

privilege under the AFA to protect the interests of fishermen and processors who do not have such privileges. In the GOA, AFA catcher/processors are prohibited from fishing for any species of fish (§ 679.7(k)(1)(ii)) and from processing any groundfish harvested in Statistical Area 630 of the GOA (§ 679.7(k)(1)(iv)). The Council recommended and NMFS proposed that certain AFA catcher vessels in the GOA be exempt from groundfish harvest limitations. Regulations at

§ 679.64(b)(2)(ii) exempt AFA catcher vessels in the GOA less than 125 ft (38.1 m) length overall (LOA) whose annual Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands management area pollock landings totaled less than 5,100 mt and that made 40 or more GOA groundfish landings from 1995 through 1997.

For non-exempt AFA catcher vessels in the GOA, harvest limitations are based on their traditional harvest levels of TAC in groundfish fisheries covered by the GOA FMP. Regulations at

§ 679.64(b)(3)(iii) establish the groundfish harvest limits in the GOA based on the retained catch of non-exempt AFA catcher vessels of each sideboard species from 1995 through 1997, divided by the sum of the TACs for that species over the same period. These amounts are listed in Table 2. All harvests of sideboard species made by non-exempt AFA catcher vessels, whether as targeted catch or bycatch, will be deducted from the sideboard limits in Table 2.

TABLE 2.—INTERIM 2004 GOA NON-EXEMPT AMERICAN FISHERIES ACT CATCHER VESSEL (CV) GROUND FISH HARVEST SIDEBOARD LIMITATIONS

Species	Apportionments and allocations by area/season/processor/gear	Ratio of 1995 1997 non-exempt AFA CV catch to 1995–1997 TAC	2004 interim TAC (mt)	2004 Non-Exempt AFA catcher vessel sideboard (mt)
Pollock	Shumagin (610)	0.6112	2,894	1,769
	Chirikof (620)	0.1427	933	6,535
	Kodiak (630)	0.2438	554	2,274
	WYK (640)	0.3499	270	94
	SEO (650)	0.3499	1,615	565
Pacific cod	W inshore	0.1423	7,553	1,075
	W offshore	0.1026	839	86
	C inshore	0.0722	10,916	788
	C offshore	0.0721	1,213	87
	E inshore	0.0079	587	5
	E offshore	0.0078	65	1
Flatfish deep-water	W	0.0000	45	0
	C	0.0670	555	37
	E	0.0171	620	11
Rex sole	W	0.0010	320	0
	C	0.0402	1,385	56
	E	0.0153	662	10
Flathead sole	W	0.0036	500	2
	C	0.0261	1,250	33
	E	0.0048	943	5
Flatfish shallow-water	W	0.0156	1,125	18
	C	0.0598	3,250	194
	E	0.0126	1,030	13
Arrowtooth flounder	W	0.0021	2,000	4
	C	0.0309	6,250	193
	E	0.0020	1,250	3
Sablefish	W trawl gear	0.0000	98	0
	C trawl gear	0.0720	247	18
	E trawl gear	0.0488	56	3
Pacific ocean perch	W	0.0623	675	42
	C	0.0866	2,127	184
	E	0.0466	613	29
Shortraker/Rougheye	W	0.0000	55	0
	C	0.0237	210	5
	E	0.0124	140	2
Other rockfish	W	0.0034	23	0
	C	0.2065	138	28
	E	0.0000	88	0
Northern rockfish	W	0.0003	197	0
	C	0.0336	1,028	35
Pelagic shelf rockfish	W	0.0001	128	0
	C	0.0000	870	0
	E	0.0067	375	3
Thornyhead rockfish	W	0.0308	90	3
	C	0.0308	210	6
	E	0.0308	200	6
Demersal shelf rockfish	SEO	0.0020	98	0
Atka mackerel	Gulfwide	0.0309	150	5
Other species	Gulfwide	0.0090	2,712	24