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CORRECTIONS **TO THE PACIFIC COAST GROUND FISH FISHERY** **COMMERCIAL MANAGEMENT MEASURES** **AND ROCKFISH CONSERVATION AREA**

Effective July 22, 2003

The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) announces corrections to the management measures and rockfish conservation area for the Pacific Coast groundfish fishery off Washington, Oregon, and California, **effective July 22, 2003**. Management measures implemented in the final rule published in the Federal Register on March 7, 2003 (68 FR 11182) as amended, contained errors in trawl Rockfish Conservation Area (RCA) boundary coordinates for the 75 fm boundary line, errors in the limited entry and open access trip limit tables regarding retention of California scorpionfish during July and August, and is clarified to only allow exempted prawn trawl in the open access fishery to fish inside the non-trawl RCA north of 40°10' N. lat. The corrections to the final rule, as amended through inseason adjustments, will be published in the Federal Register on July 23, 2003. Any discrepancies between this public notice and the Federal Register will be resolved in favor of the Federal Register.

Trawl Rockfish Conservation Area (RCA) ***Boundary Coordinates***

Coordinates for the 75 fm depth contour off Washington, used as an eastern boundary for the trawl RCA, are corrected in **bold text** as

follows:

- (1) 48°16.08' N. lat., 125°34.90' W. long.;
- (2) 48°14.50' N. lat., 125°29.50' W. long.;
- (3) 48°12.08' N. lat., 125°28.00' W. long.;
- (4) 48°09.00' N. lat., 125°28.00' W. long.;
- (5) 48°07.80' N. lat., 125°31.70' W. long.;
- (6) 48°04.28' N. lat., 125°29.00' W. long.;
- (7) 48°02.50' N. lat., 125°25.70' W. long.;
- (8) 48°10.00' N. lat., 125°20.19' W. long.;
- (9) 48°21.70' N. lat., 125°17.56' W. long.;
- (10) 48°23.12' N. lat., 125°10.25' W. long.;
- (11) 48°21.99' N. lat., 125°02.59' W. long.;
- (12) 48°23.05' N. lat., 124°48.80' W. long.;
- (13) 48°17.10' N. lat., 124°54.82' W. long.;
- (14) 48°05.10' N. lat., 124°59.40' W. long.;
- (15) 48°04.50' N. lat., 125°02.00' W. long.;
- (16) 48°04.70' N. lat., 125°04.08' W. long.;
- (17) 48°05.20' N. lat., 125°04.90' W. long.;
- (18) 48°06.80' N. lat., 125°06.15' W. long.;
- (19) 48°05.91' N. lat., 125°08.30' W. long.; ◀**
- (20) 48°07.00' N. lat., 125°09.80' W. long.; ◀**
- (21) 48°06.93' N. lat., 125°11.48' W. long.; ◀**
- (22) 48°04.98' N. lat., 125°10.02' W. long.; ◀**
- (23) 47°54.00' N. lat., 125°04.98' W. long.;
- (24) 47°44.52' N. lat., 125°00.00' W. long.;
- (25) 47°42.00' N. lat., 124°58.98' W. long.;
- (26) 47°35.52' N. lat., 124°55.50' W. long.;
- (27) 47°22.02' N. lat., 124°44.40' W. long.;
- (28) 47°16.98' N. lat., 124°45.48' W. long.;

(29) 47°10.98' N. lat., 124°48.48' W. long.;
(30) 47°04.98' N. lat., 124°49.02' W. long.;
(31) 46°57.98' N. lat., 124°46.50' W. long.;
(32) 46°54.00' N. lat., 124°45.00' W. long.;
(33) 46°48.48' N. lat., 124°44.52' W. long.;
(34) 46°40.02' N. lat., 124°36.00' W. long.;
(35) 46°34.09' N. lat., 124°27.03' W. long.;
(36) 46°24.64' N. lat., 124°30.33' W. long.;
(37) 46°19.98' N. lat., 124°36.00' W. long.;
(38) 46°18.14' N. lat., 124°34.26' W. long.;
(39) 46°18.72' N. lat., 124°22.68' W. long.;
(40) 46°14.64' N. lat., 124°22.54' W. long.;
(41) 46°11.08' N. lat., 124°30.74' W. long.;
(42) 46°04.28' N. lat., 124°31.49' W. long.;
(43) 45°55.97' N. lat., 124°19.95' W. long.;
(44) 45°44.97' N. lat., 124°15.96' W. long.;
(45) 45°43.14' N. lat., 124°21.86' W. long.;
(46) 45°34.44' N. lat., 124°14.44' W. long.;
(47) 45°15.49' N. lat., 124°11.49' W. long.;
(48) 44°57.31' N. lat., 124°15.03' W. long.;
(49) 44°43.90' N. lat., 124°28.88' W. long.;
(50) 44°28.64' N. lat., 124°35.67' W. long.;
(51) 44°25.31' N. lat., 124°43.08' W. long.;
(52) 44°17.15' N. lat., 124°47.98' W. long.;
(53) 44°13.67' N. lat., 124°54.41' W. long.;
(54) 43°56.85' N. lat., 124°55.32' W. long.;
(55) 43°57.50' N. lat., 124°41.23' W. long.;
(56) 44°01.79' N. lat., 124°38.00' W. long.;
(57) 44°02.16' N. lat., 124°32.62' W. long.;
(58) 43°58.15' N. lat., 124°30.39' W. long.;
(59) 43°53.25' N. lat., 124°31.39' W. long.;
(60) 43°35.56' N. lat., 124°28.17' W. long.;
(61) 43°21.84' N. lat., 124°36.07' W. long.;
(62) 43°19.73' N. lat., 124°34.86' W. long.;
(63) 43°09.38' N. lat., 124°39.30' W. long.;
(64) 43°07.11' N. lat., 124°37.66' W. long.;
(65) 42°56.27' N. lat., 124°43.29' W. long.;
(66) 42°45.00' N. lat., 124°41.50' W. long.;
(67) 42°39.72' N. lat., 124°39.11' W. long.;
(68) 42°32.88' N. lat., 124°40.13' W. long.;
(69) 42°32.30' N. lat., 124°39.04' W. long.;
(70) 42°26.96' N. lat., 124°44.31' W. long.;
(71) 42°24.11' N. lat., 124°42.16' W. long.;
(72) 42°21.10' N. lat., 124°35.46' W. long.;
(73) 42°14.72' N. lat., 124°32.30' W. long.;
(74) 42°09.24' N. lat., 124°32.04' W. long.;
(75) 42°01.89' N. lat., 124°32.70' W. long.;
(76) 42°00.03' N. lat., 124°32.02' W. long.;

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(78) 41°46.18' N. lat., 124°26.60' W. long.;
(79) 41°29.22' N. lat., 124°28.04' W. long.;
(80) 41°09.62' N. lat., 124°19.75' W. long.;
(81) 40°50.71' N. lat., 124°23.80' W. long.;
(82) 40°43.35' N. lat., 124°29.30' W. long.;
(83) 40°40.24' N. lat., 124°29.86' W. long.;
(84) 40°37.50' N. lat., 124°28.68' W. long.;
(85) 40°34.42' N. lat., 124°29.65' W. long.;
(86) 40°34.74' N. lat., 124°34.61' W. long.;
(87) 40°31.70' N. lat., 124°37.13' W. long.;
(88) 40°25.03' N. lat., 124°34.77' W. long.;
(89) 40°23.58' N. lat., 124°31.49' W. long.;
(90) 40°23.64' N. lat., 124°28.35' W. long.;
(91) 40°22.53' N. lat., 124°24.76' W. long.;
(92) 40°21.46' N. lat., 124°24.86' W. long.;
(93) 40°21.74' N. lat., 124°27.63' W. long.;
(94) 40°19.76' N. lat., 124°28.15' W. long.;
(95) 40°18.00' N. lat., 124°25.38' W. long.;
(96) 40°18.54' N. lat., 124°22.94' W. long.;
(97) 40°15.55' N. lat., 124°25.75' W. long.;
(98) 40°16.06' N. lat., 124°30.48' W. long.;
(99) 40°15.75' N. lat., 124°31.69' W. long.; and
(100) 40°10.00' N. lat., 124°21.28' W. long.

Limited Entry and Open Access Fixed Gear-Retention of California Scorpionfish

South of 40°10' N. lat., references to an area between Point Fermin and Newport South Jetty (also known as Huntington Flats) open during July and August to limited entry fixed gear and open access groundfish fisheries are corrected to allow California scorpionfish retention. The limited entry fixed gear and open access trip limit tables, Table 4 (South)- footnote 9 and Table 5 (South)- footnote 8 , are corrected to read as follows: “During July-August, between a line drawn due south from Point Fermin (33° 42' 30" N. lat.; 118° 17' 30" W. long.) and a line drawn due west from the Newport South Jetty (33° 35' 37" N. lat.; 117° 52' 50" W. long.,) vessels fishing for all federal groundfish species, except lingcod and all rockfish other than California scorpionfish, with hook&line and/or trap (or pot) gear may operate from shore to a seaward boundary line which approximates 50 fm.”

Open Access Exempted Prawn Trawl

Regulatory language affecting exempted prawn trawl in the open access fishery is clarified to only allow fishing inside and retention of groundfish caught in the trawl Rockfish Conservation Area (RCA) north of 40°10' N. lat.

For more information contact: NMFS Northwest Region at 206-526-6140 or visit our website at <http://www.nwr.noaa.gov/1sustfsh/gdfsh01.htm>; NMFS Southwest Region at 562-980-4000; Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife at 360-249-4628; Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife at 541-867-4741; or the California Department of Fish and Game at 707-441-5797 (Eureka), 510-581-7358 (Belmont), 562-342-7184 (Los Alamitos), 858-546-7167 (La Jolla).

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