by catch that occurs in nonpelagic trawl operations.

The Council did not propose to limit the amount of pollock TAC that may be taken in the 1996 directed fishery for pollock by vessels using nonpelagic trawl gear. However, the Council will consider limiting the pollock TAC amounts that may be harvested by vessels using nonpelagic trawl gear at its December 1995 meeting, pending information on prohibited species bycatch amounts in the 1995 pelagic and nonpelagic trawl gear fisheries and an assessment of the effectiveness of regulations at § 675.7(n) to reduce halibut and crab bycatch in the pelagic trawl fishery.

Proposed Allocation of the Pacific Cod TAC

Under § 675.20(a)(2)(iv), 2 percent of the Pacific cod ITAC is allocated to vessels using jig gear, 44 percent to vessels using hook-and-line gear or pot gear, and 54 percent to vessels using trawl gear. At its September 1995 meeting, the Council proposed to roll over the 1995 seasonal apportionments of the portion of the Pacific cod TAC allocated to the hook-and-line and pot gear fisheries. The seasonal apportionments are intended to provide for the harvest of Pacific cod when flesh quality and market conditions are optimum and Pacific halibut bycatch

rates are low. The Council's recommendations for seasonal apportionments are set out in Table 3 and are unchanged from the percentages of seasonal apportionments specified for 1995 (60 FR 8479; February 14, 1995). These seasonal apportionments were based on: (1) Seasonal distribution of Pacific cod relative to prohibited species distributions, (2) expected variations in prohibited species bycatch rates experienced in the Pacific cod fisheries throughout the year, and (3) economic effects of any seasonal apportionment of Pacific cod on the hook-and-line and pot gear fisheries.

TABLE 3.—1996 GEAR SHARES OF THE BSAI PACIFIC COD INITIAL TAC

Gear	Percent of TAC	Share of ITAC (mt)	Seasonal Apportionment		
			Date	Percent	Amount (mt)
Jig Hook-and-line Pot gear Trawl gear	44	93,500	Jan. 1-Dec. 31	100 73 19 8 100	4,250 168,000 18,000 7,500 114,750
Total	100	212,500			

¹ Any portion of the first seasonal apportionment that is not harvested by the end of the first season will become available on September 1, the beginning of the third season.

Sablefish Gear Allocation and Sablefish CDQ Allocations

Regulations under § 675.24(c)(1) require that sablefish TAC amounts for BSAI subareas be divided between trawl and hook-and-line/pot gear types. Gear

allocations of TAC amounts are specified in the following proportions: Bering Sea subarea: Trawl gear—50 percent; hook-and-line/pot gear—50 percent; and Aleutian Islands subarea: Trawl gear—25 percent; hook-and-line/pot gear—75 percent. In addition,

regulations under § 676.24(b) require NMFS to withhold 20 percent of the hook-and-line and pot gear sablefish allocation as a sablefish CDQ reserve. Gear allocations of sablefish TAC amounts and CDQ reserve are specified in Table 4.

TABLE 4.—1996 GEAR SHARES AND CDQ RESERVE OF BSAI SABLEFISH TAC

Subarea	Gear	Percent of TAC (mt)	Share of TAC (mt)	Initial TAC (mt) ¹	CDQ Share
Bering Sea ²	Trawl Hook- and-line/ pot gear ³	50 50	800 800	680 N/A	N/A 160
TotalAleutian Islands	Trawl Hook- and-line/ pot gear ³	25 75	550 1,650	680 468 N/A	N/A 330
Total				468	490

¹ Except for the sablefish hook-and-line and pot gear allocation, 0.15 of TAC is apportioned to reserve. The ITAC is the remainder of the TAC after the subtraction of these reserves.

² Includes Bogoslof District.

³ For the portion of the sablefish TAC allocated to vessels using hook-and-line or pot gear, 0.20 of the allocated TAC is reserved for use by CDQ participants. Regulations at § 675.20(a)(3) do not provide for the establishment of an ITAC for sablefish hook-and-line or pot gear.