

**Joint Report of the
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and
High Seas Catchers' Cooperative
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Preface

General

2002 was the fourth year that the owners of catcher/processors and catcher vessels that deliver to catcher/processors in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands pollock fishery were able to form fishing cooperatives and coordinate harvest efforts, rather than race for fish. The cooperative for the catcher/processor owners is the Pollock Conservation Cooperative (PCC), and for catcher vessel owners it is the High Seas Catchers' Cooperative (HSCC). An agreement called the "Cooperative Agreement Between Offshore Pollock Catchers Cooperative and Pollock Conservation Cooperative" (Inter-cooperative Agreement) was renewed to facilitate efficient management and accurate accounting between the HSCC and PCC. This report is intended to satisfy 2002 reporting requirements for the PCC and HSCC. The catch data in this report was provided by Sea State, Inc., and was largely obtained from the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS)¹.

Reporting Requirements

Fishing cooperatives formed in the directed pollock fishery are subject to certain annual reporting requirements under the American Fisheries Act (AFA). Section 210(a)(1)(B) of the AFA requires the North Pacific Fisheries Management Council (NPFMC) and Secretary to "make available to the public in such manner as the North Pacific Council and Secretary deem appropriate information about the harvest by vessels under a fishery cooperative of all species (including bycatch) in the directed pollock fishery on a vessel-by-vessel basis." In doing so, however, the NPFMC and Secretary must take into account "the interest of the parties to [a fishing cooperative] in protecting the confidentiality of proprietary information."

In October 1999, the NPFMC took action to implement section 210(a)(1)(B) of the AFA by recommending that cooperatives annually prepare a report (a preliminary report due by December 1 and a final report due by January 31) containing: (1) allowed catch and bycatch in pollock and all sideboard species by whatever method is used to determine those allocations; (2) actual catch and bycatch in the directed pollock fishery by vessel, and in sideboard fisheries by whatever method is used to determine those sideboards; (3) methods used to monitor fisheries in which cooperative vessels participated; and (4) actions taken by cooperatives to enforce vessel or aggregate catches that exceeded allowed catch and bycatch in pollock and all sideboard fisheries.

¹ The NMFS database for the 2002 fishing year is still subject to revision as catch data and other information from the fishery is finalized. At this point, however, neither the PCC nor the HSCC are aware of any data discrepancies that would materially alter the substantive elements of this report.

Purpose of Report

This report is intended to fully disclose all information required or identified in the AFA, in the NPFMC's October 1999 recommendation to the Secretary, and from further guidance provided by the NPFMC in letters dated October 21, 1999 and November 1, 1999. The charts in the report are intended to be largely self-explanatory, though comments have been included with some of the charts to provide a more full perspective.

PCC Members and Allocations

The Pollock Conservation Cooperative (PCC) was formed in December 1998 in order to (among other things) promote the rational and orderly harvest of pollock by the catcher/processor sector of the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands trawl fisheries off Alaska through the mutual cooperation of PCC members.

The PCC is made up of the eight companies that own 19 catcher/processors eligible under section 208(e)(1)-(20) of the AFA to harvest and process pollock in the directed pollock fishery. Under the PCC, each company is contractually allocated a percentage of the directed fishery catch specified under section 206(b) of the AFA. The following chart shows the percentage of the annual directed pollock fishery (DPF) that each PCC member has been allocated under the PCC:

	<u>% DPF²</u>	<u>% PCC</u>
Alaska Ocean Seafood, L.P.	3.004	≈8.21
American Seafoods Company	16.572	≈45.28
Arctic Fjord, Inc.	1.792	≈4.90
Arctic Storm, Inc.	1.841	≈5.03
Glacier Fish Company, L.L.C.	3.218	≈8.79
Highland Light Seafoods, L.L.C.	1.764	≈4.82
Starbound Ltd. Partnership	1.585	≈4.33
Trident Seafoods	<u>6.824</u>	≈ <u>18.64</u>
Totals	36.6 ³	100.00

² Under sections 205(4) (definition) and 206 (allocations) of the American Fisheries Act, the directed pollock fishery (DPF) is the amount of the total allowable catch remaining after 10 percent has been deducted for the western Alaska Community Development Quota program and an additional amount has been deducted for the incidental catch of pollock in other groundfish fisheries.

³ Section 206(b)(2) of the American Fisheries Act allocates a total of 40 percent of the DPF to catcher/ processors and catcher vessels that deliver to catcher/processors, and section 210(c) allocates 8.5 percent of this amount (3.4 percent of the DPF) to catcher vessels that deliver to catcher processors.

Inter-Cooperative Agreement Between HSCC and PCC

On January 21, 1999, a cooperative agreement was entered into between the HSCC and PCC to facilitate efficient management and accurate accounting between the two cooperatives (see appendix; the “Cooperative Agreement Between Offshore Pollock Catchers Cooperative and Pollock Conservation Cooperative”). Under the Inter-Cooperative Agreement, the PCC and HSCC established a Joint Harvest Schedule and agreed to retain the same independent quota monitoring service. Among other purposes, the Inter-Cooperative Agreement facilitates the harvest and processing of the HSCC members’ share of the DPF and the transfer of pollock allocations between members of the two cooperatives.

Inter-Cooperative Agreement on Salmon Bycatch Avoidance

In 2001, all BSAI pollock cooperatives voluntarily participated in an inter-cooperative salmon bycatch avoidance program.

Monitoring and Enforcement

All data used in monitoring PCC pollock and non-pollock fishing was obtained from the NMFS observer program office. Information concerning the catch and bycatch of individual vessels is available on the NMFS password-protected web site 24 hours a day, and is generally accessible 20 minutes after transmission from the vessels. Sea State, Inc. is authorized by the PCC and its members to receive and process this observer data and report back to the members on the status of the harvest. Observer data are downloaded one or two times per day, processed to generate target catch and bycatch information, and then sent to a Sea State web site where company representatives can examine the data for their vessel or vessels.

Aboard the vessels, a direct weight reading from flow scales is taken for the total catch for each haul. The species composition of the catch is determined from observer sampling. Since two observers are required on AFA-eligible catcher/processors in the groundfish fisheries, the number of unsampled hauls is very low. In 2002, 98.9 percent (6,535 of 6,609) of the pollock hauls were sampled. For those hauls that were not sampled, species composition was determined as in the CDQ program, where species composition for an unsampled haul is presumed to be the same as the previous haul.

Once the catch and species composition is posted on the Sea State web site, it is available for review by vessel owners and representatives. Typically, either an operations manager or vessel operator checks into the site each day to make sure the vessel's harvest numbers are as expected. Companies with several vessels tended to have initial season allocations for each vessel in 2002, managing the vessels independently until late in the season. As has occurred in the past, inter- and intra-company transfers occurred later in the year to facilitate quota utilization. For example, if a vessel needed to offload and thereafter had only 150 metric tons of pollock left to harvest under the cooperative, that quota was likely shifted to another vessel to avoid the necessity of steaming back to the grounds for such a limited amount of fish.

No enforcement actions were taken by the PCC, as members complied with the provisions of the PCC Membership Agreement.

Table 1. Cooperative allocations, transfers and 2002 Directed Pollock Harvest.

Coop.	Company	Vessel	Cooperative shares			2002 harvest		Over (under) allocation
			Coop amount	2002 transfers	2002 allocation	Vessel harvest	Company total	
<i>PCC</i>								
	Alaska Ocean		38,686	(23)	38,663	38,663	38,663	0
	American Sfds.		213,412	12,622	226,034		226,040	6
		American Dynasty				15,005		
		American Triumph				43,809		
		Northern Eagle				42,031		
		Northern Hawk				41,441		
		Northern Jaeger				42,040		
		Ocean Rover				41,714		
	Arctic Fjord		23,075	8,630	31,705	31,643	31,643	- 62
	Arctic Storm		23,706	10,628	34,334	34,329	34,329	- 5
	Glacier Fish Ltd.		41,442	(2)	41,440		41,439	- 1
		Northern Glacier				14,498		
		Pacific Glacier				26,941		
	Highland Light		22,717	6,000	28,717	28,717	28,717	0
Starbound Ltd.		20,412	6,081	26,493	26,493	26,493	0	
Trident Seafoods		87,879	(6)	87,873		87,872	- 1	
	Island Ent.				29,930			
	Kodiak Ent.				27,237			
	Seattle Ent				30,705			
<i>HSCC</i>								
	Forum Star		3,154	(3,154)	0		0	0
	American Chalngr.		4,069	(4,069)	0		0	0
	Ocean Harvester		5,588	(5,588)	0		0	0
	Tracy Anne		5,998	(5,998)	0		0	0
	Neahkanie		8,630	(8,630)	0		0	0
	Sea Storm		10,628	(10,628)	0		0	0
	Muir Milach		5,863	(5,863)	0		0	0
	Totals		515,259	0	515,259	515,259	515,196	- 63

Table 2. 2002 Directed Pollock Fishing: Catch and Bycatch

Coop.	VesselName	Pollock (mt)	Non-pollock groundfish (mt)	Habitat mortality (mt)	Herring (mt)	Red king crab (mt)	Bairdi (N)	Other tanner (N)	Chinook (N)	Other salmon (N)
PCC	Alaska Ocean	38,663	391	3	1	0	11	34	1,590	168
	American Dynasty	15,005	393	5	0	0	4	22	733	12
	American Triumph	43,809	547	2	0	0	0	6	238	731
	Northern Eagle	42,031	267	3	1	17	40	164	635	774
	Northern Hawk	41,441	646	3	1	0	13	36	425	572
	Northern Jaeger	42,041	343	3	0	4	0	27	376	431
	Ocean Rover	41,714	663	13	1	0	0	0	729	375
	Arctic Fjord	31,643	242	1	1	0	5	30	720	623
	Arctic Storm	34,329	290	2	0	0	16	8	597	813
	Northern Glacier	14,498	247	1	0	0	6	0	156	229
	Pacific Glacier	26,941	195	0	0	0	7	6	400	68
	Highland Light	28,717	372	2	0	0	8	0	223	553
	Starbound	26,493	244	2	0	0	2	1	572	517
	Island Enterprise	29,930	209	0	10	0	14	35	467	1,534
	Kodiak Enterprise	27,237	288	1	0	0	16	3	1,007	1,003
	Seattle Enterprise	30,705	281	0	1	0	7	12	363	1,263
HSCC										
	Forum Star	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	American Chalnggr.	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Ocean Harvester	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Tracy Anne	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Neahkanie	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Sea Storm	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Muir Milach	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Totals	515,198	5,620 *	43	15	20	147	382	9,230	9,666

* Of the 520,818 mt of total groundfish catch (pollock and non-pollock), only 2,210 mt was discarded. Thus, 99.51% of all groundfish caught by PCC vessels in the directed pollock fishery was retained and utilized.

Table 3. 2002 C/P Aggregate Catch of Sideboard Species.

Species	2002 C/P Catch	2002 C/P Limit	Over / Under 2002 Limits
Pacific Cod (mt)	3,585	10,748	- 7,163
Sablefish - BS (mt)	1	3	- 2
Atka Mackerel - Eastern (mt)	5	0	- 5
Atka Mackerel - Central (mt)	0	1,013	- 1,013
Atka Mackerel - Western (mt)	0	1,458	- 1,458
Yellowfin Sole (mt)	2,603	17,032	- 14,429
Rock sole (mt)	1,293	3,351	- 2,058
Greenland Turbot - BS (mt)	11	50	- 39
Greenland Turbot - AI (mt)	0	12	- 12
Arrowtooth flounder (mt)	181	286	- 105
Flathead Sole (mt)	919	1,156	- 237
Other flatfish (mt)	38	1,336	- 1,298
Alaska plaice (mt)	402	347	- 55
Pacific Ocean Perch - BS (mt)	245	26	- 219
Pacific Ocean Perch - EAI (mt)	0	58	- 58
Pacific Ocean Perch - CAI (mt)	3	42	- 39
Pacific Ocean Perch - WAI	0	152	- 152
Sharpchin/Northern - BS (mt)	11	1	- 10
Shorthead/Rougheye - BS (mt)	13	24	- 11
Sharpchin/Northern - AI (mt)	4	487	- 483
Shorthead/Rougheye - AI (mt)	0	20	- 20
Other Rockfish - BS (mt)	2	12	- 10
Other Rockfish - AI (mt)	2	28	- 26
Squid (mt)	197	3	- 194
Other Species (mt)	583	1,415	- 832
Halibut Mortality (mt)	74	286	- 212
Red King Crab - Zone 1 (#)	264	628	- 320
Other Tanner crab - COBLZ (#)	40,256	615,634	- 574,858
Bairdi zone 1 (#)	683	126,910	- 126,227
Bairdi zone 2 (#)	13,733	137,363	- 123,630

Table 4. 2002 C/P Directed Cod Fishing

Vessel	Cod	Non-target groundfish (mt)	Halibut mort. (mt)	Herring (mt)	Chinook (#)	Other salmon (#)	Red king crab (#)	Bairdi (#)	Other tanner (#)
Katie Ann	1,581	805	28	0	213	9	455	8,297	649
Total	1,581	805	28	0	213	9	455	8,297	649
Incidental catch rate ⁴		0.34	0.01	0.00	0.09	0.00	0.19	3.48	0.27

⁴ Incidental catch per metric ton of direct harvest, as mt/mt or #/ mt.

Table 5. 2002 C/P Directed Yellowfin Sole Fishing.

Vessel	Yellowfin sole (mt)	Non-target groundfish (mt)	Halibut mort. (mt)	Herring (mt)	Red king crab (#)	Bairdi (#)	Other tanner (#)	Chinook (#)	Other salmon (#)
Arctic Fjord	371	52	1	0	0	437	10,646	0	0
Arctic Storm	429	112	0	0	218	546	20,530	0	0
Northern Eagle	1,228	493	3	0	69	8,867	8,606	0	0
Total	2,028	656	3	0	288	9,850	41,976	0	0
Incidental catch rate ⁵		0.24	0.001	0.00	0.11	3.67	15.64	0.00	0.00

⁵ Incidental catch per metric ton of direct harvest, as mt/mt or #/mt.

Table 6. 2002 C/P Vessel-by-Vessel Catch of All Non-Pollock Species.

Vessel Name	Alaska plaice (mt)	Arrow-tooth (mt)	Atka Mackerel (mt)	Flathead Sole (mt)	Greenland Turbot - AI (mt)	Greenland Turbot - BS (mt)	Halibut (mt)	Other Flatfish (mt)	Other Rockfish - AI (mt)	Other Rockfish - BS (mt)
Alaska Ocean	1	11	0	85	0	3	3	4	0	0
American Dynasty	5	3	0	38	0	0	5	1	0	0
American Triumph	6	4	0	35	0	1	3	2	0	1
Arctic Fjord	31	8	0	54	0	0	2	1	0	0
Arctic Storm	27	7	0	53	0	0	2	6	0	0
Highland Light	2	4	0	52	0	0	3	1	0	0
Island Enterprise	0	5	0	55	0	0	1	1	0	0
Katie Anne	33	35	4	22	0	0	32	5	2	0
Kodiak Enterprise	0	15	0	83	0	0	1	4	0	0
Northern Eagle	283	7	0	77	0	1	7	5	0	0
Northern Glacier	5	0	0	19	0	0	2	0	0	0
Northern Hawk	1	13	0	70	0	2	4	2	0	0
Northern Jaeger	3	9	0	62	0	1	3	1	0	0
Ocean Rover	2	45	0	116	0	2	15	2	0	0
Pacific Glacier	2	1	0	14	0	0	1	0	0	0
Seattle Enterprise	0	9	0	65	0	0	0	1	0	0
Starbound	0	4	0	20	0	0	2	1	0	0

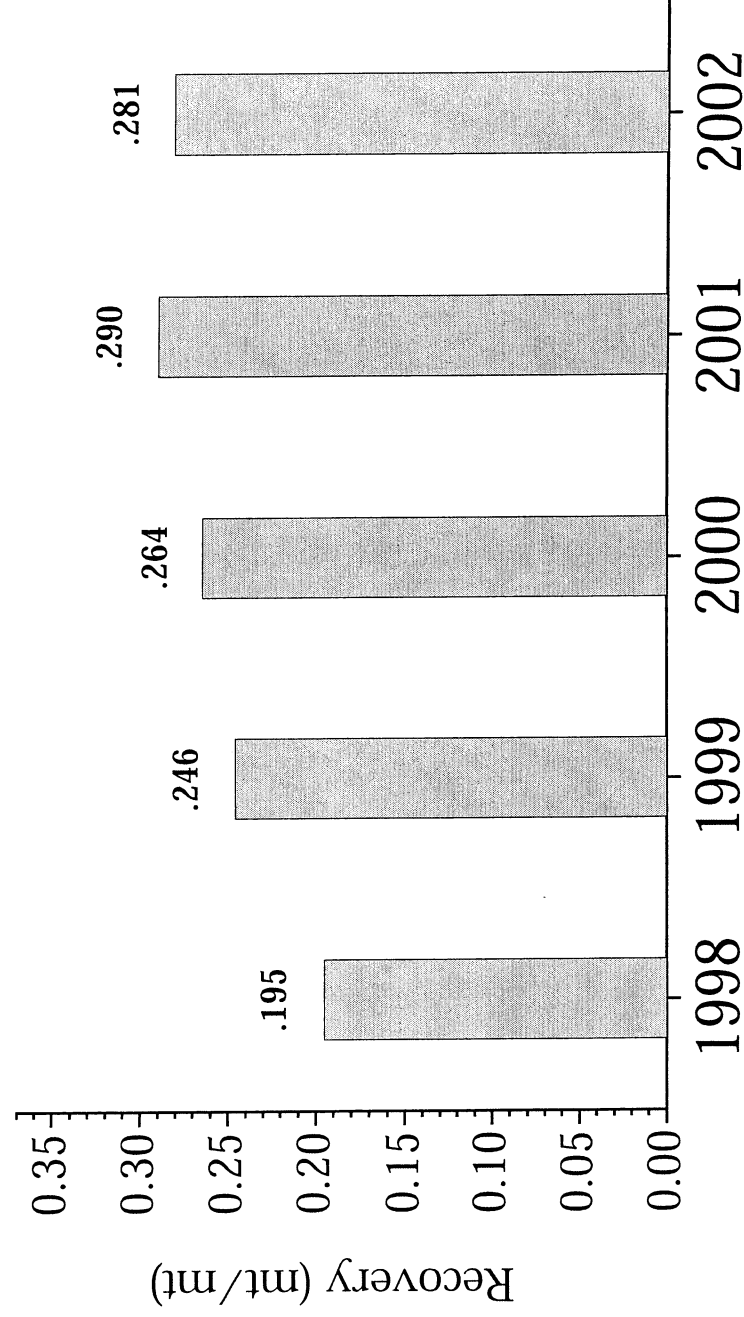
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Vessel Name	Other Species (mt)	Pacific Cod (mt)	Pacific Ocean Perch - AI (mt)	Pacific Ocean Perch - BS (mt)	Rock Sole (mt)	Sablefish (mt)	Sharpchin-northern AI (mt)	Sharpchin-northern BS (mt)	Squid (mt)	Shortrker-rougheye AI (mt)	Shortrker-rougheye BS (mt)
Alaska Ocean	42	159	0	0	74	0	0	0	6	0	0
American Dynasty	45	108	0	0	91	0	0	0	0	0	0
American Triumph	33	90	0	93	60	0	0	0	93	0	12
Arctic Fjord	13	126	0	0	45	0	0	2	0	0	0
Arctic Storm	31	155	0	0	67	0	0	0	0	0	0
Highland Light	29	85	0	2	128	0	0	0	0	0	0
Island Enterprise	13	71	0	34	25	0	0	1	0	0	0
Katie Anne	57	1,581	3	0	178	0	4	0	0	0	0
Kodiak Enterprise	18	106	0	6	42	0	0	5	0	0	0
Northern Eagle	43	119	0	7	73	0	0	0	4	0	0
Northern Glacier	27	75	0	0	64	0	0	1	0	0	0
Northern Hawk	66	182	0	46	96	0	0	0	91	0	2
Northern Jaeger	44	161	0	1	57	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ocean Rover	76	267	0	4	132	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pacific Glacier	16	103	0	0	20	0	0	0	1	0	0
Seattle Enterprise	18	118	0	0	65	0	0	0	0	0	0
Starbound	12	78	0	51	75	0	0	1	1	0	0

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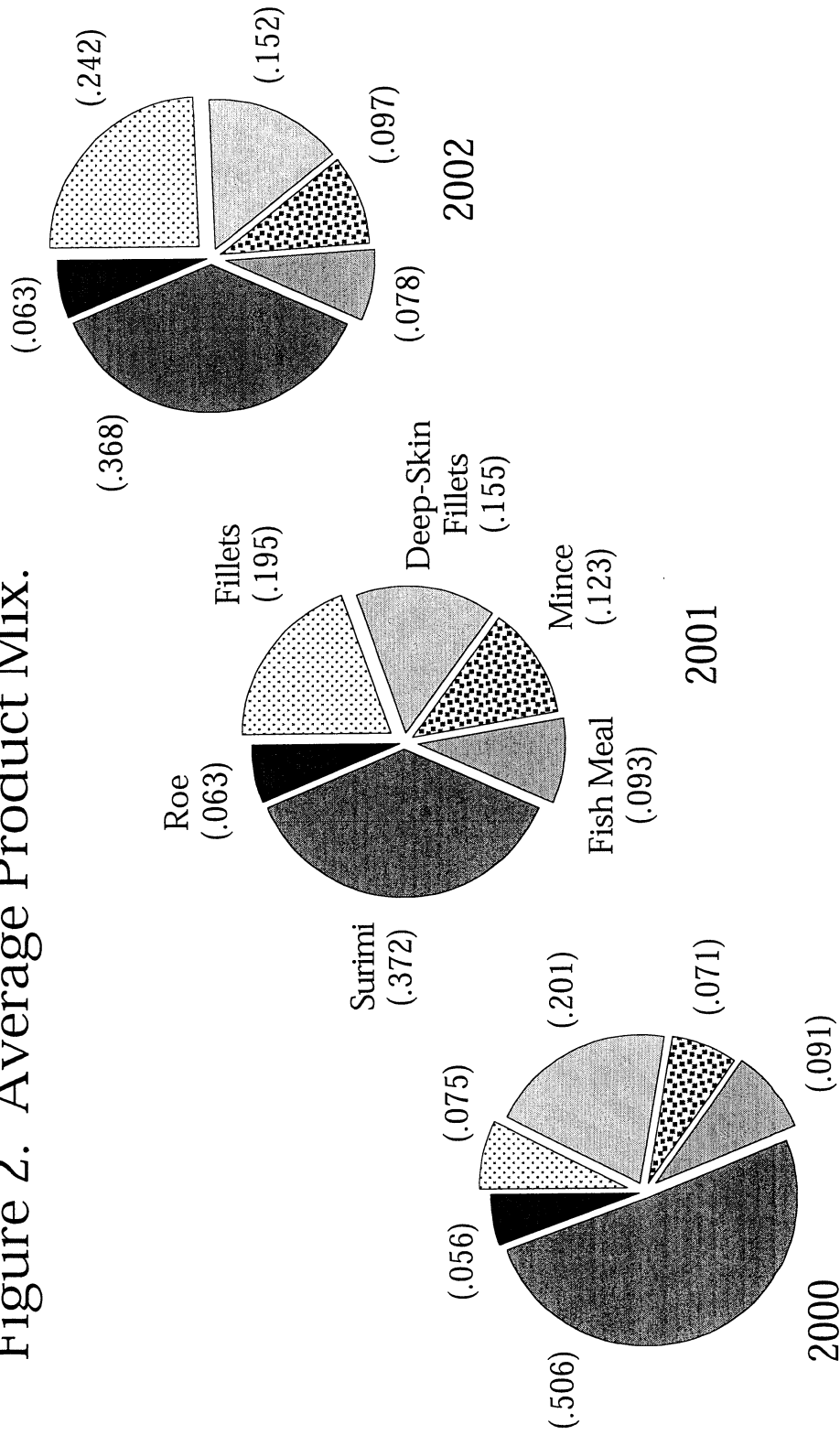
Vessel Name	Yellowfin Sole (mt)	Red king crab – AI (#)	Red king crab - all BS (#)	Other tanner – AI (#)	Other tanner - all BS (#)	Bairdi – AI (#)	Bairdi - all BS (#)	Chinook salmon – BSAI (#)	Other salmon (#)
Alaska Ocean	5	0	0	0	34	0	11	1,590	168
American Dynasty	102	0	0	0	22	0	4	733	12
American Triumph	117	0	0	0	6	0	0	238	731
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Arctic Storm	429	0	219	0	20,561	0	562	597	813
Highland Light	69	0	0	0	0	0	8	223	553
Island Enterprise	1	0	0	0	35	0	14	467	1,534
Katie Anne	62	455	0	36	611	3,671	4,626	213	9
Kodiak Enterprise	8	0	0	0	3	0	16	1,007	1,003
Northern Eagle	1,247	0	86	0	8,770	0	8,907	635	774
Northern Glacier	55	0	0	0	0	0	6	156	229
Northern Hawk	74	0	0	0	36	0	13	425	572
Northern Jaeger	3	0	4	0	27	0	0	376	431
Ocean Rover	17	0	0	0	0	0	0	729	375
Pacific Glacier	36	0	0	0	6	0	7	400	68
Seattle Enterprise	4	0	0	0	12	0	7	363	1,263
Starbound	2	0	0	0	1	0	2	572	517

Figure 1. Total Product Recovery.



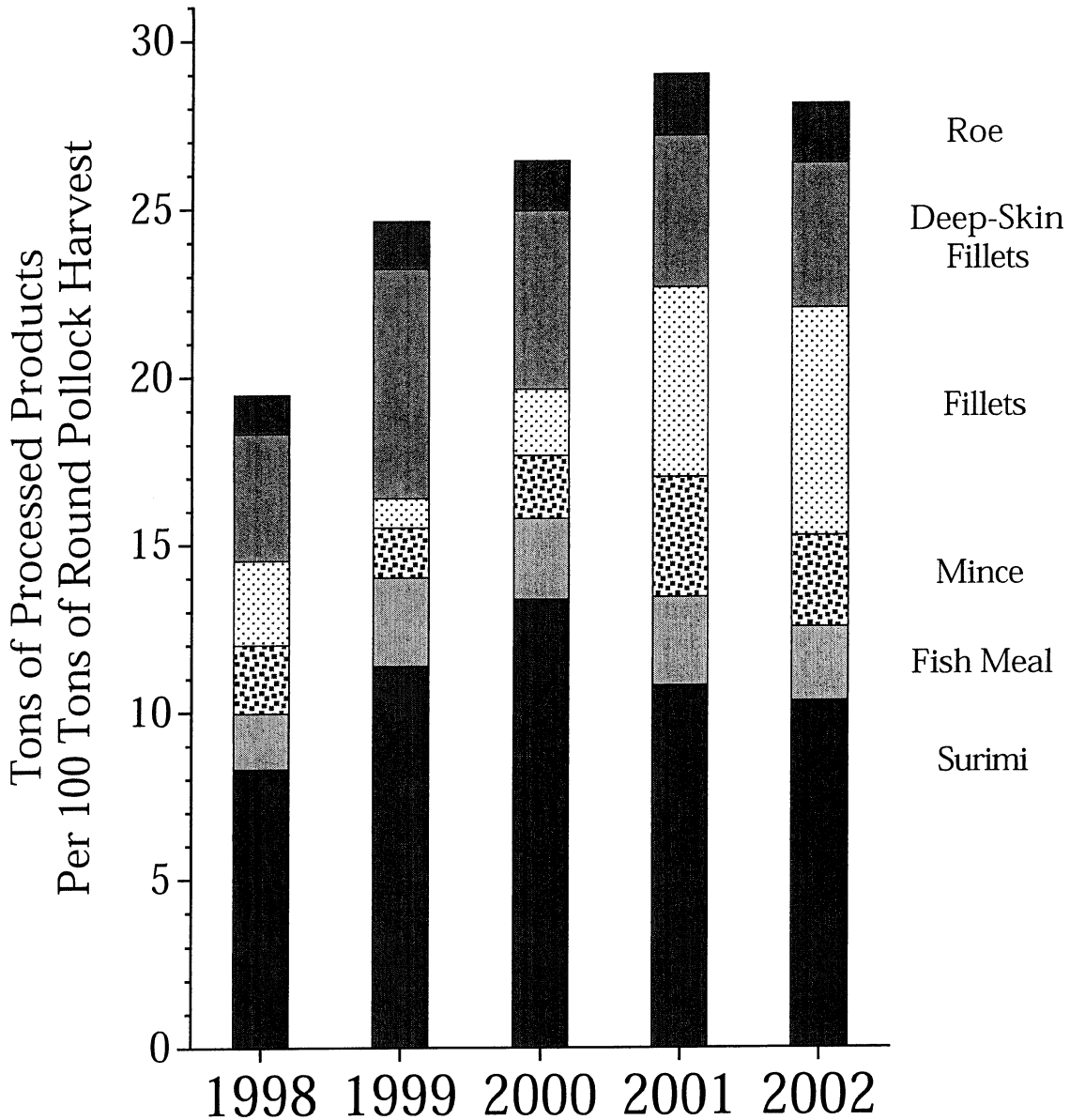
Source: SeaState, Inc. PCC and CDQ catch per haul, 1998-2002; NMFS AK Region Pacific cod and pollock products by processing mode, 1998-2002. BSAI groundfish quotas and preliminary catch in round metric tons, 1999-2002, and CDQ participation and catch by gear, 1999-2002. Total product recovery estimates include both directed-fishing and CDQ pollock harvests, and are calculated as the weight of all products produced divided by the weight of the round pollock used to obtain the products.

Figure 2. Average Product Mix.



Source: NMFS AK Region Pacific cod and pollock products by processing mode, 2000-2002. Note that this figure does not show individual product recovery rates, but instead the average product mix that was produced from the total amount of pollock harvested throughout the entire year. Pollock Conservation Cooperative vessels produce small amounts of pollock cheeks, milt, oil, stomachs and whole-round pollock that are not shown in the product mix pies.

Figure 3. Total Product Recovery and Mix.



During 2002 total product recovery is estimated to have increased by 44% over the 1998 open-access "race-for-fish" baseline.

Source: SeaState, Inc. PCC and CDQ catch per haul, 1998-2002; NMFS AK Region Pacific cod and pollock products by processing mode, 1998-2002, BSAI groundfish quotas and preliminary catch in round metric tons, 1999-2002, and CDQ participation and catch by gear, 1999-2002. Note that this figure does not show individual product recovery rates, but instead the average product mix that was produced from the total amount of pollock harvested throughout the entire year.

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SENT VIA FAX

Re: Pollock Conservation Cooperative - Annual Contract Filing

Dear Chris:

To the best of our knowledge, there have been no amendments to the Membership Agreement of the Pollock Conservation Cooperative since the Second Amendment to Membership Agreement dated July 31, 2001, a copy of which was sent to you on November 28, 2001.

Sincerely yours,

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2002 Report of HSCC to the NPFMC

Introduction

High Seas Catchers Coop is a fisheries cooperative of all vessels eligible under section 208(b) of the American Fisheries Act. HSCC is also a member of an Inter-coop with PCC for purposes of pollock and with the Catcher Vessel Inter-coop for purposes of sideboard management.

List of Member Vessels

Member Vessels of HSCC include:

- American Challenger
- Forum Star
- Muir Milach
- Neahkahnie
- Ocean Harvester
- Sea Storm
- Tracy Anne

HSCC Membership Agreement

The HSCC Membership agreement is on file with the Council. There have been no substantive changes to the membership agreement during 2002.

Interco-op Agreement with PCC

The members of PCC and HSCC are allocated pollock under section 206(b)(2) of the AFA. HSCC is a party to a Cooperative Agreement with PCC for purposes of pollock management. The agreement is on file with the Council.

CV Inter-coop Agreement

HSCC is a party to the CV Inter-coop agreement for purposes of sideboard management. Compliance with both agreements is based upon monitoring of catch and bycatch by SeaState. Copies of both agreements are on file with the Council.

Allocations to Member Vessels

Allocation of pollock amongst members of HSCC was established within the HSCC membership agreement, as well as within the Cooperative Agreement with PCC.

Allocation of the BSAI P.Cod sideboard amounts in the 2002 “specs” and further sub-divided in the “information tables” provided by NMFS, was done by the HSCC board of directors through a roll over of the “consent of directors” document included as an appendix to HSCC’s 2000 report. Other sideboard species were allocated by action of the HSCC board of directors. Prior to

participation in any sideboard fishery, members were required to provide notice to the Executive Director, and/or the CV Inter-coop manager.

There is additional information about the flow of information between the vessels, the HSCC, SeaState, the Inter-coop Coordinator, and NMFS in the CV Inter-coop report.

HSCC BSAI Pollock

Pollock Allocations to Member Vessels

The following table provides the distribution of the 206(b)(2) allocation of 8.5% of the 40% of the allocation to CPs and CVs.

Table 8

HSCC Pollock Allocations for 2002	
American. Challenger	4,069
Forum Star	3,154
Muir Milach	5,863
Neahkahnie	8,630
Ocean Harvester	5,588
Sea Storm	10,628
Tracy Anne	5,998
Totals	43,930

BS Pollock Transfers

Based upon the January 1999 “Cooperative Agreement” between HSCC and PCC, individual members of HSCC have made transfers of pollock to individual members of PCC. Transfers are reported in table 1 of the Joint Report of PCC and HSCC.

Directed BSAI Pollock Fishing

Catch and bycatch information for the BSAI directed pollock fishery is provided in table 2 of the Joint Report of PCC and HSCC.

Bycatch of Pollock

Pollock was an incidental bycatch in the BSAI P. Cod fishery by HSCC vessels. 7,795 tons of groundfish were harvested by HSCC vessels in the P. Cod fishery, of that amount 3.2% or 251 tons was pollock.

HSCC Utilization and Recovery Rates

Processing of all of the HSCC pollock allocation was done by members of PCC. As such, there is no distinction between utilization and recovery between the PCC allocation and the HSCC

allocation. See the PCC section of the Joint PCC/HSCC Report for details on increased utilization in the pollock fishery.

Catcher Vessel Sideboard Limitations - BSAI & GOA

HSCC Sideboard Harvest Limits

Sideboard limits for all AFA CVs and a series of Information Tables were published by NMFS, that sub-allocated by cooperative the sideboards amounts of those species for which directed fishing was allowed. The NMFS regulations provided that two or more coops could enter into an inter-cooperative agreement that limited the members to their combined aggregate sideboard caps. HSCC is a member of the CV Inter-cooperative for purposes of groundfish sideboard species management.

2001 HSCC Participation in Other Fisheries

Crab

One vessel participated in the opilio crab fishery, harvesting 154,787 lbs. of opilio crab. Three vessels participated in the 2002 Bristol Bay Red King Crab fishery, making one delivery apiece, for a total of 93,752 lbs. Management of this fishery is described in the CV Inter-coop report.

Table 9

HSCC 2002 BBRKC Harvests (lbs)	
Muir Milach	20,656
Ocean Harvester	29,824
Sea Storm	44,324
Total	94,804

Scallops

One vessel participated in the scallop fishery, landing 12,000 lbs pounds of scallops.

CV Inter-coop Groundfish Fisheries

Information concerning the CV Inter-coop's allocations, rules, Interco-op transfer arrangements and a copy of the Agreement are contained in a report submitted by the CV Inter-coop.

Monitoring of sideboard harvests was performed by SeaState.

HSCC Groundfish Sideboard Limits

The following table provides the initial sideboard limits, the adjusted sideboard limits for HSCC vessels, the actual harvest and over/under-ages.

Table 10

Species/Area	Initial Sideboard Allocation (mt)	Sideboard Cap Transfers	Final Sideboard Allocation (mt)	Harvest (mt)	Amount Under (Over) Sideboard Limit	Over Sideboard Limit
BSAI Cod	3808	1,581	5,389	4684	705	No
BSAI Cod (exempt)	NA	NA	NA	1979	NA	No
BSAI YFS	125			11	114	No
BSAI Rocksole	242			394	-152	No*
WG Cod	214			106	108	No
CG Cod	113				113	No
EGOA Cod	0				0	No
610 Pollock _directed	34	223	257	245	12	No
610 Pollock _incidental	34	223	257	265	-8	No*
620 Pollock	52				52	No
630 Pollock	96				96	No
640 Pollock	0				0	No
WGOA Shallow Flats	33				33	No
CGOA Deep Flats	3				3	No
CGOA N Rock	2				2	No
CGOA POP	77				77	No
CGOA Shallow Flats	79				79	No
EGOA Arrowtooth	8				8	No
EGOA Deep flats	5				5	No
EGOA Pelagic Rockfish	9				9	No
EGOA POP	110				110	No
EGOA Rex sole	7				7	No
EGOA Sablefish	6				6	No
EGOA Shallow Flats	21				21	No
EGOA SR/RE	6				6	No
EGOA Thornyhead	11				11	No

There were no overages in directed sideboard fisheries.

*The only overage were for BSAI rocksole taken as non-retained bycatch only in the directed cod fishery, and pollock taken as bycatch in the WGOA cod target.

The next set of tables for each sideboard groundfish fishery shows catch and bycatch by vessel.

BSAI Cod

One exempt vessel and four non-exempt vessels landed a total of 6,663 tons cod in the BSAI directed cod fishery (1,979 tons by the exempt vessel and 4,684 tons by the 4 non-exempt vessels). They used 56 tons of halibut bycatch mortality. The HSCC average halibut bycatch mortality rate per ton of groundfish in this fishery was 0.72%.

Table 11

vessel	Landed cod	Total Ground-fish Catch	Halibut Bycatch	Halibut Mortality	Chinook N (obs)	Other Salmon N (obs)	Red King crab N	Bairdi N	Other Tanner N	Herring Wt
Forum Star (exempt)	1,979	2,269	7	5	101	2	0	368	70	0
Muir Milach	1,128	1,195	4	3	55	2	0	174	49	0
Ocean Harvester	654	793	9	6	22	4	0	357	229	0
Sea Storm	771	954	10	7	19	3	0	366	324	0
Tracy Anne	2,130	2,592	25	17	108	154	0	625	330	0

GOA Pollock

One vessel landed 245 tons of pollock in the W-GOA directed pollock fishery

Table 12

vessel	Landed cod	Landed Pollock	Total Ground-fish Catch	Halibut Bycatch	Halibut Mortality	Chinook N (obs)	Other Salmon N (obs)	Red King crab N	Bairdi N	Other Tanner N
Muir Milach	1	245	252	0	0	3	1	0	0	0

GOA Cod

One vessel landed 102 tons of cod in the W-GOA directed cod fishery

Table 13

vessel	Landed cod	Landed Pollock	Total Ground-fish Catch	Halibut Bycatch	Halibut Mortality	Chinook N (obs)	Other Salmon N (obs)	Red King crab N	Bairdi N	Other Tanner N
Tracy Anne	102	14	131	4	2	14	0	0	0	0

The following set of tables provides a breakdown of all groundfish catch by HSCC vessels in all targets.

All BSAI Groundfish

Table 14

2002 HSCC Catch of BSAI Groundfish in All Targets		
TAC Group	TAC code	Total (Land + Disc)
AI - SC/NO	1136	
AI Turbot	541134	1
Arrowtooth Flounder	121	115
Atka Mackerel	193	
Central AI Mackerel	542193	1
Eastern AI Mackerel	541193	2
Flathead Sole	122	46
Greenland Turbot	134	
Incidental pollock	2700	251
Other Flatfish	120	20
Other Red Rockfish - BS	171	1
Other Rockfish	139	8
Other Species	160	108
Pacific Cod	110	6,703
Pollock	270	132
Pacific Ocean Perch	141	
Central AI POP	542141	0
Eastern AI POP	541141	0
Rock Sole	123	394
Sablefish	710	1
Squid	875	0
SR/RE	171	
Yellowfin Sole	127	11

All WGOA Groundfish

Table 15

2002 HSCC Catch of WGOA Groundfish in All Targets		
TAC Group	TAC code	Total (Land + Disc)
WGOA Pacific Cod	610110	106
WGOA Shallow water flatfish	610120	
WGOA Arrowtooth Flounder	610121	4
WGOA Flathead Sole	610122	3
WGOA Rock Sole	610123	
WGOA Rex sole	610125	
WGOA Yellowfin Sole	610127	
WGOA Deep water flatfish	610134	
WGOA Other Species	610160	3
WGOA Atka Mackerel	610193	0
610 Pollock	610270	265
WGOA Sablefish	610710	
WGOA Northern	6102136	
WGOA Demersal shelf rockfish	6102141	
WGOA Pelagic shelf rockfish	6102142	

PSC Usage by HSCC Member Vessels

The Inter-coop Agreement contains specific provisions on management of Halibut PCS's in the BSAI P. Cod fishery by the inter-coop and individual coops. Detailed PSC use by vessel was provided in the above tables.

HSCC Monitoring and Enforcement

All data used in monitoring HSCC pollock and non-pollock fishing for delivery to offshore processors was obtained from the NMFS observer program office. Information is available on the NMFS password-protected web site 24 hours a day, and is generally accessible 20 minutes after transmission from the vessel. Sea State, Inc. is authorized by the HSCC and its members to receive and process this observer data and report back to the members on the status of the harvest. The process is identical to that described for PCC "Monitoring and Enforcement."

Additionally, for deliveries to shoreside processors, each company submitted copies of its ADF&G fish tickets to Sea State, Inc. for tabulation through the NMFS Electronic Fishticket program. The information was made available to all HSCC members on the SeaState website. Member provided confidentiality waiver requests to ADF&G for release of the data directly to Sea State, Inc. in order that the completeness and accuracy of data submitted members could be verified.

The observer data for shoreside deliveries was not incorporated in the preparation of this report. Fish ticket data was used for shoreside deliveries, and observer data was used for off shore deliveries.

Penalty Structures within the HSCC and Between Co-ops

The Cooperative Agreement between HSCC and PCC provides for cross co-op enforcement of penalties in the event of overharvest of pollock. The CV Inter-cooperative Agreement also contains penalty provisions for overharvest of sideboard species. The HSCC membership agreement is attached as an appendix.

“RESOLVED: That the forfeiture amount (as defined in Section 3.a. of the Membership Agreement) is hereby set at One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) per metric ton of pollock for the “A-1” and “A-2” Bering Sea directed pollock fishery seasons and Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) per metric ton for the Bering Sea directed pollock fishery “B” and “C” seasons. The requirement that the members post a bond to secure their related overharvest obligations is hereby waived for the 1999 pollock fishery.”

No enforcement actions were taken by HSCC in either pollock or sideboard fisheries, as members complied with the provisions of the membership agreement.

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Re: High Seas Catchers' Co-op - Annual Contract Filing

Dear Chris:

To the best of our knowledge, there have been no amendments to the Membership Agreement of the High Seas Catchers' Co-op since the Third Amendment to Membership Agreement dated as of August 3, 2001, a copy of which was faxed to you on November 29, 2001.

Sincerely yours,

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