

**Council motion
Agenda Item C3
December 7, 2018**

MOTION 1:

The Council moves to adopt the 2019/2020 OFLs, ABCs, and TACs for Groundfish in the BSAI as shown in Table 1.

MOTION 2:

The Council moves to approve the DMRs for 2019 as shown in Table 18.

MOTION 3;

The Council moves to approve the PSC amounts and distributions shown in Tables 14, 15, 16, and 17 and to approve the BSAI SAFE Report .

MOTION 4:

The Council moves to set flatfish flexibility reserves in Table 13 to maximize the ABC reserves.

Table 1. Council TAC Sheet, with SSC OFL and ABC recommendations for Groundfish in the Bering Sea/Aleutian Islands (metric tons) for 2019-2020.

Species	Area	2018				Catch as of 11/24/2018	2019			2020		
		OFL	ABC	TAC	OFL		ABC	TAC	OFL	ABC	TAC	
Pollock	EBS	4,797,000	2,592,000	1,364,341	1,378,411	3,914,000	2,163,000	1,397,000	3,082,000	1,792,000	1,420,000	
	AI	49,289	40,788	19,000	1,861	64,240	52,887	19,000	66,981	55,125	19,000	
	Bogoslof	130,428	60,800	450	14	183,080	137,310	75	183,080	137,310	75	
Pacific cod	BS	238,000	201,000	188,136	174,311	216,000	181,000	166,475	183,000	137,000	124,625	
	AI	28,700	21,500	15,695	14,718	27,400	20,600	14,214	27,400	20,600	14,214	
Sablefish	BS	2,887	1,464	1,464	1,580	3,221	1,489	1,489	4,441	1,994	1,994	
	AI	3,917	1,988	1,988	660	4,350	2,008	2,008	5,997	2,688	2,688	
Yellowfin sole	BSAI	306,700	277,500	154,000	130,502	290,000	263,200	154,000	284,000	257,800	166,425	
Greenland turbot	BSAI	13,148	11,132	5,294	1,829	11,362	9,658	5,294	10,476	8,908	5,294	
	BS	n/a	9,718	5,125	1,666	n/a	8,431	5,125	n/a	7,777	5,125	
	AI	n/a	1,414	169	163	n/a	1,227	169	n/a	1,131	169	
Arrowtooth flounder	BSAI	76,757	65,932	13,621	6,888	82,939	70,673	8,000	83,814	71,411	8,000	
Kamchatka flounder	BSAI	11,347	9,737	5,000	3,102	10,965	9,260	5,000	11,260	9,509	5,000	
Northern rock sole	BSAI	147,300	143,100	47,100	28,261	122,000	118,900	47,100	147,500	143,700	57,100	
Flathead sole	BSAI	79,862	66,773	14,500	10,957	80,918	66,625	14,500	83,190	68,448	14,500	
Alaska plaice	BSAI	41,170	34,590	16,100	23,281	39,880	33,600	18,000	37,860	31,900	18,000	
Other flatfish	BSAI	17,591	13,193	4,000	5,980	21,824	16,368	6,500	21,824	16,368	6,500	
Pacific Ocean perch	BSAI	51,675	42,509	37,361	34,748	61,067	50,594	44,069	59,396	49,211	43,625	
	BS	n/a	11,861	11,861	9,633		14,675	14,675		14,274	14,274	
	EAI	n/a	10,021	9,000	8,947		11,459	11,009		11,146	11,146	
	CAI	n/a	7,787	7,500	7,312		8,435	8,385		8,205	8,205	
	WAI	n/a	12,840	9,000	8,856		16,025	10,000		15,586	10,000	
Northern rockfish	BSAI	15,888	12,975	6,100	5,765	15,507	12,664	6,500	15,180	12,396	6,500	
	BSAI	749	613	225	239	676	555	279	868	715	279	
Blackspotted/Rough eye Rockfish	EBS/EAI	n/a	374	75	66	n/a	351	75	n/a	448	75	
	CAI/WAI	n/a	239	150	173	n/a	204	204	n/a	267	204	
Shortraker rockfish	BSAI	666	499	150	250	722	541	358	722	541	358	
Other rockfish	BSAI	1,816	1,362	845	986	1,793	1,344	663	1,793	1,344	663	
	BS	n/a	791	275	211		956	275		956	275	
	AI	n/a	571	570	775		388	388		388	388	
Atka mackerel	BSAI	108,600	92,000	71,000	70,393	79,200	68,500	57,951	73,400	63,400	53,635	
	EAI/BS	n/a	36,820	36,500	36,085		23,970	23,970		22,190	22,190	
	CAI	n/a	32,000	21,000	20,915		14,390	14,390		13,310	13,310	
	WAI	n/a	23,180	13,500	13,393		30,140	19,591		27,900	18,135	
Skates	BSAI	46,668	39,082	27,000	29,445	51,152	42,714	26,000	48,944	40,813	26,000	
Sculpins	BSAI	53,201	39,995	5,000	4,997	53,201	39,995	5,000	53,201	39,995	5,000	
Sharks	BSAI	689	517	180	100	689	517	125	689	517	125	
Squids	BSAI	6,912	5,184	1,200	1,735	n/a	n/a	0	n/a	n/a	0	
Octopuses	BSAI	4,769	3,576	250	279	4,769	3,576	400	4,769	3,576	400	
Total	BSAI	6,235,729	3,779,809	2,000,000	1,931,292	5,340,955	3,367,578	2,000,000	4,491,785	2,967,269	2,000,000	

Table 13–FINAL 2019 AND 2020 ABC SURPLUS, ABC RESERVES,
 [Amounts are in metric tons]

Sector	2019 Flathead sole	2019 Rock sole	2019 Yellowfin sole	2020 ¹ Flathead sole	2020 ¹ Rock sole	2020 ¹ Yellowfin sole
ABC	66,625	118,900	263,200	68,448	143,700	257,800
TAC	14,500	47,100	154,000	14,500	57,100	166,425
ABC surplus	52,125	71,800	109,200	53,948	86,600	91,375
ABC reserve	52,125	71,800	109,200	53,948	86,600	91,375
CDQ ABC res	5,577	7,683	11,684	5,772	9,266	9,777
Amendment 80 ABC reserve	46,548	64,117	97,516	48,176	77,334	81,598

¹ The 2020 allocations for Amendment 80 species between Amendment 80 cooperatives and the Amendment 80 limited access sector will not be known until eligible participants apply for participation in the program by November 1, 2019.

Table 14—FINAL 2019 AND 2020 APPORTIONMENT OF PROHIBITED SPECIES CATCH ALLOWANCES TO NON-TRAWL GEAR, THE CDQ PROGRAM, AMENDMENT 80, AND THE BSAI TRAWL LIMITED ACCESS SECTORS

PSC species and area ¹	Total PSC	Non-trawl PSC	CDQ PSQ reserve ²	Trawl PSC remaining after CDQ PSQ	Amendment 80 sector ³	BSAI trawl limited access fishery
Halibut mortality (mt) BSAI	3,515	710	315	n/a	1,745	745
Herring (mt) BSAI	2,547	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Red king crab (animals) Zone 1	97,000	n/a	10,379	86,621	43,293	26,489
<i>C. opilio</i> (animals) COBLZ	11,916,450	n/a	1,275,060	10,641,390	5,230,243	3,420,143
<i>C. bairdi</i> crab (animals) Zone 1	980,000	n/a	104,860	875,140	368,521	411,228
<i>C. bairdi</i> crab (animals) Zone 2	2,970,000	n/a	317,790	2,652,210	627,778	1,241,500

¹ Refer to § 679.2 for definitions of zones.

² The PSQ reserve for crab species is 10.7 percent of each crab PSC limit.

³ The Amendment 80 program reduced apportionment of the trawl PSC limits for crab below the total PSC limit. These reductions are not apportioned to other gear types or sectors.

Table 15–FINAL 2019 AND 2020 HERRING AND RED KING CRAB SAVINGS SUBAREA PROHIBITED

Fishery Categories	Herring (mt) BSAI	Red king crab (animals) Zone 1
Yellowfin sole	111	n/a
Rock sole/flathead sole/other flatfish ¹	54	n/a
Greenland turbot/arrowtooth flounder/Kamchatka flounder/sablefish	7	n/a
Rockfish	7	n/a
Pacific cod	13	n/a
Midwater trawl pollock	2,313	n/a
Pollock/Atka mackerel/other species ^{2,3}	42	n/a
Red king crab savings subarea non-pelagic trawl gear ⁴	n/a	24,250
Total trawl PSC	2,547	97,000

¹“Other flatfish” for PSC monitoring includes all flatfish species, except for halibut (a prohibited species), arrowtooth

²Pollock other than pelagic trawl pollock, Atka mackerel, and “other species” fishery category.

³“Other species” for PSC monitoring includes skates, sculpins, sharks, and octopuses.

⁴In December 2018, the Council recommended that the red king crab bycatch limit for non-pelagic trawl fisheries

Note: Species apportionments may not total precisely due to rounding.

Table 16–FINAL 2019 AND 2020 PROHIBITED SPECIES BYCATCH ALLOWANCES FOR THE BSAI TRAWL

BSAI trawl limited access fisheries	Prohibited species and area ¹				
	mortality (mt) BSAI	crab (animals)	(animals) COBLZ	<i>C. bairdi</i> (animals)	
				Zone 1	Zone 2
Yellowfin sole	150	23,338	3,224,126	346,228	1,185,500
Rock sole/flathead sole/other flatfish ²	0	0	-	-	-
Greenland turbot/arrowtooth flounder/Kamchatka flounder/sablefish	0	0	-	-	-
Rockfish April 15 - December 31	4	0	5,326	-	1,000
Pacific cod	391	2,954	137,426	60,000	49,999
Pollock/Atka mackerel/other species ³	200	197	53,265	5,000	5,000
Total BSAI trawl limited access PSC	745	26,489	3,420,143	411,228	1,241,500

¹ Refer to § 679.2 for definitions of areas.

² “Other flatfish” for PSC monitoring includes all flatfish species, except for halibut (a prohibited species), flathead

³ “Other species” for PSC monitoring includes skates, sculpins, sharks, and octopuses.

Note: Seasonal or sector apportionments may not total precisely due to rounding.

Table 17–FINAL 2019 AND 2020 HALIBUT PROHIBITED SPECIES BYCATCH ALLOWANCES FOR NON-TRAWL FISHERIES

Halibut mortality (mt) BSAI				
Non-trawl fisheries	Seasons	Catcher/processor	Catcher vessel	All Non-Trawl
Pacific cod	Total Pacific cod	648	13	661
	January 1-June 10	388	9	n/a
	June 10-August 15	162	2	n/a
	August 15-December 31	98	2	n/a
Non-Pacific cod non-trawl-Total	May 1-December 31	n/a	n/a	49
Groundfish pot and jig	n/a	n/a	n/a	Exempt
Sablefish hook-and-line	n/a	n/a	n/a	Exempt
Total for all non-trawl PSC	n/a	n/a	n/a	710

Note: Seasonal or sector apportionments may not total precisely due to rounding.

Table 18—2019 AND 2020 PACIFIC HALIBUT DISCARD MORTALITY RATES FOR THE BSAI

Gear	Sector	Halibut discard mortality rate (percent)
Pelagic trawl	All	100
Non-pelagic trawl	Mothership and catcher/processor	78
Non-pelagic trawl	Catcher vessel	59
Hook-and-line	Catcher/processor	4
Hook-and-line	Catcher vessel	8
Pot	All	19