

C-3 Council motion**Proposed GOA Groundfish Specifications****October 4, 2024**

The Council adopts the proposed 2025 and 2026 Gulf of Alaska groundfish specifications for OFLs and ABCs as recommended by the SSC and the TACs shown in Table 1. Final specifications will be approved in December 2024. The TACs for both Gulf of Alaska Pacific cod and pollock have been adjusted to account for the State water GHL fisheries. The proposed Gulf of Alaska Pacific cod adjustments for state water GHL fisheries are shown in Table 2.

The Council adopts the proposed 2025 and 2026 annual and seasonal Pacific halibut PSC limits and apportionments in the Gulf of Alaska as provided in Tables 9, 10, and 11.

The Council adopts the proposed 2025 and 2026 halibut discard mortality rates for the Gulf of Alaska as shown in Table 12.

Table 1. SSC recommended OFLs and ABCs, Council recommended TACs for Groundfish in the Gulf of Alaska (metric tons) Proposed Harvest Specifications for 2025 and 2026

Species	Area	2023			2024			2025-2026				
		OFL	ABC	TAC	OFL	ABC	TAC	OFL	ABC	TAC		
Pollock	State GHL	n/a	3,723	n/a	3,261	n/a	4,769	n/a	3,640	n/a		
	W (610)	n/a	26,958	26,958	6,033	n/a	38,882	38,882	14,598	n/a	32,144	32,144
	C (620)	n/a	77,005	77,005	58,327	n/a	90,937	90,937	69,272	n/a	75,179	75,179
	C (630)	n/a	33,729	33,729	13,052	n/a	50,587	50,587	16,296	n/a	41,821	41,821
	WYAK	n/a	7,523	7,523	6,888	n/a	5,565	5,565	1,382	n/a	4,601	4,601
	Subtotal	173,470	146,938	145,215	84,300	269,916	190,740	185,971	101,547	182,891	157,887	153,745
SEO	15,150	11,363	11,363	1	12,999	9,749	9,749	-	12,998	9,749	9,749	
Total	188,620	160,301	156,578	84,300	282,914	200,489	195,720	101,547	195,889	167,436	163,494	
Pacific Cod	W	n/a	7,464	5,225	3,233	n/a	8,745	6,121	3,289	n/a	7,638	5,347
	C	n/a	14,830	11,123	8,501	n/a	20,590	15,442	11,645	n/a	17,981	13,486
	E	n/a	2,340	1,755	510	n/a	2,937	2,203	150	n/a	2,565	1,924
	Total	29,737	24,634	18,103	12,245	38,712	32,272	23,766	15,085	33,970	28,184	20,757
Sablefish	W	n/a	4,473	4,473	2,313	n/a	4,699	4,699	1,943	n/a	4,719	4,719
	C	n/a	9,921	9,921	5,456	n/a	9,651	9,651	5,521	n/a	9,693	9,693
	WYAK	n/a	3,205	3,205	2,043	n/a	2,926	2,926	2,116	n/a	2,940	2,940
	SEO	n/a	5,602	5,602	3,596	n/a	5,320	5,320	3,358	n/a	5,345	5,343
	GOA Total	n/a	n/a	23,201	13,409	n/a	n/a	22,596	12,938	n/a	n/a	22,695
Alaska-wide OFL and ABC	AK Total	47,390	40,502	n/a	n/a	55,084	47,146	n/a	n/a	55,317	47,350	n/a
Shallow-Water Flatfish	W	n/a	22,485	13,250	33	n/a	23,337	13,250	61	n/a	23,782	13,250
	C	n/a	26,769	26,769	589	n/a	27,783	27,783	2,448	n/a	28,311	28,311
	WYAK	n/a	2,677	2,677	6	n/a	2,778	2,778	1	n/a	2,831	2,831
	SEO	n/a	1,606	1,606	1	n/a	1,667	1,667	1	n/a	1,699	1,699
Total	65,736	53,537	44,302	630	68,121	55,565	45,478	2,510	69,354	56,623	46,091	
Deep-Water Flatfish	W	n/a	256	256	11	n/a	237	237	8	n/a	234	234
	C	n/a	2,105	2,105	68	n/a	2,655	2,655	58	n/a	2,614	2,614
	WYAK	n/a	1,407	1,407	3	n/a	1,856	1,856	3	n/a	1,827	1,827
	SEO	n/a	2,048	2,048	2	n/a	2,314	2,314	2	n/a	2,278	2,278
Total	6,918	5,816	5,816	84	8,387	7,062	7,062	71	8,257	6,953	6,953	
Rex Sole	W	n/a	3,236	3,236	21	n/a	3,367	3,367	21	n/a	3,363	3,363
	C	n/a	13,110	13,110	355	n/a	13,639	13,639	366	n/a	13,624	13,624
	WYAK	n/a	1,439	1,439	-	n/a	1,453	1,453	1	n/a	1,439	1,439
	SEO	n/a	2,879	2,879	-	n/a	2,905	2,905	-	n/a	2,877	2,877
Total	25,135	20,664	20,664	376	25,978	21,364	21,364	388	25,900	21,303	21,303	
Arrowtooth Flounder	W	n/a	30,469	14,500	133	n/a	30,409	14,500	177	n/a	30,323	14,500
	C	n/a	65,000	65,000	8,102	n/a	64,871	64,871	12,283	n/a	64,888	64,888
	WYAK	n/a	7,886	7,886	28	n/a	7,870	7,870	27	n/a	7,848	7,848
	SEO	n/a	16,130	6,900	25	n/a	16,099	6,900	20	n/a	16,053	6,900
Total	142,749	119,485	94,286	8,287	142,485	119,249	94,141	12,507	142,074	118,912	93,936	
Flathead Sole	W	n/a	12,793	8,650	12	n/a	13,273	8,650	89	n/a	13,521	8,650
	C	n/a	21,487	21,487	364	n/a	21,307	21,307	606	n/a	21,702	21,702
	WYAK	n/a	2,320	2,320	-	n/a	3,876	3,876	0	n/a	3,949	3,949
	SEO	n/a	2,880	2,880	-	n/a	2,047	2,047	0	n/a	2,086	2,086
Total	48,161	39,480	35,337	376	49,414	40,503	35,880	695	50,322	41,258	36,387	
Pacific ocean perch	W	n/a	2,529	2,529	2,312	n/a	1,787	1,787	1,571	n/a	1,726	1,726
	C	n/a	29,940	29,940	23,288	n/a	28,757	28,757	18,177	n/a	27,768	27,768
	WYAK	n/a	1,370	1,370	1,366	n/a	2,110	2,110	1,946	n/a	2,038	2,038
	W/C/WYAK	40,308	33,839	33,839	26,967	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	31,532
	SEO	3,994	3,354	3,354	-	n/a	7,065	7,065	-	n/a	6,822	6,822
Total	44,302	37,193	37,193	26,967	47,466	39,719	39,719	21,694	45,835	38,354	38,354	
Northern Rockfish	W	n/a	2,614	2,614	360	n/a	2,535	2,535	314	n/a	2,446	2,446
	C	n/a	2,350	2,350	934	n/a	2,280	2,280	815	n/a	2,200	2,200
	E	n/a	-	-	-	n/a	-	-	-	n/a	0	0
	Total	5,927	4,964	4,964	1,295	5,750	4,815	4,815	1,129	5,548	4,646	4,646
Shortraker Rockfish	W	n/a	51	51	9	n/a	34	34	15	n/a	34	34
	C	n/a	280	280	133	n/a	189	189	121	n/a	189	189
	E	n/a	374	374	186	n/a	424	424	185	n/a	424	424
	Total	940	705	705	325	863	647	647	320	863	647	647
Dusky Rockfish	W	n/a	149	149	56	n/a	145	145	66	n/a	137	137
	C	n/a	7,647	7,647	3,376	n/a	7,365	7,365	2,099	n/a	6,979	6,979
	WYAK	n/a	90	90	1	n/a	84	84	5	n/a	81	81
	SEO	n/a	31	31	-	n/a	30	30	-	n/a	28	28
Total	9,638	7,917	7,917	3,433	9,281	7,624	7,624	2,170	8,796	7,225	7,225	
Rougheye and Blackspotted Rockfish	W	n/a	180	180	101	n/a	197	197	49	n/a	198	198
	C	n/a	232	232	133	n/a	315	315	116	n/a	317	317
	E	n/a	363	363	148	n/a	525	525	88	n/a	526	526
	Total	930	775	775	381	1,555	1,037	1,037	253	1,566	1,041	1,041
Demersal shelf rockfish	Total	376	283	283	197	376	283	283	144	376	283	283
Thornyhead Rockfish	W	n/a	314	314	49	n/a	314	314	33	n/a	314	314
	C	n/a	693	693	87	n/a	693	693	62	n/a	693	693
	E	n/a	621	621	44	n/a	621	621	60	n/a	621	621
	Total	2,170	1,628	1,628	179	2,170	1,628	1,628	155	2,170	1,628	1,628
Other Rockfish	W/C/WYK combined (starting in 2024)	n/a	940	940	868	n/a	1,353	1,353	454	n/a	1,353	1,353
	WYAK	n/a	370	370	46	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
	SEO	n/a	2,744	300	24	n/a	2,421	300	26	n/a	2,421	300
	Total	5,320	4,054	1,610	938	4,977	3,774	1,653	480	4,977	3,774	1,653
Atka mackerel	Total	6,200	4,700	3,000	435	6,200	4,700	4,700	380	6,200	4,700	3,000
Big Skate	W	n/a	591	591	47	n/a	745	745	97	n/a	745	745
	C	n/a	1,482	1,482	619	n/a	1,749	1,749	613	n/a	1,749	1,749
	E	n/a	794	794	117	n/a	341	341	72	n/a	341	341
	Total	3,822	2,867	2,867	783	3,780	2,835	2,835	782	3,780	2,835	2,835
Longnose Skate	W	n/a	151	151	58	n/a	104	104	22	n/a	104	104
	C	n/a	2,044	2,044	405	n/a	1,894	1,894	422	n/a	1,894	1,894
	E	n/a	517	517	605	n/a	538	538	160	n/a	538	538
Total	3,616	2,712	2,712	1,068	3,380	2,536	2,536	604	3,380	2,536	2,536	
Other Skates	GOA-wide	1,311	984	984	318	887	665	665	437	887	665	665
Sharks	GOA-wide	6,521	4,891	4,891	1,344	6,521	4,891	4,891	842	6,521	4,891	4,891
Octopuses	GOA-wide	1,307	980	980	139	1,307	980	980	127	1,307	980	980
TOTAL		646,826	539,072	468,796	157,510	765,608	599,784	520,020	175,259	673,289	562,224	482,000

Source: 2023 and 2024 Final GOA Harvest Specifications; 2024 and 2025 Final GOA Harvest Specifications; Catch Accounting System

Table 2. Proposed 2025 and 2026 Gulf of Alaska Pacific cod ABCs, TACs, and State Guideline Harvest Levels (GHLs)

[Values are rounded to the nearest metric ton]

Specifications	Western	Central	Eastern	Total
ABC	7,638	17,981	2,565	28,184
State GHL	2,291	4,495	641	7,428
(%)	30%	25%	25%	-
Federal TAC	5,347	13,486	1,924	20,757

Table 9. Proposed 2025 and 2026 Pacific Halibut PSC Limits, Allowances, and Apportionments

(Values are in metric tons)

Trawl gear			Hook-and-line gear ¹				
			Other than DSR			DSR	
Season	Percent	Amount	Season	Percent	Amount ²	Season	Amount
January 20 - April 1	30.5	520	January 1 - June 10	86	220	January 1 - December 31	9
April 1 - July 1	20	341	June 10 - September 1	2	5		
July 1 - August 1	27	460	September 1 - December 31	12	31		
August 1 - October 1	7.5	128					
October 1 - December 31	15	256					
Total		1,705			256		9

¹ The Pacific halibut PSC limit for hook-and-line gear is allocated to the demersal shelf rockfish (DSR) fishery and fisheries other than DSR. The hook-and-line IFQ sablefish fishery is exempt from halibut PSC limits, as are pot and jig gear for all groundfish fisheries.

Table 10. Proposed 2025 and 2026 Seasonal Apportionments of the Pacific Halibut PSC Limit Apportioned Between the Trawl Gear Shallow-Water and Deep-Water Species Fisheries

(Values are in metric tons)

Season	Shallow-water	Deep-water ¹	Total
January 20 - April 1	385	135	520
April 1 - July 1	85	256	341
July 1 - August 1	120	340	460
August 1 - October 1	53	75	128
Subtotal, January 20 - October 1	643	806	1,449
October 1 - December 31 ²			256
Total			1,705

¹ Vessels participating in cooperatives in the Rockfish Program will receive 191 mt of the third season (July 1 through September 1) deep-water species fishery halibut PSC apportionment.

² There is no apportionment between trawl shallow-water and deep-water species fisheries during the fifth season (October 1 through December 31).

Table 11. Proposed 2025 and 2026 Apportionments of the “Other hook-and-line fisheries” Halibut PSC Allowance Between the Hook-and-Line Gear Catcher Vessel and Catcher/Processor Sectors

(Values are in metric tons)

“Other than DSR” allowance	Hook-and-line sector	Sector annual amount	Season	Seasonal percentage	Sector seasonal amount
256	Catcher Vessel	150	January 1 - June 10	86	129
			June 10 - September 1	2	3
			September 1 - December 31	12	18
	Catcher/Processor	107	January 1 - June 10	86	92
			June 10 - September 1	2	2
			September 1 - December 31	12	13

Table 12. Proposed 2025 and 2026 Halibut Discard Mortality Rates for Vessels Fishing in the Gulf of Alaska. (Values are in percent of halibut assumed to be dead.)

Gear	Sector	Groundfish fishery	Halibut discard mortality rate (percent)
Pelagic trawl	Catcher vessel	All	100
	Catcher/processor	All	100
Non-pelagic trawl	Catcher vessel	Rockfish Program	56
	Catcher vessel	All others	74
	Mothership and catcher/processor	All	76
Hook-and-line	Catcher/processor	All	10
	Catcher vessel	All	19
Pot	Catcher vessel and catcher/processor	All	32