

TABLE 2.—INTERIM 2004 PROHIBITED SPECIES BYCATCH ALLOWANCES FOR THE BSAI TRAWL AND NON-TRAWL FISHERIES—Continued

	Prohibited species and zone					
	Halibut mortality (mt) BSAI	Herring (mt) BSAI	Red King Crab animals Zone 1 ¹	<i>C. opilio</i> (animals) COBLZ ²	<i>C. bairdi</i> (animals)	
					Zone 1 ¹	Zone 2 ¹
Turbot/arrowtooth/sablefish ⁵ .....	.....	2	.....	10,060	.....	.....
Rockfish—July 1–December 31	17	2	.....	10,059	.....	2,747
Pacific cod	359	5	3,270	31,184	45,778	81,044
Midwater trawl pollock .....	.....	296	.....	.....	.....	.....
Pollock/Atka mackerel/other ⁶	58	37	50	18,107	4,306	6,868
Total Trawl PSC	850	382	22,432	1,005,938	226,625	686,813
Non-trawl fisheries:						
Pacific cod—Total	194	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Other non-trawl—Total	14	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Groundfish pot & jig	exempt	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Sablefish hook-and-line	exempt	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total non-trawl PSC	207	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
PSQ Reserve ⁷	86	.....	1,818	81,562	18,375	55,687
Grand total	1,144	382	24,250	1,087,500	245,000	742,500

¹ Refer to § 679.2 for definitions of areas.

² *C. opilio* Bycatch Limitation Zone. Boundaries are defined at 50 CFR part 679, Figure 13.

³ In October 2003, the Council proposed limiting red king crab for trawl fisheries within the Red King Crab Savings Subarea (RKCSS) to 35 percent of the total allocation to the rock sole, flathead sole, and other flatfish fishery category (§ 679.21(e)(3)(ii)(B)).

⁴ "Other flatfish" for PSC monitoring includes all flatfish species, except for Pacific halibut (a prohibited species), greenland turbot, rock sole, yellowfin sole and arrowtooth flounder.

⁵ Greenland turbot, arrowtooth flounder, and sablefish fishery category.

⁶ Pollock other than pelagic trawl pollock, Atka mackerel, and "other species" fishery category.

⁷ With the exception of herring, 7.5 percent of each PSC limit is allocated to the CDQ program as PSQ reserve. The PSQ reserve is not allocated by fishery, gear or season.

Directed Fishing Closures

In accordance with § 679.20(d)(1)(i), if the Administrator, NMFS, Alaska Region (Regional Administrator) determines that any allocation or apportionment of a target species or "other species" category has been or will be reached, the Regional Administrator may establish a directed fishing allowance for that species or species group. If the Regional

Administrator establishes a directed fishing allowance, and that allowance is or will be reached before the end of the fishing year, NMFS will prohibit directed fishing for that species or species group in the specified subarea or district (§ 697.20(d)(1)(iii)). Similarly, under regulations at § 679.21(e), if the Regional Administrator determines that a fishery category's bycatch allowance of halibut, red king crab, *C. bairdi* crab

or *C. opilio* crab for a specified area has been reached, the Regional Administrator will prohibit directed fishing for each species in that category in the specified area.

The Regional Administrator has determined that the remaining allocation amounts in Table 3 will be necessary as incidental catch to support other anticipated groundfish fisheries for the 2004 fishing year.

TABLE 3.—INTERIM DIRECTED FISHING CLOSURES

Area	Species	Incidental catch amount, in mt
Bogoslof District	Pollock	50
Aleutian Islands subarea	Pollock	1,000
	Northern Rockfish	1,249
	Shortraker/rougeye rockfish trawl	53
	Shortraker/rougeye rockfish non trawl	124
	"Other rockfish"	135
Bering Sea subarea	Pacific ocean perch	300
	"Other rockfish"	204
	Northern rockfish	26
	Shortraker/rougeye rockfish	29
Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands	"Other Species"	6,866