

justification for these DMRs is discussed in Appendix A of the final SAFE report dated November 2002.

TABLE 8.—2003 ASSUMED PACIFIC HALIBUT MORTALITY RATES FOR THE BSAI FISHERIES

Fishery	Preseason assumed mortality (percent)
Hook-and-line gear fisheries:	
Greenland turbot .....	18
Other species .....	12
Pacific cod .....	12
Rockfish .....	25
Sablefish .....	22
Trawl gear fisheries:	
Atka mackerel .....	75
Flathead sole .....	67
Greenland turbot .....	70
Midwater pollock .....	84
Nonpelagic pollock .....	76
Other flatfish .....	71
Other species .....	67
Pacific cod .....	67
Rockfish .....	69
Rock sole .....	76
Sablefish .....	50
Yellowfin sole .....	81
Pot gear fisheries:	
Other species .....	8
Pacific cod .....	8
CDQ trawl fisheries:	
Atka mackerel .....	80
Flathead sole .....	90
Midwater pollock .....	89
Nonpelagic pollock .....	90
Rockfish .....	90
Yellowfin sole .....	83
CDQ hook-and-line fisheries:	
Greenland turbot .....	4
Pacific cod .....	11
CDQ pot fisheries:	
Pacific cod .....	2
Sablefish .....	46

### Directed Fishing Closures

In accordance with § 679.20(d)(1)(i), if the 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 § 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 following remaining allocation amounts will be necessary as incidental catch to support other anticipated groundfish fisheries for the 2003 fishing year:

TABLE 9.—DIRECTED FISHING CLOSURES <sup>1</sup>

Area/species	Gear types	Incidental catch amount
Bogoslof District:		
Pollock .....	All .....	50
Aleutian Islands subarea:		
Pollock .....	All .....	1,000
Northern rockfish .....	All .....	5,438
Shortraker/Rougheye rockfish, trawl .....	All .....	538
Shortraker/Rougheye rockfish, non-trawl .....	All .....	230
Other rockfish .....	All .....	539
Bering Sea subarea:		
Northern rockfish .....	All .....	112
“Other rockfish” .....	All .....	888