

TABLE 15.—2003 AFA CATCHER VESSEL PROHIBITED SPECIES CATCH SIDEBOARD LIMITS FOR THE BSAI¹—Continued

PSC species	Target fishery category ²	Ratio of 1995–1997 AFA CV retained catch to total retained catch	2003 PSC limit	2003 AFA catcher vessel PSC sideboard limit
<i>C. bairdi</i>	Pollock/Atka mackerel/Other species	0.0227	17,224	391
Zone 2	Pacific cod	0.6183	324,176	200,438
	Yellowfin sole	0.1144	1,788,459	204,600
	Rock sole/flathead sole/other flatfish ⁵	0.2841	596,154	169,367
	Pollock/Atka mackerel/Other species	0.0227	27,473	624
	Rockfish	0.0245	10,988	269

¹ Halibut amounts are in metric tons 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 The Council at its December 2002 meeting recommended that red king crab bycatch for trawl fisheries within the RKCSS 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, and arrowtooth flounder.

Sideboard Directed Fishing Closures

AFA Catcher/Processor and Catcher Vessel Sideboard Closures

The Regional Administrator has determined that many of the AFA catcher/processor and catcher vessel sideboard limits listed in Tables 12 and 14 are necessary as incidental catch to

support other anticipated groundfish fisheries for the 2003 fishing year. In accordance with § 679.20(d)(1)(iv), the Regional Administrator establishes the sideboard limits listed in Tables 12 and 14 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 listed AFA catcher/processors for the species in the specified areas set out in Table 16 and directed fishing by non-exempt AFA catcher vessels for the species in the specified areas set out in Table 17.

TABLE 16.—AFA LISTED CATCHER/PROCESSOR SIDEBOARD DIRECTED FISHING CLOSURES¹

Species	Area	Gear types	Incidental catch amount
Sablefish trawl	BS	Trawl	6
	AI	Trawl	0
Rock sole	BSAI	all	1,159
Greenland turbot	BS	all	16
	AI	all	3
Arrowtooth flounder	BSAI	all	20
Pacific ocean perch	BS	all	2
	Western AI	all	22
	Central AI	all	0
	Eastern AI	all	65
Northern rockfish	BS	all	1
	AI	all	33
Shortraker/Rougheye rockfish	BS	all	1
	AI	all	8
Other rockfish	BS	all	16
	AI	all	6
Squid	BSAI	all	34
Other species	BSAI	all	239

¹ Maximum retainable percentages may be found in Table 11 to 50 CFR part 679.

TABLE 17.—AFA CATCHER VESSEL SIDEBOARD DIRECTED FISHING CLOSURES¹

Species	Area	Gear	Incidental catch amount
Pacific cod	BSAI	hook-and-line	0
	BSAI	pot	10
	BSAI	jig	0
Sablefish	BS	trawl	112
	AI	trawl	43
Atka mackerel	Eastern AI/BS	jig	0
	Eastern AI/BS	other	32
	Central AI	all	2
	Western AI	all	0
Greenland Turbot	BS	all	147
	AI	all	23
Arrowtooth flounder	BSAI	all	704