

Fishery Management Plan (FMP) revisions and compliance issues for groundfish, crab and scallop stocks

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NPFMC Fishery Management Plans (5)

- BSAI Groundfish
- GOA Groundfish
- BSAI king and Tanner Crab
- Alaska Scallop
- *High Seas Salmon*

Differences in management between
FMPs relative to catch specifications:
BSAI and GOA Groundfish

- Full federal management authority
- Multiple species: target and non-targets
- Catch limit specifications set annually for 2 years:
 - OFLs, ABCs (Tier System in FMPs)
 - Plan Team→**SSC**→AP→Council
 - TACs
 - AP→Council
- Bycatch limits for species not under FMP:
 - Halibut (BSAI and GOA), herring (BSAI-only), Salmon (BSAI-only), Crab (BSAI-only)

Differences in management between FMPs
relative to catch specifications:
BSAI Crab

- Shared management with State of AK
- 10 crab stocks included (all targets, some closed due to low abundance)
- Catch specifications set annually
 - OFLs-new process (Tier system in FMP)
 - Plan Team →SSC
 - No ABCs
 - TAC and GHL determined by State of AK

Differences in management between FMPs relative to catch specifications: **Scallop**

- Shared management with State of AK
- Multiple species included in FMP
 - weathervane = target
 - no information (or catch) on other scallop species: rock, pink, spiny
- Some catch specifications (GHL) set annually, other (OFL statewide) fixed
 - Statewide OFL as fixed level in FMP
 - No ABCs
 - GHLs specified annually by registration area (State of AK)
 - Catch and biomass (biomass where avail) as shucked meat weight
- Bycatch limits for crab species