

INTERSECTOR ALLOCATION (AMENDMENT 21)
DESCRIPTION OF FINAL COUNCIL ACTION, APRIL 2009

The Council adopted the intersector allocations for trawl and non-trawl sectors recommended by the Groundfish Allocation Committee for Amendment 21 species (Table 1). No allocation was made for longspine thornyhead south of 34°27' N latitude since this stock is not targeted in trawl fisheries and the stock will not be managed using IFQs under trawl rationalization. The at-sea whiting sector set-asides were also adopted and are provided here in Table 2. Allocations for the at-sea sector are provided in the footnotes to Table 3. The within-trawl sector allocations between the shoreside whiting and shoreside non-whiting sectors are provided in Table 3. These were developed using 1995-2005 sector catch percentages, except as noted for darkblotched rockfish, Pacific Ocean perch, widow rockfish, and yellowtail rockfish.

The Council recommended that the trawl mortality limit for legal and sublegal halibut be set at 15% of the Area 2A constant exploitation yield for legal size halibut, not to exceed 130,000 pounds for the first four years of trawl rationalization and not to exceed 100,000 pounds starting in the fifth year. This total bycatch limit may be adjusted downward through the biennial management process in future years. Part of the overall total catch limit is a set-aside of 10 mt of Pacific halibut to accommodate bycatch in the at-sea whiting fishery and bottom trawl bycatch south of 40°10' N latitude.

All Amendment 21 allocations will be implemented when trawl rationalization is implemented. The Council will review these Amendment 21 allocations five years after implementation, when the trawl rationalization program will also be reviewed.

All other species managed with IFQs not included under Amendment 21 allocations will be allocated every two years in the biennial management process. Amendment 21 allocations and the status quo Pacific whiting and northern sablefish allocations will require a regulatory amendment to revise. A formal allocation for a stock will be suspended in the event that the stock is declared overfished.

Table 1. The preferred limited entry trawl and non-trawl allocations recommended by the Pacific Fishery Management Council in April 2009.

Stock or Complex	All Non-Treaty LE Trawl Sectors	All Non-Treaty Non-Trawl Sectors
Lingcod - coastwide	45.0%	55.0%
Pacific Cod	95.0%	5.0%
Sablefish N. of 36° a/	52.5%	47.5%
Sablefish S. of 36°	42.0%	58.0%
PACIFIC OCEAN PERCH	95.0%	5.0%
WIDOW	91.0%	9.0%
Chilipepper S. of 40° 10'	75.0%	25.0%
Splitnose S. of 40° 10'	95.0%	5.0%
Yellowtail N. of 40° 10'	88.0%	12.0%
Shortspine N. of 34° 27'	95.0%	5.0%
Shortspine S. of 34° 27'	50 mt	Remaining Yield
Longspine N. of 34° 27'	95.0%	5.0%
Longspine S. of 34° 27'		No Allocation
DARKBLOTCHED	95.0%	5.0%
Minor Slope RF North	81.0%	19.0%
Minor Slope RF South	63.0%	37.0%
Dover Sole	95.0%	5.0%
English Sole	95.0%	5.0%
Petrals Sole - coastwide	95.0%	5.0%
Arrowtooth Flounder	95.0%	5.0%
Starry Flounder	50.0%	50.0%
Other Flatfish	90.0%	10.0%

a/ The Council is not recommending a modification of the status quo allocation of sablefish N. of 36°. The LE trawl percentage is status quo but re-calculated as a percent of the total non-treaty available yield (90.6 % (the LE allocation) × 58% (the LE trawl allocation of the total LE amount)).

Table 2. Yield set-asides to accommodate the bycatch in future at-sea whiting fisheries under trawl rationalization.

Allocation Process	Stock or Stock Complex	At-sea Set-Aside (mt) ^{a/}
Sector Allocations Decided Through the Intersector Allocation Process	Lingcod	6
	Pacific Cod	1
	Pacific Whiting (U.S.)	NA
	Sablefish N. of 36°	50
	Sablefish S. of 36°	NA
	PACIFIC OCEAN PERCH	Formal Allocation ^{b/}
	WIDOW ROCKFISH	Formal Allocation ^{b/}
	Chilipepper S. of 40°10'	NA
	Splitnose S. of 40°10'	NA
	Yellowtail N. of 40°10'	300
	Shortspine Thornyhead N. of 34°27'	20
	Shortspine Thornyhead S. of 34°27'	NA
	Longspine Thornyhead N. of 34°27'	1
	Longspine Thornyhead S. of 34°27'	NA
	DARKBLOTCHED	Formal Allocation ^{b/}
	Minor Slope RF N.	55
	Minor Slope RF S.	NA
	Dover Sole	5
	English Sole	1
	Petrale Sole - coastwide	1
	Arrowtooth Flounder	10
	Starry Flounder	1
Other Flatfish	20	
Pacific Halibut	10	
Sector Allocations Decided Through the Biennial Specifications and Management Measures Process	CANARY ROCKFISH	Formal Allocation
	BOCACCI	NA
	COWCOD	NA
	YELLOWEYE	0
	Black Rockfish	NA
	Blue Rockfish (CA)	NA
	Minor Nearshore RF N.	NA
	Minor Nearshore RF S.	NA
	Minor Shelf RF N.	35
	Minor Shelf RF S.	NA
	California scorpionfish	NA
	Cabazon (off CA only)	NA
	Other Fish	520
	Longnose Skate	1

a/ The Pacific halibut set-aside would apply to the at-sea sector as well as all trawl activity south of 40° 10' N. latitude.

b/ See Table 3 footnotes.

Table 3. The initial allocation to shoreside trawl sectors decided by the Council under Amendment 21.

Stock or Complex	Shoreside Whiting Trawl	Shoreside Non-whiting Trawl
Lingcod - coastwide	0.3%	99.7%
Pacific Cod	0.1%	99.9%
Sablefish N. of 36°	1.8%	98.2%
Sablefish S. of 36°	0.0%	100.0%
PACIFIC OCEAN PERCH	The greater of 7.14% or 12.6 mt ^a	Remainder ^b
WIDOW ROCKFISH	If under rebuilding, 21.8% ^c If rebuilt, the greater of 4.2% or 210 mt ^d	Remainder ^b
Chilipepper S. of 40°10'	0.0%	100.0%
Splitnose S. of 40°10'	0.0%	100.0%
Yellowtail N. of 40°10'	300 mt	Remainder ^e
Shortspine N. of 34°27'	0.1%	99.9%
Shortspine S. of 34°27'	0.0%	100.0%
Longspine N. of 34°27'	0.0%	100.0%
DARKBLOTCHED	The greater of 3.78% or 10.5 mt ^f	Remainder ^b
Minor Slope Rockfish North	1.4%	98.6%
Minor Slope Rockfish South	0.0%	100.0%
Dover Sole	0.0%	100.0%
English Sole	0.1%	99.9%
Petrale Sole - coastwide	0.0%	100.0%
Arrowtooth Flounder	0.0%	100.0%
Starry Flounder	0.0%	100.0%
Other Flatfish	0.1%	99.9%

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a The greater of 17% or 30 mt of the trawl allocation will be allocated to the whiting sectors. This table provides the shoreside whiting share of that (42%).

b Remainder for shoreside non-whiting trawl sector after allocations to whiting sectors.

c Under rebuilding, 52% of the trawl allocation will be allocated to the whiting fishery. This table provides the shoreside whiting share of that (42%).

d If rebuilt, the greater of 10% or 500 mt of the trawl allocation will be allocated to the whiting sectors. This table provides the shoreside whiting share of that (42%).

e Remainder for shoreside non-whiting trawl sector after deducting the 300 mt allocation for the shoreside whiting fishery and setting aside yield estimated to accommodate incidental bycatch in the at-sea whiting fishery.

f The greater of 9% or 25 mt of the trawl allocation will be allocated to the whiting sectors. This table provides the shoreside whiting share of that (42%).