

TABLE 5.—1995 GEAR AND CDQ SHARES OF BSAI SABLEFISH TAC

Area (mt)	Gear	Percent of TAC	Share of TAC (mt)	Share of ITAC (mt) <sup>1</sup>	Share of CDQ
BS .....	Trawl .....	50	800	800	N/A
	Hook-and-line/Pot <sup>2</sup> .....	50	800	640	160
AI .....	Trawl .....	25	550	550	N/A
	Hook-and-line/Pot .....	75	1,650	1,320	330
Total .....	.....	.....	3,800	3,310	490

<sup>1</sup> Reserve added to ITAC.

<sup>2</sup>For the portion of the sablefish TAC allocated to vessels using hook-and-line gear or pot gear, 20 percent of the allocated TAC is reserved for use by CDQ participants. The ITAC for each species is the remainder of the TAC after the subtraction of these reserves.

**Sablefish CDP Allocations**

On November 25, 1994, NMFS approved the 1995–97 Community

Development Plans (CDPs) for the 1995–97 sablefish CDQ program. The percentages of CDQ fixed gear sablefish allocation for each approved CDP were

published in the **Federal Register** on December 2, 1994 (59 FR 61877). The resulting 1995 allocations of sablefish to the approved CDPs are listed in Table 6.

TABLE 6.—APPROVED SHARES (PERCENTAGES) AND RESULTING ALLOCATIONS (MT) OF THE 1995 SABLEFISH CDQ RESERVE SPECIFIED FOR THE BERING SEA (BS) AND ALEUTIAN ISLANDS (AI) SUBAREAS AMONG APPROVED CDP RECIPIENTS

CDP recipient	Sablefish		Amount (mt)
	Area	Percent	
Atka Fishermen's Association .....	BS .....	0	0
	AI .....	0	0
Bristol Bay Economic Development Corp .....	BS .....	0	0
	AI .....	25	82.5
Coastal Villages Fishing Cooperative .....	BS .....	0	0
	AI .....	25	82.5
Norton Sound Economic Development Corporation .....	BS .....	25	40
	AI .....	30	99
Pribilof Island Fishermen .....	BS .....	0	0
	AI .....	0	0
Yukon Delta Fisheries Development Association .....	BS .....	75	120
	AI .....	10	33
Aleutian Pribilof Islands Community Development Association .....	BS .....	0	0
	AI .....	10	33
Total .....	BS .....	100	160
	AI .....	100	330

**Allocation of Prohibited Species Catch (PSC) Limits for Crab, Halibut, and Herring**

PSC limits of red king crab and *C. bairdi* Tanner crab in Bycatch Limitation Zones (50 CFR 675.2) of the Bering Sea subarea, and for Pacific halibut throughout the BSAI specified under § 675.21(a). The PSC limits are:

- Zone 1 trawl fisheries, 200,000 red king crabs;
- Zone 1 trawl fisheries, 1 million *C. bairdi* Tanner crabs;
- Zone 2 trawl fisheries, 3 million *C. bairdi* Tanner crabs;
- BSAI trawl fisheries, 3,775 mt mortality of Pacific halibut;
- BSAI nontrawl fisheries, 900 mt mortality of Pacific halibut; and
- BSAI trawl fisheries, 1,861 mt Pacific herring.

The PSC limit of Pacific herring caught while conducting any trawl

operation for groundfish in the BSAI is 1 percent of the annual eastern Bering Sea herring biomass. The best estimate of 1995 herring biomass is 186,100 mt. This amount was derived using 1994 survey data and an age-structured biomass projection model developed by the Alaska Department of Fish and Game. Therefore, the herring PSC limit for 1995 is 1,861 mt.

Regulations at § 675.21(b)(2) authorize the apportionment of the non-trawl halibut PSC limit among three fishery categories (Pacific cod hook-and-line fishery, groundfish pot gear fishery, and other non-trawl fisheries). The PSC allowances are listed in Table 7. In general, the fishery bycatch allowances listed in Table 7 reflect the recommendations made to the Council by its AP. These recommendations were based on 1994 bycatch amounts, anticipated 1995 harvest of groundfish by trawl gear and fixed gear, and

assumed halibut mortality rates in the different groundfish fisheries based on analyses of 1992–93 observer data.

The Council recommended continuing to exempt groundfish pot gear fisheries from halibut bycatch restrictions during 1995. In 1994, total groundfish catch for the pot gear fishery in the BSAI was approximately 8,500 mt with an associated halibut bycatch of 58 mt, or less than 5 mt bycatch mortality, using the mortality rate recommended for 1995 (8 percent). The Council recommended that pot gear be exempt from halibut-bycatch restrictions because (1) potential exists for halibut-bycatch mortality in the Greenland turbot or sablefish hook-and-line fisheries to require closure of the pot gear fishery if the halibut-bycatch allowance is reached, and (2) the groundfish pot gear fishery uses a selective gear type that experiences very low halibut bycatch mortality.