

catcher/processors, that were then used to determine the PSC sideboard limits for listed AFA catcher/processors in the 2003 non-pollock groundfish fisheries.

PSC that is caught by listed AFA catcher/processors participating in any non-pollock groundfish fishery listed in Table 13 would accrue against the 2003

PSC 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 a 2003 PSC limit listed in Table 13 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).

TABLE 13.—2003 LISTED BSAI AFA CATCHER/PROCESSOR PROHIBITED SPECIES CATCH SIDEBOARD LIMITS ¹

PSC species	1995–1997			2003 PSC available to trawl vessels	2003 C/P PSC sideboard limit
	PSC catch	Total PSC	Ratio		
Halibut mortality	955	11,325	0.084	3,400	286
Red king crab	3,098	473,750	0.007	89,725	628
C. opilio	2,323,731	15,139,178	0.153	4,023,750	615,634
C. bairdi					
Zone 1	385,978	2,750,000	0.140	906,500	126,910
Zone 2	406,860	8,100,000	0.050	2,747,250	137,363

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

AFA Catcher Vessel Sideboard Limits

Regulations at § 679.64(b) establish formulas 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 2003 AFA catcher vessel sideboard limits are shown in Tables 14 and 15.

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 sideboard limits listed in Table 14.

TABLE 14.—2003 BSAI AFA CATCHER VESSEL (CV) SIDEBOARD LIMITS

[Amounts are in mt]

Species	Fishery by area/season/processor/gear	Ratio of 1995–1997 AFA CV catch to 1995–1997 TAC	2003 Initial TAC	2003 catcher vessel sideboard limit
Pacific cod	BSAI			
	jig gear	0.0000	3,839	0
	hook-and-line CV			
	Jan 1–Jun 10	0.0006	175	0
	Jun 10–Dec 31	0.0006	117	0
	pot gear			
	Jan 1–Jun 10	0.0006	10,693	6
	Sept 1–Dec 31	0.0006	7,129	4
	CV < 60 feet LOA	0.0006	1,363	0
	using hook-and-line or pot gear			
Sablefish	trawl gear			
	catcher vessel			
	Jan 20–Apr 1	0.8609	31,574	27,182
	Apr 1–Jun 10	0.8609	4,510	3,883
	Jun 10–Nov 1	0.8609	9,021	7,766
	BS trawl gear	0.0906	1,233	112
	AI trawl gear	0.0645	659	43
	Atka mackerel			
	<i>Eastern AI/BS</i>			
	jig gear	0.0031	99	0
Atka mackerel	other gear			
	Jan 1–Apr 15	0.0032	4,876	16
	Sept 1–Nov 1	0.0032	4,876	16
	<i>Central AI</i>			
	Jan 1–Apr 15	0.0001	13,579	1
	HLA limit	0.0001	8,147	1
	Sept 1–Nov 1	0.0001	13,579	1
	HLA limit	0.0001	8,147	1
	<i>Western AI</i>			
	Jan 1–Apr 15	0.0000	9,245	0
Yellowfin sole	HLA limit	0.0000	5,547	0
	Sept 1–Nov 1	0.0000	9,245	0
	HLA limit	0.0000	5,547	0
	BSAI	0.0647	71,188	4,606
	Rock sole	0.0341	37,400	1,275