

**Alaska Groundfish Cooperative**

**Report to the North Pacific**

**Fishery Management Council**

**for the 2014 Fishery**

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**Introduction**

On January 20<sup>th</sup> 2014, the Alaska Groundfish Cooperative (AGC) began fishing under regulations implementing Amendment 80. This report summarizes AGC operations during 2014.

**AGC membership**

AGC membership includes the following four companies, and nine non-AFA trawl catcher processors and/or permits.

Company	Vessel/Permit	LLP LOA
Iquique U.S., L.L.C.	Ocean Cape	122
Iquique U.S., L.L.C.	Tremont	125
O'Hara Corporation	Harvester Enterprise	181
The Fishing Company of Alaska, Inc.	Alaska Juris	238
	Alaska Spirit	221
	Alaska Victory	227
	Alaska Warrior	215
	Alaska Ranger	203
	Alaska Voyager	228

## **Co-op Management**

The AGC co-op manager is responsible for the management of the cooperative. This includes communications, regulatory compliance, catch and bycatch tracking, and QS management.

Transfers occurred during the year between co-op members, and between Am 80 cooperatives.

2011 was the first year for the Alaska Groundfish Cooperative. During the 2014 fishing year we had 880 vessel days of operation, a 27% increase over the last five years.

## **Catch Monitoring**

The AGC manager receives observer data from the vessels fishing. Catch and species composition information is received from the Observer Program, and from NMFS Alaska Region. Production information is received from Alaska Region. All of these sources are used to ensure that the vessels do not exceed quotas. Software on the vessels allows the Captains to keep close track of quota usage.

Seastate, Inc. also monitors AGC catch and production, and the co-op manager is able to compare information through a secure web site to ensure any possible errors are caught and resolved.

During the 2014 fishing season, neither QS allocations, nor PSC allocations were exceeded.

## **GOA Sideboards**

Some AGC vessels participated in the Rockfish Pilot Program Co-op fishery in the CGOA. These vessels are sideboarded under the rockfish program. One AGC vessel usually participates in the WGOA Am 80 rockfish sideboard fishery. The WGOA Am 80 sideboard fishery did not open in 2014.

## 2014 AGC Catch

The following tables provide AGC catch information. Data has been rounded to the nearest whole number. **All co-op catch during 2014 fell within allocation levels and no overages occurred.**

### *BSAI AGC Allocated Quota & PSC and Catch Amounts*

Species	AGC Am 80 Allocation (mt)	AGC Catch (mt)	Total Transfer In (mt)	Total Transfer Out (mt)
Mackerel 541	9,931	9,882.83		
Mackerel 542	4,592	4,599.63	12.5	
Mackerel 543	499	220.22		
Flathead Sole	2,970	726.26		1,754.10
Pacific Cod	6,262	5,342.60	420	1,029
POP 541	3,842	3,830.78		
POP 542	2,774	2,763.43		
POP 543	4,449	4,429.31		
Rock Sole	19,400	8,165.06		3,696.50
Yellowfin Sole	56,779	19,637.54		21,806.02
Bairdi Z1 (#)	110,580	67,124.92	15,000	15,336
Bairdi Z2 (#)	196,583	87,459.03	15,000	37,581
Halibut Mortality (mt)	747	696.27	62	100.37
COBLZ Opilio (#)	1,759,325	120,102.32		230,694
Red King Crab (#)	14,008	6,953.02		1,747

*BSAI Salmon Catch Amounts*

<b>Species</b>	<b>AGC Catch (#)</b>
Chinook	229
Non-Chinook	585



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To whom it may concern:

Listed below are results of an audit of the Alaska Groundfish Cooperative's groundfish retention for 2014.

**Materials and Methods:**

Observer data were supplied to Sea State, Inc via the Northwest Groundfish Observer Program's password-protected web site. Logon credentials were supplied by all members of the Alaska Groundfish Cooperative. Production data were obtained via the NMFS Alaska Region e-Landings system, again using credentials supplied by member companies. Unsampled hauls in the observer data were extrapolated using standard methods documented by NMFS Alaska Region to produce total groundfish catch estimates in accord with those in the Alaska Region Catch Accounting System. Retained product data were expanded to round weight equivalents using published Product Recovery Rates (PRRs). Groundfish retention was then calculated according to the formula:

$$\text{Retention percentage} = \text{Retained catch (retained product RWE)} / \text{Total catch (CAS)}$$

For 2014, the Alaska Groundfish Cooperative's total catch Total catch (CAS) of FMP species was 89,126 mt. The round-weight equivalent of products (RWE) from this catch was 78,991 mt. The coop-wide retention percentage was 88.6%

Sincerely,

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