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RC 36

Bering Sea District Pacific Cod Management Plan Allocation

Stair step allocation:

2014 3% of Federal BSAI ABC

If the state water GHL is caught (within 90%) in any year, then in the succeeding year the GHL allocation shall increase to 4%.

If the state water GHL that results from 4% (within 90%) of the federal BSAI ABC is caught in any year then in the succeeding year the GHL shall increase to 5%.

Many years the TAC is lower than the ABC and the harvest is lower than the TAC. For example in 2012 the BSAI cod ABC was 314,000 mt. The federal TAC was 261,000 mt. The harvest was "only" 245,800 mt.

***** The 2 million metric ton federal cap in the BSAI is not affected by the state's GHL allocation.**

Table 34-1.—Federal BSAI Pacific cod non-CDQ sector allocations, 50 C.F.R. 679.20(a)(7)(ii)(A).

Sector	Percent allocation
Jig vessels	1.4
Hook-and-line/pot CV <60 ft OAL	2.0
Hook-and-line CV ≥60 ft OAL	0.2
Hook-and-line CP	48.7
Pot CV ≥60 ft OAL	8.4
Pot CP	1.5
AFA trawl CP	2.3
Amendment 80 sector	13.4
Trawl CV	22.1

Note: CV = catcher vessel, CP = catcher-processor vessel, AFA = American Fisheries Act, OAL = overall length.

Table 34-2.—Federal BSAI Pacific cod ABC, TAC, harvest (metric tons), and number of vessels, 2008–2012.

Year	ABC	TAC	Harvest	Percent of	
				ABC	Vessels
2008	176,000	170,720	166,136	94.4	215
2009	182,000	176,540	173,663	95.4	175
2010	174,000	168,780	168,382	96.8	165
2011	235,000	227,950	219,919	93.6	169
2012	314,000	261,000	245,823	78.3	178
Average	216,200	200,998	194,785	90.1	180

Source: <http://alaskafisheries.noaa.gov/sustainablefisheries/catchstats.htm>