

TABLE 7.—PROPOSED 2004 ASSUMED PACIFIC HALIBUT DISCARD MORTALITY RATES FOR THE BSAI FISHERIES—Continued

Fishery	Pre-season assumed mortality (percent)
CDQ trawl fisheries:	
Atka mackerel	80
Flathead sole	90
Nonpelagic pollock	90
Pelagic pollock	89
Rockfish	90
Yellowfin sole	83
CDQ hook-and-line fisheries:	
Greenland turbot	4
Pacific cod	11

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Fishery	Pre-season assumed mortality (percent)
CDQ pot fisheries:	
Pacific cod	2
Sablefish	46

Bering Sea Subarea Inshore Pollock Allocations

Regulations at § 679.4 set forth procedures for AFA inshore catcher vessel pollock cooperatives to apply for and receive cooperative fishing permits

and inshore pollock allocations. For 2003, NMFS received applications from seven inshore catcher vessel cooperatives. Applications for 2004 must be received by the Regional Administrator by December 1, 2003. Table 8 lists the proposed pollock allocations to the seven inshore catcher vessel pollock cooperatives based on 2003 cooperative allocations and the assumption that the cooperatives' membership will remain unchanged in 2004. Allocations for cooperatives and vessels not participating in cooperatives are not made for the AI subarea because the AI subarea has been closed to directed fishing for pollock. These allocations may be revised pending adjustments to cooperatives' membership prior to 2004.

TABLE 8.—PROPOSED 2004 BERING SEA SUBAREA INSHORE COOPERATIVE ALLOCATIONS

Cooperative name and member vessels	Sum of member vessel's official catch histories ¹ (mt)	Percentage of inshore sector allocation	Annual co-op allocation (mt)
<i>Akutan Catcher Vessel Association:</i> ALDEBARAN, ARCTIC EXPLORER, ARCTURUS, BLUE FOX, CAPE KIWANDA, COLUMBIA, DOMINATOR, EXODUS, FLYING CLOUD, GOLDEN DAWN, GOLDEN PISCES, HAZEL LORRAINE, INTREPID EXPLORER, LESLIE LEE, LISA MELINDA, MAJESTY, MARCY J, MARGARET LYN, NORDIC EXPLORER, NORTHERN PATRIOT, NORTHWEST EXPLORER, PACIFIC RAM, PACIFIC VIKING, PEGASUS, PEGGY JO, PERSEVERANCE, PREDATOR, RAVEN, ROYAL AMERICAN, SEEKER, SOVEREIGNTY, TRAVELER, VIKING EXPLORER	245,527	28.085	181,932
<i>Arctic Enterprise Association:</i> BRISTOL EXPLORER, OCEAN EXPLORER, PACIFIC EXPLORER ...	36,807	4.210	27,273
<i>Northern Victor Fleet Cooperative:</i> ANITA J, COLLIER BROTHERS, COMMODORE, EXCALIBUR II, GOLDRUSH, HALF MOON BAY, MISS BERTIE, NORDIC FURY, PACIFIC FURY, POSEIDON, ROYAL ATLANTIC, SUNSET BAY, STORM PETREL	73,656	8.425	54,578
<i>Peter Pan Fleet Cooperative:</i> AMBER DAWN, AMERICAN BEAUTY, ELIZABETH F, MORNING STAR, OCEAN LEADER, OCEANIC, PROVIDIAN, TOPAZ, WALTER N	18,693	2.138	13,851
<i>Unalaska Cooperative:</i> ALASKA ROSE, BERING ROSE, DESTINATION, GREAT PACIFIC, MES-SIAH, MORNING STAR, MS AMY, PROGRESS, SEA WOLF, VANGUARD, WESTERN DAWN	106,737	12.209	79,091
<i>UniSea Fleet Cooperative:</i> ALSEA, AMERICAN EAGLE, ARGOSY, AURIGA, AURORA, DEFENDER, GUN-MAR, NORDIC STAR, PACIFIC MONARCH, SEADAWN, STARFISH, STARLITE	201,566	23.056	149,357
<i>Westward Fleet Cooperative:</i> A.J., ALASKAN COMMAND, ALYESKA, ARCTIC WIND, CAITLIN ANN, CHELSEA K, DONA MARTITA, FIERCE ALLEGIANCE, HICKORY WIND, OCEAN HOPE 3, PACIFIC CHALLENGER, PACIFIC KNIGHT, PACIFIC PRINCE, STARWARD, VIKING, WESTWARD I	189,942	21.727	140,744
Open access AFA vessels	1,309	0.150	970
Total inshore allocation	874,238	100	647,797

¹ According to regulations at § 679.62(e)(1), the individual catch history for each vessel is equal to the vessel's best 2 of 3 years inshore pollock landings from 1995 through 1997 and includes landings to catcher/processors for vessels that made 500 or more mt of landings to catcher/processors from 1995 through 1997.

Under regulations at § 679.20(a)(5)(i)(A), NMFS subdivides the inshore allocation into allocations for cooperatives and vessels not fishing in a cooperative. In addition, under § 679.22(a)(7)(vii), NMFS establishes harvest limits inside the Steller sea lion conservation area (SCA) and provides a set-aside so that catcher vessels less than or equal to 99 ft (30.2 m) LOA have

the opportunity to operate entirely within the SCA during the A season. Accordingly, Table 9 lists the proposed apportionment of the Bering Sea subarea inshore pollock allocation into allocations for vessels fishing in a cooperative and for vessels not participating in a cooperative and establishes a cooperative-sector SCA set-aside for AFA catcher vessels less than

or equal to 99 ft (30.2 m) LOA. The SCA set-aside for catcher vessels less than or equal to 99 ft (30.2 m) LOA that are not participating in a cooperative will be established inseason based on actual participation levels and is not included in Table 9. These proposed allocations may be revised pending final review and approval of 2004 cooperative agreements.