

2008 catch is through May 24 unless otherwise stated

Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands

Bering Sea Pollock

All sectors including CDQ caught their 2008 A season allocation of 387,400 metric tons (mt). In 2008 the same number of vessels participated as in 2007. Sixteen catcher/processors, 79 catcher vessels delivering to inshore processors, 16 catcher vessels delivering to 3 motherships, and 12 catcher/processors in the CDQ sector targeted pollock.

Salmon in pollock fishery

The 2008 Chinook Salmon Savings Area (CSSA) limit is 29,000 salmon. The 2008 A season pollock fishery caught 14,573 non-CDQ and 533 CDQ Chinook salmon. The 2007 A season pollock fishery caught 66,430 non-CDQ and 3,091 CDQ Chinook salmon. In 2007 the CSSA closed for non-CDQ fisheries February 6 to April 15 and September 1 to December 31. In 2008, 240 non-Chinook salmon have been caught compared to 7,360 salmon for the same time period in 2007.

Trawl groundfish catch (metric tons)

Year	NPT CV	NPT CP	PTR CV	PTR CP
2007	42,405	197,160	305,896	246,787
2008	39,087	192,125	218,654	167,466

Trawl halibut mortality

In 2008 halibut mortality for trawl gear is allocated to BSAI trawl limited access, Amendment 80 limited access, and Amendment 80 cooperatives. Total trawl halibut mortality is 60% of the 2007 trawl halibut mortality for the same time period. For catcher/processors most of the reduction is in the Pacific cod fishery category. Reduced amount are also in the pollock/Atka mackerel/other species, yellowfin sole, and rock sole fishery categories. For catcher vessels the Pacific cod fishery is about 144 mt and the pollock fishery is about 20 mt less than in 2007. The BSAI trawl limited access sector exceeded their 2008 annual halibut mortality limit of 125 mt for the pollock/Atka mackerel/other species fishery category by 18 mt.

Atka mackerel

One catcher/processor in the Amendment 80 cooperative and three catcher/processors in the Amendment 80 limited access sector registered for the 2008 A season harvest limitation area (HLA) fisheries in the Central and Western Aleutian Districts (four in 2007). The catch is well below the HLA limits. As in 2007 not much effort has occurred in Area 543. The registration deadline for the second HLA fisheries is August 1 for the September openings.

Pacific cod

Hook-and-line catcher/processors

In 2008, 36 hook-and-line catcher/processors participated in the Pacific cod fishery (36 in 2007). The A season closed February 8 catching 36,790 mt of the 37,660 mt total allowable catch (TAC). The 2007 A season closed February 12, and 40,343 mt of the 38,419 mt TAC was taken.

Hook-and-line catcher vessels

The fishery for hook-and-line catcher vessels \geq 60 ft LOA remains open since no effort has occurred. The 2007 A season closed February 21 catching 157 mt of the 144 mt TAC.

Hook-and-line and pot catcher vessels < 60 feet length overall

NMFS reallocated 400 mt from B season jig gear allocation to the < 60 ft category. The <60 ft fishery reopened April 30 and closed May 6, 2008. Twelve vessels participated (7 pot, 5 hook-and-line).

Jig

In 2008, four vessels started fishing Pacific cod in April and May catching 15 mt. In 2007, three vessels participated in the A season catching 11 mt.

Pot

The 2008 fishery for pot catcher vessels closed January 18 with 43 vessels catching about 6,600 mt of the 6,496 mt A season TAC. The 2007 fishery closed January 26 with 48 vessels catching about 8,077 mt of the 7,203 mt A season TAC.

In 2008, five pot catcher/processors participated in the Pacific cod fishery. The 2008 fishery closed February 20 catching 1,178 mt of the 1,160 mt A season TAC. In 2007, three pot catcher/processors participated in the Pacific cod fishery. This fishery closed February 20, 2007 catching 1,691 mt of the 1,586 mt A season TAC.

Trawl

The 2008 A season for catcher vessels closed March 6 catching 25,885 mt of the 24,932 mt A season TAC. The B season opened April 1 on a TAC decreased by the A season overage to 2,753 mt and closed April 4 taking 3,419 mt. The C season opens June 10 with 4,388 mt remaining for the year. Based on catch data from 2005-2007 about 1,500 mt of Pacific cod is necessary for the incidental catch in other groundfish fisheries for the remainder of 2008. This leaves 2,888 mt for a C season directed fishery. The 2007 A season for catcher vessels closed March 12 catching 25,696 mt of the 25,977 mt A season TAC. The B season opened April 1 on a TAC increased by the A season underage to 3,992 mt and closed April 9 taking 4,448 mt. The C season opened June 10 until the halibut mortality limit was reached September 29.

The Amendment 80 cooperative is controlling their catch. The 2008 Amendment 80 limited access fishery closed for the A and B seasons. The 2008 A season closed for AFA catcher/processors effective March 24 and will remain closed for the B and C seasons. The 2007 A season for all trawl catcher/processors closed March 17 catching 18,010 mt of the 18,555 mt A season TAC. The 2007 B season fishery opened April 1 until the

11,133 mt TAC was taken May 10. The C season opened June 10 until the TAC was taken August 6.

Greenland turbot

The directed fishery by hook-and-line catcher/processors opened May 1. So far no vessels have participated. In the last few years this fishery has accelerated in July by the hook-and-line catcher processors until effort shifts to the Pacific cod fishery on August 15. In 2007, the Bering Sea fishery close July 14 and the Aleutian Islands fishery remained open.

Gulf of Alaska

Western GOA Pacific cod

The 2008 A season Western GOA inshore Pacific cod fishery closed February 29. A total of 10,429 mt of the 10,502 mt A season TAC was caught by 80 vessels. The percentages by gear are: 37% from pot gear, 21% from hook-and-line gear, and 42% from trawl gear. The 2007 A season Western GOA inshore Pacific cod fishery closed March 8. A total of 10,707 mt of the 10,876 mt A season TAC was caught by 80 vessels. The percentages by gear are: 35% from pot gear, 25% from hook-and-line gear, and 40% from trawl gear. The offshore component closed March 4 in 2008 and February 14 in 2007. About 700 mt of Pacific cod from the State waters South Alaska Peninsula fishery is accounting to the federal allocation. NMFS is working to correct this accounting.

Central GOA Pacific cod

The 2008 A season Central GOA inshore Pacific cod fishery closed February 20 and had a 1 day opener on February 29. A total of 13,941 mt of the 15,350 mt A season TAC was caught by 166 vessels. The percentages by gear are: 29% from pot gear, 32% from hook-and-line gear, and 39% from trawl gear. The 2007 A season Central GOA inshore Pacific cod fishery closed February 27. A total of 14,131 mt of the 15,339 mt A season TAC was caught by 163 vessels. The percentages by gear are: 39% from pot gear, 29% from hook-and-line gear, and 32% from trawl gear. The offshore component closed March 9 in 2008 and February 14 in 2007.

Pollock

The A season TAC of pollock in 610 is 3,322 mt. The fishery opened January 20 and closed January 22. NMFS re-opened the fishery for 24 hours, March 3-4, and March 7 until the B season opened March 10. The B season TAC is 3,321 mt for a total A and B season TAC of 6,643 mt. The amount of pollock remaining is 533 mt. The B season fishery closed by regulation May 31.

The A season fishery in Area 620 remained open all A season. Only 4,723 mt of the 6,215 mt A season TAC was caught. The B season TAC is 7,576 mt for at total A and B season TAC of 13,791 mt. The B season opened March 10 and closed March 26. As of March 28 the total 2008 catch is 14,945 mt.

The A season TAC for 630 is 3,069 mt. The 2008 fishery opened January 20 and closed January 22. NMFS re-opened the fishery for 48 hours January 25-27 and February 23-25.

The catch exceeded the A season TAC by 1,646 mt. After subtracting the A season overage from the B season TAC 63 mt remains. The B season did not open.

Rockfish

Information on the Rockfish Program can be found at <http://www.fakr.noaa.gov/sustainablefisheries/goarat/default.htm>. The directed fisheries for the vessels in cooperatives opened May 1, 2008. The limited access fisheries open July 1. Thirteen vessels have fished for four catcher vessel cooperatives. The current total catch for the cooperative and entry level fisheries is 310 mt of northern rockfish, 332 mt of pelagic shelf rockfish and 1,442 mt of POP.

As in 2007, two catcher/processor cooperatives with five vessels and five shoreside cooperatives with 44 catcher vessels were formed. Seven (four in 2007) catcher/processors and two (three in 2007) catcher vessels elected to participate in the limited access fisheries. Four (seven in 2007) catcher/processors elected to participate in opt out fishery. Five (three in 2007) catcher vessels registered to participate in the entry level fishery. The catch from vessels not registered to participate in the Rockfish Program fishing in State waters will be deducted from the entry level fishery.

The Western GOA Pacific ocean perch, pelagic shelf rockfish and northern rockfish and the West Yakutat Pacific ocean perch and pelagic shelf rockfish will open at noon, July 1, 2008.

Deep and Shallow Water Complex Trawl Fisheries

The trawl deep-water complex fisheries remained open until April 21, 2008. The trawl shallow-water complex fisheries closed March 10, opened March 21, and closed May 21. The next opening for the both complex fisheries is July 1, 2008. For the deep-water complex third season limit 171 mt of halibut mortality is deducted for the rockfish pilot program cooperatives.

Year	Deep CV	Deep CP	Shallow CV	Shallow CP	Total
2007	221	218	438	25	902
2008	197	211	526	44	978

Hook-and-line gear

Halibut mortality for the hook-and-line fleet is at 207 mt of the 250 mt first season allocation. This leaves 43 mt remaining. The second season allocation of 5 mt becomes available June 10. Currently, most hook-and-line vessels in the GOA are participating in the IFQ fisheries which do not accrue halibut mortality to this limit.