2023 GOA BTS Otolith Collection Results

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Hi Sandra and Chris,

Ned, Cecelia, and I negotiated the otolith requests with Kalei, Sandra, Paul, Jane, Meaghan, Carey, Ingrid, and Cole for their respective stocks for the 2023 Gulf of Alaska bottom trawl survey. This is a table of the total otolith pair requested versus collected across the 16 species that were requested.

Twelve of the 16 species’ otolith targets were met or within 10%. Four species were under: Greenland turbot and shortraker, harlequin, and rougheye rockfish. For these four species, the total number of individuals observed (caught) were much less than the total number of otoliths collected (see below).

Five Greenland turbot and two harelquin rockfish that could have been collected were missed by accident. Eight rougheye rockfish and 97 shortraker rockfish were not collected because of the collection rule (maximum 10 and 12 random/haul, respectively).