

Rebuilding Plan and is calculated for 1996 at 6,959 mt.

The Council noted its intent to reduce the proposed TAC for other slope rockfish (7,110 mt) at the Council's December 1995 meeting. This action would be recommended to prevent a directed fishery for this species group while adequately providing for bycatch needs in other fisheries.

The Council has requested an analysis of alternatives to modify the POP Rebuilding Plan such that the stated algorithm for determining the TAC is an

upper-bound limit. Final action will be taken by the Council on this analysis at its December 1995 meeting. Should the Council choose to implement an amendment to establish the POP TAC algorithm as an upper bound limit, those changes would not occur prior to publication of the final TAC amounts. Therefore, any potential changes in the POP TAC would occur through a separate specification notice.

The Council considered information in the SAFE Report, recommendations

from its SSC and its AP, as well as public testimony. The Council then accepted the ABC amounts as recommended by the SSC, except for POP for which the Council accepted the Plan Team's recommendation. The Council accepted the TAC amounts as recommended by the AP.

The proposed 1996 ABC amounts and TAC amounts, as well as the ABC and TAC apportionments, are shown in Table 1.

TABLE 1.—PROPOSED 1996 ABC AMOUNTS, PROPOSED TAC AMOUNTS, AND DAPS OF GROUND FISH FOR THE 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.^{1,2,3}

[Amounts are in metric tons]

Species	Area	ABC	TAC=DAP
Pollock: ⁴			
	W (61)	24,500	24,500
	C (62)	12,500	12,500
	C (63)	13,000	13,000
Subtotal	W/C	*50,000	*50,000
	E	*2,700	*2,700
Total		52,700	52,700
Pacific cod: ⁵			
Inshore	W		16,965
Offshore	W		1,885
Inshore	C		38,610
Offshore	C		4,290
Inshore	E		2,925
Offshore	E		325
Subtotal	W	18,850	*18,850
	C	42,900	*42,900
	E	3,250	*3,250
Total		65,000	65,000
Flatfish, Deep-water: ⁶			
	W	670	460
	C	8,150	7,500
	E	5,770	3,120
Total		14,590	11,080
Rex sole:			
	W	1,350	800
	C	7,050	7,050
	E	2,810	1,840
Total		11,210	9,690
Flathead sole:			
	W	26,280	2,000
	C	23,140	5,000
	E	2,850	2,740
Total		52,270	9,740
Flatfish, Shallow-water: ⁷			
	W	8,880	4,500
	C	17,170	12,950
	E	2,740	1,180
Total		28,790	18,630
Arrowtooth flounder:			
	W	28,400	5,000