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December 2008

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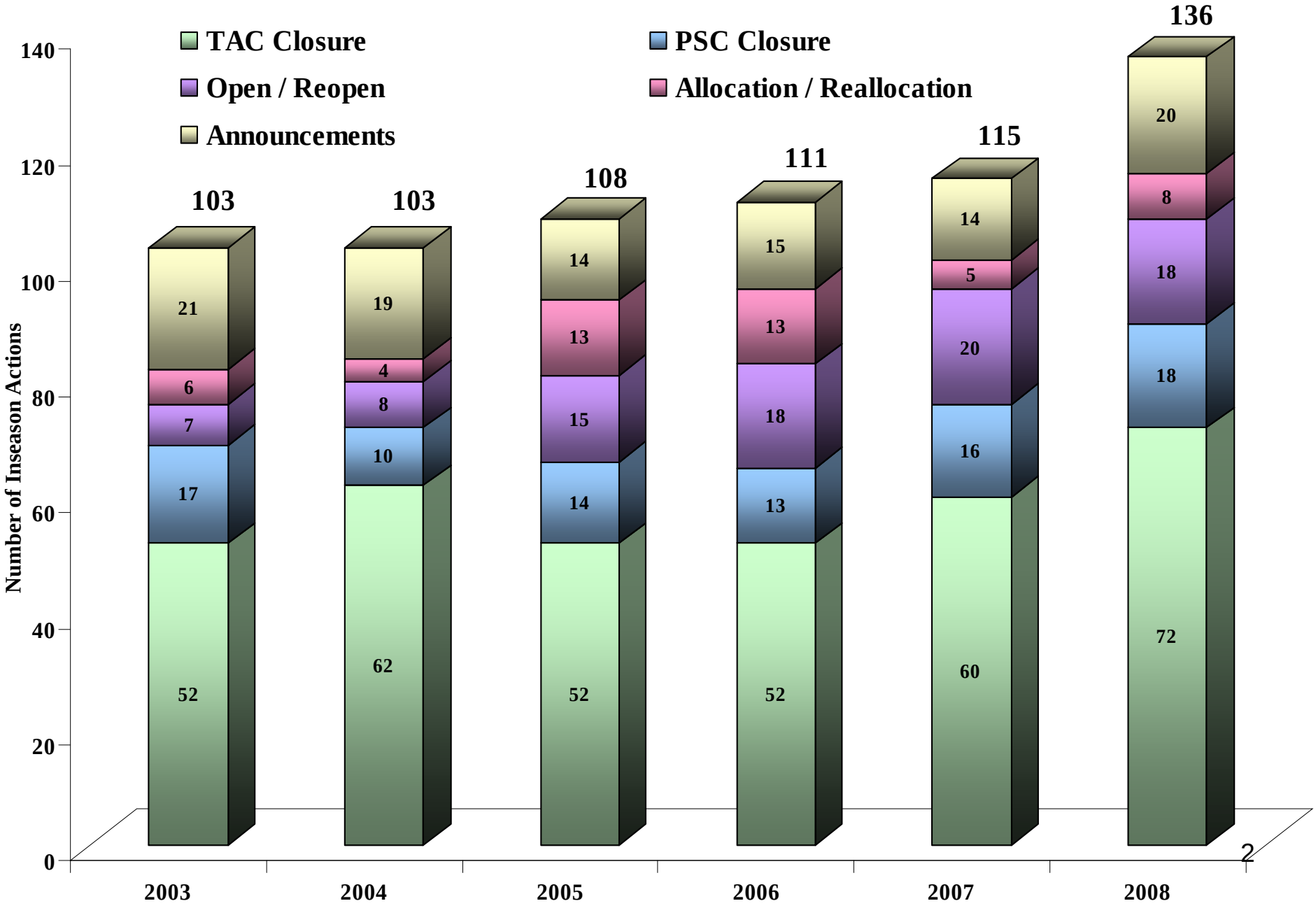

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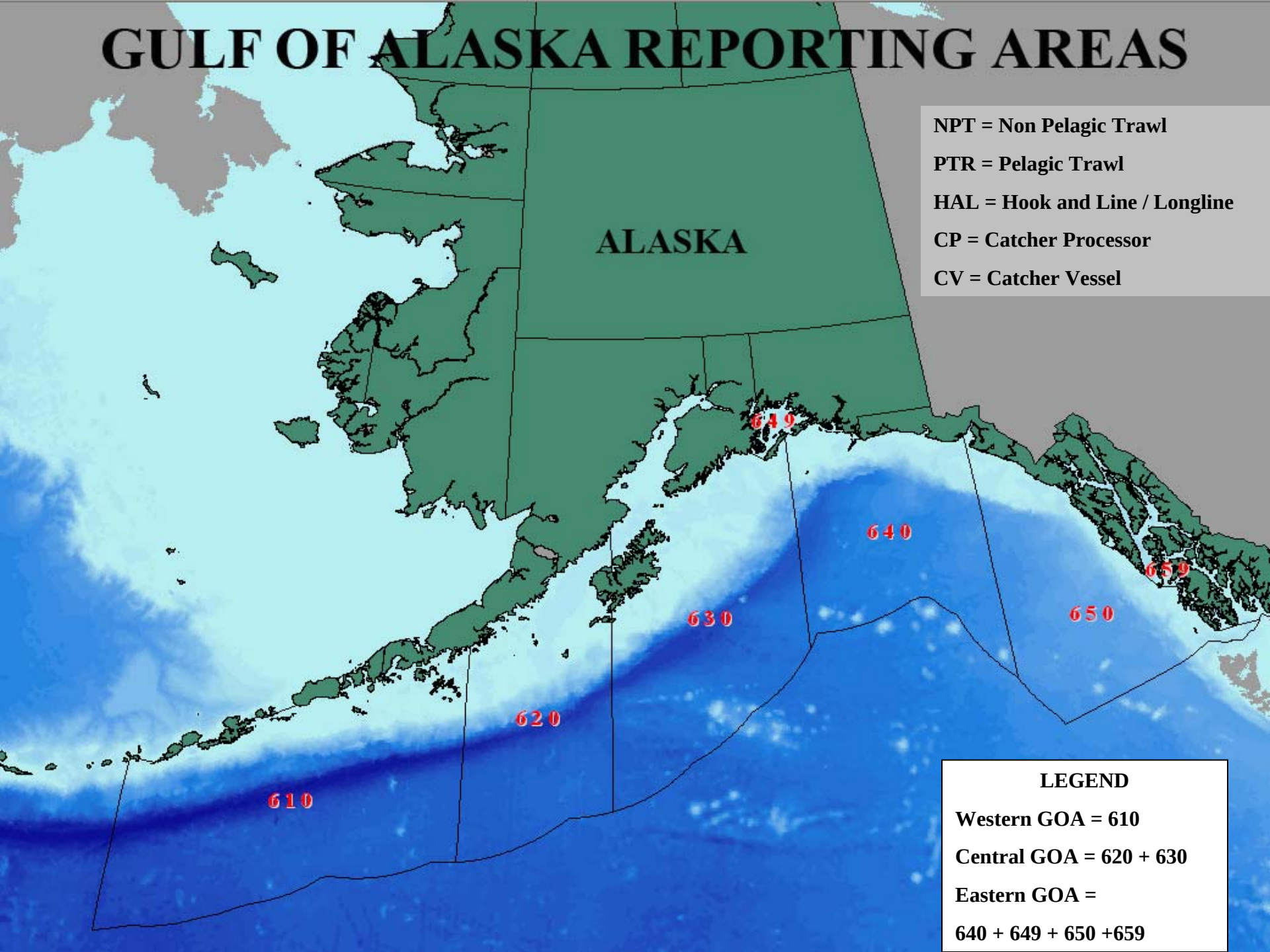

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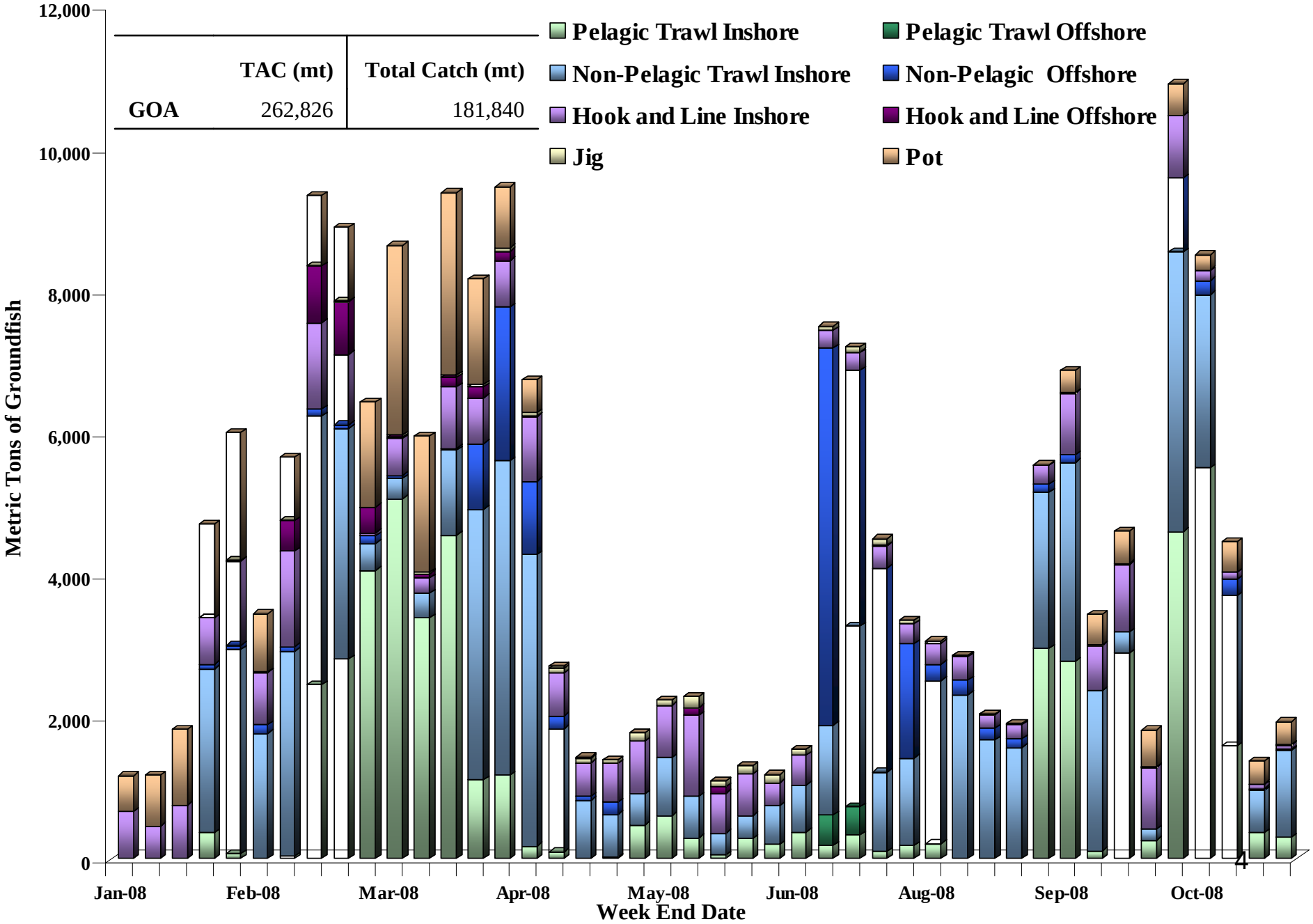

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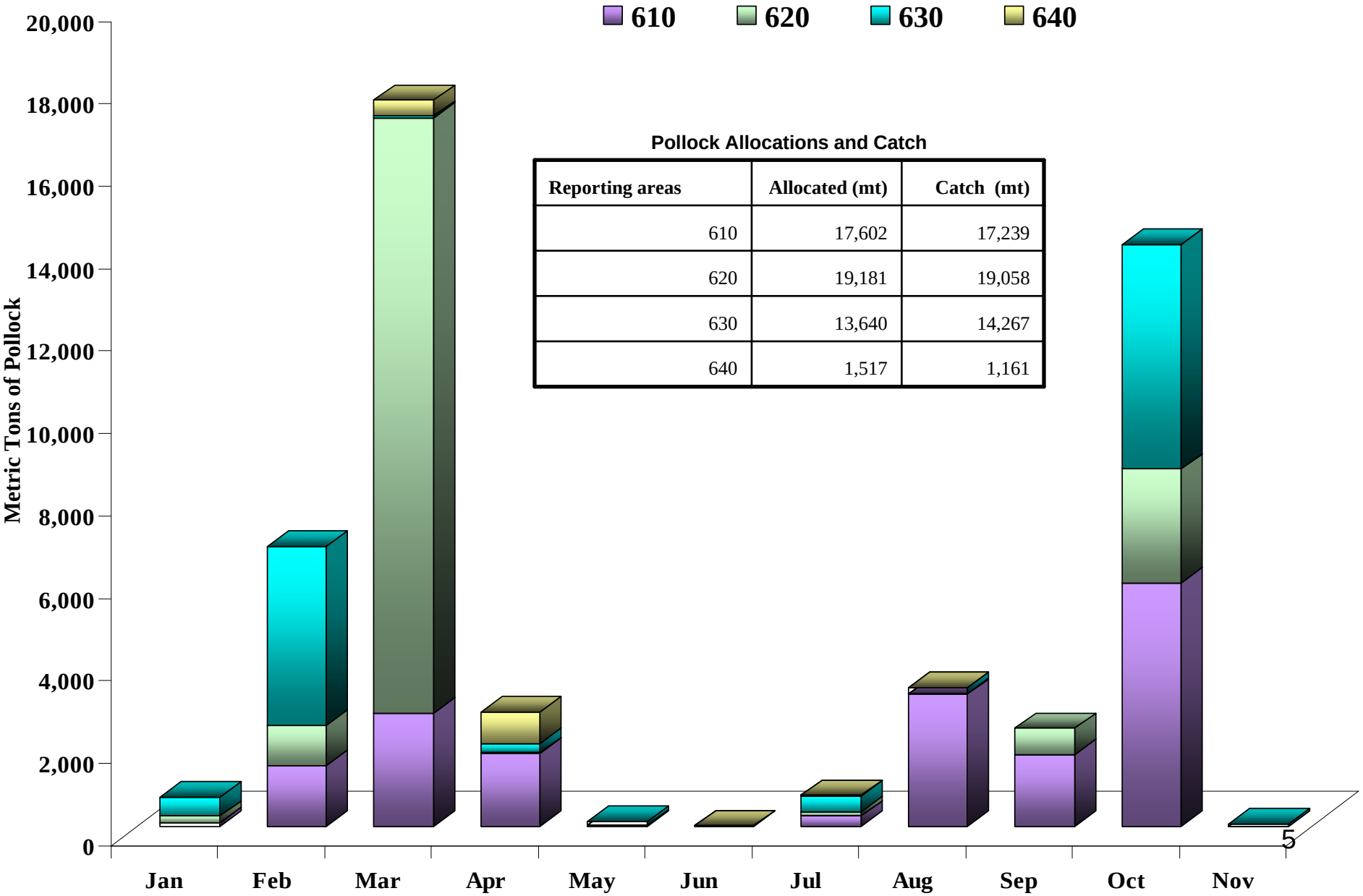


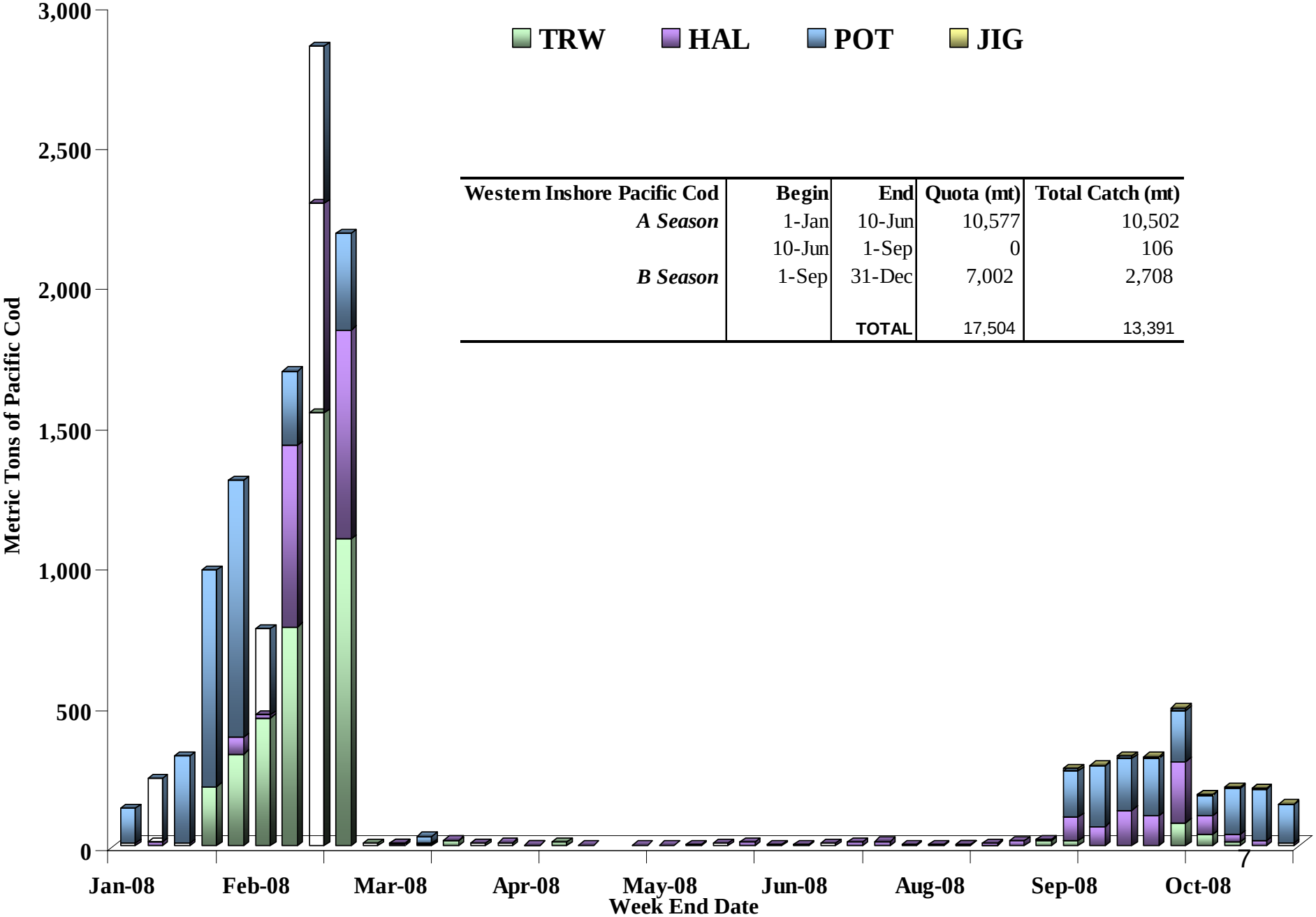
Pollock Allocations and Catch

Reporting areas	Allocated (mt)	Catch (mt)
610	17,602	17,239
620	19,181	19,058
630	13,640	14,267
640	1,517	1,161

2008 Pollock Closures

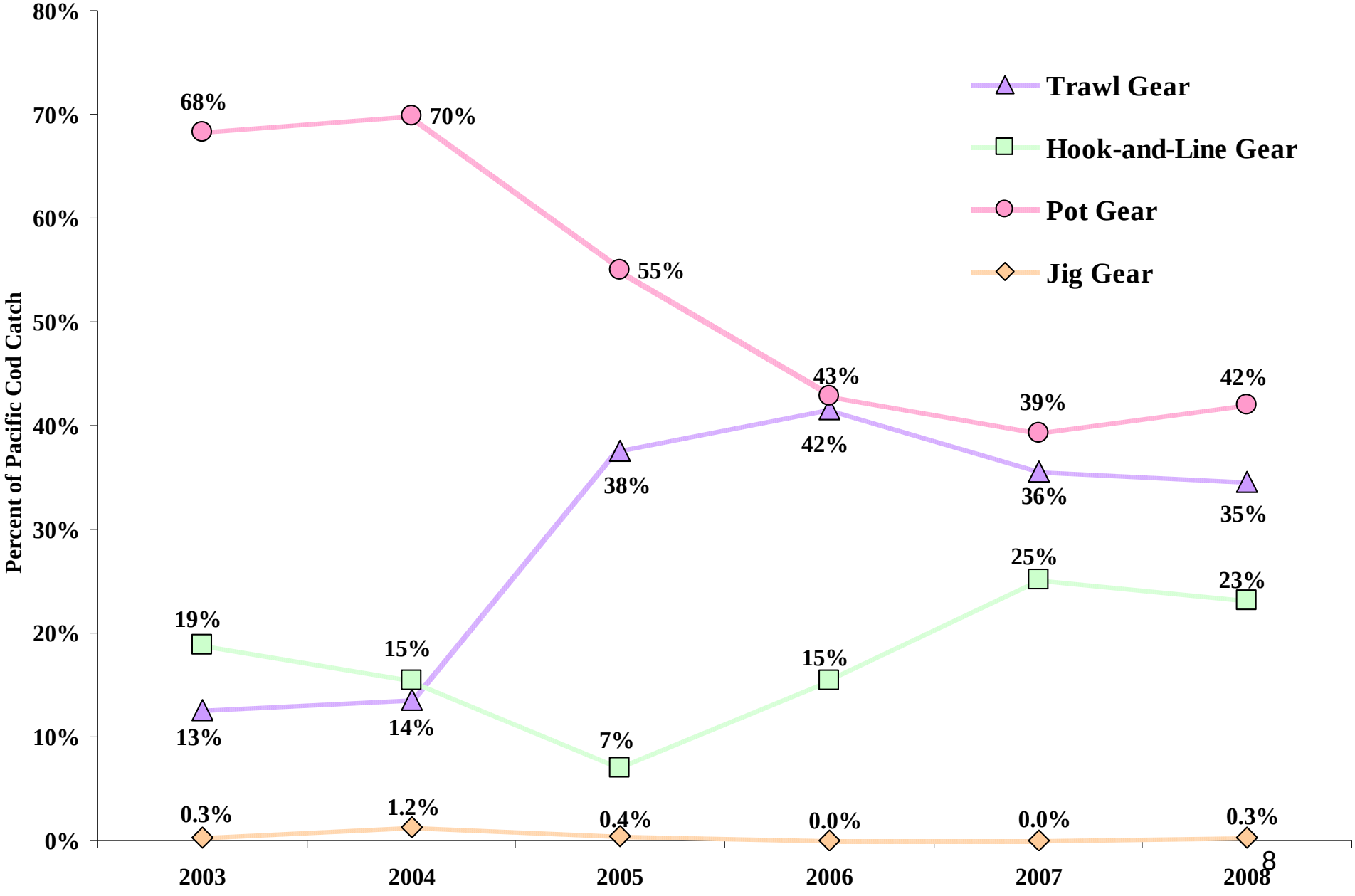
		Open	Closed	Reason
610 Pollock	**A Season**	20-Jan	22-Jan	TAC
	B Season	3-Mar	4-Mar	TAC
		7-Mar	31-May	Reg
	C Season	25-Aug	4-Sep	TAC
	D Season	1-Oct	6-Oct	TAC
		12-Oct	14-Oct	TAC
620 Pollock	**A Season**	20-Jan	10-Mar	Reg
	B Season	10-Mar	26-Mar	TAC
	C Season	25-Aug	6-Sep	TAC
	D Season	1-Oct	1-Nov	Reg
630 Pollock	**A Season**	20-Jan	22-Jan	TAC
		25-Jan	27-Jan	TAC
		23-Feb	25-Feb	TAC
	B Season	10-Mar	11-Mar	TAC
	C Season	25-Aug	26-Aug	TAC
		1-Sep	19-Sep	TAC
	D Season	1-Oct	10-Oct	Reg

2008 Western Gulf Inshore Pacific Cod Catch by Week and Gear



Western Inshore Pacific Cod	Begin	End	Quota (mt)	Total Catch (mt)
A Season	1-Jan	10-Jun	10,577	10,502
	10-Jun	1-Sep	0	106
B Season	1-Sep	31-Dec	7,002	2,708
		TOTAL	17,504	13,391

Annual Western Gulf Inshore Pacific Cod Catch by Gear



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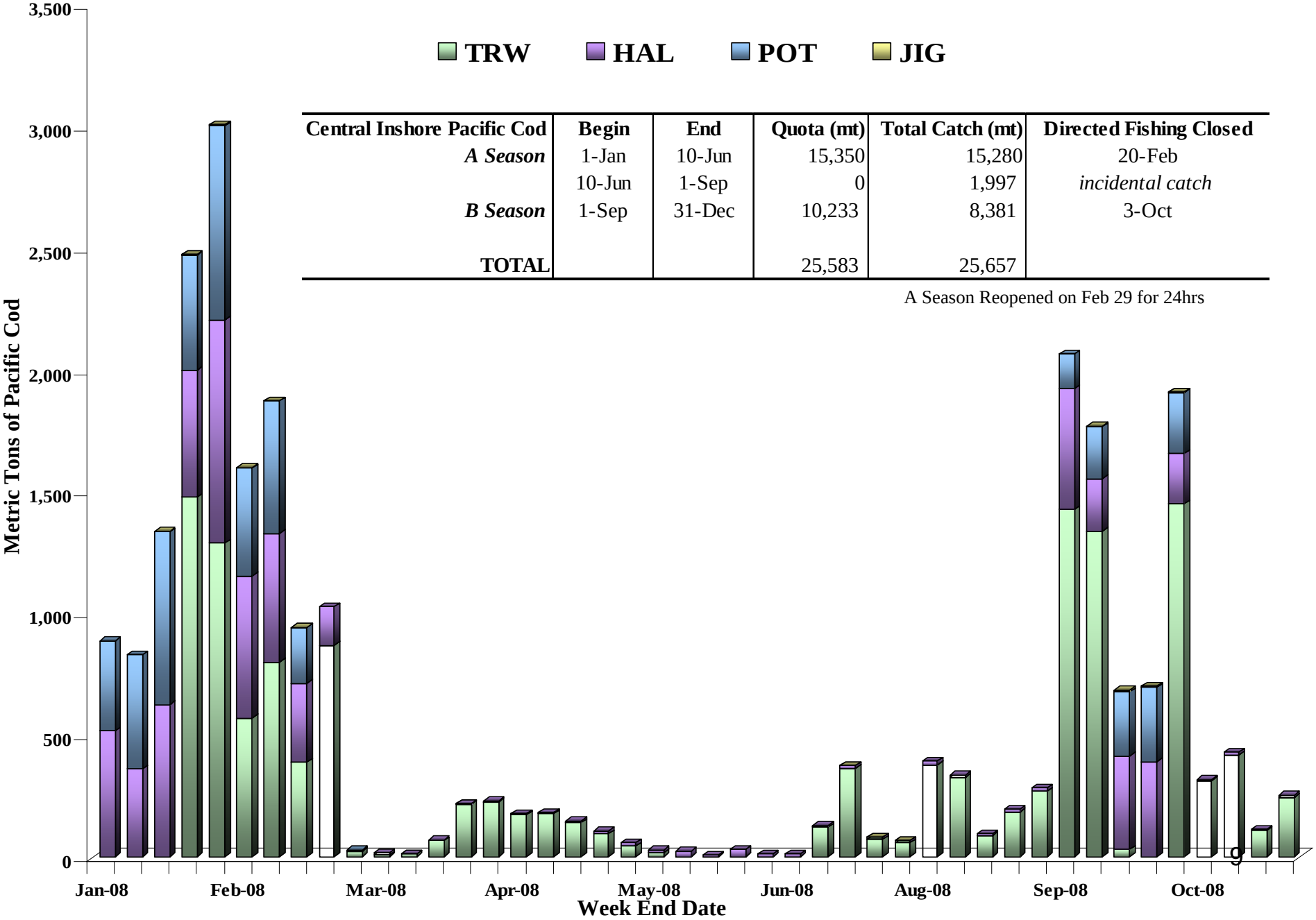
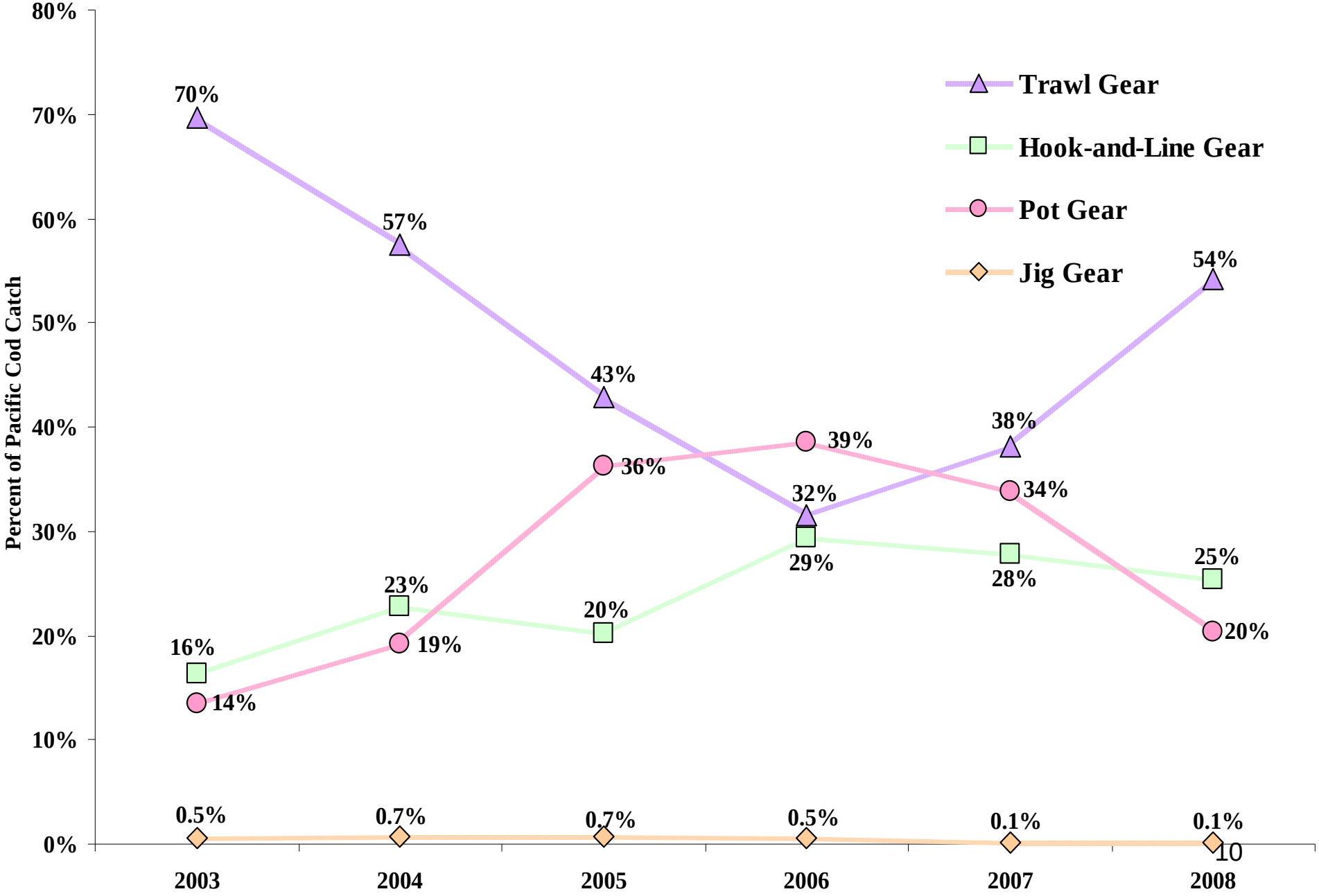


Central Inshore Pacific Cod	Begin	End	Quota (mt)	Total Catch (mt)	Directed Fishing Closed
A Season	1-Jan	10-Jun	15,350	15,280	20-Feb
	10-Jun	1-Sep	0	1,997	*incidental catch*
B Season	1-Sep	31-Dec	10,233	8,381	3-Oct
TOTAL			25,583	25,657	

A Season Reopened on Feb 29 for 24hrs

Annual Central Gulf Inshore Pacific Cod Catch by Gear



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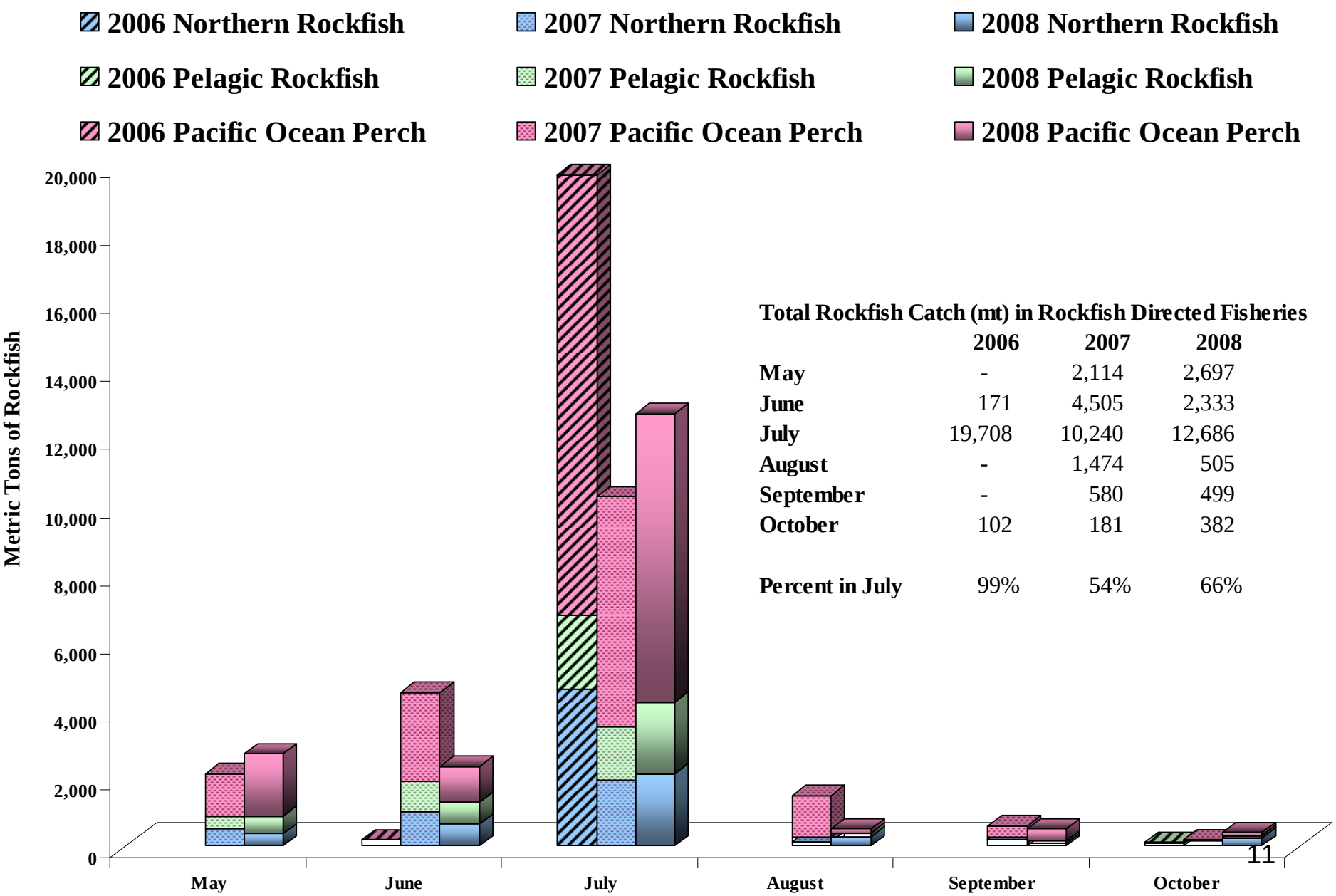
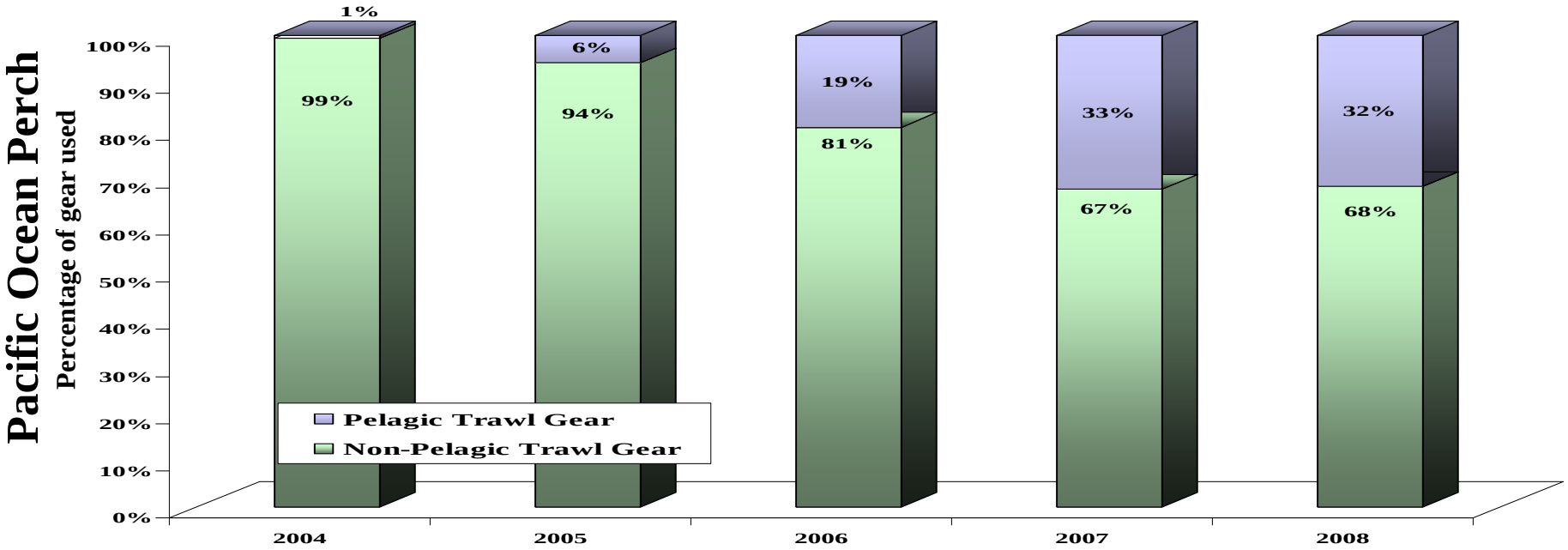
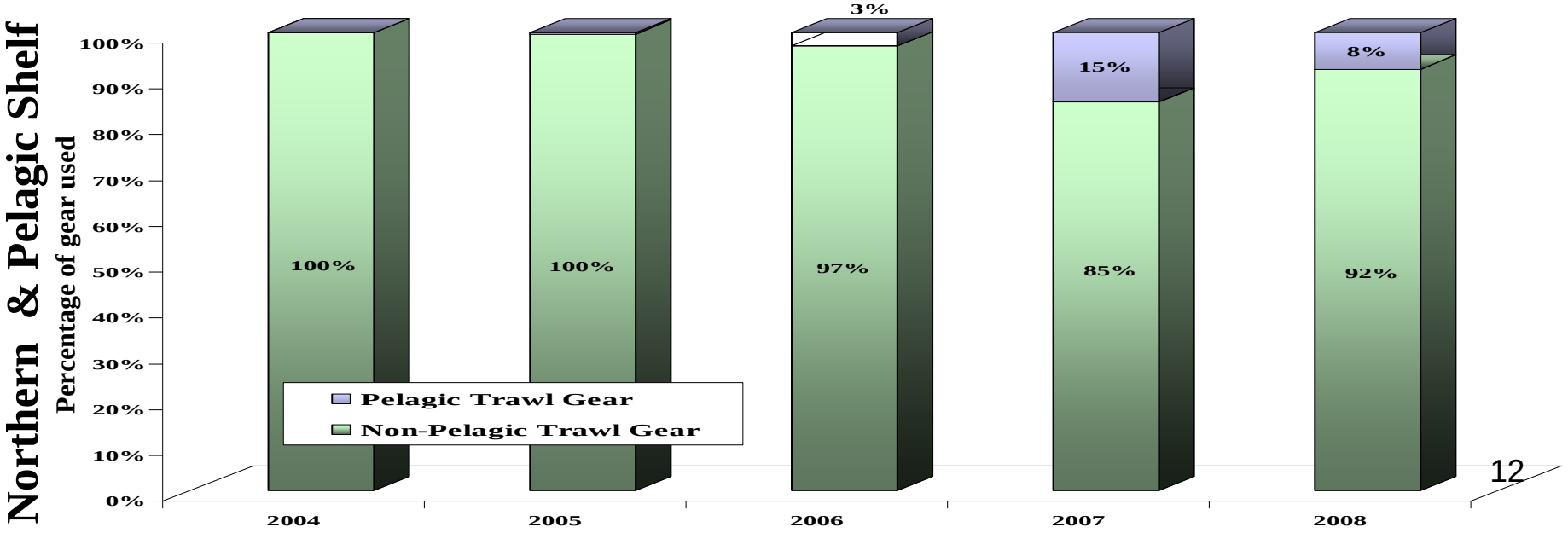


Total Rockfish Catch (mt) in Rockfish Directed Fisheries

	2006	2007	2008
May	-	2,114	2,697
June	171	4,505	2,333
July	19,708	10,240	12,686
August	-	1,474	505
September	-	580	499
October	102	181	382
Percent in July	99%	54%	66%

Central GOA Targeted Rockfish by Trawl Gear Type





2008 Rockfish Pilot Program Allocations and Catch

	Limit	Catch	Percent Caught	Remaining
Entry Level				
Northern Rockfish	115	confidential	confidential	confidential
Pelagic Shelf Rockfish	176	10	6%	166
Pacific Ocean Perch	399	confidential	confidential	confidential
Catcher Processor Limited Access				
Pacific Ocean Perch	1,386	1,319	95%	67
Pelagic Shelf Rockfish	1,194	1,116	93%	78
Northern Rockfish	514	470	91%	44
Catcher Vessel Limited Access				
Pacific Ocean Perch	28	0	0%	28
Pelagic Shelf Rockfish	5	0	0%	5
Northern Rockfish	10	0	0%	10
Cooperatives				
Northern Rockfish	1,669	1,482	89%	187
Pacific Cod	590	578	98%	12
Pacific Ocean Perch	6,172	6,068	98%	104
Pelagic Shelf Rockfish	2,151	1,654	77%	497
Rougheye Rockfish	251	confidential	confidential	confidential
Sablefish	466	461	99%	5
Shortraker Rockfish	48	confidential	confidential	confidential
Thornyhead Rockfish	194	58	30%	136
Pacific Halibut	171	34	20%	137
Program Totals Including Central GOA Incidental Rockfish Catch:				
Northern Rockfish	2,408	2,135	89%	273
Pacific Cod	590	578	98%	12
Pacific Ocean Perch	8,185	7,677	94%	508
Pelagic Shelf Rockfish	3,626	2,868	79%	758
Rougheye Rockfish	834	186	22%	648
Sablefish	466	461	99%	5
Shortraker Rockfish	315	242	77%	73
Thornyhead Rockfish	860	301	35%	559
Pacific Halibut	171	34	20%	137

In 2006, five catcher processors and 25 trawl catcher vessels targeted rockfish in the Central Gulf.
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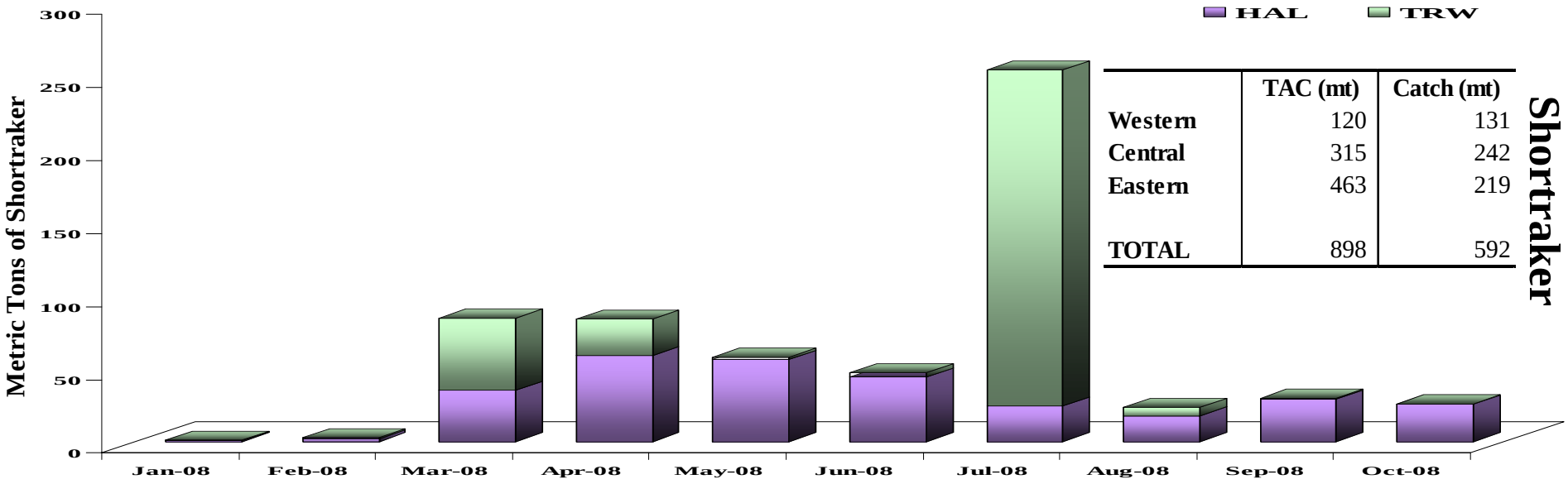
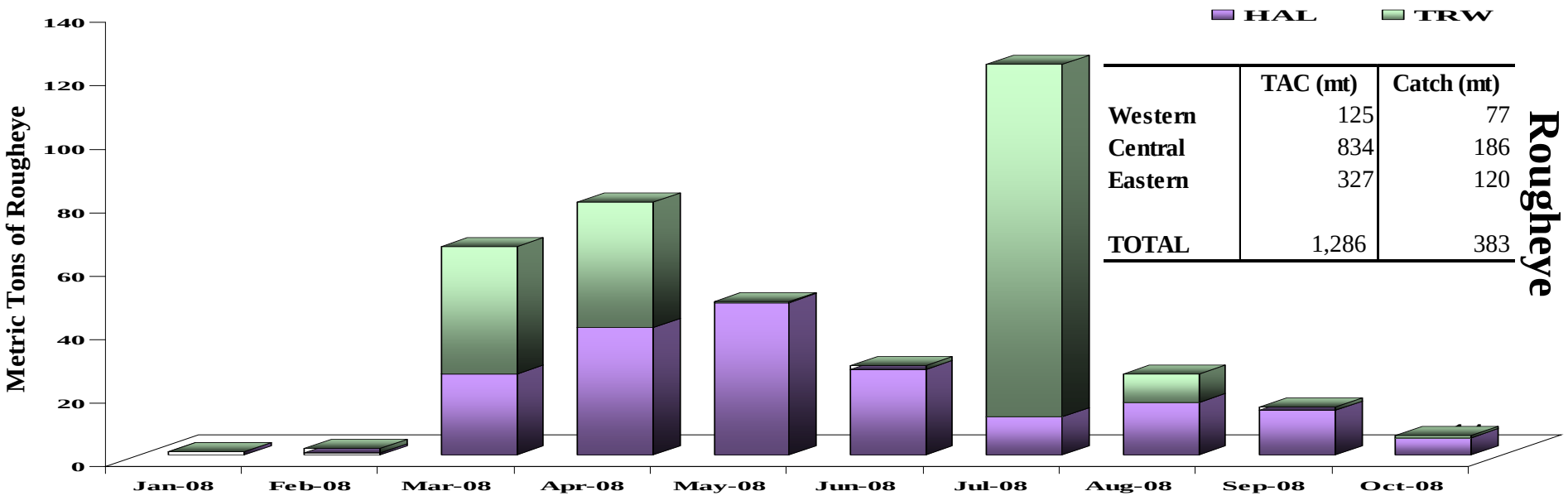
2008 GOA Shortraker and Rougheye Rockfish Catch



Shortraker

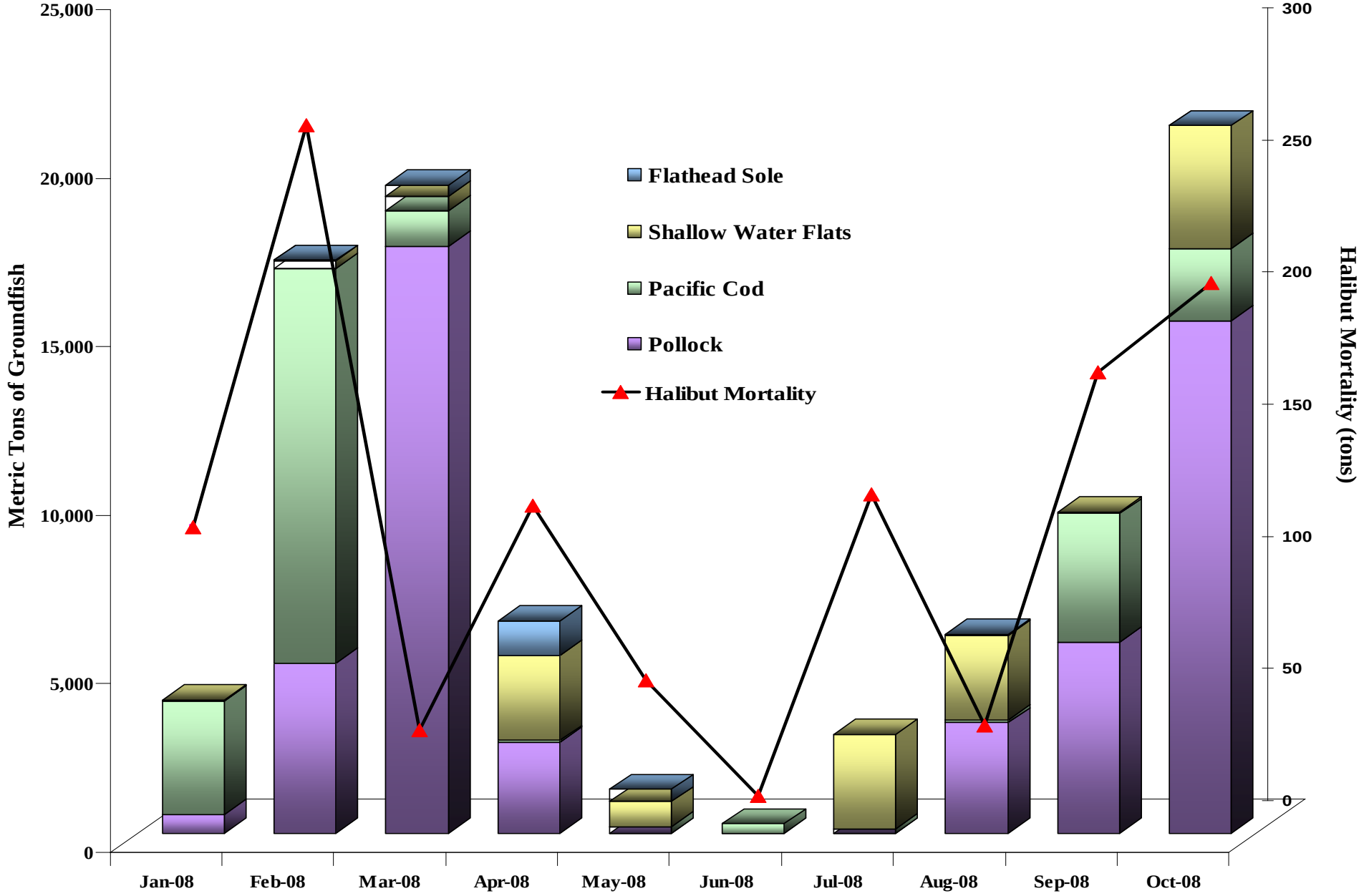
	TAC (mt)	Catch (mt)
Western	120	131
Central	315	242
Eastern	463	219
TOTAL	898	592



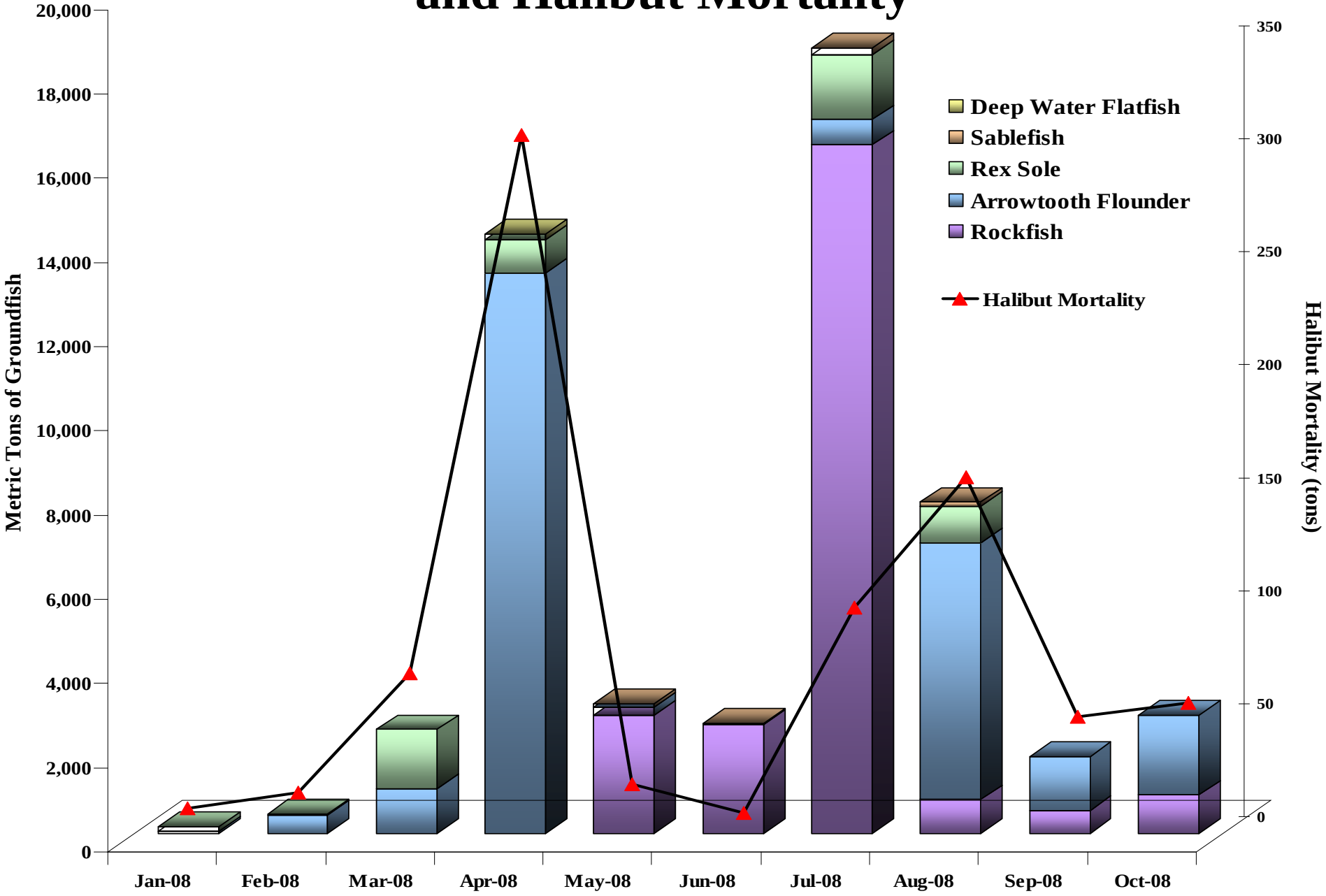
Rougheye

	TAC (mt)	Catch (mt)
Western	125	77
Central	834	186
Eastern	327	120
TOTAL	1,286	383

2008 Trawl Shallow Water Complex Catch by Target and Halibut Mortality Amount



2008 Trawl Deep Water Complex Catch by Target and Halibut Mortality



2008 Trawl Halibut Mortality

Shallow Water Complex	Season	Start Date	End Date		Limit (mt)	Total Mortality (mt)
	1	20-Jan	1-Apr		450	400
	2	1-Apr	1-Jul		100	151
	3	1-Jul	1-Sep		200	144
	4	1-Sep	30-Sep		150	213
				TOTAL	**900**	**908**
Deep Water Complex	**Season**					
	1	20-Jan	1-Apr		100	78
	2	1-Apr	1-Jul		300	310
	3	1-Jul	1-Sep		229	222
	4	1-Sep	30-Sep		0	44
				TOTAL	**629**	**654**
Rockfish Pilot Program*		20-Jan	1-Apr		36	36
Fall Halibut Allocation*		1-Oct	1-Nov		435	286
Total Halibut Mortality					2,000	1,884

** Includes the reallocation of halibut mortality from the rockfish pilot program to the fall halibut allocation on November 16, 2008*

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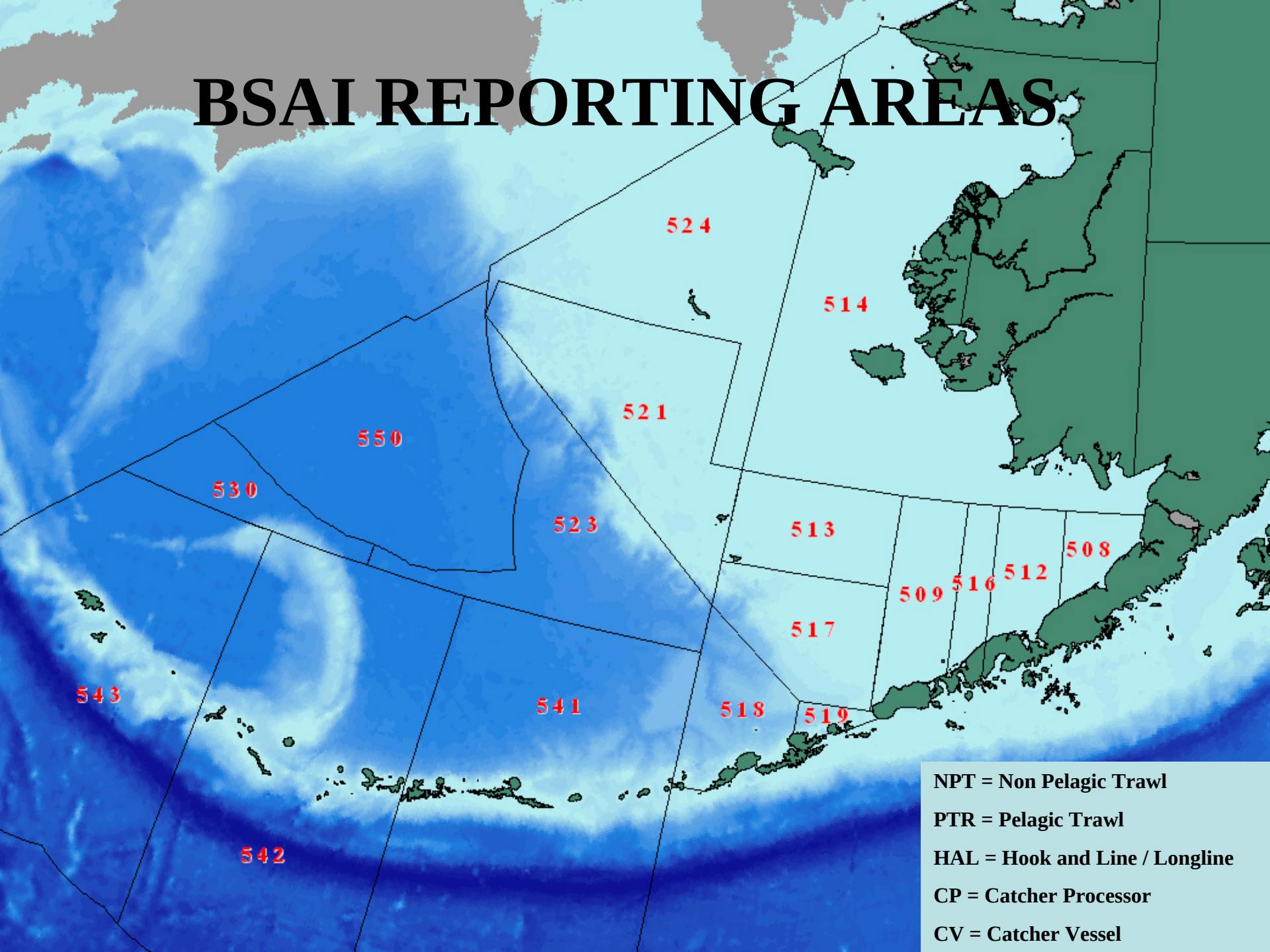


NPT = Non Pelagic Trawl

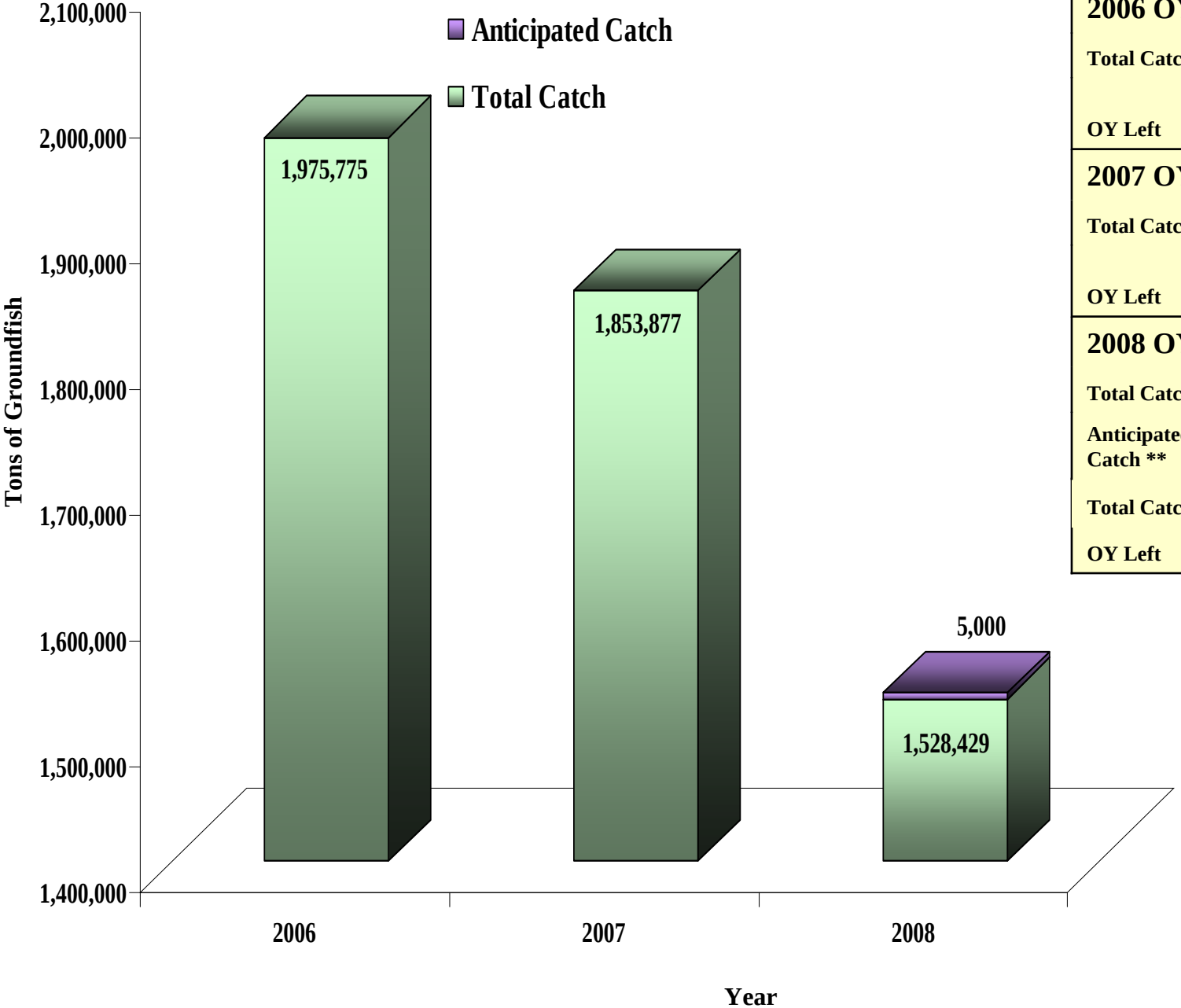
PTR = Pelagic Trawl

HAL = Hook and Line / Longline

CP = Catcher Processor

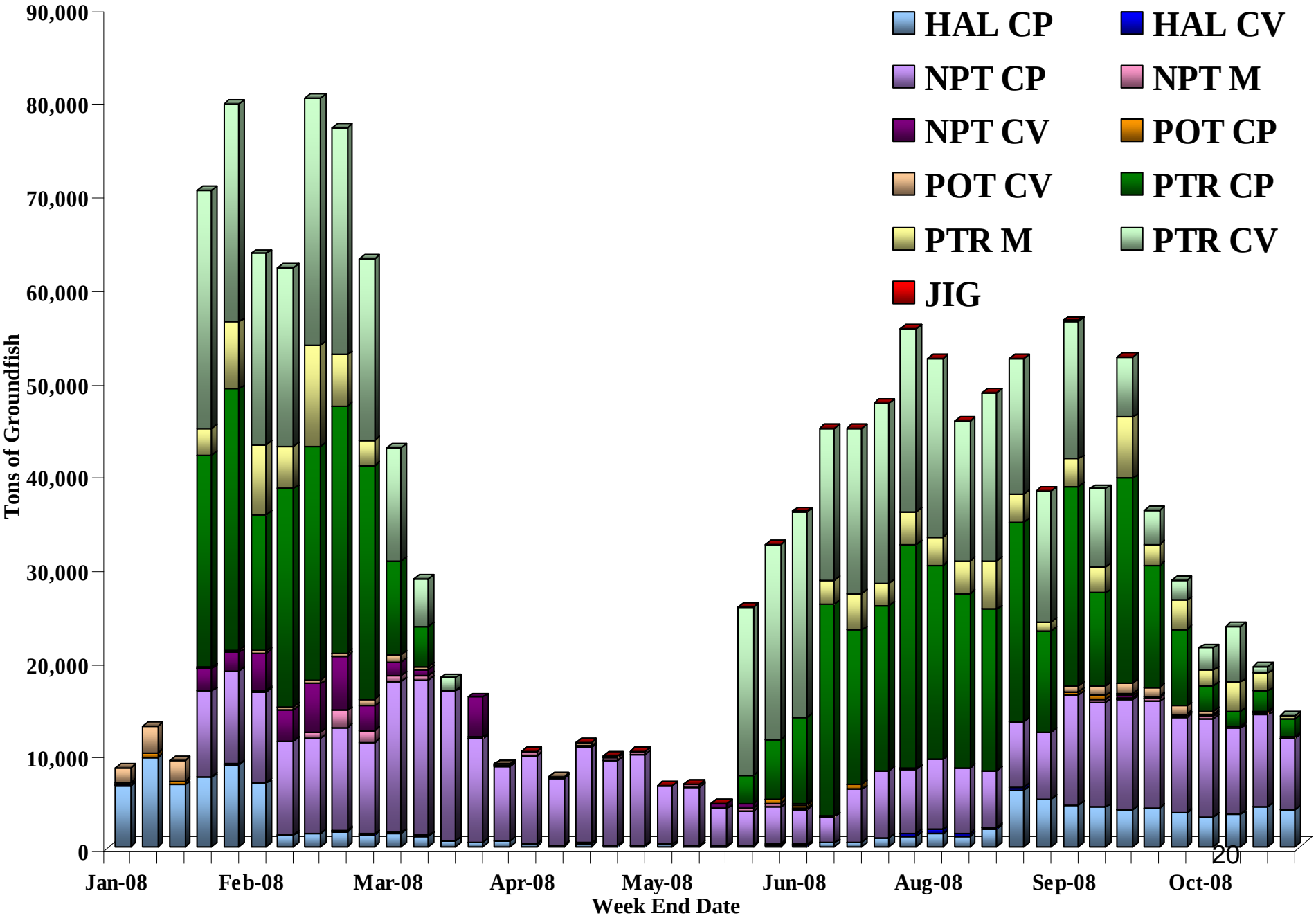
CV = Catcher Vessel

2006 - 2008 BSAI Total Catch



2006 OY	2,000,000
Total Catch	**1,975,775**
OY Left	24,225
2007 OY	2,000,000
Total Catch	**1,853,877**
OY Left	146,123
2008 OY	1,838,345
Total Catch *	1,528,429
Anticipated Catch **	5,000
Total Catch	**1,533,429**
OY Left	304,916

2008 BSAI Total Groundfish Catch by Gear & Sector



Bering Sea Pollock

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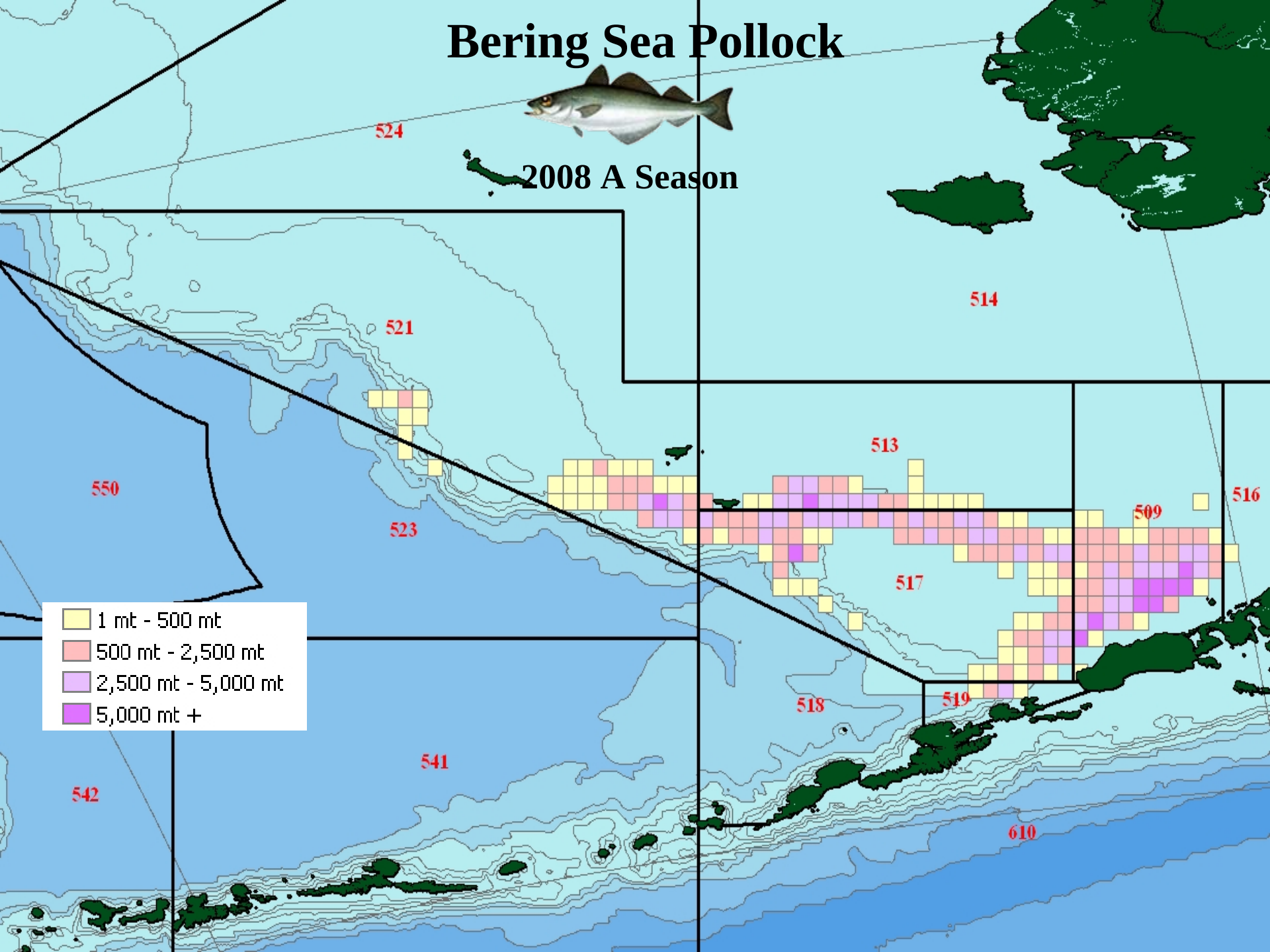

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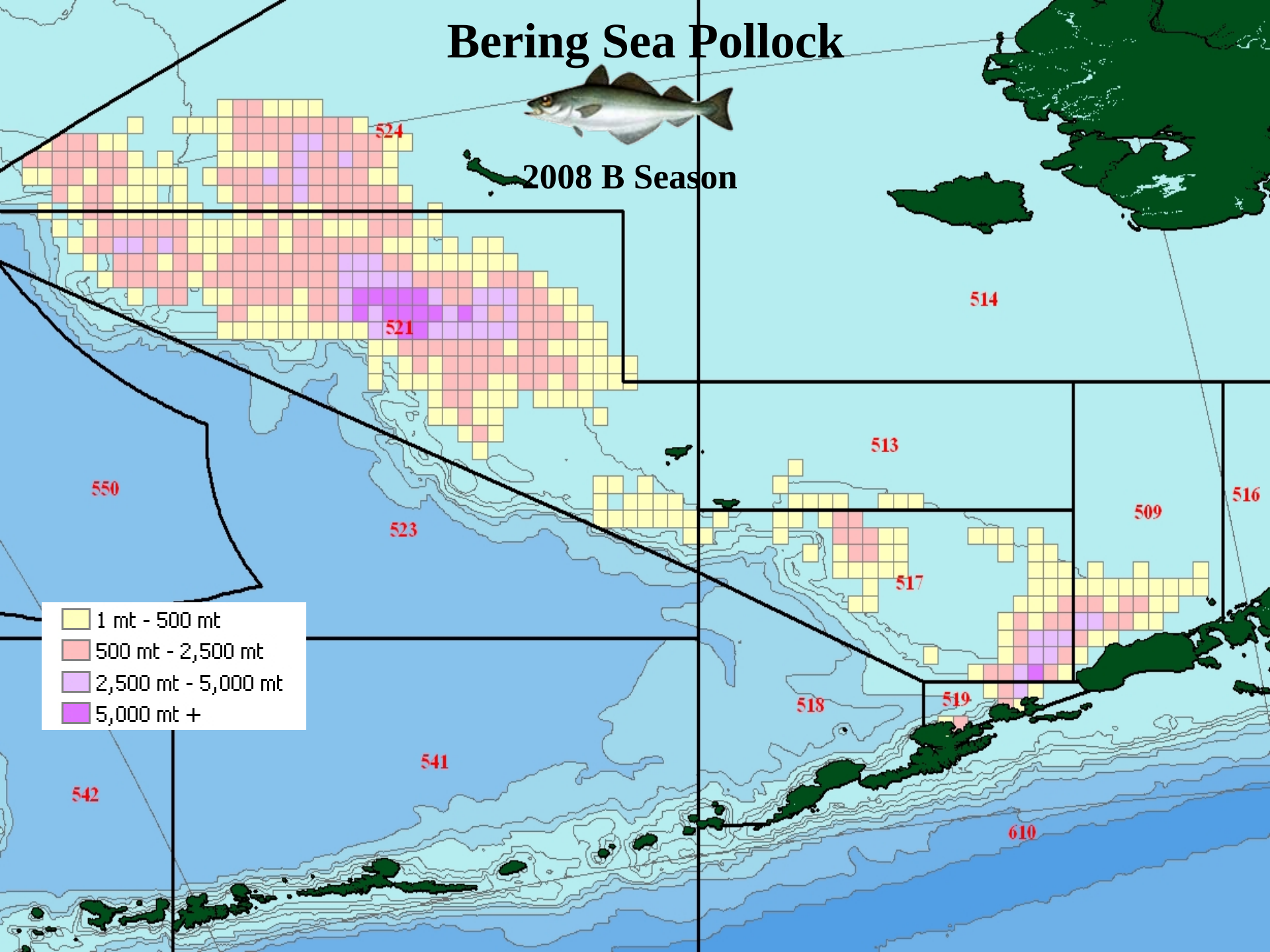

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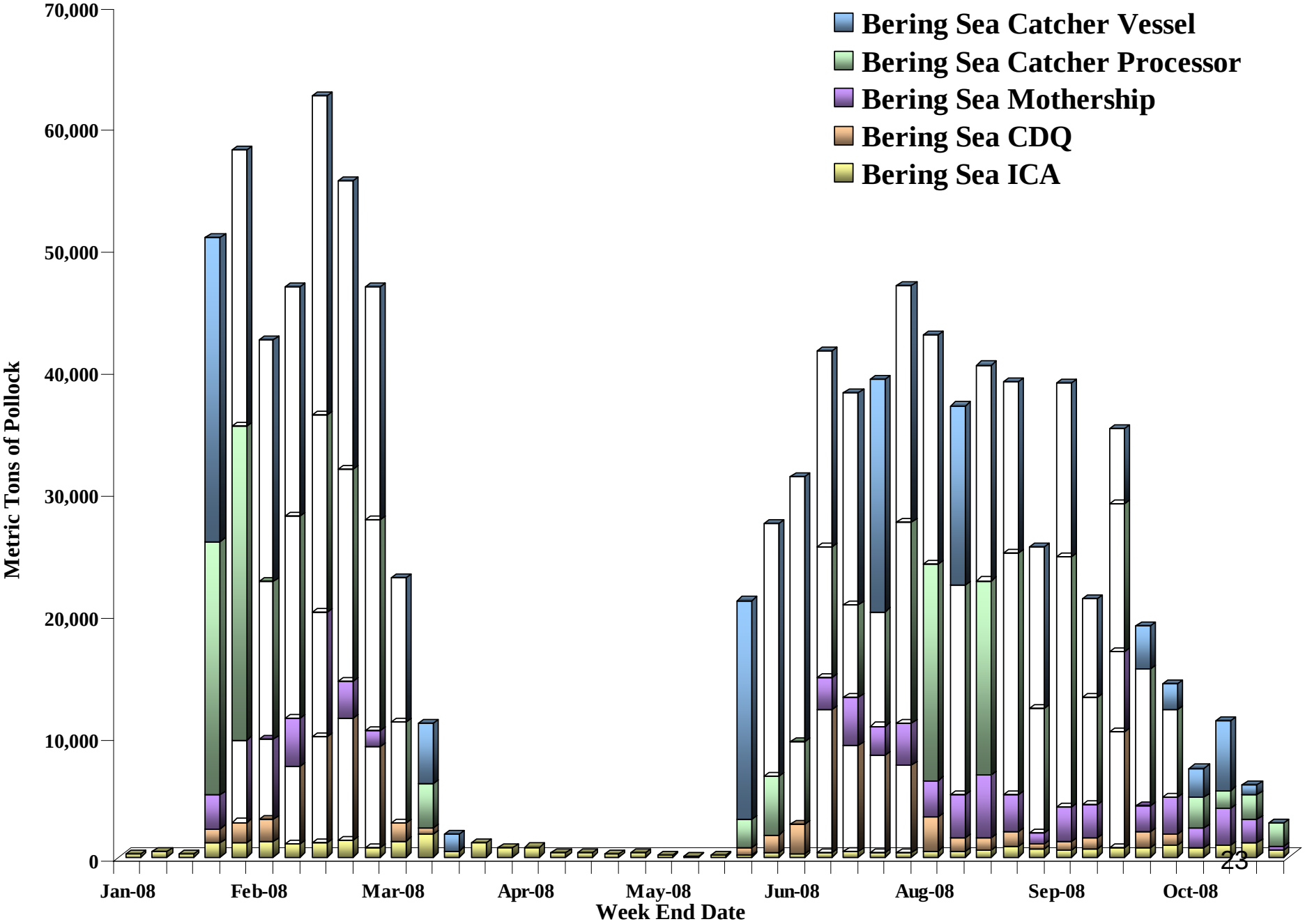

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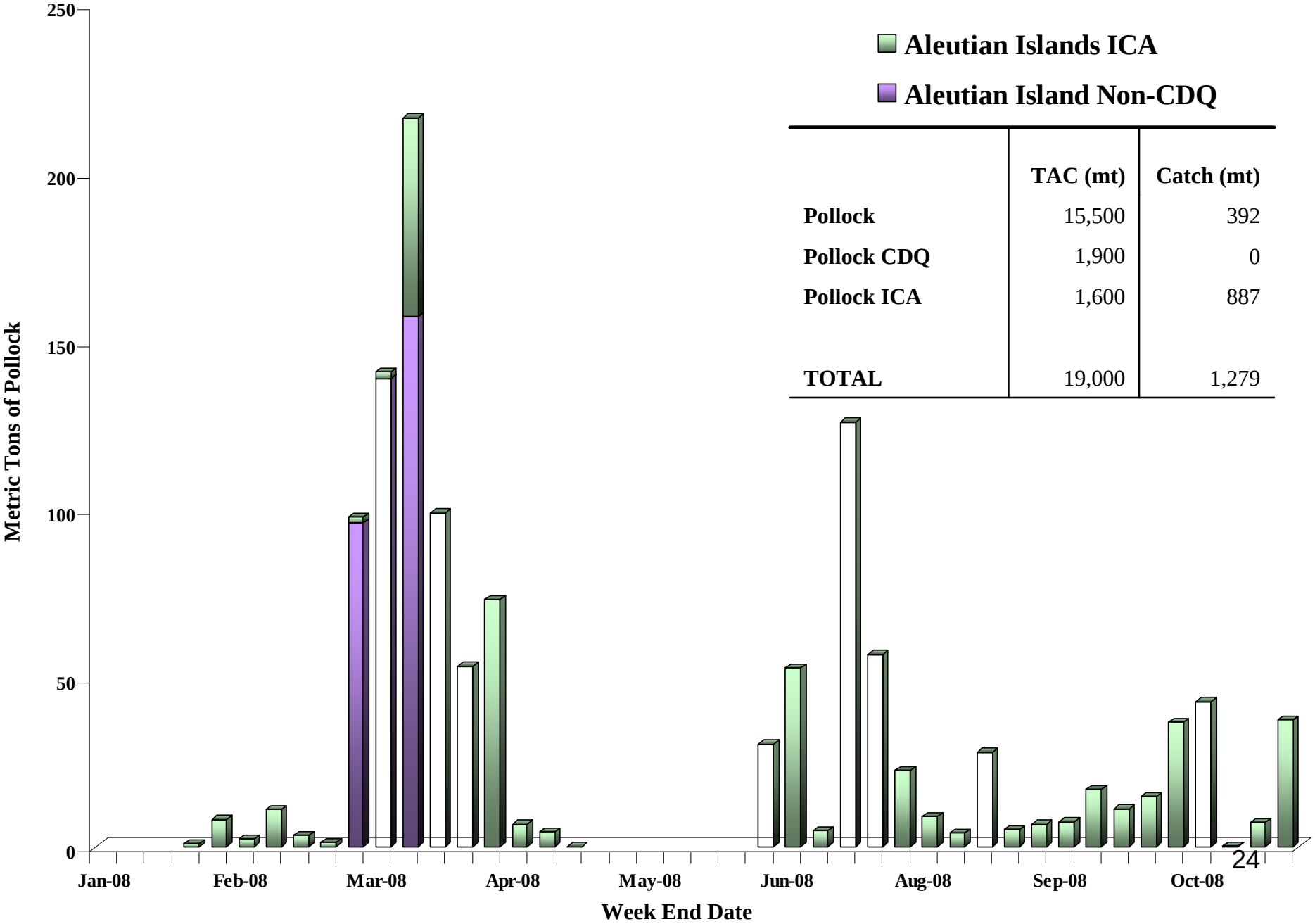
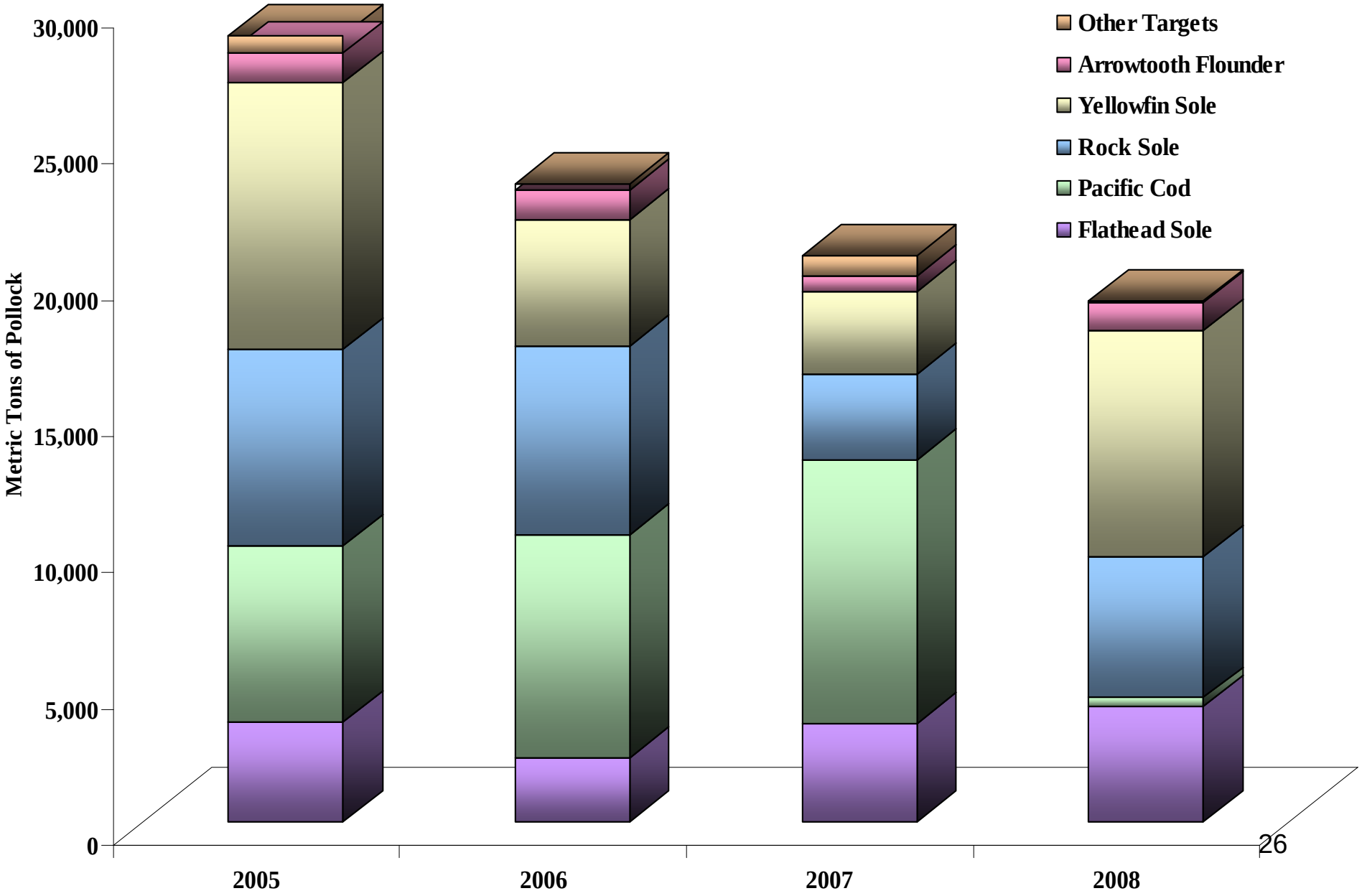


	TAC (mt)	Catch (mt)
Pollock	15,500	392
Pollock CDQ	1,900	0
Pollock ICA	1,600	887
TOTAL	19,000	1,279

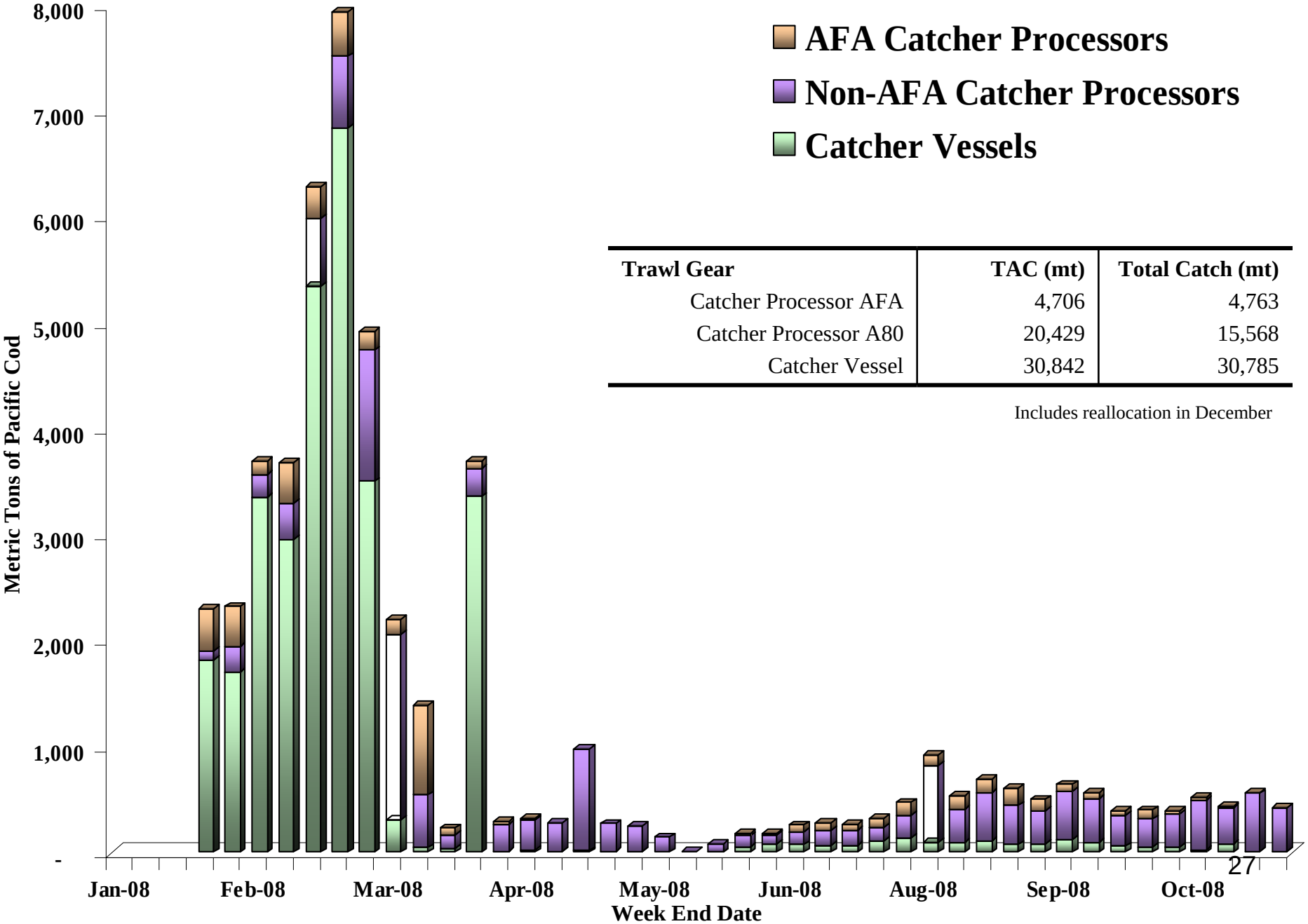
2008 Bering Sea Pollock Catch by Sector

Fishery Sector	TAC (mt)	Catch (mt)
Inshore	434,250	427,759
Catcher Processor	347,400	345,757
Mothership	86,850	86,832
Incidental Catch	31,500	29,683
CDQ	100,000	99,959
TOTAL	**1,000,000**	**989,990**

2005 - 2008 Non-AFA Trawl CP Pollock Incidental Catch by Year and Target



2008 BSAI Trawl Pacific Cod Catch



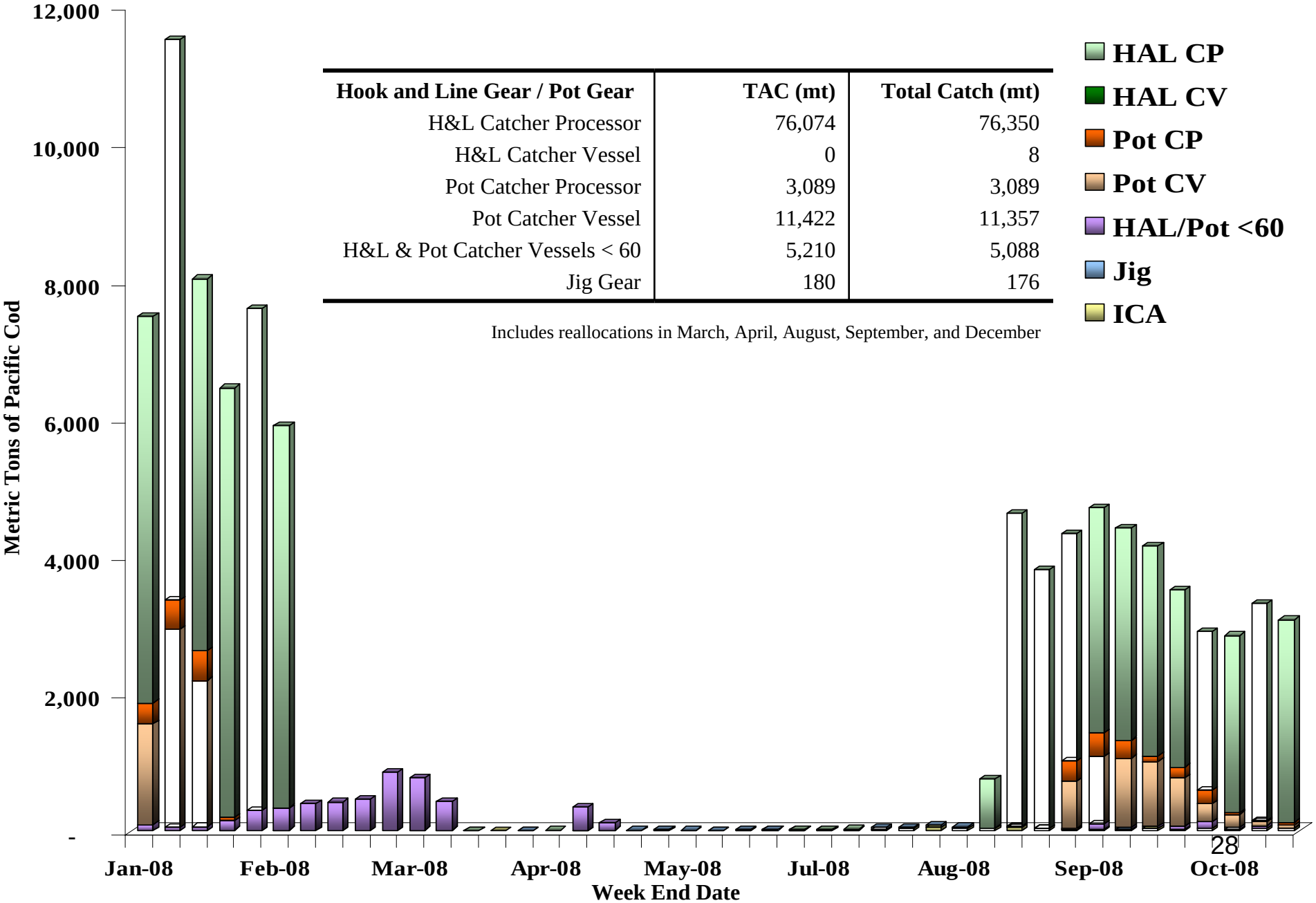
Trawl Gear	TAC (mt)	Total Catch (mt)
Catcher Processor AFA	4,706	4,763
Catcher Processor A80	20,429	15,568
Catcher Vessel	30,842	30,785

Includes reallocation in December

2008 BSAI H&L, Pot, Jig Pacific Cod Catch

Hook and Line Gear / Pot Gear	TAC (mt)	Total Catch (mt)
H&L Catcher Processor	76,074	76,350
H&L Catcher Vessel	0	8
Pot Catcher Processor	3,089	3,089
Pot Catcher Vessel	11,422	11,357
H&L & Pot Catcher Vessels < 60	5,210	5,088
Jig Gear	180	176

Includes reallocations in March, April, August, September, and December



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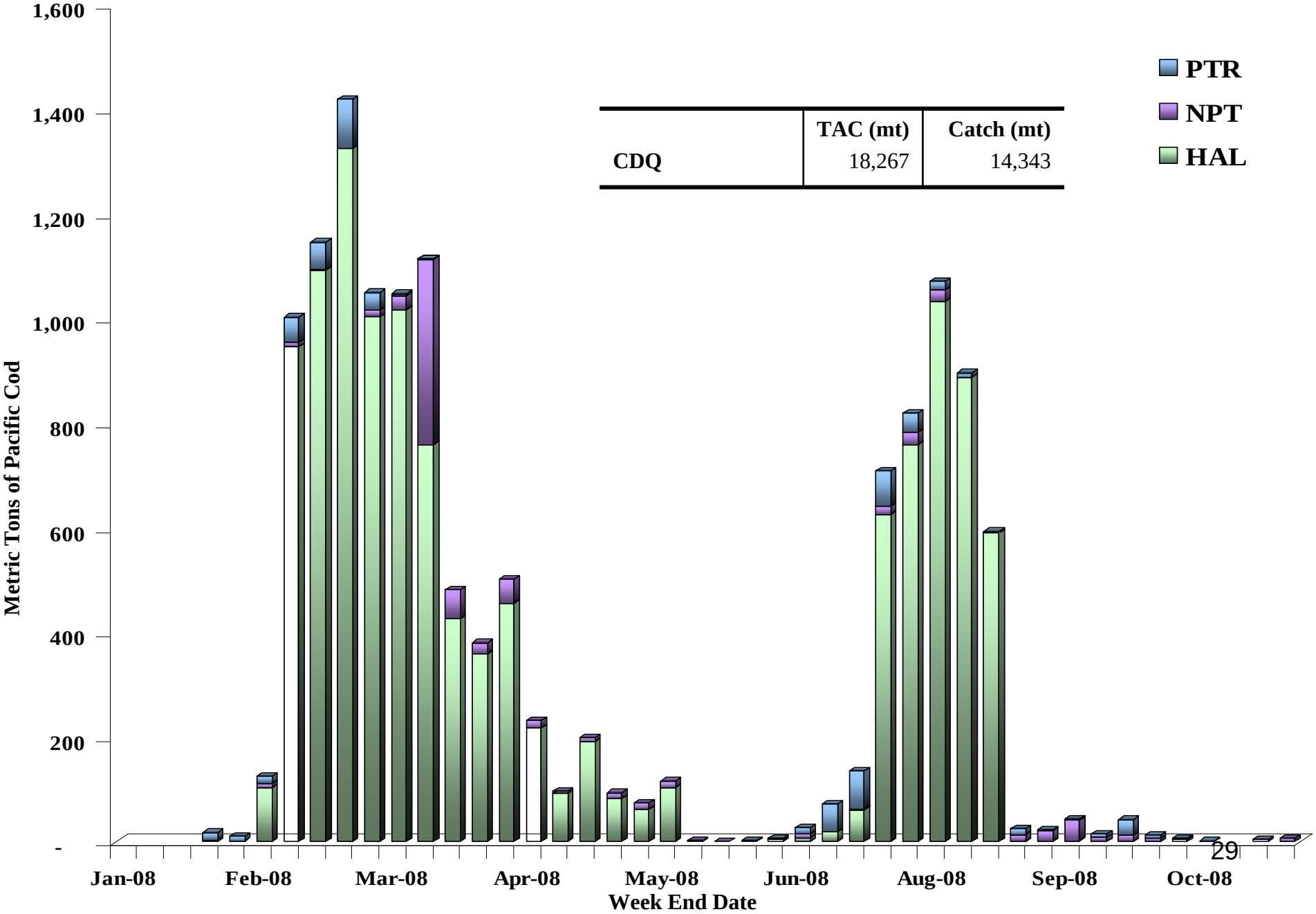


	TAC (mt)	Catch (mt)
CDQ	18,267	14,343

2008 Pacific Cod Apportionments & Catch in the BSAI

Fishery Component	TAC (mt)	Reallocations	Revised TAC	Catch (mt)
Hook and Line Gear				
Catcher Processor	73,844	2,230	76,074	76,350
Catcher Vessels >= 60 Feet LOA	303	-303	0	8
Pot Gear				
Catcher Processor	2,274	815	3,089	3,089
Catcher Vessels >= 60 Feet LOA	12,737	-1,315	11,422	11,357
Hook & Line and Pot Gear				
Catcher Vessels < 60 Feet LOA	3,033	2,177	5,210	5,088
Trawl Gear				
AFA Catcher Processor	3,506	1,200	4,706	4,763
A80 Catcher Processor	20,429		20,429	15,568
Catcher Vessel	33,692	-2,850	30,842	30,785
Jig Gear	2,134	-1,954	180	176
CDQ	18,267		18,267	14,343
TOTAL	170,220		170,220	161,527

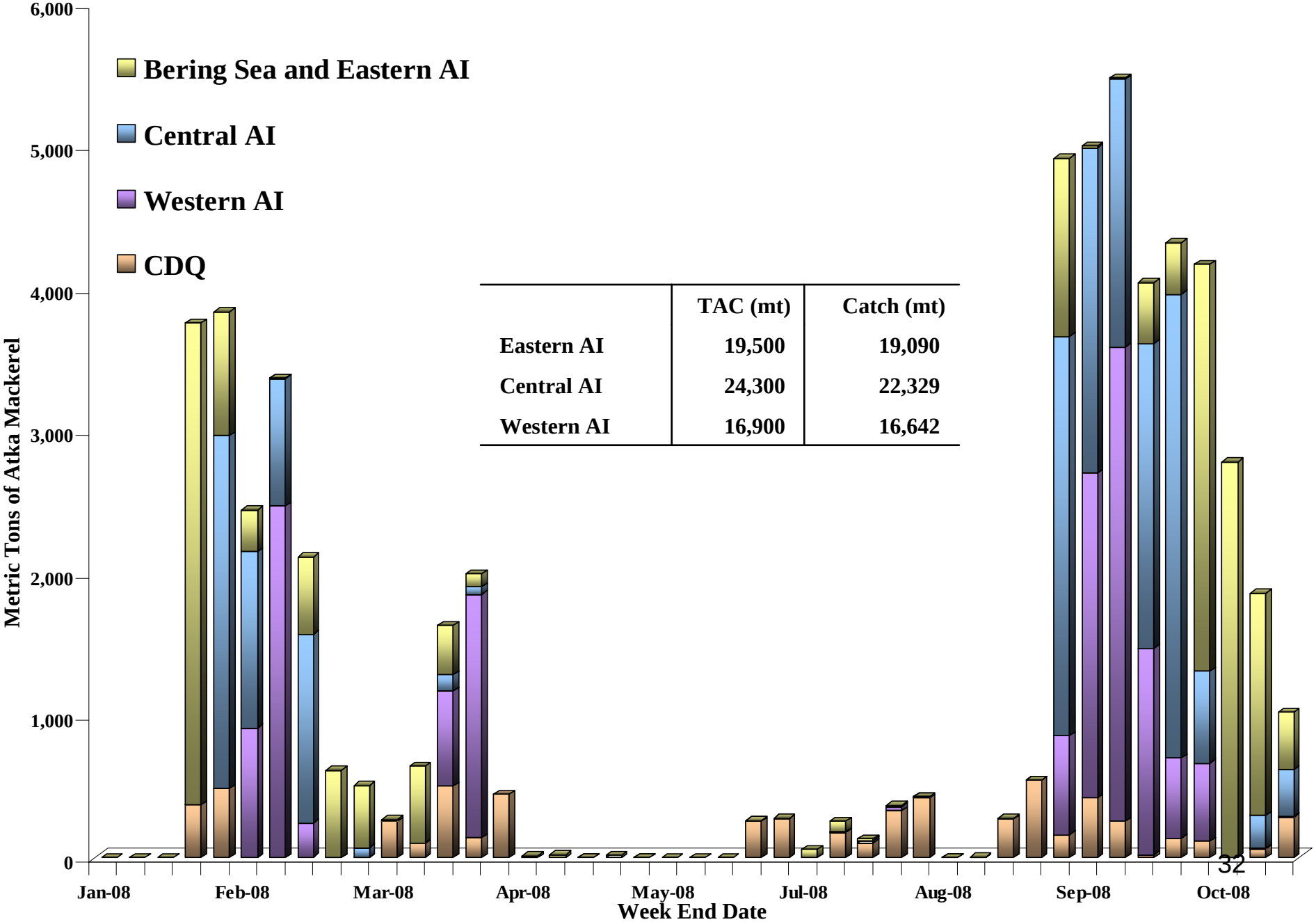
Includes reallocations in March, April, August, September, and December

2008 Non-Trawl Pacific Cod Fishery Closures in the BSAI

Hook-and-Line		**Open**	**Closed**	**Reason**
Pacific Cod				
	Catcher processors	1-Jan	8-Feb	TAC
		15-Aug	7-Nov	TAC
	Catcher vessels < 60 ft	1-Jan	21-Mar	TAC
		30-Apr	6-May	TAC
		12-Sep	Open	
	Catcher vessels >= 60 ft	1-Jan	28-Aug	TAC
Greenland Turbot (Bering Sea)		1-May	1-Aug	TAC

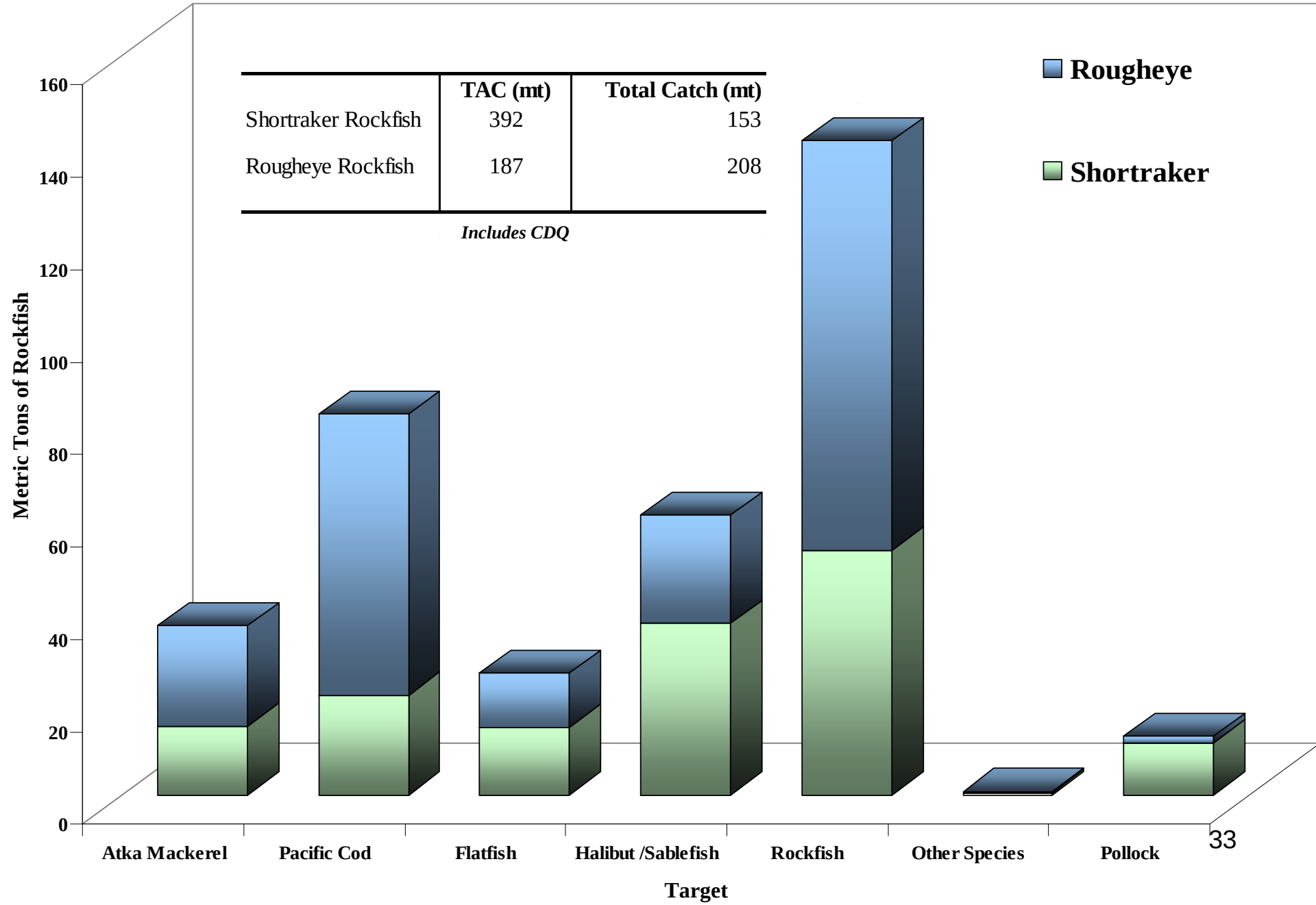
Pot		**Open**	**Closed**	**Reason**
Pacific Cod				
	Catcher processor	1-Jan	20-Jan	TAC
		1-Sep	19-Sep	TAC
	Catcher vessel < 60	1-Jan	21-Mar	TAC
		30-Apr	6-May	TAC
		12-Sep	Open	
	Catcher vessel >= 60	1-Jan	18-Jan	TAC
		1-Sep	Open	

2008 Atka Mackerel Catch by Week and Area



	TAC (mt)	Catch (mt)
Eastern AI	19,500	19,090
Central AI	24,300	22,329
Western AI	16,900	16,642

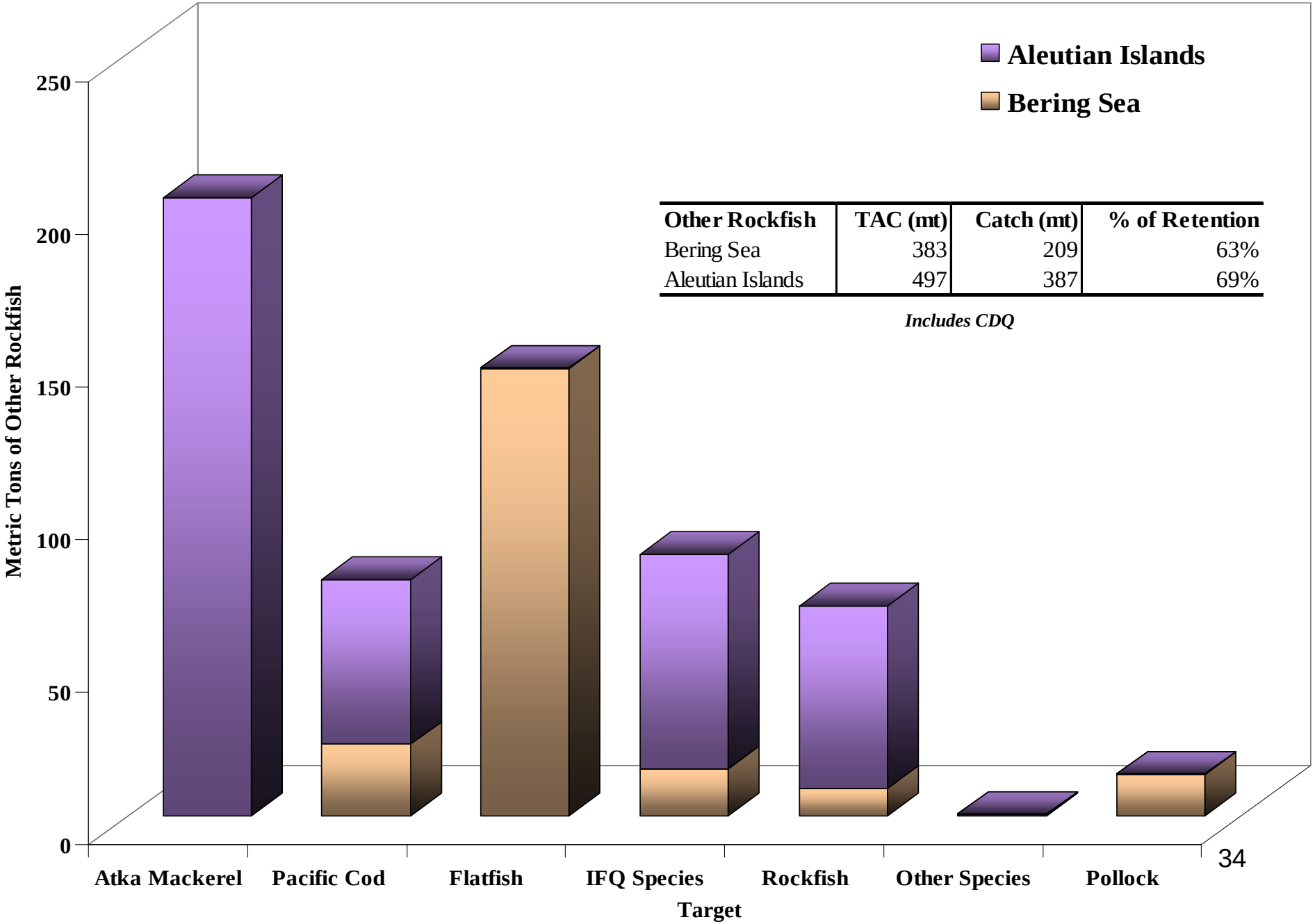
2008 BSAI Shortraker and Rougheye Rockfish Catch



	TAC (mt)	Total Catch (mt)
Shortraker Rockfish	392	153
Rougheye Rockfish	187	208

Includes CDQ

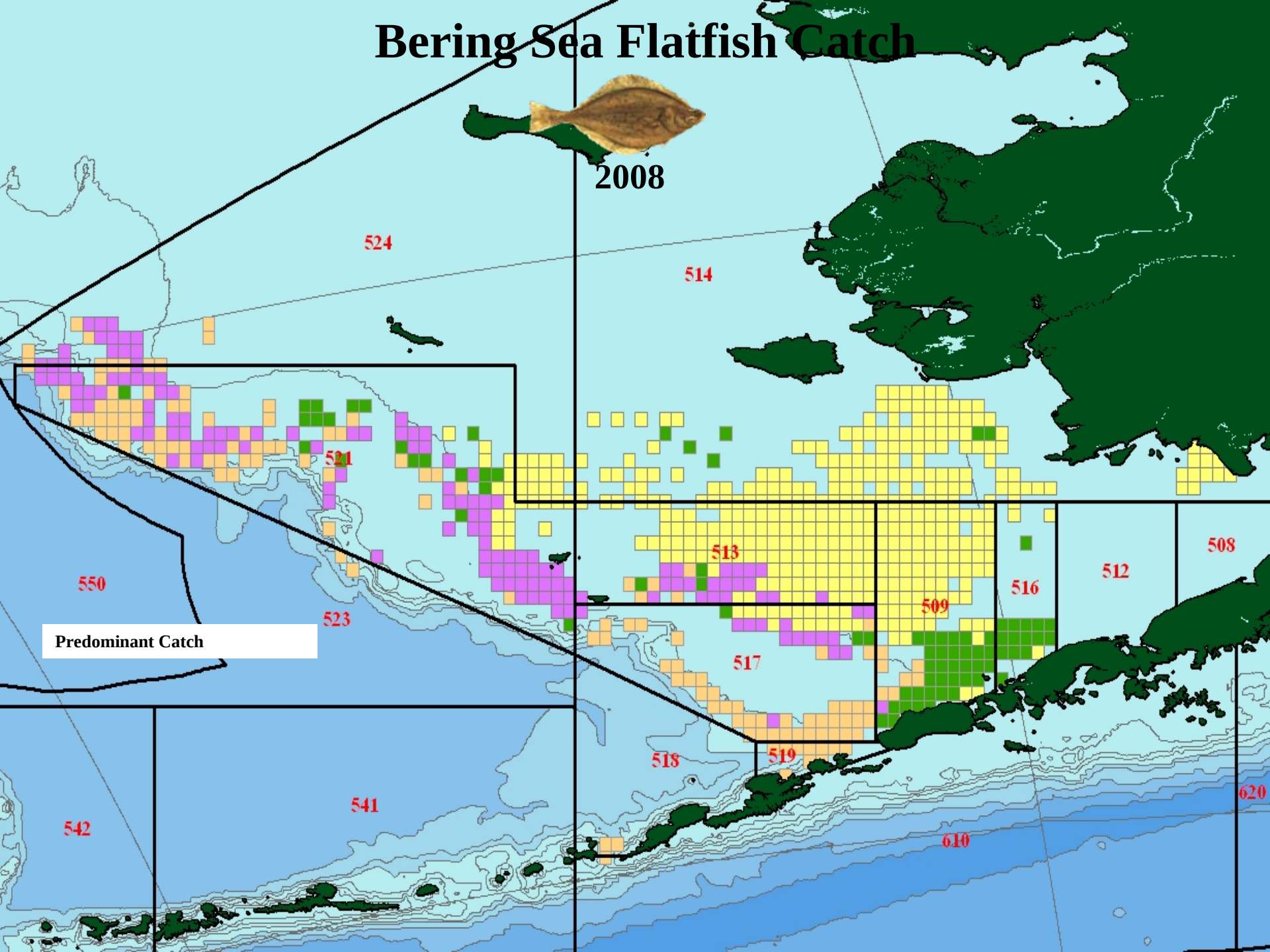
2008 BSAI Other Rockfish Catch



Other Rockfish	TAC (mt)	Catch (mt)	% of Retention
Bering Sea	383	209	63%
Aleutian Islands	497	387	69%

Includes CDQ

Bering Sea Flatfish Catch



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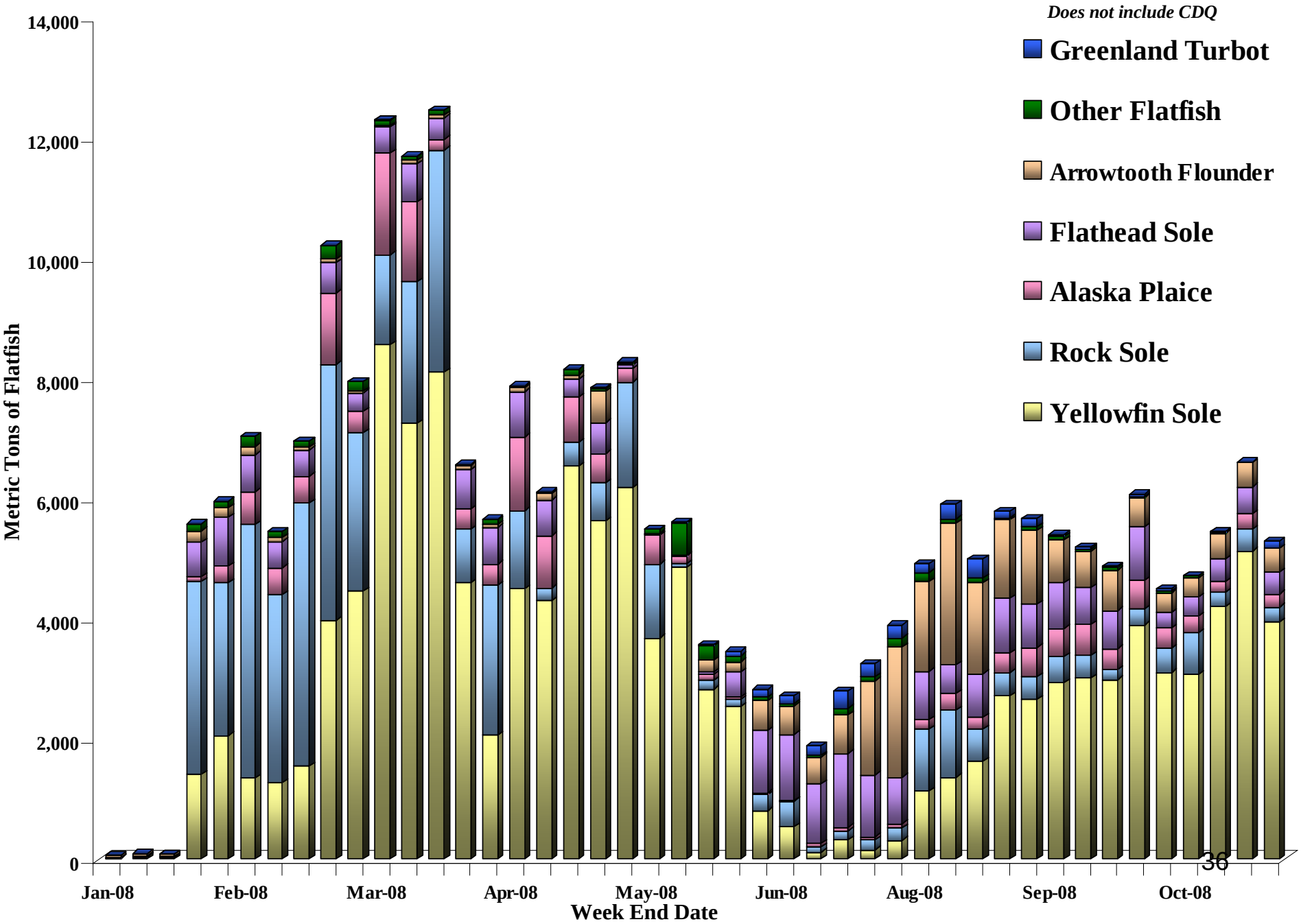
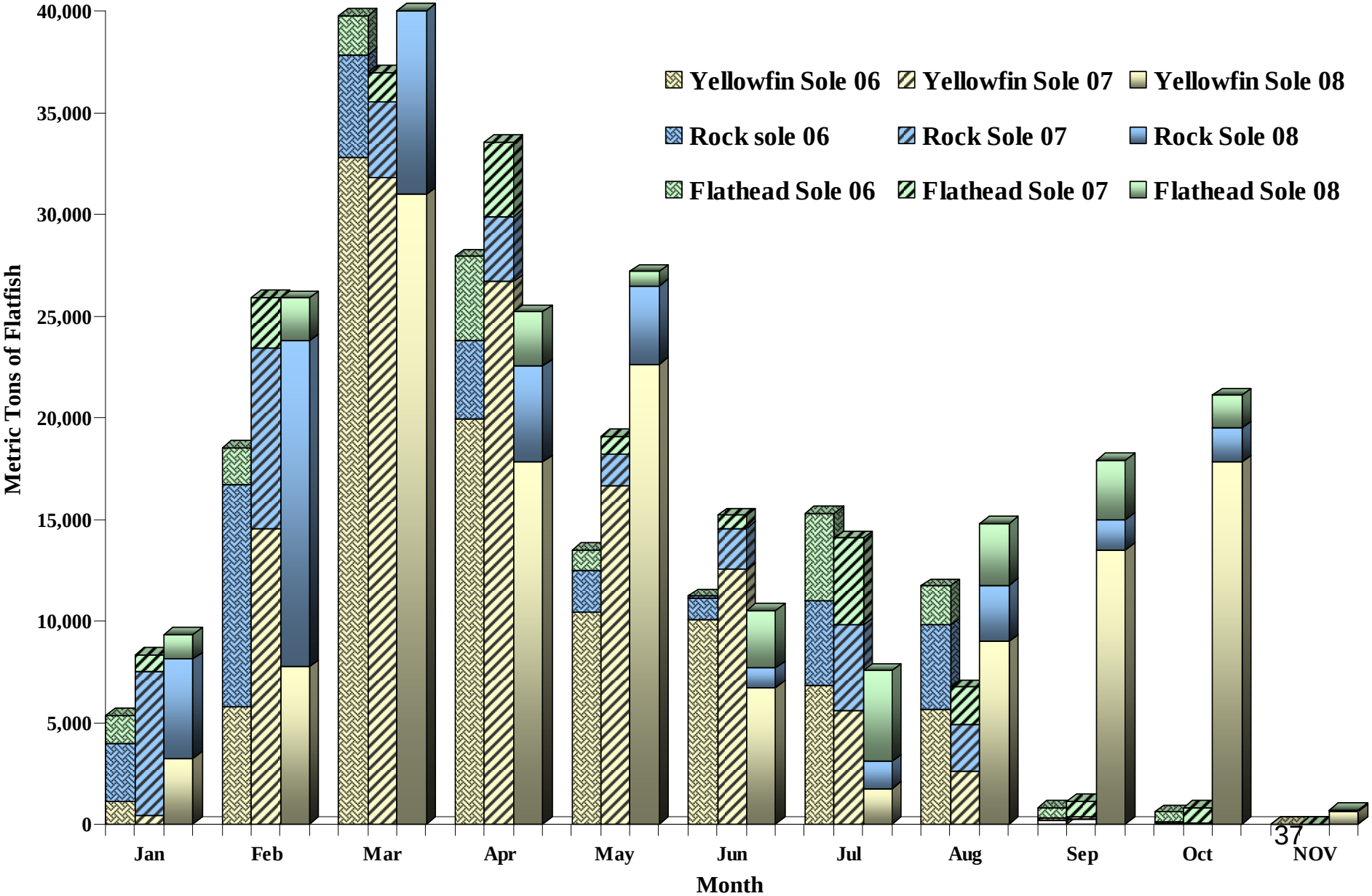


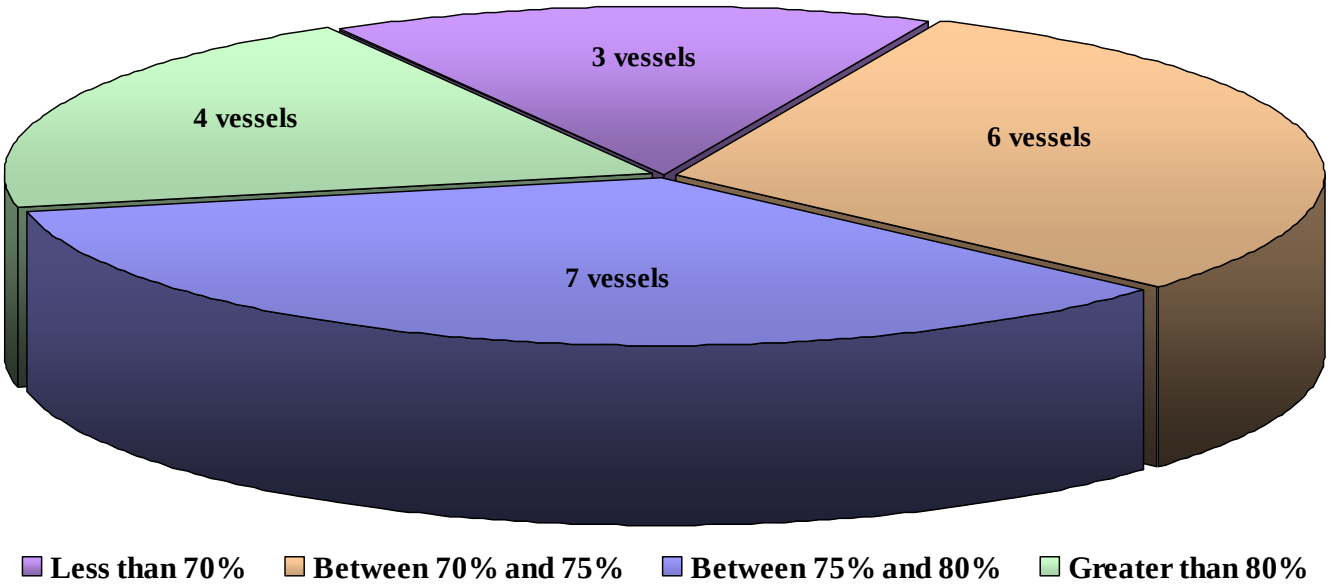
2006-2008 BSAI Yellowfin Sole, Rock Sole, and Flathead Sole Catch



2008 Flatfish Catch in the BSAI

	TAC (mt)	Total Catch (mt)	Percentage
Arrowtooth Flounder	63,750	20,925	33%
CDQ	8,025	828	10%
Flathead Sole	44,650	24,027	54%
CDQ	5,350	464	16%
"Other Flatfish" (includes CDQ)	18,360	3,620	20%
Rock Sole	66,975	49,291	74%
CDQ	8,025	1,911	24%
Alaska Plaice (includes CDQ)	42,500	17,126	40%
Yellowfin Sole	200,925	139,403	69%
CDQ	24,075	6,713	28%

2008 Groundfish Retention by the Non-AFA Trawl CP Fleet

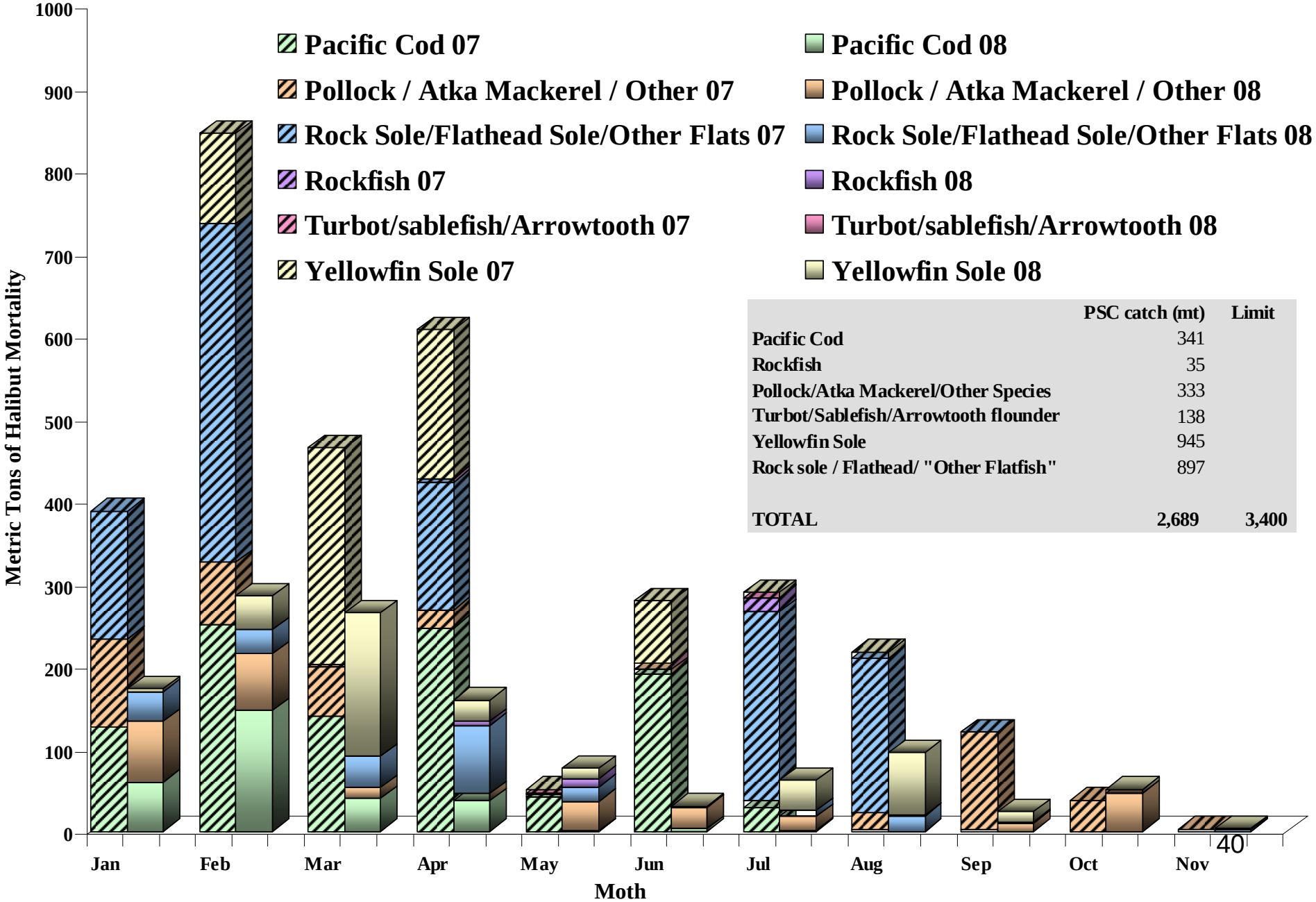


	Less than 70%	Between 70% and 75%	Between 75% and 80%	Greater than 80%
Number of Vessels	3	6	7	4
Total catch	24,204	108,905	108,762	102,499
Retained catch	16,424	79,258	83,460	85,103
Discarded catch	7,780	29,646	25,302	17,396
Percent Retained	67.9%	72.8%	76.7%	83.0%

TOTAL CATCH	RETAINED CATCH	PERCENT RETAINED
344,370	264,245	76.7%

Total catch is total observed groundfish from non-AFA trawl catcher processors
Retained catch is the round weight primary products reported on weekly/daily production reports
Discarded catch is the difference between total groundfish and retained catch
All weights in metric tons

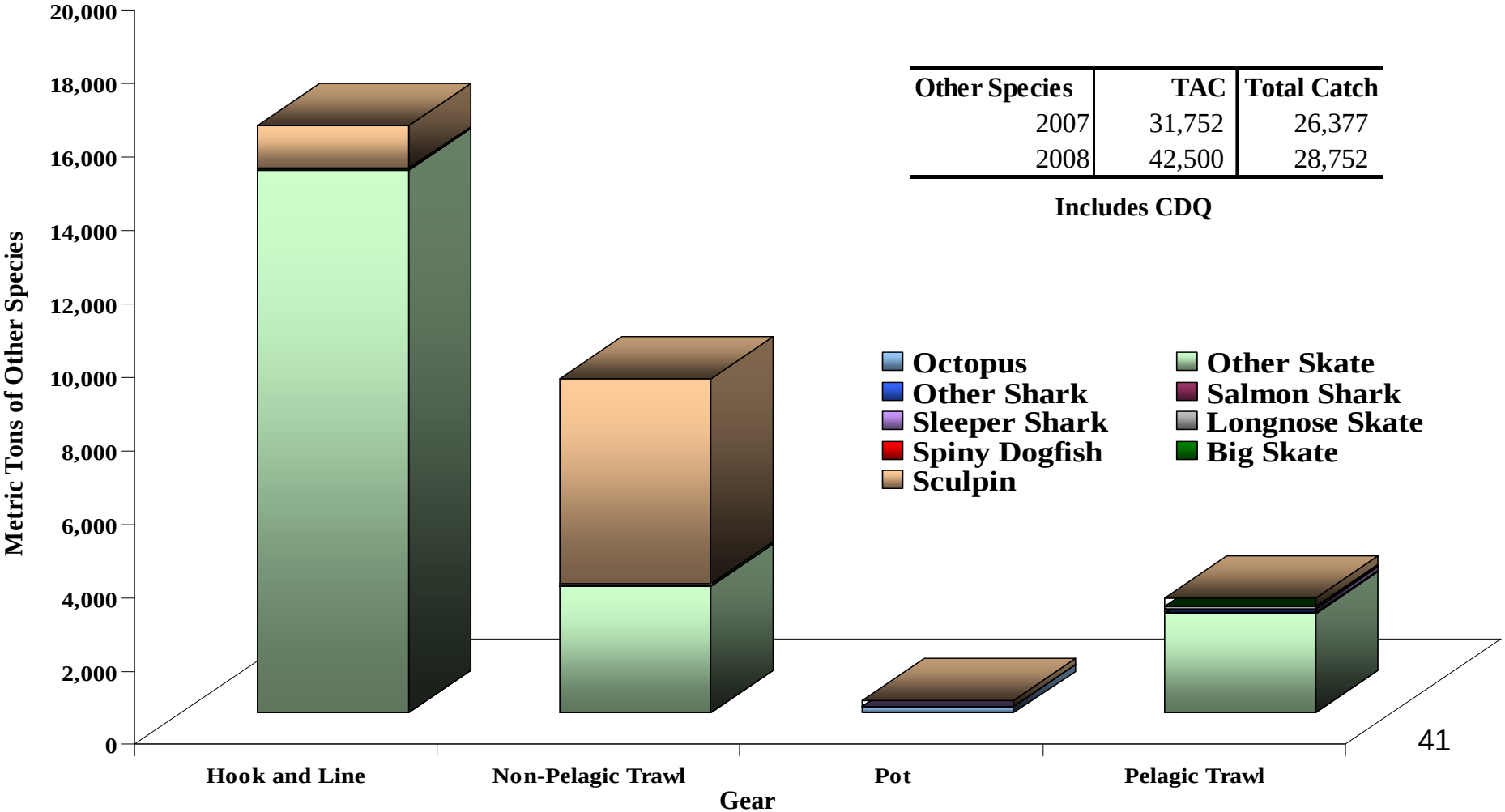
2007/2008 BSAI Trawl Halibut Mortality by Target



	PSC catch (mt)	Limit
Pacific Cod	341	
Rockfish	35	
Pollock/Atka Mackerel/Other Species	333	
Turbot/Sablefish/Arrowtooth flounder	138	
Yellowfin Sole	945	
Rock sole / Flathead/ "Other Flatfish"	897	
TOTAL	2,689	3,400

2008 BSAI Other Species by Gear

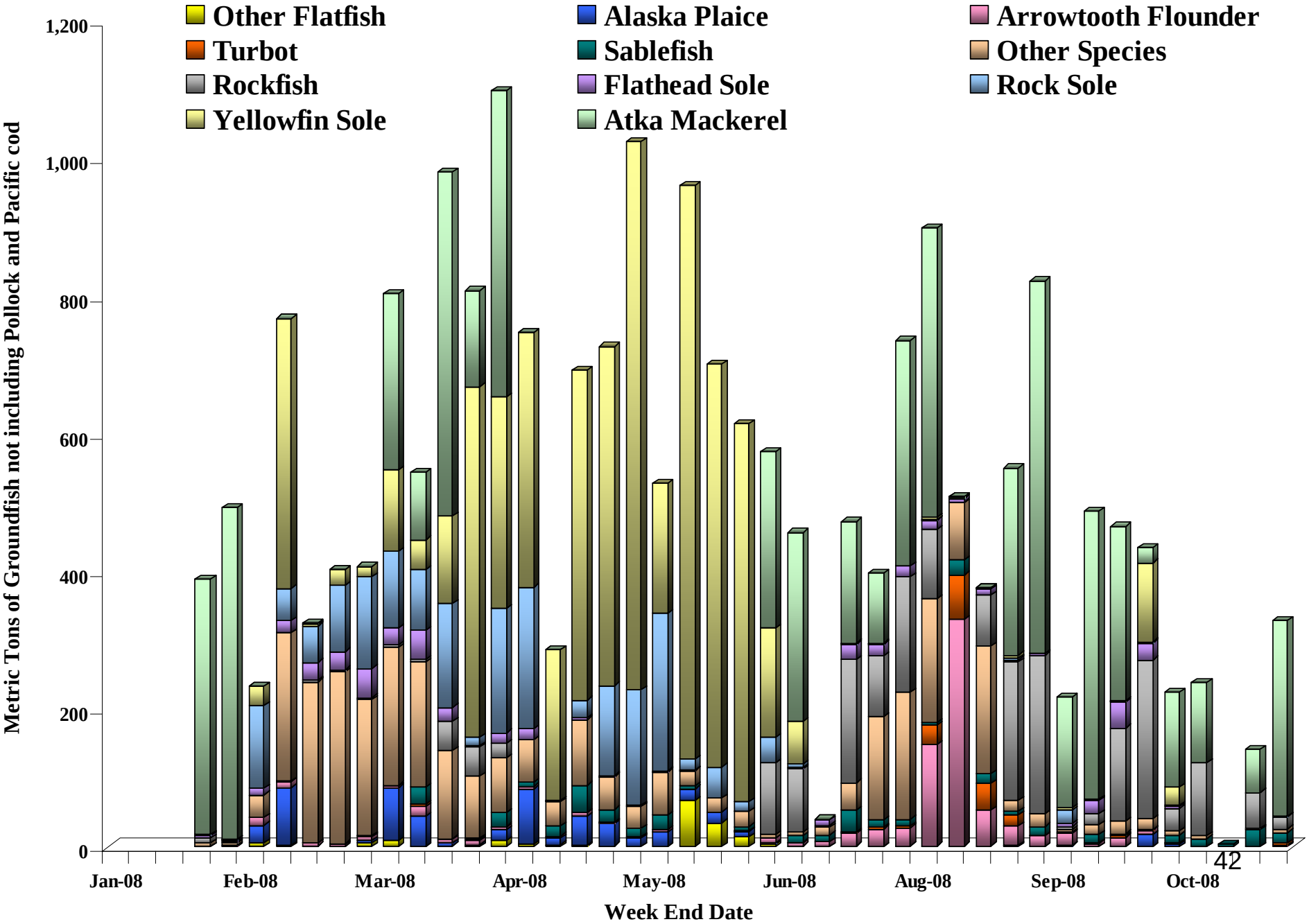
Gear	Big Skate	Longnose Skate	Other Skate	Salmon Shark	Sleeper Shark	Spiny Dogfish	Other Shark	Sculpin	Octopus
Hook and Line	24	1	14,750		14	14	1	1,169	17
Non-Pelagic Trawl	63	1	3,422	<1	9	1	<1	5,568	28
Pot			1		1			181	173
Pelagic Trawl	4	45	2,689	42	98	0	6	254	4



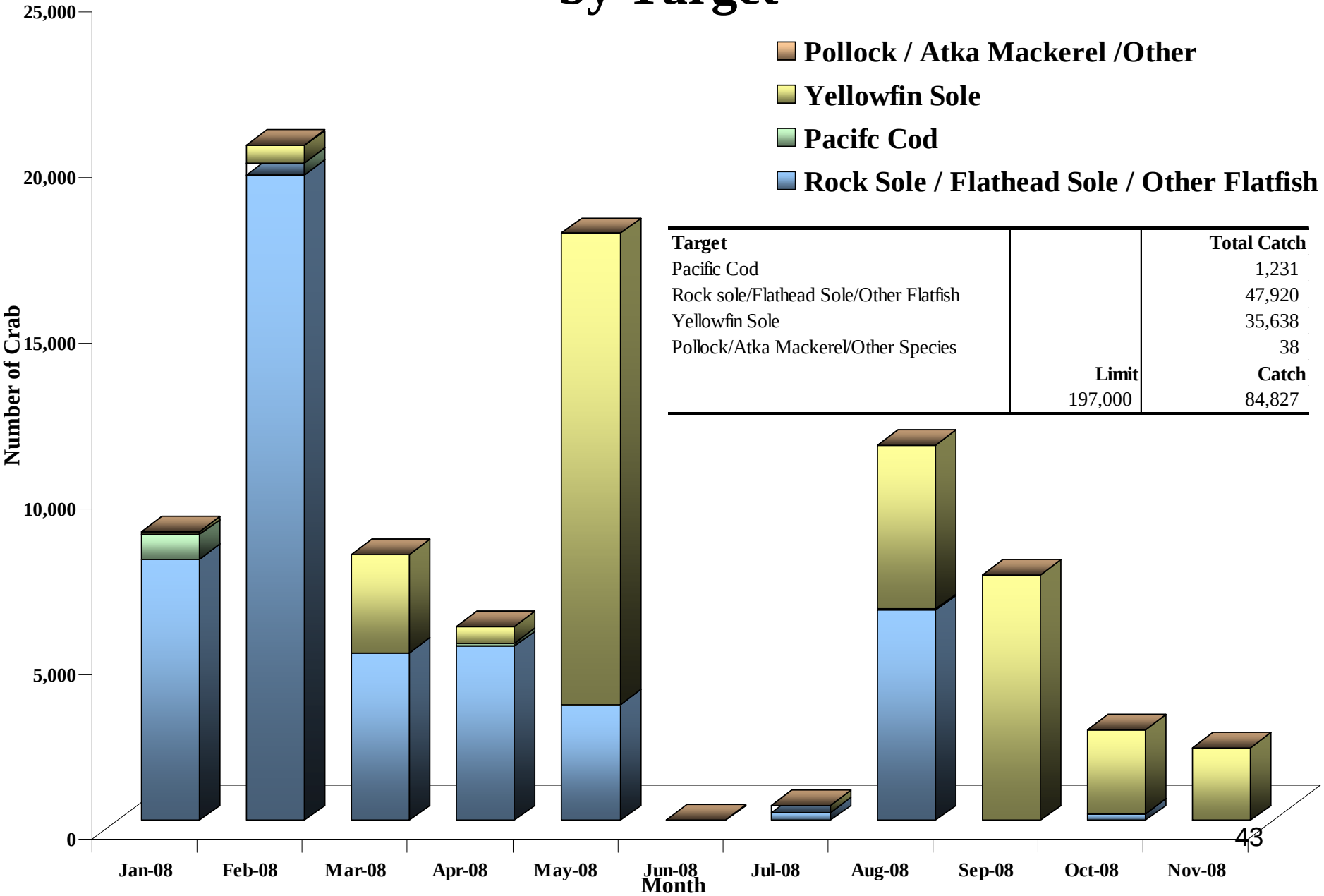
Other Species	TAC	Total Catch
2007	31,752	26,377
2008	42,500	28,752

Includes CDQ

2008 CDQ Non Pollock / Pacific Cod Catch by Species

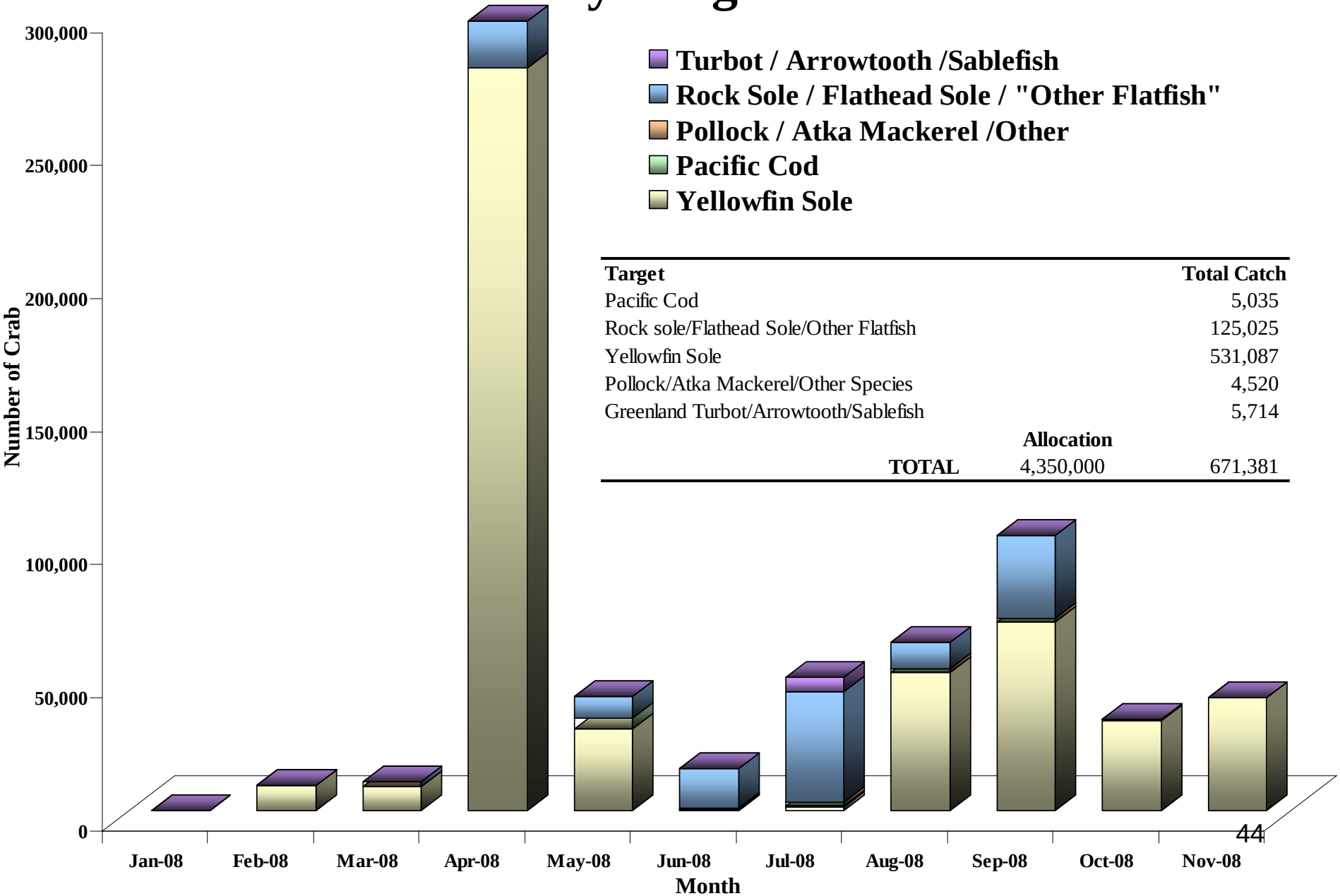


2008 Zone 1 Trawl Red King Crab Incidental Catch by Target



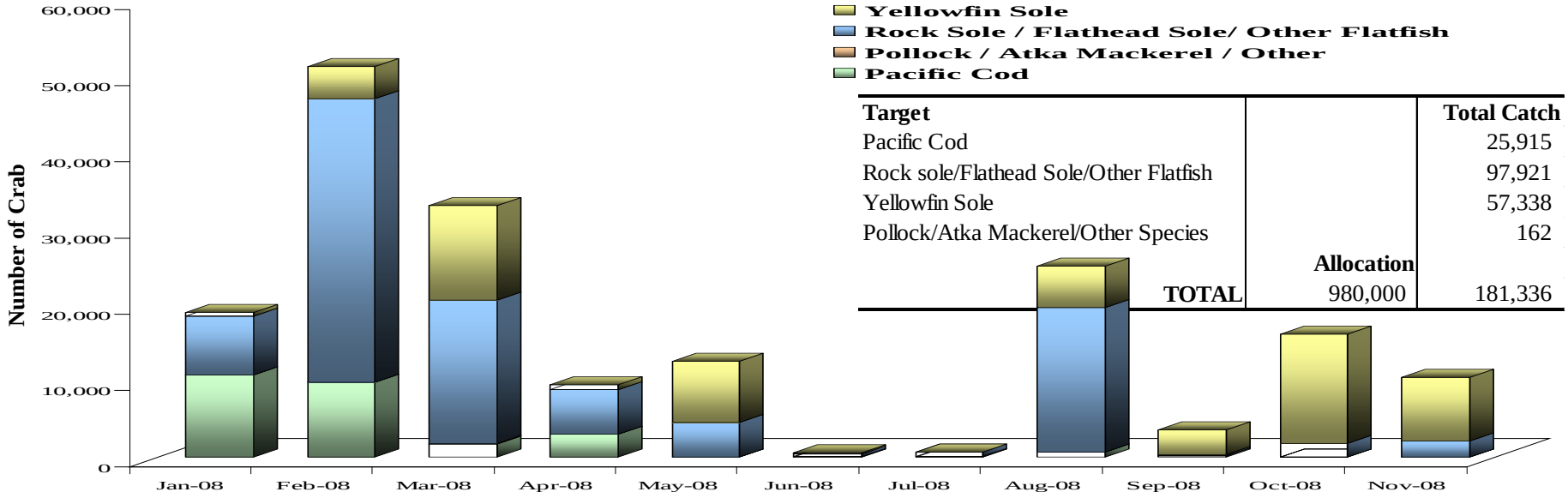
Target		Total Catch
Pacific Cod		1,231
Rock sole/Flathead Sole/Other Flatfish		47,920
Yellowfin Sole		35,638
Pollock/Atka Mackerel/Other Species		38
	Limit	Catch
	197,000	84,827

2008 COBLZ Trawl Opilio Crab Incidental Catch by Target



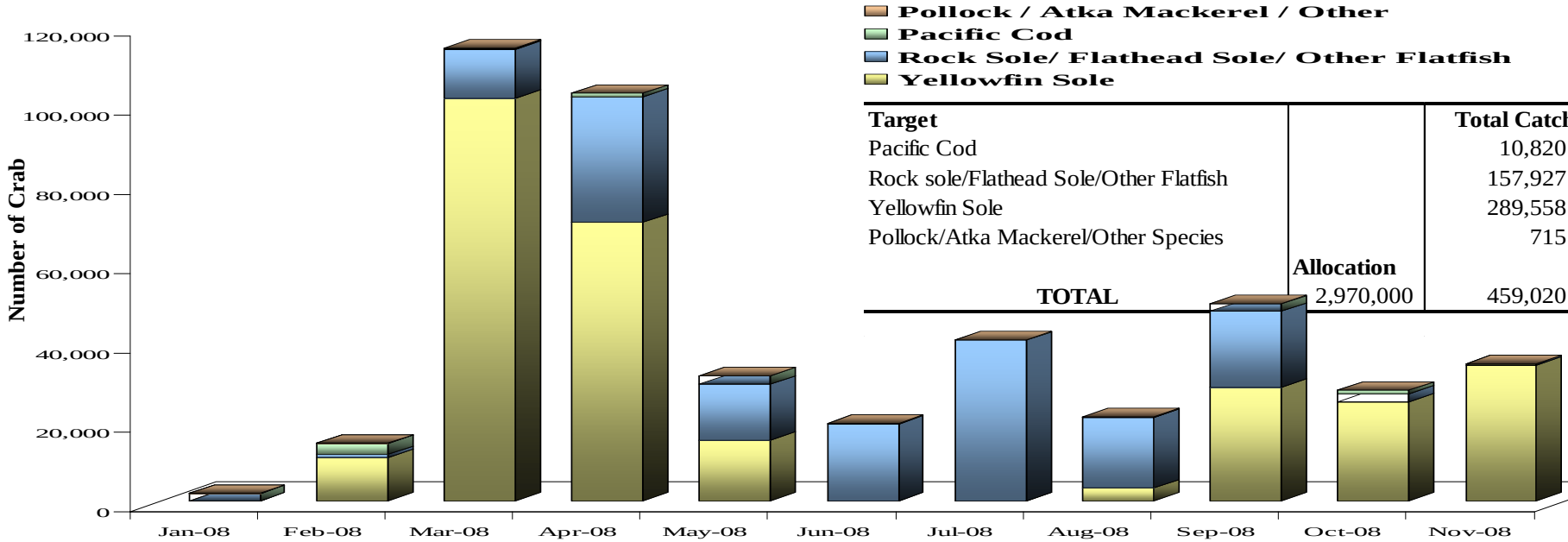
Target		Total Catch
Pacific Cod		5,035
Rock sole/Flathead Sole/Other Flatfish		125,025
Yellowfin Sole		531,087
Pollock/Atka Mackerel/Other Species		4,520
Greenland Turbot/Arrowtooth/Sablefish		5,714
	Allocation	
TOTAL	4,350,000	671,381

Zone 1 and 2 Trawl *C. bairdi* Crab Incidental Catch by Month and Target



Target		Total Catch
Pacific Cod		25,915
Rock sole/Flathead Sole/Other Flatfish		97,921
Yellowfin Sole		57,338
Pollock/Atka Mackerel/Other Species		162
	Allocation	
TOTAL	980,000	181,336

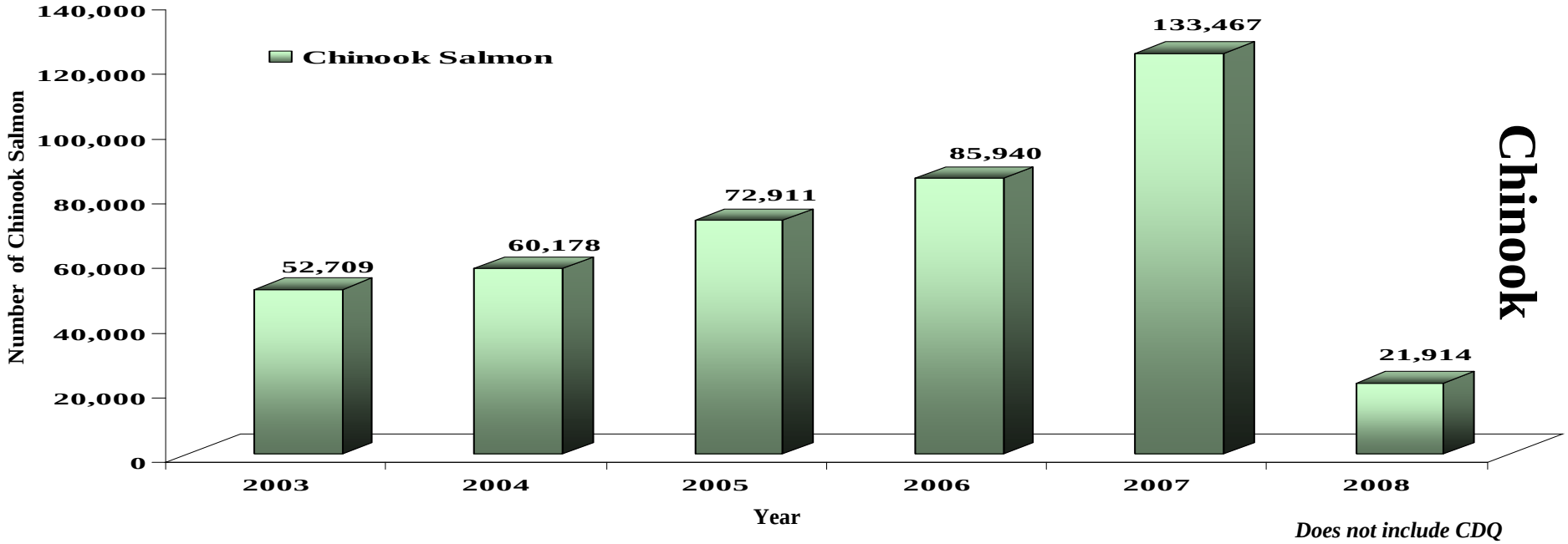
ZONE 1

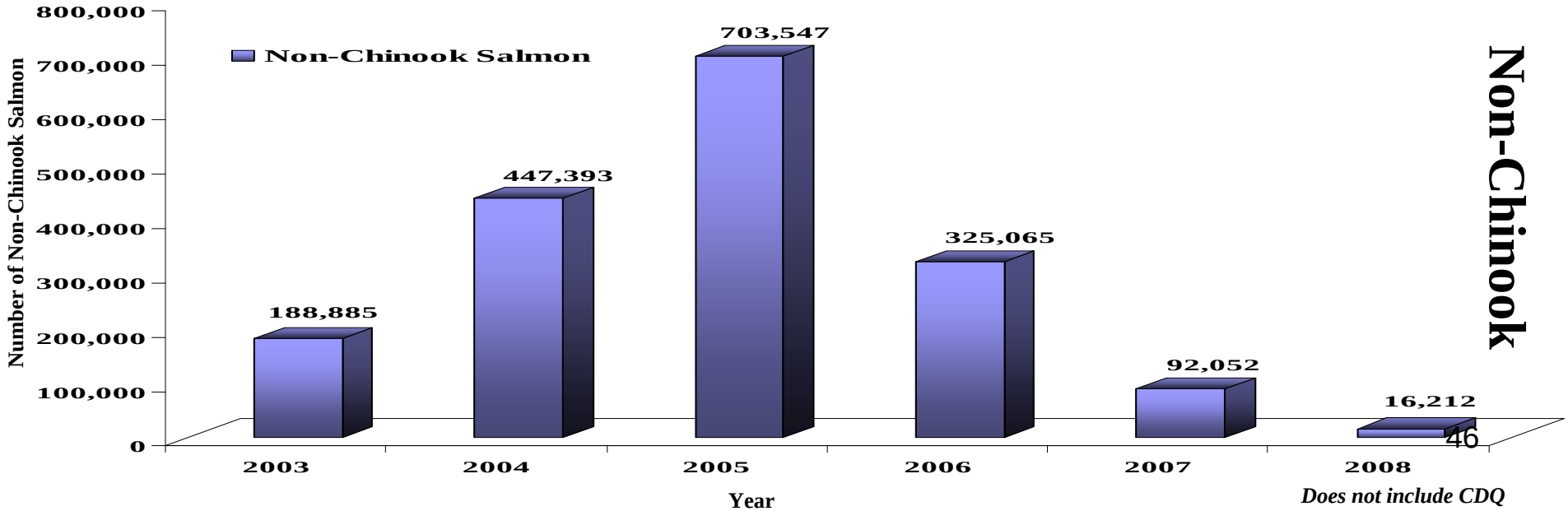


Target		Total Catch
Pacific Cod		10,820
Rock sole/Flathead Sole/Other Flatfish		157,927
Yellowfin Sole		289,558
Pollock/Atka Mackerel/Other Species		715
	Allocation	
TOTAL	2,970,000	459,020

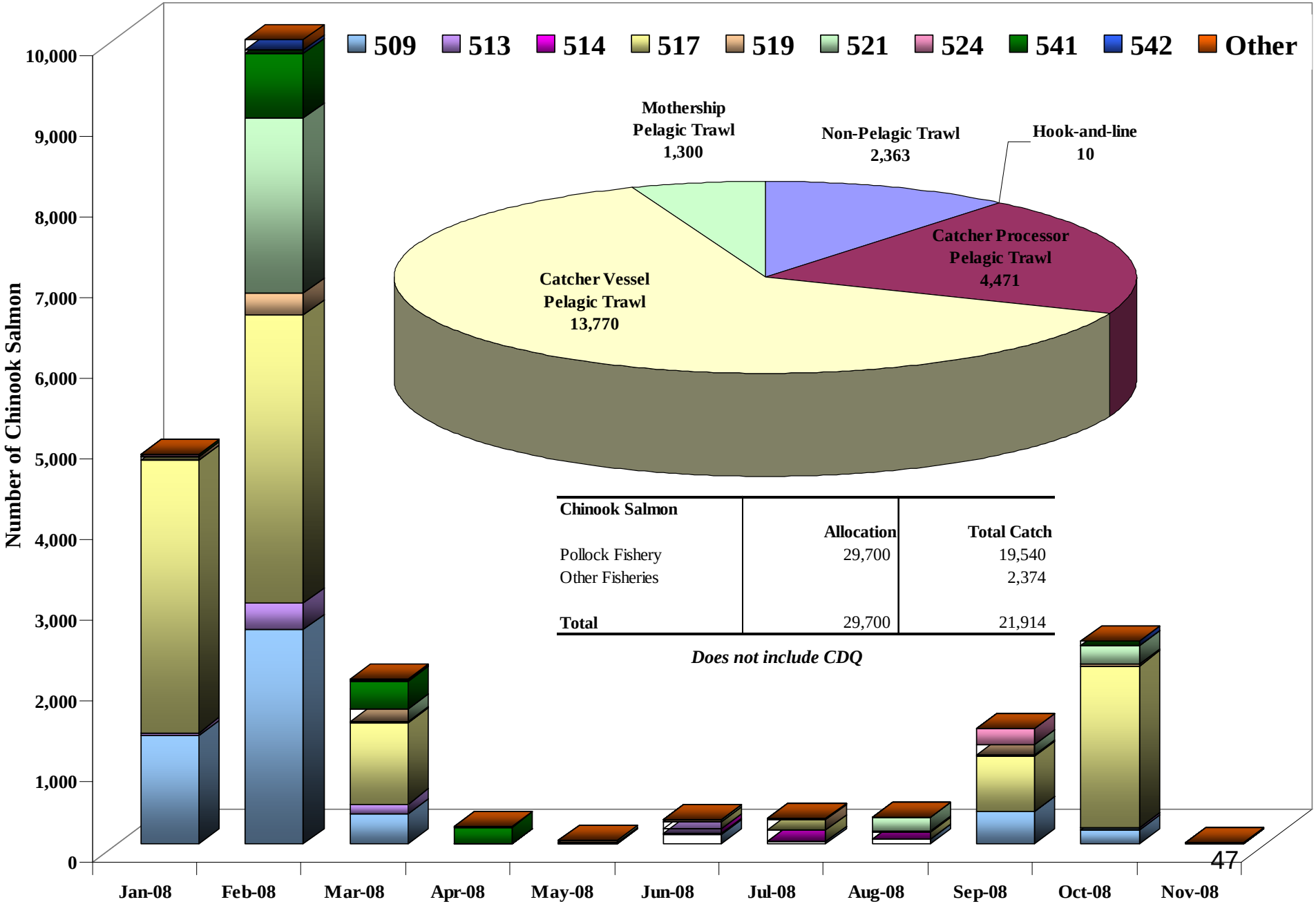
ZONE 2

2003 – 2008 Trawl BSAI Salmon Incidental Catch





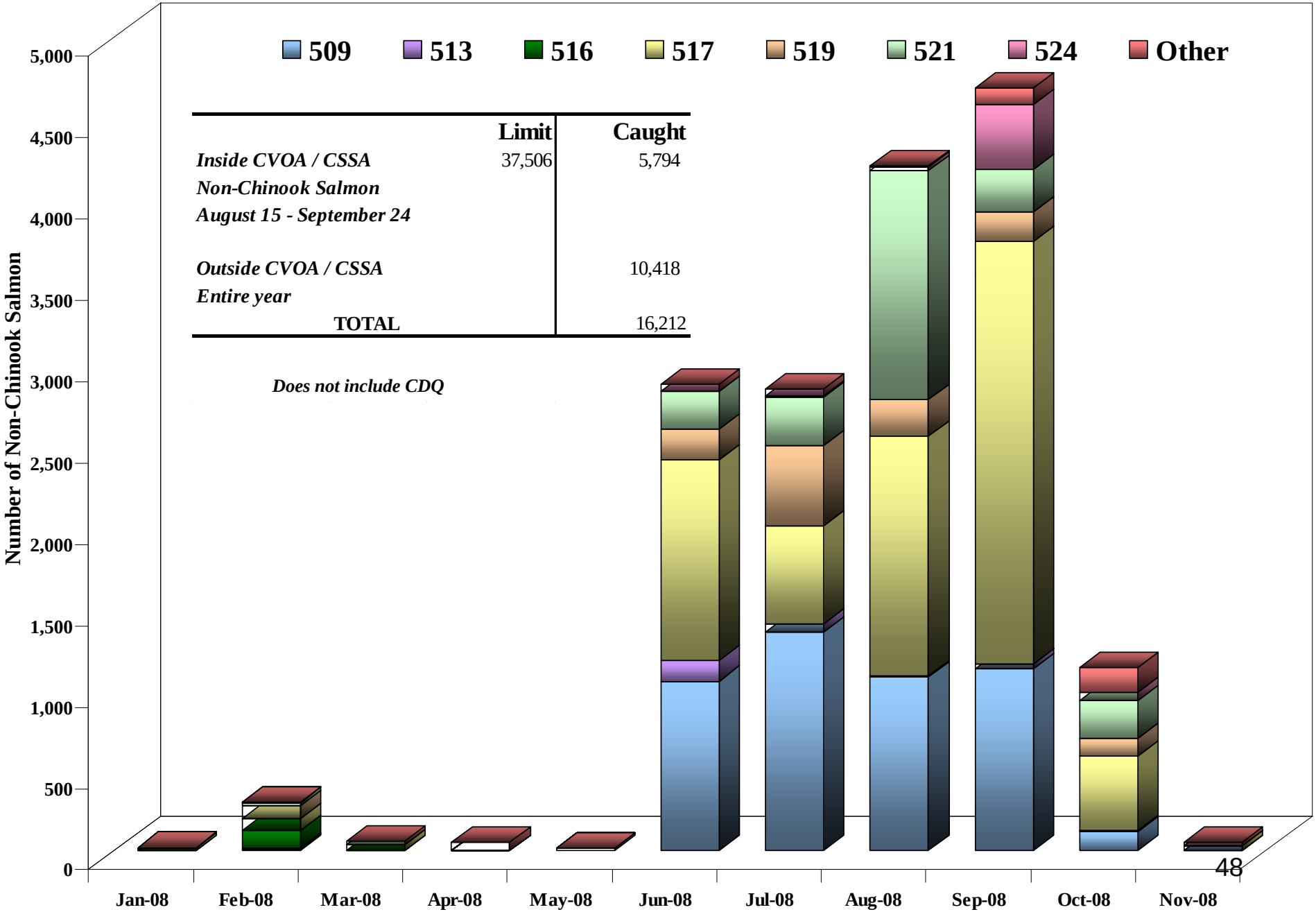
2008 Trawl Chinook Salmon Incidental Catch



Chinook Salmon	Allocation	Total Catch
Pollock Fishery	29,700	19,540
Other Fisheries		2,374
Total	29,700	21,914

Does not include CDQ

2008 Trawl Non-Chinook Salmon Incidental Catch



	Limit	Caught
Inside CVOA / CSSA	37,506	5,794
Non-Chinook Salmon		
August 15 - September 24		
Outside CVOA / CSSA		10,418
Entire year		
TOTAL		16,212