

TABLE 1.—INTERIM 1996 TAC AMOUNTS OF GROUNDFISH FOR THE COMBINED WESTERN/CENTRAL (W/C), WESTERN (W), CENTRAL (C), AND EASTERN (E) REGULATORY AREAS AND IN THE WEST YAKUTAT (WYAK), SOUTHEAST OUTSIDE (SEO), AND GULFWIDE (GW) DISTRICTS OF THE GULF OF ALASKA (GOA)<sup>1 2 3</sup>. FIRST QUARTERLY ALLOWANCES OF POLLOCK IN THE COMBINED W/C REGULATORY AREAS. INTERIM SABLEFISH TAC APPORTIONMENTS TO HOOK-AND-LINE (H/L) AND TRAWL (TRW) GEAR. AMOUNTS ARE IN METRIC TONS.—Continued

Species	Area	Interim TAC
	W	160
	C	1,153
	E	5
Total .....		1,318
Rockfish, other <sup>15 16</sup>		
	W	45
	C	293
	E	1,440
Total .....		1,778
Rockfish, pelagic shelf <sup>17</sup>		
	W	228
	C	800
	E	270
Total .....		1,298
Rockfish, Demersal Shelf SEO <sup>18</sup>	SEO	145
Thornyhead rockfish	GW	390
Atka mackerel	W	578
	C	231
	E	1
Total .....		810
Other species <sup>19</sup> .....		3,190
GOA Total Interim TAC .....		66,985

(Interim TAC amounts have been rounded.)

<sup>1</sup> Amounts specified as JVP and TALFF are proposed to be zero and are not shown in this table.

<sup>2</sup> Reserves have been reapportioned to DAP and are reflected in the interim TAC amounts. (See § 672.20(a)(2)(iii))

<sup>3</sup> See § 672.2 for definitions of regulatory area, regulatory district, and statistical area.

<sup>4</sup> Pollock is apportioned to three statistical areas in the combined Western/Central Regulatory Area, and is further divided into equal quarterly allowances. The first quarterly allowances are in effect on an interim basis as of January 1, 1996. In the Eastern Regulatory Area, pollock is not divided into quarterly allowances, and one-fourth of the TAC is available on an interim basis.

<sup>5</sup> The TAC apportionment for pollock in all regulatory areas and all quarterly allowances is divided into inshore and offshore components. The inshore component is apportioned 100 percent of the pollock TAC in each regulatory area after subtraction of amounts that are determined by the Director, Alaska Region, NMFS, to be necessary to support the bycatch needs of the offshore component in directed fisheries for other groundfish species. At this time, these bycatch amounts are unknown and will be determined during the fishing year. (See § 672.20(a)(2)(v)(A))

<sup>6</sup> The TAC apportionment of Pacific cod in all regulatory areas is divided into inshore and offshore components. The inshore and offshore component allocations are 90 percent and 10 percent, respectively, of the Pacific cod TAC in each regulatory area. (See § 672.20(a)(2)(v)(B))

<sup>7</sup> "Deep-water flatfish" means Dover sole and Greenland turbot.

<sup>8</sup> "Shallow-water flatfish" means flatfish not including "deep-water flatfish," flathead sole, rex sole, or arrowtooth flounder.

<sup>9</sup> Sablefish TAC amounts for each of the regulatory areas and districts are assigned to hook-and-line and trawl gear. In the Central and Western Regulatory Areas, 80 percent of the TAC is allocated to hook-and-line gear and 20 percent to trawl gear. In the Eastern Regulatory Area, 95 percent of the TAC is assigned to hook-and-line gear. Five percent is allocated to trawl gear and may only be used as bycatch to support directed fisheries for other target species. (See § 672.24(c))

<sup>10</sup> The sablefish hook-and-line (H/L) gear fishery is managed under the Individual Fishing Quota (IFQ) program and subject to regulations contained in subparts B and C of 50 CFR part 676. Annual IFQ amounts are based on the final TAC amount specified for the sablefish H/L gear fishery as contained in the final specifications for groundfish. Under § 676.16(c), retention of sablefish caught with H/L gear is prohibited unless the harvest is authorized under a valid IFQ permit and IFQ card. In 1996, IFQ permits and IFQ cards will not be valid prior to the effective date of the 1996 final specifications. Thus, fishing for sablefish with H/L gear will not be authorized under these interim specifications. Nonetheless, interim amounts are shown in parentheses to reflect assignments of one-fourth of the proposed TAC amounts among gear categories and regulatory areas in accordance with § 672.20(a)(7). See §§ 676.20 and 676.23(b) for guidance on the annual allocation of IFQ and the sablefish season.

<sup>11</sup> Sablefish caught in the GOA with gear other than hook-and-line or trawl gear must be treated as prohibited species and may not be retained.

<sup>12</sup> "Pacific ocean perch" means *Sebastes alutus*.

<sup>13</sup> "Shortraker/rougheye rockfish" means *Sebastes borealis* (shortraker) and *S. aleutianus* (rougheye).

<sup>14</sup> "Northern rockfish" means *Sebastes polypsinis*.

<sup>15</sup> "Other rockfish" in the Western and Central Regulatory Areas and in the West Yakutat District means slope rockfish and demersal shelf rockfish. The category "other rockfish" in the Southeast Outside District means slope rockfish.