

Unified Cod Cooperative

2024 Annual Report to the North Pacific Fisheries  
Management Council

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# 1. Introduction

The Pacific Cod Trawl Cooperative (PCTC) program was implemented in 2024 to facilitate the safe and efficient harvesting of Pacific Cod (P. Cod) by vessels employing non-pelagic trawl gear. Quota shares (QS) within the PCTC program are allocated based on historical legal landings of Pacific Cod from 2009 to 2019 for qualifying License Limitation Program (LLP) license holders. The PCTC program allocates only A season (January 20th to April 1st) and B season (April 1st to June 10th) Cooperative Quota (CQ), while the C season (June 10th to November 1st) remains a limited access fishery.

At the Council's request, the Pacific Cod Trawl cooperatives were asked to submit annual reports detailing cooperative membership, management practices, CQ leasing, the harvest of CQ from processor-held QS, and performance.

## A. Aleutian Island Set-Aside

Under the PCTC program, cooperatives must set aside 12% of the annual P. Cod CQ for delivery to an Aleutian Islands shore plant in the event the cities of Adak or Atka file a notice of intent to process. The cooperatives will manage the Aleutian Islands CQ set aside through an inter-cooperative agreement. Neither city filed a notice of intent, and no Aleutian Islands set aside was required for 2024.

## B. Cooperative Membership

The Unified Cod Cooperative (the "Cooperative") is comprised of 14 LLP harvester members and 3 associated processors, as illustrated in Exhibits 1 and 2. A total of 24 vessels are listed as Cooperative member vessels, as detailed in Exhibit 3.

Exhibit 1. 2024 Unified Cod Cooperative Harvester LLP Membership

Member	License
Bering North LLC	LLG2543
	LLG3600
	LLG3826
	LLG3830
	LLG3832
	LLG3896
	LLG3902
	LLG3904
	LLG3963
Alaskan Command LLC	LLG3886
Pacific Knight L.L.C.	LLG3117
	LLG3885
	LLG3041
Viking Limited Partnership	LLG1928
Westward Limited Partnership	LLG1927
Dona Martita LLC	LLG1606
	LLG2787
	LLG3689
	LLG4006
	LLG2091
Arctic Storm Holding Company LLC	LLG1895
Alaska Rose, Alaska LLC	LLG3673
Martin Fisheries, Inc.	LLG2683
Fury Group, Inc.	LLG2539
	LLG2620
Ocean Fisheries, LLC	LLG3994
F/V Gold Rush Fisheries, L.L.C.	LLG3987
Collier Brothers LLC	LLG1523
Miss Berdie Inc.	LLG1821
Elizabeth F, Inc.	LLG1271

Exhibit 2. 2024 Unified Cod Cooperative Associated Processors

<b>Name</b>	<b>Federal Processor Permit</b>
Alyeska Seafoods Inc	5320
Westward Seafoods Inc	5323
Westward Seafoods Inc (Northern Victor)	4078

Exhibit 3. 2024 Unified Cod Cooperative Member Vessels

<b><i>Vessel</i></b>	<b><i>Federal Fisheries Permit</i></b>
American Eagle	434
Commodore	2657
Half Moon Bay	249
Hickory Wind	993
Ocean Hope 3	1623
Patricia L	1164
Progress	512
Storm Petrel	1641
Sunset Bay	251
Caitlin Ann	3800
Pacific Prince	4194
Viking	1222
Westward 1	1650
Northern Defender	208
Bering Defender	2047
Sea Storm	420
Nordic Fury	1094
Ocean Hunter	1964
Alaska Rose	515
Collier Brothers	2791
Miss Berdie	3679
Walter N	825
Gold Rush	1868
Caravelle	3402

## C. Cooperative Management

The Cooperative employed a manager to assist in the successful harvest of CQ. The manager allocated CQ and associated Prohibited Species Catch (PSC) to vessels using cooperative percentages determined by member QS units. The manager's responsibilities included communicating information between member vessels and processors, maintaining a delivery schedule, and prioritizing bycatch reduction to optimize resource utilization. The Cooperative manager collaborated individually with vessels to ensure they stayed within their seasonal allocations and facilitated any transfers of P. Cod and PSC between cooperatives.

Exhibit 5. 2024 Unified Cod Cooperative Harvester and Processor CQ

	A Season	B Season	Total
<b>Harvester Based CQ</b>	3498.977	441.61	3940.587
<b>Processor Based CQ</b>	681.52	86.02	767.534
	4180.496	527.625	4708.121

## D. Inter-Cooperative Lease

In 2024, a total of 43.98 metric tons (MT) of P. Cod and 3.1 MT of Pacific Halibut (P. Halibut) PSC were transferred from the Cooperative to the Akutan Cooperative. The Akutan Cooperative transferred 104.217 MT of A season and 13.153 MT of B season P. Cod CQ to the Cooperative. Associated PSC was also transferred from the Akutan Cooperative (Exhibit 6).

Exhibit 6. 2024 Intercooperative Transfers

Transferor	Transferee	Pacific Cod (MT)	COD SEASON	Halibut PSC (MT)	Red King Crab	C. Opilio COBLZ	Zone 1 C. Bairdi (#)	Zone 2 C. Bairdi (#)
Akutan Coop	Unified Cod Coop	104.217	A	1.062	2	122	124	1054
Akutan Coop	Unified Cod Coop	13.153	B	0.134		15	16	133
Unified Cod Coop	Akutan Coop	43.998	A	3.1				

## E. Harvest of CQ from Processor-Held QS

To receive quota shares within the PCTC program, harvesters must join, and processors must associate with a cooperative. Of the total annual PCTC Quota, 77.5% is derived from harvester QS, while the remaining 22.5% originates from processor QS. Cooperatives are issued CQ for the A and B seasons, with any unused A season CQ rolling over to the B season. Exhibit 7 illustrates the catch of harvester- and processor-based CQ by the Cooperative in 2024.

Exhibit 7. 2024 Unified Cod Cooperative Harvester and Processor P. Cod CQ Catch.

Coop	Harvesting Vessel	Harvester CQ	Processor CQ	Cod Catch (MT)
Unified Cod Coop	Alaska Rose	-	-	0.00
Unified Cod Coop	American Eagle	-	-	0.00
Unified Cod Coop	Bering Defender	-	-	0.00
Unified Cod Coop	Caitlin Ann	299.28	32.06	331.34
Unified Cod Coop	Caravelle	-	-	0.00
Unified Cod Coop	Collier Brothers	-	-	0.00
Unified Cod Coop	Commodore	-	-	0.00
Unified Cod Coop	Gold Rush	-	-	0.00
Unified Cod Coop	Half Moon Bay	446.00	129.26	575.26
Unified Cod Coop	Hickory Wind	-	-	0.00
Unified Cod Coop	Miss Berdie	-	-	0.00
Unified Cod Coop	Nordic Fury	174.15	22.30	196.45
Unified Cod Coop	Northern Defender	311.07	90.11	401.18
Unified Cod Coop	Ocean Hope 3	-	-	0.00
Unified Cod Coop	Ocean Hunter	-	-	0.00
Unified Cod Coop	Pacific Prince	-	-	0.00
Unified Cod Coop	Patricia L	356.36	99.63	455.99
Unified Cod Coop	Progress	-	-	0.00
Unified Cod Coop	Sea Storm	517.16	234.62	751.78
Unified Cod Coop	Storm Petrel	-	-	0.00
Unified Cod Coop	Sunset Bay	1,144.10	3.64	1147.74
Unified Cod Coop	Viking	-	-	0.00
Unified Cod Coop	Walter N	-	-	0.00
Unified Cod Coop	Westward I	-	-	-
		3248.12	611.63	3859.74

\*All data pulled from Sea State and EFish cooperative accounts

\*\* Data shows catch from A season, no fishing occurred in B season of 2024

## F. Cooperative Performance

Prohibited Species Catch limits are allocated to the cooperatives on an annual basis, as determined by their respective percentage of the total annual CQ. Management of PSC limits takes place at the cooperative level, with the Cooperative further allocating PSC to individual vessels to ensure equitable opportunities for CQ harvesting. Exhibit 8 presents the Cooperative's total PSC limits and catch for 2024. No fishing took place during B season of 2024. All deliveries in 2024 were observed, and no overages or penalties occurred for the Unified Cod Cooperative.

Exhibit 8. Unified Cod Cooperative 2024 Annual PSC Limits and Catch

Species	Annual Limit	2024 Catch
Halibut (MT)	50.54	11.2
Red King Crab (#)	107	0
C. Opilio COBLZ (#)	5531	0
Zone 1 C. Bairdi (#)	6601	228.3
Zone 2 C. Bairdi (#)	5501	19.6

\*All data pulled from Sea State and EFish cooperative accounts

\*\* No fishing occurred during B season 2024