

PRINCE WILLIAM SOUND (PWS)

Commercial Groundfish Fisheries

2014 Overview



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PWS Commercial Groundfish Fisheries

Outline

- Prince William Sound (PWS)
Area Description
- Groundfish Fisheries
 - Management tools
 - Seasons
 - Economic value
- Individual fisheries
 - Management
 - Harvest and effort
- Proposals



PWS Commercial Groundfish Fisheries Districts



PWS Commercial Groundfish Fisheries

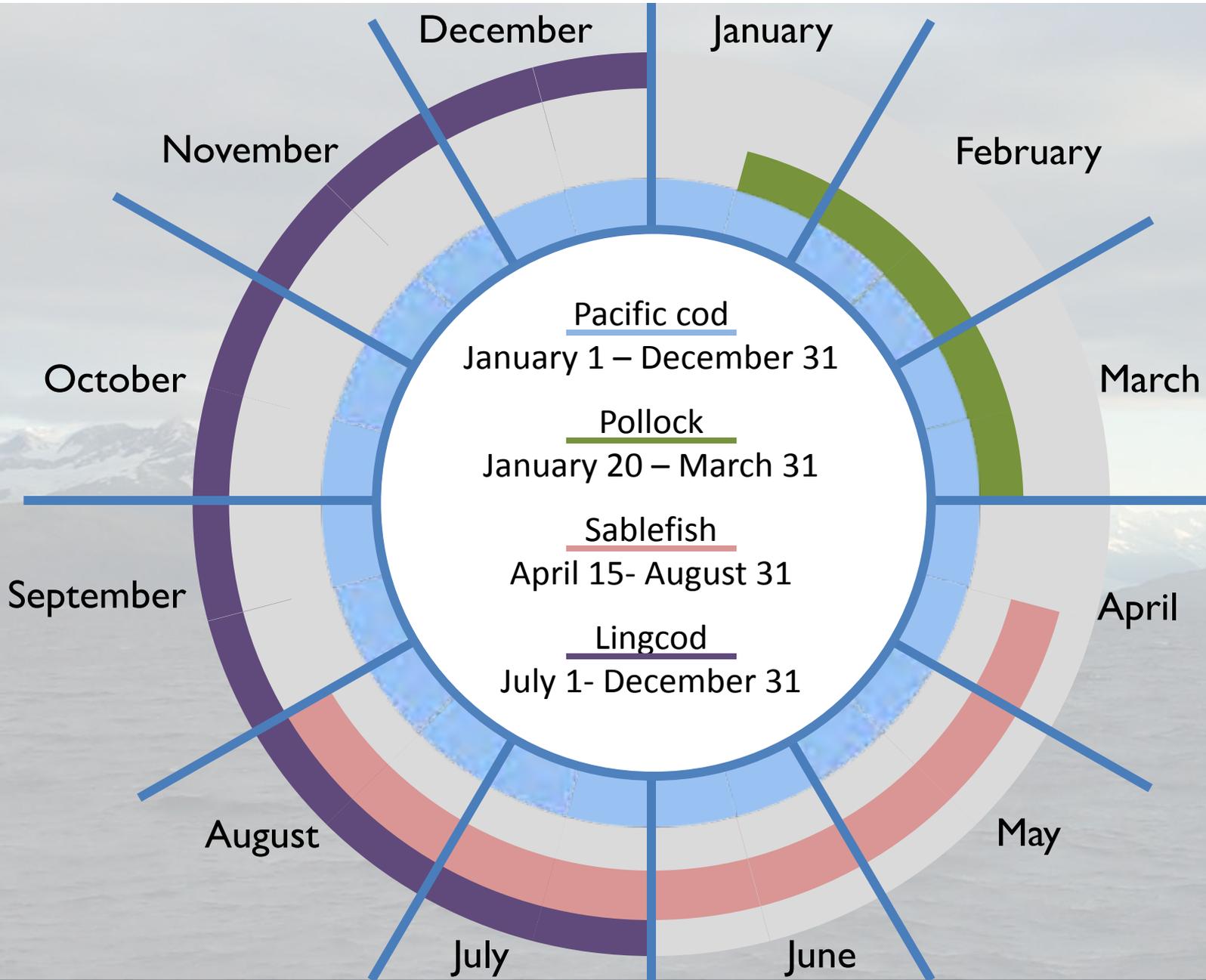
- 1) Pacific cod
- 2) Pollock
- 3) Sablefish
- 4) Lingcod
- 5) Rockfish (bycatch only)
- 6) Miscellaneous groundfish (skates, sharks, flatfish; primarily bycatch)

Common management tools:

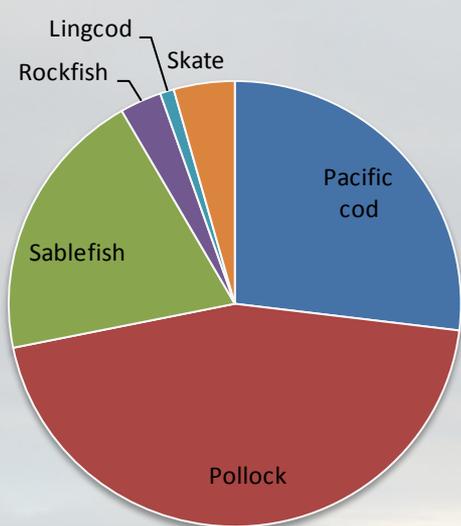
- Mandatory registration
- Defined seasons
- Bycatch retention levels
- Guideline harvest levels (GHL)

Directed fishery closes when GHL is achieved

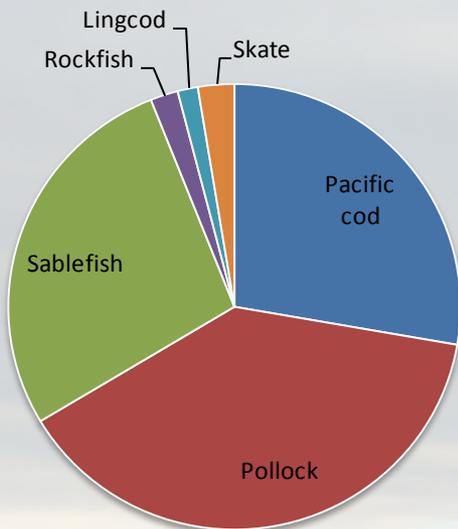
PWS Commercial Groundfish Seasons



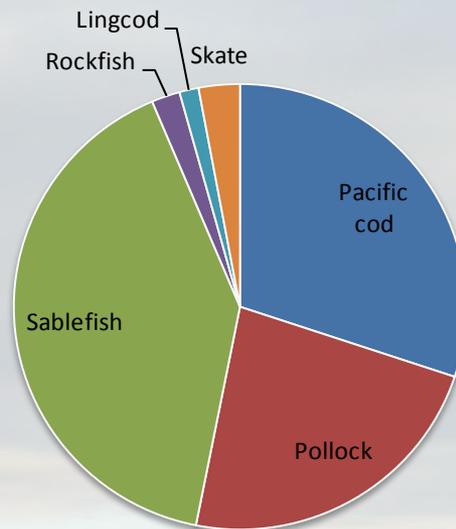
PWS Commercial Groundfish Fishery Values



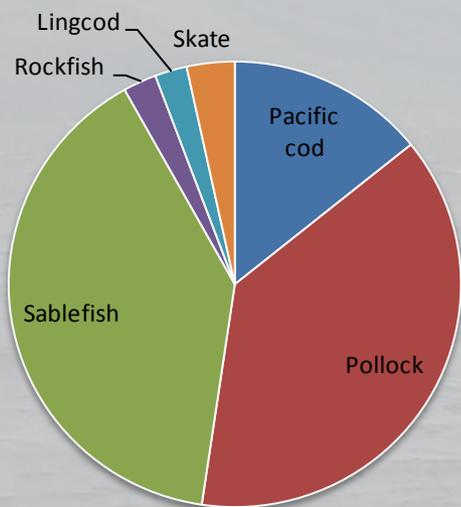
2013
\$2.1 Million



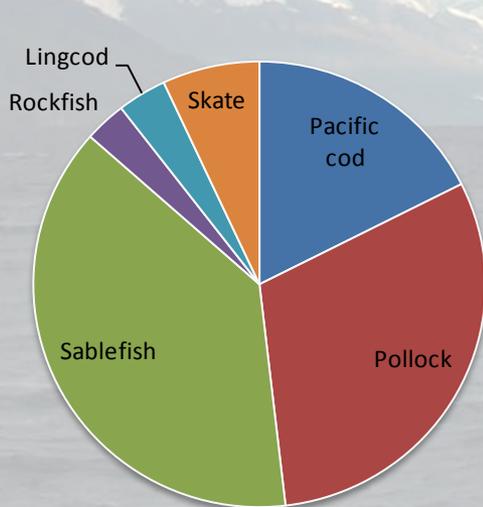
2012
\$2.3 Million



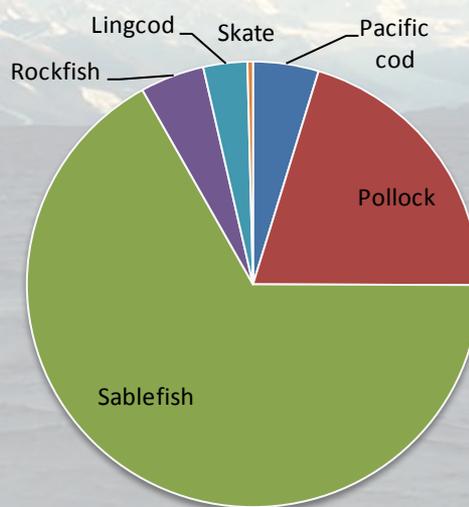
2011
\$2.3 Million



2010
\$1.8 Million



2009
\$1.7 Million



2008
\$0.9 Million



PWS Commercial Pacific Cod Seasons Management

Both parallel and state-waters seasons

- Open access
- Occur in state waters
- Longline, pot, and jig gear

Parallel season only

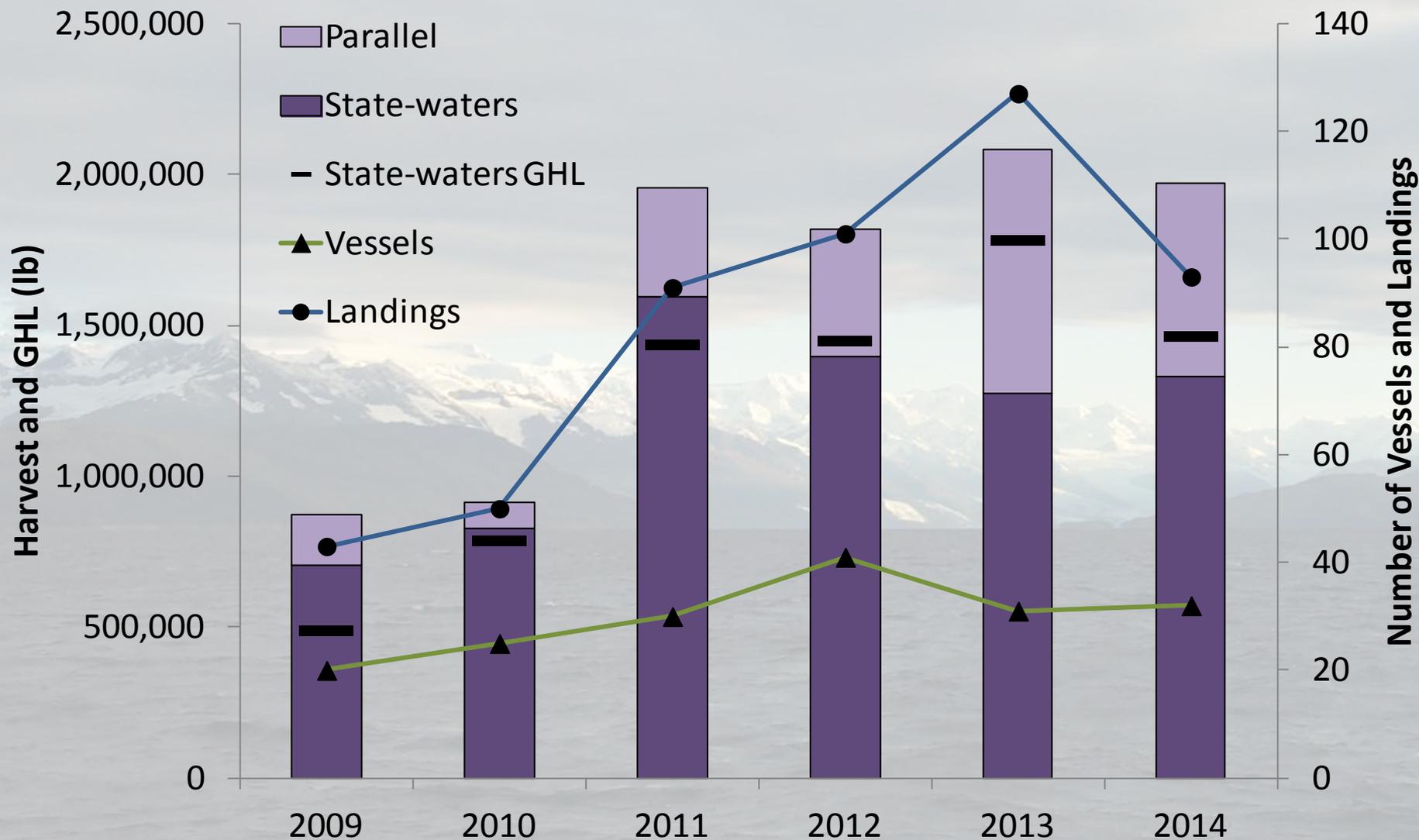
- Non-exclusive registration
- Harvest accrues against federally managed TAC
- State management mirrors federal actions in the CGOA

State-waters Season only

- Exclusive registration
- GHL set at 25% of the EGOA acceptable biological catch
- Entirely state managed

PWS Commercial Pacific Cod

Combined Seasons Effort and Harvest (2009-2014*)



*2014 seasons are still in progress

PWS Commercial Pollock Pelagic Trawl Management

Open access, nonexclusive registration

GHL is currently 2.5% of the GOA ABC

Inside District only - 3 sections

- No more than 60% of GHL from any one section

Bycatch $\leq 5\%$ of pollock harvest

- Apportioned among species groups

Registration deadline of January 13

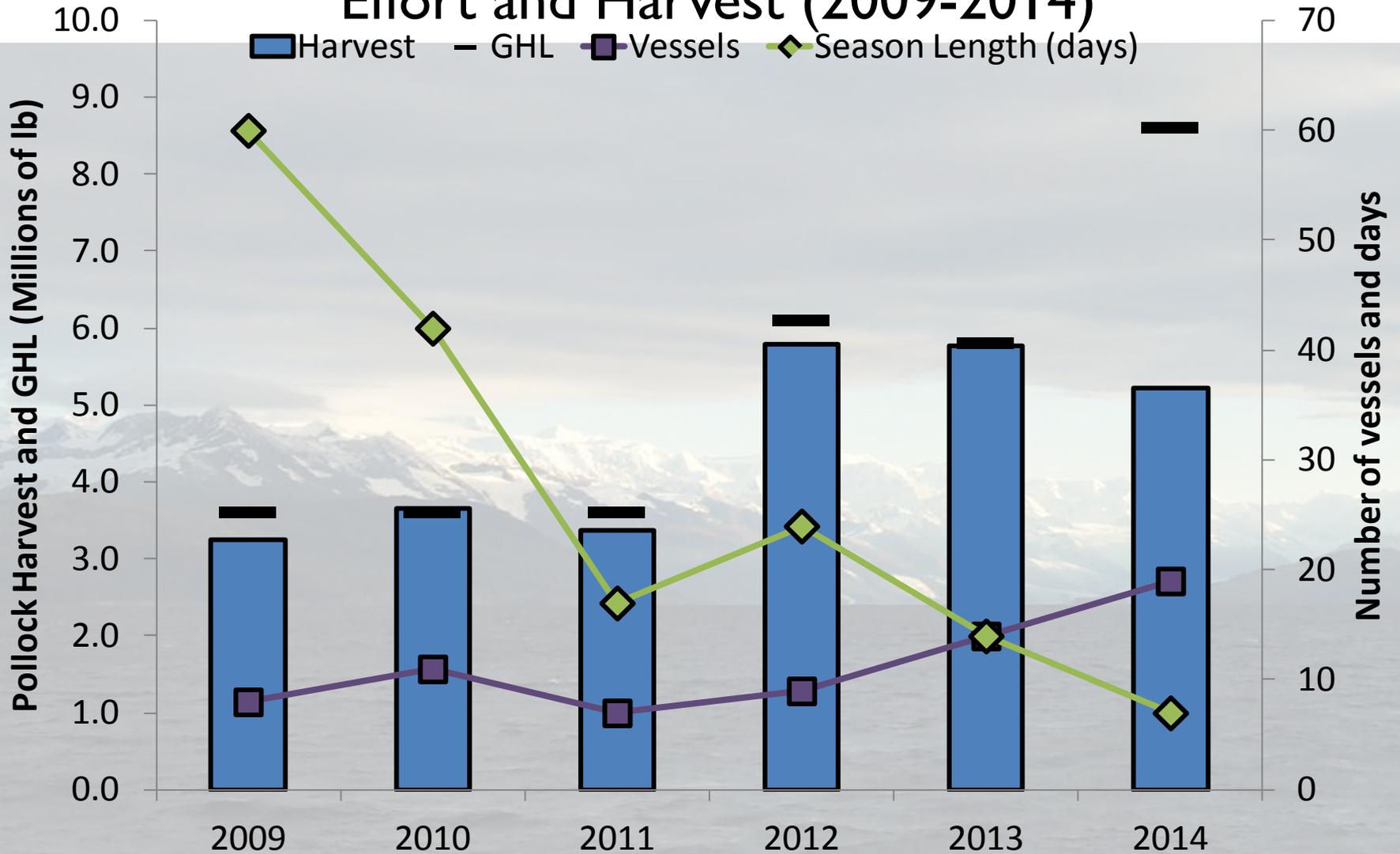
Trip limit of 300,000 lb

Check-in, check-out, daily catch reporting, and logbooks



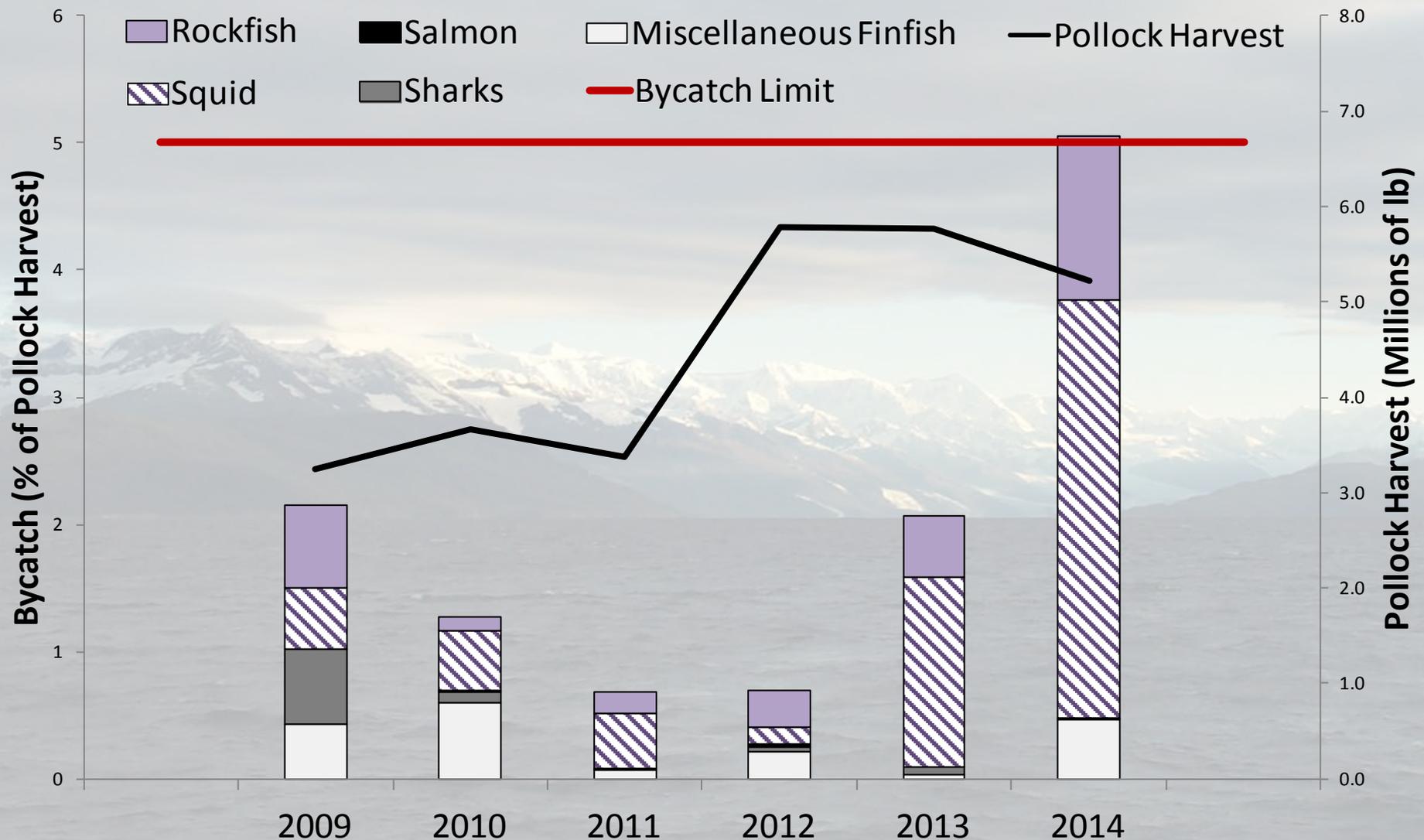
PWS Commercial Pollock

Effort and Harvest (2009-2014)



PWS Commercial Pollock

Bycatch (2009-2014)



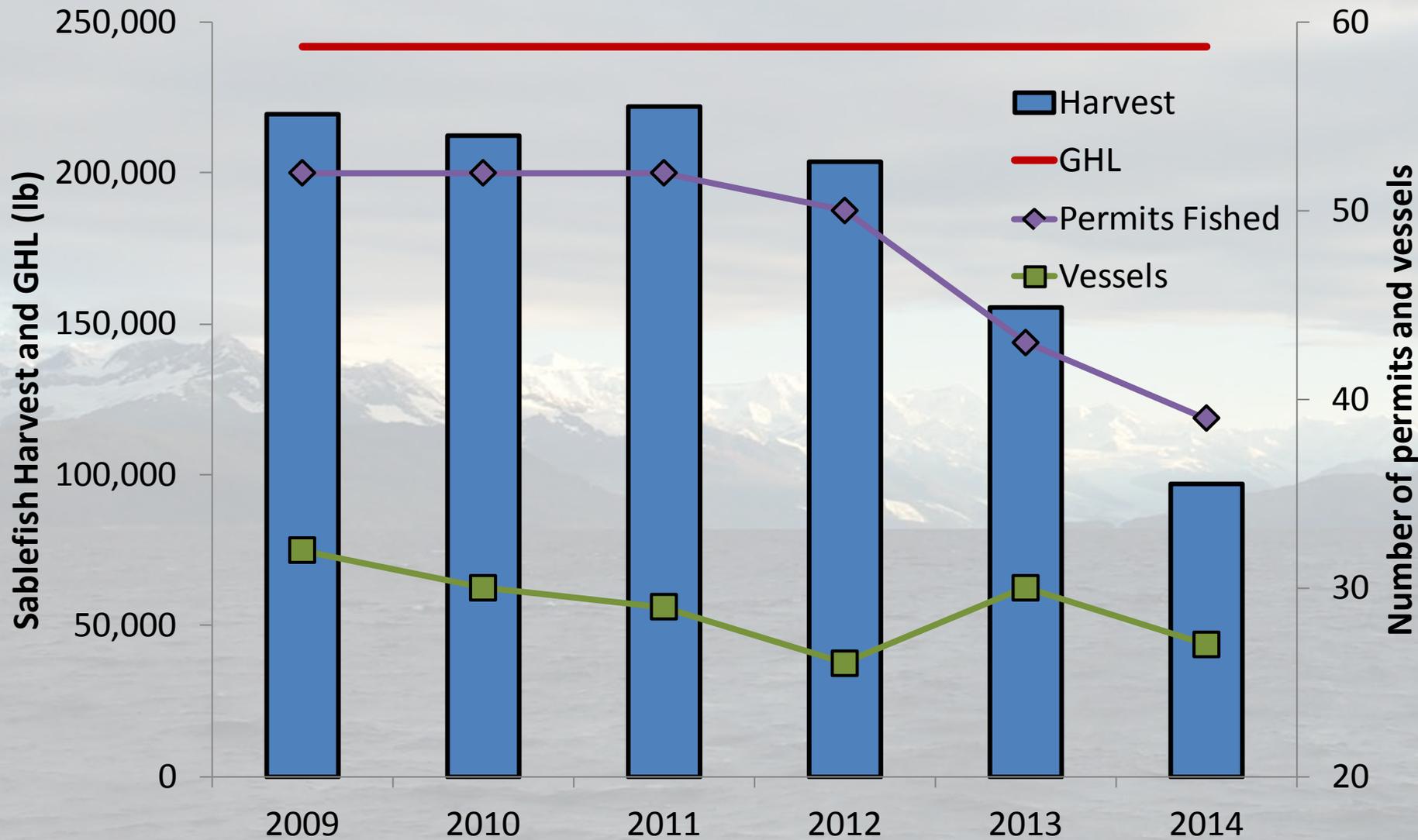
PWS Commercial Sablefish Management

- Limited entry, shared quota fishery
- Nonexclusive registration
- Registration deadline – April 1
- GHL is 242,000 lb
- Inside District only
- 59 permanent permits
- Logbook requirement
- Prior notice of landing requirement



PWS Commercial Sablefish

Effort and Harvest (2009-2014)



PWS Commercial Lingcod Management

Department manages in both state and federal waters

Open access; nonexclusive registration

Guideline Harvest Level (GHL)

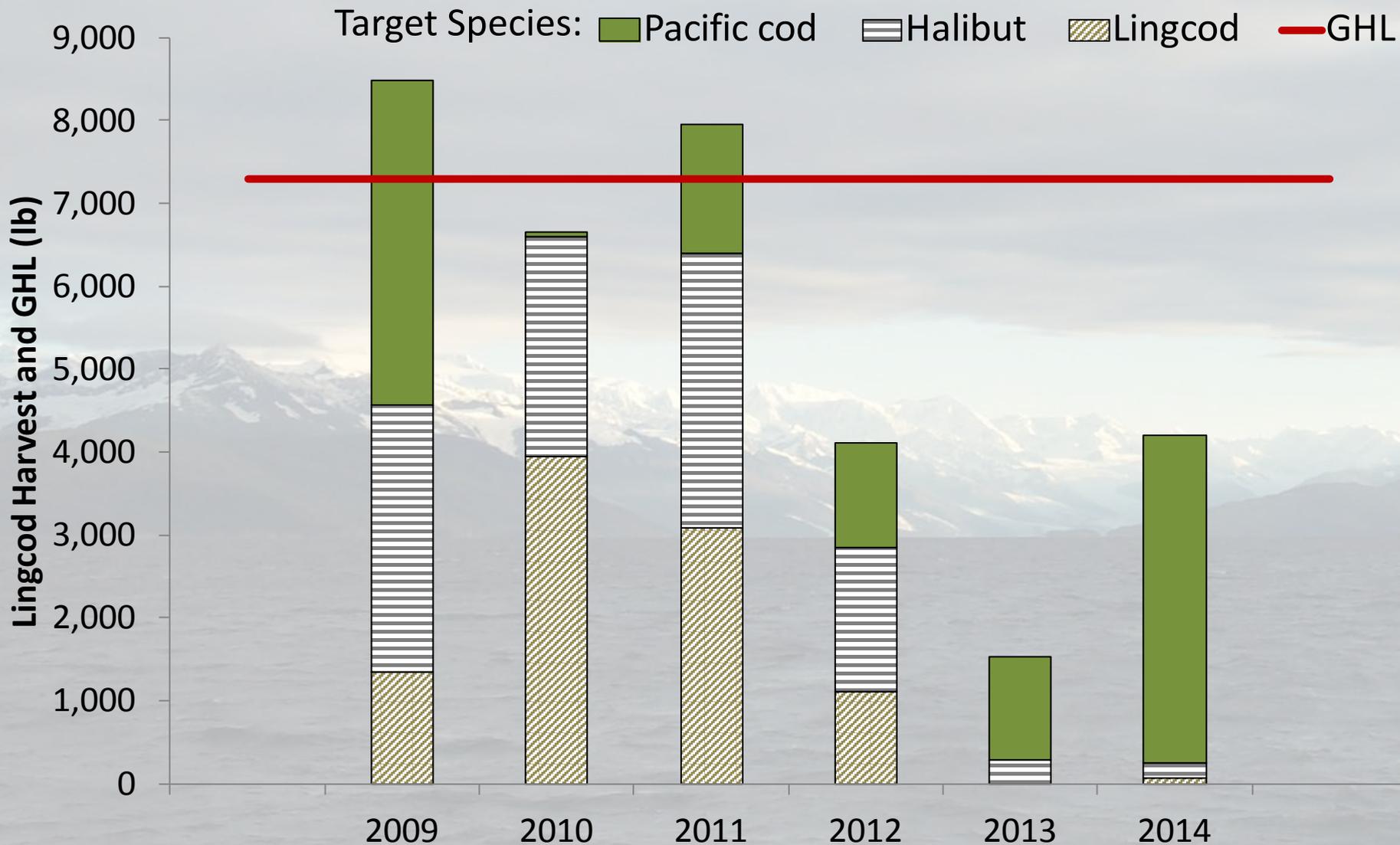
- Based on historical harvest average
- Inside District 7,300 lb
- Outside District 25,300 lb
- Directed season closes when GHL is achieved



Lingcod may be retained as bycatch following the closure of the directed season

PWS Commercial Lingcod

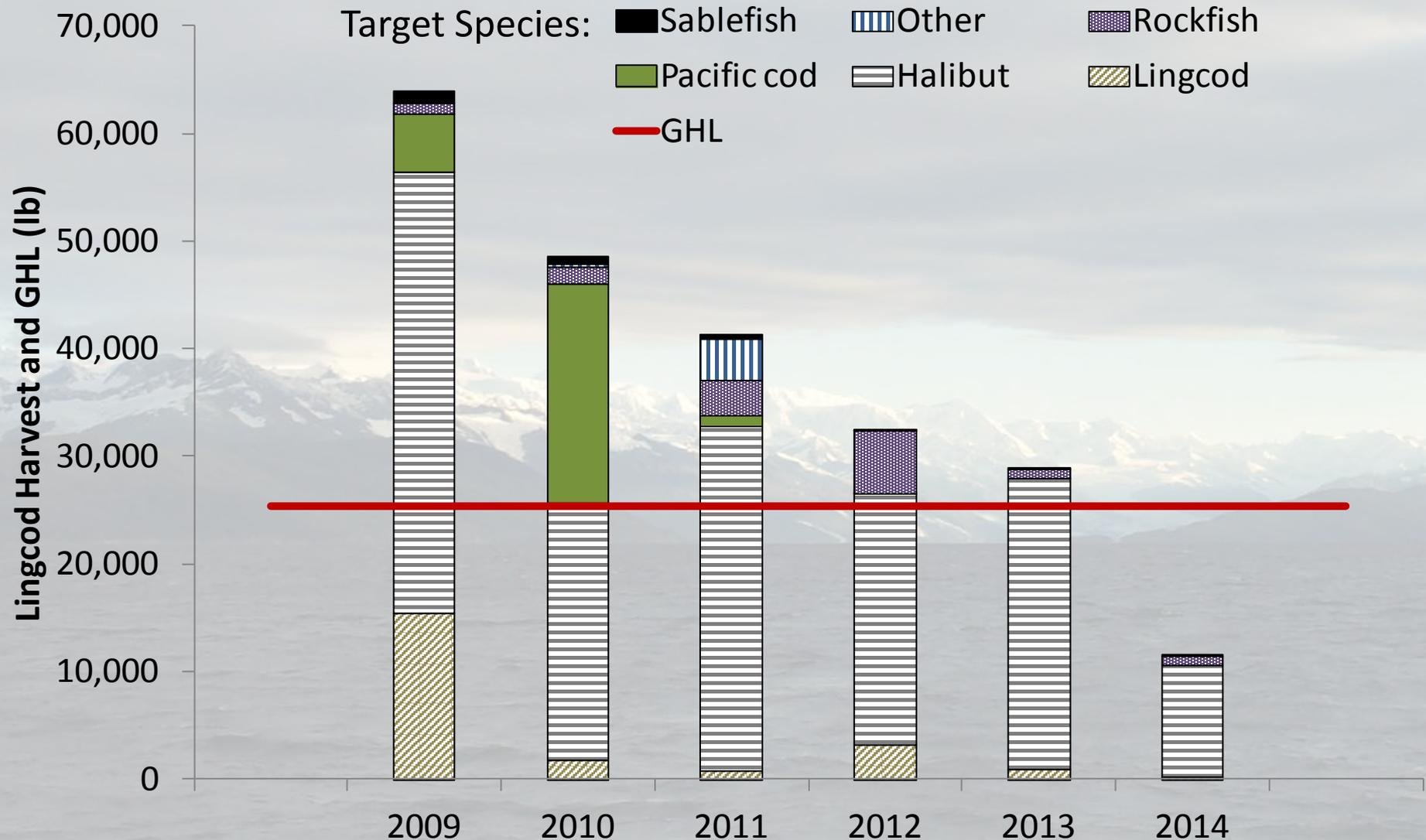
Inside District Harvest (2009-2014*)



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PWS Commercial Lingcod

Outside District and Federal Waters Harvest (2009-2014*)



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PWS Commercial Rockfish Management

Bycatch only fishery with mandatory retention of all rockfish

Guideline Harvest Level (GHL) of 150,000 lb

- Based on historical harvest average

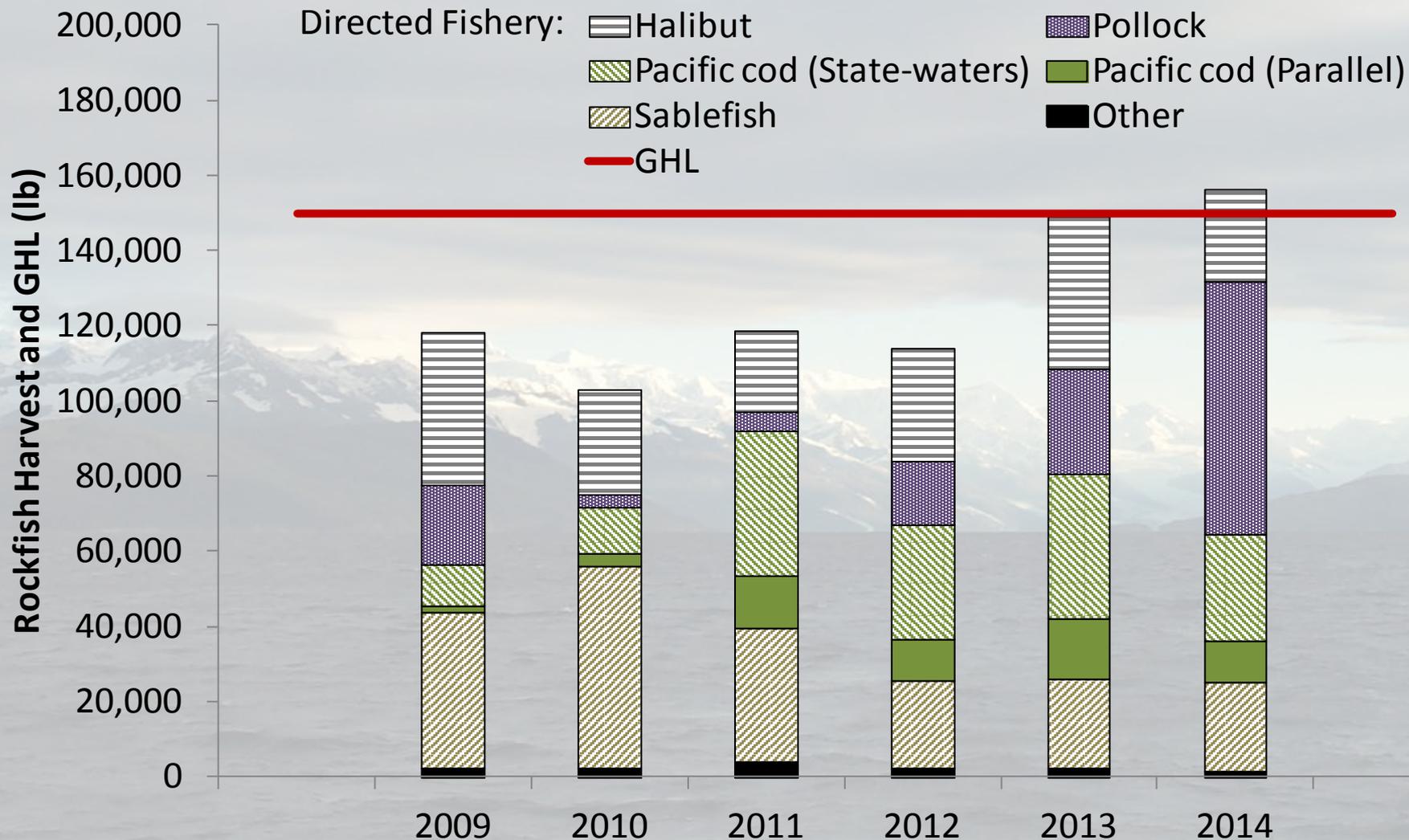
Fishermen may retain for profit up to:

- 5% to Pacific cod state-waters season
- 20% to Sablefish
- 10% to all others

Trip limit of 3,000 lb



PWS Commercial Rockfish Harvest (2009-2014*)



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2014 Proposals (10)

Lingcod Fishery (2)

- Proposal 23: Would change bycatch regulations and reduce GHL
- Proposal 24: Would clarify lingcod season dates

Sablefish Fishery (1)

- Proposal 25: Would change the sablefish season dates for vessels using pot gear

Pollock Fishery (2)

- Proposal 26: Would lower the pollock trip limit and prohibit the use of tenders
- Proposal 27: Would create a pollock fishery for seine and jig gear

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2014 Proposals (10)

Rockfish Bycatch (2)

- Proposal 28: Would deal with amount of rockfish retainable for profit in the Pacific cod and pollock fisheries
- Proposal 29: Would deal with rockfish retention in the sablefish fishery

Pacific Cod Fishery (2)

- Proposal 30: Would change gear type allocations
- Proposal 31: Would make PWS a nonexclusive registration area for the state-waters jig gear season and change gear type allocations

Closed Waters (1)

- Proposal 32: Would correct coordinates at Zaikof Point

Prince William Sound Commercial Groundfish

Thank you for your time and attention-

Any questions?