National Marine Fisheries Service

Alaska Region, Inseason Management Highlights

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2013 catch is through September 21 and 2012 catch is through September 22 unless otherwise stated.

Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands

Bering Sea Pollock

NMFS reallocated 1,900 of CDQ and 13,000 mt of non-CDQ Aleutian Islands pollock TAC to the Bering Sea TACs. The revised Bering Sea allocation, total catch, and percent taken are:

Sector	Allocation	Catch	% Taken
Inshore	550,801	533,452	97
C/P	440,640	427,949	97
Mothership	110,160	110,026	100
CDQ	126,600	122,513	97
Total	1,228,201	1,193,940	97

Salmon in the Bering Sea Pollock Fishery

In the 2013 pollock fishery, the total Chinook salmon is 1,228 salmon higher and groundfish catch is 47,054 mt higher than in 2012. For both years the rate is about 0.008 Chinook salmon per metric ton of groundfish.

		Chinook Salmon				Non-Chinook Salmon						
	2013			2012		2013			2012			
	#	GF	Rate	#	GF	Rate	#	GF	Rate	#	GF	Rate
CDQ	488	123,578	0.004	349	122,051	0.003	403	123,578	0.003	195	122,051	0.002
Non- CDQ	9,805	1,092,169	0.004	8,716	1,046,643	0.004	119.035	1,092,169	0.109	19,791	1,046,643	0.002
Total	10,293	1,215,748	0.008	9,065	1,168,694	0.008	119.438	1,215,748	0.098	19,986	1,168,694	0.017

Pacific cod

Hook-and-line Catcher/Processors

In 2012, the hook-and-line C/Ps received 5,000 mt from pot $CV \ge 60$ ft, fished to the end of 2012, and caught 97% of their allocation.

Year	2013	2012
Total Catch	78,844	85,018
Annual TAC	112,671	118,106 (113,106 + 5,000)
Remaining TAC	33,827	33,088
Number of vessels	29	30

Pot Vessels

In 2012, the pot C/Ps received 800 mt from pot $CV \ge 60$ ft, fished to mid-November, and caught 98% of their final allocation. The pot CV > 60 ft contributed 6,300 mt to other sectors, fished to mid-October, and caught 96% of their final allocation.

	Cat	cher/Processors	Catcher Vessels		
Year	2013	2012	2013	2012	
Total catch	2,931	2,532	10,105	11,807	
Annual TAC	3,470	4,284 (3,484 + 800)	19,434	13,209 (19,509 - 6,300)	
Remaining TAC	539	1,753	9,329	1,403	
A season closure	28-Jan	23-Jan	22-Jan	20-Jan	
Number of vessels	3	5	28	29	

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

In 2012, this sector received 4,645 mt from several sectors, fished to mid-November, and caught 100% of their final allocation.

Year	2013	2012
Total Catch	7,437	7,761
Annual TAC	7,577 (4,627 + 2,950)	8,880 (4,645 + 4,235)
Remaining TAC	140	1,119
Closure	Closed 2/7, Opened 8/26	Closed 2/17, Opened 9/6
Number of vessels	26 (6 hook-and-line, 20 pot)	25 (6 hook-and-line, 19 pot)

Trawl catcher vessels

In 2012, trawl CVs contributed 3,750 mt to other sectors, fished until mid-November, and caught 98% of their final allocation.

Year	2013	2012
Annual TAC	46,812 (51,312-4,500)	47,749 (51,509-3,750)
Total Catch	42,813	46,346
Remaining TAC	3,999	1,403
A season	January 20 - March 11	January 20 - February 29
B season	April 1	March 23 - April 15
C season	June 10 – November 1	June 10 – November 1
Number of vessels	Pacific cod 53, All 97	Pacific cod 54, All 105

Rockfish species with Prohibited Species catch (PSC) closures

Area	Species	PSC closure	TAC	Catch	Remaining
EAI/BS	Rougheye rockfish	7/15/13	169	177	-4
Al	Other rockfish	9/11/13	574	473	-101
BSAI	Shortraker rockfish	9/16/13	370	393	-23

<u>Flatfish</u>

Crasica		2013	2012		
Species	Catch	% TAC Taken	n Catch 9 % 13,268 % 21,078 % 9,390 % 10,383 % 3,996 % 3,236	% TAC Taken	
Alaska plaice	21,594	108%	13,268	65%	
Arrowtooth flounder	19,035	76%	21,078	84%	
Kamchatka flounder	7,592	76%	9,390	62%	
Flathead sole	15,975	70%	10,383	30%	
Greenland turbot	1,345	65%	3,996	46%	
Other flatfish	1,486	42%	3,236	90%	
Rock sole	57,278	62%	74,363	85%	
Yellowfin sole	118,141	60%	116,850	58%	
Total	242,446		252,564		

Total catch for all sectors including CDQ

NMFS prohibited retention of Alaska plaice May 15, 2013. NMFS closed directed fishing for Kamchatka flounder July 8, 2013, and arrowtooth flounder August 21, 2013.

In 2013, NMFS closed directed fishing for Greenland turbot in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands subareas effective May 1 due to the low TAC. NMFS opened directed fishing for Greenland turbot in the Bering Sea subarea September 1, 2013, because enough Bering Sea TAC remained to support hook-and-line C/P directed fishing.

Area	HAL CP	NPT CP	Other vessels	Total Catch	TAC	Remaining
Bering Sea	232	706	36	974	1,369	395
Aleutian Islands	38	225	34	298	383	87

2013 Greenland turbot (no CDQ in Bering Sea, CDQ included in Aleutian Islands)

		2013		2012			
Area and Gear	Halibut	Groundfish	Rate	Halibut	Groundfish	Rate	
	mortality			mortality			
BSA1 non-pelagic trawl CV	351	61,396	0.006	521	63,990	0.008	
BSAI non-pelagic trawl C/P	1,754	328,969	0.005	1,614	324,028	0.005	
BSAI pelagic trawl CV	32	649,574	0.000	135	611,008	0.000	
BSAI pelagic trawl C/P	177	566,174	0.000	192	557,686	0.000	
BSAI hook-and-line CV	3	985	0.003	2	748	0.003	
BSAI hook-and-line C/P	329	113,187	0.003	353	120,767	0.003	
BSAI Total	2,646	1,720,285	0.002	2,817	1,679,009	0.002	
GOA non-pelagic trawl CV	822	50,694	0.016	1,034	38,042	0.027	
GOA non-pelagic trawl C/P	275	24,835	0.011	379	27,538	0.014	
GOA pelagic trawl CV	18	67,247	0.000	6	81,111	0.000	
GOA hook-and-line CV	113	8,707	0.013	95	10,190	0.009	
GOA hook-and-line C/P	30	2,969	0.010	31	4,129	0.008	
GOA Total	1,258	154,452	0.008	1,545	161,010	0.010	

<u>Halibut mortality</u> - In 2013 compared to 2012 the total halibut mortality in the BSAI is 38 mt higher and in the GOA is 421 mt lower.

Gulf of Alaska

Pollock

The 2013 Area 610 pollock fishery caught 985 mt of the 9,728 mt C season allocation. All the other fisheries caught their C season allocations. The D season opens October 1, 2013.

	C Season						
Area	Closed	Days	TAC	Catch			
610	Oct 1	37	9,728	985			
620	13-Sep	19	7,740	7,256			
630	16-Sep	22	7,904	8,239			

<u>Salmon</u>

In the 2013 Western and Central GOA pollock fisheries the total Chinook salmon bycatch is 5,394 salmon with a rate of 0.079 Chinook salmon per metric tons of groundfish compared to 9,244 salmon in 2012 with a rate of 0.130 Chinook salmon per metric tons of groundfish.

	Area	Chinook	Groundfish	Rate	Non-Chinook	Groundfish	Rate
2013	Total	5,394	68,387	0.079	572	68,387	0.008
	Western	345	7,071	0.049	42	7,071	0.006
	Central - 620	3,993	44,259	0.090	455	44,259	0.010
	Central - 630	1,056	17,057	0.062	75	17,057	0.004
2012	Total	9,244	74,186	0.130	232	74,186	0.003
	Western	2,456	18,578	0.132	90	18,578	0.005
	Central - 620	5,382	40,351	0.133	102	40,351	0.003
	Central - 630	1,406	15,257	0.092	40	15,257	0.003

Salmon bycatch in the Western and Central Pollock Fisheries

Salmon bycatch GOA-wide in all Fisheries

Year	Chinook	Groundfish	Rate	Non-Chinook	Groundfish	Rate
2013	15,531	180,307	0.086	5,974	180,307	0.033
2012	12,276	188,171	0.065	1,187	188,171	0.006

Pacific cod - Western GOA B season

	2013				2012			
Sector	Remaining Allocation	Catch	Closed	# of vessels	Remaining Allocation	Catch	Closed	# of vessels
Hook-and-line C/Ps	1,812	0	n/a	0	1,293	Conf	Dec 31	< 3
Hook-and-line CVs	-44	39	n/a	44	108	24	Dec 31	24
Jig	257	235	n/a	8	161	186	Dec 31	19
Pot CV/CP	2,180	1,143	n/a	9	4297	1.347	Dec 31	17
Trawl CV	2,076	36	n/a	6	382	261	Nov I	24
Trawl C/P	134	0	Closed	0	-68	0	Closed	0
Total	6,415	1,453		94	6,173	1,818		84

NMFS reallocated 100 mt from trawl C/Ps to hook-and-line CVs.

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<u> </u>	2013				2012			
Sector	Remaining Allocation	Catch	Closed	# of vessels	Remaining Allocation	Catch	Closed	# of vessels
Hook-and-line C/Ps	1,242	0	n/a	0	450	0	Dec 31	0
Hook-and-line CVs <50 ft	1,810	82	n/a	22	1,492	48	Dec 31	11
Hook-and-line CVs >=50 ft	291	39	n/a	22	313	24	Dec 31	19
Jig	541	Conf	n/a	n/a	325	128	Jun 29	24
Pot CV/CP	3,771	373	n/a	6	4,079	2,106	Oct 12	24
Trawl CV	3,912	2,465	n/a	37	3,498	27	Nov I	46
Trawl C/P	-15	Conf	Closed	n/a	663	Conf	Sept 2	n/a
Total	11,552	2,959		87	10,819	2,333		124

Pacific cod - Central GOA B season

Rockfish – Western GOA

NMFS did not open directed fishing for Pacific ocean perch because the potential effort exceeded the available TAC. Dusky and northern rockfish opened for a total of 4 days each.

Groundfish prohibited species catch closures

Area	Species	PSC closure	TAC	Catch	Remaining
Central	Big skate	8-May	1,881	1,793	-88
Western	Other rockfish	9-Jul	44	195	-151
Western	Northern rockfish	22-Jul	2,008	2,169	-161
Western	Thornyhead rockfish	8-Aug	265	150	-115