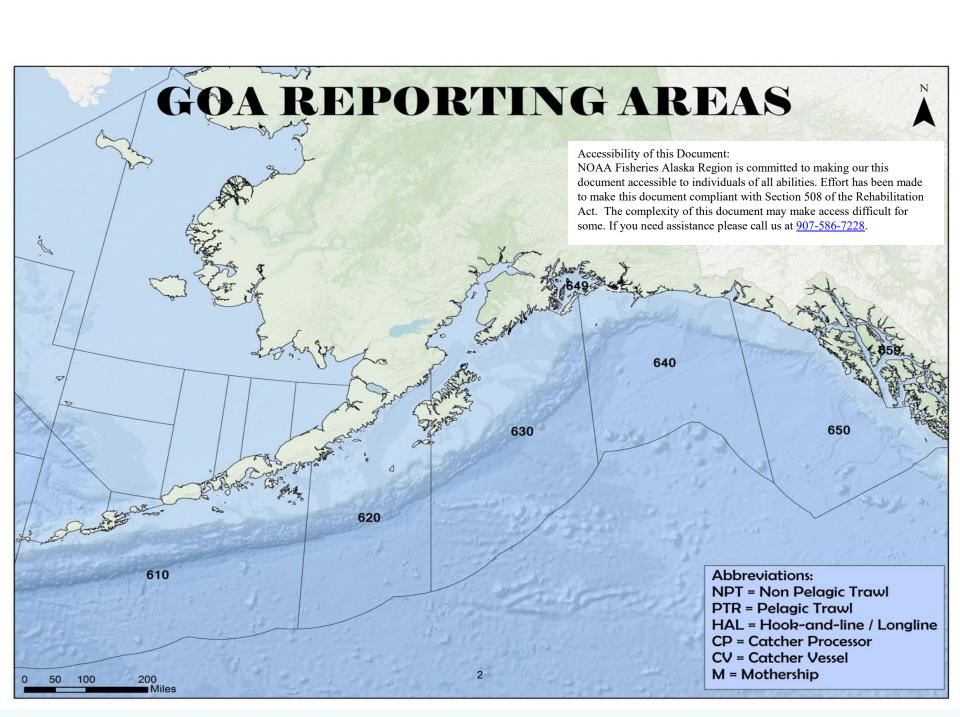


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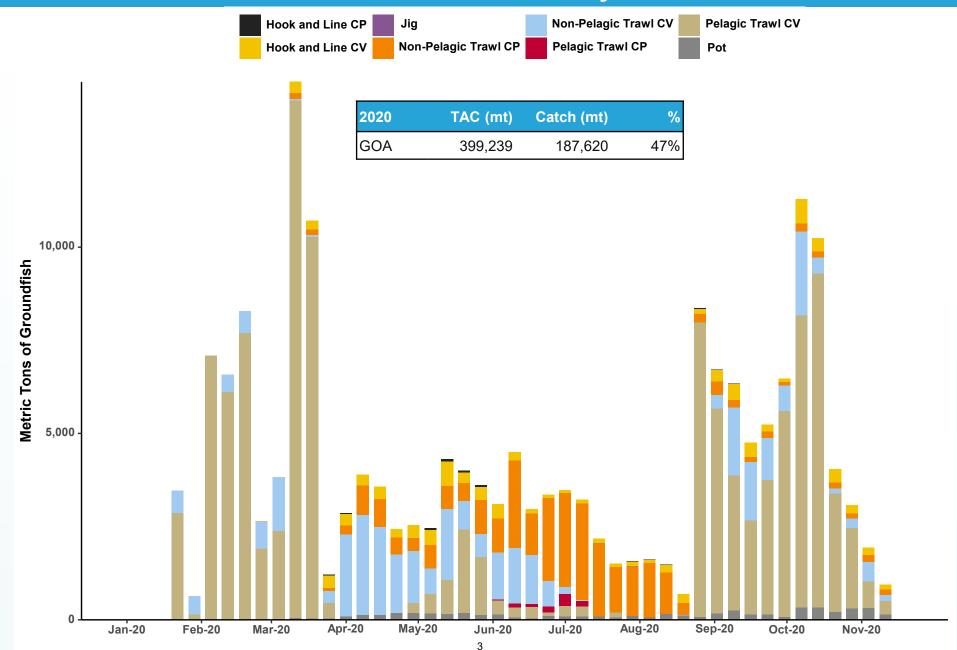
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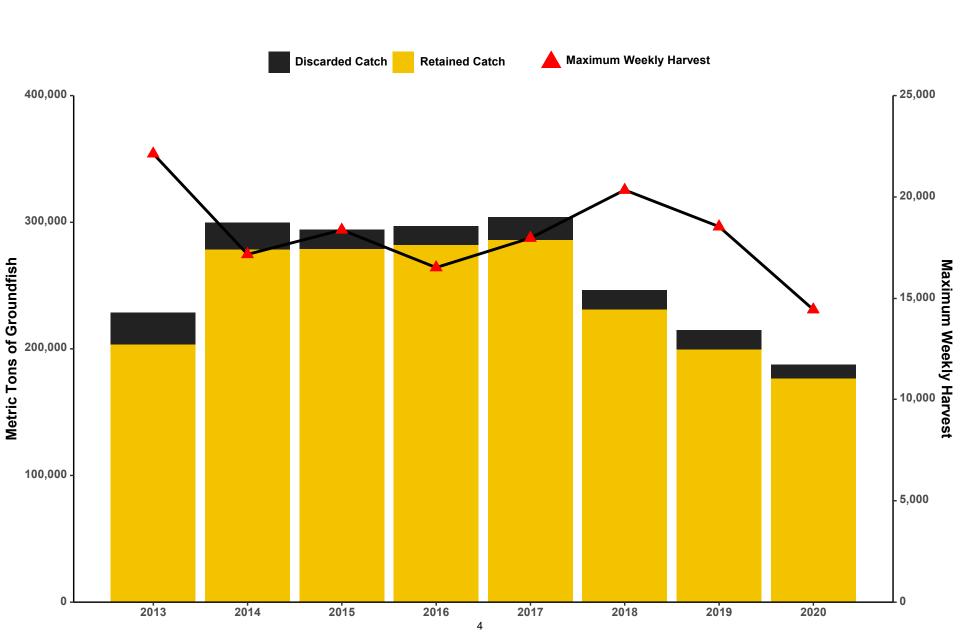
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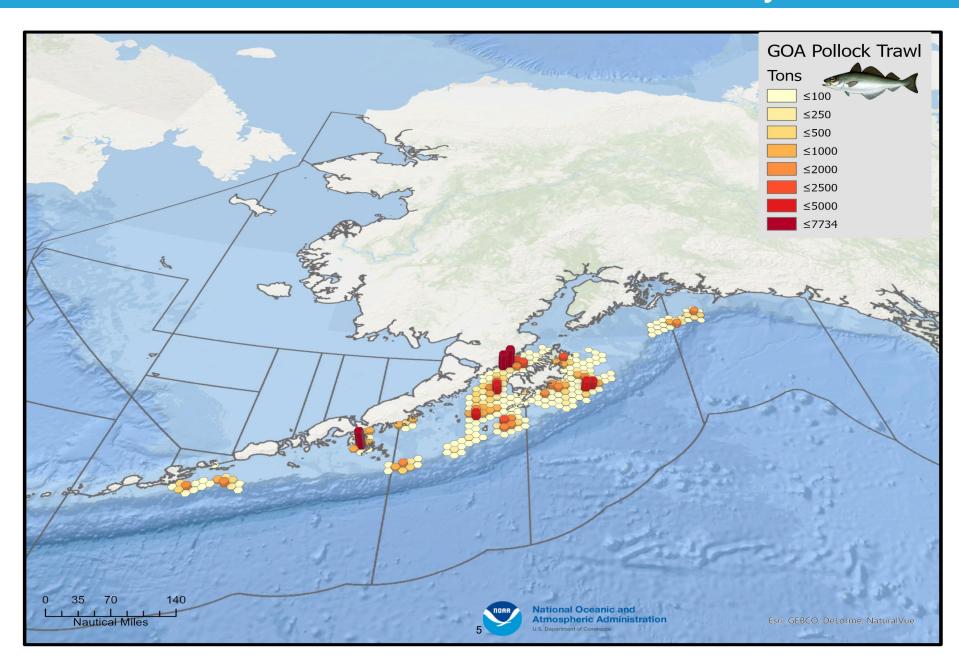
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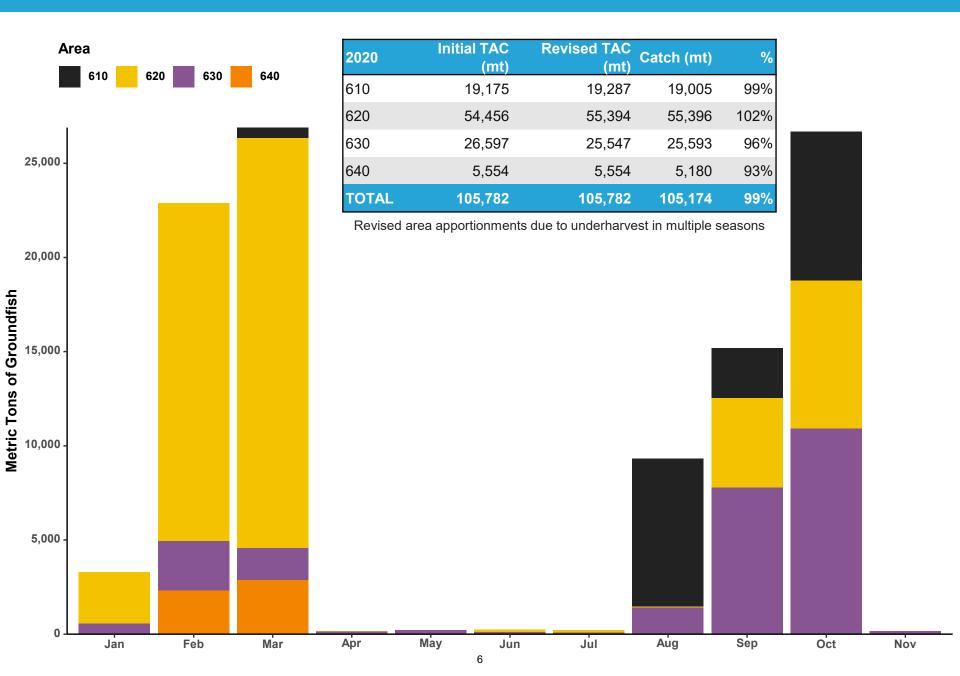
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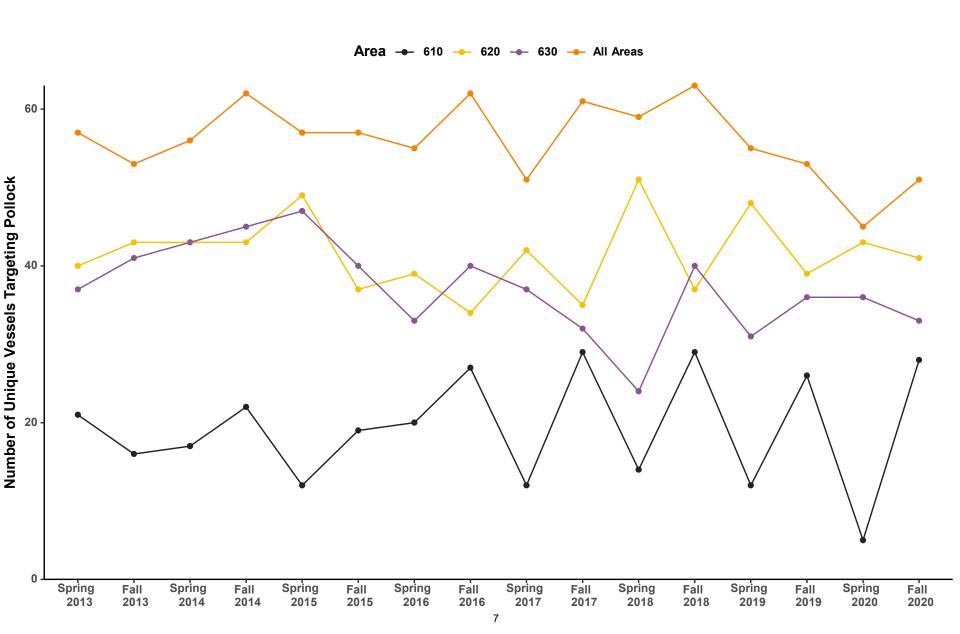
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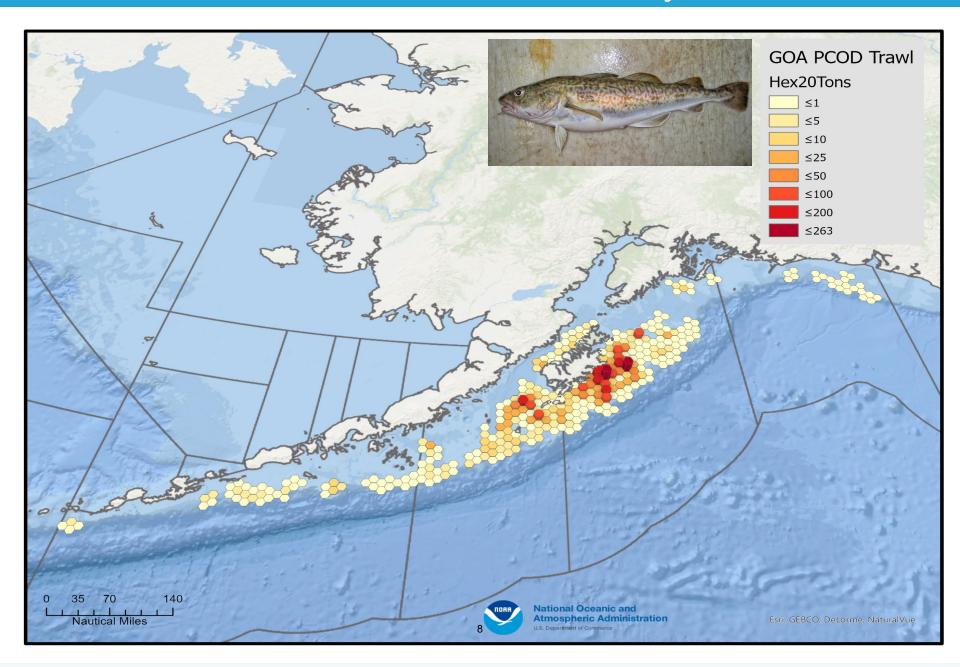
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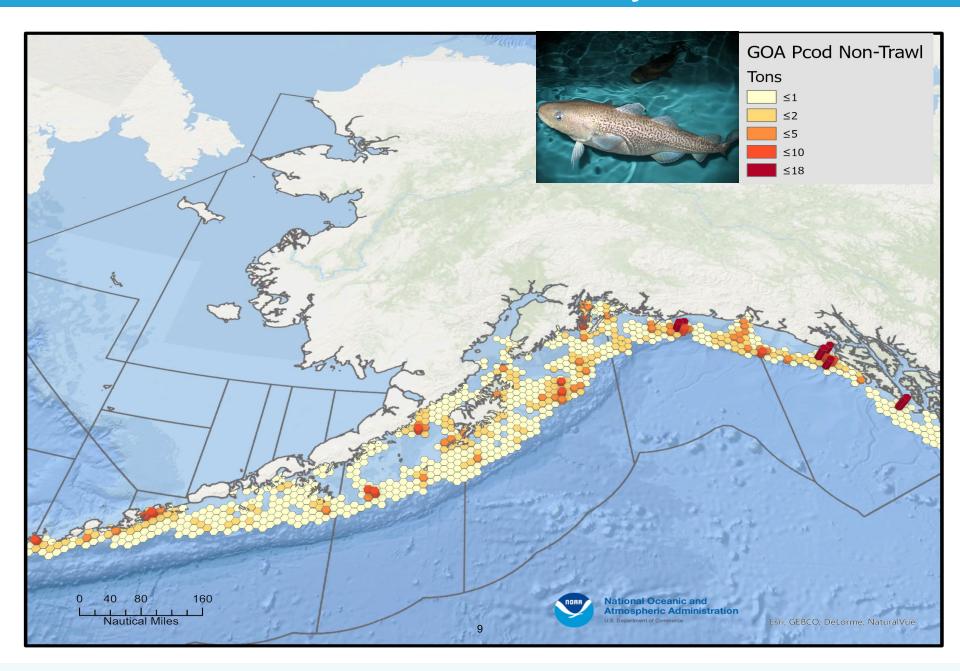
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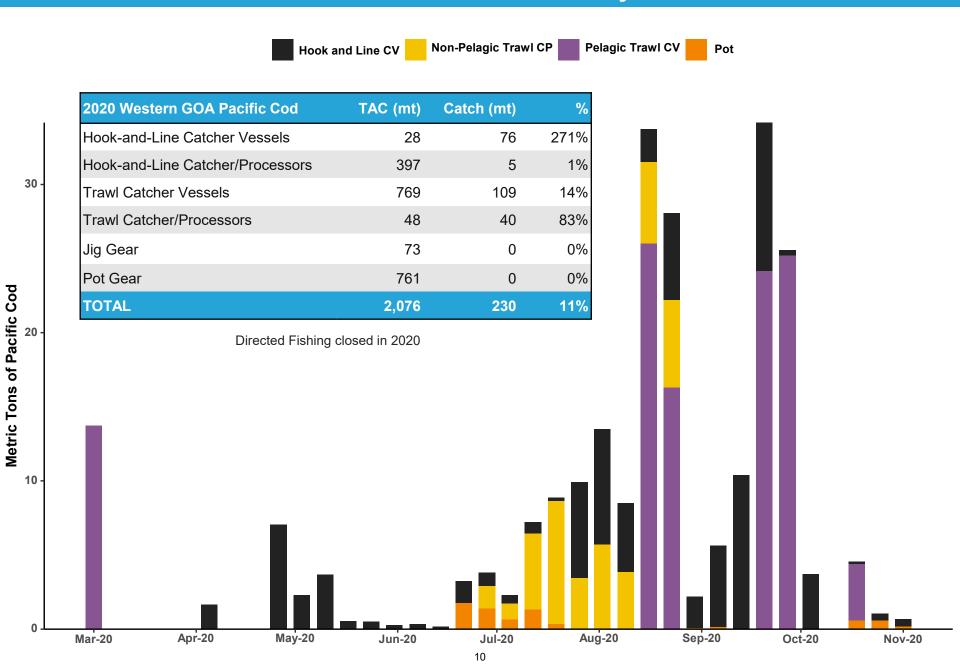
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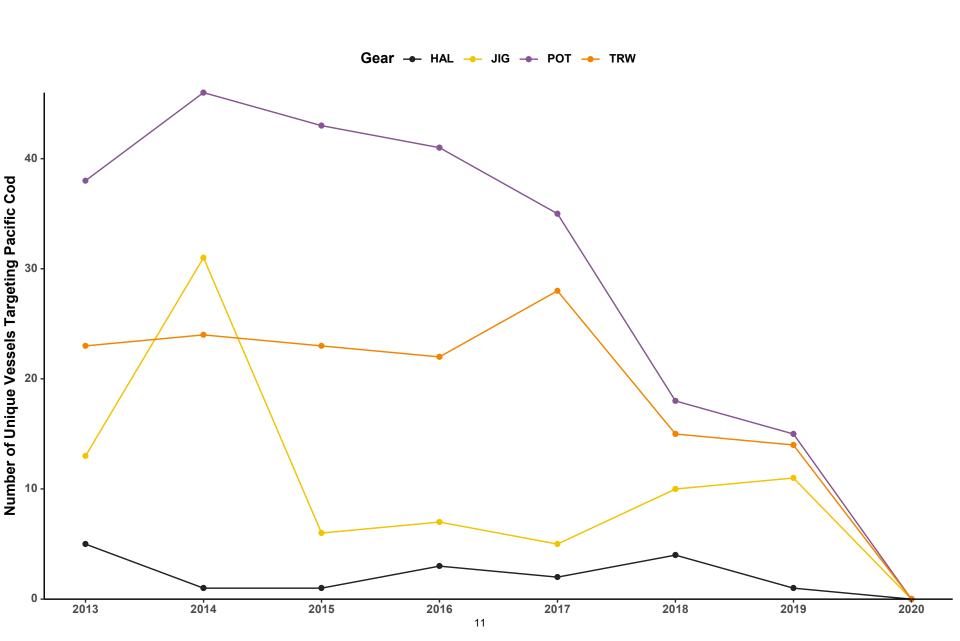
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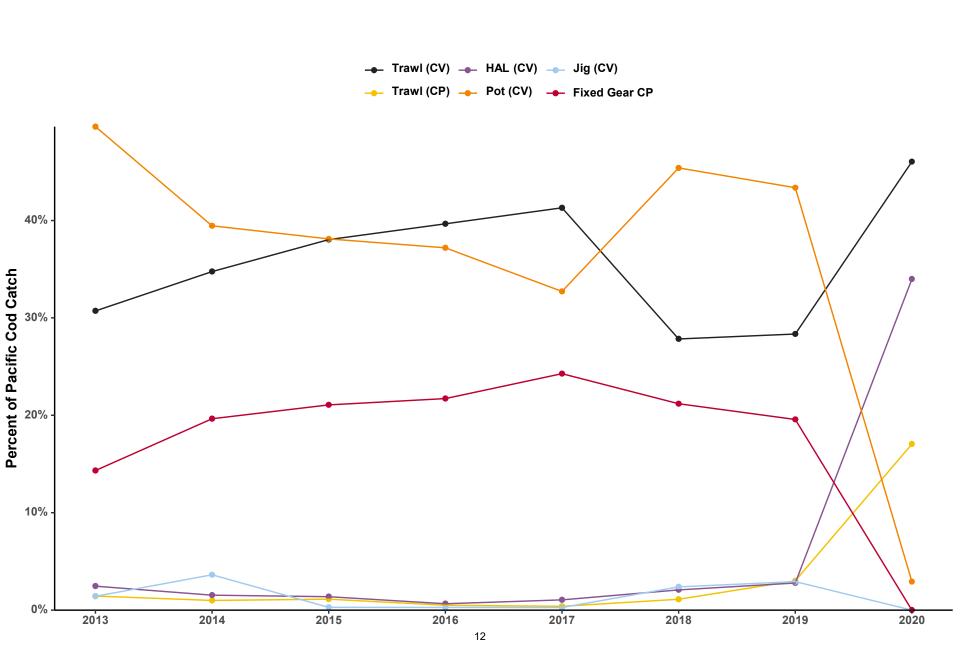
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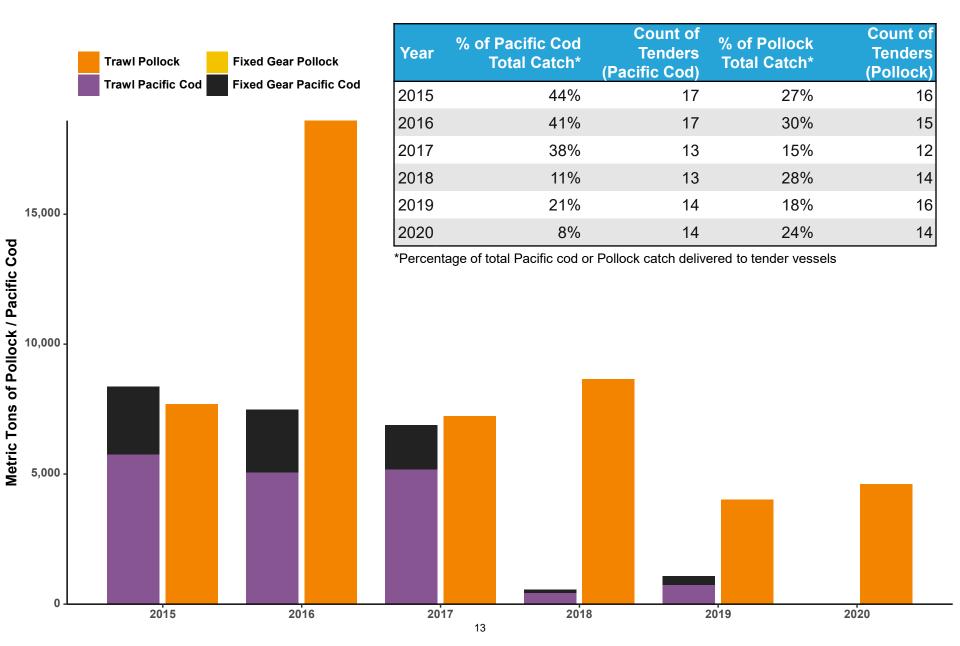
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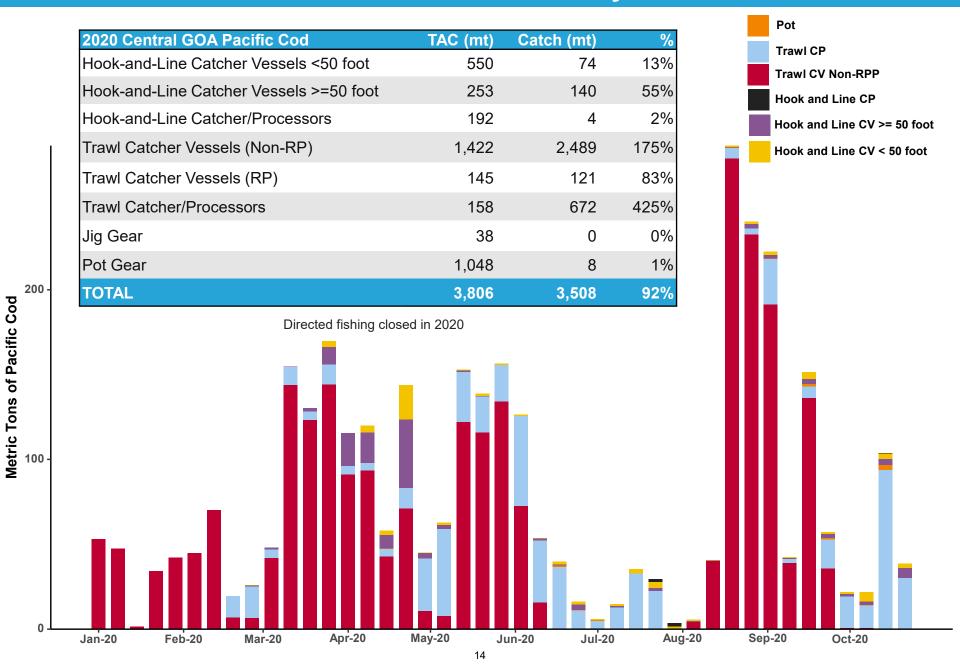
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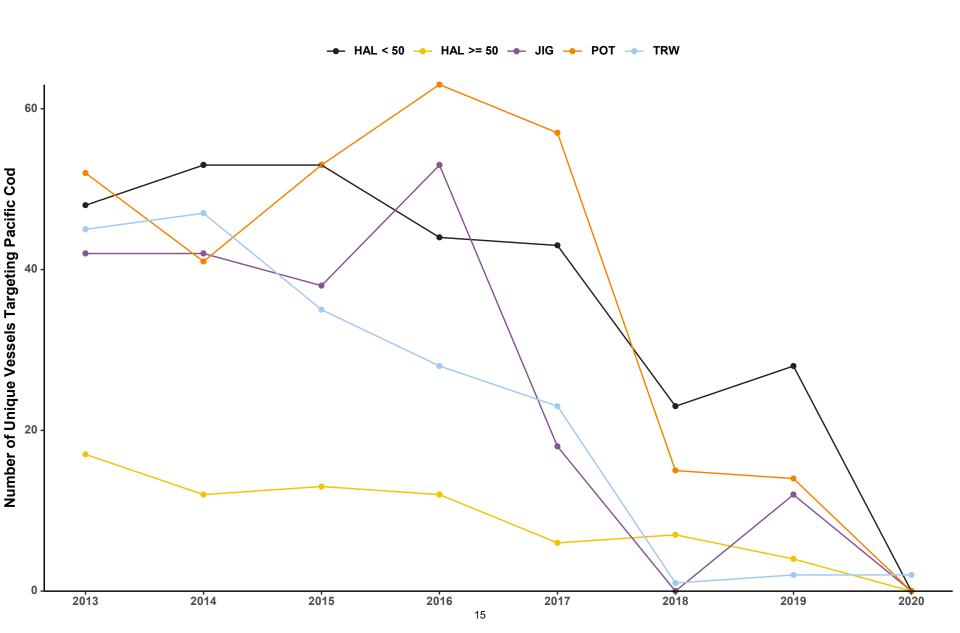
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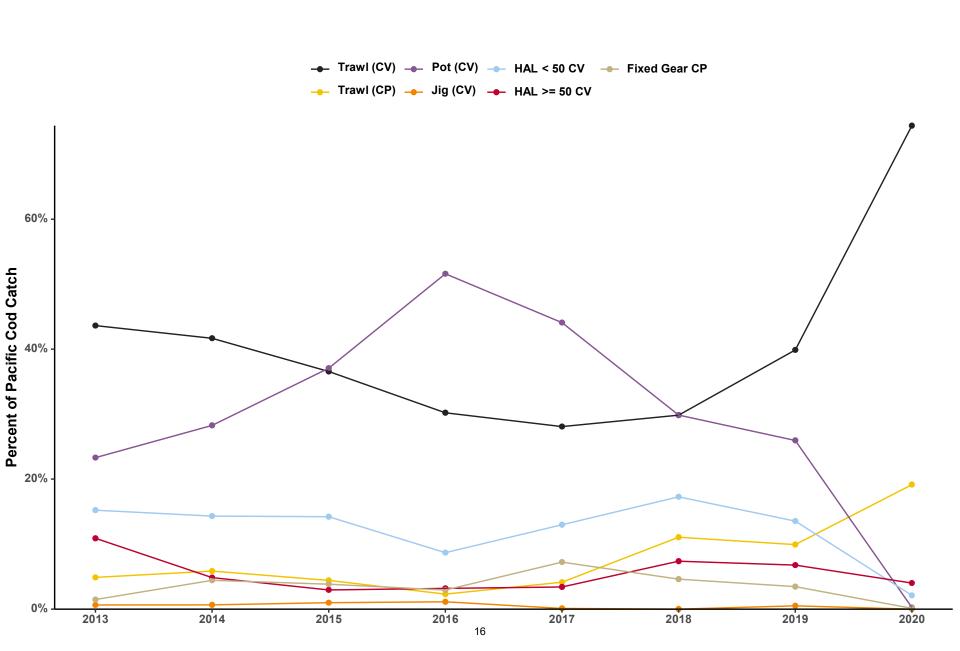
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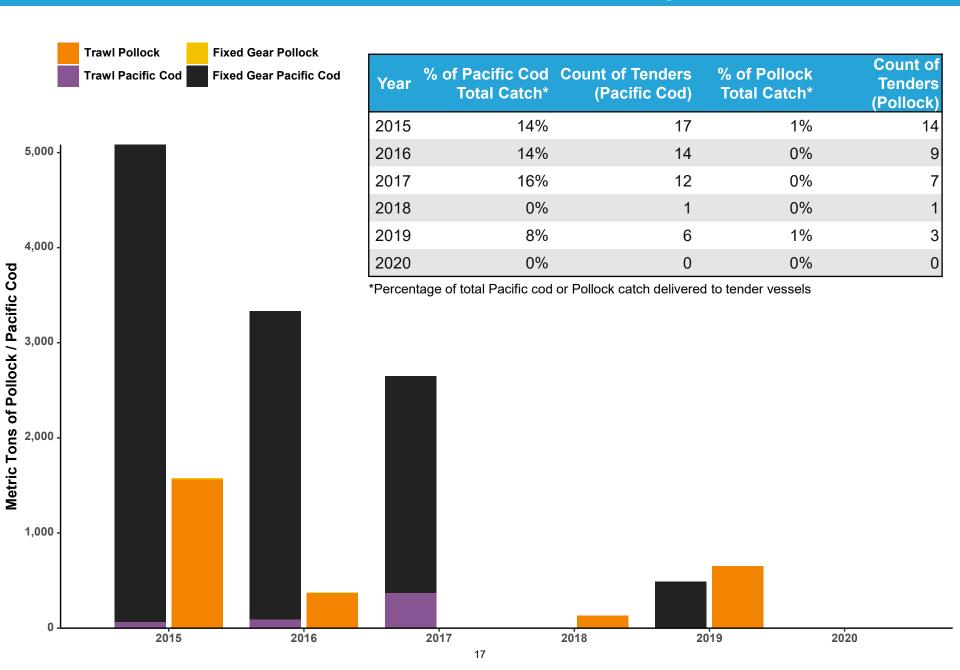
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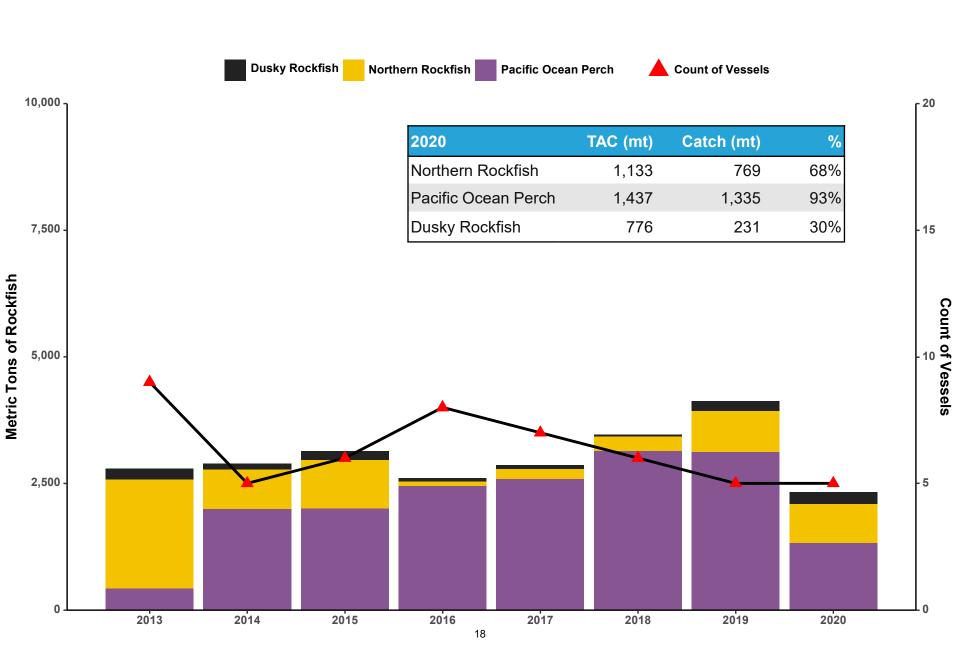
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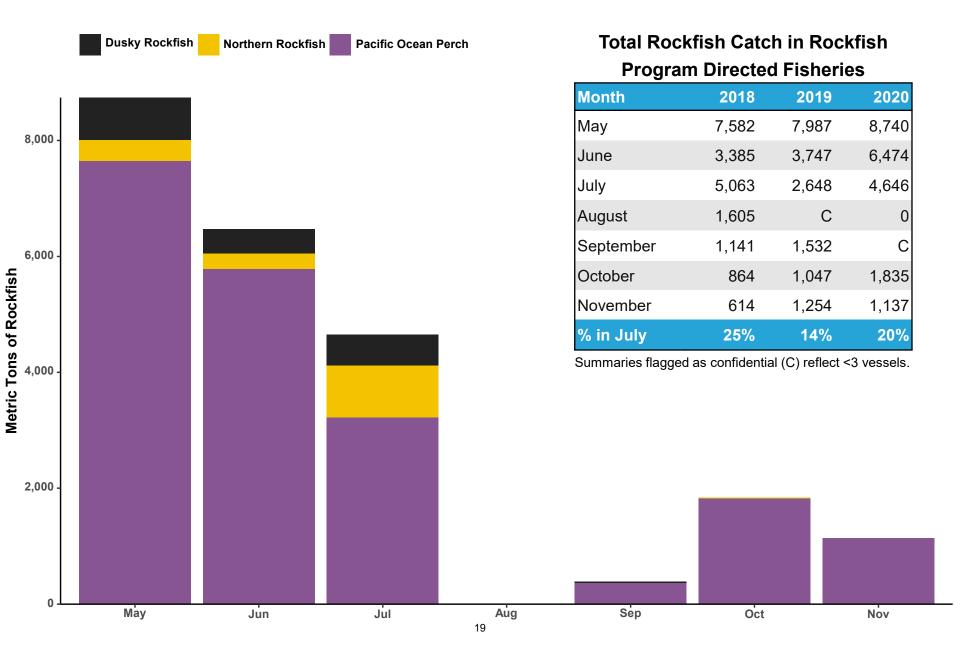
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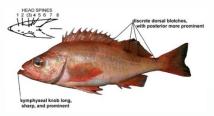


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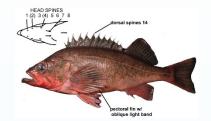


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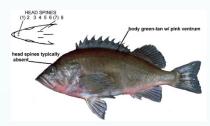
| Allocations                                     | Species             | Limit (mt) | Catch (mt)   | %            |
|---|---------------------|------------|--------------|--------------|
| Entry Level Fixed Gear                          | Pacific Ocean Perch | 5          | 0            | 0%           |
|   | Northern Rockfish   | 5          | 0            | 0%           |
|   | Dusky Rockfish      | 50         | 7            | 14%          |
| Cooperatives                                    | Pacific Ocean Perch | 20,673     | 20,294       | 98%          |
|   | Northern Rockfish   | 2,873      | 1,587        | 55%          |
|   | Dusky Rockfish      | 2,446      | 1,794        | 73%          |
|   | Pacific Cod         | 145        | 121          | 83%          |
|   | Sablefish           | 663        | 632          | 95%          |
|   | Thornyhead          | 313        | 113          | 36%          |
|   | Shortraker          | 114        | Confidential | Confidential |
|   | Rougheye            | 268        | Confidential | Confidential |
|   | Pacific Halibut PSC | 191        | 58           | 30%          |
| Primary Species Central GOA<br>Incidental Catch | Pacific Ocean Perch | 3,000      | 2,068        | 69%          |
|   | Northern Rockfish   | 300        | 27           | 9%           |
|   | Dusky Rockfish      | 250        | 80           | 32%          |



Pacific Ocean Perch

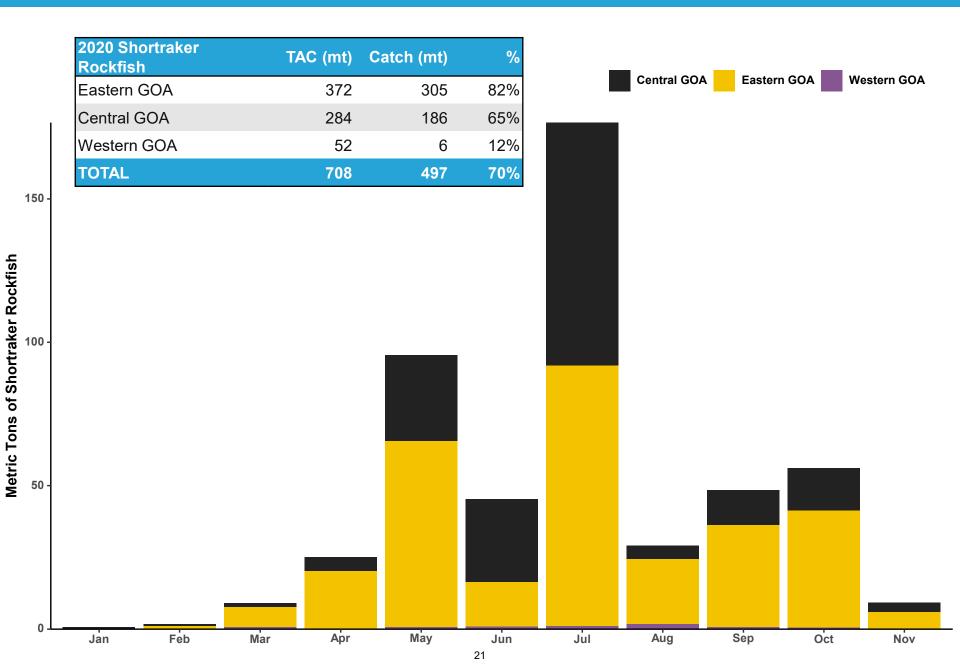


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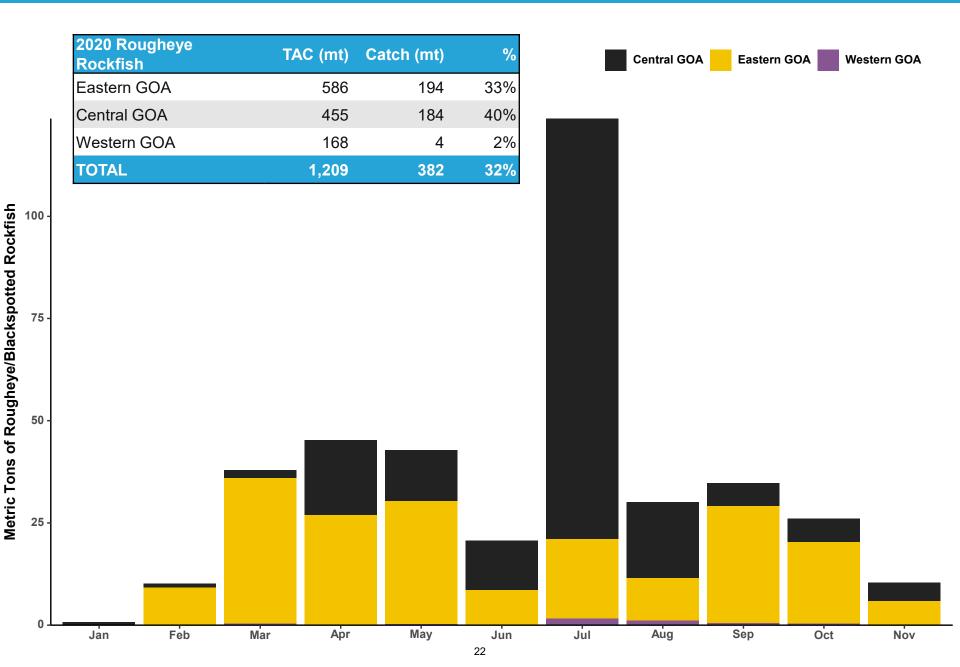


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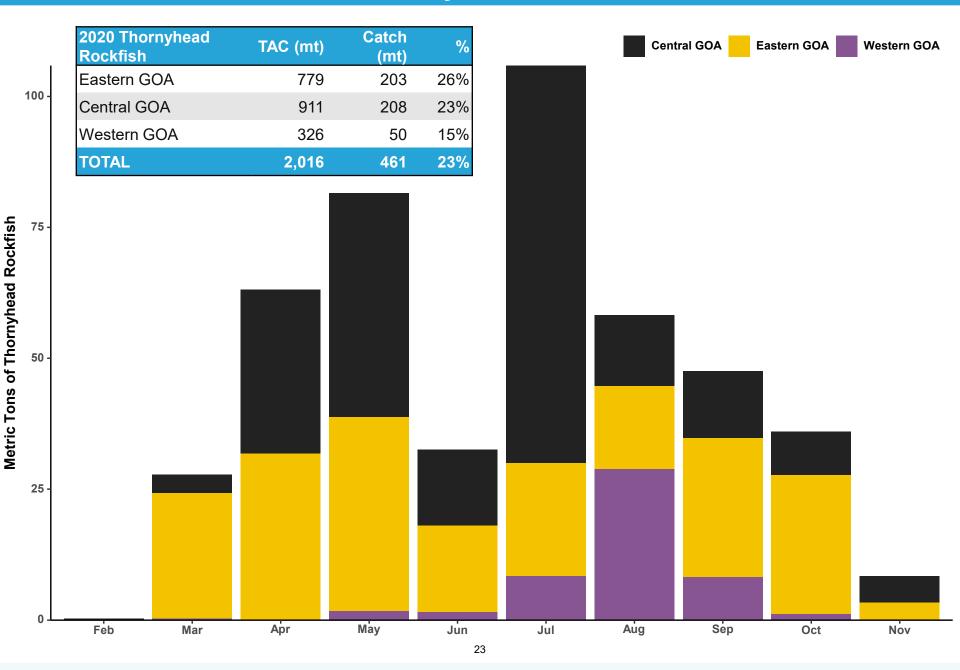
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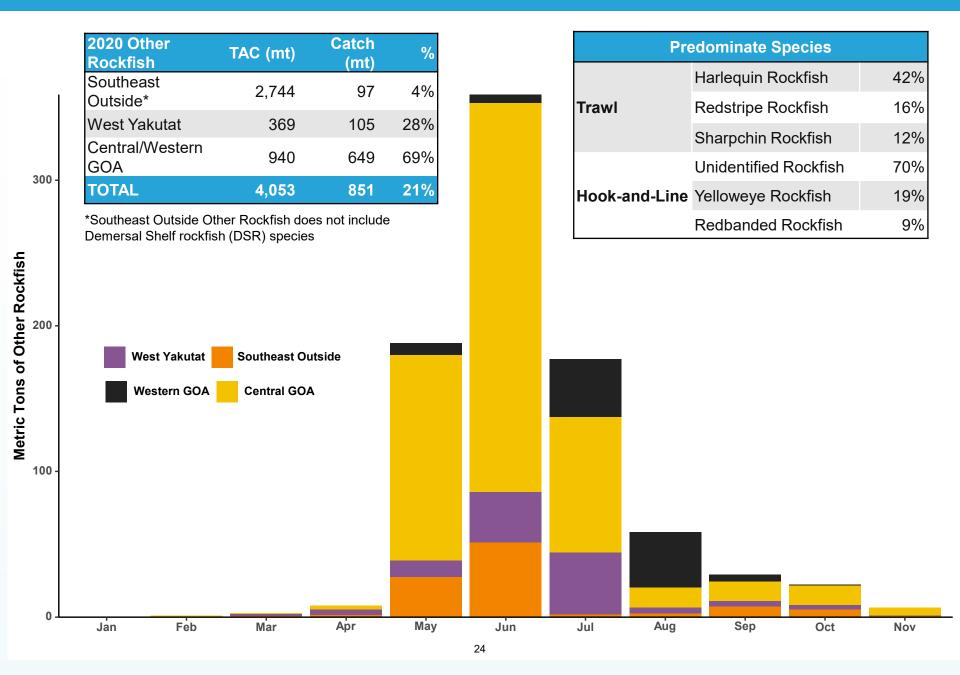
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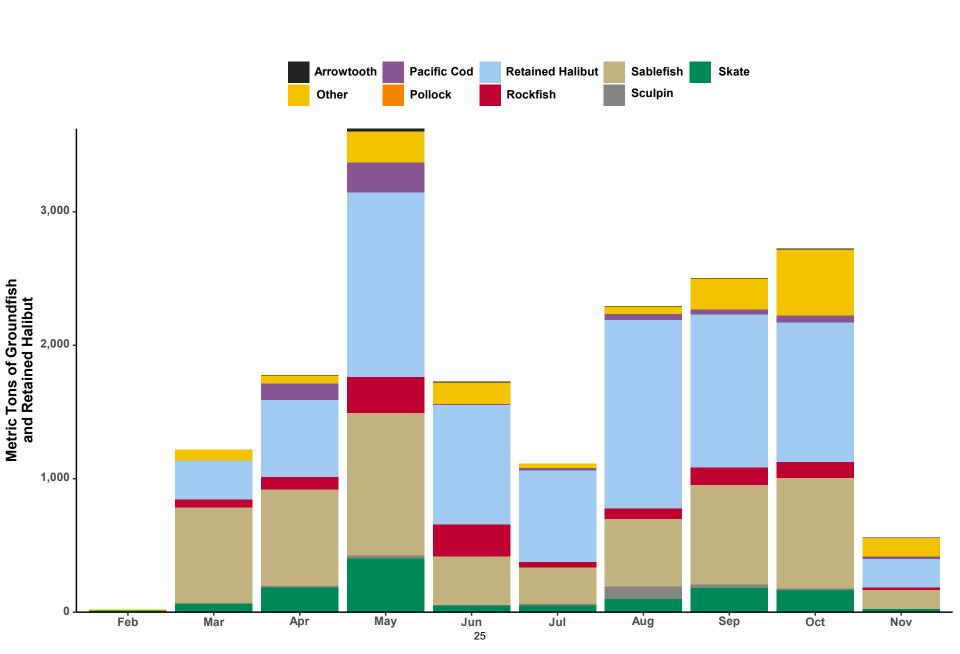
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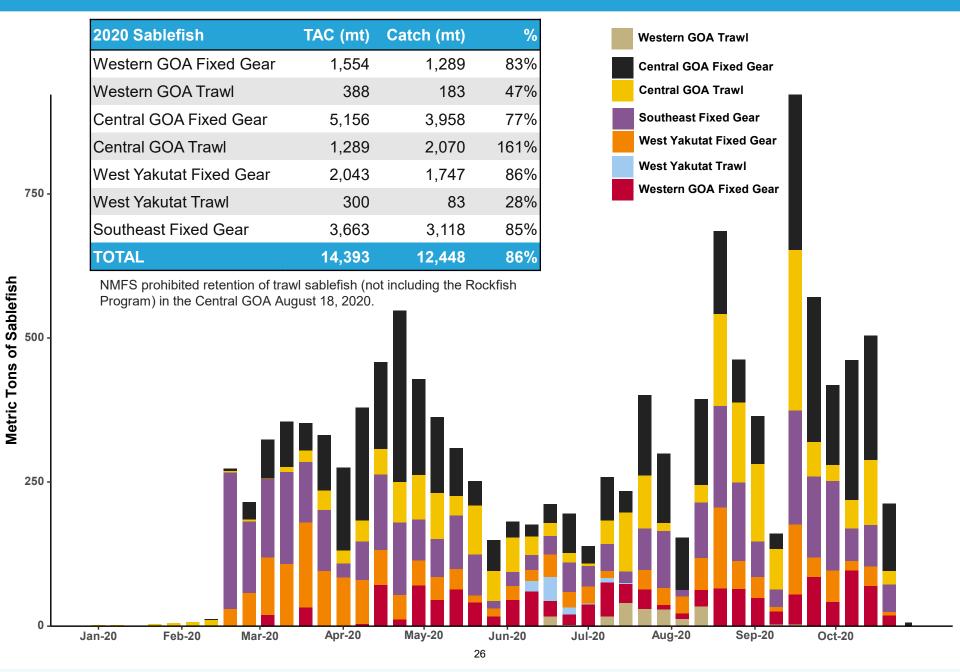
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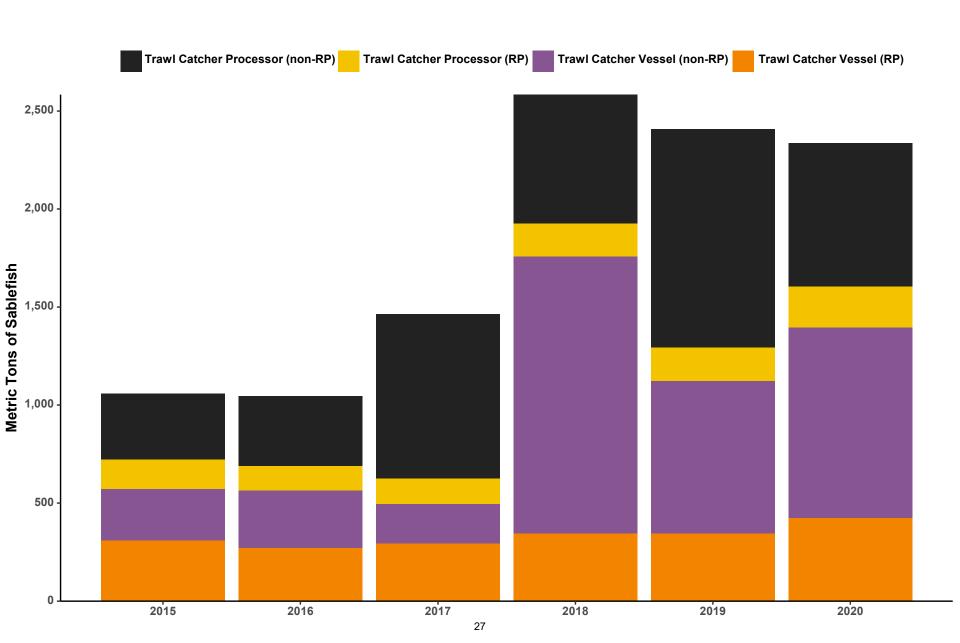
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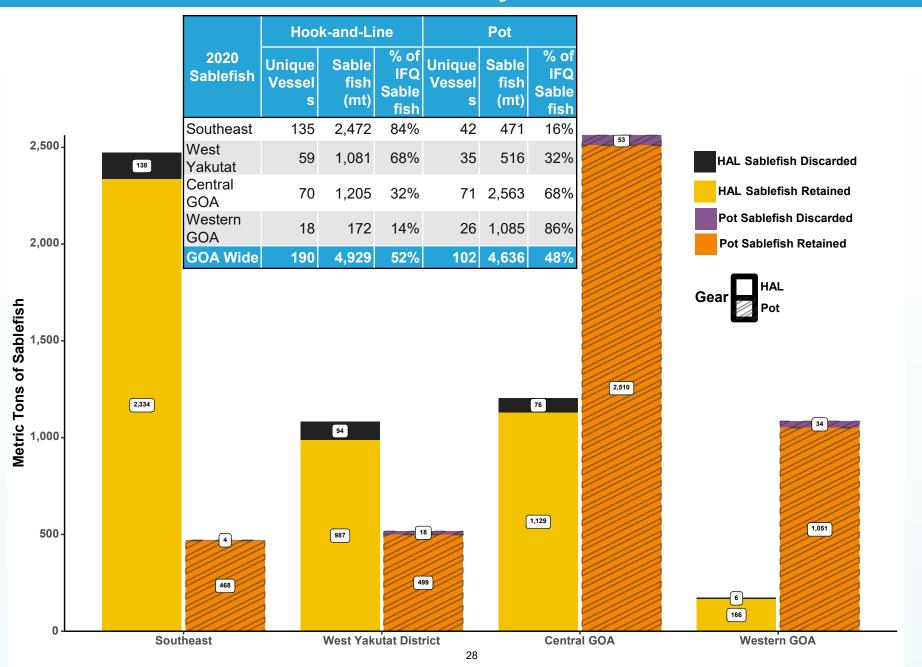
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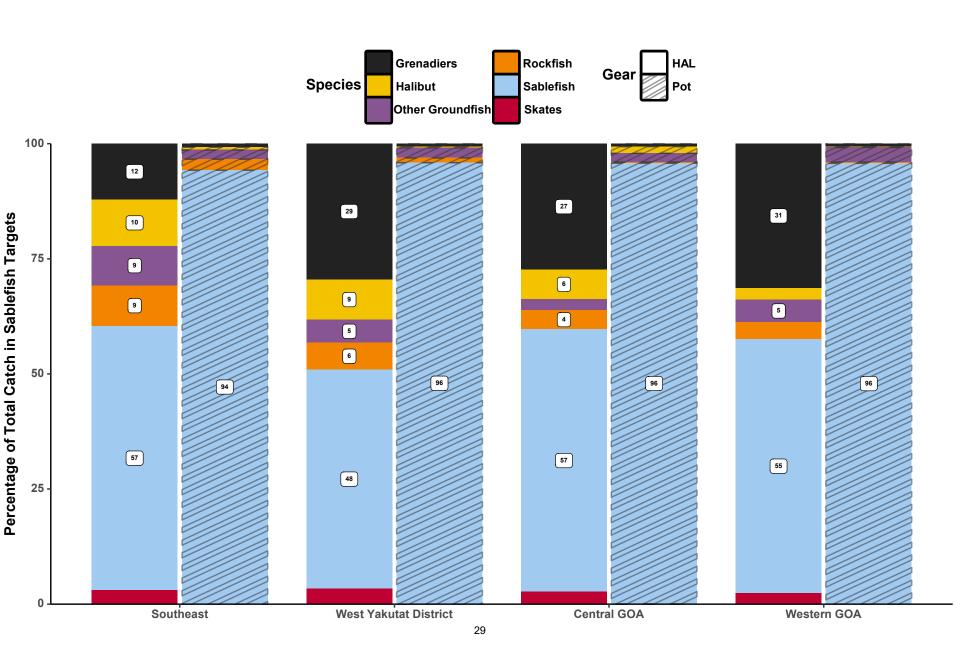
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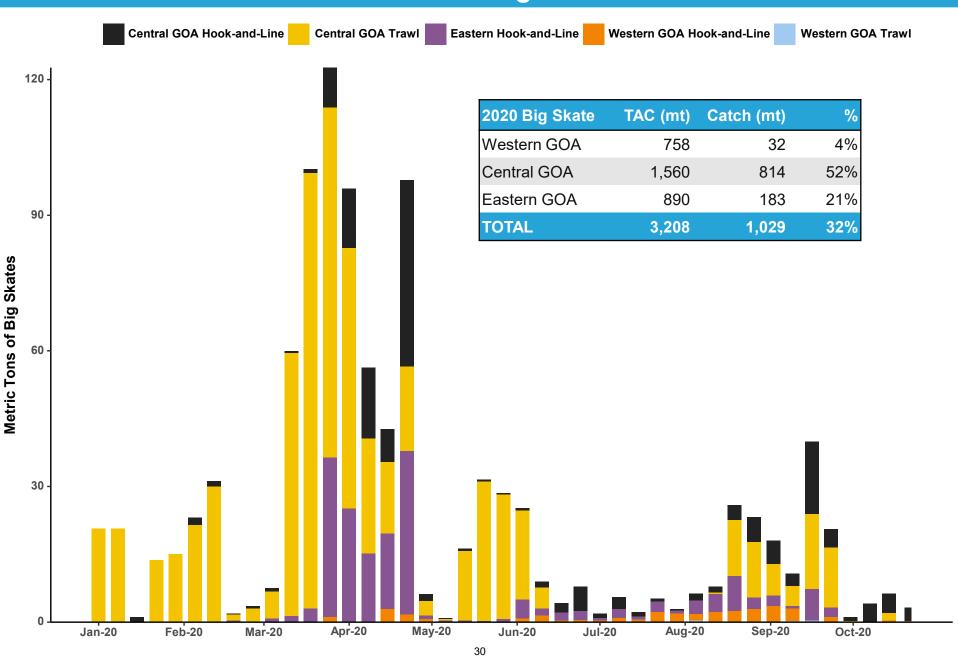
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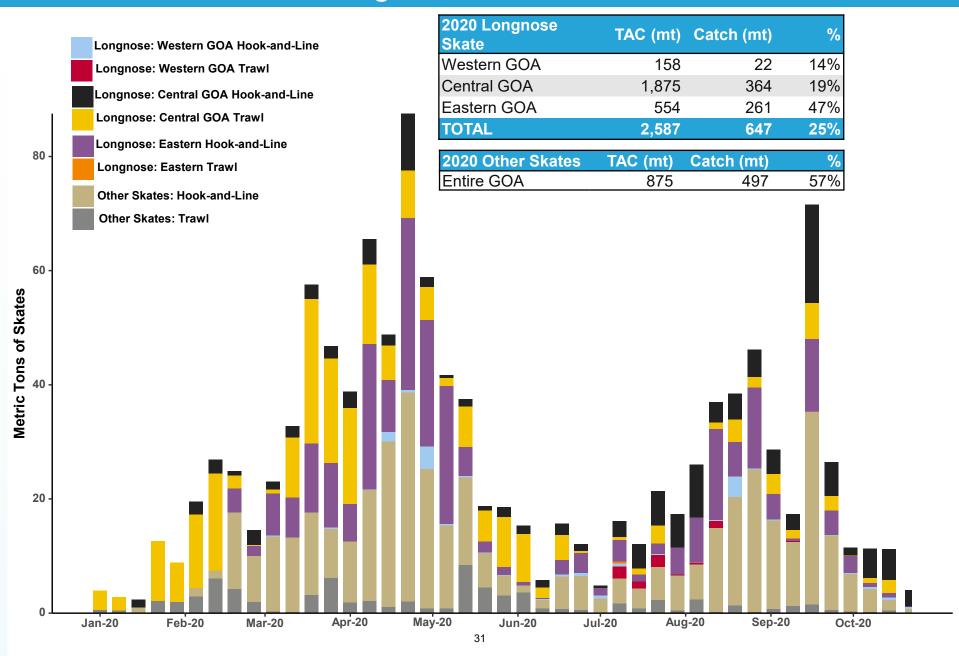
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### 2020 GOA Big Skate

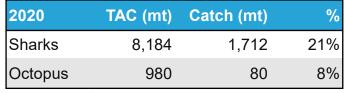


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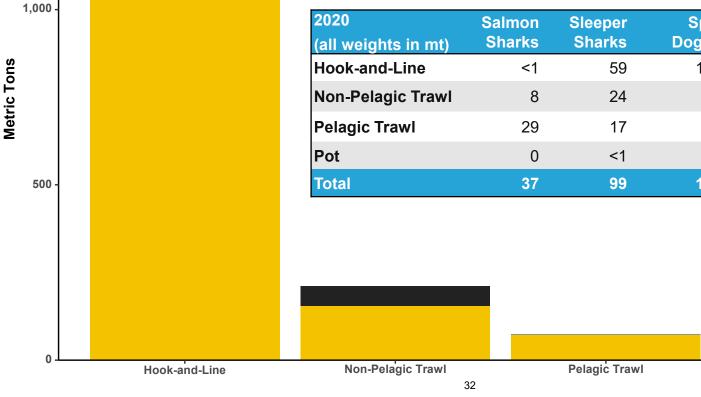
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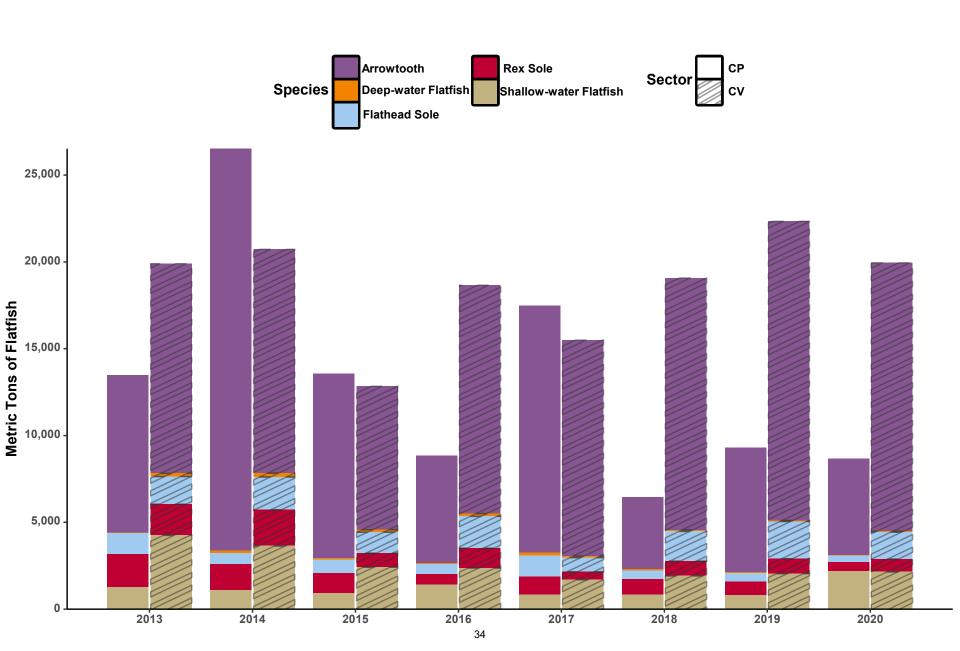
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# 2020 GOA Groundfish Species Placed on Prohibited Species Status

| 2019   | Date               |
|--|--------------------|
| Pollock in the West Yakutat District   | June 21, 2019      |
| Pacific cod by Trawl CPs in the Central GOA                                      | August 22, 2019    |
| Sablefish by Trawl Gear in the Central GOA (not including the Rockfish Program)  | August 28, 2019    |
| Sablefish by Trawl gear in the Western GOA                                       | September 13, 2019 |
| Pacific cod by Trawl CVs in the Central GOA (not including the Rockfish Program) | October 9, 2019    |
| 2020   | Date               |
| Sablefish by Trawl Gear in the Central GOA (not including the Rockfish Program)  | August 18, 2020    |
| Pacific cod by Trawl CVs in the Central GOA (not including the Rockfish Program) | October 1, 2020    |
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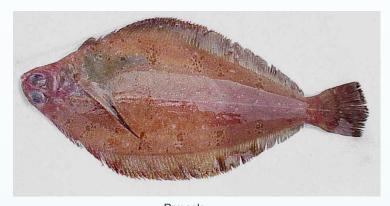


#### 2020 Flatfish and Skate Catch in the GOA

| Species                | Area    | TAC (mt) | Total Catch (mt) | %   |
|------------------------|---------|----------|------------------|-----|
| Arrowtooth Flounder    | Central | 68,669   | 20,810           | 30% |
| Arrowtooth Flourider   | Western | 14,500   | 288              | 2%  |
| Flathead Sole          | Central | 15,400   | 1,820            | 12% |
| li latilead Sole       | Western | 8,650    | 100              | 1%  |
| Rex Sole               | Central | 8,579    | 1,202            | 14% |
| INEX Sole              | Western | 2,901    | 36               | 1%  |
| Shallow Water Flatfish | Central | 27,732   | 4,330            | 16% |
| Shallow Water Flathsh  | Western | 13,250   | 22               | 0%  |
|                        | Central | 1,948    | 99               | 5%  |
| Deep Water Flatfish    | Western | 226      | 1                | 0%  |
|                        | Eastern | 890      | 183              | 21% |
| Big Skate              | Central | 1,560    | 814              | 52% |
|                        | Western | 758      | 32               | 4%  |
| Longnose Skate         | Eastern | 554      | 261              | 47% |
|                        | Central | 1,875    | 364              | 19% |
|                        | Western | 158      | 22               | 14% |
| Other Skate            | GOA     | 875      | 497              | 57% |



Big Skate



Rex sole

#### **GOA Trawl Groundfish Retained and Discards**

| 2019 Trawl                | Retained | Discards of | % Retained |
|---------------------------|----------|-------------|------------|
| Pollock*                  | 116,003  | 1,231       | 99%        |
| Pacific Ocean Perch       | 23,586   | 1,883       | 93%        |
| Arrowtooth Flounder       | 23,296   | 1,118       | 95%        |
| Shallow Water<br>Flatfish | 2,546    | 304         | 89%        |
| Pacific Cod*              | 3,744    | 790         | 83%        |
| Northern Rockfish         | 2,593    | 151         | 94%        |
| Sablefish*                | 1,139    | 1,268       | 47%        |
| Dusky Rockfish            | 2,313    | 150         | 94%        |
| Flathead Sole             | 2,531    | 131         | 95%        |
| Rex Sole                  | 1,540    | 72          | 96%        |
| Skates                    | 901      | 389         | 70%        |
| Atka Mackerel             | 1,124    | 130         | 90%        |
| Other Rockfish            | 417      | 298         | 58%        |
| Sculpin                   | 10       | 337         | 3%         |
| Other Species             | 69       | 504         | 12%        |
| Shortraker Rockfish       | 266      | 36          | 88%        |
| Rougheye Rockfish         | 455      | 13          | 97%        |
| Thornyhead Rockfish       | 294      | 18          | 94%        |
| Deep Water Flatfish       | 31       | 69          | 31%        |
| TOTAL                     | 182,859  | 8,892       | 95%        |

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| 2020 Trawl             | Retained | Discards |              |
| Pollock                | 104,621  | 552      | 99%          |
| Pacific Ocean Perch    | 24,044   | 1,119    | 96%          |
| Arrowtooth Flounder    | 19,855   | 1,142    | 95%          |
| Shallow Water Flatfish | 4,136    | 205      | 95%          |
| Pacific Cod*           | 2,347    | 1,086    | 68%          |
| Northern Rockfish      | 2,352    | 32       | 99%          |
| Sablefish*             | 1,088    | 1,249    | 47%          |
| Dusky Rockfish         | 2,132    | 53       | 98%          |
| Flathead Sole          | 1,865    | 55       | 97%          |
| Rex Sole               | 1,181    | 58       | 95%          |
| Skates                 | 741      | 220      | 77%          |
| Atka Mackerel          | 514      | 94       | 85%          |
| Other Rockfish         | 386      | 148      | 72%          |
| Sculpin                | 4        | 393      | 1%           |
| Other Species          | 55       | 229      | 19%          |
| Shortraker Rockfish    | 254      | 11       | 96%          |
| Rougheye Rockfish      | 203      | 5        | 98%          |
| Thornyhead Rockfish    | 192      | 11       | 94%          |
| Deep Water Flatfish    | 54       | 43       | 55%          |
| TOTAL                  | 166,022  | 6,706    | 96%          |

Sorted by 2020 total catch; \* prohibited retention of that species in that year.

## **GOA Fixed Gear Groundfish Retained and Discards**

| 2019 Hook-and-Line         | Retained | Discards | % Retained |
|----------------------------|----------|----------|------------|
| Sablefish                  | 7,214    | 631      | 92%        |
| Shark                      | 1        | 1,488    | 0%         |
| Skates                     | 108      | 1,865    | 5%         |
| Pacific Cod                | 2,433    | 303      | 89%        |
| Other Rockfish             | 83       | 167      | 33%        |
| Thornyhead Rockfish        | 390      | 74       | 84%        |
| Shortraker Rockfish        | 112      | 283      | 28%        |
| Sculpin                    | 0        | 260      | 0%         |
| Rougheye Rockfish          | 99       | 178      | 36%        |
| Demersal Shelf<br>Rockfish | 122      | 6        | 95%        |
| Arrowtooth Flounder        | 9        | 153      | 5%         |
| Other Species              | 15       | 81       | 16%        |
| TOTAL                      | 10,586   | 5,489    | 66%        |

| 2020 Hook-and-Line         | Retained | Discards | % Retained |
|----------------------------|----------|----------|------------|
| Sablefish                  | 4,970    | 417      | 92%        |
| Shark                      | 1        | 1,482    | 0%         |
| Skates                     | 11       | 1,199    | 1%         |
| Pacific Cod                | 85       | 445      | 16%        |
| Other Rockfish             | 68       | 245      | 22%        |
| Thornyhead Rockfish        | 228      | 23       | 91%        |
| Shortraker Rockfish        | 119      | 106      | 53%        |
| Sculpin                    | 1        | 174      | 0%         |
| Rougheye Rockfish          | 131      | 33       | 80%        |
| Demersal Shelf<br>Rockfish | 85       | 7        | 93%        |
| Arrowtooth Flounder        | 3        | 58       | 5%         |
| Other Species              | 1        | 16       | 5%         |
| TOTAL                      | 5,703    | 4,204    | 58%        |

| 2019 Pot      | Retained | Discards | % Retained |
|---------------|----------|----------|------------|
| Sablefish     | 1,876    | 632      | 75%        |
| Other Species | 47       | 71       | 40%        |
| Pacific Cod   | 3,693    | 40       | 99%        |
| Octopus       | 190      | 36       | 84%        |
| TOTAL         | 5,806    | 779      | 88%        |

| 2020 Pot      | Retained | Discards | % Retained |
|---------------|----------|----------|------------|
| Sablefish     | 4,614    | 111      | 98%        |
| Other Species | 57       | 162      | 26%        |
| Pacific Cod   | 7        | 11       | 40%        |
| Octopus       | 12       | 2        | 84%        |
| TOTAL         | 4,690    | 286      | 94%        |

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## 2020 GOA Salmon, Crab, and Herring PSC

| Chinook Salmon                                  | Total Catch (#) | Limit (#) | %   |
|---|-----------------|-----------|-----|
| Pollock Western GOA                             | 1,579           | 6,684     | 24% |
| Pollock Central GOA                             | 8,948           | 18,316    | 49% |
| Pollock 640                                     | 119             | n/a       | 0%  |
| Catcher Vessel Non-pollock/Non-Rockfish Program | 1               | 2,700     | 0%  |
| Catcher Vessel Rockfish Program                 | 52              | 1,200     | 4%  |
| Catcher Processors                              | 812             | 4,080     | 20% |
| Non-trawl Gear                                  | 0               | n/a       | 0%  |
| TOTAL   | 11,510          | 32,980    | 35% |

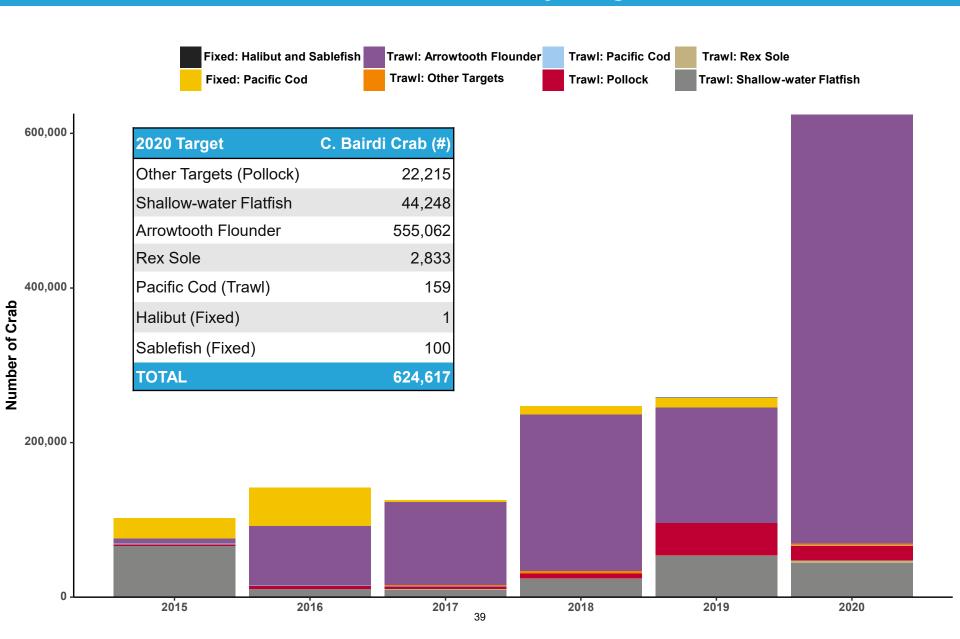


| Other PSC Species            | 2019    | 2020    |
|------------------------------|---------|---------|
| Non-Chinook Salmon (#)       | 6,748   | 2,797   |
| Trawl Bairdi Tanner (#)      | 245,168 | 624,516 |
| Fixed Gear Bairdi Tanner (#) | 12,630  | 101     |
| Red King Crab (#)            | 0       | 0       |
| Golden King Crab (#)         | 536     | 300     |
| Herring (mt)                 | 81      | 61      |

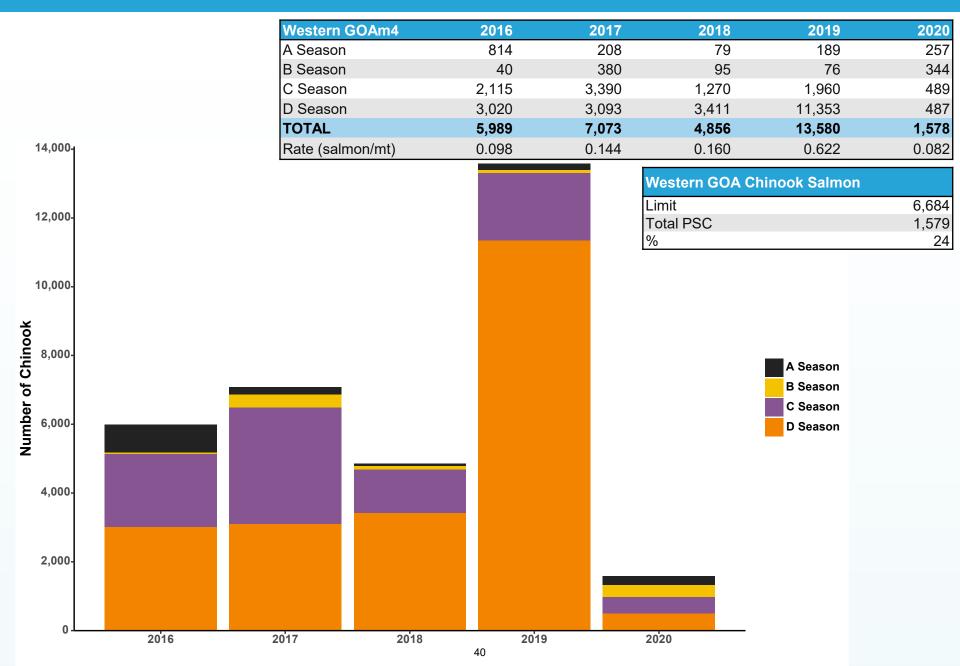
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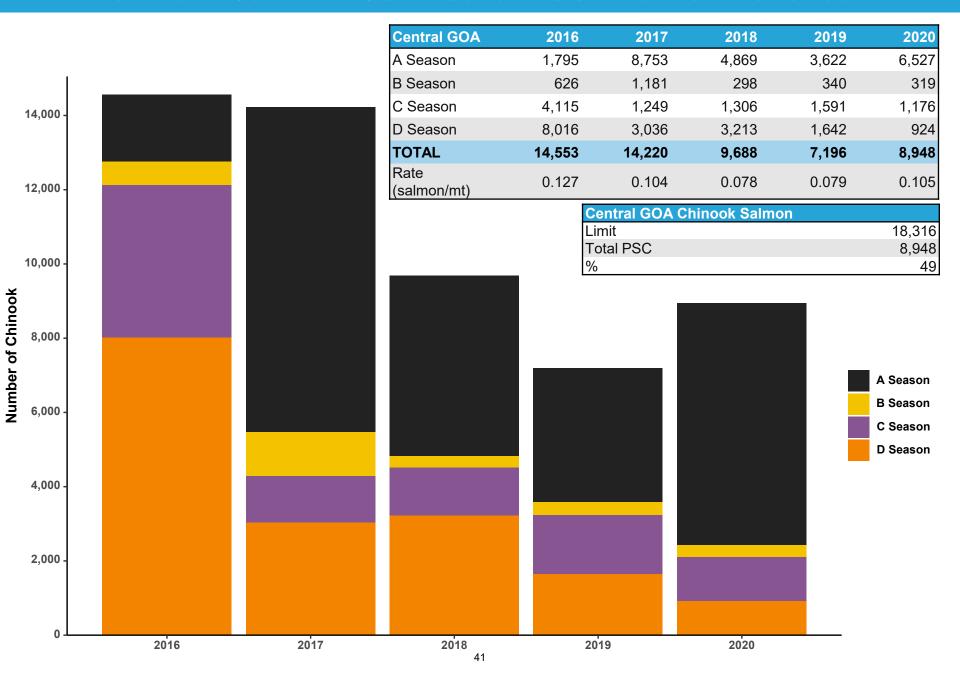
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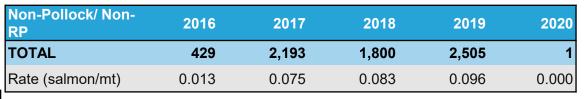
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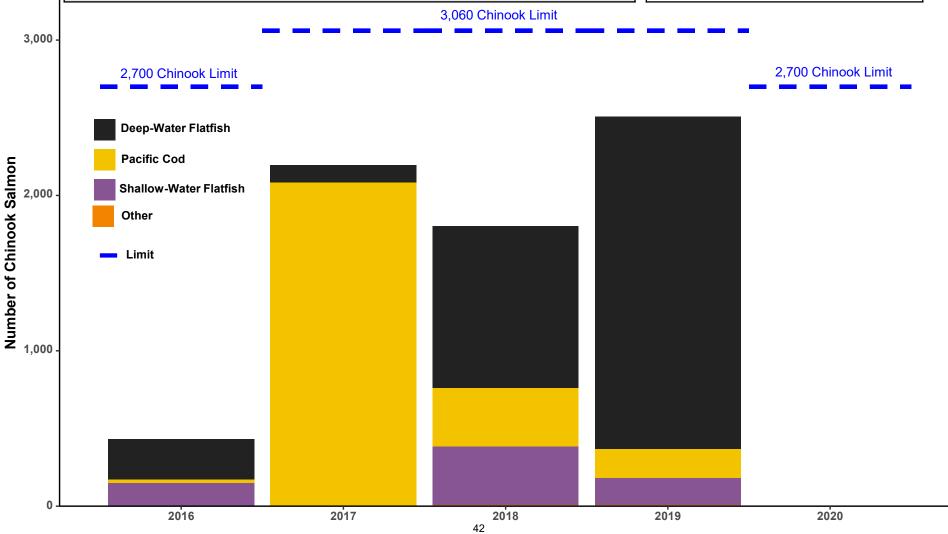
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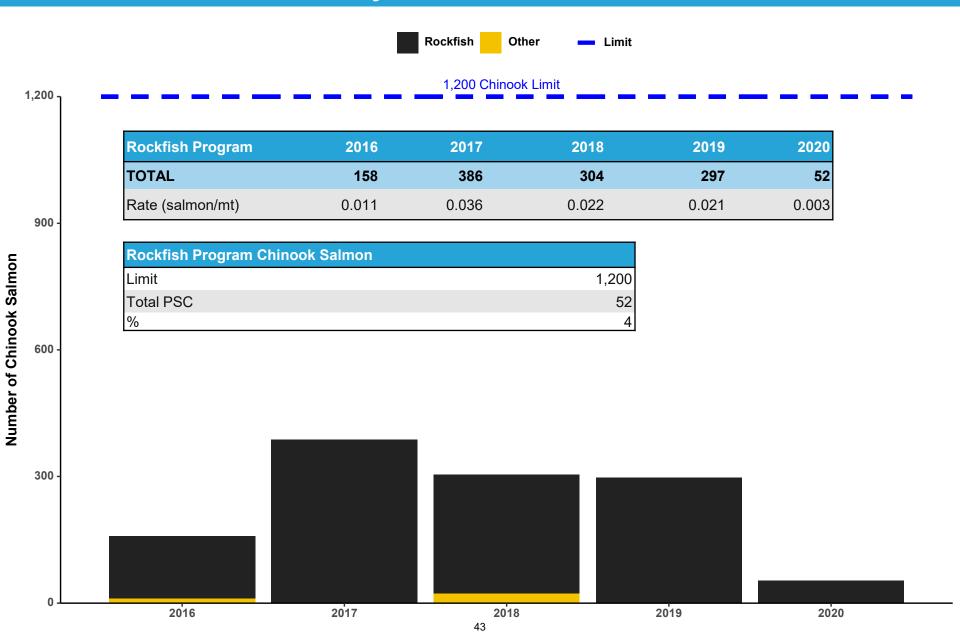
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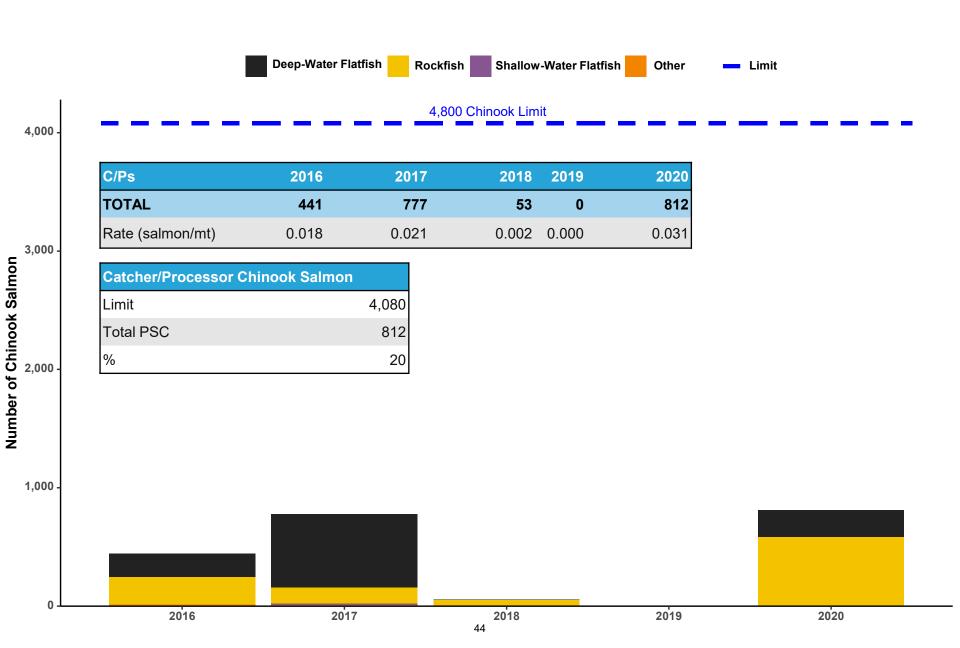




# Chinook Salmon PSC in Rockfish Program by Catcher Vessels



## Chinook Salmon PSC by Catcher/Processors



## 2020 GOA Halibut Catch

| Fixed Gear Halibut (mt)              | Retained | Discard | Mortality | Limit | %  |
|--------------------------------------|----------|---------|-----------|-------|----|
| IFQ Halibut Fishery                  | 7,701    |         |           | NA    |    |
| IFQ Sablefish Fishery                |          | 186     | 18        | NA    |    |
| Pacific Cod/Other Groundfish Targets |          | 33      | 3         | 257   | 1% |
| TOTAL                                | 7,701    | 219     | 20        | NA    |    |

All catch, retained and discarded, is in round weight metric tons.

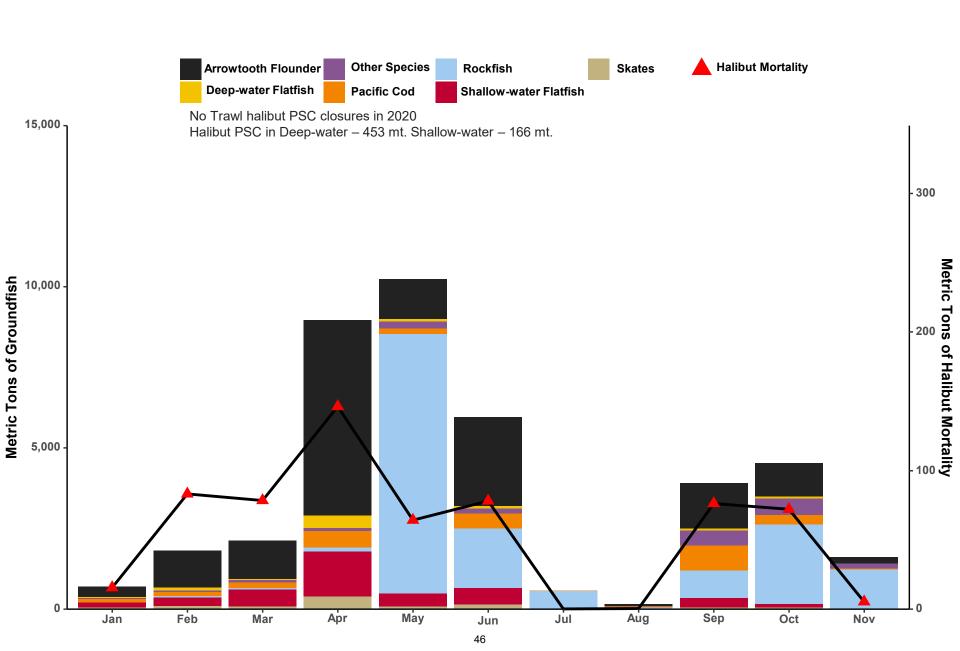
IFQ Sablefish and Pacific Cod/Other groundfish target discard mortality rates are 11% for HAL catcher/processors, 13% for HAL catcher/vessels, and 0% for pot CPs and CVs.

| Trawl Halibut          | Total Discard (mt) | Mortality (mt) | Mortality Limit (mt) | %      |
|------------------------|--------------------|----------------|----------------------|--------|
| Pollock                | 137                | 96             |                      |        |
| Pacific Cod            | 5                  | 3              |                      |        |
| Rockfish/Sablefish     | 132                | 83             | n/a                  | / - 0/ |
| Arrowtooth Flounder    | 789                | 511            |                      | n/a%   |
| Deep Water Flatfish    | 2                  | 2              |                      |        |
| Shallow Water Flatfish | 137                | 96             |                      |        |
| TOTAL                  | 1,203              | 790            | 1,706                | 46%    |

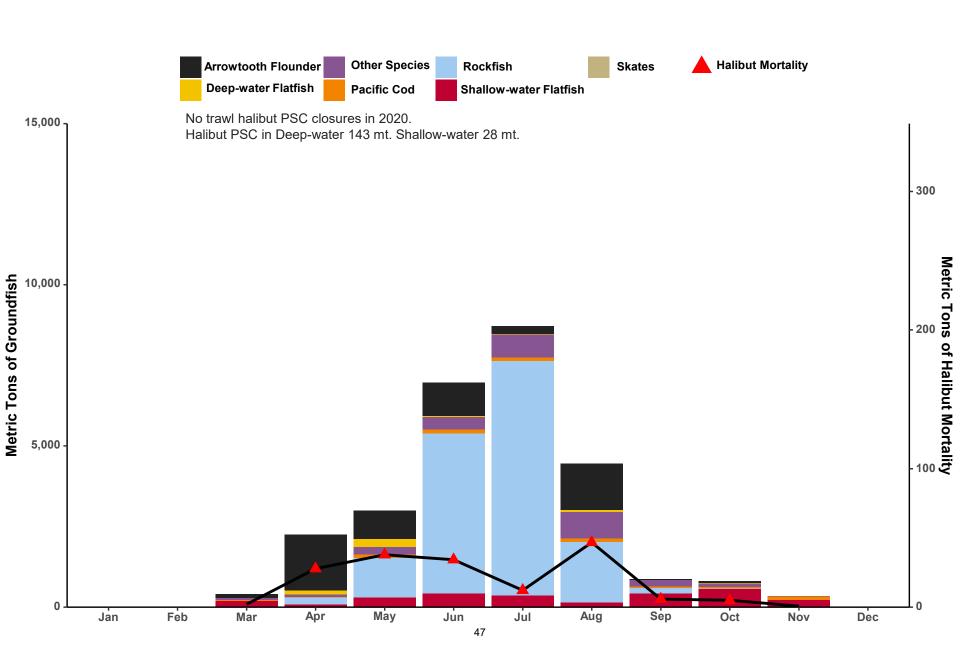
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## 2020 GOA Catcher Vessel Trawl Catch and Halibut Mortality



## 2020 GOA Catcher/Processor Trawl Catch and Halibut Mortality



## **2020 Trawl Halibut Mortality**

| Category                       | Season | Start Date | End Date | Limit (mt) | Total Mortality (mt) | %    |
|--------------------------------|--------|------------|----------|------------|----------------------|------|
|                                | 1      | Jan 20     | Mar 31   | 156        | 158                  | 102% |
|                                | 2      | Apr 01     | Jun 30   | 294        | 303                  | 103% |
| Deep Water Species             | 3      | Jul 01     | Jul 31   | 395        | 7                    | 2%   |
|                                | 4      | Aug 01     | Oct 01   | 75         | 47                   | 62%  |
|                                | TOTAL  |            |          | 920        | 514                  | 56%  |
|                                | 1      | Jan 20     | Mar 31   | 20         | 21                   | 105% |
|                                | 2      | Apr 01     | Jun 30   | 63         | 63                   | 99%  |
| Shallow Water Species          | 3      | Jul 01     | Jul 31   | 203        | 3                    | 1%   |
|                                | 4      | Aug 01     | Oct 01   | 53         | 79                   | 149% |
|                                | TOTAL  | TOTAL      |          |            | 166                  | 49%  |
| Rockfish Program               | TOTAL  |            |          | 191        | 58                   | 30%  |
| Season 5 Halibut<br>Allocation | TOTAL  | Oct 01     | Dec 31   | 256        | 53                   | 21%  |
| Halibut Mortality              | TOTAL  |            |          | 1,706      | 790                  | 46%  |

Includes reallocation between Deep-water and Shallow-water in July.

# 2020 GOA Reduction in Halibut Mortality Compared to 5 year Average

|                   | Sector                | 2015-2019<br>Average (mt) | 2020 (mt) | % Change<br>(mt) | 2015-2019<br>Rate * | 2020 Rate * | % Change in Rate |
|-------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------|-----------|------------------|---------------------|-------------|------------------|
| Hook-and-         | Catcher/Processors    | 49                        | 0         | -100%            | 10.34               | n/a         | n/a              |
| Line              | Catcher Vessels       | 107                       | 2         | -98%             | 22.36               | 4.07        | -82%             |
| Hook-and-<br>Line | Total                 | 155                       | 2         | -98%             | 16.38               | 4.07        | -75%             |
|                   | Central GOA CVs (NPT) | 864                       | 587       | -32%             | 22.48               | 17.66       | -21%             |
| Trawl CVs         | Western GOA CVs (NPT) | 45                        | 0         | -100%            | 7.98                | n/a         | n/a              |
|                   | Pelagic Trawl CVs     | 19                        | 32        | 74%              | 0.11                | 0.28        | 148%             |
| Trawl CVs         | Total                 | 927                       | 619       | -33%             | 4.50                | 4.20        | -7%              |
| Trawl CPs         | Total                 | 320                       | 171       | -46%             | 9.86                | 6.17        | -37%             |
| All Sectors       | Total                 | 1,402                     | 793       | -43%             | 5.65                | 4.51        | -20%             |

<sup>\*</sup> Rate is kg of halibut / mt of groundfish



## 2020 GOA Reduction in Halibut Mortality Compared to 2019

|                   | Sector                   | 2019 (mt) | 2020 (mt) | % Change<br>(mt) | 2019 Rate * | 2020 Rate * | % Change in<br>Rate |
|-------------------|--------------------------|-----------|-----------|------------------|-------------|-------------|---------------------|
| Hook-and-         | Catcher/Processors       | 20        | 0         | -100%            | 11.84       | n/a         | n/a                 |
| Line              | Catcher Vessels          | 54        | 2         | -95%             | 26.48       | 4.07        | -85%                |
| Hook-and-<br>Line | Total                    | 73        | 2         | -97%             | 19.87       | 4.07        | -80%                |
|                   | Central GOA CVs<br>(NPT) | 740       | 587       | -21%             | 19.99       | 17.66       | -12%                |
| Trawl CVs         | Western GOA CVs<br>(NPT) | 18        | 0         | -100%            | 8.21        | n/a         | n/a                 |
|                   | Pelagic Trawl CVs        | 15        | 32        | 119%             | 0.12        | 0.28        | 138%                |
| Trawl CVs         | Total                    | 772       | 619       | -20%             | 4.73        | 4.20        | -11%                |
| Trawl CPs         | Total                    | 328       | 171       | -48%             | 10.37       | 6.17        | -41%                |
| All Sectors       | Total                    | 1,173     | 793       | -32%             | 5.91        | 4.51        | -24%                |

<sup>\*</sup> Rate is kg of halibut / mt of groundfish



## Acknowledgements BSAI and GOA

### **Industry Reports:**

#### **Catcher vessels**

1,111 unique vessels with approximately 10,859 landings to 67 unique processors

### **Catcher processors**

61 unique vessels fishing approximately 9,357 vessel days

### **Observer Program**

- FMA staff
- All observers

### **Elandings Team**

ADF&G, IPHC, and Enforcement

### **Inseason Staff**

- Mary Furuness
- Obren Davis
- Steve Whitney
- Krista Milani (Dutch Harbor)

### **Administrative Staff**

Amy Hadfield

### **Information Services**

- Application Development Staff
- Contractors

### **Permits Staff**

Restricted Access Management

### **Catch Analysis Staff**

- Jennifer Mondragon
- Jason Gasper
- Phil Ganz
- Cathy Tide
- Steve Lewis

### **Monitoring Staff**

- Josh Keaton
- Maggie Chan
- Vernon Shoemaker
- Bill Donaldson (Kodiak)