

# Community Development Plan

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**Introduction:** This Community Development Plan (CDP) is developed to comply with the federal statute that requires that each CDQ group have a Community Development Plan (CDP). That statute provides two options: a comprehensive plan or a simple plan that describes how the CDQ group will harvest its allocation. This plan complies with the latter.

### Section 1: Types of Gear Used

The types of gear that will be used in APICDA's target CDQ fisheries will consist of the following:

- Pollock, Atka Mackerel, Flatfish (all species), and Pacific Ocean Perch: trawl gear.
- Pacific Cod and Halibut: longline gear.
- Sablefish: pots and/or longline gear.
- Crab: pots.

### Section 2: Timing of Fishery

The timing of each target CDQ fishery may vary from one year to the next due to a variety of conditions, however they should generally occur as follows:

- Pollock: The pollock fishery will occur during the A Season and the B Season.
- Atka Mackerel and Pacific Ocean Perch: The Atka mackerel and POP fisheries will normally occur in concert, usually in the winter and fall.
- Flatfish (all species): These fisheries may occur at any time of the year.
- Pacific Cod: A relatively small portion of the cod CDQ allocation will be taken during the winter following the closure of the open access longline catcher-processor quota is closed; the remainder will be taken commencing in late summer and extending through December depending upon the pace of the fishery.
- Halibut: The halibut CDQ fishery in Area 4 B will normally commence in June of each year and may run through September depending upon the year. The Area 4C halibut CDQ fishery will normally commence in June of each year and may run through October depending upon the year.
- Bering Sea Sablefish: The Bering Sea sablefish CDQ fishery will normally begin in the spring and may run through October depending upon the year.

- Bristol Bay Red King Crab: The Bristol Bay red king crab fishery will occur in the fall of each year.
- St. Matthew's Blue King Crab: The St. Matthew's blue king crab fishery will occur in the fall.
- Opilio Tanner Crab: The Bering Sea opilio Tanner crab fishery will occur in the winter.
- Bairdi Tanner Crab: The Bering Sea bairdi Tanner crab fishery will normally occur in the winter.
- East Aleutian Islands Golden King Crab: The East Aleutian Islands golden king crab fishery will normally occur in the fall.

### **Section 3: Bycatch Avoidance Plans**

Bycatch occurs in two instances: as an incidental harvest of prohibited species, such as crab, halibut and salmon in the trawl, hook and line, and pot fisheries; or, as the harvest of non-target species in any particular fishery. Discards are either mandated for prohibited species, or economic in the case of non-target species. APICDA will address bycatch as follows:

- Our CDQ agreements allocate prohibited species for each of our target fisheries. The allocation is set low to encourage the vessel operator to manage their fishing operation to minimize bycatch. If a prohibited species bycatch allocation is exceeded, the contract allows APICDA to charge for additional prohibited species bycatch to further encourage clean fishing. In addition, the CDQ harvesting agreements generally require the harvesting partner to pay APICDA a royalty whether it harvests all of the target allocation or not; hence, our partners have a vested economic interest in minimizing bycatch.
- With regard to the bycatch of non-target/non-PSC species, APICDA strongly discourages the discard of edible fish by its partners.