pacific cod

Hook-and-line C/Ps

The hook-and-line C/P sector A season will remain open until the B season opens June 10 when the 190 mt second seasonal halibut PSC limit for hook-and-line C/Ps becomes available. In 2011, 28 C/Ps participated compared to 36 in 2010. In 2011, the highest weekly catch was 4,500 mt with 25 C/Ps reporting compared to 7,500 mt with 36 C/Ps reporting in 2010.

Trawl catcher vessels

The B season remains open with no catch reported since week ending April 30, 2011. The C season allocation becomes available June 10 with 7,383 mt remaining. The A season closed March 26, 2011. The B season opened April 1 through 4 with an additional 4,949 mt. NMFS

reopened the B season for 72 hours, April 9 through April 12, 2011, and again reopened the B season April 15. In 2010, the A season closed March 12, 2010. The 2010 B season did not open considering the overage in the A season and the projected incidental catch in the pollock fishery. The 2010 C season was open from June 10 through November 1, 2010.

Hook-and-line or pot gear less than 60 ft length overall

NMFS announced the second opening for directed fishing for Pacific cod by hook-and-line or pot gear < 60 ft fishery April 30, 2011, after the reallocation of: 470 mt from the 570 mt jig sector B season allocation, 180 mt from the hook-and-line CVs \geq 60 ft A season allocation, and 1,300 mt from the trawl catcher vessel B season allocation. The current <60 ft 2011 annual allocation is 7,505 mt. In May, catch rates averaged 340 mt/week. Effort is expected to decrease in June as the fleet moves to other fisheries. During the first opening in 2011 the fishery closed March 8, 2011, with six hook-and-line and 13 pot vessels reporting 5,910 mt from the Bering Sea. During the first opening in 2010, five hook-and-line and 12 pot vessels caught 4,181 mt in the Bering Sea and the fishery closed March 25, 2010. On April 30, 2010, NMFS reallocated 400 mt from jig gear and opened the less than 60 ft fishery from April 30 to May 19, 2010.

Hook-and-line catcher vessels \geq 60 feet length overall (LOA)

The hook-and-line catcher vessels \geq 60 feet LOA remains open with no participation. NMFS reallocated 180 mt from the hook-and-line CVs \geq 60 ft A season allocation to the < 60 ft hook-and-line and pot sector.

Jig

During the week ending May 7, 2011, several jig vessels started targeting Pacific cod and have reported 34 mt. In 2010, effort started in mid-June until the end of September with eight catcher vessels reporting 344 mt.

Flatfish

For all sectors including CDQ, the 2011 arrowtooth/Kamchatka flounder and flathead sole catch is lower and Alaska plaice and rock sole catch is higher than 2010. Other flatfish and yellowfin sole catch is similar between years. Retention of Alaska plaice continues to increase. The retained amounts were 4% of the total catch in 2003, 46% in 2008 (first year of GRS), and 71% in 2011. NMFS closed directed fishing for Alaska plaice May 4, 2011.

Directed fishing for arrowtooth flounder and Greenland turbot opened May 1. NMFS expects some hook-and-line C/Ps to target Greenland turbot, but current effort is low. Fourteen trawl vessels (mostly C/Ps) started targeting arrowtooth and Kamchatka flounder May 1. Catch rates were low and most of the C/Ps moved to yellowfin sole.

	2011	2010
Alaska plaice	15,023	10,053
Arrowtooth flounder	4,542	12,006
Kamchatka flounder	4,560	included with Arrowtooth flounder
Flathead sole	5,911	6,429
Greenland turbot BS	49	78

Greenland turbot AI	272	1,330
Other flatfish	1,306	1,328
Rock sole	49,489	35,928
Yellowfin sole	69,537	69,530

Halibut PSC and total groundfish

In 2011 compared to 2010, halibut PSC is less for non-pelagic trawl (NPT) and hook-and-line gear and is higher for halibut PSC and groundfish catch for pelagic trawl gear (PTR). Most of the decrease for NPT gear is in the Pacific cod, rock sole, and yellowfin sole fisheries.

	2011	2010
BSAI PTR	207 / 508,768	136 / 325,596
BSAI NPT	974 / 229,958	1,349 / 219,601
BSAI hook-and-line	186 / 71,077	264 / 56,031

Gulf of Alaska

Pacific cod

The B season for Pacific cod in the GOA opens September 1.

Western GOA Pacific cod

The 2011 A season inshore fishery closed February 16 compared to February 19 in 2010. The 2011 A season allocations are 12,304 mt for the inshore component and 1,367 mt for the offshore component. The 2011 inshore component A season catch by gear is: pot 62%, hook-and-line gear 20%, and trawl gear 18%. The 2010 inshore component A season catch by gear is: pot 59%, hook-and-line gear 22%, and trawl gear 19%. The 2011 catch for the offshore component is 1,085 mt out of the 2,279 mt annual allocation leaving 1,194 mt. Currently there is no effort in the offshore component. In 2010, the offshore component closed March 3, 2010.

Central GOA Pacific cod

The 2011 A season inshore fishery closed January 29 compared to January 31 in 2010. The 2011 A season allocations are 21,795 mt for inshore and 2,422 mt for offshore components. The 2011 A season inshore component catch by gear is: pot 46%, hook-and-line 22%, trawl 31% and jig 1%. The 2010 inshore component A season catch by gear is: pot 36%, hook-and-line 21%, and trawl 43%. The catch for the offshore component is 1,076 mt out of the 4,036 mt annual allocation leaving 2,960 mt for the B season. Currently there is no effort in the offshore component. In 2010, the offshore component closed February 24, 2010.

Pollock

The C season opens in all areas at noon, A.l.t., August 25, 2011. Area 610 closed January 24 and reopened February 27. The A season remained open until the B season opened March 10, 2011. The B season closed March 26, 2011. Area 620 closed for the A season February 25, 2011. The B season opened March 10, 2011, with a seasonal allocation of 14,232 mt. The fleet started fishing the B season in area 620 March 15 and the fishery closed March 22, 2011. Area 630 closed January 21 and reopened February 28 to March 1, 2011. No catch was reported for the second opening and NMFS reopened the A season March 7, 2011. The A season remained open

until the B season opened March 10, 2011, with an additional seasonal allocation of 2,139 mt. NMFS closed the B season March 12, 2011.

Chinook Salmon

In 2011, Chinook salmon PSC in the GOA pollock fishery is 2,974 salmon and in all groundfish fisheries is 8,022 salmon compared to the 2010 pollock fishery PSC was 7,008 salmon and in all groundfish fisheries was 12,862 salmon.

Halibut PSC limit

Deep and Shallow Water Complex Trawl Fisheries - NMFS closed directed fishing for species in the trawl deep-water fisheries April 22 until noon, A.l.t., July 1, 2011, when the 3rd season halibut mortality allowances become available. The 2011 Rockfish Program cooperative allocation of halibut mortality is 208 mt of the 400 mt third season allowance to the deep water fisheries and the remaining 192 mt is for the Rockfish Program Limited Access and Entry Level sectors, and Non-Rockfish Program. The shallow water fishery complex remains open with 229 mt of halibut PSC of the second season halibut PSC limit of 550 mt.

Hook-and-line halibut PSC is at 80 mt out of the current limit of 250 mt.

Halibut PSC and total groundfish

	2011	2010
GOA trawl deep water	471 / 20,650	424 / 20,133
GOA trawl shallow water	220 / 57,532	364 / 57,096
GOA hook-and-line	80 / 11,103	139 / 13,606

Rockfish

Rockfish Program information is at <http://alaskafisheries.noaa.gov/sustainablefisheries/goarat/default.htm>.

For the 2011 catcher vessel fleet there are five entry level trawl vessels, one limited access trawl vessel, 45 vessels in five cooperatives, and no fixed gear entry level vessels. Directed fishing for the vessels in cooperatives opened May 1, 2011. Directed fishing for the entry level trawl sector opens at noon, A.l.t., July 1, 2011. In 2011, the rockfish quota available for the catcher vessel limited access sector does not support opening directed fishing.

For the 2011 C/Ps, one C/P opted out, two C/Ps are in the C/P limited access trawl sector, and 12 C/Ps are in one of the five C/P cooperatives. Directed fishing for the vessels in cooperatives opened May 1, 2011. Currently there is no effort. The C/P limited access trawl sector will open at noon, A.l.t., July 1, 2011 when the third season trawl deep water species halibut mortality limit becomes available.

The Western GOA Pacific ocean perch, pelagic shelf rockfish, and northern rockfish and the West Yakutat Pacific ocean perch and pelagic shelf rockfish fisheries open at noon, A.l.t., July 1, 2011.

Status of FMP Amendments
June 3, 2011

FMP Amendment Status: <u>Actions Since April 2011</u>	Date of Council Action	Start Regional Review	Transmittal Date of Action to NMFS HQ for Review	Proposed FMP Amendment Notice of Availability Published	Proposed Rule Published in Federal Register	Final Rule or Notice of Approval Published in Federal Register
Amendment 30 (KTC) – Arbitration System Changes	June 2008	PR: 1/28/09				
Amendment 31 (KTC) – C-Share Active Participation	June 2008					
Amendment 34 (KTC) – Adjustments to GOA sideboards for BSAI crab vessels Decision date: 6/10/11	Oct 2008	PR:3/29/10 FR: 5/20/11	PR: 3/8/11 FR: 5/27/11	March 14, 2011 76 FR 13593 EOC: 5/13/11	March 28, 2011 76 FR 17088 EOC: 4/27/11	
Amendment 37 (KTC) – Exemption to west region landing requirements for WAG Approved 5/12/11	April 2010	PR: 11/8/10 FR: 5/19/11	PR: 1/25/11 FR: 6/2/11	February 1, 2011 76 FR 5556 EOC: April 4, 2011	February 15, 2011 76 FR 8700 EOC: 4/1/11	
Amendment 38/39 (KTC) – Crab ACLs, revise rebuilding schedule for snow crab Decision date: 8/4/11	October 2010	NOA: 3/4/11	NOA: 4/27/11	May 4, 2011 76 FR 25295 EOC: 7/5/11	No regulations.	
Amendment 41 (KTC) – Crab regional emergency relief	December 2010					
Amendment 13 (Scallop FMP) – Weathervane scallop ACL, move non-weathervane species to EC	October 2010	NOA: 6/3/11			No regulations.	
Amendment 83 (GOA) Pacific cod sector splits	December 2009	PR: 5/20/11				
Amendment 86/76 – Observer Restructuring	October 2010					

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Amendment 88 (GOA)-Central GOA rockfish program	June 2010	PR: 6/7/11				
Amendment 89 (GOA) Tanner crab protection	October 2010					
Amendment 93 (BSAI)-Modify Amd 80 sector coop formation criteria	February 2010	PR: 2/1/11				
Amendment 97 (BSAI) – Amd 80 lost vessel replacement	June 2010					
Amendments to all FMPs to authorize permit fees (101/92/36/14/10)	October 2009					
EFH Omnibus amendments related to 5-year review	April 2011				No regulations	

Status of Regulatory Amendments
June 3, 2011

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Groundfish/Crab Regulatory Amendments					
Revisions to MRAs in the BSAI arrowtooth flounder fishery	October 2010				
Extend Emergency Rule suspending GRS requirements (current ER eff. through 6/13/11)	June 2010		ER: 5/24/11		June 2, 2011 76 FR 31811 Effective 6/13/11 through 12/17/11
Remove GRS	February 2011				
BS Chinook salmon bycatch economic data collection	12/09 final action 10/10 review regs.	PR: 4/5/11			
BSAI fixed gear parallel fishery management measures	June 2009	PR: 6/3/10	PR: 2/23/11	March 11, 2011 76 FR 13331 EOC: 4/11/11	
Revisions to crab rationalization regulations related to applications and appeals	April 2011				
Fishing capacity reduction program and fee system for SE AK purse seine salmon fishery	NMFS			May 23, 1011 76 FR 29707 EOC 6/22/11	

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CDQ regulation of harvest	MSA Council 6/07	PR: 12/17/08	PR: 6/10/10	July 13, 2010 75 FR 39892 EOC: August 12, 2010	
	NMFS	PR: 9/21/10	PR: 11/29/10 FR: 2/18/11	December 20, 2010 75 FR 79333 EOC: January 4, 2011	
Miscellaneous R&R revisions, including revisions to eLandings	NMFS	PR: 6/7/10 FR: 5/9/11	PR: 1/18/11	February 11, 2011 76 FR 7788 EOC: March 14, 2011	

Other Notices:

Notice that NOAA is preparing a preliminary plan to review its existing significant regulations in response to the President's Executive Order 13563 on Improving Regulation and Regulatory Review. (76 FR 13549; March 14, 2011). Comment period ended April 4, 2011.

Department of Commerce's Preliminary Plan for Retrospective Analysis of Existing Rules (May 18, 2011) is available on the Alaska Region's website at: <http://www.fakr.noaa.gov/analyses/>.

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Halibut Regulations					
Remove halibut/sablefish quota from initial recipients who never have fished or transferred quota	June 2006		PR: 8/12/09	August 23, 2010 75 FR 51741 EOC: September 22, 2010	
Establish new minimum vessel ownership criteria for using hired skipper of 12 months and 20% interest	December 2007				
Halibut catch sharing plan	October 2008	PR: 1/28/10			
Add 3 new communities to GOA CQE Program	December 2010				
Interpretative Rule related to charter halibut logbook regulations	NMFS		IR: 5/26/11		
Revise IFQ hired skipper provisions	April 2011				

FMP Amendments and Regulatory Actions Completed in 2011

- Steller sea lion protection measures; 75 FR 77535, (December 13, 2011), end of the comment period February 28, 2011.
- BSAI 2011/2012 harvest specifications, 76 FR 11139 (March 1, 2011), effective March 1, 2011.
- GOA 2011/2012 harvest specifications, 76 FR 11111, (March 1, 2011), effective March 1, 2011.
- Remove preliminary annual report requirement for AFA cooperatives, 76 FR 12884, (March 9, 2011), effective April 8, 2011.
- Clarify charter logbook submission requirements, 76 FR 6567, (February 8, 2011), effective March 9, 2011.
- Notice of application for an exempted fishing permit for testing a salmon excluder device for the BS pollock trawl fishery. 76 FR 17107; March 28, 2011, end of comment period April 27, 2011.
- Halibut annual management measures, 76 FR 14300, (March 16, 2011), effective April 15, 2011.
- Interpretative Rule related to the charter halibut regulations, 76 FR 19708 , (April 8, 2011), effective April 8, 2011.
- Amendment 86 (GOA) – fixed gear endorsement for Pacific cod 76 FR 15826, (March 22, 2011), effective April 21, 2011.

Bering Sea Aleutian Islands Catch Report
(excludes CDQ except as noted)
Through: 28-MAY-11

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Bering Sea

Sea- sons	Account	Total Catch	Quota	Remaining Quota	% Taken	Last Wk Catch
	Other Rockfish (includes CDQ)	62	500	438	12%	5
	Pacific Ocean Perch (includes CDQ)	66	4,854	4,788	1%	1
	Sablefish (Hook-and-Line and Pot)	102	1,140	1,038	9%	6
	Sablefish (Trawl)	4	1,211	1,207	0%	0
	Greenland Turbot	45	2,975	2,930	2%	11
X	Pollock, AFA Inshore	219,627	551,498	331,871	40%	0
X	Pollock, AFA Catcher Processor	173,319	443,448	270,129	39%	0
X	Pollock, AFA Mothership	44,125	110,550	66,425	40%	0
	Pollock, Incidental Catch, non-Bogoslof (includes CDQ)	15,890	33,804	17,914	47%	62
	Pollock, Incidental Catch, Bogoslof (includes CDQ)	140	150	10	93%	2

Aleutian Islands

Sea- sons	Account	Total Catch	Quota	Remaining Quota	% Taken	Last Wk Catch
	Other Rockfish (includes CDQ)	163	425	262	38%	7
	Pacific Ocean Perch, Eastern	2,517	5,054	2,537	50%	0
	Pacific Ocean Perch, Central	412	4,429	4,017	9%	0
	Pacific Ocean Perch, Western	0	7,474	7,474	0%	0
	Rougheye Rockfish (includes CDQ) - BS + Eastern	40	234	194	17%	1
	Rougheye Rockfish (includes CDQ) - Central + Western	5	220	215	2%	0
	Atka Mackerel, Eastern ICA	101	75	-26	134%	0
	Atka Mackerel, Eastern (Jig)	0	180	180	0%	0
X	Atka Mackerel, Eastern (Trawl)	17,317	35,734	18,417	48%	0
X	Atka Mackerel, Central (Trawl)	4,230	9,998	5,768	42%	0
	Atka Mackerel, Central ICA	10	75	65	14%	0
X	Atka Mackerel, Western (Trawl)	0	1,300	1,300	0%	0
	Atka Mackerel, Western ICA	0	40	40	0%	0
	Sablefish (Hook-and-Line and Pot)	229	1,140	911	20%	24
	Sablefish (Trawl)	4	404	400	1%	0
	Greenland Turbot (includes CDQ)	271	1,318	1,047	21%	23
X	Pollock	0	3,000	3,000	0%	0
X	Pollock, Incidental Catch (includes CDQ)	651	1,600	949	41%	1

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Bering Sea Aleutian Islands

Sea- sons	Account	Total Catch	Quota	Remaining Quota	% Taken	Last Wk Catch
	Alaska Plaice (includes CDQ)	15,023	13,600	-1,423	110%	1,107
	Arrowtooth Flounder	4,440	22,015	17,575	20%	193
	Flathead Sole	5,551	37,102	31,551	15%	0
	Kamchatka Flounder (includes CDQ)	4,560	15,045	10,485	30%	299
	Northern Rockfish (includes CDQ)	543	4,000	3,457	14%	0
	Other Flatfish (includes CDQ)	1,306	2,550	1,244	51%	222
X	Pacific Cod, Catcher Processor (Amendment 80)	10,850	27,277	16,427	40%	207
X	Pacific Cod, Catcher Processor (AFA)	4,045	4,682	637	86%	6
X	Pacific Cod, Catcher Vessel (Trawl)	36,304	43,687	7,383	83%	0
X	Pacific Cod, Catcher Processor (Hook-and-Line)	48,550	98,733	50,183	49%	529
X	Pacific Cod, Catcher Vessel (Hook-and-Line >= 60 ft)	0	225	225	0%	0
X	Pacific Cod, Catcher Processor (Pot)	1,517	3,041	1,524	50%	0
X	Pacific Cod, Catcher Vessel (Pot >= 60 ft)	9,696	17,030	7,334	57%	0
X	Pacific Cod (Jig)	34	880	846	4%	2
	Pacific Cod (Hook-and-Line and Pot < 60 ft)	7,320	7,505	185	98%	337
	Pacific Cod, Incidental Catch (Hook-and-Line and Pot)	16	500	484	3%	1
	Rock Sole	47,569	75,905	28,336	63%	855
	Shortraker Rockfish (includes CDQ)	31	393	362	8%	1
	Yellowfin Sole	61,940	175,028	113,088	35%	6,673
	Octopus (includes CDQ)	152	150	-2	101%	3
	Sculpin (includes CDQ)	2,804	4,420	1,616	63%	148
	Shark (includes CDQ)	17	43	26	40%	0
	Skate (includes CDQ)	11,898	14,025	2,127	85%	143
	Squid (includes CDQ)	103	361	258	28%	6
Total:		753,601	1,791,027	1,037,426	42%	10,876

Unless stated the account does not include CDQ.

Other flatfish: all flatfish except Pacific halibut, flathead sole, Greenland turbot, rock sole, yellowfin sole, Kamchatka and arrowtooth flounder, and Alaska plaice.

Other rockfish: all Sebastes and Sebastolobus species except for Pacific ocean perch, northern, shortraker, and roughey rockfish.

For changes to the harvest specifications refer to <http://alaskafisheries.noaa.gov/2011/hschanges.htm>

**Bering Sea Aleutian Islands Prohibited Species Report
(excludes CDQ fisheries except as noted)**

Through: 28-MAY-11

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Chinook Salmon

Trawl Gear

Sea- sons	Account	Units	Total Catch	Limit	Remaining	% Taken	Last Wk Catch
X	BS Pollock (Pelagic)	Count	6,705	55,104	48,399	12%	0
X	AI Pollock (Pelagic)	Count	0	647	647	0%	0
Total:			6,705	55,751	49,046	12%	0

Halibut Mortality

Non-Trawl Gear

Sea- sons	Account	Units	Total Catch	Limit	Remaining	% Taken	Last Wk Catch
	Halibut Mortality (Non-Trawl)	MT	172	832	660	21%	6
Total:			172	832	660	21%	6

Trawl Gear

Sea- sons	Account	Units	Total Catch	Limit	Remaining	% Taken	Last Wk Catch
	Halibut Mortality (Trawl)	MT	1,129	3,300	2,171	34%	10
Total:			1,129	3,300	2,171	34%	10

Herring (includes CDQ fisheries)

Trawl Gear

Sea- sons	Account	Units	Total Catch	Limit	Remaining	% Taken	Last Wk Catch
	Pacific Cod	MT	0	33	33	0%	0
	Rockfish	MT	0	12	12	0%	0
	Rock Sole, Flathead Sole, Other Flatfish	MT	0	33	33	0%	0
	Pollock, Atka Mackerel, Other Species	MT	0	247	247	0%	0
	Pollock Pelagic	MT	2	1,737	1,735	0%	0
	Yellowfin Sole	MT	4	195	191	2%	1
	Turbot, Arrowtooth, Kamchatka, Sablefish	MT	0	16	16	0%	0
Total:			6	2,273	2,267	0%	1

Opilio (Tanner) Crab - COBLZ

Trawl Gear

Sea- sons	Account	Units	Total Catch	Limit	Remaining	% Taken	Last Wk Catch
	Opilio Crab	Count	389,195	7,421,259	7,032,064	5%	0
Total:			389,195	7,421,259	7,032,064	5%	0

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Bairdi Crab, Zone 1

Trawl Gear

Sea- sons	Account	Units	Total Catch	Limit	Remaining	% Taken	Last Wk Catch
	Bairdi Crab	Count	67,342	741,190	673,848	9%	0
Total:			67,342	741,190	673,848	9%	0

Bairdi Crab, Zone 2

Trawl Gear

Sea- sons	Account	Units	Total Catch	Limit	Remaining	% Taken	Last Wk Catch
	Bairdi Crab	Count	135,536	2,250,360	2,114,824	6%	0
Total:			135,536	2,250,360	2,114,824	6%	0

Red King Crab, Zone 1

Trawl Gear

Sea- sons	Account	Units	Total Catch	Limit	Remaining	% Taken	Last Wk Catch
	Red King Crab	Count	28,193	175,921	147,728	16%	0
Total:			28,193	175,921	147,728	16%	0

This report does not include the CDQ allocated catch.

Other flatfish for PSC monitoring: all flatfish except Pacific halibut (a prohibited species), flathead sole, Greenland turbot, rock sole, and yellowfin sole.

COBLZ: C. Opilio Crab Bycatch Limitation Zone. 50 CFR 679.21(e) and Figure 13.

Zone 1: Federal Reporting Areas 508, 509, 512, 516.

Zone 2: Federal Reporting Areas 513, 517, 521.

Data is based on observer reports extrapolated to total groundfish harvest. Estimates for all weeks may change due to incorporation of late or corrected data.

Bering Sea Aleutian Islands
 Seasonal Non-Sideboard Prohibited Species Report
 (excludes CDQ fisheries)
 Through: 28-MAY-11
 Account: ALL

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Non-Chinook Salmon, CVOA

BSAI Non Chinook Salmon TRW CVOA

Season	Begin	End	Units	Total Catch	Limit	Remaining	% Taken
BSAI Non Chinook Salmon TRW CVOA	15-AUG-11	14-OCT-11	Count	0	0	0	0%
Total:				0	0	0	0%

Chinook Salmon

BS Chinook Salmon AFA Inshore OA Non-IPA

Season	Begin	End	Units	Total Catch	Limit	Remaining	% Taken
BS Chinook Salmon AFA Inshore OA Non-IPA A Season	20-JAN-11	10-JUN-11	Count	0	0	0	0%
BS Chinook Salmon AFA Inshore OA Non-IPA B Season	10-JUN-11	01-NOV-11	Count	0	0	0	0%
Total:				0	0	0	0%

Halibut Mortality

Pacific Cod Hook-and-Line Catcher Processor

Season	Begin	End	Units	Total Catch	Limit	Remaining	% Taken
CP - 1st Season	01-JAN-11	10-JUN-11	MT	165	455	290	36%
CP - 2nd Season	10-JUN-11	15-AUG-11	MT	0	190	190	0%
CP - 3rd Season	15-AUG-11	31-DEC-11	MT	0	115	115	0%
Total:				165	760	595	22%

Pacific Cod Hook-and-Line Catcher Vessel

Season	Begin	End	Units	Total Catch	Limit	Remaining	% Taken
CV - 1st Season	01-JAN-11	10-JUN-11	MT	2	10	8	18%
CV - 2nd Season	10-JUN-11	15-AUG-11	MT	0	3	3	0%
CV - 3rd Season	15-AUG-11	31-DEC-11	MT	0	2	2	0%
Total:				2	15	13	12%

Red King Crab, RKCSS

Trawl Gear

Season	Begin	End	Units	Total Catch	Limit	Remaining	% Taken
Rock Sole, Flathead Sole, Other Flatfish (Non Pelagic)	20-JAN-11	31-DEC-11	Count	28,192	49,250	21,058	57%
Total:				28,192	49,250	21,058	57%

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Western, Central Pollock

Sea- sons	Account	Total Catch	Quota	Remaining Quota	% Taken	Last Wk Catch
X	Pollock, 610 Shumagin	8,397	27,031	18,634	31%	0
X	Pollock, 620 Chirikof	27,607	37,365	9,758	74%	0
X	Pollock, 630 Kodiak	6,361	20,235	13,874	31%	14

Western Gulf

Sea- sons	Account	Total Catch	Quota	Remaining Quota	% Taken	Last Wk Catch
	Arrowtooth Flounder	1,070	8,000	6,930	13%	8
	Deep Water Flatfish	8	529	521	1%	0
	Shallow Water Flatfish	51	4,500	4,449	1%	0
	Flathead Sole	315	2,000	1,685	16%	0
	Rex Sole	55	1,517	1,462	4%	0
	Pacific Ocean Perch	3	2,798	2,795	0%	0
	Rougheye Rockfish	8	81	73	10%	0
	Shortraker Rockfish	24	134	110	18%	1
	Thornyhead Rockfish	45	425	380	11%	5
	Pelagic Shelf Rockfish	4	611	607	1%	0
	Northern Rockfish	3	2,573	2,570	0%	0
	Other Rockfish	10	212	202	5%	0
X	Pacific Cod, Inshore	13,163	20,507	7,344	64%	2
X	Pacific Cod, Offshore	1,085	2,279	1,194	48%	0
	Sablefish (Hook-and-Line)	512	1,296	784	40%	85
	Sablefish (Trawl)	0	324	324	0%	0
	Big Skate	43	598	555	7%	0
	Longnose Skate	13	81	68	16%	0

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Central Gulf

Sea- sons	Account	Total Catch	Quota	Remaining Quota	% Taken	Last Wk Catch
	Arrowtooth Flounder	11,004	30,000	18,996	37%	162
	Deep Water Flatfish	244	2,919	2,675	8%	8
	Shallow Water Flatfish	1,382	13,000	11,618	11%	91
	Flathead Sole	1,367	5,000	3,633	27%	53
	Rex Sole	1,892	6,294	4,402	30%	10
	Pacific Ocean Perch	3,127	10,379	7,252	30%	702
	Rougheye Rockfish	55	868	813	6%	2
	Shortraker Rockfish	50	325	275	15%	4
	Pelagic Shelf Rockfish	379	3,052	2,673	12%	120
	Northern Rockfish	428	2,281	1,853	19%	192
	Thornyhead Rockfish	133	637	504	21%	8
	Other Rockfish	54	507	453	11%	13
	Pacific Cod, Rockfish Program	234	843	609	28%	44
X	Pacific Cod, Inshore	19,939	36,326	16,387	55%	32
X	Pacific Cod, Offshore	1,076	4,036	2,960	27%	0
	Sablefish (Hook-and-Line)	2,182	3,792	1,610	58%	245
	Sablefish (Trawl)	200	948	748	21%	19
	Big Skate	1,172	2,049	877	57%	11
	Longnose Skate	385	2,009	1,624	19%	9

Eastern Gulf

Sea- sons	Account	Total Catch	Quota	Remaining Quota	% Taken	Last Wk Catch
	Rougheye Rockfish	88	363	275	24%	4
	Shortraker Rockfish	74	455	381	16%	5
	Thornyhead Rockfish	85	708	623	12%	10
	Pacific Cod, Inshore	642	1,758	1,116	36%	5
	Pacific Cod, Offshore	0	195	195	0%	0
	Big Skate	94	681	587	14%	0
	Longnose Skate	40	762	722	5%	1

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West Yakutat

Sea- sons	Account	Total Catch	Quota	Remaining Quota	% Taken	Last Wk Catch
	Arrowtooth Flounder	31	2,500	2,469	1%	1
	Deep Water Flatfish	0	2,083	2,083	0%	0
	Shallow Water Flatfish	0	1,228	1,228	0%	0
	Flathead Sole	0	2,064	2,064	0%	0
	Rex Sole	0	868	868	0%	0
	Pacific Ocean Perch	88	1,937	1,849	5%	0
	Pelagic Shelf Rockfish	0	407	407	0%	0
	Other Rockfish	10	276	266	4%	1
	Pollock	2,251	2,339	88	96%	0
	Sablefish (Hook-and-Line)	1,281	1,744	463	73%	68
	Sablefish (Trawl)	0	247	247	0%	0

Southeast

Sea- sons	Account	Total Catch	Quota	Remaining Quota	% Taken	Last Wk Catch
	Arrowtooth Flounder	41	2,500	2,459	2%	7
	Deep Water Flatfish	0	774	774	0%	0
	Shallow Water Flatfish	0	1,334	1,334	0%	0
	Flathead Sole	0	1,523	1,523	0%	0
	Rex Sole	0	886	886	0%	0
	Pacific Ocean Perch	0	1,883	1,883	0%	0
	Pelagic Shelf Rockfish	1	684	683	0%	0
	Other Rockfish	4	200	196	2%	1
	Pollock	0	9,245	9,245	0%	0
	Demersal Shelf Rockfish	42	295	253	14%	8
	Sablefish (Hook-and-Line)	1,831	2,940	1,109	62%	144

Entire Gulf

Sea- sons	Account	Total Catch	Quota	Remaining Quota	% Taken	Last Wk Catch
	Atka Mackerel	10	2,000	1,990	1%	0
	Octopus	140	954	814	15%	0
	Sculpin	314	5,496	5,182	6%	1
	Shark	339	6,197	5,858	5%	0
	Other Skates	457	2,093	1,636	22%	5
	Squid	210	1,148	938	18%	0
Total:		112,157	319,128	206,971	35%	2,102

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Deep water flatfish: Dover sole, Greenland turbot, and deepsea sole.

Shallow water flatfish: flatfish not including deep water flatfish, flathead sole, rex sole, or arrowtooth flounder.

Other rockfish in the Western and Central Regulatory Areas and in the West Yakutat District: slope rockfish and demersal shelf rockfish.

Other rockfish in the Southeast Outside District: slope rockfish.

Slope rockfish: aurora, blackgill, bocaccio, chilipepper, darkblotch, greenstriped, harlequin, pygmy, redbanded, redstripe, sharpchin, shortbelly, silvergrey, splitnose, stripetail, vermilion, and yellowmouth.

In the Eastern GOA only, "slope rockfish" also includes northern rockfish.

Demersal shelf rockfish: canary, china, copper, quillback, rosethorn, tiger, and yelloweye.

"Pelagic shelf rockfish" means *Sebastes variabilis* (dusky), *S. entomelas* (widow), and *S. flavidus* (yellowtail).

For changes to the harvest specifications refer to <http://alaskafisheries.noaa.gov/2011/hschanges.htm>

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Non-Chinook Salmon

Trawl Gear

Sea- sons	Account	Units	Total Catch	Limit	Remaining	% Taken	Last Wk Catch
	Non Chinook Salmon	Count	54	0			32
Total:			54	0			32

Chinook Salmon

Trawl Gear

Sea- sons	Account	Units	Total Catch	Limit	Remaining	% Taken	Last Wk Catch
	Chinook Salmon	Count	8,022	0			74
Total:			8,022	0			74

Halibut Mortality

Non-Trawl Gear

Sea- sons	Account	Units	Total Catch	Limit	Remaining	% Taken	Last Wk Catch
X	Other Hook-and-Line Fisheries	MT	80	290	210	28%	0
Total:			80	290	210	28%	0

Trawl Gear

Sea- sons	Account	Units	Total Catch	Limit	Remaining	% Taken	Last Wk Catch
	Trawl Fishery	MT	690	2,000	1,310	35%	12
Total:			690	2,000	1,310	35%	12

No PSC Limits apply to salmon in the GOA.

Other hook-and-line fisheries means all hook-and-line fisheries except sablefish and demersal shelf rockfish in the Southeast District. The hook-and-line sablefish fishery is exempt from halibut PSC limits.

Halibut mortality for the demersal shelf rockfish fishery in Southeast District is not listed due to insufficient observer coverage.

Data is based on observer reports extrapolated to total groundfish harvest. Estimates for all weeks may change due to incorporation of late or corrected data.

Trawl halibut PSC limit data include catch from Rockfish Pilot Program cooperatives.

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Trawl Fisheries

Deep Water Species Complex

Season	Begin	End	Total Catch	Limit	Limit Remaining	% Taken
1st Season	20-JAN-11	01-APR-11	120	100	-20	120%
2nd Season	01-APR-11	01-JUL-11	337	300	-37	112%
3rd Season	01-JUL-11	01-SEP-11	0	400	400	0%
4th Season	01-SEP-11	01-OCT-11	0	0	0	0%
Total:			457	800	343	57%

Shallow Water Species Complex

Season	Begin	End	Total Catch	Limit	Limit Remaining	% Taken
1st Season	20-JAN-11	01-APR-11	187	450	263	42%
2nd Season	01-APR-11	01-JUL-11	26	100	74	26%
3rd Season	01-JUL-11	01-SEP-11	0	200	200	0%
4th Season	01-SEP-11	01-OCT-11	0	150	150	0%
Total:			213	900	687	24%

Year-To-Date

Account	Total Catch	Limit	Limit Remaining	% Taken	Last Wk Catch
Trawl Fishery	690	2,000	1,310	35%	12

Other Hook-and-Line Fisheries

Season	Begin	End	Total Catch	Limit	Limit Remaining	% Taken
1st Season	01-JAN-11	10-JUN-11	80	250	170	32%
2nd Season	10-JUN-11	01-SEP-11	0	5	5	0%
3rd Season	01-SEP-11	31-DEC-11	0	35	35	0%
Total:			80	290	210	28%

Deep-water species complex: sablefish, rockfish, deep-water flatfish, rex sole and arrowtooth flounder. Shallow-water species complex: pollock, Pacific cod, shallow-water flatfish, flathead sole, Atka mackerel, and 'other species'.

No apportionment between shallow-water and deep-water fishery complexes during October 1 to December 31 (300 mt allocated).

Other hook-and-line fisheries means all hook-and-line fisheries except sablefish and demersal shelf rockfish in the Southeast District.

Halibut mortality for the demersal shelf rockfish fishery in Southeast District is not listed due to insufficient observer coverage.



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June 6, 2011

Eric Olson, Chairman
North Pacific Fishery Management Council
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Dear Chairman Olson:

This letter provides a preliminary summary of the issues discussed at a tribal consultation on June 1, 2011, about chum salmon bycatch in the Bering Sea pollock fishery. The consultation between the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) and representatives of six Norton Sound and Bering Strait area tribes was conducted under Presidential Executive Order (E.O.) 13175. The following tribes participated in the consultation: Native Village of Teller, Native Village of Shishmaref, Native Village of Savoonga, Mary's Igloo Traditional Council, Native Village of Gambell, and the Native Village of Elim. Julie Raymond-Yakoubian with Kawerak, Inc., also participated in the consultation.

Each of these tribes submitted to NMFS a written resolution stating its position on chum salmon bycatch. The North Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) has received a copy of these resolutions, and they are part of the information you are considering at your June 2011 meeting. The tribes emphasized the cultural and nutritional significance of salmon, the importance of the subsistence use of salmon, and concerns with the status of some chum salmon stocks.

All six of the tribes we consulted with requested that the Council adopt a hard cap for the Bering Sea pollock fishery of 30,000 chum salmon. This cap currently is not within the range of the hard caps that the Council is considering. NMFS is required under E.O. 13175 to prepare a tribal summary impact statement to accompany rulemakings that summarizes the nature of concerns identified by the tribes and extent to which these concerns have been met. In addition, regulations governing the National Environment Policy Act process require NMFS to identify alternatives that were eliminated from detailed study and briefly discuss the reasons why these were eliminated (40 CFR 1502.14(a)). It would greatly help NMFS fulfill these responsibilities if the Council would address the tribes' recommendation for a 30,000 chum salmon cap by either including this recommendation in the alternatives analyzed or providing an explanation why this suggested cap does not meet the purpose and need for the action and, therefore, was not included in the alternatives analyzed.

We also discussed the prohibited species donation (PSD) program. Several tribal representatives requested additional information about this program and expressed interest in participation in the program by western Alaska communities. We will provide additional information to the tribal

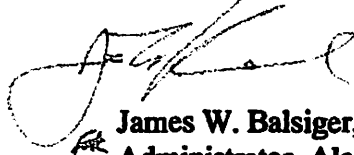


representatives, and we will organize a follow-up meeting between interested tribal representatives and people knowledgeable about the PSD program.

In addition to these two issues, we also discussed environmental changes tribal members have observed in recent years, science and research needs in the area, interest in collaborative research and funding for tribes and regional non-profit corporations to conduct research activities, and the cumulative impact of salmon interception in the False Pass salmon fisheries and salmon bycatch in the pollock fisheries. We also received questions about how NMFS and the Council are working together to ensure that tribal concerns are addressed, what steps NMFS is taking to provide information and education about fisheries issues to the tribes, and the status of the tribes' request that NMFS hire a tribal liaison.

A more detailed report of the consultation is being prepared by NMFS staff and will be sent to the Council when it is completed.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'James W. Balsiger', written over a faint, larger version of the same signature.

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cc: Representatives of the tribes that
participated in the June 1, 2011, consultation

Julie Raymond-Yakoubian