

## **USS ROCKFISH COOPERATIVE**

2011 Annual Report to the  
North Pacific Fisheries Management Council

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## I. Introduction and Cooperative Quota

In 2011, the USS Rockfish Cooperative (“USS Co-op”) was comprised of the vessels ALLIANCE and LEGACY, license limitation program (“LLP”) numbers LLG2905 and LLG1802 respectively. David Wood is the authorized representative of the USS Co-op. ALLIANCE and LEGACY assigned the rockfish pilot program (“RPP”) quota share (“QS”) attached to their LLPs to the USS Co-op creating its initial annual fishing cooperative quota (“CQ”) as accounted for in Table 1.

Table 1: Initial USS Co-op CQ (metric tons).

	Initial CQ Allocation (mt)
GOA Pelagic Shelf Rockfish	52.68
GOA Rougheye Rockfish	10.31
GOA Shortraker Rockfish	1.97
GOA Thornyhead Rockfish	2.95
Northern Rockfish	22.05
Pacific Ocean Perch	50.87
Sablefish	4.11
Halibut	2.19

The annual report information required by 50 CFR 679.5 is included below. Descriptions are very brief because the USS Co-op vessels did not harvest RPP CQ or participate in any RPP sideboarded fisheries in 2011.

## II. Inter-cooperative CQ Transfers

USS Co-op transferred all CQ for 2011 to the Gulf of Alaska Rockfish Best Use Cooperative (“Best Use Co-op”) as allowed by 50 CFR 679.81 (4)(iii)(A-F). The transfer of CQ led to USS Co-op having a fishable CQ of “0” as described in Table 2.

Table 2: Sum CQ Transfer Out and Resulting Fishable CQ of the USS Co-op for 2011.

	Sum CQ Transfers Out (mt)	Resulting Fishable CQ (mt)
GOA Pelagic Shelf Rockfish	52.68	0
GOA Rougheye Rockfish	10.31	0
GOA Shortraker Rockfish	1.97	0
GOA Thornyhead Rockfish	2.95	0
Northern Rockfish	22.05	0
Pacific Ocean Perch	85.87*	0
Sablefish	4.11	0
Halibut	0	2.19

\* The Pacific Ocean Perch CQ transfer out of 85.87 mt is higher than the initial CQ of 50.874 mt because an inter-cooperative agreement transferred 35 mt of QS into the USS Co-op in 2011.

### **III. Sideboard Limits for USS Co-op and by Vessel Harvest**

The USS Co-op sideboard limits are accounted for in Table 3 and are not transferrable. 50 CFR 679.81(4)(iii)(E). Sideboard limits allow for vessels with a history in other Gulf of Alaska (“GOA”) fisheries to harvest up to their historical average catch levels.

Table 3: USS Co-op Rockfish Sideboards.

	Sideboard Percentage	Metric Tons
WG Northern Rockfish	4.514%	4.5
Deep Water Complex Halibut	22.744%	22.7
Shallow Water Complex Halibut	22.363%	22.3
WG GOA Pelagic Shelf Rockfish	1.319%	1.3
WG Pacific Ocean Perch	.097%	0.1

Vessel-by-vessel harvest data is unavailable and inapplicable because neither the ALLIANCE or LEGACY participated in the GOA sideboard fisheries during 2011.

### **IV. Retained or Discarded Catch of CQ, Plus Sideboards by Area and Vessel**

Actual retained or discarded catch of CQ, and sideboards by statistical area and vessel are unavailable and inapplicable because the USS Co-op vessels did not harvest RPP CQ or participate in the RPP sideboarded fisheries in 2011.

### **V. Methods Used To Monitor Vessel Participation In Fisheries**

Neither the ALLIANCE or LEGACY participated in the Central GOA rockfish or sideboarded RPP fisheries in 2011.

### **VI. Actions Taken In Response to Members Exceeding Their Allowable Catch.**

None of the USS Co-op members exceeded their allowable catch in 2011.

### **VII. Conclusion**

The transfer of all USS Co-op CQ in 2011 to the Best Use Co-op helped efficiently harvest the resource.