

non-pollock groundfish fishery listed in Table 7 will accrue against the interim 2004 PSC sideboard limits for the listed AFA catcher/processors. Regulations at § 679.21(e)(3)(v), authorize NMFS to close directed fishing for non-pollock

groundfish for listed AFA catcher/processors once an interim 2004 PSC sideboard limit listed in Table 7 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)(3)(iv).

TABLE 7.—INTERIM 2004 BSAI AFA LISTED CATCHER/PROCESSOR PROHIBITED SPECIES SIDEBOARD LIMITS¹

PSC species	1995–1997			Interim 2004 PSC available to trawl C/Ps	Interim 2004 C/P sideboard limit
	PSC catch	Total PSC	Ratio of PSC catch/Total PSC		
Halibut mortality	955	11,325	0.084	851	71
Red king crab	3,098	473,750	0.007	22,432	157
<i>C. opilio</i>	2,323,731	15,139,178	0.153	1,005,938	153,908
<i>C. bairdi</i> :					
Zone 1	385,978	2,750,000	0.140	226,625	31,728
Zone 2	406,860	8,100,000	0.050	686,813	34,341

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

AFA Catcher Vessel Sideboards Limits

Regulations at § 679.64(b) establish a formula for setting AFA catcher vessel groundfish and PSC sideboard limits for the BSAI. The basis for these sideboard

limits is described in detail in the final rule implementing major provisions of the AFA (67 FR 79692, December 30, 2002). The interim 2004 AFA catcher vessel sideboard limits are shown in Tables 8 and 9.

All harvests of groundfish sideboard species made by non-exempt AFA catcher vessels, whether as targeted catch or incidental catch, will be deducted from the interim sideboard limits listed in Table 8.

TABLE 8.—INTERIM 2004 BSAI AMERICAN FISHERIES ACT CATCHER VESSEL SIDEBOARDS LIMITS, IN MT

Species	Fishery by area/season/processor/gear	Ratio of 1995–1997 AFA CV catch to 1995–1997 TAC	Interim 2004 TAC	Interim 2004 catcher vessel sideboard limit
Pacific cod	BSAI .....	.....	.....	.....
	Jig gear	0.0000	1,411	0
	Hook-and-line CV .....	.....	.....	0
	Jan 1–Jun 10	0.0006	161	0
	Pot gear .....	.....	.....	0
	Jan 1–Jun 10	0.0006	9,822	6
	CV <60 feet LOA using hook-and-line or pot gear	0.0006	1,252	1
	Trawl gear, catcher vessel, Jan 20–Apr 1	0.8609	29,014	24,978
Sablefish	BS trawl gear	0.0906	283	26
	AI trawl gear	0.0645	151	10
Atka mackerel	<i>Eastern AI/BS</i> .....	.....	.....	0
	Jig gear	0.0031	89	0
	Other gear .....	.....	.....	0
	Jan 1–Apr 15	0.0032	4,381	14
	<i>Central AI</i> .....	.....	.....	0
	Jan 1–Apr 15	0.0001	12,201	1
	HLA limit	0.0001	7,321	1
	<i>Western AI</i> , Jan 1–Apr 15	0	8,496	0
	HLA limit	0.0000	5,097	0
Yellowfin sole	BSAI	0.0647	17,797	1,151
Rock sole	BSAI	0.0341	9,350	319
Greenland Turbot	BS	0.0645	570	37
	AI	0.0205	281	6
Arrowtooth flounder	BSAI	0.0690	2,550	176
Alaska plaice	BSAI	0.0441	2,125	94
Other flatfish	BSAI	0.0441	638	28
POP	BS	0.1000	300	30
	Eastern AI	0.0077	734	6
	Central AI	0.0025	701	2
	Western AI	0.0000	1,227	0
Northern rockfish	BS	0.0280	26	1
	AI	0.0089	1,249	11
Shortraker/Rougheye Trawl	BS	0.0048	29	0
	AI	0.0035	53	0