

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

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
Other rockfish	BS	0.0048	204	1
	AI	0.0095	135	1
Squid	BSAI	0.3827	419	160
Other species	BSAI	0.0541	6,866	371
Flathead Sole	BS trawl gear	0.0505	4,250	215

The AFA catcher vessel PSC limit for halibut and each crab species in the BSAI for which a trawl bycatch limit has been established will be a portion of the PSC limit equal to the ratio of aggregate retained groundfish catch by AFA catcher vessels in each PSC target category from 1995 through 1997, relative to the retained catch of all vessels in that fishery from 1995 through 1997. For the BSAI, the interim

PSC sideboard limits for AFA catcher vessels are listed in Table 9.

Halibut and crab PSC that is caught by AFA catcher vessels participating in any non-pollock groundfish fishery listed in Table 9 will accrue against the interim 2004 PSC sideboard limits for AFA catcher vessels. Regulations at § 679.21(d)(8) and (e)(3)(v) provide authority to close directed fishing for non-pollock groundfish for AFA catcher

vessels once an interim 2004 PSC sideboard limit for the BSAI listed in Table 9 is reached. PSC that is caught by AFA catcher vessels while fishing for pollock in the BSAI will accrue against either the midwater pollock or the pollock/Atka mackerel/“other species” fishery categories under regulations at § 679.21(e).

TABLE 9.—INTERIM 2004 AMERICAN FISHERIES ACT CATCHER VESSEL PROHIBITED SPECIES CATCH SIDEBOARD LIMITS FOR THE BSAI.¹

PSC species	Target fishery category ²	Ratio of 1995–1997 AFA CV retained catch to total retained catch	Interim 2004 PSC Limit	Interim 2004 AFA catcher vessel PSC sideboard limit
Halibut	Pacific cod trawl	0.6183	359	222
	Pacific cod hook-and-line or pot	0.0022	194	0
	Yellowfin sole	0.1144	222	25
	Rock sole/flat. sole/other flatfish ⁵	0.2841	195	55
	Turbot/Arrowtooth/Sablefish	0.2327	0	0
	Rockfish (July 4–December 31)	0.0245	17	0
	Pollock/Atka mackerel/Other sp.	0.0227	58	1
Red King Crab	Pacific cod	0.6183	3,270	2,022
Zone 1 ⁴	Yellowfin sole	0.1144	4,166	477
	Rock sole/flat. sole/other flatfish ⁵	0.2841	14,946	4,246
	Pollock/Atka mackerel/Other sp.	0.0227	50	1
<i>C. opilio</i>	Pacific cod	0.6183	31,184	19,281
COBLZ ³	Yellowfin sole	0.1144	694,245	79,422
	Rock sole/flat. sole/other flatfish ⁵	0.2841	242,283	68,833
	Pollock/Atka mackerel/Other sp.	0.0227	18,107	411
	Rockfish	0.0245	10,059	246
	Turbot/Arrowtooth/Sablefish	0.2327	10,060	2,341
<i>C. bairdi</i>	Pacific cod	0.6183	45,778	28,305
Zone 1	Yellowfin sole	0.1144	85,211	9,748
	Rock sole/flat. sole/other flatfish ⁵	0.2841	91,330	25,947
	Pollock/Atka mackerel/Other sp.	0.0227	4,306	98
<i>C. bairdi</i>	Pacific cod	0.6183	81,044	50,110
Zone 2	Yellowfin sole	0.1144	447,115	51,150
	Rock sole/flat. sole/other flatfish ⁵	0.2841	149,039	42,342
	Pollock/Atka mackerel/Other sp.	0.0227	6,868	156
	Rockfish	0.0245	2,747	67

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

² Target fishery categories are defined in regulation at § 679.21(e)(3)(iv).

³ *C. opilio* Bycatch Limitation Zone. Boundaries are defined at Figure 13 of 50 CFR part 679.

⁴ In October 2003, the Council recommended that the red king crab bycatch for trawl fisheries within the Red King Crab Savings Subarea be limited to 35 percent of the total allocation to the rock sole/flathead sole/“other flatfish” fishery category (§ 679.21(e)(3)(ii)(B)).

⁵ “Other flatfish” for PSC monitoring includes all flatfish species, except for Pacific halibut (a prohibited species), Greenland turbot, rock sole, yellowfin sole, arrowtooth flounder.