

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)¹
[All Amounts Are in Metric Tons]

Species	Area	Overfishing level	ABC	TAC	ITAC ²	CDQ reserve ³
Pollock ⁴	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 ⁵	BS	1,750	1,470	1,470	624	202
	AI	3,090	2,430	2,430	516	410
Atka mackerel	Total	119,000	70,800	70,800	60,180	5,309
	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	Total	42,000	9,300	9,300	7,906	697
	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 ⁶	BSAI	141,000	117,000	83,813	71,242	6,285
Pacific ocean perch	BS	3,100	2,600	2,600	2,210	195
	AI Total	14,400	12,300	12,300	10,456	922
	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 ⁷	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 ⁸	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 ¹⁰	BSAI	71,500	31,360	31,360	26,656	2,352
TOTAL		3,139,274	2,260,113	2,000,000	1,703,677	178,862

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.