

gear from September 1 through December 31, and for trawl gear from September 1 through November 1 (§ 679.23(d)(3) and § 679.20(a)(11)). These seasonal apportionments of the annual Pacific cod TAC are discussed in greater detail below.

The FMP specifies that the amount for the "other species" category is calculated as 5 percent of the combined TAC amounts for target species. The 2003 GOA-wide "other species" TAC is

11,260 mt, which is 5 percent of the sum of the combined TAC amounts (225,180 mt) for the other groundfish species for which TAC is specified. The sum of the TACs for all GOA groundfish is 236,440 mt, which is within the OY range specified by the FMP. The sum of the 2003 TACs is lower than the 2002 TAC sum of 237,890 mt.

NMFS finds that the Council's recommendations for OFL, ABC, and TAC amounts are consistent with the

biological condition of groundfish stocks as adjusted for other biological and socioeconomic considerations, including maintaining the total TAC within the required OY range of 116,000 to 800,000 mt. NMFS has reviewed the Council's recommended TAC specifications and apportionments and approves these specifications under § 679.20(c)(3)(ii). The final 2003 ABCs, TACs, and OFLs are shown in Table 1.

Table 1 - Final 2003 ABCs, TACs, and OFLs of Groundfish for the Western/Central/West Yakutat (W/C/WYK), Western (W), Central (C), Eastern (E) Regulatory Areas, and in the West Yakutat (WYK), Southeast Outside (SEO), and Gulf-Wide (GW) Districts of the GOA. [Amounts are in mt]

Species	Area ¹	ABC	TAC	OFL
Pollock²				
Shumagin	(610)	16,788	16,788	
Chirikof	(620)	19,685	19,685	
Kodiak	(630)	10,339	10,339	
WYK	(640)	1,078	1,078	
Subtotal	W/C/WYK	47,890	47,890	69,410
SEO	(650)	6,460	6,460	8,610
Total		54,350	54,350	78,020
Pacific cod³				
	W	20,600	15,450	
	C	29,000	22,690	
	E	3,200	2,400	
Total		52,800	40,540	70,100
Flatfish⁴				
(deep-water)	W	180	180	
	C	2,220	2,220	
	WYK	1,330	1,330	
	SEO	1,150	1,150	
Total		4,880	4,880	6,430
Rex sole				
	W	1,280	1,280	
	C	5,540	5,540	
	WYK	1,600	1,600	
	SEO	1,050	1,050	
Total		9,470	9,470	12,320
Flathead sole				
	W	16,420	2,000	
	C	20,820	5,000	
	WYK	2,900	2,900	
	SEO	1,250	1,250	
Total		41,390	11,150	51,560
Flatfish⁵				
(shallow-water)	W	23,480	4,500	
	C	21,740	13,000	
	WYK	1,160	1,160	
	SEO	2,960	2,960	
Total		49,340	21,620	61,810