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Introduction

The purpose of this report is to detail the actions and harvest numbers of the Akutan Catcher Vessel Association (ACVA) in 2024. This is submitted to the North Pacific Fisheries Management Council (NPFMC) to fulfill mandatory reporting requirements and provide the public with a clearer understanding of the fishery, its participants, and on-going efforts mitigate bycatch. Data for this report were taken from the Sea State, Inc. data repository through their web portal.

Background

The 1998 American Fisheries Act (AFA) modified the way walleye pollock (hereafter, “pollock”; *Gadus chalcogrammus*) are harvested in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands (BSAI) management area by issuing quota to participants based on their catch history and allowing harvesters to join cooperatives within their Bering Sea fishing sector: AFA Inshore, AFA Catcher/Processors, and AFA Mothership. The combination of quota allocations and cooperative fishing eliminated the “race to fish” and allowed harvesters to be more methodical about their fishing practices. The result of these changes has been more efficient, more sustainable, and safer fisheries.

The total allowable catch (TAC) for the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands directed pollock fisheries are set through a National Marine Fisheries (NMFS) survey and stock assessment and the NPFMC process. 50% of the Bering Sea Directed Fishing Allocation (DFA) is allocated to the AFA inshore sector (i.e., catcher vessel delivering to an onshore processing facility), which is then divided among the cooperatives (“coops”) and their vessels per their AFA quota allocation percentages. In addition to pollock, NMFS sets limits on other caught species through sideboards and prohibited species catch (PSC). Sideboards are species with limits in some targeted fisheries, including Pacific cod (*Gadus macrocephalus*), yellowfin sole (*Limanda aspera*), and rock sole (*Lepidopsetta polyxystra*). This was done to avoid disenfranchising non-AFA vessels and to ensure pollock rationalization did not have a disproportionate impact on non-pollock BSAI fisheries. PSC species “allocations” are actually limits that, if reached, can cause fleet wide stand downs and/or area closures as part of the fishery management strategy. PSC cannot be retained for sale by the vessel. However, in the Electronic Monitoring (EM) program, in which all ACVA vessels participate, 100% PSC retention is a requirement for accurate catch accounting. Some sideboard and PSC limits, like for Pacific cod and Pacific salmon (*Oncorhynchus* spp.), are allocated at the vessel level. These vessel allocations help hold individuals more accountable for their non-target (non-pollock) species catch.

After retained PSC are accounted for at delivery, they can be given to the Prohibited Species Donation Program (PSDP). This program was developed in 1996 by NMFS and NPFMC in coordination with the non-profit organization Sea Share (<https://www.seashare.org/>). The PSDP aims to reduce waste and utilize more of the fish species harvested that would otherwise be discarded. Sea Share maintains a federal permit to accept donations of bycatch PSC species like salmon and halibut from seafood processors around Alaska and distribute high protein products to food banks around the United States. Trident Seafoods, ACVA's primary processor, participates in this program.

Akutan Catcher Vessel Association

Formation of the Cooperative

The ACVA was formed in 2000. Also known as the “Akutan coop”, this group of pelagic trawl catcher vessels are part of the inshore sector of the Bering Sea directed pollock fishery. The primary purchasing and processing facility for the ACVA is the Trident Seafoods plant in Akutan, Alaska.

Cooperative Membership

In 2024 the ACVA was comprised of 34 member vessels, which have a total of 33.7879% of the total inshore DFA combined according to their AFA quota percentages (Table 1). The members of the ACVA are mostly vessels that historically delivered to Trident Seafoods at the time the AFA went into effect.

Table 1 List of ACVA member vessels (listed alphabetically) and associated inshore quota percentage of the total DFA as set by the AFA.

Vessel	Current Ownership	Inshore %
Aldebaran	B & N Fisheries Company	0.0147
Arctic Explorer	B & N Fisheries Company	0.0184
Arctic Ram	Trident Seafoods Corp.	0.0038
Arcturus	Trident Seafoods Corp.	0.0155
Bristol Explorer	B & N Fisheries Company	0.0176
Cape Kiwanda	B & N Fisheries Company	0.0053
Columbia	Great West Seafoods LP	0.0144
Dominator	Trident Seafoods Corp.	0.0175
Excalibur II	Excalibur II, LLC	0.0052
Gladiator	Trident Seafoods Corp.	0.0164
Golden Dawn	Trident Seafoods Corp.	0.0175
Golden Pisces	FV Golden Pisces Inc.	0.0027
Leslie Lee	Leslie Lee Inc.	0.0020
Lisa Melinda	Lisa Melinda, LLC.	0.0022
Majesty	Trident Seafoods Corp.	0.0100
Marcy J	Trident Seafoods Corp.	0.0018
Margaret Lyn	Great West Seafoods LP	0.0003
Mark I	Mark I Inc.	0.0005
Northern Patriot	Trident Seafoods Corp.	0.0241
Northern Ram	Trident Seafoods Corp.	0.0086
Northwest Explorer	B & N Fisheries Company	0.0161
Ocean Explorer	B & N Fisheries Company	0.0160
Pacific Explorer	B & N Fisheries Company	0.0151
Pacific Ram	Trident Seafoods Corp.	0.0020
Pacific Viking	Trident Seafoods Corp.	0.0109
Pegasus	North Sea Inc.	0.0070
Predator	Cooper Fishing Inc.	0.0030
Raven	Raven Enterprises	0.0071
Royal American	Royal American Fisheries, LLC.	0.0097
Royal Atlantic	Royal Atlantic, LLC.	0.0131
Seeker	F/V Seeker Inc.	0.0037
Sovereignty	Trident Seafoods Corp.	0.0235
Traveler	Traveler Fisheries, LLC.	0.0004
Viking Explorer	Trident Seafoods Corp.	0.0119
Total		0.3379

Cooperative Management

The ACVA is part of the Intercooperative (“Intercoop”) membership group, which is made up of all the active inshore catcher vessel coops and other pollock sector representatives: the mothership cooperative and the high seas catchers cooperative. The Intercoop was managed by Susie Zagorski (United Catcher Boats) in 2024. Through the Intercoop organization, the Intercoop Agreement (ICA) is modified and/or approved annually by the coop managers prior to the start of A season (winter/spring fishery). The ICA outlines overharvest avoidance actions undertaken by the sectors and is enforced by the Intercoop manager or the individual coop management when appropriate. The ICA also outlines the bycatch avoidance strategy, both in bycatch allocation and mitigation measures.

The ACVA coop manager serves as the ACVA representative in the Intercooperative membership group, attending the meetings, speaking on behalf of members, and relaying Intercoop information back to the ACVA membership and vessel captains. In 2024, the ACVA coop manager was Katie Pitzman (Trident Seafoods). In addition to the coop manager, the ACVA is overseen by a Board of Directors, made up of three officers and four general board members who encourage active participation by all member vessel owners. The board convenes at least once a year for the annual board and membership meeting. This is typically held in December, between the B season (summer/fall) and A season (winter/spring). The annual meeting reviews the past years expenses and the upcoming years’ budget, as well as discusses harvest strategy and other miscellaneous coop agenda items. During the fishing seasons, the board may assemble more often if issues arise that warrant discussion. In 2024 the board met once for the scheduled annual meeting in December.

Pre-Season Management

ACVA coop pre-season management includes the coop manager connecting with member vessel owners early to outline the dates each vessel will be ready to start fishing. This allows the coop manager to provide the receiving plant (Trident Seafoods) with the onboard vessel capacity for the boats starting that season. It is important to both parties that the plant knows what to expect from the fleet and can plan their processing capacity accordingly.

In-Season Management

Administration

The coop manager maintains constant communication with the fleet during the season to ensure that the vessels are meeting the goals of the coop (e.g., fish size, quality, bycatch rates) and that the fleet and vessel owners are aware of important issues. This can include, but is not limited to, messages from the processor, alerting vessels to areas of high bycatch, industry news, coop and sector wide progress updates, and reminders of any procedures set by coop leadership. The coop manager also monitors seafloor conservation area (SCA) pollock limits, on a vessel-by-vessel basis and for the coop overall. Additionally, the manager schedules meetings, creates budgets, manages costs, attends intercoop meetings, shares coop bycatch information with SeaState, and communicates with various government agencies on behalf of the coop.

Quota Transfers

The coop manager is responsible for the management of pollock quota on the Salmon Savings Incentive Plan (SSIP) website published by Sea State, as well as any sideboard fisheries allocation and PSC monitoring. The coop manager executes quota transfers between vessels, at the request of quota owners and in

adherence with the agreed upon coop harvest strategy. Quota transfers can also be made to non-coop boats per AFA Amendment 69.

End of Season Management

As each season comes to an end, the coop manager closely monitors for overages, particularly toward the end of the year in B season. If any occur, the manager must coordinate leases between coop members or make other coverage arrangements using ACVA allocations that remain unharvested. It is also the responsibility of the coop manager to oversee completion of all reporting requirements as outlined by the government, which includes the compilation of this annual report to the NPFMC.

2024 BSAI Directed Pollock Fishery

ACVA Pollock Allocation

The Bering Sea pollock TAC in 2024 was **1,300,000 MT**. The ACVA was allocated 33.79% of the inshore sector DFA (Tables 1 and 2). In 2024 that resulted in **189,212 MT** initial pollock quota for the coop. This was the same TAC and coop allocation from the year prior (2023). At the end of February, 13,580 MT were added to the Bering Sea pollock TAC total as part of the Aleutian Islands (AI) quota rollover. The AI rollover is AI pollock allocation that cannot or will not be caught in the AI due to lack of fishing effort or processing capacity and is therefore reallocated mid-season and added to the Bering Sea TAC. The rollover resulted in an adjusted annual ACVA quota total of 191,185 MT. The annual quota tonnage (including the AI rollover) was distributed to the individual vessels proportionate to their sector share within the coop, called their coop percentage (Table 3). Coop percentages are further divided between the two seasons: 45% of the quota is allocated to A season (beginning January 20th) and the remainder is allocated to B season (beginning June 10th).

Table 2 Inshore sector active pollock cooperatives and their associated quota percentages, including the ACVA. Combined this equates to 50% of the total Bering Sea pollock TAC for 2024.

Inshore Cooperative Pollock Allocations	Percent of Inshore Sector
AKUTAN CATCHER VESSEL ASSOCIATION	33.79%
NORTHERN VICTOR FLEET COOPERATIVE	9.35%
PETER PAN FLEET COOPERATIVE	0.00%
UNALASKA FLEET COOPERATIVE (ALYESKA)	12.26%
UNISEA FLEET COOPERATIVE	23.12%
WESTWARD FLEET COOPERATIVE	19.38%
Open Access AFA Vessels	2.10%
Inshore Total	100.00%

ACVA Pollock Harvest

A total of **191,004 MT** (of the 191,185 MT) was harvested in 2024 by ACVA vessels and the six Amendment 69 vessels that leased pollock from members, leaving **182 MT** of pollock quota unharvested (Table 3). ACVA harvested 78,527 MT (41.1% of harvested pollock) in A season and 112,477 MT (58.9%) in B season.

In 2024, the ACVA implemented a staggered start date strategy similar to 2023, metering when the coop boats entered the fishery at the beginning of the season. The goal in doing this was to steadily increase harvest capacity as the plant ramped up production, which would result in lowering the cost to the vessels

associated with long delivery wait times. In a post-season survey circulated to coop boat owners and captains, the staggered start method was well-rated. Staggering the boats at the start had the bonus effect of landing fresher fish at the dock, improving product quality and reducing waste.

During the 2024 A & B seasons, numerous intra-coop transfers were completed by the coop manger. The transfers were done both as a pre-planned part of quota management and as a backup strategy when vessels exceeded their pollock allocation for that season. Specifically, owners of multiple vessels opted to stack their allocations for the sake of efficiency. Others who participated in fisheries that overlap with the B season arranged with the coop manager to harvest their B season quota during A season. Any unforeseen overages that occurred on individual vessels were easily covered using the quota from coop vessels that finished under their allocation (Table 3). No penalties were assessed by the coop manager for exceeding pollock quota or bycatch limits.

Table 3 List of ACVA vessels that delivered to the Trident Seafoods plant in Akutan, AK in 2024 and their coop percentage (“Coop Percent 2024”); 2024 pollock quota allocation in metric tons (MT), and final 2024 harvest in metric tons (“Vessel Harvest (MT)”). The “over/under” column calculates the amount in metric tons that the vessel’s final harvest number deviated from their allocation (values in parentheses indicate over allocation). The coop as an aggregate ended the year under its total allocation by 182 MT.

	Coop Percent 2024	2024 Allocation (MT)	Vessel Harvest (MT)	Over/Under (MT)
ALASKAN DEFENDER (AM69)	0.0000%	-	551	(551)
ALDEBARAN	4.3391%	8,296	-	8,296
ARCTIC EXPLORER	5.4590%	10,437	13,491	(3,055)
ARCTIC RAM	1.1385%	2,177	1,288	889
ARCTURUS	4.5726%	8,742	10,818	(2,076)
BERING DEFENDER (AM 69)	0.0000%	-	629	(629)
BRISTOL EXPLORER	5.2111%	9,963	16,129	(6,166)
CAPE KIWANDA	1.5602%	2,983	-	2,983
COLUMBIA	4.2706%	8,165	10,749	(2,585)
DEFENDER-2 (AM 69)	0.0000%	-	3,712	(3,712)
DOMINATOR	5.1808%	9,905	11,743	(1,838)
EXCALIBUR II	1.5389%	2,942	2,999	(57)
GLADIATOR	4.8569%	9,286	11,622	(2,336)
GOLDEN DAWN	5.1888%	9,920	11,895	(1,975)
GOLDEN PISCES	0.8010%	1,531	1,646	(115)
LESLIE LEE	0.5824%	1,114	1,156	(42)
LISA MELINDA	0.6486%	1,240	1,302	(62)
MAJESTY	2.9473%	5,635	514	5,121
MARCY J	0.5326%	1,018	1,464	(446)
MARGARET LYN	0.1010%	193	-	193
MARK I	0.1336%	255	-	255
NORTHERN DEFENDER (AM 69)	0.0000%	-	713	(713)
NORTHERN PATRIOT	7.1373%	13,645	15,273	(1,628)
NORTHERN RAM	2.5514%	4,878	-	4,878
NORTHWEST EXPLORER	4.7513%	9,084	4,148	4,936
OCEAN EXPLORER	4.7215%	9,027	3,919	5,108
PACIFIC EXPLORER	4.4702%	8,546	11,583	(3,037)
PACIFIC RAM	0.6022%	1,151	1,097	55
PACIFIC VIKING	3.2288%	6,173	3,081	3,092
PEGASUS	2.0569%	3,933	4,600	(668)
PREDATOR	0.8742%	1,671	939	732
RAVEN	2.1062%	4,027	2,497	1,530
ROYAL AMERICAN	2.8704%	5,488	8,652	(3,164)
ROYAL ATLANTIC	3.8757%	7,410	8,574	(1,164)
SEADAWN (AM 69)	0.0000%	-	4,069	(4,069)
SEEKER	1.0935%	2,091	1,597	493
SOVEREIGNTY	6.9589%	13,304	16,051	(2,746)
STARFISH (AM 69)	0.0000%	-	290	(290)
TRAVELER	0.1222%	234	2,214	(1,981)
VIKING EXPLORER	3.5163%	6,723	-	6,723
	100.00%	191,185	191,004	182

ACVA Pollock Fishery Sideboards

As directed by the ICA, sideboard allocations are issued to the inshore coops for Pacific cod and other groundfish species to be allowed as bycatch in the directed pollock fishery. While targeting pollock, the ACVA member vessels and the six Amendment 69 vessels that delivered pollock to the Trident Seafoods plant in Akutan, AK caught a combined 549.02 MT of Pacific cod, 54.33 MT of sablefish (*Anoplopoma fimbria*), 1.02 MT of Atka mackerel (*Pleurogrammus monopterygius*), 1.06 MT yellowfin sole, and 48.07 MT rock sole (Tables 4 and 5).

Table 4 List of ACVA vessels and the Amendment 69 (AM69) vessels that delivered to the Trident Seafoods plant in Akutan, AK. Columns show the sideboard species caught during the 2024 directed pollock fishery. Numbers are reflected in metric tons (MT) per vessel.

Vessel	Pacific Cod (MT)	Sablefish (MT)	AtkaMackerel (MT)	Yellowfin Sole (MT)	Rock Sole (MT)
Alaskan Defender (AM 69)	0.19				0.00
Arctic Explorer	31.83	5.09	0.06	0.22	5.58
Arctic Ram	0.37	0.07			
Arcturus	16.18	0.68	0.03	0.01	0.42
Bering Defender (AM 69)	0.23				
Bristol Explorer	49.84	16.00	0.24	0.06	3.91
Columbia	26.83	0.19	0.02	0.06	1.25
Defender (AM 69)	8.38		0.00		0.04
Dominator	27.80	0.49	0.06	0.03	5.14
Excalibur II	11.94	1.11	0.03		0.10
Gladiator	58.84	21.75	0.09	0.01	3.15
Golden Dawn	21.33	0.36	0.03	0.00	1.03
Golden Pisces	5.42	0.02	0.01	0.00	0.06
Leslie Lee	2.19		0.00		0.02
Lisa Melinda	11.40		0.00	0.00	0.12
Majesty	0.77				0.01
Marcy J	0.77	0.00	0.00		0.02
Northern Defender (AM 69)	0.25	0.26			0.01
Northern Patriot	37.14	1.66	0.13	0.01	1.26
Northwest Explorer	11.83			0.14	1.62
Ocean Explorer	9.15		0.00	0.04	1.13
Pacific Explorer	32.48	1.06	0.06	0.32	14.96
Pacific Ram	4.73		0.00		0.07
Pacific Viking	14.26		0.00	0.01	0.90
Pegasus	29.15		0.00	0.03	0.41
Predator	3.33			0.00	0.00
Raven	7.93			0.00	0.08
Royal American	18.47	0.24	0.02	0.04	0.44
Royal Atlantic	26.77	0.18	0.02	0.04	2.40
Seadawn (AM 69)	12.01	0.02	0.00	0.01	0.64
Seeker	8.15		0.00	0.01	0.37
Sovereignty	53.75	4.92	0.21	0.00	2.47
Starfish (AM 69)	0.07				
Traveler	5.25	0.23	0.00	0.00	0.47
TOTALS	549.02	54.33	1.02	1.06	48.07

Table 5 All sideboard species landed and discarded in 2024 (in metric tons, MT) by ACVA and Amendment 69 (AM69) vessels, including: (A) Pacific cod, Atka mackerel, yellowfin sole, and rock sole; (B) arrowtooth flounder, Alaska plaice, other flatfish, and Bering Sea Pacific-Ocean-Perch; (C) northern rockfish, shortraker rockfish, rougheye rockfish, and other Bering Sea rockfish species; and (D) flathead sole, Bering Sea sablefish, and Greenland turbot.

A.

Vessel	P Cod (MT)			BS/541 Atka Mackerel (MT)			Yellowfin Sole (MT)			Rock Sole (MT)		
	Landed	Discard	Total	Landed	Discard	Total	Landed	Discard	Total	Landed	Discard	Total
Alaskan Defender (AM 69)	0.19	-	0.19	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.00	-	0.00
Aldebaran	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arctic Explorer	31.83	-	31.83	0.06	-	0.06	0.22	-	0.22	5.58	-	5.58
Arctic Ram	0.37	-	0.37	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arcturus	16.18	-	16.18	0.03	-	0.03	0.01	-	0.01	0.42	-	0.42
Bering Defender (AM 69)	0.23	-	0.23	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Bristol Explorer	49.84	-	49.84	0.24	-	0.24	0.06	-	0.06	3.91	-	3.91
Cape Kiwanda	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Columbia	26.83	-	26.83	0.02	-	0.02	0.06	-	0.06	1.25	-	1.25
Defender (AM 69)	8.38	-	8.38	0.00	-	0.00	-	-	-	0.04	-	0.04
Dominator	27.80	-	27.80	0.06	-	0.06	0.03	-	0.03	5.14	-	5.14
Excalibur II	11.92	0.01	11.94	0.03	-	0.03	-	-	-	0.10	-	0.10
Gladiator	58.84	-	58.84	0.09	-	0.09	0.01	-	0.01	3.15	-	3.15
Golden Dawn	21.33	-	21.33	0.03	-	0.03	0.00	-	0.00	1.03	-	1.03
Golden Pisces	595.89	-	595.89	0.01	0.66	0.67	0.00	-	0.00	0.07	15.86	15.93
Leslie Lee	2.19	-	2.19	0.00	-	0.00	-	-	-	0.02	-	0.02
Lisa Melinda	11.40	-	11.40	0.00	-	0.00	0.00	-	0.00	0.12	-	0.12
Majesty	0.77	-	0.77	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.01	-	0.01
Marcy J	0.77	-	0.77	0.00	-	0.00	-	-	-	0.02	-	0.02
Margaret Lyn	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mark I	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Northern Defender (AM 69)	0.25	-	0.25	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.01	-	0.01
Northern Patriot	37.14	-	37.14	0.13	-	0.13	0.01	-	0.01	1.26	-	1.26
Northern Ram	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Northwest Explorer	11.83	-	11.83	-	-	-	0.14	-	0.14	1.62	-	1.62
Ocean Explorer	9.15	-	9.15	0.00	-	0.00	0.04	-	0.04	1.13	-	1.13
Pacific Explorer	32.48	-	32.48	0.06	-	0.06	0.32	-	0.32	14.96	-	14.96
Pacific Ram	4.73	-	4.73	0.00	-	0.00	-	-	-	0.07	-	0.07
Pacific Viking	14.26	-	14.26	0.00	-	0.00	0.01	-	0.01	0.90	-	0.90
Pegasus	29.15	-	29.15	0.00	-	0.00	0.03	-	0.03	0.41	-	0.41
Predator	3.33	-	3.33	-	-	-	0.00	-	0.00	0.00	-	0.00
Raven	7.93	-	7.93	-	-	-	0.00	-	0.00	0.08	-	0.08
Royal American	18.47	-	18.47	0.02	-	0.02	0.04	-	0.04	0.44	-	0.44
Royal Atlantic	26.77	-	26.77	0.02	-	0.02	0.04	-	0.04	2.40	-	2.40
Seadawn (AM 69)	12.01	0.00	12.01	0.00	-	0.00	0.01	-	0.01	0.64	-	0.64
Seeker	8.15	-	8.15	0.00	-	0.00	0.01	-	0.01	0.37	-	0.37
Sovereignty	53.75	-	53.75	0.21	-	0.21	0.00	-	0.00	2.47	-	2.47
Starfish (AM 69)	0.07	-	0.07	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Traveler	5.25	-	5.25	0.00	-	0.00	0.00	-	0.00	0.47	-	0.47
Viking Explorer	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	1,139.46	0.02	1,139.48	1.02	0.66	1.68	1.06	-	1.06	48.08	15.86	63.95

B.

Vessel	Arrowtooth (MT)			Alaska Plaice (MT)			Other Flats (MT)			BS POP (MT)		
	Landed	Discard	Total	Landed	Discard	Total	Landed	Discard	Total	Landed	Discard	Total
Alaskan Defender (AM 69)	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.00	-	0.00	-	-	-
Aldebaran	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arctic Explorer	2.23	-	2.23	0.00	-	0.00	8.27	-	8.27	17.84	-	17.84
Arctic Ram	0.15	-	0.15	-	-	-	2.32	-	2.32	0.85	-	0.85
Arcturus	1.72	-	1.72	0.00	-	0.00	4.29	-	4.29	19.74	-	19.74
Bering Defender (AM 69)	0.03	-	0.03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Bristol Explorer	2.25	-	2.25	0.01	-	0.01	4.92	-	4.92	64.86	0.02	64.88
Cape Kiwanda	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Columbia	1.33	-	1.33	0.00	-	0.00	2.87	-	2.87	11.58	-	11.58
Defender (AM 69)	0.03	-	0.03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dominator	1.77	-	1.77	-	-	-	7.30	-	7.30	10.38	-	10.38
Excalibur II	1.12	-	1.12	-	-	-	2.17	-	2.17	4.92	-	4.92
Gladiator	3.22	-	3.22	0.00	-	0.00	6.68	-	6.68	43.79	-	43.79
Golden Dawn	1.37	-	1.37	-	-	-	3.63	-	3.63	3.26	-	3.26
Golden Pisces	0.45	41.33	41.78	0.00	-	0.00	0.09	0.33	0.42	1.26	-	1.26
Leslie Lee	0.02	-	0.02	-	-	-	0.00	-	0.00	-	-	-
Lisa Melinda	0.04	-	0.04	-	-	-	0.01	-	0.01	-	-	-
Majesty	0.00	-	0.00	-	-	-	0.00	-	0.00	-	-	-
Marcy J	0.42	-	0.42	-	-	-	2.67	-	2.67	0.89	-	0.89
Margaret Lyn	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mark I	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Northern Defender (AM 69)	0.08	-	0.08	-	-	-	0.39	-	0.39	0.34	-	0.34
Northern Patriot	2.08	-	2.08	0.00	-	0.00	6.13	-	6.13	24.93	0.00	24.94
Northern Ram	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Northwest Explorer	0.07	-	0.07	0.00	-	0.00	0.02	-	0.02	-	-	-
Ocean Explorer	0.07	-	0.07	0.00	-	0.00	0.01	-	0.01	-	-	-
Pacific Explorer	1.68	-	1.68	0.03	-	0.03	1.81	-	1.81	32.53	-	32.53
Pacific Ram	0.02	-	0.02	-	-	-	0.00	-	0.00	-	-	-
Pacific Viking	0.14	-	0.14	-	-	-	0.08	-	0.08	-	-	-
Pegasus	0.10	-	0.10	0.00	-	0.00	0.03	-	0.03	-	-	-
Predator	0.01	-	0.01	-	-	-	0.01	-	0.01	-	-	-
Raven	0.04	-	0.04	-	-	-	0.01	-	0.01	-	-	-
Royal American	1.95	-	1.95	0.00	-	0.00	3.56	-	3.56	8.57	0.01	8.58
Royal Atlantic	1.17	-	1.17	0.01	-	0.01	3.02	-	3.02	19.07	-	19.07
Seadawn (AM 69)	0.19	-	0.19	0.00	-	0.00	0.16	-	0.16	4.12	-	4.12
Seeker	0.18	-	0.18	-	-	-	0.01	-	0.01	-	-	-
Sovereignty	3.54	-	3.54	0.00	-	0.00	7.43	-	7.43	135.21	-	135.21
Starfish (AM 69)	0.03	-	0.03	-	-	-	0.13	-	0.13	0.18	-	0.18
Traveler	0.17	-	0.17	-	-	-	0.15	-	0.15	0.68	-	0.68
Viking Explorer	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	27.66	41.33	69.00	0.07	-	0.07	68.17	0.33	68.51	405.00	0.04	405.04

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Vessel	Northern Rockfish (MT)			Shortraker (MT)			Rougheye (MT)			BS Other Rockfish (MT)		
	Landed	Discard	Total	Landed	Discard	Total	Landed	Discard	Total	Landed	Discard	Total
Alaskan Defender (AM 69)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Aldebaran	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arctic Explorer	0.30	-	0.30	0.05	-	0.05	0.03	-	0.03	0.01	-	0.01
Arctic Ram	0.00	-	0.00	0.00	-	0.00	0.01	-	0.01	-	-	-
Arcturus	0.18	-	0.18	-	-	-	0.07	-	0.07	-	-	-
Bering Defender (AM 69)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Bristol Explorer	2.72	-	2.72	0.01	-	0.01	0.04	-	0.04	0.00	-	0.00
Cape Kiwanda	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Columbia	0.01	-	0.01	0.00	-	0.00	0.00	-	0.00	-	-	-
Defender (AM 69)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.01	-	0.01
Dominator	0.09	-	0.09	0.01	-	0.01	0.02	-	0.02	-	-	-
Excalibur II	0.56	-	0.56	0.01	-	0.01	0.01	-	0.01	-	-	-
Gladiator	1.34	-	1.34	0.03	-	0.03	0.02	-	0.02	0.00	-	0.00
Golden Dawn	0.65	-	0.65	0.02	-	0.02	0.01	-	0.01	-	-	-
Golden Pisces	0.01	0.02	0.03	0.02	-	0.02	-	-	-	-	0.13	0.13
Leslie Lee	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Lisa Melinda	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Majesty	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Marcy J	0.00	-	0.00	-	-	-	0.00	-	0.00	0.00	-	0.00
Margaret Lyn	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mark I	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Northern Defender (AM 69)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Northern Patriot	0.38	-	0.38	0.01	-	0.01	0.02	-	0.02	0.00	-	0.00
Northern Ram	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Northwest Explorer	0.00	-	0.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ocean Explorer	0.00	-	0.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pacific Explorer	1.56	-	1.56	0.01	-	0.01	0.00	-	0.00	-	-	-
Pacific Ram	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pacific Viking	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pegasus	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Predator	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Raven	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.00	-	0.00
Royal American	0.39	-	0.39	0.01	-	0.01	0.00	-	0.00	-	-	-
Royal Atlantic	1.23	-	1.23	0.01	-	0.01	-	-	-	0.00	-	0.00
Seadawn (AM 69)	0.03	-	0.03	0.00	-	0.00	-	-	-	0.00	-	0.00
Seeker	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sovereignty	4.55	-	4.55	0.04	-	0.04	0.02	-	0.02	0.00	-	0.00
Starfish (AM 69)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.10	-	0.10
Traveler	0.01	-	0.01	0.00	-	0.00	0.00	-	0.00	-	-	-
Viking Explorer	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	14.02	0.02	14.04	0.22	-	0.22	0.26	-	0.26	0.14	0.13	0.27

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Vessel	Flathead Sole (MT)			BS Sablefish (MT)			Greenland Turbot (MT)		
	Landed	Discard	Total	Landed	Discard	Total	Landed	Discard	Total
Alaskan Defender (AM 69)	0.01	-	0.01	-	-	-	-	-	-
Aldebaran	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arctic Explorer	8.25	-	8.25	5.08	-	5.08	0.03	-	0.03
Arctic Ram	1.42	-	1.42	0.07	-	0.07	-	-	-
Arcturus	4.30	-	4.30	0.66	-	0.66	0.01	-	0.01
Bering Defender (AM 69)	0.36	-	0.36	-	-	-	-	-	-
Bristol Explorer	8.49	-	8.49	10.91	-	10.91	0.04	-	0.04
Cape Kiwanda	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Columbia	4.64	-	4.64	0.18	-	0.18	0.00	-	0.00
Defender (AM 69)	0.43	-	0.43	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dominator	6.49	-	6.49	0.35	-	0.35	0.02	-	0.02
Excalibur II	1.83	-	1.83	0.65	-	0.65	0.00	-	0.00
Gladiator	5.72	-	5.72	12.17	-	12.17	0.02	-	0.02
Golden Dawn	5.91	-	5.91	0.29	-	0.29	0.00	-	0.00
Golden Pisces	0.34	2.57	2.91	0.56	-	0.56	-	-	-
Leslie Lee	0.12	-	0.12	-	-	-	-	-	-
Lisa Melinda	0.83	-	0.83	-	-	-	-	-	-
Majesty	0.03	-	0.03	-	-	-	-	-	-
Marcy J	1.48	-	1.48	0.00	-	0.00	-	-	-
Margaret Lyn	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mark I	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Northern Defender (AM 69)	0.45	-	0.45	0.26	-	0.26	-	-	-
Northern Patriot	7.39	-	7.39	1.65	-	1.65	0.00	-	0.00
Northern Ram	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Northwest Explorer	1.24	-	1.24	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ocean Explorer	1.39	-	1.39	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pacific Explorer	5.79	-	5.79	1.04	-	1.04	-	-	-
Pacific Ram	0.40	-	0.40	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pacific Viking	2.78	-	2.78	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pegasus	1.05	-	1.05	-	-	-	-	-	-
Predator	0.05	-	0.05	-	-	-	-	-	-
Raven	0.61	-	0.61	-	-	-	-	-	-
Royal American	5.10	-	5.10	0.20	-	0.20	0.01	-	0.01
Royal Atlantic	4.93	-	4.93	0.17	-	0.17	0.01	-	0.01
Seadawn (AM 69)	0.97	-	0.97	0.02	-	0.02	-	-	-
Seeker	1.93	-	1.93	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sovereignty	9.18	-	9.18	4.88	-	4.88	0.03	-	0.03
Starfish (AM 69)	0.06	-	0.06	-	-	-	-	-	-
Traveler	0.64	-	0.64	0.23	-	0.23	-	-	-
Viking Explorer	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	94.60	2.57	97.18	39.37	-	39.37	0.18	-	0.18

ACVA PSC in the Pollock Fishery

PSC in the BSAI directed pollock fishery is closely monitored. The coop and intercoop managers work with Sea State, a third-party data manager, to track bycatch for the whole AFA pollock fishery and disseminate information about high bycatch areas to the fleet in real time. The ICA, redrafted and signed annually by all inshore coops, outlines PSC limits and establishes bycatch avoidance practices. In parallel, the ACVA coop vessel captains and Trident Seafoods plant managers communicate bycatch counts to each other at delivery or on a tow-by-tow basis when estimates could be made to support bycatch avoidance. Crab, Pacific halibut (*Hippoglossus stenolepis*), herring (*Clupea pallasii*), and Pacific salmon all have PSC limits that, if exceeded, require the coop to cease operations. To maximize use of the allocated resource and to minimize incidental impacts, the ACVA makes PSC avoidance a priority.

Pacific Salmon

To minimize Chinook salmon (*Oncorhynchus tshawytscha*) and chum salmon (*O. keta*) bycatch, ACVA vessels adhere to numerous mandatory salmon reduction plans as well as voluntary bycatch mitigation strategies and gear modifications (e.g., the use of salmon “excluders”). Salmon PSC limits are issued to the fishing sector by NMFS and then allocated to the coops and individual vessels. In 2024, for 191,004 MT of pollock harvested, there were 680 Chinook salmon caught in the A Season and 785 caught in the B season (i.e., 0.0077 individual Chinook salmon caught per MT of pollock; Table 6). There were 10 individual non-Chinook (“Other”) salmon caught in A season and 7,650 in B season (i.e., 0.0401 individual “other” salmon caught per MT of pollock; Table 6). NOAA Fisheries states that chum salmon make up 99.6% of the non-Chinook category for the fishery.

Amendments 91 and 110 of the AFA introduced Incentive Plan Agreement (IPA) requirements, which led to fleet-wide efforts to reduce salmon bycatch. The ACVA is regulated by the inshore SSIP, which is an agreement written and modified by the Intercoop to work with Sea State to reduce salmon bycatch. Under this plan, Sea State monitors Chinook and chum salmon catch rates by analyzing fish tickets and vessels’ Vessel Monitoring System (VMS) data to distribute a weekly IPA report with a list of salmon bycatch avoidance areas (“hot spots”). The IPA and SSIP also require the use of salmon excluders (bycatch reduction devices, BRDs) on trawl nets January 20th to March 31st during A season and from June 10th to October 31st, the entire B season. ACVA vessels used salmon excluders during nearly 100% of trips in 2024 for both A- and B- seasons.

The ACVA continues to seek out new technologies to aid in the reduction of salmon bycatch. For example, there is on-going research into new salmon excluder designs (Trident Seafoods). There have been additional efforts to collaborate with academic partners and external fisheries scientists to improve salmon excluders, and the fleet continues to invest in video technology as a tool for fishing efficiency and bycatch reduction. In the ACVA there are five vessels using live video systems and there are plans to continue to add video systems going forward. Additional research is focused on developing active selection devices and the integration of artificial intelligence to process video footage and detect salmon within the video. During B season 2024, ACVA also worked with Sea State to develop a weekly report that highlights individual member vessel bycatch performance as well as that of the coop relative to the other coops, specifically paying attention to chum salmon catch rates. This provides an additional tool to help captains make decisions about fishing locations.

Regulations require that the ACVA annual coop report list coop vessel names and number of appearances on the “Dirty 20 list”. However, this list is no longer used as part of the Salmon Savings IPA; therefore, there is nothing to report. Tables 6 and 7 can be referenced to assess Pacific salmon species catch per ACVA member vessels.

Table 6 Total pollock catch and Pacific salmon bycatch for the ACVA and associated Amendment 69 vessels in 2024.

Vessel	Pollock Harvest (MT)	"A" Season 2024 Chinook (N)	"B" Season 2024 Chinook (N)	"A" Season 2024 Other Salmon (N)	"B" Season 2024 Other Salmon (N)
Alaskan Defender (AM 69)	551	-	-	-	3
Arctic Explorer	13,491	42	35	-	607
Arctic Ram	1,288	-	66	-	19
Arcturus	10,818	27	112	-	988
Bering Defender (AM 69)	629	-	2	-	19
Bristol Explorer	16,129	52	30	-	462
Columbia	10,749	27	48	2	607
Defender (AM 69)	3,712	23	-	2	29
Dominator	11,743	40	23	-	548
Excalibur II	2,999	-	38	-	163
Gladiator	11,622	29	30	-	276
Golden Dawn	11,895	31	71	-	314
Golden Pisces	1,646	4	34	-	83
Leslie Lee	1,156	5	-	-	-
Lisa Melinda	1,302	13	-	-	-
Majesty	514	3	-	-	-
Marcy J	1,464	-	44	-	143
Northern Defender (AM 69)	713	-	1	-	22
Northern Patriot	15,273	46	51	1	1,256
Northwest Explorer	4,148	31	-	-	-
Ocean Explorer	3,919	9	-	-	-
Pacific Explorer	11,583	10	27	-	548
Pacific Ram	1,097	10	-	1	-
Pacific Viking	3,081	24	-	-	-
Pegasus	4,600	30	-	1	-
Predator	939	4	-	-	-
Raven	2,497	19	-	-	-
Royal American	8,652	27	65	-	622
Royal Atlantic	8,574	32	29	-	303
Seadawn (AM 69)	4,069	22	2	2	166
Seeker	1,597	29	-	-	-
Sovereignty	16,051	83	72	1	457
Starfish (AM 69)	290	-	2	-	12
Traveler	2,214	8	3	-	3
Totals	191,004	680	785	10	7,650

Pacific Halibut

Most Pacific halibut interactions with AFA pollock vessels occur during the Pacific cod sideboard fishery; therefore, most of the ICA regulations to minimize halibut bycatch are focused on the participation in that fishery. 2024 was the first year of rationalization for the Pacific cod fishery and the Pacific Cod Trawl Cooperative (PCTC) program, which changed how much cod and halibut PSC limit was available for the sideboard fishery. Despite these changes, the AFA catcher vessel ICA encouraged the same best practices for halibut avoidance when targeting cod as in previous years; including mandatory use of halibut

excluders, no night fishing, and agreed upon minimum codend mesh size. Moreover, in 2024 Trident Seafoods, with research partners and collaborators, conducted research evaluating halibut bycatch mitigation approaches in the cod fishery using funds from a NOAA Bycatch Reduction Engineering Program (FY23) award. This included testing the ability to reduce halibut bycatch using artificial illumination at the trawl mouth. This work is on-going.

In 2024, the ACVA agreed on a lower halibut mortality level in both the pollock fishery and cod sideboard fishery than the PSC limit set by NPFMC in regulation. Halibut mortality is a catch limit in metric tons of bycaught halibut expected not to survive being discarded at sea. These values are calculated based on catch and the discard mortality rate (DMR) set by NPFMC. In 2024, the ACVA halibut mortality in the pollock fishery was 4.61 MT of halibut (Table 7).

Crab

PSC crab allocations are distributed to the coops each year. There are three primary crab species of concern in the BSAI pollock fishery: red king crab (*Paralithodes camtschaticus*), Tanner crab (*Chionoecetes bairdi*), and snow crab (*C. opilio*) (often referred to in regulations as “other Tanner”). In 2024, crab allowance for the ACVA (all vessels combined) was 134 red king crab, 4,983 Tanner/bairdi crab, and 2,278 snow crab. Like for Pacific halibut, the ICA manages the crab allowance to a number lower than the PSC limit. In 2024, ACVA vessels caught 4 red king crab, 35.76 Bairdi, and 0 Other Tanner in the pollock fishery (Table 7).

Worth noting is the use of extrapolation in crab PSC accounting. As vessels move to Electronic Monitoring (EM; all ACVA vessels have transitioned to EM) as opposed to human observers, crab PSC can be assigned to a vessel based on data from those fishing nearby, even if that vessel did not discard or deliver a single crab. Additionally, in human observed trips, any crab in a sample will be extrapolated to a larger number based on the size of the total catch, leading occasionally to much larger crab PSC numbers than actual bycatch delivered to the plant with 100% retention.

Herring

The NPFMC designated “savings areas” (closed areas) for herring in the pollock fishery, which can be closed to the pollock trawl fleet if the annual herring limit is exceeded. The 2024 herring limit was 2,256 MT, which is shared by all pollock sectors. The ACVA agreed to make every reasonable effort to avoid herring bycatch. To accomplish this, the ACVA vessel captains communicated amongst themselves while on the fishing grounds to share tow coordinates and estimated catch when they encountered an area of high bycatch. This created an informal “hot spot” network. Sea State also highlights herring in the weekly bycatch report distributed to the fleet via email. In 2024, ACVA vessels caught 275.85 MT of herring while pollock fishing (Table 7).

Table 7 2024 Pacific halibut, red king crab, Tanner/bairdi crab, snow crab (“Other Tanner”), Chinook salmon, “other” salmon (predominantly chum salmon), and herring PSC for ACVA and associated Amendment 69 (AM 69) vessels. Numbers are reflected in metric tons (MT) or number of individual animals (N) depending on the species. Halibut mortality (MT) is the metric tonnage of bycaught halibut expected to die after being discarded at sea based on a discard mortality rate established by the PSMFC.

Vessel	Pollock Harvest (MT)	Groundfish other than Pollock (MT)	Halibut Mort. (MT)	Red King Crab (N)*	Bairdi (N)*	Other Tanner (N)*	Chinook BS (N)	Other Salmon (N)	Herring (MT)
Alaskan Defender (AM 69)	550.78	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0	3	0.08
Arctic Explorer	13,491.41	84	0.21	3.00	0.00	0.00	77	608	25.27
Arctic Ram	1,287.65	6	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	66	19	0.20
Arcturus	10,817.62	52	0.03	0.00	0.00	0.00	139	993	23.33
Bering Defender (AM 69)	628.61	1	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2	19	0.64
Bristol Explorer	16,128.90	161	0.97	1.00	4.00	0.00	82	464	13.02
Columbia	10,749.25	54	0.03	0.00	2.00	0.00	75	610	8.16
Defender (AM 69)	3,712.11	9	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	23	31	1.28
Dominator	11,742.66	65	0.18	0.00	2.00	0.00	63	549	90.33
Excalibur II	2,999.14	26	0.11	0.00	0.00	0.00	38	163	20.41
Gladiator	11,621.58	150	1.27	0.00	0.00	0.00	59	278	11.31
Golden Dawn	11,894.90	43	0.04	0.00	0.00	0.00	102	315	0.88
Golden Pisces	1,646.46	8	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	38	85	0.25
Leslie Lee	1,155.59	2	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	5	0	0.19
Lisa Melinda	1,302.27	13	0.00	0.00	5.00	0.00	13	0	0.01
Majesty	513.97	1	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3	0	0.00
Marcy J	1,464.18	7	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	44	143	0.11
Northern Defender (AM 69)	712.62	2	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1	22	1.00
Northern Patriot	15,273.25	86	0.47	0.00	5.00	0.00	97	1263	26.49
Northwest Explorer	4,147.86	15	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	31	0	0.06
Ocean Explorer	3,918.77	12	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	9	0	11.34
Pacific Explorer	11,583.42	101	0.12	0.00	1.00	0.00	37	549	2.69
Pacific Ram	1,096.63	5	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	10	1	0.00
Pacific Viking	3,081.29	20	0.05	0.00	0.00	0.00	24	0	0.01
Pegasus	4,600.03	32	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	30	1	0.19
Predator	939.42	3	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	4	0	0.00
Raven	2,496.99	9	0.00	0.00	1.00	0.00	19	0	0.01
Royal American	8,651.85	41	0.06	0.00	0.00	0.00	92	625	2.57
Royal Atlantic	8,573.76	64	0.05	0.00	13.76	0.00	61	306	4.41
Seadawn (AM 69)	4,068.64	19	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	24	168	0.20
Seeker	1,597.32	13	0.03	0.00	0.00	0.00	29	0	0.00
Sovereignty	16,050.90	238	0.93	0.00	2.00	0.00	155	462	31.20
Starfish (AM 69)	289.58	1	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2	12	0.08
Traveler	2,214.31	9	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	11	3	0.15
TOTALS	191,004	1,355.10	4.61	4.00	35.76	0.00	1,465	7,692	275.85

* Crab numbers are extrapolated from observer samples and fleet averages in stat areas where crab is caught.

Other ACVA Pollock Harvest

Under amendment 69, there are six non-member vessels that delivered ACVA quota to the Trident Seafoods Akutan plant. Catch information for these deliveries is included in Tables 3-7. The vessels are as follows and labeled in the tables with “AM 69”: F/Vs *Alaskan Defender*, *Bering Defender*, *Defender*, *Northern Defender*, *Seadawn*, and *Starfish*.

No pollock was harvested outside the State of Alaska on ACVA vessels.

2024 BSAI Sideboard Fisheries

ACVA Sideboard Allocations and Management

The only sideboard fishery with participation by ACVA vessels in recent years has been for Pacific cod. During pollock rationalization, Pacific cod sideboard allocation percentages were issued to AFA vessels except for those whose primary fishery had been Pacific cod. Those primarily cod vessels, referred to as “exempt boats”, received smaller pollock quota allocations and were exempted from AFA sideboard limits that the rest of the “non-exempt” or “sideboarded” AFA fleet was bound by.

However, in August 2023 the Final Rule was published on the Pacific Cod Trawl Cooperative Program (PCTC), rationalizing the Bering Sea – Aleutian Islands Pacific cod fisheries. Under this program, Pacific cod quota share was issued to LLP holders and processors based on qualifying catch or processing history. Existing AFA sideboards were modified to accommodate the newly designated quota share, with a transition to the new management system beginning in 2024.

ACVA vessels, along with some of those in other coops, that previously participated in the Pacific Cod sideboard fishery, joined together in a new, separate cooperative called the Akutan Cod Association. Vessels now fish on quota allocations during the A and B seasons (Jan 20–April 1 and April 1–June 10, respectively), which had previously been subject to sideboard pre-rationalization. The C season (June 10–November 1) is not included in the PCTC program. During this time, non-exempt AFA vessels are still subject to sideboard limits. However, the only ACVA vessel to participate in C Season in 2024 was the F/V *Golden Pisces*, which, as an exempt vessel, was not subject to sideboard limits (Table 8; see the 2024 Akutan Cod Association annual report for more information).

The 2024 AFA BSAI Pacific cod sideboard limit in the C Season was 3,971 MT across all coops. There were no sideboard coop or vessel allocations and no sideboard transfers by ACVA in 2024.

ACVA Sideboard Cod Harvest and PSC

In 2024, ACVA vessels harvested a total of 9,503.40 MT of Bering Sea Pacific cod in the newly, non-sideboarded Bering Sea Pacific cod fishery (PCTC), during the A and B seasons combined. Total catch by ACVA non-exempt vessels was 0 MT (Table 8). ACVA’s sole participant in the C season was an exempt vessel (F/V *Golden Pisces*) that caught 590.46 MT (Table 8).

A portion of the AFA allocation for each PSC species is set aside as bycatch in the Pacific cod sideboard fishery. The initial halibut mortality allocation was 15 MT in the 2024 BSAI Pacific Cod trawl C Season, the total halibut mortality by sideboarded vessels was 0 MT.

Table 8 Pacific cod catch (MT) for each ACVA vessel in 2024. Columns show catch by the A, B, and C cod seasons. Note that only the C season is a sideboarded fishery. F/Vs *Golden Pisces*, *Leslie Lee*, *Predator*, and *Seeker* are exempt from sideboard limits.

Vessel	Pacific Cod Catch A Season (MT)	Pacific Cod Catch B Season (MT)	Pacific Cod Catch C Season (MT)
Dominator	521.98	0.00	0.00
Gladiator	453.33	124.61	0.00
Golden Dawn	295.83	0.00	0.00
Golden Pisces	1,030.31	148.43	590.46
Leslie Lee	554.19	87.51	0.00
Majesty	1,177.55	0.00	0.00
Northwest Explorer	374.03	97.66	0.00
Pacific Explorer	532.89	0.00	0.00
Predator	1,073.53	108.89	0.00
Raven	374.27	0.00	0.00
Royal American	895.37	144.58	0.00
Royal Atlantic	574.22	83.78	0.00
Seeker	850.43	0.00	0.00
Totals	8,707.94	795.46	590.46

2024 Gulf of Alaska Sideboard Fisheries

ACVA GOA Sideboard Allocations

AFA also established sideboard limits for AFA vessels that participated in the major target fisheries in the Gulf of Alaska (GOA). Vessels that primarily fished in the GOA but had verified BSAI pollock catch history were deemed exempt from sideboard limits established during pollock rationalization. For 2024, SeaState published informational tables with GOA sideboard percentages for each coop (Table 9). Sideboard totals for each coop were calculated by taking the coop's percentage of the overall AFA sideboard for that area and species. Coop percentages are based on the relevant verified catch histories of non-exempt member vessels. In 2021, the traditional A, B, C, & D pollock seasons were combined to just A & B seasons (January 20th - and - November 1st), which continued in 2024.

ACVA made a single sideboard transfer in 2024, to the Open Access group for the fishing vessel *Vanguard*.

Table 9 ACVA GOA sideboard allocations for 2024. Pollock allocations for fishing areas 610, 620 and 630 are split between an A and B Season. Pollock allocations for 640 and 650, as well as the allocations for the three Pacific Cod management areas are issued annually. Also shown are Intercoop transfers made in 2024.

Area / Species	Coop Sideboard Shares "A" Season (MT)	Inter Coop Transfers (MT)	"A" Sideboard Shares after Transfers (MT)
610 Pollock	44.00	0.00	44.00
620 Pollock	2,242.00	500.00	1,742.00
630 Pollock	394.00	0.00	394.00
Area / Species	Coop Sideboard Shares "B" Season (MT)	Inter Coop Transfers (MT)	"B" Sideboard Shares after Transfers (MT)
610 Pollock	271.00	0.00	271.00
620 Pollock	633.00	0.00	633.00
630 Pollock	1,045.00	0.00	1,045.00
Area / Species	Coop Sideboard Shares Annual (MT)	Inter Coop Transfers (MT)	Sideboard Shares after Transfers (MT)
640 Pollock	0.00	0.00	0.00
650 Pollock	0.00	0.00	0.00
Area / Species	2024 Coop Sideboard Shares (MT)	Inter Coop Transfers (MT)	Sideboard Shares after Transfers (MT)
Pacific Cod Western	13.00	0.00	13.00
Pacific Cod Central	0.00	0.00	0.00
Pacific Cod Eastern	0.00	0.00	0.00

ACVA GOA Sideboard Harvest

No non-exempt vessels from the ACVA participated in GOA sideboard fisheries in 2024, resulting in 4,129 MT of GOA pollock sideboards going unharvested. No sideboard limits were exceeded in 2024 and there are no data to present in this report. Any harvest of GOA species by ACVA members was done on GOA exempt vessels.

Table 10 GOA sideboard pollock harvest in 2024 by area (610, 620, and 630) and season (A and B). Note that no sideboarded ACVA vessels participated in this fishery in 2024.

Vessel	610 Pollock A Harvest (MT)	610 Pollock B Harvest (MT)	2024 Totals (MT)
No 2024 Sideboard Harvest			0
Seasonal Allocation:	44	271	315
Unharvested Allocation	44	271	315
Vessel	620 Pollock A Harvest (MT)	620 Pollock B Harvest (MT)	2024 Totals (MT)
No 2024 Sideboard Harvest			0
Seasonal Allocation:	1,742	633	2,375
Unharvested Allocation	1,742	633	2,375
Vessel	630 Pollock A Harvest (MT)	630 Pollock B Harvest (MT)	2024 Totals (MT)
No 2024 Sideboard Harvest			0
Seasonal Allocation:	394	1,045	1,439
Unharvested Allocation	394	1,045	1,439