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# Fish News

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## Council Adopts 2014 TACs for Groundfish in BSAI and GOA

The North Pacific Fishery Management Council wrapped up its December meeting in Anchorage yesterday. One of the major actions taken by the Council included adopting the final 2014 harvest specifications for the groundfish species in the Bering Sea/Aleutian Islands and the Gulf of Alaska.



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The catch limits for the Bering Sea and the Aleutian Islands included pollock, Pacific cod, Yellowfin sole, Pacific Ocean perch, Atka mackerel and sablefish. Pollock fishermen in the eastern Bering Sea will have the largest slice of the 2 million metric ton cap in 2014, providing them with a total allowable catch (TAC) of 1,267,000 metric tons. Bering Sea Pacific cod fishermen will be allowed to haul in 253,894 metric tons. This is the first time that P. cod TAC has been divided between the Bering Sea and the Aleutian

Islands. The TACs set for the other species are Yellowfin sole at 184,000 metric tons, Pacific Ocean perch at 33,122 metric tons, Atka mackerel at 32,322 metric tons and sablefish at 3,150 metric tons.

Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands TACs for 2014	Amount (in metric tons)	Percentage of change from 2013
Eastern Bering Sea pollock	1,267,000 tons	+1.6%
Pacific cod	253,894 tons	-2.3%
Yellowfin sole	184,000 tons	-7.1%
Pacific Ocean perch	33,122 tons	-5.6%
Atka mackerel	32,322 tons	+24.7%
Sablefish	3,150 tons	-15.3%



The Council also adopted the 2014 TAC for groundfish in the GOA, which jumped up by about 60,000 metric tons across the board, mostly because of an increase in the pollock TAC.

The Council also adopted the 2014 TAC for the groundfish in the Gulf of Alaska. The TAC for species in the GOA jumped up by about 60,000 metric tons compared to the previous year. The gains are mostly due to an increase in the pollock TAC. The total allowable catch for pollock is 174,976 metric tons. P. cod is also seeing an increase, with a TAC of 64,738 metric tons for 2014, compared to 60,600 metric tons this year. The 2014 TAC for Pacific Ocean perch is

19,309 metric tons, an increase of more than 17 percent from the previous year. Sablefish is experiencing a 15.5 percent decrease from

2013. The 2014 TAC was adopted at 10,572 metric

Gulf of Alaska TACs for 2014	Amount (in metric tons)	Percentage of change from 2013
Pollock	174,976 tons	+44.6%
Pacific cod	64,738 tons	+6.8%
Pacific Ocean perch	19,309 tons	+17.7%
Sablefish	10,572 tons	-15.5%



## **AEB Fishermen's Winter Fisheries Enforcement Briefing** Teleconference

December 19, 2013 2PM

TELECONFERENCE available to the following sites:

King Cove Harbor House  
AEB office Sand Point  
City Office False Pass  
AEB office Anchorage

Call is planned to be broadcast live on radio KSDP, also at [apradio.org](http://apradio.org).

Agency personnel expected to participate:

NMFS Enforcement Kodiak  
ADF&G Kodiak  
Krista Milani, NMFS Sustainable Fisheries, Dutch Harbor  
AIS (observer contractor)  
Glenn Campbell, NMFS Observer Program  
Ken Lawrenson, Coast Guard Fishing Vessel Safety  
NMFS Juneau  
AEB Natural Resources staff

Informational meeting for Sand Point, King Cove and False Pass fishermen  
who plan to participate in 2014 winter fisheries.

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