Council cuts foreign fishing

The North Pacific Fishery Management Council voted last month to eliminate foreign fishing in the Gulf of Alaska and severely restricted foreign harvest of groundfish in the Bering Sea, according to the December Fish & Game Bulletin of

the Alaska Department of Fish and Game.

For the first time, domestic harvesting capacity for the pollock fishery exceeds the allowable harvest level. Only small amounts of Pacific cod and flounder were made available for foreign harvest.