

Amendment 123 to the Bering Sea/Aleutian Islands Groundfish FMP

- In Table ES-2, row “Prohibited Species Catch (PSC) Limits,” delete text marked in ~~strikeout~~, and replace with the following:
Pacific halibut: The annual halibut mortality PSC limit for the non-AFA trawl catcher processor (Amendment 80) sector is ~~1,745 mt~~ determined annually;

- In Section 3.6.2.1.4, delete text marked in ~~strikeout~~, and replace with the following:

The following annual halibut mortality PSC limits are established for BSAI groundfish sectors:

Non-AFA trawl catcher processor (Amendment 80) sector: ~~1,745 mt~~ (see also Section 3.7.5.2)
 The annual PSC limit is determined based on the most recent survey values for the IPHC setline survey index in Area 4ABCDE (WPUE) and the NMFS EBS trawl survey index (t) using the following look-up table:

		EBS shelf trawl survey index (t)	
		Low ≤ 150,000	High ≥ 150,000
IPHC setline survey index in Area ABCDE (WPUE)	High ≥ 11,000	1,745 mt	1,745 mt
	Medium 8,000-10,999	1,396 mt	1,571 mt
	Low 6,000-7,999	1,309 mt	1,396 mt
	Very Low < 6,000	1,134 mt	1,134 mt

- In Section 3.7.5.2 as revised, delete text marked in ~~strikeout~~, and replace with the following:

The trawl PSC limit for halibut, Zone 1 red king crab, C. opilio crab PSC (COBLZ), Zone 1 C. bairdi crab PSC, and Zone 2 C. bairdi crab PSC is apportioned between the non-AFA trawl CP (Amendment 80) sector and the BSAI trawl limited access sector as follows:

Sector	Halibut PSC limit in the BSAI mt	Zone 1 Red king crab PSC limit...	C. opilio crab PSC limit (COBLZ)...	Zone 1 C. bairdi crab PSC limit...	Zone 2 C. bairdi crab PSC limit...
		as a percentage of the total BSAI trawl PSC limit after allocation as PSQ			
Amendment 80 sector	1,745 mt	49.98	49.15	42.11	23.67
BSAI trawl limited access	745 mt	30.58	32.14	46.99	46.84

Sector	Halibut PSC limit in the BSAI	Zone 1 Red king crab PSC limit...	C. opilio crab PSC limit (COBLZ)...	Zone 1 C. bairdi crab PSC limit...	Zone 2 C. bairdi crab PSC limit...
	mt	as a percentage of the total BSAI trawl PSC limit after allocation as PSQ			
Amendment 80 sector	Determined annually (see Section 3.6.2.1.4)	49.98	49.15	42.11	23.67
BSAI trawl limited access	745 mt	30.58	32.14	46.99	46.81

4. In Appendix A, add the following:

Amendment 123, implemented on *(insert effective date of amendment)*, revised Amendment 80:

1. Revised the static Amendment 80 PSC limit of 1,745 mt to a procedure where the PSC limit is determined annually based on the most recent survey values for the IPHC setline survey index in Area 4ABCDE (WPUE) and the NMFS EBS trawl survey index (t) using the following look-up table:

		EBS shelf trawl survey index (t)	
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IPHC setline survey index in Area ABCDE (WPUE)	High ≥ 11,000	1,745 mt	1,745 mt
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