

Agenda B-2 -- Inseason Management Report

Catch during 2023 is through September 23, 2023 and is compared to catch during 2022 through September 24, 2022. All catch amounts are in metric tons. Additional information is available from [daily catch reports and information bulletins](#).

Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands

Bering Sea Pollock

The 2023 Bering Sea pollock TAC is 1,300,000 metric tons (mt) compared to 1,111,000 mt in 2022. For 2023, NMFS reallocated 12,600 mt of Aleut Corporation and 1,900 mt of CDQ projected unharvested AI pollock TAC from the Aleutian Islands to the Bering Sea. The B season opens at noon, A.l.t., June 10, 2023.

Bering Sea	2023 Annual allocation	2023 Annual catch	Percent taken
Inshore	566,300	552,365	98%
CP	453,040	451,680	100%
Mothership	113,260	95,152	84%
CDQ	131,900	131,787	100%
ICA	50,000	39,714	79%
Total	1,314,500	1,270,689	97%

Salmon in the Bering Sea Pollock Fisheries

The Chinook salmon PSC limit is 45,000 Chinook salmon in 2023, and allocated to each sector as specified in 50 CFR 679.21(f)(3)(iii)(A). In 2023 relative to 2022, the total Chinook PSC and rates are higher and Non-Chinook PSC and rates are lower.

Species	Chinook				Non-Chinook			
	2023		2022		2023		2022	
Amount	#	Rate ¹	#	Rate ¹	#	Rate ¹	#	Rate ¹
CDQ	1,171	0.009	429	0.004	3,430	0.026	6,369	0.057
AFA	10,455	0.009	5,908	0.006	108,059	0.098	236,006	0.247
Total	11,626	0.009	6,337	0.007	111,489	0.090	242,375	0.254

¹Rate is total salmon per groundfish in the pollock target.

Herring in the BSAI

For the pelagic pollock fishery category, 3,020 mt or 98% of the 3,066 mt PSC limit has been reported. NMFS is monitoring the pollock fishery for a closure of the Winter Herring Savings Area. Also, the 99 mt herring PSC limit for the rock sole/flathead sole/Alaska plaice/“other flatfish” fishery category was reached and all three Herring Savings Areas were closed for these fisheries, see Information Bulletin 23-28.

Blackspotted and Roughey Rockfish

For 2023, the maximum species specific catch recommended in the Western Aleutian Islands is 61 mt. All sectors are requested to avoid blackspotted/roughey rockfish. A [weekly report](#) is available to monitor total catch of blackspotted/roughey rockfish in the Western Aleutian Islands.

BSAI Pacific cod by Sector

The 2023 Pacific cod TAC is 127,409 mt in the Bering Sea and 8,425 mt in the Aleutian Islands compared to the 2022 Bering Sea TAC of 136,466 mt and Aleutian Islands TAC of 13,796 mt. The remaining amount of the 2023 total non-CDQ sector annual allocation is 15,485 mt. The remaining non-CDQ Bering Sea TAC is 10,498 mt. This leaves 4,987 mt of the non-CDQ Pacific cod allocation that cannot be caught in the Bering Sea.

BSAI Sector	2023				2022			
	Annual TAC ¹	Catch Sept 23	Closed	# vessels Sept 23	Annual TAC ¹	Catch Sept 24	Closed	# vessels Sept 24
CDQ	14,534	7,732	na	32	16,078	6,676	na	30
Hook-and-line CP	58,672	53,934	na	17	65,027	59,279	na	19
Pot CP	1,807	1,298	na	<3	2,003	1,561	na	3
Pot CV >= 60 ft	10,120	7,161	na	22	12,016	11,259	na	30
Hook-and-line CV >= 60 ft	11	2	na	<3	0	0	na	0
Hook-and-line/Pot CVs < 60 ft	4,740	4,235	na	20	5,718	5,486	na	21
Jig	98	0	na	0	99	0	na	0
Trawl CV	26,307	23,344	na	82	27,155	23,958	na	96
AFA CP	2,790	1,952	na	15	3,086	2,274	na	15
Amendment 80 CP	16,254	13,568	na	17	18,681	14,607	na	18
ICA HAL/Pot	500	320		79	400	385		85
Total	135,833	113,833		284	150,263	125,485		317

¹Includes reallocations. See information bulletins at <https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/alaska/sustainable-fisheries/alaska-groundfish-fisheries-management>

Pacific cod directed fishing - trawl CVs

The fleet finished their voluntary catch share for the A season. The B season opened for 24 hours from noon, Alaska local time (A.l.t.), April 1, 2023 to noon, A.l.t., April 2, 2023.

The A season closed by regulation at noon, April 1, 2023. The B season opened at noon, April 1 and closed at noon, April 2, 2023. NMFS opened the B season at noon, April 13, 2023 and it remains open. The C season opened at noon, A.l.t., June 10, 2023 is not expected to close until the regulatory closure at noon, A.l.t., November 1, 2023.

BSAI Flatfish (includes CDQ)

In 2023 relative to 2022, overall BSAI flatfish catch is about 31,000 mt lower, but varies by species. In 2023, rock sole has the most increase in catch, and yellowfin sole has the most decrease in catch.

Species	2023			2022		
	Catch	TAC	% Taken	Catch	TAC	% Taken
Alaska plaice	11,211	17,500	64%	8,993	29,221	31%
Arrowtooth flounder	6,181	15,000	41%	6,750	20,000	34%
Flathead sole	7,897	35,500	22%	13,792	35,500	39%
Greenland turbot	1,257	3,960	32%	1,454	6,572	22%
Kamchatka flounder	6,786	7,579	90%	8,243	9,214	89%
Other flatfish	2,902	4,500	64%	2,404	10,000	24%
Rock sole	24,057	66,000	36%	17,405	66,000	26%
Yellowfin sole	80,604	230,000	35%	113,193	250,000	45%
Total	140,895	380,039	37%	172,234	426,507	40%

BSAI Atka mackerel, Pacific ocean perch (POP) includes CDQ, and Trawl Sablefish

The catch of Atka mackerel, POP, and non-CDQ trawl sablefish is higher in 2023 than in 2022.

Species	2023			2022		
	Catch	TAC	% Taken	Catch	TAC	% Taken
Atka mackerel	56,951	69,282	82%	49,043	66,481	74%
Pacific ocean perch	31,023	37,703	82%	27,488	35,385	78%
BS non-CDQ Sablefish-Trawl	2,684	3,398	79%	2,208	2,237	99%
AI non-CDQ Sablefish-Trawl	1,250	1,794	70%	1,023	1,373	75%

Gulf of Alaska

Pacific cod

Some vessels participate in more than one sector.

Pacific cod - Western GOA

Sector	2023				2022			
	Annual allocation	Catch Sept 23	Closed	# of vessels Sept 23	Annual allocation	Catch Sept 24	Closed	# of vessels Sept 24
Hook-and-line CP	1,009	416	na	4	1,730	728	na	5
Hook-and-line CV	71	200	Jan 1	69	244	231	Jan 1	76
Jig	131	131	Aug 2	15	243	0	na	0
Pot CV/CP	1,936	1,000	na	10	2,402	1,360	na	15
Trawl CV	1,956	1,393	Sept 1	26	2,179	2,102	Sept 1	29
Trawl CP	122	56	Jan 20	5	161	111	Jan 20	4
Total	5,223	3,196		129	6,959	4,532		129

¹Includes reallocations. See information bulletins at <https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/alaska/sustainable-fisheries/alaska-groundfish-fisheries-management>

Pacific cod - Central GOA

Sector	2023				2022			
	Annual allocation	Catch Sept 23	Closed	# of vessels Sept 23	Annual allocation	Catch Sept 24	Closed	# of vessels Sept 24
Hook-and-line CP	562	336	na	4	748	592	na	4
Hook-and-line CV <50 ft	1,608	1,316	na	139	2,141	1,643	na	137
Hook-and-line CV ≥50 ft	738	808	Sept 1	75	1,019	901	na	74
Jig	111	246	Jun 10	43	113	3	na	2
Pot CV/CP	3,061	2,692	na	28	4,078	3,310	na	47
Trawl CV	4,579	3,222	Jan 20	38	5,135	3,343	Jan 20	40
Trawl CV - RP	424	143	na	18	582	286	na	18
Trawl CP	462	596	Jan 20	5	1,016	991	Jan 20	8
Total	11,545	9,359		350	14,832	11,069		348

¹Includes reallocations. See information bulletins at <https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/alaska/sustainable-fisheries/alaska-groundfish-fisheries-management>

Pollock

In the B season pollock target, in Area 610, 23 CVs have reported 13,024 mt, in Area 620, 11 CVs have reported 1,128 mt, and in Area 630, 20 CVs have reported 11,687 mt.

2023	610	620	630	640
Annual Allocation	26,958	77,005	33,729	7,523 (annual)
Annual Catch	13,291	58,716	20,949	6,843
Closure	na	na	na	March 29

Chinook Salmon PSC Limits in the GOA

Total 2023 Chinook salmon PSC is higher relative to 2022 and the rate is slightly lower.

Chinook Salmon	2023 Limit	2023 PSC (Rate ¹)	2022 PSC (Rate ¹)
Total	n/a	5,962 (0.07)	8,964 (0.06)
Western GOA pollock	6,684	996 (0.07)	2,047 (0.10)
Central GOA pollock	18,316	5,821 (0.07)	5,633 (0.07)
Western/Central trawl CV ²	3,060	937 (0.26)	0
Central Rockfish Program CV	1,200	731 (0.06)	56 (0.00)
Western/Central trawl CP ²	4,080	1,025 (0.04)	1,229 (0.04)

¹Rate is number of salmon per metric tons of groundfish.

²The limit include the incentive buffer for 2022 and 2023 Western/Central trawl C/P limit (480 Chinook) and 2023 Western/Central trawl CV (360 Chinook).

BSAI and GOA Halibut PSC

In 2023 relative to 2022, the total halibut PSC is lower and the total groundfish is higher in the BSAI and lower in the GOA.

Area, Gear, and Sector	2023			2022		
	Halibut mortality	Groundfish	Rate	Halibut mortality	Groundfish	Rate
BSAI Total	1,579	1,638,385	0.10%	1,771	1,490,925	0.12%
Amendment 80	1,144	255,709	0.45%	1,229	272,754	0.45%
BSAI trawl limited access	247	1,147,464	0.02%	350	996,991	0.04%
Non-trawl Pacific cod	108	75,438	0.14%	117	83,483	0.14%
CDQ	80	159,774	0.05%	75	137,697	0.05%
GOA Total	255	150,597	0.17%	365	169,036	0.22%
Trawl, Deep-water	144	14,433	1.00%	202	17,442	1.16%
Trawl, Shallow-water	56	102,487	0.05%	82	117,407	0.07%
Trawl, Rockfish Program	36	30,434	0.12%	54	29,990	0.18%
Hook-and-line	20	3,243	0.62%	27	4,197	0.64%