

# WESTWARD FLEET COOPERATIVE

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2021 was Westward Fleet Cooperatives 22<sup>th</sup> year of fishing under the America Fisheries Act (AFA). All vessels successfully executed their harvest plans. There were many intra-Cooperative transfers and inter-cooperative transfers which are included in the tables of this report. No vessel exceeded their post-transfer allocation limits and therefore no vessels received penalties from the Cooperative Board. For 2021 Marcus Alden served as the Cooperative President, Gregory Baker as the Vice President, Robert Desautel as the Executive Director, Elizabeth Reed as Secretary and Treasurer, and Timothy Cusick as Cooperative Manager.

#### 2021 WESTWARD FLEET COOPERATIVE MEMBERSHIP

There were no changes to Cooperative Membership in 2021. Westward Fleet Cooperative has 19.380% of the In-Shore Allocation.

Member Vessel	AFA Permit Number
Alaskan Defender	425
Bering Defender	2047
Caitlin Ann	3800
Chelsea K	4620
Defender	34279
Pacific Prince	4194
Viking	1222
Westward I	1650

## IN SEASON MANAGEMENT

During the season the Cooperative manager and Plant manager meet twice daily to contact the fleet and get the latest information on scheduling, bycatch concerns, and general fish quality information. At the end of each offload the Captain and the Cooperative manager receive the offload weight and Salmon bycatch numbers. The Cooperative manager then forwards this and any other relevant information on the offload to the Cooperative member vessels and any vessel fishing under an amendment 69 agreement. The Managing Members also directly communicate with the Captains and Cooperative manager on vessel operation concerns as well as bycatch and other concerns. All member vessels as well as the Plant and Cooperative managers receive Salmon bycatch alarms and Salmon closure notices directly from Seastate. In season inter and intra Cooperative transfers are made by the Cooperative manager on the approval of the Managing Members.

## 2021 WESTWARD FLEET COOPERATIVE DIRECTED POLLOCK FISHERY

In 2021 Westward Fleet Cooperative had a Bering Sea Pollock Allocation of 116,335.8 mt of Pollock. The cooperative Harvested 116,335.6mt of Pollock, 0.2 mt was left in the water. Table 1 shows each member vessels allocation percentage of the Cooperative as well as the inshore sector percentage. Table two shows allocations, transfers, and catch by member vessels and the Nordic Fury who fished under Amendment 69 contract. 97.1% of the Pollock harvest was from member vessels the other 2.9% was taken by the Nordic Fury. Table 3 shows deliveries that were made to Processors other than the Cooperatives associated processor Westward Seafoods. In accordance with Section 210(b)(6) of the AFA Westward Fleet Cooperative delivered more than 90.0% of its Pollock to Westward Seafoods. All Pollock was delivered within the state of Alaska.

## BYCATCH AND BYCATCH MANAGEMENT IN THE DIRECTED BS POLLOCK FISHERY

Table 4 shows number of Bairdi, Other Tanner, Red King Crab, Chinook, and Other Salmon, as well, as the metric tons of Halibut Mortality and Herring. Table 5 breaks down the Chinook and Other Salmon bycatch by vessel and season, it also notes that there were no dirty 20 lists for B season 2021. Westward Fleet Cooperative participates in the SSIP as the approved shoreside IPA under Amendment 91, and as amended by Amendment 110. Further details of that program and its incentives will be provided during the IPA report presented to the North Pacific Fisheries Management Council.

## BEARING SEA SIDEBOARD LIMITS, CATCH, AND TRANSFERS

Westward Fleet Cooperative vessels participated in both the Bering Sea Pollock fishery and three vessels; the Caitlin Ann, Westward One, and Viking also participated in the BSAI Non-Exempt Trawl Cod Fishery. No Westward Fleet Cooperative Vessels are Gulf Exempt. Table 6 shows our vessel by vessel BSAI Cod and Halibut mortality limits. Table 7 shows the actual catch and PSC taken in the BSAI Cod fishery. Table 8 shows the Cod catch and other sideboard catch in the BSAI Cod fishery. Table 10 shows the Cooperatives BSAI sideboard limits, catch, and transfers.

## GULF OF ALASKA SIDEBOARD LIMITS AND TRANSFERS

Table 11 shows the total 2021 AFA Catcher Vessel sideboard limits, for the GOA, that come from Table 18 of the 2021 Final Ground fish Specifications. Table 11 also shows Westward Fleet Cooperatives portion of those Sideboard. Westward Fleet Cooperative made no transfers of GOA sideboards in 2021. No Westward Fleet Cooperative vessels participated in any Gulf fisheries in 2021.

**TABLE 1****2021 Westward Fleet Cooperative AFA Pollock Quota by Vessel**

<b>Company Name</b>	<b>Member Vessels</b>	<b>% of AFA Inshore Directed Pollock Fishery</b>	<b>% of Coop Allocation 2021</b>
Dona Martita LLC	Alaskan Defender	2.417%	12.467%
Dona Martita LLC	Defender	1.103%	5.699%
Alaskan Command LLC	Caitlin Ann	0.371%	1.916%
Ocean Dynasty Limited Partnership	Chelsea K	4.647%	23.998%
Dona Martita LLC	Bering Defender	2.103%	10.857%
Pacific Knight LLC	Pacific Prince	5.527%	28.476%
Viking Limited Partnership	Viking	1.658%	8.557%
Westward Limited Partnership	Westward 1	1.554%	8.029%
	Totals	19.380%	100.000%

**TABLE 2****2021 AFA Pollock Catch by Vessel**

Vessel	Allocation	Transfers	Final Allocation	Catch	Over/Under
Alaskan Defender	14,503.6	(1,099)	13,405	13,405.0	0.0
Bering Defender	12,630.8	6,955	19,586	19,585.9	0.0
Caitlin Ann	2,229.5	8,784	11,014	11,013.8	0.0
Chelsea K	27,918.1	2,300	30,219	30,218.5	0.0
Defender	6,630.2	(5,750)	880	880.4	0.0
Nordic Fury *	0.0	3,418	3,418	3,418.5	0.0
Pacific Prince	33,127.8	(16,978)	16,150	16,149.9	0.2
Viking	9,955.1	415	10,370	10,369.7	0.0
Westward One	9,340.7	1,953	11,294	11,293.9	0.0
Totals	116,335.8		116,335.8	116,335.6	0.2

\* The 0.2 mt represents the amount of quota left in the water for 2021

\* The Nordic Fury fished under an Amendment 69 contract

**TABLE 3**

**Deliveries made to other Processors in 2021**

	MT	Processor
Viking	331	Alyeska
Caitlin Ann	309	Alyeska
Nordic Fury	220	Alyeska
Total	860	

Westward Fleet Cooperative delivered more the 90% of it's catch to it's associated processor Westward Seafoods in Dutch Harbor Alaska.

Westward Fleet Cooperative delivered 0.7% of it's Directed AFA Pollock catch to Processors other than Westward Seafoods in 2021



**TABLE 4****PSC for the Directed Pollock Fishery**

Vessel	Bairdi (N)	Other Tanner (N)	Groundfish other than Pollock (MT)	Halibut Mort. (MT)	Herring (MT)	Red King Crab (N)
Alaskan Defender	0	0	56	0	191	0
Bering Defender	1	0	107	0	32	0
Caitlin Ann	1	0	85	2	21	0
Chelsea K	1	0	152	0	105	0
Defender	0	0	2	0	0	0
Nordic Fury *	0	0	17	0	2	0
Pacific Prince	0	0	82	2	17	0
Viking	1	0	43	0	112	0
Westward One	0	0	145	0	8	0
	3	0	689	4	487	0

Vessel	Pollock Harvest (MT)	Chinook (N)	Chum (N)	Pink (N)	Coho (N)	Sockeye (N)	Total Other Salmon
Alaskan Defender	13,405	100	17,955	1	0	0	17,955
Bering Defender	19,586	199	18,175	2	1	0	18,178
Caitlin Ann	11,014	69	5,086	3	1	0	5,089
Chelsea K	30,219	479	22,050	6	1	0	22,057
Defender	880	12	0	0	0	0	0
Nordic Fury *	3,418	15	2,535	0	0	0	2,535
Pacific Prince	16,150	159	5,720	3	2	1	5,726
Viking	10,370	124	8,266	7	1	0	8,274
Westward One	11,294	191	2,143	4	0	0	2,148
	116,336	1,348	81,930	25	6	1	81,962

\* Nordic Fury was fishing under an Amendment 69 contract

\* Data Provided by Seastate

\* Numbers are rounded to the nearest mt and nearest whole number for Crab and Salmon

**TABLE 5****Westward Fleet Cooperative 2021 Salmon Bycatch and "Dirty 20" apperances**

Vessel	Pollock Harvest (MT)	"A" Season Chinook	"B" Season Chinook	"A" Season Other Salmon	"B" Season Other Salmon	"B" Season Dirty 20 List Other Salmon
Alaskan Defender	13,405	76	24	0	17,955	N/A
Bering Defender	19,586	172	27	0	18,178	N/A
Caitlin Ann	11,014	45	24	2	5,087	N/A
Chelsea K	30,219	362	117	0	22,057	N/A
Defender	880	12	0	0	0	N/A
Nordic Fury *	3,418	12	3	0	2,535	N/A
Pacific Prince	16,150	126	33	1	5,725	N/A
Viking	10,370	110	14	2	8,272	N/A
Westward One	11,294	140	51	6	2,142	N/A
Totals	116,336	1,055	293	11	81,951	

\* Data Provided by Seastate

\* There were no dirty 20 lists for 2021 B season

\* The Nordic Fury fished under an Amendment 69 Contract

**TABLE 6****2021 BSAI Directed Cod and PSC bycatch for Westward Fleet Cooperative**

Vessels	Bairdi (N)	Chinook BSAI (N)	Groundfish other than PCod (MT)	Halibut Mort. (MT)	Herring (MT)
Caitlin Ann	0.0	0.0	4.9	0.5	0.0
Viking	0.0	0.0	5.2	0.0	0.0
Westward I	0.0	0.0	8.2	0.7	0.0
Totals	0.0	0.0	18.2	1.1	0.0

Vessels	Other Salmon (N)	Other Tanner (N)	P Cod (MT)	Red King Crab (N)	Total Groundfish (MT)
Caitlin Ann	0.0	0.0	263.5	0.0	268.3
Viking	0.0	0.0	283.3	0.0	288.5
Westward I	0.0	0.0	308.0	0.0	316.2
Totals	0.0	0.0	854.8	0.0	873.0

The 2021 BSAI trawl Cod fishery was managed under a voluntary catch share program that equally split the allocation among the participants rather than the Sideboards established, and previously agreed to, in the Inter Cooperative agreement. Our Cooperative participants are all Non-Exempt vessels and were still required to operate under their share of the Halibut Mortality issued through the Inter Cooperative Agreement, which was 16.0 mt of Halibut mortality prior to March 1st.

\* Data Provided by Seastate

**TABLE 7**

**2021 Sideboard catch by vessels in the BSAI Cod Fishery**

		Total Catch	Landed Catch	Estimated Discard
Caitlin Ann	Pollock BS - ICA	3.1	2.2	0.9
	Pcod BSAI Trawl A	263.5	263.3	0.2
	Yellowfin BSAI	0.0	0.0	0.0
	Rocksole BSAI	0.1	0.0	0.1
	Arrowtooth BSAI	0.0	0.0	0.0
	Flathead BSAI	0.1	0.0	0.1
	Oflats BSAI	0.0	0.0	0.0
	ORockfish BS	0.0	0.0	0.0
	Skates BSAI	0.7	0.0	0.7
	Sculpins BSAI	0.7	0.0	0.7
Viking	Pollock BS - ICA	3.3	2.3	1.0
	Pcod BSAI Trawl A	283.3	283.1	0.2
	Yellowfin BSAI	0.0	0.0	0.0
	Rocksole BSAI	0.1	0.0	0.1
	Arrowtooth BSAI	0.0	0.0	0.0
	Flathead BSAI	0.1	0.0	0.1
	Oflats BSAI	0.1	0.0	0.0
	Skates BSAI	0.8	0.0	0.8
	Sculpins BSAI	0.8	0.0	0.8
Westward I	Pollock BS - ICA	4.5	3.5	1.0
	Pcod BSAI Trawl A	308.0	307.7	0.4
	Yellowfin BSAI	0.0	0.0	0.0
	Rocksole BSAI	0.2	0.0	0.2
	Arrowtooth BSAI	0.1	0.0	0.1
	Flathead BSAI	0.3	0.0	0.3
	Oflats BSAI	0.1	0.0	0.1
	Skates BSAI	2.5	0.0	2.4
	Sculpins BSAI	0.6	0.0	0.5

Data provided by Seastate

**TABLE 8****2021 Non-Pollock & Non-PSC Catch in the AFA Pollock Fishery**

		<b>Total Catch</b>	<b>Landed Amount</b>	<b>Estimated Discard</b>
Alaskan Defender	Pcod BSAI Trawl A	28.945	28.945	0
	Pcod BSAI Trawl B	2.499	2.499	0
	Pcod BSAI Trawl C	5.707	5.707	0
	Sablefish BS	0.968	0.005	0.964
	Mackerel BS/541	0.03	0.027	0.003
	Yellowfin BSAI	0.052	0.052	0
	Rocksole BSAI	0.885	0.885	0
	Turbot BS	0.007	0.007	0
	Arrowtooth BSAI	0.529	0.529	0
	Flathead BSAI	4.693	4.693	0
	Oflats BSAI	0.267	0.267	0
	AKPlaice BSAI	0.004	0.004	0
	POP BS	0.095	0.032	0.063
	Northern BSAI	0.005	0.005	0
	ORockfish BS	0.011	0.011	0
	Skates BSAI	1.299	1.299	0
	Sharks BSAI	9.613	0.302	9.312
	Sculpins BSAI	0.025	0.019	0.006
Bering Defender	Pcod BSAI Trawl A	68.48	68.454	0.026
	Pcod BSAI Trawl B	5.174	5.174	0
	Pcod BSAI Trawl C	4.401	4.401	0
	Sablefish BS	1.435	0.034	1.401
	Mackerel BS/541	0.02	0.019	0.001
	Yellowfin BSAI	0.15	0.15	0
	Rocksole BSAI	1.16	1.16	0
	Turbot BS	0.004	0.004	0
	Arrowtooth BSAI	0.925	0.925	0
	Flathead BSAI	10.002	10.002	0
	Oflats BSAI	0.593	0.593	0
	AKPlaice BSAI	0.001	0.001	0
	POP BS	0.245	0.023	0.221
	Northern BSAI	0.013	0.013	0
	Rougheye BSAI	0.001	0.001	0
	ORockfish BS	0.01	0.01	0
	Skates BSAI	2.558	2.558	0
	Sharks BSAI	11.393	0.089	11.305
	Sculpins BSAI	0.069	0.052	0.016

**TABLE 8****2021 Non-Pollock & Non-PSC Catch in the AFA Pollock Fishery**

		<b>Total Catch</b>	<b>Landed Amount</b>	<b>Estimated Discard</b>
Caitlin Ann	Pcod BSAI Trawl A	17.95	17.95	0
	Pcod BSAI Trawl B	3.866	3.866	0
	Pcod BSAI Trawl C	9.706	9.706	0
	Sablefish BS	1.149	0.384	0.765
	Mackerel BS/541	11.907	11.902	0.005
	Yellowfin BSAI	0.012	0.012	0
	Rocksole BSAI	0.293	0.293	0
	Arrowtooth BSAI	1.529	1.529	0
	Flathead BSAI	7.411	7.411	0
	Oflats BSAI	0.892	0.892	0
	AKPlaice BSAI	0.001	0.001	0
	POP BS	13.444	13.356	0.089
	Northern BSAI	0.946	0.946	0
	ORockfish BS	0.022	0.022	0
	Skates BSAI	2.842	2.842	0
	Sharks BSAI	12.73	0.103	12.627
	Sculpins BSAI	0.08	0.073	0.007
Chelsea K	Pcod BSAI Trawl A	60.717	60.717	0
	Pcod BSAI Trawl B	5.803	5.803	0
	Pcod BSAI Trawl C	14.337	14.337	0
	Sablefish BS	1.985	0.132	1.853
	Mackerel BS/541	0.102	0.065	0.037
	Yellowfin BSAI	0.221	0.221	0
	Rocksole BSAI	2.18	2.18	0
	Arrowtooth BSAI	3.32	3.32	0
	Flathead BSAI	20.105	20.105	0
	Oflats BSAI	2.447	2.447	0
	AKPlaice BSAI	0.009	0.009	0
	POP BS	3.708	3.274	0.434
	Northern BSAI	0.024	0.024	0
	ORockfish BS	0.054	0.054	0
	Skates BSAI	8.051	8.051	0
	Sharks BSAI	33.959	0.157	33.801
	Sculpins BSAI	0.255	0.181	0.074
	Pcod BSAI Trawl A	0.853	0.853	0
Defender	Rocksole BSAI	0.045	0.045	0
	Arrowtooth BSAI	0.13	0.13	0
	Flathead BSAI	0.919	0.919	0
	Oflats BSAI	0.167	0.167	0
	Skates BSAI	0.298	0.298	0
	Sculpins BSAI	0.013	0.013	0

**TABLE 8**

**2021 Non-Pollock & Non-PSC Catch in the AFA Pollock Fishery**

		<b>Total Catch</b>	<b>Landed Amount</b>	<b>Estimated Discard</b>
Nordic Fury	Pcod BSAI Trawl A	2.673	2.673	0
	Pcod BSAI Trawl B	0.606	0.606	0
	Pcod BSAI Trawl C	3.144	3.144	0
	Sablefish BS	1.721	1.435	0.286
	Mackerel BS/541	2.019	2.013	0.006
	Yellowfin BSAI	0.008	0.008	0
	Rocksole BSAI	0.093	0.093	0
	Arrowtooth BSAI	0.243	0.243	0
	Flathead BSAI	1.359	1.359	0
	Oflats BSAI	0.128	0.128	0
	POP BS	1.259	1.148	0.111
	ORockfish BS	0.014	0.014	0
	Skates BSAI	0.251	0.251	0
	Sharks BSAI	3.373	0	3.373
	Sculpins BSAI	0.049	0.044	0.005
Pacific Prince	Pcod BSAI Trawl A	40.806	40.806	0
	Pcod BSAI Trawl B	7.047	7.047	0
	Pcod BSAI Trawl C	4.921	4.921	0
	Sablefish BS	2.357	1.176	1.181
	Mackerel BS/541	0.015	0.015	0
	Yellowfin BSAI	0.014	0.014	0
	Rocksole BSAI	0.293	0.293	0
	Arrowtooth BSAI	2.126	2.126	0
	Flathead BSAI	9.588	9.588	0
	Oflats BSAI	1.598	1.598	0
	POP BS	1.046	1.035	0.011
	Northern BSAI	0.018	0.018	0
	ORockfish BS	0.016	0.016	0
	Skates BSAI	2.976	2.976	0
	Octopus BSAI	0.023	0.023	0
	Sharks BSAI	9.124	0.019	9.105
	Sculpins BSAI	0.097	0.084	0.013

**TABLE 8****2021 Non-Pollock & Non-PSC Catch in the AFA Pollock Fishery**

		<b>Total Catch</b>	<b>Landed Amount</b>	<b>Estimated Discard</b>
Viking	Pcod BSAI Trawl A	22.321	22.321	0
	Pcod BSAI Trawl B	1.493	1.493	0
	Pcod BSAI Trawl C	2.572	2.572	0
	Sablefish BS	0.932	0.057	0.875
	Mackerel BS/541	0.01	0.006	0.004
	Yellowfin BSAI	0.042	0.042	0
	Rocksole BSAI	0.38	0.38	0
	Arrowtooth BSAI	1.239	1.239	0
	Flathead BSAI	2.986	2.986	0
	Oflats BSAI	0.818	0.818	0
	AKPlaice BSAI	0.005	0.005	0
	POP BS	3.021	3.011	0.01
	Northern BSAI	0.014	0.014	0
	ORockfish BS	0.002	0.002	0
	Skates BSAI	0.792	0.792	0
	Sharks BSAI	6.684	0.756	5.928
	Sculpins BSAI	0.05	0.035	0.015
Westward I	Pcod BSAI Trawl A	33.517	33.505	0.012
	Pcod BSAI Trawl B	3.322	3.322	0
	Pcod BSAI Trawl C	18.565	18.565	0
	Sablefish BS	4.458	1.641	2.817
	Mackerel BS/541	47.943	47.797	0.147
	Yellowfin BSAI	0.01	0.01	0
	Rocksole BSAI	0.2	0.2	0
	Arrowtooth BSAI	1.078	1.078	0
	Flathead BSAI	8.063	8.063	0
	Oflats BSAI	0.705	0.705	0
	POP BS	12.428	11.828	0.6
	Northern BSAI	0.042	0.042	0
	Roughey BSAI	0.003	0.003	0
	ORockfish BS	0.036	0.036	0
	Skates BSAI	5.601	5.601	0
	Sharks BSAI	7.938	0.064	7.874
	Sculpins BSAI	0.597	0.196	0.4



**TABLE 9**

BSAI Sideboard Limits and Catch for 2021

	2021 AFA Catcher Vessel Sideboard Limits	Westward Fleet Cooperative Sideboard Limit	Transfers out - Inn +	Final Limit	Catch	Balance Over - Under +
Pacific Cod BSAI Annual	18,768	918		918	855	63
BSAI Cod A	15,738	859			855	4
BSAI Cod B	2,340	0		0		0
BSAI Cod C	690	59		59		59
Halibut BSAI	223	19		19	1	18

\* The A season limit was derived from the voluntary catch share program agreed to by the trawl fleet in the BSAI

\* The B season limit was also set by the voluntary catch share program, we had no vessels participate and therefore received no allocation

**TABLE 10**

Westward Fleet Cooperative GOA Sideboard Limits and transfers

Species	Area	2021 AFA Catcher Vessel Sideboard Limits	Westward Fleet Cooperative Sideboard Limit	Transfers out - Inn +	Final Allocation	Catch	Balance Over - Under +
Pollock	610 A	483	98		98	0	98
	620 A	4,871	503		0	0	0
	630 A	1,277	53		53	0	53
	610 B	10,689	309		309	0	309
	620 B	1,533	258		258	0	258
	630 B	3,655	151		151	0	151
	640 Annual	1,891	0		N/A	0	N/A
	650 Annual	3,547	0		N/A	0	N/A
Pacific Cod	Western A	474	35		0	0	0
	Central A	454	47		0	0	0
Pacific Cod	Western B	270	199		0	0	0
	Central B	254	26		0	0	0
Flatfish Shallow	W	207	6		6	0	6
	C	1,648	3		3	0	3
Flatfish Deep	C	124	7		7	0	7
Rex Sole	C	342	19		19	0	19
Arrowtooth Flounder	C	1,934	901		901	0	901
Flathead Sole	C	328	50		50	0	50
Pacific Ocean Perch	C	331	NA		0	0	0
Northern Rockfish	C	92	NA		0	0	0

\*Numbers come From Table 18 - Final 2021 GOA Non-Exempt American Fisheries Act (CV) Groundfish Sideboard Limits

Westward Fleet Cooperative Vessels qualified to fish Crab had 0 Harvest for 2021

Defender	0
Bering Defender	0

AGREEMENT TO PROCESS  
(2021)

THIS AGREEMENT TO PROCESS is entered into as of November 19, 2020, by WESTWARD SEAFOODS, INC., an Alaska corporation ("Westward"), with reference to the following facts:

A. The American Fisheries Act (the "AFA") authorizes the Secretary of Commerce to reserve portions of the Bering Sea/Aleutian Islands ("BS/AI") pollock inshore directed fishing allowance for harvesting by members of qualifying fishery cooperatives.

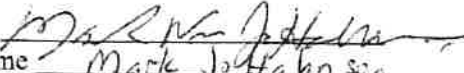
B. Under the AFA, a contract implementing a qualifying fishery cooperative must specify that (i) other than as permitted under Section 210(b)(6) of the AFA, the cooperative's catcher vessels will deliver pollock in the BS/AI directed pollock fishery only to the processor to which such vessels delivered more pollock than to any other AFA inshore processor in the last year in which the vessels engaged in directed fishing for pollock in the BS/AI for delivery to the inshore sector, and (ii) such processor has agreed to process such pollock.

C. The owners of eighty percent (80%) of the catcher vessels that delivered more pollock to the Westward plant in Dutch Harbor, Alaska (the "Plant") than any other processor in the last year in which the vessels engaged in directed fishing for pollock for delivery to the inshore sector have agreed, subject to the provisions of Section 210(b)(6) of the AFA and related provisions in the Westward Fleet Cooperative (the "Cooperative") Membership Agreement, to deliver pollock from the inshore BS/AI directed pollock fishery only to the Plant.

D. Westward is willing to agree to process the BS/AI directed pollock fishery harvest of the Cooperative's members' vessels, to enable the Cooperative to obtain an allocation of BS/AI pollock under Section 210 of the AFA.

NOW, THEREFORE, Westward hereby agrees to purchase and process pollock harvested in the BS/AI directed pollock fishery by the Cooperative's members' catcher vessels, on terms and conditions to be agreed upon by and between Westward and such vessels' owners. Westward hereby acknowledges and agrees that, pursuant to Section 210(b)(6) of the AFA, such vessels may deliver up to ten percent (10%) of the Cooperative's BS/AI pollock allocation to qualified shoreside processors other than Westward.

WESTWARD SEAFOODS, INC.

By   
Name Mark J. Johnson  
Title President

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November 24, 2020

Ms. Suja Hall  
NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE  
Restricted Access Management  
709 W. Ninth Street, Room 713  
Juneau, Alaska 99801  
[RAM.Alaska@noaa.gov](mailto:RAM.Alaska@noaa.gov)

SENT VIA EMAIL

Re: Westward Fleet Cooperative - AFA Inshore Coop Permit  
Application

Dear Suja:

Enclosed are the following documents in connection with the AFA Inshore  
Catcher Vessel Cooperative Permit renewal for the Westward Fleet Cooperative:

1. Application for AFA Inshore Catcher Vessel Cooperative Permit  
signed by Marcus Alden, Cooperative Representative;
2. Agreement to Process (2021) dated as of November 19, 2019,  
executed by Westward Seafoods, Inc.; and
3. 2021 Addendum to Membership Agreement dated November 19,  
2020, signed by the cooperative and the members of the  
cooperative, which contains the certifications required by 50 CFR  
679.4(6)(C).

To the best of our knowledge there have been no changes to the Amended  
and Restated Membership Agreement dated November 22, 2016, which was previously  
filed with the Council and the National Marine Fisheries Service, and the Membership

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Agreement remains in full force and effect for the year 2021. There have been no changes in the membership of the cooperative since last year's filing.

The cooperative's business review letter request and the response thereto were submitted with the cooperative's November 30, 2000, permit application. There have been no additional filings with or responses from the Department of Justice since then. If you wish, the Cooperative can provide an additional set of copies of the business review letter request dated December 23, 1999 and response from the Department of Justice dated August 9, 2000.

Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions.



Very truly yours,

MUNDT MacGREGOR L.L.P.

  
Duncan R. McIntosh

Enclosures

cc: Mr. Marcus Alden (w/encl. - via email)

	<b>Application for American Fisheries Act (AFA) INSHORE CATCHER VESSEL COOPERATIVE PERMIT</b>	U. S. Department of Commerce/NOAA National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) Restricted Access Management (RAM) P.O. Box 21668 Juneau, Alaska 99802-1668 (800) 304-4846 toll free / 586-7202 in Juneau (907) 586-7354 fax	
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**Due December 1 of the year prior to the year for which the co-op permit will be in effect.  
Late applications will not be accepted.**

**BLOCK A - COOPERATIVE CONTACT INFORMATION**

1. Name of Cooperative:  Westward Fleet Cooperative		2. Name of Cooperative Representative:  Marcus Alden	
3. Co-op Business Mailing Address (P.O. Box or street, city, state, zip code): 2300 East Valley Road, Suite A Renton, Washington 98057		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Permanent <input type="checkbox"/> Temporary	
4. Business Telephone Number: (206) 341-9996	5. Business Fax Number: (206) 341-9997	6. E-mail Address: marcus@westwardfishing.com	

**BLOCK B - DESIGNATED COOPERATIVE PROCESSOR INFORMATION**

Provide the following information for the AFA Inshore Processor who is designated in the cooperative contract as the processor to whom the cooperative has agreed to deliver at least 90 percent of its Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area (BSAI) pollock catch.

1. Name: Westward Seafoods, Inc.	
2. Physical location of AFA Inshore Processor: Mile 1, Captain's Bay Road, Dutch Harbor, Alaska	3. Federal Processor Permit Number: 5323

**BLOCK C - COOPERATIVE CONTRACT INFORMATION**

*This application is not valid and cannot be processed without the submission of a copy of the co-op contract and certification.*

This list is provided for your convenience to ensure all attachments are included with the application.

(1) A copy of the <b>cooperative contract</b> or a <b>renewal letter</b> providing notice that a previously filed cooperative contract will remain in effect for the subsequent fishing year. Renewal letters must include the details of any material modifications to the cooperative contract since it was last filed with NMFS.	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>
(2) A <b>written certification</b> that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ The contract was signed by the owners of at least 80 percent of the qualified catcher vessels;</li> <li>◆ The cooperative contract requires that the cooperative deliver at least 90 percent of its BSAI pollock catch to its designated AFA processor; and</li> <li>◆ Each catcher vessel in the cooperative is a qualified catcher vessel as defined in</li> </ul>	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>  YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>  YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>

<p>50 CFR 679.4(l)(6)(ii)(D) if it meets the following permit requirements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>AFA permit</u>. The vessel must have a valid AFA catcher vessel permit with an inshore endorsement;</li> <li>• <u>LLP permit</u>. The vessel must be named on a valid License Limitation Program (LLP) permit authorizing the vessel to engage in trawling for pollock in the Bering Sea subarea. If the vessel is more than 60 feet (18.3 m) length overall (LOA), the vessel must be named on a valid LLP permit endorsed for the Aleutian Islands (AI) to engage in trawling for pollock in the AI; and</li> <li>• <u>Permit sanctions</u>. The vessel has no permit sanctions that otherwise make it ineligible to engage in fishing for pollock in the BSAI.</li> </ul>	
<p>(3) A copy of a <b>letter requesting a business review</b> letter on the fishery cooperative from the Department of Justice and any response to such request.</p>	<p>YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/></p>

<b>BLOCK D - VESSEL INFORMATION</b>			
List all co-op member catcher vessels. List complete information for each co-op catcher vessel member (attach additional pages if necessary).			
1. Vessel Name: CAITLIN ANN	2. ADF&G Number: 59779	3. USCG Number: 960836	4. AFA Permit Number: 3800
1. Vessel Name: DEFENDER	2. ADF&G Number: 78139	3. USCG Number: 1194562	4. AFA Permit Number: 34279
1. Vessel Name: BERING DEFENDER	2. ADF&G Number: 51672	3. USCG Number: 651751	4. AFA Permit Number: 2047
1. Vessel Name: PACIFIC PRINCE	2. ADF&G Number: 61450	3. USCG Number: 697280	4. AFA Permit Number: 4194
1. Vessel Name: VIKING	2. ADF&G Number: 00008	3. USCG Number: 565017	4. AFA Permit Number: 1222
1. Vessel Name: WESTWARD I	2. ADF&G Number: 53247	3. USCG Number: 615165	4. AFA Permit Number: 1650



1. Vessel Name: CHELSEA K	2. ADF&G Number: 62906	3. USCG Number: 976753	4. AFA Permit Number: 4620
1. Vessel Name: ALASKAN DEFENDER	2. ADF&G Number: 41312	3. USCG Number: 640130	4. AFA Permit Number: 425
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**BLOCK E - CERTIFICATION OF APPLICANT**

Under penalty of perjury, I declare that I have examined this application, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, the information presented hereon is true, correct, and complete.

1. Signature of Co-op Representative:



2. Date:

November 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2020

3. Printed Name of Co-op Representative:

Marcus Alden

**PUBLIC REPORTING BURDEN STATEMENT**

Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 2 hours per response, including the time for reviewing the instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. Send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing the burden, to Assistant Regional Administrator, Sustainable Fisheries Division, Alaska Region, NMFS, P.O. Box 21668, Juneau, AK 99802-1668.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

Before completing this form please note the following: 1) The NMFS may not conduct or sponsor this information request, and you are not required to respond to this information request, unless the form displays a currently valid OMB control number; 2) This information is used to manage the American Fisheries Act program; 3) Federal law and regulations require and authorize NMFS to manage commercial fishing effort; 4) Submission of this information is required of persons seeking to participate in the groundfish fisheries under the authority of AFA; 5) This information is mandatory and is required to manage commercial fishing effort under 50 CFR part 679 and under section 402(a) of the Magnuson-Stevens Act (16 U.S.C. 1801, *et seq.*); 6) Responses to this information request are confidential under section 402(b) of the Magnuson-Stevens Act. They are also confidential under NOAA Administrative Order 216-100, which sets forth procedures to protect confidentiality of fishery statistics.

WESTWARD FLEET COOPERATIVE

MEMBERSHIP AGREEMENT

2021 ADDENDUM

Each of the undersigned hereby acknowledges and agrees that the terms and conditions of the Amended and Restated Membership Agreement dated November 22, 2016 (collectively, the "Membership Agreement"), is in full force and effect, and binds the undersigned for the year 2020, and that the Exhibit A attached hereto replaces in its entirety the existing Exhibit A to the Membership Agreement.


Each of the undersigned hereby certifies that each of its member vessels as identified on the attached Exhibit A: (i) is a "qualified catcher vessel" within the meaning of 50 CFR 679.46(ii)(D); (ii) delivered more pollock to Westward Seafoods, Inc. than to any other AFA inshore processor or stationary floating processor in the last year in which the vessel engaged in directed fishing for pollock in the BSAI for delivery to the inshore sector; (iii) is otherwise eligible to fish for groundfish in the BSAI; (iv) has an AFA catcher vessel permit with an inshore endorsement; (v) has no permit sanctions or other type of sanctions against it that would prevent it from fishing for groundfish in the BSAI; and (vi) is named on a valid LLP permit authorizing the vessel to engage in trawling for pollock in the BSAI.

Each of the undersigned further certifies that (a) at least 80 percent of the owners of the qualified catcher vessels are parties to the Membership Agreement; and (b) that the Membership Agreement requires that the Cooperative deliver at least 90% of its BSAI Pollock catch to its designated AFA processor.


The cooperative's designated representative within the meaning of 50 CFR 679.61(c) is Marcus Alden. The cooperative's registered agent for service of process is Mundt MacGregor L.L.P., 271 Wyatt Way NE, Suite 106, Bainbridge Island, Washington 98110-2873.

Dated effective as of November 19, 2020.

DONA MARTIN LLC

By:   
Name: Robert Desjardis  
Title: Mgr. Member

OCEAN DYNASTY LIMITED  
PARTNERSHIP

By:   
Name: MARCUS ALDEN  
Title: ENL MANAGER

PACIFIC KNIGHT LLC

By: [Signature]  
Name: MARCO ALDEN  
Title: ENG MANAGER

WESTWARD LIMITED PARTNERSHIP

By: [Signature]  
Name: MARCO ALDEN  
Title: ENG MANAGER

VIKING LIMITED PARTNERSHIP

By: [Signature]  
Name: MARCO ALDEN  
Title: ENG MANAGER

ALASKAN COMMAND L.L.C.

By: [Signature]  
Name: MARCO ALDEN  
Title: ENG MANAGER

WESTWARD FLEET COOPERATIVE

By: [Signature]  
Name: MARCO ALDEN  
Title: COOP PRESIDENT

WESTWARD FLEET COOPERATIVE  
EXHIBIT A TO 2021 ADDENDUM

BERING SEA/ALEUTIAN ISLANDS POLLOCK FISHERY  
HARVEST SCHEDULE

<i>Member</i>	<i>Vessel</i>	<i>Percentage of Allocation</i>
Alaskan Command L.L.C	CAITLIN ANN (replacement vessel for the ALASKAN COMMAND)	1.9164%
Dona Martita LLC	DEFENDER (formerly the WESTERN VENTURE, replacement vessel for the ARCTIC WIND)	5.6992%
Ocean Dynasty Limited Partnership	CHELSEA K	23.9978%
Dona Martita LLC	BERING DEFENDER	10.8572%
Pacific Knight LLC	PACIFIC PRINCE (replacement vessel for the PACIFIC KNIGHT and the CAITLIN ANN)	28.4760%
Viking Limited Partnership	VIKING	8.5572%
Westward Limited Partnership	WESTWARD 1	8.0291%
Dona Martita LLC	ALASKAN DEFENDER	12.4670%
TOTAL		100.000%

# **American Fisheries Act**

## **Inshore Cooperative Permit**

**Cooperative Number:** 107

**Expires:** Dec 31, 2021

This permit is issued under the authority of the American Fisheries Act of 1998. It authorizes the cooperative of vessels identified hereon to harvest, in the aggregate, in the directed pollock fishery of the Bering Sea subarea (BS), no more than the allocation of pollock indicated below. This permit is issued in accordance with regulations governing fishery cooperatives set out in 50 CFR Part 679.

This permit must be retained by the designated Cooperative Representative, and a copy of this permit must be on board each member vessel while directed fishing for BS pollock. This permit must be made available for inspection by an authorized officer at any time. It is not transferable.

**Name of Cooperative:** Westward Fleet Cooperative

**Name of Co-op Representative:** Marcus Alden

**BS Subarea Allocation Percentage:** 19.38%

**Issued to:**

WESTWARD FLEET COOPERATIVE  
NMFS ID: 31452  
3015 112TH AVENUE NE SUITE 100  
BELLEVUE, WA 98004



By Direction of the

**Alaska Regional Administrator**

NOAA Fisheries (National Marine Fisheries Service)

Issued By: Restricted Access Management Program

Issue Date: Jan 18, 2021

# American Fisheries Act

## Inshore Cooperative Permit

Cooperative Number: 107

Authorized Vessel List for: Westward Fleet Cooperative

<b>Vessel Name</b>	<b>ADF&amp;G Number</b>	<b>Official Number</b>	<b>AFA Vessel</b>
ALASKAN DEFENDER	41312	640130	425
BERING DEFENDER	51672	651751	2047
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