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Alaska Fisheries Science Center, North Pacific Groundfish Observer Program (NPGOP). Catch and bycatch in all North Pacific Groundfish fisheries is monitored inseason to support quota management, but the fleet is divided into four sectors by vessel size and processing mode (Catcher Processors (CPs) or Catcher Vessels (CVs delivering to processing plants), each with different requirements for observer coverage. Changes in strategies for deployment of observers cannot be accomplished without changes in statutory authority to support collection of fees from industry.

NPGOP, 0%,,	0%	N	None	No vessel selection
Catcher Vessels <60 ft				
			Vessels < 60 ft	No list of vessels or permits but information about
			not included in	landings from tickets
			sampling frame	
			for logistical	
			reasons	
NPGOP, 30% Sector	30% per quarter	Y	NPGOP vessels	Ad-hoc; fleet is responsible for obtaining observer
Fleet:			listed in the sector	coverage.
Catcher Vessels and C/P				
Vessels, LOA 60-124 ft:				
46 bottom trawl vessels				
58 pelagic trawl vessels				
32 longline				
Vessels, LOA 70-176 ft:				
75 pot vessels				
Vessels < 60 ft:				
No record				
NPGOP, 100% Sector	100%	Y	NPGOP vessels	Census
	1 observer per trip		in the sector listed	
Fleet:				
Vessels LOA ≥125 ft;				
79 bottom trawl catcher vessels; 55				
longline vessels; variable trip length				

Summary of Statistic Methods Used by Observer Programs

	Coverage, sample size, or precision target	Mandatory	Sampling Frame	Vessel Selection Method			
Sector ≥125 ft; om trawl and longline P vessels in the Atka y; 2 week + trip	100%, 2 observers per trip	Y	NPGOP vessels in the sector listed	Census			
al Office, Alaska Marine Mammal Observer Program (AMMOP)							
	5%	Y	Permit holders by stratified area	Randomly generated list			

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isheries Science Center (NWF	SC)			
Hake ssels; mid-water trawl; EFP	100% , observer coverage	Y	Experimental fishing permit list	Census
Observer Program, 200% ed-entry non-endorsed fleet	100%, 2 observers per trip	Y	All active catcher- processors and motherships	Census Fleet is responsible for obtaining coverage
r-shore Rockfish 87 deemed active; pts, hook & line, pole	All vessels sampled once per year. This fishery occurs throughout the year with no defined seasons. For each year, a list of permits is generated, the permits are assigned to port groups, and then selected for coverage. The cycles occur back-to-back, so observing is an ongoing process.	Y	87 active state permits of 125 state permits issued	Stratified random sampling without replacement; Port-groups form strata State permit list
ry Sablefish-Endorsed Fixed- ermits; vessels can have > 1 line and fish pots	All vessels sampled once per cycle (currently3 year cycle) The selection cycle is defined by the amount of time it will take to observe the entire fleet, currently 3 fishing seasons. For each cycle, a list of permits is generated, the permits are assigned to port groups, and then selected for coverage. The cycles occur back-to-back, so observing is an ongoing process.	Y	164 active federal permits, vessels can have more than one permit	Stratified random sampling without replacement; Port-groups form strata Federal permit list

¹ For the limited-entry fixed gear fishery, permits are either endorsed for sablefish or not. Thus an endorsed vessel cannot be a subset of the non-endorsed vessels. Both endorsed and non-endorsed vessel are distinct subsets of the limited-entry fixed-gear fishery (John Carlson, personal communication)

	Coverage, sample size, or precision target	Mandatory	Sampling Frame	Vessel Selection method
sheries Science Cente	r (NWFSC), continued			
y Non-Sablefish- ed-Gear ¹ 0 deemed active; d gears	All vessels sampled once per year. This fishery occurs throughout the year with no defined seasons. For each year, a list of permits is generated, the permits are assigned to port groups, and then selected for coverage. The cycles occur back-to-back, so observing is an ongoing process.	Y	50 active federal permits of 62 issued.	Stratified random sampling without replacement; Port-groups form strata Federal permit list
earshore Rockfish rmits (fishermen); active; daytrips; d gears	All vessels sampled once per year. This fishery occurs throughout the year with no defined seasons. For each year, a list of permits is generated, the permits are assigned to port groups, and then selected for coverage. The cycles occur back-to-back, so observing is an ongoing process.	Y	101 active permits of 319 permits issued.	Stratified random sampling without replacement; Port-groups form strata State permit list
y Trawl 116 deemed active; rawls; flatfish net	All vessels sampled once per cycle (currently 8-month cycles) This fishery occurs throughout the year with no defined seasons, so WCGOP has defined 'cycles' a sampling event that has a distinct beginning and end in lieu of a fishing season or year. Currently, the length of the selection cycles have been defined by the amount of time it will take to observe the entire fleet, typically 4-6 2-month periods. For each cycle, a list of permits is generated, the permits are assigned to port groups, and then selected for coverage. The cycles occur back-to-back, so observing is an ongoing process.	Y	116 vessels with active federal permits of 178 issued.	Stratified random sampling without replacement; Port-groups form strata Federal permit list

	Coverage, sample size, or precision target	Mandatory	Sampling Frame	Vessel Selection method
c Islands Regional Office				
noa Longline	7-10% (tuna)	Y	Fleet listed; Based on federal permits	Systematic, Random start
line	100% (swordfish)	Y	Fleet listed; based on federal permits	Census
sword; 28 tuna and swordfish; 15-25 day trips (tuna); 25-35 day sh)	~20% (tuna)	Y	Fleet listed; based on federal permits	Systematic, Random start
gional Office (SWRO)				
egon Drift Gillnet Fishery ve vessels; 7-10 day trips;	~20% of sets	Y	Fleet listed; based on federal permits	Ad-hoc; ~ 20% trips per vessel
lagic Longline Fishery e vessel	100% of trips	Y	One active vessel	Census
	Coverage, sample size, or precision target	Mandatorv	Sampling Frame	Vessel Selection method
	precision target	Man		
heries Science Center (NEFSC)				
ltispecies Groundfish s; multiple gears: gillnets ift, float, sink), trawl (mid- ı, purse seine), longline; 1-7 day ; Federal and state permits	Target 30% CV for bycatch estimates of protected species; 5% A-Days 20% B-Day Programs, Special Access Areas SBRM Omnibus Amendment allocation	Y	Fleet lists determined by Vessel Trip Reports from the previous year and opportunistic selection	Quarterly stratified random sample; SBRM fleet sectors form strata

s; multiple gears: gillnets ift, float, sink), trawl (mid- , purse seine), longline; 1-7 day ; Federal and state permits	Target 30% CV for bycatch estimates of protected species; Coverage 38% of trips	Y	Fleet lists determined by Vessel Trip Reports from the previous year and opportunistic selection	Quarterly stratified random sample; SBRM fleet sectors form strata
Fisheries s; multiple gears: gillnets ift, float, sink), trawl (mid- ı, purse seine); 1-4 day trips tate permits	Coverage typically < 5% SBRM Omnibus Amendment allocation	Y	Fleet lists determined by Vessel Trip Reports from the previous year and opportunistic selection	Quarterly stratified random sample for a portion of the fleet; SBRM fleet sectors form strata
Scallop Dredge Fishery S with GC and LA permits; S: primarily scallop dredge, -12 day trips typically; VMS Federal permit	Target 10 % of trips Industry Funded Program	Y	Pre-trip notification required and opportunistic selection	Stratified random sample

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heries Science Center (SEFSC)				
federally permitted vessels; LOA ~ y trips GOM target 80% of total sea bund; ~3 day trips on the east coast total sea days.	<1% coverage, Target sample of 1,500 sea-days variable depending on funding;	Y	Federally- Permitted Vessels	Stratified random sample by effort, area, season, depth strata
ipper-Grouper ederally permitted vessels; gear bottom longline, electric reel landlines	~1% coverage, sea days variable depending on funding	Y	Federally- Permitted Vessels	Stratified random sample by region gear, and season based on previous year's effort from logbooks
<u>ırk Gillnet</u> ssels; multiple gill net types	100% coverage (Nov 15 - Apr 1) for drift and strike boats; Otherwise target of 30% RSE for turtle or mammal interaction estimates	Y	Fleet	Census; stratified random sample
Gulf of Bottom	100 % of all sandbar shark directed sets	Y	Fleet listed as determined by	Stratified random sample by area and season based on previous years activity

<u>iery</u>			federal	
	4-6% for non-sandbar		permits from	
sels, approximately 100 active;	shark directed sets		the previous	
500-1,500 hooks per line;			year	
<u>line</u>	8% of sets target, ~6%	Y	Fleet listed as	Stratified random sample by statistical
active vessel w/ swordfish, tuna,	mean actual coverage		determined by	area and quarter based on previous years
mits; 3-14 day trips 150-200 mi			federal	activity
cal; some 20-40 day trips 200-			permits from	
port			the previous	
			year	