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Shallow water flatfish - Southeast Inside (659) for Southeast flatfish (primarily starry flounder, English sole, etc, very little participation)

Rockfish - combined GHL in Cook Inlet and PWS.

Demersal Shelf Rockfish (659) GHL, not assessed with a survey in inside waters

Octopus - Cook Inlet GHL and PWS GHL started in 2012, each 35,000 lb.

The following table has been included following discussions held after the GOA Plan Team meeting. This table summarizes Alaska Region, CAS estimates of skates and sharks catch in Areas 649 and 659.

Area	Species	Average	
		2008-2012 total catch (t)	2013 total catch (t)
649	Skates	60	175
	Sharks	4	57
659	Skates	27	514
	Sharks	6	195

Stock structure suggestions for 2013

Octopus, skates, northern and southern rock sole, deepwater flatfish (Dover sole), and arrowtooth flounder

Retrospective analyses, ageing error and plus-group treatment in rockfish models

Pete Hulson presented analyses he’s been conducting on treating ageing error and plus group (and the number of total length or age bins to use). The Team commended Pete for the retrospective work on the northern rockfish assessment. This provided a novel approach towards determining which factors contribute the most to retrospective patterns. The Team concurred with his conclusion that changes are likely needed and look forward to seeing the presentation of these investigations in next years’ assessment.

The meeting adjourned at 1pm on Friday, November 22nd.