

Report of The
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I. Akutan Catcher Vessel Association

A. Cooperative Membership

Thirty four member vessels made up the Akutan Catcher Vessel Association (ACVA) for the year 2005. Coop membership increased by one vessel from 2004. The table below shows the ACVA member vessels and their associated Coop percentages. As in the past, Coop percentages listed represent the vessels share of the Coop pollock based on the relevant catch history of each member vessel. In addition to using these percentages for pollock distribution, the Coop percentages were also used for the purpose of allocating Coop costs down to the vessel level. The Trident Seafoods plant in Akutan, Alaska served as the primary purchasing and processing facility for the ACVA in 2005.

Vessel	Coop Percent 2005
ALDEBARAN	5.13%
ARCTIC EXPLORER	5.77%
NORDIC EXPL.	3.85%
INTREPID EXPL.	4.16%
ARCTURUS	5.41%
BLUE FOX	1.22%
COLUMBIA	5.05%
CAPE KIWANDA	0.82%
DOMINATOR	6.23%
SOVEREIGNTY	8.37%
NORTHERN PATRIOT	8.58%
EXODUS	1.06%
GLADIATOR	5.84%
GOLDEN DAWN	6.43%
GOLDEN PISCES	0.96%
HAZEL LORRAINE	1.38%
LESLIE LEE	1.93%
LISA MELINDA	0.76%
MAJESTY	3.54%
MARCY J	0.64%
MARGARET LYN	0.12%
NW EXPLORER	0.84%
PACIFIC RAM	0.72%
PACIFIC VIKING	3.90%
PEGASUS	2.47%
PEGGY JO	1.18%
PERSEVERANCE	1.05%
PREDATOR	0.78%
RAVEN	2.49%
ROYAL AMERICAN	3.45%
SEEKER	1.31%
TRAVELER	0.15%
VIKING EXPLORER	4.23%
MARK I	0.16%
TOTALS	100.00%

B. Cooperative Management

The Akutan Catcher Vessel Association is governed by a Board of Directors as well as through active participation by the owners and operators of the member vessels. The Akutan Catcher Vessel Assoc. remains very active in the inter-coop process and is bound contractually to the inter-coop through the Inter Coop Agreement. Inter-coop issues and fishery management decisions are brought to the Coop level in the form of preferred alternatives. The preferred alternatives are a result of discussions and negotiations with the other Coops resulting in unanimous decisions by all Coop representatives. All preferred alternatives are discussed and voted on at the Coop level prior to being supported at the inter-coop level.

C. In-Season Management

The day to day management of the Coop is the responsibility of the Coop Manager. The Coop Manager is responsible for all communications with the fleet regarding Coop and inter-coop issues as well as providing all Coop information back to the vessel owners and managers. The Coop Manager also schedules all meetings, budgets and manages Coop costs and attends all inter-coop meetings.

In addition to the above duties, the Coop Manager is also responsible for all pollock and sideboard distribution as well as the in-season management of all pollock, sideboard fisheries and PSC. Prior to individual season openings, it is requested that the Coop members “pre-register” for fisheries they will participate in. This is not always a formal process but it provides the Coop Manager adequate information as to which vessels will participate in which fisheries prior to the fisheries commencing. During this process, member vessels are informed of allocations or sideboard restrictions and any other pertinent information that needs to be conveyed. As the fisheries proceed, landing data is obtained by the Coop Manager from the plant that received the catch and landing totals are tabulated and compared against allocation or sideboards in the pertinent area. Vessels keep updated on their allocation progress via direct communication with the Coop Manager. An update is also sent to the processor and the vessel owners on a regular basis. This process ensures that no allocation or sideboard limits are exceeded.

It is also the responsibility of the Coop Manager to complete all Coop reporting requirements as outlined by the Government. This includes the submission and reconciliation of all weekly reports and the compilation and completion of the annual report to the Council.

Transfers of allocation are used within and between Coops to allow for efficient use of our allocations. The Coop Manager is responsible for tracking all transfers and preparing any necessary paper work to facilitate the transfers. All completed transfers are then reported to the Coop via changes to the allocation spreadsheets that are distributed regularly. In many cases the Manager aids in the transfer process by identifying remaining allocations or fishing situations in which a transfer might be beneficial or requested by Coop members.

All landings data, including prohibited species catches, are also gathered by Sea State, Inc. Since the inception of AFA Coops, Sea State has been hired to act as a third party to aid in our fishery management. Harvest and bycatch data is obtained by Sea State via the NMFS Electronic Logbook, submitted by the plants, or via observer reports which are acquired through the observer program office in Seattle. This data allows Sea State to aid the Coop Manager with in-season management as needed. This service is used primarily to monitor the harvest of prohibited species and to facilitate the various bycatch programs put in place by the inter-coop group. All data gathered by Sea State is available to the Coop Manager via a password protected website. Data on the website is available in the aggregate or by individual vessel deliveries.

II. Akutan Catcher Vessel Association AFA Pollock

A. Cooperative Pollock Allocation

Based on the NMFS verified catch histories of its member vessels, the Akutan Catcher Vessel Association was allocated 28.13% of the pollock available for directed fishing by the Bering Sea onshore sector. This resulted in a 2005 Bering Sea pollock allocation of **183,910 MT**. This total allocation was distributed to member vessels based on their corresponding Coop percentage. A total of 40% of their annual allocation was given to them in the “A” season and the balance in the “B” season. The annual allocation listed above does include both the bycatch reallocation from the unused Aleutian Islands allocation as well as the pollock that was released from the bycatch account. All of the reallocated pounds were harvested during the “B” season fishery.

B. Vessel Allocations and Harvest

Table 1 shows initial pollock allocations to the ACVA member vessels as well as the total harvest of pollock by member vessels. Table 2 shows the pollock harvest along with non-groundfish and PSC catch.

TABLE 1:

As indicated on this table in the bottom right hand corner, 2,623 MT of pollock was left unharvested in this Coop for 2005. The large majority of this was fish remaining from vessels that were GOA exempt vessels and, therefore, couldn't lease trade or sell their BS allocations. Most of these vessels chose not to come to the Bering Sea for the “B” season fishery due to the large salmon savings area closures and the high costs of harvesting this fish due to the long run and extreme fuel cost.

As evident by looking the each vessel's harvest compared to their allocations, many intra-coop transfers were made. Some of this is a result of vessels stacking their allocations to further rationalize the fishery. Most of these transfers, however, were a direct result of the difficult fishing conditions present during the “B” season fishery. The large Chum and Chinook Salmon Savings Areas that were closed for much of the “B” season had a dramatic effect on the fleet's ability to find pollock and at the same time avoid the salmon. Available fishing areas outside of the closed areas were very few which resulted in vessels running long distances to find fish and an extremely high operating cost due to the fuel prices. Vessels that had finished their allocations were forced to stay much longer than planned to aid other Coop vessels in harvesting their fish. The fleet was also working extremely hard to avoid salmon bycatch. This compounded the problem as often times when pollock were found, they were accompanied by high salmon numbers. It is the belief of this Coop that more economical fishing could have been found with fewer salmon, had the fleet had access to the areas closed by the Chum and Chinook Salmon Savings Areas. In addition, the quality of fish delivered to the plants also suffered due to the long runs caused by the difficult fishing and closed areas.

The above harvesting difficulties resulted in the Coop having to seek the aid of other Coops to help in the harvest of ACVA fish. As you can see at the bottom of Table 1 a total of ten boats from outside the Coop were contracted to deliver fish on behalf of the ACVA. All of this fish was delivered to the Trident Plant in Akutan. Most all of these vessels were contracted in the “B” season.

No member vessels in this Coop exceeded their annual allocation of BS pollock without approval of the Coop manager. Small overages did occur but were easily offset by the vessels that left small amounts unharvested. No pollock allocations belonging to GOA exempt vessels were leased, traded or sold.

TABLE 1
AKUTAN CATCHER VESSEL ASSOCIATION
2005 POLLOCK ALLOCATIONS AND
HARVEST BY VESSEL

2005 Total Pollock Allocation: 183,910 MT

Vessel	Coop Percent	2005 Allocation (MT)	Vessel Harvest (MT)	(Over/Under Allocation (MT))
	2005			
ALDEBARAN	5.13%	9,441	8,739	702
ARCTIC EXPLORER	5.77%	10,603	12,804	(2,201)
NORDIC EXPL.	3.85%	7,076	0	7,076
INTREPID EXPL.	4.16%	7,655	1,387	6,268
ARCTURUS	5.41%	9,950	9,497	453
BLUE FOX	1.22%	2,236	0	2,236
COLUMBIA	5.05%	9,284	12,510	(3,226)
CAPE KIWANDA	0.82%	1,502	1,148	354
DOMINATOR	6.23%	11,455	13,763	(2,308)
SOVEREIGNTY	8.37%	15,390	14,907	483
NORTHERN PATRIOT	8.58%	15,786	16,250	(464)
EXODUS	1.06%	1,957	0	1,957
GLADIATOR	5.84%	10,739	6,352	4,387
GOLDEN DAWN	6.43%	11,818	13,949	(2,131)
GOLDEN PISCES	0.96%	1,771	3,031	(1,260)
HAZEL LORRAINE	1.38%	2,544	2,025	519
LESLIE LEE	1.93%	3,545	3,527	18
LISA MELINDA	0.76%	1,404	510	894
MAJESTY	3.54%	6,516	4,438	2,078
MARCY J	0.64%	1,178	1,210	(32)
MARGARET LYN	0.12%	223	0	223
NW EXPLORER	0.84%	1,551	9,700	(8,149)
PACIFIC RAM	0.72%	1,332	533	799
PACIFIC VIKING	3.90%	7,173	6,697	476
PEGASUS	2.47%	4,549	2,148	2,401
PEGGY JO	1.18%	2,174	2,995	(821)
PERSEVERANCE	1.05%	1,933	288	1,645
PREDATOR	0.78%	1,425	662	763
RAVEN	2.49%	4,581	2,589	1,992
ROYAL AMERICAN	3.45%	6,348	8,729	(2,381)
SEEKER	1.31%	2,418	1,466	952
TRAVELER	0.15%	270	104	166
VIKING EXPLORER	4.23%	7,784	9,641	(1,857)
MARK I	0.16%	296	150	146
BRISTOL EXPLORER	Contract Vessel	0	5,621	(5,621)
SEADAWN	Contract Vessel	0	2,102	(2,102)
OCEAN LEADER	Contract Vessel	0	194	(194)
SUNSET BAY	Contract Vessel	0	406	(406)
HALF MOON BAY	Contract Vessel	0	298	(298)
ANITA J	Contract Vessel	0	161	(161)
STORM PETREL	Contract Vessel	0	181	(181)
POSEIDON	Contract Vessel	0	221	(221)
COMMODORE	Contract Vessel	0	186	(186)
ROYAL ATLANTIC	Contract Vessel	0	168	(168)
TOTALS	100.00%	183,910	181,287	2,623

TABLE 2: Member Vessel's individual harvest of pollock, non-pollock groundfish and PSC species.

TABLE 2
AKUTAN CATCHER VESSEL
ASSOCIATION
2005 ACTUAL CATCH AND BYCATCH IN DIRECTED POLLOCK FISHERY

Vessel	Pollock Harvest (MT)	Non-Target Groundfish (MT)	Halibut Mort. (MT)	Red King Crab (N)	Bairdi (N)	Other Tanner (N)	Chinook (N)	Other Salmon (N)
ALDEBARAN	8,739	128	2	0	6	17	1,072	3,869
ARCTIC EXPLORER	12,804	129	3	0	9	16	872	12,644
NORDIC EXPL.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
INTREPID EXPL.	1,387	24	0	0	0	0	62	0
ARCTURUS	9,497	94	2	0	7	24	1,256	14,834
BLUE FOX	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
COLUMBIA	12,510	135	3	0	11	25	609	10,606
CAPE KIWANDA	1,148	13	0	0	1	1	34	491
DOMINATOR	13,763	163	2	0	11	29	1,333	4,620
SOVEREIGNTY	14,907	160	2	0	10	22	1,753	25,751
NORTHERN PATRIOT	16,250	179	2	0	12	30	1,239	13,663
EXODUS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
GLADIATOR	6,352	89	1	0	3	23	338	791
GOLDEN DAWN	13,949	348	4	0	9	23	1,008	8,491
GOLDEN PISCES	3,031	86	1	0	5	3	50	2,578
HAZEL LORRAINE	2,025	35	0	0	2	1	173	107
LESLIE LEE	3,527	38	0	0	4	32	64	1,682
LISA MELINDA	510	16	0	0	0	0	68	0
MAJESTY	4,438	47	1	0	6	7	133	5,040
MARCY J	1,210	8	0	0	1	1	19	28
MARGARET LYN	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
NW EXPLORER	9,700	115	1	0	6	11	2,083	8,036
PACIFIC RAM	533	37	0	0	0	0	90	0
PACIFIC VIKING	6,697	65	1	0	5	5	1,196	9,656
PEGASUS	2,148	36	0	0	1	0	101	0
PEGGY JO	2,995	31	1	0	2	3	306	410
PERSEVERANCE	288	6	0	0	0	0	9	0
PREDATOR	662	12	0	0	0	0	25	2
RAVEN	2,589	38	0	0	1	0	126	1
ROYAL AMERICAN	8,729	143	3	0	8	13	249	4,961
SEEKER	1,466	17	1	0	0	1	250	1,127
TRAVELER	104	2	0	0	0	0	7	26
VIKING EXPLORER	9,641	118	2	0	8	9	1,065	7,979
MARK I	150	1	0	0	0	2	3	0
BRISTOL EXPLORER	5,621	31	1	0	6	15	129	14,789
SEADAWN	2,102	5	0	0	3	4	61	423
OCEAN LEADER	194	2	0	0	0	1	6	34
SUNSET BAY	406	14	0	0	1	1	66	178
HALF MOON BAY	298	5	0	0	0	0	158	654
ANITA J	161	1	0	0	0	0	109	208
STORM PETREL	181	1	0	0	0	0	63	159
POSEIDON	221	2	0	0	0	0	267	263
COMMODORE	186	1	0	0	0	0	192	33
ROYAL ATLANTIC	168	2	0	0	0	0	117	220
TOTALS	181,287	2,377	33	0	138	319	16,761	154,354
TOTAL ALLOCATION	183,910							
UNHARVESTED ALLOC.	2,623							

III. BSAI Sideboards

A. BSAI Cod Sideboard Allocations

Bering Sea sideboards were established for each AFA Coop for Pacific cod, Yellowfin sole and Rock sole. No vessels from the Akutan Catcher Vessel Association participated in either Bering Sea flatfish fishery in 2005. Coop sideboard allocations for Bering Sea flatfish have not been distributed to individual vessels in the Coop.

Based on the Sea State verified catch history of its member vessels, the ACVA was allocated 25.28% of the Bering Sea cod sideboards available to the AFA non-exempt fleet. This resulted in a total 2005 Pacific cod sideboard total of 8,734 MT to the Akutan non-exempt fleet. Six member vessels in the ACVA possess the exempt cod status.

B. Cod Sideboard Transfers

The middle column of Table three shows the cod transfers that were made for 2005 for the Akutan Catcher Vessel Association. The net of these transfers was 19.02 MT being transferred in to the ACVA from other Coops.

C. Vessel Cod and PSC Harvest

Table 3 shows the cod Coop percentage for each of the non-exempt member vessels and their associated sideboard totals and harvest amounts for 2005. The bottom of the table also shows the Bering Sea cod exempt vessels and their associated cod landings for 2005. Table 4 shows the total cod sideboard harvest as well as the non-target groundfish and PSC harvest for both the exempt and non-exempt member vessels.

TABLE 3:

A total of 3,540 MT of non-exempt cod was left unharvested during 2005. A net amount of 19.02 MT of cod was transferred in to the ACVA during the months of March and April, 2005. The total non-exempt sideboard allocation for 2005 after the transfers was 8,753 MT, of which, 59.55% was harvested. All of the cod harvest took place in the winter and spring during the January through April time frame. No member vessels participated in the cod fishery during the second half of the year.

As you can see by looking at each vessel's sideboard totals and harvest amounts, many intra-coop transfers were made. These transfers were the result of vessels stacking sideboards in order to allow vessels to finish pollock and others to harvest cod in the spring. All vessels that harvested amounts in excess of their own sideboard total did so under the direction of the Coop Manager.

A summary of the ACVA exempt vessel cod sideboard harvest can be seen at the bottom of Table 3.

TABLE 4:

PSC caps were established for halibut, Zone 1 red King crab as well as zone 1 Bairdi and Opilio. As the harvest data shows, PSC bycatch was once again low in 2005. A total of 41 MT, or 22.4%, of the Coop's halibut mortality was used to harvest the non-exempt vessel's cod. This was largely due to the particular fishing grounds where a much of the cod was harvested.

The PSC catch for the exempt cod fleet is also seen in Table 4.

TABLE 3
AKUTAN CATCHER VESSEL ASSOCIATION
2005 BS PACIFIC COD SIDEBOARD ALLOCATIONS AND HARVEST

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Non-Exempt Vessels	Coop Percent	2005 Cod Sideboard Allocation (MT)	Inter Coop Tansfers (MT)	Total Sideboard w/ Transf. (MT)	Vessel Harvest (MT)	(Over)/Under Allocation (MT)
ALDEBARAN	6.30%	550		550	0.00	550
ARCTIC EXPLORER	5.60%	489		489	54.43	435
NORDIC EXPLORER	2.87%	251		251	0.00	251
INTREPID EXPLORER	4.75%	415		415	845.96	(431)
ARCTURUS	5.49%	479		479	0.00	479
CAPE KIWANDA	4.15%	362		362	269.81	93
COLUMBIA	6.60%	576		576	144.81	432
DOMINATOR	5.74%	501		501	0.00	501
SOVEREIGNTY	1.88%	164		164	0.00	164
NORTHERN PATRIOT	0.91%	79		79	0.00	79
EXODUS	1.94%	169	(30.98)	138	14.79	124
GLADIATOR	5.09%	445		445	103.07	341
GOLDEN DAWN	5.41%	473		473	59.45	413
HAZEL LORAINE	1.35%	118		118	0.00	118
LESLIE LEE	0.84%	73		73	0.00	73
LISA MELINDA	0.53%	46		46	0.00	46
MAJESTY	7.00%	611	50.00	661	1,359.23	(698)
MARCY J	0.57%	50		50	0.00	50
NW EXPLORER	0.00%	0		0	317.66	(318)
PACIFIC RAM	1.75%	153		153	104.56	48
PACIFIC VIKING	7.07%	617		617	972.66	(355)
PEGASUS	6.26%	547		547	440.79	106
RAVEN	4.80%	419		419	366.13	53
ROYAL AMERICAN	7.21%	630		630	159.33	470
VIKING EXPLORER	5.89%	514		514	0.00	514
TOTALS	100.00%	8,734	19.02	8,753	5,212.68	3,540

Exempt Vessels	Coop Percent	2005 Cod Harvest (MT)
BLUE FOX	EXEMPT	1,254
GOLDEN PISCES	EXEMPT	1,479
PERSEVERANCE	EXEMPT	627
PREDATOR	EXEMPT	672
PEGGY JO	EXEMPT	143
SEEKER	EXEMPT	1,714
TOTAL (MT)		5,890

TABLE 4
AKUTAN CATCHER VESSEL ASSOCIATION
2005 BERING SEA PACIFIC COD "A" SIDEBOARD HARVEST AND PSC
BYCATCH

Non-Exempt Vessels	Pacific Cod Harvest (MT)	Non-Target Groundfish (MT)	Halibut Mort. (MT)	Red King Crab (N)	Bairdi (N)	Other Tanner (N)	Chinook (N)	Other Salmon (N)
ALDEBARAN	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
ARCTIC EXPLORER	54	18	1	0	36	3	0	0
NORDIC EXPLORER	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
INTREPID EXPLORER	846	39	1	0	30	9	0	0
ARCTURUS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
CAPE KIWANDA	270	50	8	0	444	51	0	0
COLUMBIA	145	45	3	0	120	7	1	0
DOMINATOR	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
SOVEREIGNTY	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
NORTHERN PATRIOT	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
EXODUS	15	3	1	0	36	2	5	0
GLADIATOR	103	49	2	0	100	9	13	0
GOLDEN DAWN	59	18	1	0	44	4	16	0
HAZEL LORAINE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
LESLIE LEE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
LISA MELINDA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
MAJESTY	1,359	99	8	897	390	61	13	0
MARCY J	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
NW EXPLORER	318	14	0	0	8	1	17	0
PACIFIC RAM	105	13	3	0	148	3	0	0
PACIFIC VIKING	973	81	3	0	127	17	73	1
PEGASUS	441	77	4	0	279	41	4	0
RAVEN	366	58	3	0	244	40	0	0
ROYAL AMERICAN	159	64	3	0	170	15	0	0
VIKING EXPLORER	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTALS	5,213	628	41	897	2176	263	142	1
TOTAL ALLOCATION	8,753		183	1,665	23,314	15,881		
UNHARVESTED ALLOC.	3,540		142	768	21,138	15,618		

Exempt Vessels	Pacific Cod Harvest (MT)	Non-Target Groundfish (MT)	Halibut Mort. (MT)	Red King Crab (N)	Bairdi (N)	Other Tanner (N)	Chinook (N)	Other Salmon (MT)
BLUE FOX	1,254	198	28	0	3507	318	5	0
GOLDEN PISCES	1,479	349	49	0	4807	477	3	0
PERSEVERANCE	627	87	11	0	553	73	0	0
PREDATOR	672	115	11	0	612	87	3	0
PEGGY JO	143	41	4	0	235	24	2	0
SEEKER	1,714	322	39	0	4625	402	0	0

IV. Bering Sea Salmon Bycatch Management

Chinook and Chum salmon bycatch programs were created for 2005 through the work of the inter-coop group. The results of these programs were the Chinook and Chum Salmon Bycatch Agreements which were adopted by all of the Coops. All Coops were bound contractually to these agreements. The overall goal of both programs is to provide to the fleet real-time bycatch data that is used to alter fishing grounds as needed to harvest pollock with as little salmon bycatch as possible. Incorporated in to these programs were weekly closed areas affecting Coops that had shown high salmon bycatch over the previous couple of weeks.

Under these programs, vessels were asked to transmit tow-by-tow salmon bycatch data to Sea State. Sea State was hired to monitor the fishery and salmon bycatch performance by the Coops. Sea State was responsible for gathering the data, notifying the Coop Managers of bycatch rates by area as well as determining and announcing the weekly closures. Vessels in the Akutan Catcher Vessel Association used two methods for transmitting bycatch data. Many vessels used software that worked in conjunction with the vessel's VMS system to send the tow data from the grounds. In cases where the VMS transmission was failing or the software was not used, vessels send data directly to Sea State via Sat C email.

It is the general feeling of this Coop that the programs were a success. We feel we were very successful in getting vessel operators to put salmon bycatch as one of their top priorities. We did an adequate job sending our tow-by-tow salmon bycatch estimates to Sea State and we were compliant, with one exception, to all weekly closures that were placed upon us as a result of higher than allowed bycatch rates. Vessels changed harvest areas frequently and as needed to attempt to find cleaner fishing. We had excellent communication between the fleet, the processor and the Coop Manager regarding salmon bycatch issues. Despite all of these efforts, we still had a very difficult time finding clean fishing both in the winter roe fishery as well as throughout the late summer and fall fishery. This appears to be a direct result of the high number of salmon that roamed the Bering Sea this year and the large closure areas that were present for much of the "B" season.

As mentioned above, one violation of a weekly closed area occurred in the Akutan Coop during the 2005 "B" season. The violation was not intentional and was the result of a misunderstanding of the notice that was issued indicating the closed area. Upon realizing the mistake, the vessel captain contacted the vessel owner and the Coop Manager to let both know what had happened. After the necessary investigation by the Coop Manager, the vessel was assessed a monetary violation for the fish that were taken in the closed area. The total dollar value of the violation was \$1700.

We feel fishing restrictions as a result of the regulatory closures of the Chinook and Chum Salmon Savings Areas significantly impacted the performance of the Chum and Chinook salmon bycatch programs this year. During the times of these closures, fishing grounds were so limited that there were very few places to look for clean fishing. In addition, there were times that vessels had a hard time finding pollock to work on resulting in longer tows and likely more salmon bycatch. We feel that better fishing, with fewer salmon, may have existed within the boundaries of the Chum and Chinook Savings Areas during times vessels were forced to fish outside that area. It is possible that not having access to the Savings Areas may have actually increases to overall bycatch of salmon for 2005.

V. Gulf of Alaska Sideboards

A. GOA Sideboard Allocations

Sideboards were established for the major target fisheries in the Gulf of Alaska. For 2005, NMFS published informational tables with GOA sideboard percentages for each Coop's non-exempt vessels. Sideboard totals for each Coop were calculated by taking the Coop's percentage of the overall AFA sideboard for that area and species. Coop percentages are based on the relevant verified catch histories of member vessels.

Tables 5 and 6 show the Akutan Catcher Vessel Association 2005 non-exempt sideboard limits for pollock, cod and POP as well as any inter-coop transfers that took place during the year.

TABLE 5 and 6:

As stated above, these tables list the total sideboard amounts in MT by area and season based on a total of the member's catch histories. Inter-Coop transfers are noted in the middle column and total sideboards including transfers are at the right.

B. GOA Sideboard Harvest

Three vessels from the Akutan Catcher Vessel Association participated in GOA sideboard fisheries in 2005.

TABLE 7:

This table summarizes the GOA sideboard target species harvest for 2005. All of the effort was in the pollock fishery. No vessels also participated in the GOA cod and POP sideboard fisheries. No sideboard limits were exceeded by this Coop for 2005. Any additional harvest of GOA species by ACVA member vessels was done on GOA exempt vessels.

TABLE 5
AKUTAN CATCHER VESSEL
ASSOCIATION
2005 GOA POLLOCK SIDEBOARD ALLOCATIONS BY AREA

Area/Species	Coop Sideboard Shares "A" Season (MT)	Inter Coop Transfers (MT)	"A" Sideboard Shares After Transfers (MT)
610 Pollock	1122.00	0.00	1122
620 Pollock	1009.00	0.00	1009
630 Pollock	532.00	0.00	532

Area/Species	Coop Sideboard Shares "B" Season (MT)	Inter Coop Transfers (MT)	"B" Sideboard Shares After Transfers (MT)
610 Pollock	1122.00	0.00	1122
620 Pollock	1193.00	0.00	1193
630 Pollock	260.00	0.00	260

Area/Species	Coop Sideboard Shares "C" Season (MT)	Inter Coop Transfers (MT)	"C" Sideboard Shares After Transfers (MT)
610 Pollock	2264	0.00	2264.00
620 Pollock	384	0.00	384
630 Pollock	806	0.00	806

Area/Species	Coop Sideboard Shares "D" Season (MT)	Inter Coop Transfers (MT)	"D" Sideboard Shares After Transfers (MT)
610 Pollock	2264	(1223.00)	1041.00
620 Pollock	384	0.00	384.00
630 Pollock	806	0.00	806.00

Area/Species	Coop Sideboard Shares 2004 Total (MT)	Inter Coop Transfers (MT)	2003 Sideboard Shares After Transfers (MT)
640 Pollock	0.59	0	0.59
650 Pollock	0	0.00	0

TABLE 6
AKUTAN CATCHER VESSEL
ASSOCIATION
2005 GOA COD AND POP SIDEBOARD ALLOCATIONS BY
AREA

Area/Species	"A" Coop Sideboard Shares (MT)	Inter Coop Transfers (MT)	Sideboard Shares After Transfers (MT)
Pacific Cod Western	441.00	0	441.00
Pacific Cod Central	546.00	(50.00)	496.00

Area/Species	"B" Coop Sideboard Shares (MT)	Inter Coop Transfers (MT)	Sideboard Shares After Transfers (MT)
Pacific Cod Western	294.00	0	294.00
Pacific Cod Central	364.00	0	364.00

Area/Species	2005 Coop Sideboard Shares (MT)	Inter Coop Transfers (MT)	Sideboard Shares After Transfers (MT)
Pacific Cod Eastern	26.00	0	26.00

Area/Species	2005 Coop Sideboard Shares (MT)	Inter Coop Transfers (MT)	Sideboard Shares After Transfers (MT)
POP Central	229.46	0	229.46
POP Eastern	0	0	0

TABLE 7
AKUTAN CATCHER VESSEL ASSOCIATION
2005 GOA POLLOCK SIDEBOARD HARVEST BY AREA AND
SPECIES

Vessel	610 Pollock A Harvest (MT)	610 Pollock B Harvest (MT)	610 Pollock C Harvest (MT)	610 Pollock D Harvest (MT)	2005 Totals (MT)
Majesty	1009.73				1009.73
Intrepid Explorer				418.20	418.20
Seasonal Allocation:	1122.00	1122.00	2264.00	1041.00	5549.00
Unharvested Allocation:	112.27	1122.00	2264.00	1041.00	4121.07

Vessel	620 Pollock A Harvest (MT)	620 Pollock B Harvest (MT)	620 Pollock C Harvest (MT)	620 Pollock D Harvest (MT)	2005 Totals (MT)
Majesty	25.97				25.97
Viking Explorer		514.24			514.24
					0.00
Seasonal Allocation:	1009.00	1193.00	384.00	384.00	2970.00
Unharvested Allocation:	1009.00	678.76	384.00	384.00	2455.76

Vessel	630 Pollock A Harvest (MT)	630 Pollock B Harvest (MT)	630 Pollock C Harvest (MT)	630 Pollock D Harvest (MT)	2005 Totals (MT)
Viking Explorer		115.61			115.61
					0.00
Seasonal Allocation:	532.00	260.00	806.00	806.00	2404.00
Unharvested Allocation:	532.00	144.39	806.00	806.00	2288.39

TABLE 7 - CONTINUED
AKUTAN CATCHER VESSEL ASSOCIATION
2005 GOA OTHER SIDEBOARD HARVEST BY AREA AND
SPECIES

Vessel	Pacific Cod "A" Western (MT)	Pacific Cod "A" Central (MT)	Pacific Cod "B" Western (MT)	Pacific Cod "B" Central (MT)
Seasonal Allocation:	441.00	496.00	294.00	354.12
Unharvested Allocation:	441.00	496.00	294.00	354.12

Vessel	POP Central (MT)	Northern RF Central (MT)
Seasonal Allocation:	229.46	80.2
Unharvested Allocation:	229.46	80.2