

CATCH REPORTS FOR THE GROUND FISH RESOURCES OF THE GULF OF ALASKA



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In 2025, fourteen Gulf of Alaska (GOA) groundfish stocks or stock complexes were scheduled for operational (full or updated) stock assessments (pollock, Pacific cod, Pacific ocean perch, rougheye & blackspotted rockfish, shortraker rockfish, skates, other rockfish, arrowtooth flounder, rex sole, shallow-water flatfish, northern & southern rock sole, Atka mackerel, octopus, and Alaska sablefish). One stock complex, [deepwater flatfish](#), was scheduled for a harvest projection and that was reviewed and approved at the October SSC meeting. The remaining 6 stocks were scheduled for catch reports in this cycle.

Due to the lapse in Federal appropriations from October 1 - November 12, 2025, Federal stock assessment authors did not have the time to complete new groundfish assessments as planned, and as a result, the Council's Groundfish Plan Teams did not convene to review stock assessments and provide their recommendations on harvest specifications. This year, catch reports have been compiled for all stocks other than deepwater flatfish. At the December meeting, the SSC, AP, and Council will review these and other information to support recommendations on 2026-2027 final groundfish harvest specifications.

1. Assessment of the Walleye pollock stock in the Gulf of Alaska

Alaska Fisheries Science Center, National Marine Fisheries Service

Catch report

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Year	OFL	ABC	TAC	Catch
2024	282,914	200,489	195,720	125,411
2025	223,109	190,771	186,245	134,415
2026	166,969	142,824		
2027	166,969	142,824		

2. Assessment of the Pacific cod stock in the Gulf of Alaska

Alaska Fisheries Science Center, National Marine Fisheries Service

Catch report

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Year	OFL	ABC	TAC	Catch
2024	38,712	32,272	23,766	20,030
2025	38,688	32,141	23,670	19,716
2026	36,459	30,193		
2027	36,459	30,193		

3. Assessment of the Sablefish stock in the Gulf of Alaska

Alaska Fisheries Science Center, National Marine Fisheries Service

Catch report

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Year	OFL ¹	ABC ¹	TAC ¹	Catch ¹
2024	55,084	47,146	22,596	16,956
2025	58,532	47,605	22,836	17,422
2026	57,797	47,008		
2027	57,797	47,008		

¹OFL and ABC are specified Alaska-wide (BSAI and GOA) , TAC and catch are GOA only.

4. Assessment of the Shallow-water flatfish stock in the Gulf of Alaska

Alaska Fisheries Science Center, National Marine Fisheries Service

Catch report

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Year	OFL	ABC	TAC	Catch
2024	68,121	55,565	45,478	2,896
2025	69,277	56,559	46,054	2,157
2026	69,610	56,910		
2027	69,610	56,910		

5. Assessment of the Deepwater Flatfish Stock Complex in the Gulf of Alaska

Alaska Fisheries Science Center, National Marine Fisheries Service

Harvest Projection

A harvest projection for this stock was prepared in 2025 and reviewed by the SSC at the October meeting. The document can be found [here](#).

6. Assessment of the Rex sole stock in the Gulf of Alaska

Alaska Fisheries Science Center, National Marine Fisheries Service

Catch report

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Year	OFL	ABC	TAC	Catch
2024	25,978	21,364	21,364	563
2025	26,002	21,387	21,387	567
2026	25,743	21,173		
2027	25,743	21,173		

7. Assessment of the Arrowtooth flounder stock in the Gulf of Alaska

Alaska Fisheries Science Center, National Marine Fisheries Service

Catch report

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Year	OFL	ABC	TAC	Catch
2024	142,485	119,249	94,141	18,182
2025	142,832	119,547	100,454	13,075
2026	143,347	119,985		
2027	143,347	119,985		

8. Assessment of the Flathead sole stock in the Gulf of Alaska

Alaska Fisheries Science Center, National Marine Fisheries Service

Catch report

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Year	OFL	ABC	TAC	Catch
2024	49,414	40,503	35,880	1,035
2025	50,587	41,476	36,534	836
2026	51,176	41,980		
2027	51,176	41,980		

9. Assessment of the Pacific ocean perch stock in the Gulf of Alaska

Alaska Fisheries Science Center, National Marine Fisheries Service

Catch report

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Year	OFL	ABC	TAC	Catch
2024	47,466	39,719	39,719	25,404
2025	46,562	38,962	38,962	2,792
2026	44,826	37,509		
2027	44,826	37,509		

10. Assessment of the Northern rockfish stock in the Gulf of Alaska

Alaska Fisheries Science Center, National Marine Fisheries Service

Catch report

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Year	OFL	ABC	TAC	Catch
2024	5,750	4,816	4,815	1,138
2025	6,064	5,076	5,076	1,679
2026	5,848	4,895		
2027	5,848	4,895		

11. Assessment of the Shortraker rockfish stock in the Gulf of Alaska

Alaska Fisheries Science Center, National Marine Fisheries Service

Catch report

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Year	OFL	ABC	TAC	Catch
2024	863	647	647	347
2025	863	647	647	500
2026	863	647		
2027	863	647		

12. Assessment of the Dusky rockfish stock in the Gulf of Alaska

Alaska Fisheries Science Center, National Marine Fisheries Service

Catch report

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Year	OFL	ABC	TAC	Catch
2024	9,281	7,624	7,624	2,204
2025	7,705	6,338	6,338	2,270
2026	7,319	6,021		
2027	7,319	6,021		

13. Assessment of the Roughey and blackspotted rockfish stock in the Gulf of Alaska

Alaska Fisheries Science Center, National Marine Fisheries Service

Catch report

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Year	OFL	ABC	TAC	Catch
2024	1,555	1,037	1,037	303
2025	1,576	1,180	1,180	254
2026	1,631	1,203		
2027	1,631	1,203		

14. Assessment of the Demersal Shelf Rockfish Stock Complex in the Gulf of Alaska

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Catch report

The Gulf of Alaska (GOA) demersal shelf rockfish (DSR) stock complex consists of seven species (yelloweye, quillback, copper, rosethorn, China, canary, and tiger rockfish) that are managed jointly, with a full stock assessment occurring on a biennial cycle in even years. The DSR stock complex is managed as separate stock complexes in two management areas: the Southeast Outside (SEO) Subdistrict and the combined Western GOA, Central GOA, and West Yakutat (WG/CG/WY) area. The most recent full assessment of the GOA DSR stock complex was in 2024 and can be found [here](#). In accordance with the approved schedule, no assessment was conducted for the GOA DSR stock complex this year; a full stock assessment will be conducted in 2026. The harvest specifications approved for 2025 are recommended for 2026 harvest specifications. Catch data are current as of 8 November 2025. For both the SEO and WG/CG/WY stock complexes, total catch in 2025 was less than the OFL, therefore overfishing did not occur.

Table 1: Catch specifications (t) for the DSR stock complex in the Southeast Outside Subdistrict.

Year	OFL	ABC	TAC	Total catch
2024	376	283	283	188
2025	524	394	394	266
2026	524	394		
2027	524	394		

Table 2: Catch specifications (t) for the DSR stock complex in the combined Western GOA, Central GOA, and West Yakutat area.

Year	OFL	ABC	TAC	Total catch
2024 ¹				169
2025	361	271	271	253
2026	361	271		
2027	361	271		

¹DSR in W/C/WY were previously assessed as part of the GOA Other Rockfish stock complex until the 2024 assessment year

15. Assessment of the Thornyhead rockfish stock in the Gulf of Alaska

Alaska Fisheries Science Center, National Marine Fisheries Service

Catch report

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Year	OFL	ABC	TAC	Catch
2024	2,170	1,628	1,628	167
2025	1,784	1,338	1,338	127
2026	1,784	1,338		
2027	1,784	1,338		

16. Assessment of the Other rockfish stock in the Gulf of Alaska

Alaska Fisheries Science Center, National Marine Fisheries Service

Catch report

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Year	OFL	ABC	TAC	Catch
2024	4,977	3,774	1,653	576
2025	4,618	3,505	1,384	421
2026	4,618	3,505		
2027	4,618	3,505		

17. Assessment of the Atka mackerel stock in the Gulf of Alaska

Alaska Fisheries Science Center, National Marine Fisheries Service

Catch report

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Year	OFL	ABC	TAC	Catch
2024	6,200	4,700	4,700	380
2025	6,200	4,700	3,000	967
2026	6,200	4,700		
2027	6,200	4,700		

18. Assessment of the Skates stocks in the Gulf of Alaska

Alaska Fisheries Science Center, National Marine Fisheries Service

Catch report

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Species	Year	OFL	ABC	TAC	Catch
Big Skate	2024	3,780	2,835	2,835	1,092
	2025	3,780	2,835	2,835	2,091
	2026	3,780	2,835		
	2027	3,780	2,835		
Longnose Skate	2024	3,380	2,536	2,536	786
	2025	3,380	2,536	2,536	1,292
	2026	3,380	2,536		
	2027	3,380	2,536		
Other Skates	2024	887	665	665	645
	2025	887	665	665	520
	2026	887	665		
	2027	887	665		

19. Assessment of the Shark stock complex in the Gulf of Alaska

Alaska Fisheries Science Center, National Marine Fisheries Service

Catch report

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Year	OFL	ABC	TAC	Catch
2024	6,521	4,891	4,891	1,495
2025	6,521	4,891	4,891	1,536
2026	6,521	4,891		
2027	6,521	4,891		

20. Assessment of Octopus stock in the Gulf of Alaska

Alaska Fisheries Science Center, National Marine Fisheries Service

Catch report

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Year	OFL	ABC	TAC	Catch
2024	1,307	980	980	190
2025	1,307	980	964	223
2026	1,307	980		
2027	1,307	980		