

AFA Catcher/Processor and Catcher Vessel Sideboard Directed Fishing Closures

The Regional Administrator has determined that many of the interim AFA catcher/processor and catcher vessel sideboard limits listed in Table 10 and 11 are necessary as incidental

catch to support other anticipated groundfish fisheries for the 2004 fishing year. In accordance with § 679.20(d)(1)(iv), the Regional Administrator establishes the limits listed in Table 10 and 11 as directed fishing allowances. The Regional Administrator finds that many of these directed fishing allowances will be

reached before the end of the year. Therefore, in accordance with § 679.20(d)(1)(iii), NMFS is prohibiting directed fishing by AFA catcher/processors for the species in the specified areas set out in Table 10 and directed fishing by non-exempt AFA catcher vessels for the species in the specified areas set out in Table 11.

TABLE 10.—INTERIM AMERICAN FISHERIES ACT LISTED CATCHER/PROCESSOR SIDEBOARD DIRECTED FISHING CLOSURES.¹

Species	Area	Gear types	Incidental catch amount
Sablefish trawl	BS	Trawl	1
	AI	Trawl	0
Rock sole	BSAI	all	290
Greenland turbot	BS	all	6
	AI	all	2
Arrowtooth flounder	BSAI	all	5
Pacific ocean perch	BS	all	1
	Western AI	all	5
	Central AI	all	0
	Eastern AI	all	15
Northern rockfish	BS	all	0
	AI	all	7
Shortraker/Rougheye rockfish	BS	all	0
	AI	all	1
Other rockfish	BS	all	4
	AI	all	1
Squid	BSAI	all	8
Other species	BSAI	all	55

¹ Maximum retainable amounts may be found in Table 11 to 50 CFR part 679. Specified amounts are in mt.

TABLE 11.—INTERIM AMERICAN FISHERIES ACT CATCHER VESSEL SIDEBOARD DIRECTED FISHING CLOSURES.¹

Species	Area	Gear	Incidental catch amount
Pacific cod	BSAI	hook-and-line	0
	BSAI	pot	6
	BSAI	jig	0
Sablefish	BS	trawl	26
	AI	trawl	10
Atka mackerel	Eastern AI/BS	jig	0
	Eastern AI/BS	other	14
	Central AI	all	1
	Western AI	all	0
Greenland Turbot	BS	all	37
	AI	all	6
Arrowtooth flounder	BSAI	all	176
Pacific ocean perch	BS	all	30
	Western AI	all	6
	Central AI	all	2
	Eastern AI	all	0
Northern rockfish	BS	all	1
	AI	all	11
Shortraker/rougheye rockfish	BS	all	0
	AI	trawl	0
Other rockfish	BS	all	1
	AI	all	1
Squid	BSAI	all	160
Other species	BSAI	all	371

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