

**FINAL**

NORTHERN VICTOR  
FLEET COOPERATIVE

2008 REPORT TO THE  
NORTH PACIFIC FISHERY MANAGEMENT  
COUNCIL

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**I. COOPERATIVE ORGANIZATION.**

**A. Legal Obligations.**

The Northern Victor Fleet Cooperative (the “Cooperative”) was formed on December 20, 1999 with ten member vessels and an Agreement to Process with Icicle Seafoods, Inc., the owner of the P/V NORTHERN VICTOR. The Membership Agreement, as amended by the Membership Agreement Addendum dated as of January 30, 2006, and that First Amendment to Membership Agreement dated as of February 29, 2008 remained in effect for 2008. Icicle Seafoods, Inc. signed the 2008 Agreement to Process effective December 1, 2007 (copy attached).

**B. 2008 Membership.**

Member	Vessel	AFA Permit Number
Evening Star, Inc.	American Eagle	434
Evening Star, Inc.	Anita J	1913
James & Sandra Schones	Collier Brothers	2791
Evening Star, Inc.	Commodore	2657
Excalibur II, LLC	Excalibur II	410
Golden Tide, Inc.	Gold Rush	1868
Evening Star, Inc.	Half Moon Bay	249
Miss Berdie, Inc.	Miss Berdie	3679
Fury Group, Inc.	Nordic Fury	1094
Fury Group, Inc.	Pacific Fury	421
Johannessen Enterprise, Inc.	Poseidon	1164
Royal Atlantic LLC	Royal Atlantic	236
Evening Star, Inc.	Storm Petrel	1641
Evening Star, Inc.	Sunset Bay	251

**C. Member Obligations.**

In the Membership Agreement, each Member agrees not to exceed its allocation of pollock or its allocation of cap amounts for species in sideboard fisheries. It agrees to base allocations on pro rata catch history that each Member brings to the Cooperative, to recognize exemptions and the authorization for vessels under 99 feet to fish inside the Steller sea lion critical habitat forage area, and to recognize the right of each Member to deliver up to 10% of its annual pollock allocation to a pollock processor other than Icicle Seafoods. Each Member agrees that transfers of allocations between Members are authorized so long as notification is given to the Cooperative President, Icicle Seafoods, the Intercooperative Manager, and Sea State, Inc., the monitoring service for the Intercooperative Group.

**D. Member and Board Meetings.**

The Members met on November 9, 2007, in Seattle and elected the following five directors to serve as the Board of Directors for 2008: John Woodruff and Terry Leitzell of Icicle Seafoods (owner of six trawlers in the Cooperative), Norman Johannessen (an owner of the F/Vs POSEIDON and ROYAL ATLANTIC), Bert Ashley (an owner of the F/V GOLD RUSH), and Mike Stone (representing the owner of the F/Vs NORDIC FURY and PACIFIC FURY). For 2008, the Members approved the extension of and changes to the Intercooperative Agreement, the Intercooperative agreement on allocations of P. cod and halibut PSC, and the Intercooperative agreement on salmon bycatch reduction. The Members also met on May 27, 2008, at which meeting they accepted Terry Leitzell's resignation as director effective July 1, 2008, and elected Pat Hardina to fill Mr. Leitzell's unexpired term.

The Board of Directors met on November 9, 2007. The Board elected the following officers: Terry L. Leitzell as President, Norman Johannessen as Vice President, and John Woodruff as Secretary/Treasurer. The Board selected Terry L. Leitzell as the Cooperative's designated representative and approved the selection of an on-board manager. The Board of Directors also met on May 27, 2008, at which time they accepted Terry Leitzell's resignation as President effective July 1, 2008, and elected Pat Hardina to fill Mr. Leitzell's unexpired term. The Board also appointed Ms. Hardina as the designated representative for dealing with the National Marine Fisheries Service, and Cooperative representative to the Intercooperative Group.

**E. Cooperative Operations.**

Prior to each of the A and B Seasons, the President prepared spreadsheets for pollock allocations to each vessel, divided into allocations inside and outside the critical habitat forage area as appropriate, and divided into the A and B Seasons. At various times during the year, the President also prepared spreadsheets allocating the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Pacific cod fishery to each vessel and revised both pollock and cod spreadsheets as necessary if reserves were released. The President also prepared a spreadsheet allocating to each vessel a cap for halibut PSC in the Pacific cod fishery.

On board the P/V NORTHERN VICTOR, the on-board manager worked with each of the Member vessels, providing them with information about the allocations and changes of allocations, and about the amount remaining in each vessel's allocations. The manager entered all landings into a spreadsheet that contained each vessel's quota allocation for pollock and cod, each vessel's quota subdivision into inside and outside critical habitat, and the landed pounds for each vessel. The spreadsheet was always available to vessel skippers and was e-mailed to the Cooperative President on a daily basis. The manager also reported all landings to the National Marine Fisheries Service and to Sea State, Inc., the Intercooperative Group's monitoring service.

During the year, transfers of pollock allocations and cod cap allocations occurred. All transfers were approved by the President and implemented by the on-board manager. At the end of each of the A and B Seasons, the manager, in consultation with the Cooperative President and the Fleet Manager, designated one or two vessels to make the last trip or trips to catch the remaining pollock quota amounts for all Cooperative vessels. This approach ensured that the Cooperative did not exceed its allocations.

Table 1 shows each vessel's initial allocation, harvest, and intra-cooperative transfers of BSAI pollock and cod. Cod figures are not provided for the F/V Nordic Fury and F/V Pacific Fury because their cod catches are reported through the Mothership Cooperative.

**TABLE 1: VESSEL ALLOCATIONS AND HARVESTS OF BERING SEA AND ALEUTIAN ISLANDS POLLOCK AND COD, IN METRIC TON.**

Vessel Name	Initial Pollock Allocation	Pollock Harvest*	Transfers	Initial Cod Allocation	Cod Harvest*	Transfers
American Eagle	4642	4426	216	588	227	361
Anita J	2362	6391	-4029	59	40	19
Collier Brothers	533	0	0	0	0	0
Commodore	5437	4764	673	572	510	62
Excalibur II	2352	2367	-15	130	108	22
Gold Rush	1847	1800	47	397	272	125
Half Moon Bay	2355	1717	638	418	731	-313
Miss Berdie	2604	0	2604	184	498	-314
Nordic Fury	312	463	-151	n/a	n/a	n/a
Pacific Fury	250	0	250	n/a	n/a	n/a
Poseidon	5329	6263	-934	383	35	348
Royal Atlantic	5663	5764	-101	599	385	214
Storm Petrel	5300	6061	-761	472	32	440
Sunset Bay	2180	567	1613	424	712	-288
Totals	41,169	40,583	50	4,224	3,550	676

\*Transfers within the Cooperative resulted in some vessels catching more or less than their original allocation, with the Cooperative as a whole remaining under its aggregate allocation.

## **II. SIDEBOARD FISHERY CAPS AND CATCHES.**

Tables 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 provide details on the Cooperative vessels' activity in sideboard fisheries in the Bering Sea and Gulf of Alaska. The tables for pollock do not include the F/V Miss Berdie or F/V Pacific Fury because they transferred their pollock allocations to other Cooperative vessels. The tables for cod do not include the F/V Nordic Fury or F/V Pacific Fury because their cod catches are reported through the Mothership Cooperative. None of the tables 2-6 include the F/V Collier Brothers because it did not fish in the Bering Sea in 2008.

**A. Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands.**

**TABLE 2: BERING SEA DIRECTED POLLOCK FISHERY, CATCH & BYCATCH IN METRIC TON (MT) OR NUMBER (N).**

Vessel Name	Landed Pollock (MT)	Total Groundfish Harvest (MT)	Halibut Mortality (MT)	Chinook (N)	Other Salmon (N)	Red King Crab (N)	Bairdi Crab (N)	Opilio Crab (N)	Herring (MT)
American Eagle	4426	4618	2	84	221	0	6	11	7
Anita J	6391	6527	1	122	152	0	5	19	0
Commodore	4764	4914	2	37	427	0	6	4	46
Excalibur II	2367	2384	1	25	131	0	2	2	2
Gold Rush	1800	1825	1	48	105	0	2	3	0
Half Moon Bay	1717	1753	0	26	80	0	1	8	0
Nordic Fury	463	481	0	7	49	0	0	0	0
Poseidon	6263	6397	1	102	307	0	8	11	2
Royal Atlantic	5764	5853	1	146	63	0	5	22	2
Storm Petrel	6061	6198	2	166	189	0	6	12	4
Sunset Bay	567	577	0	4	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	40,583	41,527	11	767	1724	0	41	92	63

**TABLE 3: BERING SEA DIRECTED COD FISHERY, COD CATCH & HALIBUT PSC IN METRIC TON.**

Vessel Name	Cod Allocation*	Cod Harvest	Initial Halibut Allocation*	Halibut Mortality
American Eagle	588	227	10	7
Anita J	59	40	1	1
Commodore	572	510	10	3
Excalibur II	130	108	2	2
Gold Rush	397	272	7	8
Half Moon Bay	418	731	7	18
Miss Berdie	184	498	3	10
Poseidon	383	35	7	1
Royal Atlantic	599	385	10	2
Storm Petrel	472	32	8	1
Sunset Bay	424	712	8	14
Totals	4224	3550	73	67

\*The Cooperative received cod and halibut PSC transfers from other AFA cooperatives and transferred some cod and halibut PSC to other AFA cooperatives. Transfers within the Cooperative resulted in some vessels catching more or less than their original allocations, with the Cooperative as a whole remaining under its aggregate allocations.

**TABLE 4: BERING SEA DIRECTED COD FISHERY, CATCH & BYCATCH IN METRIC TON OR NUMBER.**

Vessel Name	Landed Cod (MT)	Total Groundfish Harvest (MT)	Halibut Mortality (MT)	Chinook (N)	Other Salmon (N)	Red King Crab (N)	Bairdi Crab (N)	Other Tanner Crab (N)	Herring (MT)
American Eagle	227	426	7	0	0	36	659	706	0
Anita J	40	114	1	0	0	19	196	58	0
Commodore	510	615	3	0	0	39	839	366	0
Excalibur II	108	142	2	1	0	0	74	125	0
Gold Rush	272	384	8	0	0	0	82	254	0
Half Moon Bay	731	1093	18	0	1	56	1644	1015	0
Miss Berdie	498	681	10	0	0	47	938	572	0
Poseidon	35	51	1	0	0	48	337	173	0
Royal Atlantic	385	415	2	4	1	0	12	102	0
Storm Petrel	32	80	1	0	0	12	131	40	0
Sunset Bay	712	898	14	0	0	61	1246	763	0
Totals	3550	4899	67	5	2	318	6158	4174	0

**TABLE 5: SUMMARY OF COOPERATIVE'S TOTAL BSAI HARVEST BY SPECIES IN METRIC TON.**

Area	Species	Landed Weight	Discard Weight	Total Weight
BSAI	AK Plaice	0	3	3
BSAI	Arrowtooth	135	45	170
BSAI	Flathead	170	77	247
BSAI	Mackerel 542	0	0	0
BSAI	Mackerel BS/541	2	0	2
BSAI	Northern	1	2	3
BSAI	Other Flatfish	102	14	116
BSAI	Other Rockfish AI	0	0	0
BSAI	Other Rockfish BS	1	0	1

BSAI	Other Species	353	203	556
BSAI	Pacific Cod	3872	1	3873
BSAI	Pollock AI	0	2	2
BSAI	Pollock BS	41,485	918	42,403
BSAI	POP 541	2	0	2
BSAI	POP 542	0	0	0
BSAI	POP BS	24	1	25
BSAI	Rock Sole BSAI	118	176	294
BSAI	Sablefish BS	0	0	0
BSAI	Turbot BS	1	6	6
BSAI	Yellowfin BSAI	41	6	47

**B. Gulf of Alaska Fisheries.**

Only one of the Cooperative's non-exempt vessels fished in the Gulf of Alaska fisheries at various times during the year. The vessel's 2008 catches in the Gulf of Alaska are shown in Table 6.

**TABLE 6: GULF OF ALASKA DIRECTED POLLOCK FISHERY, CATCH & BYCATCH IN METRIC TON OR NUMBER.**

Vessel Name	610 Landed Pollock (MT)	620 Lande Polloc (MT)	Total Groundfish Harvest (MT)	Halibut Mortality (MT)	Chinook (N)	Other Salmon (N)	Red King Crab (N)	Bairdi Crab (N)	Opilio Crab (N)	Herring (MT)
Sunset Bay	358	.15	377	0	4	12	0	0	0	0

**III. PENALTY STRUCTURES.**

The Cooperative's Members recognized the critical importance of strong commitments by each Member to comply with pollock allocations, cod cap allocations, and limits in all sideboard fisheries for pollock in the Gulf of Alaska, non-pollock groundfish in the Bering Sea/Aleutian Islands and the Gulf of Alaska, and crab. The Cooperative took three approaches to ensuring compliance. First, each Member made a specific commitment in the Membership Agreement to comply with all allocations and limits. Second, the practical operation of the

Cooperative and the constant availability of up-to-date data on landings minimized the possibility of error. Third, the Members set forfeiture amounts, for any catches that exceed an allocation of quota or a cap amount, of 150% of the ex-vessel value for pollock, \$1,000 per metric ton for P. cod, and \$300 per metric ton for other groundfish.

**IV. SALMON BYCATCH.**

Information about the compliance audit described at 50 CFR §679.21(g)(6)(vi) and the number of salmon avoided as demonstrated by the movement of fishing effort away from the salmon savings areas is provided separately in the AFA Catcher Vessel Intercooperative annual report to the North Pacific Fishery Management Council, a copy of which is attached. The Cooperative did not have any closure area compliance violations in 2008.

The aggregate number of salmon taken by species and season for all vessels included in the Cooperative in 2008 are shown in Table 7. The number of times each Cooperative vessel appeared on the weekly dirty 20 list is shown in Table 8. Vessels not represented did not appear on any of the dirty 20 lists.

**Table 7: AGGREGATE NUMBER OF SALMON CAUGHT AS BYCATCH.**

"A" Season Chinook	"B" Season Chinook	"A" Season Chum	"B" Season Chum
572	195	1	1723

**Table 8: VESSEL APPEARANCES ON THE DIRTY 20 LIST.**

Vessel Name	"A" Season Chinook	"B" Season Chinook	A" Season Chum	"B" Season" Chum
American Eagle	0	0	0	7
Anita J	1	2	0	5
Commodore	0	1	0	8
Excalibur II	0	0	0	4
Gold rush	0	0	0	3
Half Moon Bay	0	0	0	3
Nordic Fury	0	2	0	3
Poseidon	1	0	0	8
Royal Atlantic	3	0	0	2

Storm Petrel	5	1	0	6
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**V. CONTACT INFORMATION.**

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