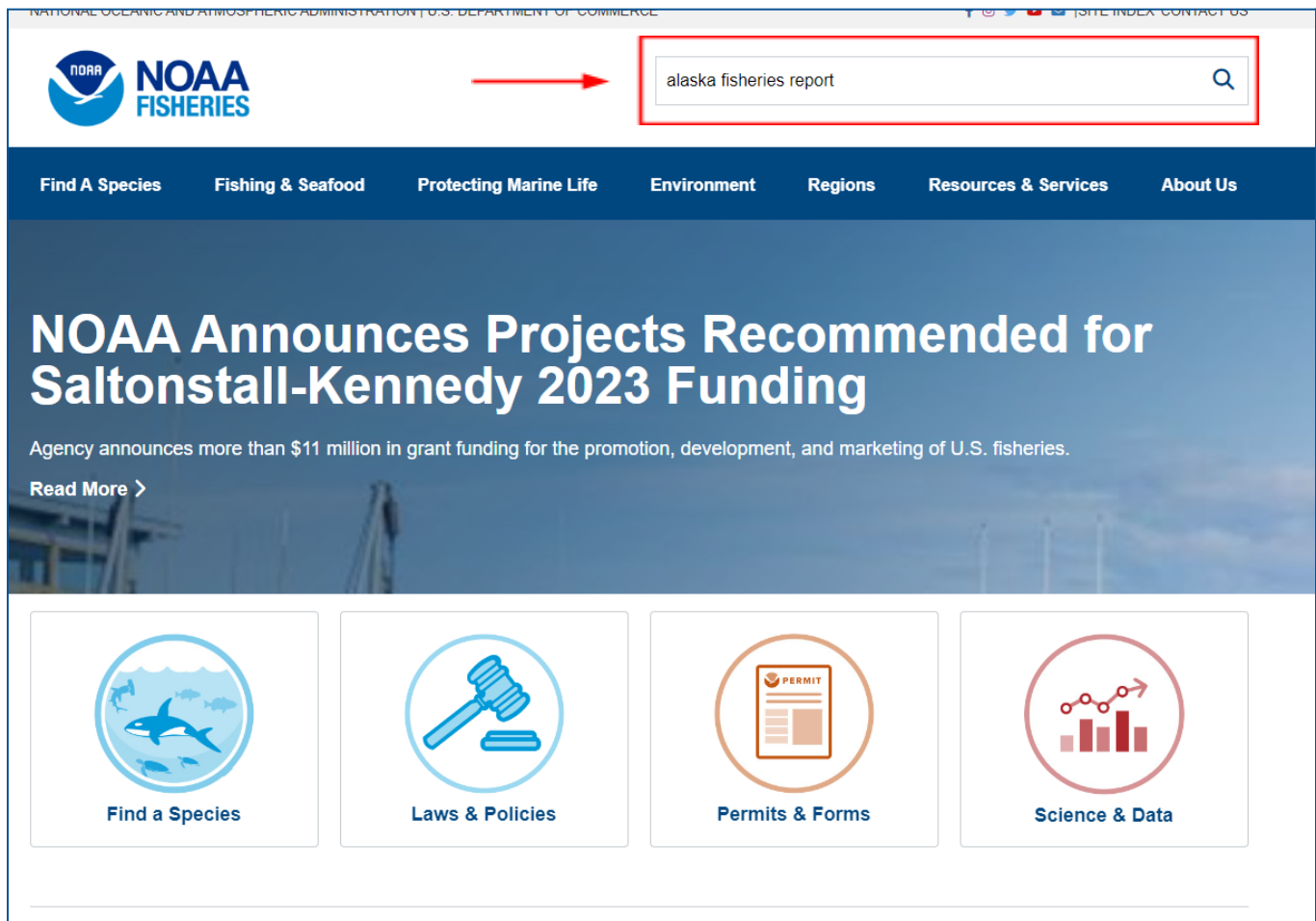


Guide: How to find information on Alaska Fisheries Bycatch

1. Go to <https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/> and type “alaska fisheries report”



The screenshot shows the NOAA Fisheries website. At the top, the NOAA Fisheries logo is on the left, and a search bar is on the right. A red arrow points to the search bar, which contains the text "alaska fisheries report". Below the search bar is a navigation menu with links: Find A Species, Fishing & Seafood, Protecting Marine Life, Environment, Regions, Resources & Services, and About Us. Below the navigation menu is a large banner with the headline "NOAA Announces Projects Recommended for Saltonstall-Kennedy 2023 Funding". Below the banner is a section with four icons and labels: Find a Species (fish icon), Laws & Policies (gavel icon), Permits & Forms (permit icon), and Science & Data (bar chart icon).

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Agency announces more than \$11 million in grant funding for the promotion, development, and marketing of U.S. fisheries.

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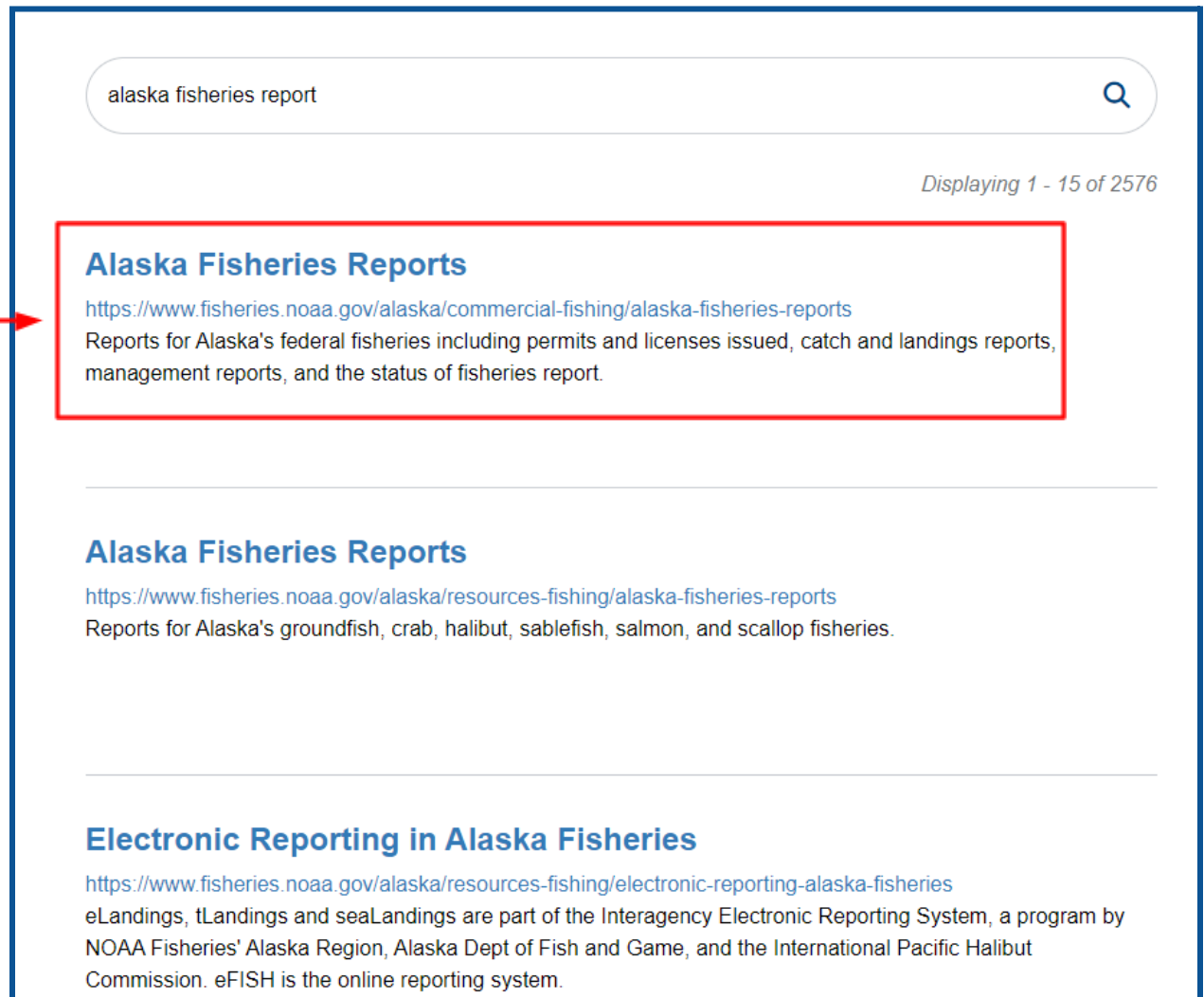
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 Laws & Policies

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 Science & Data

2. Your search results may vary. *Alaska fisheries reports* pages will likely be at the top of the results.



The screenshot shows a search interface with a search bar containing 'alaska fisheries report' and a magnifying glass icon. Below the search bar, it says 'Displaying 1 - 15 of 2576'. The first search result is highlighted with a red box and a red arrow pointing to it from the left. This result is titled 'Alaska Fisheries Reports' in blue, followed by the URL 'https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/alaska/commercial-fishing/alaska-fisheries-reports' and a description: 'Reports for Alaska's federal fisheries including permits and licenses issued, catch and landings reports, management reports, and the status of fisheries report.' Below this, there are two more search results, also titled 'Alaska Fisheries Reports' in blue, with their respective URLs and descriptions. The third result is titled 'Electronic Reporting in Alaska Fisheries' in blue, followed by its URL and description.

alaska fisheries report

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Alaska Fisheries Reports
<https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/alaska/resources-fishing/alaska-fisheries-reports>
Reports for Alaska's groundfish, crab, halibut, sablefish, salmon, and scallop fisheries.

Electronic Reporting in Alaska Fisheries
<https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/alaska/resources-fishing/electronic-reporting-alaska-fisheries>
eLandings, tLandings and seaLandings are part of the Interagency Electronic Reporting System, a program by NOAA Fisheries' Alaska Region, Alaska Dept of Fish and Game, and the International Pacific Halibut Commission. eFISH is the online reporting system.

- Both of the top two results on this page will take you to bycatch information. Here is the direct link to the first page:

<https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/alaska/commercial-fishing/alaska-fisheries-reports>

3. On this page you can find reports, an overview of Alaska fisheries, and information about bycatch.

COMMERCIAL FISHING

Alaska Fisheries Reports

Reports for Alaska's federal fisheries including permits and licenses issued, catch and landings reports, management reports, and the status of fisheries report.

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- [Permits and Licenses Issued](#): Fishery permits, licenses, and quota under catch share programs and other limited access systems.
- [Catch and Landings](#): Reports for federal fisheries off Alaska including daily updates for the crab and IFQ halibut and sablefish fisheries, and weekly updates for the groundfish fisheries and the prohibited species catch limit in the groundfish fisheries.
- [Management Reports](#): Fishery program reports on data transfers, quota shares, allocations, cooperatives, cost recovery, arbitration, crab seasons and TAC, ex-vessel value and volume prices, program development, and annual reports.
- [Status of Fisheries](#): Openings and closures in the groundfish fisheries



Westward Seafoods in Unalaska, Alaska. Photo Sam Zmolek

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- Routing to the [Catch and Landings](#) page you can find daily, weekly, and historical data on catch and bycatch in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands and the Gulf of Alaska
- Routing to the [Bycatch Reduction](#) page you will find an overview of bycatch, prohibited species catch (PSC), and amendments implemented by the North Pacific Fisheries Management Council to address bycatch concerns. This page is broken down by Chinook, non-Chinook, Crab, and Halibut. You can also use this page to route back to the [Catch and Landings](#) page.

Bycatch in Alaska

Fishermen participating in fisheries off Alaska sometimes catch and discard fish they do not want, cannot sell, or are not allowed to keep. These unwanted fish are collectively known as bycatch. Fishery interactions that result in mortality or injury of marine mammals and seabirds are also a bycatch concern.

[The Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act \(MSA\)](#) requires that bycatch be minimized to the extent practicable. In the Alaska Region, the North Pacific Fishery Management Council and NOAA Fisheries have adopted measures to limit the catch of species taken incidentally in groundfish fisheries. Certain species are designated as "prohibited species" in the fishery management plans because they are the target of other, fully utilized domestic fisheries. Prohibited species catch (PSC) include Pacific halibut, Pacific herring, Pacific salmon, steelhead trout, king crab, and Tanner crab.

Bycatch Information and Programs

- [Fisheries Catch, Landings, and Prohibited Species Catch Reports](#)
- [Chinook Salmon Bycatch](#)
- [Chum Salmon Bycatch](#)
- [Crab Bycatch](#) 
- Groundfish catch share programs for reducing groundfish bycatch
 - [Amendment 80 Fisheries](#)
 - [American Fisheries Act Pollock](#)
 - [Rockfish Program](#)
- Halibut Bycatch
 - [Amendment 111 to the Fishery Management Plan for Groundfish of the BSAI](#) to Revise BSAI Halibut Prohibited Species Catch Limits
 - [BSAI Halibut Abundance-Based Management](#)
 - [Halibut Bycatch Information](#) 
 - [Amendment 95 to the Fishery Management Plan for the Groundfish of the GOA](#) to Reduce Halibut Prohibited Species Catch Limits
- [Seabird Bycatch](#)

4. If you are interested in looking at data for a specific type of bycatch, such as salmon in the Bering Sea, click on [BSAI Prohibited Species](#) under the Table of Contents on the [Catch and Landings](#) page:

Table of Contents	
BSAI Crab	• Seasonal Catch Report without CDQ ◦ 2023 , 2022 , 2021 , 2020 , 2019 , 2018 , 2017 , 2016 , 2015 , 2014 , 2013
CDQ Halibut, Crab and Groundfish	
BSAI/GOA Groundfish Combined	
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BSAI Groundfish	
BSAI Prohibited Species	• BSAI Prohibited Species • AFA and CDQ BSAI Pollock Fisheries - Chinook Salmon PSC - annual ◦ 2023 , 2022 , 2021 , 2020 , 2019 , 2018 , 2017 , 2016 , 2015 , 2014 , 2013 • AFA and CDQ BSAI Pollock Fisheries - Chinook Salmon PSC - seasonal ◦ 2023 , 2022 , 2021 , 2020 , 2019 , 2018 , 2017 , 2016 , 2015 , 2014 , 2013 • Bering Sea American Fisheries Act Pollock Fishery Salmon Performance Standard (Threshold) Report ◦ 2011 - present • BSAI Chinook Salmon Mortality Estimates ◦ 1991 - present • BSAI Non-Chinook Salmon Mortality Estimates ◦ 1991 - present • Halibut PSC from Deck Sorting Experimental Fishing Permit ◦ 2015 (PDF)
GOA Groundfish	
GOA Prohibited Species	
IFQ Halibut and Sablefish	
Observed and Monitored Groundfish and Halibut Catch	
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- There are multiple ways to view bycatch. The first report series listed will give you an annual report of Chinook Salmon PSC in the American Fisheries Act (AFA) and Community Development Quota (CDQ) Pollock fisheries in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands
- The second report series will give you the same data, broken down seasonally
- The fourth and fifth report will give you all of the bycatch data for Chinook and non-Chinook salmon species, in html format between 1991 and present

5. If you are interested in halibut bycatch in the Gulf of Alaska, route to [GOA Prohibited Species](#) and scroll to Halibut Bycatch or Halibut Mortality near the bottom of the section.

CDQ Halibut, Crab and Groundfish	
BSAI/GOA Groundfish Combined	
BSAI/GOA Combined - Prohibited Species	
BSAI Groundfish	
BSAI Prohibited Species	
GOA Groundfish	
GOA Prohibited Species	• GOA Prohibited Species • Chinook and non-Chinook PSC ◦ 2023 , 2022 , 2021 , 2020 , 2019 , 2018 , 2017 , 2016 , 2015 • Chinook and Other Salmon Bycatch - Trawl ◦ 2002 , 2001 , 2000 , 1999 , 1998 , 1997 , 1996 , 1995 , 1994 , 1993 (TXTs) • Chinook Salmon PSC - Central GOA and Western GOA ◦ 2014 , 2013 • Chinook, Other Salmon and Halibut Mortality ◦ 2023 , 2022 , 2021 , 2020 , 2019 , 2018 , 2017 , 2016 , 2015 , 2014 , 2013 • Crab Bycatch 1996-2002 (ZIP) • GOA Chinook Salmon Mortality Estimates ◦ 1991 - present • Halibut Bycatch 1996-2002 (ZIP) • Halibut Bycatch Mortality - Hook and Line 1993-2002 (ZIP) • Halibut Bycatch Mortality - Trawl 1993-2002 (ZIP) • Halibut Mortality - Rockfish Program ◦ 2023 , 2022 , 2021 , 2020 , 2019 , 2018 , 2017 , 2016 , 2015 , 2014 , 2013 • Halibut Mortality - Seasonal Combined ◦ 2023 , 2022 , 2021 , 2020 , 2019 , 2018 , 2017 , 2016 , 2015 , 2014 , 2013 • Halibut Mortality Report - Seasonal Hook and Line ◦ 2023 , 2022 , 2021 , 2020 , 2019 , 2018 , 2017 , 2016 , 2015 , 2014 , 2013 • Salmon Bycatch 1996-2002 (ZIP)
IFQ Halibut and Sablefish	
Observed and Monitored Groundfish and Halibut Catch	
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6. If you want to review bycatch rates by week and/or vessel by building your own resolution, route to [BSAI/GOA Combined - Prohibited Species](#). These links will give you an unformatted csv file. Click “Explanation” for an overview of the data fields. Note, these reports are screened for confidential information, so may not include the total PSC amounts.

Table of Contents	BSAI/GOA Combined - Prohibited Species
BSAI Crab	• Bycatch Rates - by week and vessel <ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ Explanation: 2023, 2022, 2021, 2020, 2019, 2018, 2017, 2016, 2015, 2014, 2013 (CSVs)
CDQ Halibut, Crab and Groundfish	• Chinook and non-Chinook PSC - by gear, area, target, week, processing sector <ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ Explanation: 2023, 2022, 2021, 2020, 2019, 2018, 2017, 2016, 2015, 2014, 2013 (CSVs)
BSAI/GOA Groundfish Combined	• Crab Bycatch Rates - by gear, area, target, week, processing sector <ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ Explanation: 2023, 2022, 2021, 2020, 2019, 2018, 2017, 2016, 2015, 2014, 2013 (CSVs)
BSAI/GOA Combined - Prohibited Species	• Halibut Bycatch Rates - by gear, area, target, week, processing sector <ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ Explanation: 2023, 2022, 2021, 2020, 2019, 2018, 2017, 2016, 2015, 2014, 2013 (CSVs)
BSAI Groundfish	• Combined Groundfish and Prohibited Species Catch Reports (ZIP file of all reports combined) <ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ 2023, 2022, 2021, 2020, 2019, 2018, 2017, 2016, 2015, 2014, 2013 (ZIPs)
BSAI Prohibited Species	• Field Definitions <ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ 2022 (PDF)
GOA Groundfish	
GOA Prohibited Species	
IFQ Halibut and Sablefish	
Observed and Monitored Groundfish and	

7. For an overview of the North Pacific Observer Program, refer to this webpage which provides a brief explanation of full coverage and partial coverage categories in Alaska Fisheries:
<https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/alaska/fisheries-observers/north-pacific-observer-program>
8. Please contact nmfs.akr.inseason@noaa.gov for any questions concerning these reports or these fisheries.