

<sup>5</sup> One-half of the pollock TAC (7.5 percent of each TAC) is placed in a reserve for each subarea or district to be assigned to the Community Development Quota (CDQ) program. (See § 675.20(a)(3)(ii).) For the BS subarea, the roe and non-roe seasonal allowances are 45 and 55 percent, respectively, of the CDQ pollock reserve. The AI subarea and the Bogoslof District receive 100 percent of their respective CDQ reserve allocations during the roe-season with the remainder of the respective reserve becoming available during the non-roe season.

<sup>6</sup> The TAC amount for Pacific cod, after subtraction of the reserves, is allocated 2 percent to vessels using jig gear, 44 percent to H/L gear, and 54 percent to TRW. (See § 675.20(a)(2)(iv).) Pacific cod TAC seasonal apportionments to vessels using H/L or pot gear are not reflected in the interim TAC amounts.

<sup>7</sup> Sablefish gear allocations are as follows: In the BS subarea, TRW gear is allocated 50 percent of TAC, and H/L and pot gear is allocated 50 percent. In the AI subarea, TRW gear is allocated 25 percent of TAC and H/L and pot gear is allocated 75 percent. (See § 675.24(c)(1).) Fifteen percent of the sablefish TRW gear allocation is placed in the nonspecific reserve. One-fourth of the ITAC amount for TRW gear is in effect January 1 as an interim TAC amount.

<sup>8</sup> The sablefish 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. Twenty percent of the sablefish H/L or pot gear final TAC amount will be reserved for use by Community Development Quota (CDQ) participants. (See § 676.24(b).) Existing regulations at § 675.20(a)(7)(i) do not provide for an interim specification for the CDQ reserve or an interim specification for sablefish managed under the IFQ program. In addition, under § 676.16(c) retention of sablefish caught with fixed 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 fixed gear is not authorized under these interim specifications. See §§ 676.20 and 676.23(b) for guidance on the annual allocation of IFQ and the sablefish fishing season.

<sup>9</sup> "Other flatfish" includes all flatfish species except for Pacific halibut (a prohibited species), flathead sole, Greenland turbot, rock sole, and yellowfin sole.

<sup>10</sup> "Other red rockfish" includes shortraker, rougheye, sharpchin, and northern.

<sup>11</sup> "Other rockfish" includes all *Sebastes* and *Sebastolobus* species except for Pacific ocean perch, sharpchin, northern, shortraker, and rougheye.

<sup>12</sup> "Other species" includes sculpins, sharks, skates, eulachon, smelts, capelin, and octopus.

## 2. Interim Allocation of PSC Limits for Crab, Halibut, and Herring

Under § 675.21(a), annual PSC limits are specified for red king crab and *Chionoecetes bairdi* Tanner crab in applicable Bycatch Limitation Zones of the BS subarea, and for Pacific halibut

and Pacific herring throughout the BSAI. Regulations under § 675.21(b) authorize the apportionment of each PSC limit into PSC allowances for specified fishery categories.

Regulations at § 675.20(a)(7)(i) require that one-fourth of each proposed PSC

allowance be made available on an interim basis for harvest at the beginning of the fishing year, until superseded by the final harvest specifications. The interim PSC limits are specified in Table 2 and are in effect on January 1, 1996, at 0001 hours, A.L.T.

TABLE 2.—INTERIM 1996 PROHIBITED SPECIES BYCATCH ALLOWANCES FOR THE BSAI TRAWL AND NONTRAWL FISHERIES

Trawl fisheries	Zone 1 <sup>1</sup>	Zone 2 <sup>1</sup>	BSAI-wide
Red king crab, number of animals:			
yellowfin sole .....	12,500		
rcksol/oth.flat/flathead sole <sup>2</sup> .....	27,500		
rockfish .....	0		
turb/arrow/sab <sup>3</sup> .....	0		
Pacific cod .....	2,500		
plck/Atka/othr <sup>4</sup> .....	7,500		
Total .....	50,000		
<i>C. bairdi</i> Tanner crab, number of animals:			
yellowfin sole .....	56,250	381,250	
rcksol/oth.flat/flathead sole .....	118,750	127,500	
turb/arrow/sabl .....	0	1,250	
rockfish .....	0	2,500	
Pacific cod .....	56,250	65,000	
plck/Atka/othr .....	18,750	172,500	
Total .....	250,000	750,000	
Pacific halibut, mortality (mt):			
yellowfin sole .....			198
rcksol/oth.flat/flathead sole .....			183
turb/arrow/sabl .....			0
rockfish .....			28
Pacific cod .....			398
plck/Atka/othr .....			139
Total .....			946
Pacific herring, mt:			
midwater pollock <sup>5</sup> .....			336
yellowfin sole .....			79
rcksol/oth.flat/flathead sole .....			0
turb/arrow/sabl .....			0
rockfish .....			2
Pacific cod .....			6
plck/Atka/othr .....			42