

2024 Pacific Cod Trawl Cooperative (PCTC) Program Intercoop Report

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Road to Implementation

- Bering Sea Trawl Cod previously managed as a BSAI Sideboard of the AFA Fishery
- •The last few years as a BSAI Sideboard was operating under a voluntary catch share managed by John Gruver
- •NPFMC final action for PCTC development in October 2021
- •Final Rule (A122) Published August 2023
- •Coop and Intercoop agreements and permits all submitted by December 2023
- •Implementation in January 2024

- •QS issue to Harvester LLP holders based on history (one time occurrence)
- •QS issued to Processors with active FFP/FPP based on history (one time occurrence)
- •Harvesters and Processors joined to form 6 cooperatives for 2024 (annual process)
- •TACs, DFA, and PSC limits set for the PCTC Program
- Coops were issued CQ based on the harvester and processor QS of those that joined the coop





Cooperatives and Intercoop Structure and Function

COOPERATIVES

- Members: harvester LLPs (at least 3)
- Articles of incorporation and cooperative agreements
- Governed by a Board of Directors
- Managed by a Coop Manager
- Processor(s) associations

INTERCOOP

- One intercoop for the PCTC program
- •Intercoop agreement signed into by all 2024 PCTC coops
 - Al Set Aside Provisions
 - GOA Sideboard Provisions
 - Overharvest Prevention and Mitigation Measures
 - Fishing Protocols
 - Data Reporting
- •Works with the coop mangers and intercoop members.
- Managed by an Intercoop Manager





2024 Cooperatives and Intercoop Membership

- One processor was associated with multiple coops
- 7 vessels were authorized in multiple coops
- •All coops were members of the Intercoop

| 2024 PCTC COOPERATIVE AND INTERCOOP MEMBERSHIP | | | | | | | | |
|--|----------------|--------------|---------|--|--|--|--|--|
| | Harvester LLPs | Authorized | | | | | | |
| | (#) | Processor(s) | Vessels | | | | | |
| Akutan Cod Association | 47 | 4 | 44 | | | | | |
| Golden Alaska Catcher Vessels Association Coop | 5 | 1 | 5 | | | | | |
| Katie Ann Cod Coop | 4 | 1 | 3 | | | | | |
| Unified Cod Coop | 14 | 3 | 24 | | | | | |
| USS Cod Coop | 6 | 1 | 4 | | | | | |
| Usixty PCTC Association Coop | 4 | 2 | 4 | | | | | |





2024 PCTC Program CQ

| 2024 | A Season | 2024 B | 2024 Annual TAC | | |
|-------------------------------|-----------|-------------------------------|-----------------|-----------|--|
| PCTC A Allocation | 21,258.00 | PCTC B Allocation | 2,683.00 | 23,941.00 | |
| PCTC Harvester Derived(A) | 16,474.95 | PCTC Harvester Derived (B) | 2,079.33 | 18,554.28 | |
| PCTC Processor Derived (A) | 4,783.05 | PCTC Processor Portion (B) | 603.68 | 5,386.73 | |

* All CQ in metric tons

5% Vessl Use Cap: 1,197.05 mt

20% Processor Use Cap: 4,788.20 mt





2024 PCTC Harvest

| 2024 COOP CQ ALLOCATION AND HARVEST | | | | | | | | | | |
|--|-------------|-------------|---------------------------------|---------------------|-------------|---------------------------------|--|--|--|--|
| Соор | A Season CQ | B Season CQ | Total Intercoop Transfers | Total Allocation | Total Catch | Over / (Under) Allocation | | | | |
| Akutan Cod Association | 12,658 | 1,598 | (20) | 14,236 | 12,757 | (1,479) | | | | |
| Golden Alaska Catcher Vessels Association Coop | 794 | 100 | (122) | 772 | 771 | (1) | | | | |
| Katie Ann Cod Coop | 784 | 99 | 269 | 1,151 | 929 | (222) | | | | |
| Unified Cod Coop | 4,180 | 528 | 73 | 4,782 | 3,860 | (922) | | | | |
| USS Cod Coop | 2,122 | 268 | (200) | 2,190 | 2,096 | (94) | | | | |
| Usixty Cod Coop | 720 | 91 | 0 | 811 | 69 | (742) | | | | |
| TOTAL | 21,258 | 2,683 | (0) | 23,941 | 20,481 | (3,460) | | | | |

2024 PCTC Program PSC Limits

PSC limit reduction upon implementation

- 12.5% halibut PSC limit reduction
- 35% crab PSC limit reduction

Intercoop Agreement and Coop agreements include Best Fishing Practice Protocols that maintain bycatch mitigation efforts that were used during sideboard management.

- No night fishing
- Halibut excluder use requirement
- Mesh size limits

No PSC limits were exceeded in 2024

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|--------------------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------------|--|-----------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Соор | Halibut PSC Limit (MT) | Halibut Mortality (MT) | Red King Crab PSC Limit (# of crab) | Red King Crab Bycatch | C. Opilio COBLZ PSC Limit | C. Opilio COBLZ Bycatch | Zone 1 C. Bairdi PSC Limit | Zone 1 C. Bairdi Bycatch | Zone 2 C. Bairdi PSC Limit | Zone 2 C. Bairdi Bycatch |
| AKUTAN COD ASSOCIATION | 153.03 | 51.11 | 984 | 0 | 16,750 | 0 | 19,987 | 585 | 16,656 | 11 |
| GA CATCHER VESSELS ASSOCIATION | 9.60 | 6.20 | 61 | 0 | 1,050 | 0 | 1,253 | 0 | 1,044 | 0 |
| KATIE ANN COD COOPERATIVE | 9.48 | 6.13 | 60 | 0 | 1,037 | 0 | 1,237 | 78 | 1,031 | 36 |
| UNIFIED COD COOPERATIVE | 50.54 | 11.20 | 325 | 0 | 5,531 | 0 | 6,601 | 228 | 5,501 | 20 |
| USIXTY PCTC ASSOCIATION | 8.70 | 0.00 | 55 | 0 | 952 | 0 | 1,136 | 0 | 947 | 0 |
| USS COD COOPERATIVE | 25.65 | 7.07 | 164 | 0 | 2,807 | 0 | 3,350 | 368 | 2,791 | 0 |
| TOTAL | 257.00 | 81.72 | 1,649 | 0 | 28,127 | 0 | 33,564 | 1,259 | 27,970 | 66 |
| | - | 2024 | AGGREGA | TE INTER | COOP TR | ANSFERS | OF PSC | | - | |
| PSC | Halibu | t (mt) | Red King Crab (# of crab) | | C. Opilio COBLZ | | Zone 1 C. Bairdi | | Zone 2 C. Bairdi | |
| Total Transfers | 5.9 | 02 | 2 |) | 137 140 1,187 | | | .87 | | |

2024 PCTC Program PSC Limits

| 2024 INITIAL ANNUAL PCTC PSC LIMITS AND BYCATCH BY COOP | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| 2024 AGGREGATE INTERCOOP TRANSFERS OF PSC | | | | | | | | | | | |
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Al Set Aside

Per the AI CQ set-aside PCTC Program cooperative provisions at 50 CFR 679.132(b)(5) the intercoop agreements and coop agreements include AI set aside provisions.

No intent to process was submitted by the communities of Adak or Atka for the 2024 fishing year.

Therefore, no CQ required to be set aside by the coops and Intercooperative.





Additional Highlights

Cooperative fishing and management

Bycatch reduction

Full observer coverage

Increased costs due to management and cost recovery fees

Discard rates accounting

Global market decline and reduction in processors since developed by the NPFMC

Constraining processor and vessel use caps





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