

TABLE 10.—PROPOSED 2004 LISTED BSAI AMERICAN FISHERIES ACT CATCHER/PROCESSOR GROUNDFISH SIDEBOARD LIMITS—Continued

Target species/area	1995–1997			Proposed 2004 ITAC available to trawl C/Ps (mt)	Proposed 2004 C/P sideboard limit (mt)
	Retained catch (mt)	Available TAC (mt)	Ratio of Retained catch/Available TAC		
Pacific ocean perch:					
BS	12	5,760	0.002	1,199	2
Western AI	54	12,440	0.004	4,907	20
Central AI	3	6,195	0.000	2,802	0
Eastern AI	125	6,265	0.020	2,936	59
Northern rockfish:					
BS	8	0.008	112	1
AI	83	13,254	0.006	5,438	33
Shortraker/rougheye:					
BS	8	0.008	126	1
AI	42	2,827	0.015	538	8
Other rockfish:					
BS	18	1,026	0.018	888	16
AI	22	1,924	0.011	539	6
Squid: BSAI	73	3,670	0.020	1,675	34
Other species: BSAI	553	65,925	0.008	29,886	239

¹ The seasonal apportionment of Atka mackerel in the open access fishery is 50 percent in the A season and 50 percent in the B season. Listed AFA catcher/processors are limited to harvesting no more than zero in the Eastern Aleutian District and Bering Sea subarea, 20 percent of the available TAC in the Western Aleutian District, and 11.5 percent of the available TAC in the Central Aleutian District.

² Harvest Limit Area (HLA) limit refers to the amount of each seasonal allowance that is available for fishing inside the HLA (see § 679.2). In 2004, 60 percent of each seasonal allowance is available for fishing inside the HLA in the Western and Central Aleutian Districts.

Regulations at § 679.64(a) establish a formula for PSC sideboard limits for listed AFA catcher/processors. These amounts are equivalent to the percentage of PSC limits harvested in the non-pollock groundfish fisheries by the AFA catcher/processors listed in subsection 208(e) and section 209 of the AFA from 1995 through 1997. PSC amounts harvested by these catcher/processors in BSAI non-pollock groundfish fisheries from 1995 through 1997 are shown in Table 10. These data were used to calculate the PSC catch

ratios for pollock catcher/processors shown in Table 10. The 2004 PSC limits available to trawl catcher/processors are multiplied by the ratios to determine the PSC sideboard limits for listed AFA catcher/processors in the 2004 non-pollock groundfish fisheries.

PSC that is caught by listed AFA catcher/processors participating in any non-pollock groundfish fishery listed in Table 11 would accrue against the proposed 2004 PSC limits for the listed catcher/processors. Regulations at § 679.21(e)(3)(v) provide NMFS with the

authority to close directed fishing for non-pollock groundfish for listed AFA catcher/processors once a proposed 2004 PSC limitation listed in Table 11 is reached.

Crab or halibut PSC that is caught by listed AFA catcher/processors while fishing for pollock will accrue against the bycatch allowances annually specified for either the midwater pollock or the pollock/Atka mackerel/other species fishery categories under regulations at § 679.21(e).

TABLE 11.—PROPOSED 2004 BSAI AMERICAN FISHERIES ACT LISTED CATCHER/PROCESSOR PROHIBITED SPECIES SIDEBOARD LIMITS¹

PSC species	1995–1997			Proposed 2004 PSC available to trawl vessels	Proposed 2004 C/P limit
	PSC catch	Total PSC	Ratio of PSC catch/total PSC		
Halibut mortality	955	11,325	0.084	3,400	286
Red king crab	3,098	473,750	0.007	89,725	628
<i>C. opilio</i>	2,323,731	15,139,178	0.153	4,023,750	615,634
<i>C. bairdi</i> :					
Zone 1	385,978	2,750,000	0.140	906,500	126,910
Zone 2	406,860	8,100,000	0.050	2,747,250	137,363

¹ Halibut amounts are in mt of halibut mortality. Crab amounts are in numbers of animals.

AFA Catcher Vessel Sideboard Limits

Regulations at § 679.64(b) establish formulas for setting AFA catcher vessel groundfish and PSC sideboard limits for the BSAI. The catcher vessel sideboard limits for BSAI groundfish will be based

on the 1995 through 1997 retained catch of such groundfish species by all AFA catcher vessels, except for Pacific cod which will be based on 1997 retained catch by non-exempt AFA catcher vessels only. The proposed 2004 AFA

catcher vessel sideboard limits are shown in Tables 12 and 13.

All harvests of groundfish sideboard species made by non-exempt AFA catcher vessels, whether as targeted catch or incidental catch, will be