

Alaska Groundfish Cooperative
Report to the North Pacific
Fishery Management Council
for the 2011 Fishery

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Introduction

On January 20th 2011, the Alaska Groundfish Cooperative (AGC) began fishing under regulations implementing Amendment 80. This report summarizes AGC operations during 2011.

AGC membership

AGC membership includes the following four companies, and nine non-AFA trawl catcher processors and/or permits.

Company	Vessel/Permit	LLP LOA
Arctic Sole Seafoods, Inc.	Ocean Cape	122
Iquique U.S., L.L.C.	Tremont	125
O'Hara Corporation	Harvester Enterprise	181
The Fishing Company of Alaska, Inc.	Alaska Juris	238
	Alaska Spirit	221
	Alaska Victory	227
	Alaska Warrior	215
	Alaska Ranger	203
	Alaska Voyager	228

Co-op Management

The AGC co-op manager is responsible for the management of the cooperative. This includes communications, regulatory compliance, catch and bycatch tracking, and QS management.

Transfers occurred during the year between co-op members, and between Am 80 cooperatives.

2011 was the first year for the Alaska Groundfish Cooperative. Due to events beyond our control, we did not have as many fishing days as we were expecting. With the experience gained in the 2011 fishery, we anticipate increased efficiencies during the 2012 fishery.

Catch Monitoring

The AGC manager receives observer data from the vessels fishing. Catch and species composition information is received from the Observer Program, and from NMFS Alaska Region. Production information is received from Alaska Region. All of these sources are used to ensure that the vessels do not exceed quotas. Software on the vessels allows the Captains to keep close track of quota usage.

Seastate, Inc. also monitors AGC catch and production, and the co-op manager is able to compare information through a secure web site to ensure any possible errors are caught and resolved.

GOA Sideboards

Some AGC vessels participated in the Rockfish Pilot Program Co-op fishery in the CGOA. These vessels are sideboarded under the rockfish program. One AGC vessel participated in the WGOA Am 80 rockfish sideboard fishery. No sideboard limits were exceeded.

2011 AGC Catch

The following tables provide AGC catch information. Data has been rounded to the nearest whole number. All co-op catch during 2011 fell within allocation levels and no overages occurred.

BSAI AGC Allocated Quota & PSC and Catch Amounts

Species	AGC Am 80 Allocation (mt)	AGC Catch (mt)	Total Transfer Amounts (mt)
Mackerel 541	19,181	19,142	
Mackerel 542	5,389	5,128	
Mackerel 543	755	183	
Flathead Sole	6,269	460	3,940
Pacific Cod	5,079	3,600	1,034
POP 541	2,364	2,332	
POP 542	2,078	2,054	
POP 543	3,879	3,835	
Rock Sole	19,902	5,071	4,573
Yellowfin Sole	59,798	21,487	8,737
Bairdi Z1 (#)	174,839	54,801	35,137
Bairdi Z2 (#)	407,987	297,279	80,641
Halibut Mortality (mt)	732	488	205
COBLZ Opilio (#)	1,834,026	274,157	197,479
Red King Crab (#)	41,602	6,407	6,274

BSAI Salmon Catch Amounts

Species	AGC Catch (#)
Chinook	0
Non-Chinook	270