

## 2000 BSAI HARVEST SPECIFICATIONS

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Table 1. 2000 Acceptable Biological Catch (ABC),  
Total Allowable Catch (TAC), Initial Tac (ITAC), CDQ Reserve Allocation, and  
Overfishing Levels of Groundfish in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Area (BSAI)<sup>1</sup>  
[All Amounts Are in Metric Tons]

| Species                         | Area                  | Overfishing level | ABC              | TAC              | ITAC <sup>2</sup> | CDQ reserve <sup>3</sup> |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|------------------|------------------|-------------------|--------------------------|
| Pollock <sup>4</sup>            | Bering Sea (BS)       | 1,680,000         | 1,139,000        | 1,139,000        | 973,845           | 113,900                  |
|                                 | Aleutian Islands (AI) | 31,700            | 23,800           | 2,000            | 1,800             | 200                      |
|                                 | Bogoslof District     | 30,400            | 22,300           | 1,000            | 900               | 100                      |
| Pacific cod                     | BSAI                  | 240,000           | 193,000          | 193,000          | 164,050           | 14,475                   |
| Sablefish <sup>5</sup>          | BS                    | 1,750             | 1,470            | 1,470            | 624               | 202                      |
|                                 | AI                    | 3,090             | 2,430            | 2,430            | 516               | 410                      |
| Atka mackerel                   | <b>Total</b>          | <b>119,000</b>    | <b>70,800</b>    | <b>70,800</b>    | <b>60,180</b>     | <b>5,309</b>             |
|                                 | Western AI            | .....             | 29,700           | 29,700           | 25,245            | 2,227                    |
|                                 | Central AI            | .....             | 24,700           | 24,700           | 20,995            | 1,852                    |
|                                 | Eastern AI/BS         | .....             | 16,400           | 16,400           | 13,940            | 1,230                    |
| Yellowfin sole                  | BSAI                  | 226,000           | 191,000          | 123,262          | 104,773           | 9,244                    |
| Rock sole                       | BSAI                  | 273,000           | 230,000          | 134,760          | 114,546           | 10,107                   |
| Greenland turbot                | <b>Total</b>          | <b>42,000</b>     | <b>9,300</b>     | <b>9,300</b>     | <b>7,906</b>      | <b>697</b>               |
|                                 | BS                    | .....             | 6,231            | 6,231            | 5,297             | 467                      |
|                                 | AI                    | .....             | 3,069            | 3,069            | 2,609             | 230                      |
| Arrowtooth flounder             | BSAI                  | 160,000           | 131,000          | 131,000          | 111,350           | 9,825                    |
| Flathead sole                   | BSAI                  | 90,000            | 73,500           | 52,652           | 44,755            | 3,948                    |
| Other flatfish <sup>6</sup>     | BSAI                  | 141,000           | 117,000          | 83,813           | 71,242            | 6,285                    |
| Pacific ocean perch             | BS                    | 3,100             | 2,600            | 2,600            | 2,210             | 195                      |
|                                 | <b>AI Total</b>       | <b>14,400</b>     | <b>12,300</b>    | <b>12,300</b>    | <b>10,456</b>     | <b>922</b>               |
|                                 | Western AI            | .....             | 5,670            | 5,670            | 4,820             | 425                      |
|                                 | Central AI            | .....             | 3,510            | 3,510            | 2,984             | 263                      |
| Eastern AI                      | .....                 | 3,120             | 3,120            | 2,652            | 234               |                          |
| Other red rockfish <sup>7</sup> | BS                    | 259               | 194              | 194              | 165               | 14                       |
| Sharpchin/Northern              | AI                    | 6,870             | 5,150            | 5,150            | 4,378             | 386                      |
| Shorthead/roughey               | AI                    | 1,180             | 885              | 885              | 753               | 66                       |
| Other rockfish <sup>8</sup>     | BS                    | 492               | 369              | 369              | 314               | 27                       |
|                                 | AI                    | 913               | 685              | 685              | 583               | 51                       |
| Squid                           | BSAI                  | 2,620             | 1,970            | 1,970            | 1,675             | 147                      |
| Other species <sup>10</sup>     | BSAI                  | 71,500            | 31,360           | 31,360           | 26,656            | 2,352                    |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                    |                       | <b>3,139,274</b>  | <b>2,260,113</b> | <b>2,000,000</b> | <b>1,703,677</b>  | <b>178,862</b>           |

NOTES to Table 1

1. Amounts are in metric tons. These amounts apply to the entire Bering Sea (BS) and Aleutian Islands (AI) subarea unless otherwise specified. With the exception of pollock, and for the purpose of these specifications, the Bering Sea subarea includes the Bogoslof District.
2. Except for pollock and the portion of the sablefish TAC allocated to hook-and-line and pot gear, 15 percent of each TAC is put into a **reserve**. The ITAC for each species is the remainder of the TAC after the subtraction of these reserves.
3. Except for pollock and the hook-and-line or pot gear allocation of sablefish, one half of the amount of the TACs placed in reserve, or 7.5 percent of the TACs, is designated as a **CDQ reserve** for use by CDQ participants (see § 679.31(a)(1)).  
  
Fifteen percent of the groundfish CDQ reserve established for arrowtooth flounder and "other species" is allocated to a **non-specific CDQ reserve** found at § 679.31(g).
4. The **AFA** requires that 10 percent of the annual pollock TAC be allocated as a directed fishing allowance for the CDQ sector. Then, NMFS is subtracting 5 percent of the remainder as an incidental catch allowance for pollock, which is not apportioned by season or area.  
  
The remainder of this amount is further allocated by sector as follows:  
    inshore, 50 percent;  
    catcher/processor, 40 percent; and  
    motherships, 10 percent.  
NMFS, under regulations at § 679.20(a)(5)(i)(B), allocates zero mt of pollock for directed fishing by vessels using nonpelagic trawl gear. This action is based on Council intent to prohibit the use of nonpelagic trawl gear in the directed pollock fishery in 2000 because of concerns of unnecessary incidental catch with bottom trawl gear in the pollock fishery.
5. Regulations at § 679.20(b)(1) do not provide for the establishment of an ITAC for the hook-and-line and pot gear allocation for sablefish. The **ITAC for sablefish** reflected in Table 1 is for trawl gear only. Twenty percent of the sablefish TAC allocated to hook-and-line gear or pot gear is reserved for use by CDQ participants (see § 679.31(c)).
6. "**Other flatfish**" includes all flatfish species, except for Pacific halibut (a prohibited species), flathead sole, Greenland turbot, rock sole, yellowfin sole, and arrowtooth flounder.
7. "**Other red rockfish**" includes shortraker, rougheye, sharpchin, and northern rockfish.
8. "**Other rockfish**" includes all *Sebastes* and *Sebastolobus* species except for Pacific ocean perch, sharpchin, northern, shortraker, and rougheye rockfish.
9. "**Other species**" includes sculpins, sharks, skates and octopus. Forage fish, as defined at § 679.2 are not included in the "other species" category.