Amendment 80 Program Fishery Denominators and 2008 Quota Share Pools

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Fishery Denominators

NOAA Fisheries Service, Restricted Access Management (RAM) has established numbers that reflect the total catch of Amendment 80 (A-80) species used for initial A-80 quota share (QS) awards. These numbers are called the "Final Fishery Denominators." Using denominators enables us to provide applicants with final summaries displaying initial quota share awards in a fishery. While these "Final Denominators" differ from those used previously to determine eligibility and derive preliminary quota estimates, these final data will not be updated further. Any initial QS issued at a later time as a result of approved claims or adjudicated appeals will be based on these same "Final Denominators."

A "Fishery Denominator" for an A-80 species is the sum of the highest five of seven years landings from all A-80 vessels listed in Table 31 to 50 CFR Part 679. The "Final Fishery Denominator" for each A-80 species is (expressed in metric tons):

| A-80 Species | Final Fishery Denominator (mt) |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| | |
| BSAI Atka Mackerel (AMCK) Total | 256,438.435 |
| AMCK (mackerel vessels) | 241,124.215 |
| AMCK EBS 541 (non-mackerel vessels) | 11,781.978 |
| AMCK 542 (non-mackerel vessels) | 3,038.362 |
| AMCK 543 (non-mackerel vessels) | 493.880 |
| BSAI Pacific Cod (PCOD) | 155,975.048 |
| AI Pacific Ocean Perch (POPA) | 57,881.578 |
| BSAI Flathead Sole (FSOL) | 85,216.858 |
| BSAI Rock Sole (RSOL) | 170,034.990 |
| BSAI Yellowfin Sole (YSOL) | 351,599.864 |

The amount of annual rockfish pounds that result from any amount of QS units may change in the future due to delayed initial QS issuance from approved claims and adjudicated appeals. Changes in QS units are reflected annually in the A-80 QS Pools.

2008 A-80 Quota Share Pools

The A-80 Quota Share (QS) pool is the sum of A-80 QS units issued for each A-80 species in a management area based on the official record. The 2008 A-80 QS Pools are as follows:

| A-80 Species | 2008 QS Pool (units) |
|-------------------------------------|----------------------|
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| AMCK Total | 256,281,876 |
| AMCK (mackerel vessels) | 241,124,215 |
| AMCK EBS 541 (non-mackerel vessels) | 116,25,419 |
| AMCK 542 (non-mackerel vessels) | 3,038,362 |

| AMCK 543 (non-mackerel vessels) | 493,880 |
|---------------------------------|-------------|
| PCOD | 154,664,364 |
| POPA | 57,881,578 |
| FSOL | 84,196,765 |
| RSOL | 166,837,867 |
| YSOL | 347,378,328 |

A-80 QS was not applied for by the owners of four of the A-80 vessels listed in Table 31 to 50 CFR Part 679. Accordingly, any QS that would be attributed to these vessels is not included in the 2008 A-80 QS Pool. However, should the owners apply in future years that QS would be included in the annual A-80 QS Pool.