

## Alaska Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands (BSAI) Rockfish Trawl

**Fishery Type:** Trawl

**Category:** II

**Basis for current categorization:** Serious injury or mortality of either Gulf of Alaska (GOA), Bering Sea (BS), or Aleutian Islands (AI) transient killer whale stock or the overlapping North Pacific Alaska resident killer whale stock exceeds 1%, but does not exceed 50% of either stock's PBR. One killer whale serious injury/mortality occurred in this fishery between 2007 and 2011, but as these killer whale stocks overlap in time and area, it was not determined from which stock the take occurred. However, the one serious injury mortality places this fishery in Category II for either stock.

**Current list of marine mammal species injured/killed (a <sup>(1)</sup> indicates driving stock):** killer whale, GOA/BS/AI transient<sup>1</sup> OR North Pacific Alaska resident<sup>1</sup>

**Current estimated number of participants:** In 2012, 18 trawl vessels were targeting rockfish.

**Year added to LOF:** 2004

**Category when originally listed:** Category III

**Basis for original categorization:** Data indicating serious injury or mortality in this fishery did not exceed 1% of the PBR of any marine mammal stock.

**Marine mammal species previously listed as injured/killed:** 0

**Estimated number of participants when originally listed:** 9

**Past names, if any:** For the purposes of the List of Fisheries, this fishery was included in the larger "Bering Sea, Aleutian Islands groundfish trawl" fishery prior to 2004.

**Gear description/method for fishing:** Trawl

**Target species:** Pacific ocean perch (rockfish)

**Spatial/temporal distribution of effort:** BSAI

**Levels of observer coverage each year:** Of the 18 trawl vessels, 16 are trawl catcher/processors that have 2 observers, and 2 are trawl catcher vessels with no observer delivering to a catcher/processor acting as a mothership with 2 observers.

**Management and regulations:** Fishery Management Plan for Groundfish of the BSAI, 50 CFR 679, Final 2013 and 2014 harvest specifications for groundfish (78 FR 13813, March 1, 2003).

### **History of Changes on the LOF:**

- 2004: In 2004 four large groups of federally managed fisheries in Alaskan waters were separated into 25 fisheries based on geographic location, target species and gear type. This fishery was included in the larger group of "Bering Sea, Aleutian Islands groundfish trawl" fishery prior to 2004, and in 2004 was broken out as the "Bering Sea, Aleutian Islands rockfish trawl" fishery. It was placed in Category III at that time as no specific information on marine mammal takes were attributed to that fishery.