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**Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic
Zone Off Alaska; Bering Sea and
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Harvest Specifications for Groundfish***Correction*In rule document 2023-04877
beginning on page 14926 in the issue ofFriday, March 10, 2023, make the
following corrections:1. Table 1, beginning on page 14928,
should appear as follows:**TABLE 1—FINAL 2023 OVERFISHING LEVEL (OFL), ACCEPTABLE BIOLOGICAL CATCH (ABC), TOTAL ALLOWABLE CATCH
(TAC), INITIAL TAC (ITAC), CDQ RESERVE ALLOCATION, AND NON-SPECIFIED RESERVES OF GROUNDFISH IN THE BSAI ¹**

[Amounts are in metric tons]

Species	Area	2023					
		OFL	ABC	TAC	ITAC ²	CDQ ³	Nonspecified reserves
Pollock ⁴	BS	3,381,000	1,910,000	1,300,000	1,170,000	130,000	
	AI	52,383	43,413	19,000	17,100	1,900	
	Bogoslof	115,146	86,360	300	300		
Pacific cod ⁵	BS	172,495	144,834	127,409	113,776	13,633	
	AI	18,416	13,812	8,425	7,524	901	
Sablefish ⁶	Alaska-wide	47,390	40,502	n/a	n/a	n/a	
	BS	n/a	8,417	7,996	6,597	1,099	300
	AI	n/a	8,884	8,440	6,858	1,424	158
Yellowfin sole	BSAI	404,882	378,499	230,000	205,390	24,610	
Greenland turbot	BSAI	4,645	3,960	3,960	3,366	n/a	
	BS	n/a	3,338	3,338	2,837	357	144
	AI	n/a	622	622	529		93
Arrowtooth flounder	BSAI	98,787	83,852	15,000	12,750	1,605	645
Kamchatka flounder	BSAI	8,946	7,579	7,579	6,442		1,137
Rock sole ⁷	BSAI	166,034	121,719	66,000	58,938	7,062	
Flathead sole ⁸	BSAI	79,256	65,344	35,500	31,702	3,799	
Alaska plaice	BSAI	40,823	33,946	17,500	14,875		2,625
Other flatfish ⁹	BSAI	22,919	17,189	4,500	3,825		675
Pacific ocean perch	BSAI	50,133	42,038	37,703	33,157	n/a	
	BS	n/a	11,903	11,903	10,118		1,785
	EAI	n/a	8,152	8,152	7,280	872	
	CAI	n/a	5,648	5,648	5,044	604	
	WAI	n/a	16,335	12,000	10,716	1,284	
	BSAI	22,776	18,687	11,000	9,350		1,650
Blackspotted/Rougheye rockfish ¹⁰	BSAI	703	525	525	446		79
	BS/EAI	n/a	359	359	305		54
	CAI/WAI	n/a	166	166	141		25
Shortraker rockfish	BSAI	706	530	530	451		80
Other rockfish ¹¹	BSAI	1,680	1,260	1,260	1,071		189
	BS	n/a	880	880	748		132
	AI	n/a	380	380	323		57
Atka mackerel	BSAI	118,787	98,588	69,282	61,869	7,413	
	BS/EAI	n/a	43,281	27,260	24,343	2,917	
	CAI	n/a	17,351	17,351	15,494	1,857	
	WAI	n/a	37,956	24,671	22,031	2,640	
Skates	BSAI	46,220	38,605	27,441	23,325		4,116
Sharks	BSAI	689	450	250	213		38
Octopuses	BSAI	4,769	3,576	400	340		60
Total		4,859,585	3,155,268	2,000,000	1,789,662	196,564	13,773

Note: Regulatory areas and districts are defined at § 679.2 (BSAI=Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands management area, BS=Bering Sea sub-area, AI=Aleutian Islands subarea, EAI=Eastern Aleutian district, CAI=Central Aleutian district, WAI=Western Aleutian district).¹ These amounts apply to the entire BSAI management area unless otherwise specified. With the exception of pollock, and for the purpose of these harvest specifications, the Bering Sea subarea (BS) includes the Bogoslof District.

² Except for pollock, the portion of the sablefish TAC allocated to fixed gear, and Amendment 80 species (Atka mackerel, yellowfin sole, rock sole, flathead sole, Pacific cod, and Aleutian Islands Pacific ocean perch), 15 percent of each TAC is placed into a non-specified reserve (§ 679.20(b)(1)(i)). The ITAC for these species is the remainder of the TAC after the subtraction of these reserves. For pollock and Amendment 80 species, ITAC is the non-CDQ allocation of TAC (see footnotes 3 and 4).

³ For the Amendment 80 species (Atka mackerel, flathead sole, rock sole, yellowfin sole, Pacific cod, and Aleutian Islands Pacific ocean perch), 10.7 percent of the TAC is reserved for use by CDQ participants (see §§ 679.20(b)(1)(ii)(C)). 20 percent of the sablefish TAC allocated to fixed gear, 7.5 percent of the sablefish TAC allocated to trawl gear, and 10.7 percent of the TACs for Bering Sea Greenland turbot and arrowtooth flounder are reserved for use by CDQ participants (see § 679.20(b)(1)(ii)(B) and (D)). Aleutian Islands Greenland turbot, "other flatfish," Alaska plaice, Bering Sea Pacific ocean perch, Kamchatka flounder, northern rockfish, shortraker rockfish, blackspotted/rougheye rockfish, "other rockfish," skates, sharks, and octopuses are not allocated to the CDQ program.

⁴ Under § 679.20(a)(5)(i)(A), the annual BS pollock TAC, after subtracting first for the CDQ directed fishing allowance (10 percent) and second for the incidental catch allowance (50,000 mt), is further allocated by sector for a pollock directed fishery as follows: inshore—50 percent; catcher/processor—40 percent; and motherships—10 percent. Under § 679.20(a)(5)(iii)(B)(2), the annual AI pollock TAC, after subtracting first for the CDQ directed fishing allowance (10 percent) and second for the incidental catch allowance (2,500 mt), is allocated to the Aleut Corporation for a pollock directed fishery.

⁵ The BS Pacific cod TAC is set to account for the 12 percent, plus 45 mt, of the BS ABC for the State of Alaska's (State) guideline harvest level in State waters of the BS. The AI Pacific cod TAC is set to account for 39 percent of the AI ABC for the State guideline harvest level in State waters of the AI.

⁶ The sablefish OFL and ABC are Alaska-wide and include the Gulf of Alaska. The Alaska-wide sablefish OFL and ABC are included in the total OFL and ABC. The BS and AI sablefish TACs are set to account for the 5 percent of the BS and AI ABC for the State of Alaska's (State) guideline harvest level in State waters of the BS and AI.

⁷ "Rock sole" includes *Lepidopsetta polyxystra* (Northern rock sole) and *Lepidopsetta bilineata* (Southern rock sole).

⁸ "Flathead sole" includes *Hippoglossoides elassodon* (flathead sole) and *Hippoglossoides robustus* (Bering flounder).

⁹ "Other flatfish" includes all flatfish species, except for halibut (a prohibited species), Alaska plaice, arrowtooth flounder, flathead sole, Greenland turbot, Kamchatka flounder, rock sole, and yellowfin sole.

¹⁰ "Blackspotted/Rougheye rockfish" includes *Sebastes melanostictus* (blackspotted) and *Sebastes aleutianus* (rougheye).

¹¹ "Other rockfish" includes all *Sebastes* and *Sebastolobus* species except for dark rockfish, Pacific ocean perch, northern rockfish, blackspotted/rougheye rockfish, and shortraker rockfish.

2. Table 2, beginning on page 14930, should appear as follows:

TABLE 2—FINAL 2024 OVERFISHING LEVEL (OFL), ACCEPTABLE BIOLOGICAL CATCH (ABC), TOTAL ALLOWABLE CATCH (TAC), INITIAL TAC (ITAC), CDQ RESERVE ALLOCATION, AND NON-SPECIFIED RESERVES OF GROUND FISH IN THE BSAI¹

[Amounts are in metric tons]

Species	Area	2024					
		OFL	ABC	TAC	ITAC ²	CDQ ³	Nonspecified reserves
Pollock ⁴	BS	4,639,000	2,275,000	1,302,000	1,171,800	130,200	
	AI	52,043	43,092	19,000	17,100	1,900	
	Bogoslof	115,146	86,360	300	300		
Pacific cod ⁵	BS	166,814	140,159	123,295	110,102	13,193	
	AI	18,416	13,812	8,425	7,524	901	
Sablefish ⁶	Alaska-wide	48,561	41,539	n/a	n/a	n/a	
	BS	n/a	10,185	9,676	4,112	363	363
	AI	n/a	10,308	9,793	2,081	184	184
Yellowfin sole	BSAI	495,155	462,890	230,656	205,976	24,680	
Greenland turbot	BSAI	3,947	3,364	3,364	2,859	n/a	
	BS	n/a	2,836	2,836	2,411	303	122
	AI	n/a	528	528	449		79
Arrowtooth flounder	BSAI	103,070	87,511	15,000	12,750	1,605	645
Kamchatka flounder	BSAI	8,776	7,435	7,435	6,320		1,115
Rock sole ⁷	BSAI	196,011	119,969	66,000	58,938	7,062	
Flathead sole ⁸	BSAI	81,167	66,927	35,500	31,702	3,799	
Alaska plaice	BSAI	43,328	36,021	18,000	15,300		2,700
Other flatfish ⁹	BSAI	22,919	17,189	4,500	3,825		675
Pacific ocean perch	BSAI	49,279	41,322	38,264	33,667	n/a	
	BS	n/a	11,700	11,700	9,945		1,755
	EAI	n/a	8,013	8,013	7,156	857	
	CAI	n/a	5,551	5,551	4,957	594	
	WAI	n/a	16,058	13,000	11,609	1,391	
Northern rockfish	BSAI	22,105	18,135	11,000	9,350		1,650
Blackspotted/Rougheye rockfish ¹⁰	BSAI	763	570	570	485		86
	BS/EAI	n/a	388	388	330		58
	CAI/WAI	n/a	182	182	155		27
Shortraker rockfish	BSAI	706	530	530	451		80
Other rockfish ¹¹	BSAI	1,680	1,260	1,260	1,071		189
	BS	n/a	880	880	748		132
	AI	n/a	380	380	323		57
Atka mackerel	BSAI	101,188	86,464	66,855	59,702	7,153	
	EAI/BS	n/a	37,958	30,000	26,790	3,210	
	CAI	n/a	15,218	15,218	13,590	1,628	
	WAI	n/a	33,288	21,637	19,322	2,315	
Skates	BSAI	44,168	36,837	27,927	23,738		4,189
Sharks	BSAI	689	450	250	213		38

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[Amounts are in metric tons]

Species	Area	2024					
		OFL	ABC	TAC	ITAC ²	CDQ ³	Nonspecified reserves
Octopuses	BSAI	4,769	3,576	400	340		60
Total		6,219,700	3,590,412	2,000,000	1,779,703	194,185	13,928

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3. Table 8, appearing on page 14937, should appear as follows:

TABLE 8—FINAL 2023 SECTOR ALLOCATIONS AND SEASONAL ALLOWANCES OF THE BSAI PACIFIC COD TAC

[Amounts are in metric tons]

Sector	Percent	2023 share of total	2023 share of sector total	2023 seasonal apportionment	
				Season	Amount
BS TAC	n/a	127,409	n/a	n/a	n/a
BS CDQ	n/a	13,633	n/a	see § 679.20(a)(7)(i)(B) ..	n/a
BS non-CDQ TAC	n/a	113,776	n/a	n/a	n/a
AI TAC	n/a	8,425	n/a	n/a	n/a
AI CDQ	n/a	901	n/a	see § 679.20(a)(7)(i)(B) ..	n/a
AI non-CDQ TAC	n/a	7,524	n/a	n/a	n/a
Area 543 Western Aleutian Island Limit	n/a	2,233	n/a	n/a	n/a
Total BSAI non-CDQ TAC ¹	100	121,300	n/a	n/a	n/a
Total hook-and-line/pot gear	60.8	73,750	n/a	n/a	n/a
Hook-and-line/pot ICA ²	n/a	500	n/a	see § 679.20(a)(7)(ii)(B) ..	n/a
Hook-and-line/pot sub-total	n/a	73,250	n/a	n/a	n/a
Hook-and-line catcher/processor	48.7	n/a	58,672	Jan 1–Jun 10	29,923
				Jun 10–Dec 31	28,750
Hook-and-line catcher vessel ≥60 ft LOA	0.2	n/a	241	Jan 1–Jun 10	123
				Jun 10–Dec 31	118
Pot catcher/processor	1.5	n/a	1,807	Jan 1–Jun 10	922
				Sept 1–Dec 31	886
Pot catcher vessel ≥60 ft LOA	8.4	n/a	10,120	Jan 1–Jun 10	5,161
				Sept 1–Dec 31	4,959
Catcher vessel <60 ft LOA using hook-and-line or pot gear	2.0	n/a	2,410	n/a	n/a

TABLE 8—FINAL 2023 SECTOR ALLOCATIONS AND SEASONAL ALLOWANCES OF THE BSAI PACIFIC COD TAC—Continued
[Amounts are in metric tons]

Sector	Percent	2023 share of total	2023 share of sector total	2023 seasonal apportionment	
				Season	Amount
Trawl catcher vessel	22.1	26,807	n/a	Jan 20–Apr 1	19,837
				Apr 1–Jun 10	2,949
				Jun 10–Nov 1	4,021
AFA trawl catcher/processor	2.3	2,790	n/a	Jan 20–Apr 1	2,092
				Apr 1–Jun 10	697
				Jun 10–Nov 1	
Amendment 80	13.4	16,254	n/a	Jan 20–Apr 1	12,191
				Apr 1–Jun 10	4,064
				Jun 10–Dec 31	
Jig	1.4	1,698	n/a	Jan 1–Apr 30	1,019
				Apr 30–Aug 31	340
				Aug 31–Dec 31	340

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

¹ The sector allocations and seasonal allowances for BSAI Pacific cod TAC are based on the sum of the BS and AI Pacific cod TACs, after the subtraction of the reserves for the CDQ program. If the TAC for Pacific cod in either the AI or BS is or will be reached, then directed fishing for non-CDQ Pacific cod in that subarea will be prohibited, even if a BSAI allowance remains (§ 679.20(d)(1)(iii)).

² The ICA for the hook-and-line and pot sectors will be deducted from the aggregate portion of Pacific cod TAC allocated to the hook-and-line and pot sectors. The Regional Administrator approves an ICA of 500 mt for 2023 based on anticipated incidental catch by these sectors in other fisheries.

4. Table 9, beginning on page 14937, should appear as follows:

TABLE 9—FINAL 2024 SECTOR ALLOCATIONS AND SEASONAL ALLOWANCES OF THE BSAI PACIFIC COD TAC

[Amounts are in metric tons]

Sector	Percent	2024 share total	2024 share of sector total	2024 seasonal apportionment	
				Season	Amount
BS TAC	n/a	123,295	n/a	n/a	n/a
BS CDQ	n/a	13,193	n/a	see § 679.20(a)(7)(i)(B)	n/a
BS non-CDQ TAC	n/a	110,102	n/a	n/a	n/a
AI TAC	n/a	8,425	n/a	n/a	n/a
AI CDQ	n/a	901	n/a	see § 679.20(a)(7)(i)(B)	n/a
AI non-CDQ TAC	n/a	7,524	n/a	n/a	n/a
Area 543 Western Aleutian Island Limit	n/a	2,233	n/a	n/a	n/a
Total BSAI non-CDQ TAC ¹	n/a	117,626	n/a	n/a	n/a
Total hook-and-line/pot gear	60.8	71,517	n/a	n/a	n/a
Hook-and-line/pot ICA ²	n/a	500	n/a	see § 679.20(a)(7)(ii)(B)	n/a
Hook-and-line/pot sub-total	n/a	71,017	n/a	n/a	n/a
Hook-and-line catcher/processor	48.7	n/a	56,883	Jan 1–Jun 10	29,011
				Jun 10–Dec 31	27,873
Hook-and-line catcher vessel ≥60 ft LOA	0.2	n/a	234	Jan 1–Jun 10	119
				Jun 10–Dec 31	114
Pot catcher/processor	1.5	n/a	1,752	Jan 1–Jun 10	894
				Sept 1–Dec 31	859
Pot catcher vessel ≥60 ft LOA	8.4	n/a	9,812	Jan 1–Jun 10	5,004
				Sept 1–Dec 31	4,808
Catcher vessel <60 ft LOA using hook-and-line or pot gear	2.0	n/a	2,336	n/a	n/a
Trawl catcher vessel	22.1	25,995	n/a	Jan 20–Apr 1	19,237
				Apr 1–Jun 10	2,859
				Jun 10–Nov 1	3,899
AFA trawl catcher/processor	2.3	2,705	n/a	Jan 20–Apr 1	2,029
				Apr 1–Jun 10	676
				Jun 10–Nov 1	
Amendment 80	13.4	15,762	n/a	Jan 20–Apr 1	11,821
				Apr 1–Jun 10	3,940
				Jun 10–Dec 31	
Jig	1.4	1,647	n/a	Jan 1–Apr 30	988
				Apr 30–Aug 31	329
				Aug 31–Dec 31	329

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²The ICA for the hook-and-line and pot sectors will be deducted from the aggregate portion of Pacific cod TAC allocated to the hook-and-line and pot sectors. The Regional Administrator approves an ICA of 500 mt for 2024 based on anticipated incidental catch by these sectors in other fisheries.

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