



USS Cod Cooperative

Report on the 2024 PCTC season

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I. Membership

The USS Cod Cooperative is a Washington Association formed in 2023 under the Washington State Fish Marketing Act.

Members -- in 2024 the members of the USS Cod Cooperative and the License Limitation Permits with PCTC QS consisted of:

- Alaska Beauty, LLC LLG1667
- Alaska Knight, LLC LLG3741
- Alaska Wind, LLC LLG1744
- Epic Alaska, LLC LLG3714
- Fierce Alaska. LLC LLG3096
- Seabed Surveyor, LLC LLG1820

Vessels -- the vessel list for the USS Cod Cooperative consisted of:

- ALASKA KNIGHT USCG# 996921
- ALASKA PROVIDER USCG# 651455
- ALASKA ENDEAVOR USCG# 608399
- ALASKA CHIEFTAIN USCG# 556251

Processor -- the USS Cod Cooperative's associated processor is Seafreeze Alaska I, LLC and the PCTC processor # is 601. The F/T SEAFREEZE ALASKA processed the USS Cod Cooperative's PCTC CQ and the USS Cod Cooperative was one of two off-shore PCTC cooperatives in 2024.

II. Management

The members of the USS Cod Cooperative are represented by a board of directors. The sole director is Matthew Doherty. The President is David Wood, and the Authorized Representative and Cooperative Manager is Phil Gunsolus.

III. 2024 Operations

Allocations and Harvest -- The USS Cod Cooperative held 2,389.41 MT or 10% of the 2024 PCTC program CQ which was caught on two vessels:

- ALASKA KNIGHT
- ALASKA ENDEAVOR

Both vessels stayed under the 5% PCTC harvest cap, and no seasonal cod limits or PSC caps were exceeded.

5% Vessel Use Cap on PCTC Cod	1,197.050 MT
ALASKA KNIGHT harvest	1,000.363 MT
ALASKA ENDEAVOR harvest	1,185.168 MT

2024 USS Cod Cooperative Total Harvest Delivered to the FT SEAFREEZE ALASKA

	Catch	Allocation*	Remaining*
Pacific Cod (MT)	1949	2388	439
HMort (MT)	6.947	24.243	17.296
Z1 RKC (#)	0	54	54
Z1 Bairdi (#)	368	2,837	2,469
Z2 Bairdi ((#)	0	2,368	2,368

* Prior to any Intercoop Transfers

Processing -- The USS Cod Cooperative is unique in that it is constrained by the PCTC processing limitation that the program has placed on its associated processor the F/T SEAFREEZE ALASKA. The amount of CQ in the USS Cod Cooperative exceeds the SEAFREEZE ALASKA's processing limitation. The USS Cod Cooperative successfully harvested and processed its PCTC CQ up to its processing limitation (with a 99.55% cap utilization rate).

Transfers and Leasing -- Because of the processing limitation some USS Cod Cooperative CQ was delivered to other PCTC processors and transferred out.

in/out	PCTC Coop	Pacific Cod (MT)	HMort (MT)
out	Akutan	17.071 MT A	1.0
out	Katie Ann	146.191 MT A	.109
out	Akutan	36.307 MT B	0
Total out		199.569	1.109

Lastly, there was 240 MT of uncaught B season CQ that remained in the USS Cod Cooperative in 2024 that was due to a combination of weak demand for quota and overly restrictive processing limits program wide.

In addition, the ALASKA ENDEAVOR caught and delivered 88.855 MT of Trident processor derived CQ to the AKUTAN Cooperative.

IV. Other

Penalties -- There were no penalties issued to the USS Cod Cooperative for the 2024 season.

Cost Recovery -- A cost-recovery payment of \$39,910.54 was made by the USS Cod Cooperative to NMFS for the 2024 PCTC season.

Processor Derived CQ and non-vertically integrated catcher vessels -- Processor derived CQ was apportioned equally among the vessels that harvested the USS Cod Cooperative CQ. Nonetheless, all USS Cod Cooperative vessels are under common ownership and operation and are vertically integrated so there is no vertically integrated/non-vertically integrated distinction between the vessels that harvested the USS Cod Cooperatives CQ.

AI CQ Set aside -- *The AI set-aside was not in effect in 2024.*

V. Recommendations for PCTC Program Improvement

The USS Cod Cooperative respectfully makes the following recommendations for the improvement of the PCTC program:

- Processing limits including the sideboards on the two eligible at-sea catcher processor/motherships should be relaxed and increased or limited to the A season.
- The 5% harvesting cap on PCTC catcher-vessels should be relaxed and increased.
- The PCTC cost recovery rate should be reduced and better justified.