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**PACIFIC COAST GROUND FISH FISHERY  
Changes to Commercial Trip Limits and Area Closures**

**Corrections effective October 24, 2003, trawl RCA changes and  
trip limit changes effective November 1, 2003**

The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) announces: changes to commercial trip limits for the limited entry and open access fleets; implementation of a modified trawl Rockfish Conservation Area (RCA), an area closed to most fishing with trawl gear, and; corrections to the limited entry trawl trip limit tables. A full set of current trip limit tables are included at the end of this public notice. All changes will be effective November 1, 2003, except for the corrections, which will be effective on October 24, 2003. Trip limit and RCA boundary changes that are effective November 1, 2003, for the trawl "A" platoon are effective November 16, 2003, for the "B" platoon.

At their September 8-12, 2003 meeting in Seattle, Washington, the Pacific Fishery Management Council (Pacific Council) made several trip limit recommendations, including both increases and decreases from previously scheduled trip limits. Trip limit adjustments include changes to the:

- limited entry fixed gear and open access sablefish limits north of 36° N. lat.; and
- limited entry fixed gear and open access minor deeper nearshore rockfish limits south of 40°10' N. lat.  
(Recommendation not implemented by NMFS)
- limited entry trawl Dover sole, thornyhead, and sablefish (DTS) limits

coastwide;

- limits for limited entry midwater trawl widow rockfish coastwide and yellowtail rockfish north of 40°10' N. lat.;

During November and December, the western trawl RCA is modified to accommodate petrale sole fishing grounds. Coordinates approximating the 200-fm western trawl RCA, as modified to accommodate petrale sole fishing grounds, are announced later in this public notice under the section titled "Trawl RCA Boundary."

**Limited Entry Fixed Gear and Open Access  
Trip Limits**

➤ **Sablefish**

Landed catch in the daily trip limit (DTL) fishery for sablefish north of 36° N. lat. is lower than expected. Because sablefish catch in the DTL fishery is lower than expected for the year and because the impact of this fishery on shortspine thornyhead is likely minimal, the limited entry fixed gear and open access DTL sablefish fishery north of 36° N. lat. will be

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<http://www.nwr.noaa.gov/1sustfsh/gdfsh01.htm>

increased during November and December to 300 lb per day or one landing per week of up to 900 lb, not to exceed 3,600 lb per 2 months.

► **Minor Deeper Nearshore Rockfish**

Although the Pacific Council recommended increasing limited entry fixed gear and open access minor deeper nearshore rockfish trip limits south of 40°10' N. lat., NMFS did not implement that recommendation. New information, released after the Council's September meeting and reviewed by the Groundfish Management Team at their October 14-16 meeting in Seattle, showed landings of nearshore rockfish have exceeded the harvest guideline. Currently, the new information is being reviewed. In the interim, the limited entry fixed gear and open access minor deeper nearshore rockfish limit south of 40°10' N. lat. will not be increased, but will remain as previously scheduled for the remainder of the year, unless later modified. The cumulative limit for September through October will remain at 300 lb per 2 months, while the cumulative limit for November through December will remain at 200 lb per 2 months.

**Limited Entry Trawl Gear Trip Limits**

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► **DTS Complex**

The Pacific Council recommended trip limit adjustments for the DTS fishery during November and December to provide some fishing opportunity, while keeping the harvest of DTS species within their respective OYs for 2003. Since the four species in the DTS complex (Dover sole, shortspine thornyhead, longspine thornyhead, and sablefish) are caught together, trip limits for all DTS complex species are being reduced during November and December to slow the catch of shortspine thornyhead.

*DTS Trip Limits North of 40°10' N. Latitude*

For November and December, the limited entry trawl **Dover sole** limit is 30,000 lb per 2 months, providing that only large footrope or midwater trawl gear is used to land any

groundfish species during the entire limit period. The limited entry small footrope trawl Dover sole limit, (i.e., if small footrope gear is used at any time in any area (north or south, seaward or shoreward of the RCA) during the entire limit period) is 11,000 lb per 2 months.

For November and December, the limited entry trawl **shortspine thornyhead** limit is 900 lb per 2 months, providing that only large footrope or midwater trawl gear is used to land any groundfish species during the entire limit period. The limited entry small footrope trawl shortspine thornyhead limit, (i.e., if small footrope gear is used at any time in any area (north or south, seaward or shoreward of the RCA) during the entire limit period) is 300 lb per 2 months.

For November and December, the limited entry trawl **longspine thornyhead** limit is 4,500 lb per 2 months, providing that only large footrope or midwater trawl gear is used to land any groundfish species during the entire limit period. The limited entry small footrope trawl longspine thornyhead limit, (i.e., if small footrope gear is used at any time in any area (north of south, seaward or shoreward of the RCA) during the entire limit period) is 2,000 lb per 2 months.

For November and December, the limited entry trawl **sablefish** limit is 7,000 lb per 2 months, providing that only large footrope or midwater trawl gear is used to land any groundfish species during the entire limit period. The limited entry small footrope trawl sablefish limit, (i.e., if small footrope gear is used at any time in any area (north or south, seaward or shoreward of the RCA) during the entire limit period) is 2,300 lb per 2 months.

*DTS Trip Limits South of 40°10' N. Latitude*

For November and December, the limited entry trawl **Dover sole** limit is 30,000 lb per 2 months; the limited entry trawl **shortspine thornyhead** limit is 900 lb per 2 months; the limited entry trawl **longspine thornyhead** limit

is 4,500 lb per 2 months; and the limited entry trawl **sablefish** limit is 7,000 lb per 2 months.

► ***Widow and Yellowtail Rockfish***

Retention of widow rockfish coastwide and yellowtail rockfish north of 40°10' N. lat. in the limited entry midwater trawl fisheries is prohibited during November and December to reduce the potential for incidental catch of canary rockfish.

► ***Widow Rockfish and Whiting Corrections***

The limited entry midwater trawl fishery for widow rockfish during the primary season north of 40°10' N. lat., Table 3 (North), is corrected, effective October 24, 2003, to allow retention of widow rockfish through October up to the limits previously specified in the table for May through August. This allowance for widow rockfish retention during the primary whiting season was intended to be for May through October, the same time frame as the yellowtail rockfish allowance during the primary whiting season. Table 3 (North) for the limited entry midwater trawl fishery for widow rockfish north of 40°10' N. lat. May through October is corrected to read, "During primary whiting season, in trips of at least 10,000 lb of whiting: combined widow and yellowtail limit of 500 lb/ trip, cumulative widow limit of 1,500 lb/ month."

Similarly, the primary season for whiting is corrected coastwide (Table 3 (North) and Table 3 (South)), effective October 24, 2003, to reflect that it may extend from May through October, the same time frame as the yellowtail rockfish allowance during the primary whiting season. The primary whiting season begins on different dates for different sectors of the fishery, but generally extends from approximately April through quota attainment. Currently the mothership and catcher/processor sectors remain open with quota available, although the catcher/processor sector will likely be closed within a week. Therefore, to more accurately reflect the open season for the primary whiting fishery, Table 3 (North) and Table 3 (South) for whiting during May through October is

corrected to read, "Primary Season (only mid-water trawl permitted within the RCA)."

**Trawl RCA Boundary**

During the winter months, the western trawl RCA boundary is modified to incorporate petrale sole fishing grounds. Thus for November and December, the boundaries for the trawl RCA will be as follows:

- between the U.S. border with Canada and 40°10' N. lat., the trawl RCA will extend between specific latitude and longitude coordinates approximating the 50 fm and modified 200 fm depth contours;
- between 40°10' N. lat. and 34°27' N. lat., the trawl RCA will extend between specific latitude and longitude coordinates approximating the 60 fm and modified 200 fm depth contours; and
- between 34°27' N. lat. and the U.S. border with Mexico, the trawl RCA will extend between specific latitude and longitude coordinates approximating the 100 fm and modified 200 fm depth contours along the mainland coast and between the shoreline and specific latitude and longitude coordinates approximating the modified 200 fm depth contour around islands.

Coordinates for and maps of the current trawl RCAs are available on the NMFS Northwest Region website at <http://www.nwr.noaa.gov/1sustfish/groundfish/gConservAreas/>

Coordinates approximating the 200-fm western trawl RCA, as modified to accommodate petrale sole fishing grounds during November and December, are as follows:



- (1) 48°14.75' N. lat., 125°41.73' W. long.;
- (2) 48°12.85' N. lat., 125°38.06' W. long.;
- (3) 48°11.52' N. lat., 125°39.45' W. long.;
- (4) 48°10.14' N. lat., 125°42.81' W. long.;
- (5) 48°08.96' N. lat., 125°42.08' W. long.;
- (6) 48°08.33' N. lat., 125°44.91' W. long.;
- (7) 48°07.19' N. lat., 125°45.87' W. long.;
- (8) 48°05.66' N. lat., 125°44.79' W. long.;
- (9) 48°05.91' N. lat., 125°42.16' W. long.;

- (10) 48°04.11' N. lat., 125°40.17' W. long.;
- (11) 48°04.07' N. lat., 125°36.96' W. long.;
- (12) 48°03.05' N. lat., 125°36.38' W. long.;
- (13) 48°01.98' N. lat., 125°37.41' W. long.;
- (14) 48°01.46' N. lat., 125°39.61' W. long.;
- (15) 47°57.00' N. lat., 125°37.00' W. long.;
- (16) 47°55.50' N. lat., 125°28.50' W. long.;
- (17) 47°57.88' N. lat., 125°25.61' W. long.;
- (18) 48°01.63' N. lat., 125°23.75' W. long.;
- (19) 48°02.21' N. lat., 125°22.43' W. long.;
- (20) 48°03.60' N. lat., 125°21.84' W. long.;
- (21) 48°03.98' N. lat., 125°20.65' W. long.;
- (22) 48°03.26' N. lat., 125°19.76' W. long.;
- (23) 48°01.49' N. lat., 125°18.80' W. long.;
- (24) 48°01.03' N. lat., 125°20.12' W. long.;
- (25) 48°00.04' N. lat., 125°20.26' W. long.;
- (26) 47°58.10' N. lat., 125°18.91' W. long.;
- (27) 47°58.17' N. lat., 125°17.50' W. long.;
- (28) 47°52.28' N. lat., 125°16.06' W. long.;
- (29) 47°51.92' N. lat., 125°13.89' W. long.;
- (30) 47°49.20' N. lat., 125°10.67' W. long.;
- (31) 47°48.69' N. lat., 125°06.50' W. long.;
- (32) 47°46.54' N. lat., 125°07.68' W. long.;
- (33) 47°47.24' N. lat., 125°05.38' W. long.;
- (34) 47°45.95' N. lat., 125°04.61' W. long.;
- (35) 47°44.58' N. lat., 125°07.12' W. long.;
- (36) 47°42.24' N. lat., 125°05.15' W. long.;
- (37) 47°38.54' N. lat., 125°06.76' W. long.;
- (38) 47°34.86' N. lat., 125°04.67' W. long.;
- (39) 47°30.75' N. lat., 124°57.52' W. long.;
- (40) 47°28.51' N. lat., 124°56.69' W. long.;
- (41) 47°29.15' N. lat., 124°54.10' W. long.;
- (42) 47°28.43' N. lat., 124°51.58' W. long.;
- (43) 47°24.13' N. lat., 124°47.51' W. long.;
- (44) 47°18.31' N. lat., 124°46.17' W. long.;
- (45) 47°19.57' N. lat., 124°51.01' W. long.;
- (46) 47°18.12' N. lat., 124°53.66' W. long.;
- (47) 47°17.59' N. lat., 124°52.94' W. long.;
- (48) 47°17.71' N. lat., 124°51.63' W. long.;
- (49) 47°16.90' N. lat., 124°51.23' W. long.;
- (50) 47°16.10' N. lat., 124°53.67' W. long.;
- (51) 47°14.24' N. lat., 124°53.02' W. long.;
- (52) 47°12.16' N. lat., 124°56.77' W. long.;
- (53) 47°13.35' N. lat., 124°58.70' W. long.;
- (54) 47°09.53' N. lat., 124°58.32' W. long.;
- (55) 47°09.54' N. lat., 124°59.50' W. long.;
- (56) 47°05.87' N. lat., 124°59.29' W. long.;
- (57) 47°3.65' N. lat., 124°56.26' W. long.;
- (58) 47°00.91' N. lat., 124°59.73' W. long.;
- (59) 46°58.74' N. lat., 124°59.40' W. long.;
- (60) 46°58.55' N. lat., 125°00.70' W. long.;
- (61) 46°55.57' N. lat., 125°01.61' W. long.;
- (62) 46°55.77' N. lat., 124°55.04' W. long.;
- (63) 46°53.16' N. lat., 124°53.69' W. long.;
- (64) 46°52.39' N. lat., 124°55.24' W. long.;
- (65) 46°44.88' N. lat., 124°51.97' W. long.;
- (66) 46°33.28' N. lat., 124°36.96' W. long.;
- (67) 46°33.20' N. lat., 124°30.64' W. long.;
- (68) 46°27.85' N. lat., 124°31.95' W. long.;
- (69) 46°18.16' N. lat., 124°39.39' W. long.;
- (70) 46°16.48' N. lat., 124°27.41' W. long.;
- (71) 46°16.73' N. lat., 124°23.20' W. long.;
- (72) 46°14.13' N. lat., 124°26.26' W. long.;
- (73) 46°12.81' N. lat., 124°33.73' W. long.;
- (74) 46°12.86' N. lat., 124°38.65' W. long.;
- (75) 46°10.81' N. lat., 124°39.54' W. long.;
- (76) 46°09.78' N. lat., 124°41.27' W. long.;
- (77) 46°06.44' N. lat., 124°41.08' W. long.;
- (78) 46°03.79' N. lat., 124°47.94' W. long.;
- (79) 46°02.31' N. lat., 124°48.59' W. long.;
- (80) 45°59.01' N. lat., 124°44.40' W. long.;
- (81) 45°46.91' N. lat., 124°43.57' W. long.;
- (82) 45°44.05' N. lat., 124°45.85' W. long.;
- (83) 45°39.96' N. lat., 124°40.10' W. long.;
- (84) 45°38.27' N. lat., 124°40.47' W. long.;
- (85) 45°34.80' N. lat., 124°32.25' W. long.;
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(219) 34°19.08' N. lat., 120°31.21' W. long.;  
(220) 34°17.72' N. lat., 120°19.26' W. long.;  
(221) 34°22.45' N. lat., 120°12.81' W. long.;  
(222) 34°21.36' N. lat., 119°54.88' W. long.;  
(223) 34°09.95' N. lat., 119°46.18' W. long.;  
(224) 34°09.08' N. lat., 119°57.53' W. long.;  
(225) 34°07.53' N. lat., 120°06.35' W. long.;  
(226) 34°10.54' N. lat., 120°19.07' W. long.;  
(227) 34°14.68' N. lat., 120°29.48' W. long.;  
(228) 34°09.51' N. lat., 120°38.32' W. long.;

(229) 34°03.06' N. lat., 120°35.54' W. long.;  
(230) 33°56.39' N. lat., 120°28.47' W. long.;  
(231) 33°50.25' N. lat., 120°09.43' W. long.;  
(232) 33°37.96' N. lat., 120°00.08' W. long.;  
(233) 33°34.52' N. lat., 119°51.84' W. long.;  
(234) 33°35.51' N. lat., 119°48.49' W. long.;  
(235) 33°42.76' N. lat., 119°47.77' W. long.;  
(236) 33°53.62' N. lat., 119°53.28' W. long.;  
(237) 33°57.61' N. lat., 119°31.26' W. long.;  
(238) 33°56.34' N. lat., 119°26.4' W. long.;  
(239) 33°57.79' N. lat., 119°26.85' W. long.;  
(240) 33°58.88' N. lat., 119°20.06' W. long.;  
(241) 34°02.65' N. lat., 119°15.11' W. long.;  
(242) 33°59.02' N. lat., 119°02.99' W. long.;  
(243) 33°57.61' N. lat., 118°42.07' W. long.;  
(244) 33°50.76' N. lat., 118°37.98' W. long.;  
(245) 33°38.41' N. lat., 118°17.03' W. long.;  
(246) 33°37.14' N. lat., 118°18.39' W. long.;  
(247) 33°35.51' N. lat., 118°18.03' W. long.;  
(248) 33°30.68' N. lat., 118°10.35' W. long.;  
(249) 33°32.49' N. lat., 117°51.85' W. long.;  
(250) 32°58.87' N. lat., 117°20.36' W. long.;  
and  
(251) 32°35.53' N. lat., 117°29.67' W. long.

 Trip limit tables, effective October 24, 2003, are included at the end of this public notice. 

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**Table 3 (North). 2003 Trip Limits and Gear Requirements<sup>1/</sup> for Limited Entry Trawl Gear North of 40°10' N. Latitude<sup>2/</sup>**

**Other Limits and Requirements Apply -- Read Sections IV. A. and B. NMFS Actions before using this table**

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	JUL-AUG	SEP-OCT	NOV-DEC
<b>Rockfish Conservation Area<sup>10/</sup> (RCA):</b> North of 40°10' N. lat.	75 fm - 200 fm	50 fm - 200 fm	50 fm - 200 fm (line modified to incorporate petrale sole fishing grounds)
Small footrope or midwater trawl gear is required shoreward of the RCA; all trawl gear (large footrope, midwater trawl, and small footrope gear) is permitted seaward of the RCA.			
A vessel may have more than one type of limited entry bottom trawl gear on board, but the most restrictive trip limit associated with the gear on board applies for that trip and will count toward the cumulative trip limit for that gear. A vessel may not have limited entry bottom trawl gear on board if that vessel also has trawl gear on board that is permitted for use within a RCA, including limited entry midwater trawl gear, regardless of whether the vessel is intending to fish within a RCA on that fishing trip. <b>See IV.A.(14)(iv) for details.</b>			
<b>1 Minor slope rockfish<sup>3/</sup></b>	1,800 lb/ 2 months		
<b>2 Pacific ocean perch</b>	3,000 lb/ 2 months		
<b>3 DTS complex</b>			
<b>4 Sablefish</b>	9,000 lb/ 2 months, providing that only large footrope or midwater trawl gear is used to land any groundfish species during the entire limit period. If small footrope gear is used at any time in any area (North or South, shoreward or seaward of RCA) during the entire limit period, then the sablefish limit is 3,000 lb/2 months.	7,000 lb/ 2 months, providing that only large footrope or midwater trawl gear is used to land any groundfish species during the entire limit period. If small footrope gear is used at any time in any area (North or South, shoreward or seaward of RCA) during the entire limit period, then the sablefish limit is 2,300 lb/2 months	
<b>5 Longspine thornyhead</b>	11,500 lb/ 2 months, providing that only large footrope or midwater trawl gear is used to land any groundfish species during the entire limit period. If small footrope gear is used at any time in any area (North or South, shoreward or seaward of RCA) during the entire limit period, then the longspine thornyhead limit is 5,000 lb/ 2 months.	4,500 lb/ 2 months, providing that only large footrope or midwater trawl gear is used to land any groundfish species during the entire limit period. If small footrope gear is used at any time in any area (North or South, shoreward or seaward of RCA) during the entire limit period, then the longspine thornyhead limit is 2,000 lb/ 2 months	
<b>6 Shortspine thornyhead</b>	2,400 lb/ 2 months, providing that only large footrope or midwater trawl gear is used to land any groundfish species during the entire limit period. If small footrope gear is used at any time in any area (North or South, shoreward or seaward of RCA) during the entire limit period, then the shortspine thornyheads limit is 1,000 lb/2 months.	900 lb/2 months, providing that only large footrope or midwater trawl gear is used to land any groundfish species during the entire limit period. If small footrope gear is used at any time in any area (North or South, shoreward or seaward of RCA) during the entire limit period, then the shortspine thornyheads limit is 300 lb/2 months	

Table 3 (North). Continued

7	Dover sole	34,000 lb/ 2 months, providing that only large footrope or midwater trawl gear is used to land any groundfish species during the entire limit period. If small footrope gear is used at any time in any area (North or South, shoreward or seaward of RCA) during the entire limit period, then the Dover sole limit is 12,500 lb/ 2 months.	30,000 lb/ 2 months, providing that only large footrope or midwater trawl gear is used to land any groundfish species during the entire limit period. If small footrope gear is used at any time in any area (North or South, shoreward or seaward of RCA) during the entire limit period, then the Dover sole limit is 11,000 lb/ 2 months
8	<b>Flatfish</b>		
9	All other flatfish <sup>4/</sup>	All other flatfish plus petrale & rex sole: 100,000 lb/ 2 months, no more than 30,000 lb/ 2 months of which may be petrale sole providing that only large footrope or midwater trawl gear is used to land any groundfish species during the entire limit period. If small footrope gear is used at any time in any area (North or South, inshore or offshore of RCA) during the entire limit period, then 20,000 lb/ 2 months, no more than 10,000 lb/ 2 months of which may be petrale sole.	100,000 lb/ 2 months
10	Petrale sole		Not limited
11	Rex sole	Included in all other flatfish	
12	Arrowtooth flounder	200,000 lb/ 2 months providing that only large footrope or midwater trawl gear is used to land any groundfish species during the entire limit period. If small footrope gear is used at any time in any area (North or South, inshore or offshore of RCA) during the entire limit period, then 5,000 lb/2 months.	
13	<b>Whiting<sup>5/</sup></b>	Primary Season (only mid-water trawl permitted in the RCA)	10,000 lb/ trip
14	<b>Other Fish<sup>9/</sup></b>	Not limited	
15	<b>Use of small footrope bottom trawl<sup>7/</sup> or mid-water trawl is required for landing all of the following species:</b>		
16	<b>Minor shelf rockfish and widow rockfish<sup>3/</sup></b>	1,000 lb/ month, no more than 200 lb/ month of which may be yelloweye rockfish	300 lb/ month
17	<b>Widow rockfish</b>		
18	mid-water trawl - permitted within the RCA	During primary whiting season, in trips of at least 10,000 lb of whiting: combined widow and yellowtail limit of 500 lb/ trip, cumulative widow limit of 1,500 lb/ month	CLOSED <sup>6/</sup>
19	<b>Canary rockfish</b>	300 lb/ month	100 lb/ month



Table 3 (North). Continued

20	<b>Yellowtail</b>		
21	mid-water trawl - permitted within the RCA	During primary whiting season, in trips of at least 10,000 lb of whiting: combined widow and yellowtail limit of 500 lb/ trip, cumulative yellowtail limit of 2,000 lb/ month	CLOSED <sup>6/</sup>
22	small footrope trawl <sup>7/</sup>	In landings without flatfish, 1,000 lb/ month. As flatfish bycatch, per trip limit is the sum of 33% (by weight) of all flatfish except arrowtooth flounder, plus 10% (by weight) of arrowtooth flounder. Total yellowtail landings not to exceed 10,000 lb/ 2 months, no more than 1,000 lb of which may be landed without flatfish.	
23	<b>Minor nearshore rockfish</b>	300 lb/ month	
24	<b>Lingcod<sup>8/</sup></b>	1,000 lb/ 2 months	800 lb/ 2 months

1/ Gear requirements and prohibitions are explained above. See IV. A.(14).

2/ "North" means 40°10' N. lat. to the U.S.-Canada border. 40°10' N. lat. is about 20 nm south of Cape Mendocino, CA

3/ Bocaccio and chilipepper are included in the trip limits for minor shelf rockfish and splitnose rockfish is included in the trip limits for minor slope rockfish.

4/ "Other" flatfish means all flatfish at 50 CFR 660.302 except those in this Table 3 with species specific management measures, including trip limits.

5/ The whiting "per trip" limit in the Eureka area shoreward of 100 fm is 10,000 lb/ trip throughout the year. Outside Eureka area, the 20,000 lb/ trip limit applies. See IV. B.(3).

6/ Closed means that it is prohibited to take and retain, possess, or land the designated species in the time or area indicated. See IV. A.(7).

7/ Small footrope trawl means a bottom trawl net with a footrope no larger than 8 inches (20 cm) in diameter.

8/ The minimum size limit for lingcod is 24 inches (61 cm) total length.

9/ Other fish are defined at 50 CFR 660.302, as those groundfish species or species groups for which there is no trip limit, size limit, quota, or harvest guideline.

10/ The "Rockfish Conservation Area" is a gear and/or sector specific closed area generally described by depth contours but specifically defined by lat/long coordinates set out at IV. A.(19)(e), that may vary seasonally.

**To convert pounds to kilograms, divide by 2.20462, the number of pounds in one kilogram.**

**Table 3 (South). 2003 Trip Limits and Gear Requirements<sup>1/</sup> for Limited Entry Trawl Gear South of 40°10' N. Latitude<sup>2/</sup>**

**Other Limits and Requirements Apply -- Read Sections IV. A. and B. NMFS Actions before using this table**

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	JUL-AUG	SEP-OCT	NOV-DEC
<b>Rockfish Conservation Area<sup>10/</sup> (RCA):</b>			
40°10' - 38° N. lat.	60 fm - 200 fm	60 fm - 200 fm	60 fm - 200 fm (line modified to incorporate petrale sole fishing grounds)
38° - 34°27' N. lat.	60 fm - 200 fm	60 fm - 200 fm	60 fm - 200 fm (line modified to incorporate petrale sole fishing grounds)
South of 34°27' N. lat.	100 fm - 200 fm along the mainland coast; shoreline - 200 fm around islands	100 fm - 200 fm along the mainland coast; shoreline - 200 fm around islands	100 fm - 200 fm along the mainland coast; shoreline - 200 fm around islands (line modified to incorporate petrale sole fishing grounds)

Small footrope or midwater trawl gear is required shoreward of the RCA; all trawl gear (large footrope, midwater trawl, and small footrope gear) is permitted seaward of the RCA.

A vessel may have more than one type of limited entry bottom trawl gear on board, but the most restrictive trip limit associated with the gear on board applies for that trip and will count toward the cumulative trip limit for that gear. A vessel may not have limited entry bottom trawl gear on board if that vessel also has trawl gear on board that is permitted for use within a RCA, including limited entry midwater trawl gear, regardless of whether the vessel is intending to fish within a RCA on that fishing trip. **See IV.A.(14)(iv) for details.**

<b>1 Minor slope rockfish<sup>3/</sup></b>		
2 40°10' - 38° N. lat.	1,800 lb/ 2 months	
3 South of 38° N. lat.	30,000 lb/ 2 months	
<b>4 Splitnose</b>		
5 40°10' - 38° N. lat.	1,800 lb/ 2 months	
6 South of 38° N. lat.	30,000 lb/ 2 months	
<b>7 DTS complex</b>		
8 Sablefish	9,000 lb/ 2 months	7,000 lb/ 2 months
9 Longspine thornyhead	11,500 lb/ 2 months	4,500 lb/ 2 months
10 Shortspine thornyhead	2,400 lb/ 2 months	900 lb/ 2 months
11 Dover sole	34,000 lb/ 2 months	30,000 lb/ 2 months
<b>12 Flatfish</b>		
13 All other flatfish <sup>4/</sup>	All other flatfish plus petrale & rex sole: 70,000 lb/ 2 months, no more than 20,000 lb/ 2 months of which may be petrale sole	70,000 lb/ 2 months
14 Petrale sole		No limit
15 Rex sole	Included in all other flatfish	
16 Arrowtooth flounder	1,000 lb/ 2 months	No limit
17 Whiting <sup>5/</sup>	Primary Season (only mid-water trawl permitted within the RCA)	10,000 lb/ trip
18 Other Fish <sup>9/</sup>	Not limited	

Table 3 (South). Continued

19	<b>Use of small footrope bottom trawl<sup>7/</sup> or mid-water trawl is required for landing all of the following species:</b>		
20	<b>Minor shelf rockfish, widow, and chilipepper rockfish<sup>3/</sup></b>	300 lb/ month	
21	<b>Widow rockfish</b>		
22	mid-water trawl - permitted within the RCA	CLOSED <sup>6/</sup>	
23	<b>Canary rockfish</b>	300 lb/ month	100 lb/ month
24	<b>Bocaccio</b>	CLOSED <sup>6/</sup>	
25	<b>Cowcod</b>	CLOSED <sup>6/</sup>	
26	<b>Minor nearshore rockfish</b>	300 lb/ month	
27	<b>Lingcod<sup>8/</sup></b>	1,000 lb/ 2 months	800 lb/ 2 months

1/ Gear requirements and prohibitions are explained above. See IV. A.(14).

2/ "South" means 40°10' N. lat. to the U.S.-Mexico border. 40°10' N. lat. is about 20 nm south of Cape Mendocino, CA

3/ Yellowtail is included in the trip limits for minor shelf rockfish and POP is included in the trip limits for minor slope rockfish.

4/ "Other" flatfish means all flatfish at 50 CFR 660.302 except those in this Table 3 with species specific management measures, including trip limits.

5/ The whiting "per trip" limit in the Eureka area shoreward of 100 fm is 10,000 lb/ trip throughout the year. Outside Eureka area, the 20,000 lb/ trip limit applies. See IV. B.(3).

6/ Closed means that it is prohibited to take and retain, possess, or land the designated species in the time or area indicated. See IV. A.(7).

7/ Small footrope trawl means a bottom trawl net with a footrope no larger than 8 inches (20 cm) in diameter.

8/ The minimum size limit for lingcod is 24 inches (61 cm) total length.

9/ Other fish are defined at 50 CFR 660.302, as those groundfish species or species groups for which there is no trip limit, size limit, quota, or harvest guideline.

10/ The "Rockfish Conservation Area" is a gear and/or sector specific closed area generally described by depth contours but specifically defined by lat./long. coordinates set out at IV. A.(19)(e), that may vary seasonally.

**To convert pounds to kilograms, divide by 2.20462, the number of pounds in one kilogram.**

**Table 4 (North). 2003 Trip Limits for Limited Entry Fixed Gear North of 40°10' N. Latitude<sup>1/</sup>**

**Other Limits and Requirements Apply -- Read Sections IV. A. and B. NMFS Actions before using this table**

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	JUL-AUG	SEP-OCT	NOV-DEC
<b>Rockfish Conservation Area<sup>8/</sup> (RCA):</b>			
North of 46°16' N. lat.	shoreline - 100 fm		
46°16' N. lat. - 40°10' N. lat.	27 fm - 100 fm		
<b>1 Minor slope rockfish<sup>4/</sup></b>	No more than 25% of the weight of sablefish landed/ trip		1,800 lb/ 2 months
<b>2 Pacific ocean perch</b>	1,800 lb/ 2 months		
<b>3 Sablefish</b>	300 lb/ day, or 1 landing per week of up to 800 lb, not to exceed 3,200 lb/ 2 months		300 lb/ day, or 1 landing per week of up to 900 lb, not to exceed 3,600 lb/ 2 months
<b>4 Longspine thornyhead</b>	9,000 lb/ 2 months		
<b>5 Shortspine thornyhead</b>	2,000 lb/ 2 months		
<b>6 Dover sole</b>	5,000 lb/ month		
<b>7 Arrowtooth flounder</b>			
<b>8 Petrale sole</b>			
<b>9 Rex sole</b>			
<b>10 All other flatfish<sup>2/</sup></b>			
<b>11 Whiting<sup>3/</sup></b>	10,000 lb/ trip		
<b>12 Minor shelf rockfish, widow, and yellowtail rockfish<sup>4/</sup></b>	200 lb/ month		
<b>13 Canary rockfish</b>	CLOSED <sup>5/</sup>		
<b>14 Yelloweye rockfish</b>	CLOSED <sup>5/</sup>		
<b>15 Cowcod</b>	CLOSED <sup>5/</sup>		
<b>16 Minor nearshore rockfish</b>	4,000 lb/ 2 months, no more than 1,200 lb of which may be species other than black or blue rockfish <sup>6/</sup>		
<b>17 Lingcod<sup>7/</sup></b>	400 lb/ month		CLOSED <sup>5/</sup>
<b>18 Other fish<sup>9/</sup></b>	Not limited		

*Table 4 (North). Continued*

1/ "North" means 40°10' N. lat. to the U.S.-Canada border. 40°10' N. lat. is about 20 nm south of Cape Mendocino, CA.

2/ "Other flatfish" means all flatfish at 50 CFR 660.302 except those in this Table 4 with species specific management measures, including trip limits.

3/ The whiting "per trip" limit in the Eureka area shoreward of 100 fm is 10,000 lb/ trip throughout the year. Outside Eureka area, the 20,000 lb/ trip limit applies. See IV. B.(3).

4/ Bocaccio and chilipepper are included in the trip limits for minor shelf rockfish and splitnose rockfish is included in the trip limits for minor slope rockfish.

5/ Closed means that it is prohibited to take and retain, possess, or land the designated species in the time or area indicated. See IV. A.(7).

6/ For black rockfish north of Cape Alava (48°09'30" N. lat.), and between Destruction Island (47°40'00" N. lat.) and Leadbetter Point (46°38'10" N. lat.), there is an additional limit of 100 lb or 30 percent by weight of all fish on board, whichever is greater, per vessel, per fishing trip.

7/ The minimum size limit for lingcod is 24 inches (61 cm) total length.

8/ The "Rockfish Conservation Area" is a gear and/or sector specific closed area generally described by depth contours but specifically defined by lat./long. coordinates set out at IV. A.(19)(e), that may vary seasonally.

9/ Other fish are defined at 50 CFR 660.302, as those groundfish species or species groups for which there is no trip limit, size limit, quota, or harvest guideline.

**To convert pounds to kilograms, divide by 2.20462, the number of pounds in one kilogram.**

**Table 4 (South). 2003 Trip Limits for Limited Entry Fixed Gear South of 40°10' N. Latitude<sup>1/</sup>**

**Other Limits and Requirements Apply -- Read Sections IV. A. and B.  
NMFS Actions before using this table**

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		JUL-AUG	SEP-OCT	NOV-DEC
<b>Rockfish Conservation Area<sup>7/</sup> (RCA):</b>				
40°10' - 34°27' N. lat.		20 fm - 150 fm		
South of 34°27' N. lat.		20 fm - 150 fm (also applies around islands) (See footnote 8 for description of Pt. Fermin/Newport South Jetty open area)	30 fm - 150 fm (also applies around islands)	
<b>1</b>	<b>Minor slope rockfish<sup>4/</sup></b>			
<b>2</b>	40°10' - 38° N. lat.	No more than 25% of weight of sablefish landed/ trip		1,800 lb/ 2 months
<b>3</b>	South of 38° N. lat.	30,000 lb/ 2 months		
<b>4</b>	<b>Splitnose</b>			
<b>5</b>	40°10' - 38° N. lat.	1,800 lb/ 2 months		
<b>6</b>	South of 38° N. lat.	20,000 lb/ 2 months		
<b>7</b>	<b>Sablefish</b>			
<b>8</b>	40°10' - 36° N. lat.	300 lb/ day, or 1 landing per week of up to 800 lb, not to exceed 3,200 lb/ 2 months	300 lb/ day, or 1 landing per week of up to 900 lb, not to exceed 3,600 lb/ 2 months	
<b>9</b>	South of 36° N. lat.	350 lb/ day, or 1 landing per week of up to 1,050 lb		
<b>10</b>	<b>Longspine thornyhead</b>	9,000 lb/ 2 months		
<b>11</b>	<b>Shortspine thornyhead</b>	2,000 lb/ 2 months		
<b>12</b>	<b>Dover sole</b>	5,000 lb/ month		
<b>13</b>	<b>Arrowtooth flounder</b>	When fishing for Pacific sanddabs, vessels using hook-and-line gear with no more than 12 hooks per line, using hooks no larger than "Number 2" hooks, which measure 11 mm (0.44 inches) point to shank, and up to 1 lb (0.45 kg) of weight per line are not subject to the RCAs.		
<b>14</b>	<b>Petrале sole</b>			
<b>15</b>	<b>Rex sole</b>			
<b>16</b>	<b>All other flatfish<sup>2/</sup></b>			
<b>17</b>	<b>Whiting<sup>3/</sup></b>	10,000 lb/ trip		
<b>18</b>	<b>Minor shelf rockfish, widow, and yellowtail rockfish<sup>4/</sup></b>	250 lb/ 2 months	200 lb/ 2 months	100 lb/ 2 months
<b>19</b>	<b>Canary rockfish</b>	CLOSED <sup>5/</sup>		
<b>20</b>	<b>Yelloweye rockfish</b>	CLOSED <sup>5/</sup>		
<b>21</b>	<b>Cowcod</b>	CLOSED <sup>5/</sup>		
<b>22</b>	<b>Bocaccio</b>	CLOSED <sup>5/</sup>		

Table 4 (South). Continued

23	<b>Minor nearshore rockfish</b>			
24	Shallow nearshore	400 lb/ 2 months	300 lb/ 2 months	200 lb/ 2 months
25	Deeper nearshore	500 lb/ 2 months	300 lb/ 2 months	200 lb/ 2 months
26	California scorpionfish	800 lb/ 2 months	CLOSED <sup>5/</sup>	
27	<b>Lingcod</b> <sup>6/</sup>	400 lb/ month, when nearshore open		CLOSED <sup>5/</sup>
28	<b>Other fish</b> <sup>8/</sup>	Not limited		

1/ "South" means 40°10' N. lat. to the U.S.-Mexico border. 40°10' N. lat. is about 20 nm south of Cape Mendocino, CA.

2/ "Other flatfish" means all flatfish at 50 CFR 660.302 except those in this Table 4 with species specific management measures, including trip limits.

3/ The whiting "per trip" limit in the Eureka area shoreward of 100 fm is 10,000 lb/ trip throughout the year. Outside Eureka area, the 20,000 lb/ trip limit applies. See IV. B.(3).

4/ Chilipepper rockfish is included in the trip limits for minor shelf rockfish and POP is included in the trip limits for minor slope rockfish.

5/ Closed means that it is prohibited to take and retain, possess, or land the designated species in the time or area indicated. See IV. A.(7).

6/ The minimum size limit for lingcod is 24 inches (61 cm) total length.

7/ The "Rockfish Conservation Area" is a gear and/or sector specific closed area generally described by depth contours but specifically defined by lat/long coordinates set out at IV. A.(19)(e) that may vary seasonally.

8/ Other fish are defined at 50 CFR 660.302, as those groundfish species or species groups for which there is no trip limit, size limit, quota, or harvest guideline.

9/ 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.

**To convert pounds to kilograms, divide by 2.20462, the number of pounds in one kilogram.**

**Table 5 (North). 2003 Trip Limits for Open Access Gears North of 40°10' N.**

Latitude<sup>1/</sup>

**Other Limits and Requirements Apply -- Read Sections IV. A. and C.**

**NMFS Actions before using this table**

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		JUL-AUG	SEP-OCT	NOV-DEC
<b>Rockfish Conservation Area<sup>8/</sup> (RCA):</b>				
North of 46°16' N. lat.		0 fm - 100 fm		
46°16' N. lat. - 40°10' N. lat.		27 fm - 100 fm		
1	<b>Minor slope rockfish<sup>2/</sup></b>	Per trip, no more than 25% of weight of the sablefish landed		
2	<b>Pacific ocean perch</b>	100 lb/ month		
3	<b>Sablefish</b>	300 lb/ day, or 1 landing per week of up to 800 lb, not to exceed 3,200 lb/ 2 months	300 lb/ day, or 1 landing per week of up to 900 lb, not to exceed 3,600 lb/ 2 months	
4	<b>Thornyheads</b>	CLOSED <sup>5/</sup>		
5	<b>Dover sole</b>	3,000 lb/month, no more than 300 lb of which may be species other than Pacific sanddabs.		
6	<b>Arrowtooth flounder</b>			
7	<b>Petrале sole</b>			
8	<b>Rex sole</b>			
9	<b>All other flatfish<sup>3/</sup></b>			
10	<b>Whiting</b>	300 lb/ month		
11	<b>Minor shelf rockfish, widow and yellowtail rockfish<sup>2/</sup></b>	200 lb/ month		
12	<b>Canary rockfish</b>	CLOSED <sup>5/</sup>		
13	<b>Yelloweye rockfish</b>	CLOSED <sup>5/</sup>		
14	<b>Cowcod</b>	CLOSED <sup>5/</sup>		
15	<b>Minor nearshore rockfish</b>	4,000 lb/ 2 months, no more than 1,200 lb of which may be species other than black or blue rockfish <sup>4/</sup>		
16	<b>Lingcod<sup>6/</sup></b>	300 lb/ month	CLOSED <sup>5/</sup>	
17	<b>Other Fish<sup>7/</sup></b>	Not limited		
18	<b>PINK SHRIMP EXEMPTED TRAWL</b> (not subject to RCAs)			
19	North	<p><b>Effective April 1 - October 31, 2003:</b> groundfish 500 lb/day, multiplied by the number of days of the trip, not to exceed 1,500 lb/trip. The following sublimits also apply and are counted toward the overall 500 lb/day and 1,500 lb/trip groundfish limits: lingcod 300 lb/month (minimum 24 inch size limit); sablefish 2,000 lb/month; canary, thornyheads and yelloweye rockfish are PROHIBITED. All other groundfish species taken are managed under the overall 500 lb/day and 1,500 lb/trip groundfish limits. Landings of these species count toward the per day and per trip groundfish limits and do not have species-specific limits. The amount of groundfish landed may not exceed the amount of pink shrimp landed.</p>		



Table 5 (North). Continued

<b>20 PRAWN EXEMPTED TRAWL</b> (not subject to RCAs)	
21	North Groundfish 300 lb/trip. Limits and closures in this table also apply and are counted toward the 300 lb groundfish per trip limit. The amount of groundfish landed may not exceed the amount of the target species landed, except that the amount of spiny dogfish landed may exceed the amount of target species landed. Spiny dogfish are limited by the 300 lb/trip overall groundfish limit. The daily trip limits for sablefish coastwide and the overall groundfish "per trip" limit may not be multiplied by the number of days of the trip.
<b>22 SALMON TROLL</b>	
23	North Salmon trollers may retain and land up to 1lb of yellowtail rockfish for every 2 lbs of salmon landed, with a cumulative limit of 200 lb/month, both within and outside of the RCA. This limit is within the 200 lb per month combined limit for minor shelf rockfish, widow rockfish and yellowtail rockfish, and not in addition to that limit. All groundfish species are subject to the open access limits, seasons and RCA restrictions listed in the table above.

1/ "North" means 40°10' N. lat. to the U.S.-Canada border. 40°10' N. lat. is about 20 nm south of Cape Mendocino, CA.

2/ Bocaccio and chilipepper rockfishes are included in the trip limits for minor shelf rockfish and splitnose rockfish is included in the trip limits for minor slope rockfish.

3/ "Other flatfish" means all flatfish at 50 CFR 660.302 except those in this Table 5 with species specific management measures, including trip limits.

4/ For black rockfish north of Cape Alava (48°09'30" N. lat.), and between Destruction Island (47°40' N. lat.) and Leadbetter Point (46°38'10" N. lat.), there is an additional limit of 100 lbs or 30 percent by weight of all fish on board, whichever is greater, per vessel, per fishing trip.

5/ Closed means that it is prohibited to take and retain, possess, or land the designated species in the time or area indicated. See IV. A.(7).

6/ The size limit for lingcod is 24 inches (61 cm) total length.

7/ Other fish are defined at 50 CFR 660.302, as those groundfish species or species groups for which there is no trip limit, size limit, quota, or harvest guideline.

8/ The "Rockfish Conservation Area" is a gear and/or sector specific closed area generally described by depth contours, but specifically defined by lat./long. coordinates set out at IV. A.(19)(e), that may vary seasonally.

**To convert pounds to kilograms, divide by 2.20462, the number of pounds in one kilogram.**

**Table 5 (South). 2003 Trip Limits for Open Access Gears South of 40°10' N.**

**Latitude<sup>1/</sup>**

**Other Limits and Requirements Apply -- Read Sections IV. A. and C. NMFS**

**Actions before using this table**

10/2003

		JUL-AUG	SEP-OCT	NOV-DEC
<b>Rockfish Conservation Area<sup>7/</sup> (RCA):</b>				
40°10' - 34°27' N. lat.		20 fm - 150 fm		
South of 34°27' N. lat.		20 fm - 150 fm (also applies around islands) (See footnote 8 for description of Pt. Fermin/Newport South Jetty open area)	30 fm - 150 fm (also applies around islands)	
<b>1</b>	<b>Minor slope rockfish<sup>2/</sup></b>			
<b>2</b>	40°10' - 38° N. lat.	Per trip, no more than 25% of weight of the sablefish landed		
<b>3</b>	South of 38° N. lat.	10,000 lb/ 2 months		
<b>4</b>	<b>Splitnose</b>	200 lb/ month		
<b>5</b>	<b>Sablefish</b>			
<b>6</b>	40°10' - 36° N. lat.	300 lb/ day, or 1 landing per week of up to 800 lb, not to exceed 3,200 lb/ 2 months	300 lb/ day, or 1 landing per week of up to 900 lb, not to exceed 3,600 lb/ 2 months	
<b>7</b>	South of 36° N. lat.	350 lb/ day, or 1 landing per week of up to 1,050 lb		
<b>8</b>	<b>Thornyheads</b>			
<b>9</b>	40°10' - 34°27' N. lat.	CLOSED <sup>5/</sup>		
<b>10</b>	South of 34°27' N. lat.	50 lb/ day, no more than 2,000 lb/ 2 months		
<b>11</b>	<b>Dover sole</b>	3,000 lb/month, no more than 300 lb of which may be species other than Pacific sanddabs. When fishing for Pacific sanddabs, vessels using hook-and-line gear with no more than 12 hooks per line, using hooks no larger than "Number 2" hooks, which measure 11 mm (0.44 inches) point to shank, and up to 1 lb of weight per line are not subject to the RCAs.		
<b>12</b>	<b>Arrowtooth flounder</b>			
<b>13</b>	<b>Petrable sole</b>			
<b>14</b>	<b>Rex sole</b>			
<b>15</b>	<b>All other flatfish<sup>3/</sup></b>			
<b>16</b>	<b>Whiting</b>	300 lb/ month		
<b>17</b>	<b>Minor shelf rockfish, widow and chilipepper rockfish<sup>2/</sup></b>	250 lb/ 2 months	200 lb/ 2 months	100 lb/ 2 months
<b>18</b>	<b>Canary rockfish</b>	CLOSED <sup>5/</sup>		
<b>19</b>	<b>Yelloweye rockfish</b>	CLOSED <sup>5/</sup>		
<b>20</b>	<b>Cowcod</b>	CLOSED <sup>5/</sup>		
<b>21</b>	<b>Bocaccio</b>	CLOSED <sup>5/</sup>		
<b>22</b>	<b>Minor nearshore rockfish</b>			
<b>23</b>	Shallow nearshore	400 lb/ 2 months	300 lb/ 2 months	200 lb/ 2 months
<b>24</b>	Deeper nearshore	500 lb/ 2 months	300 lb/ 2 months	200 lb/ 2 months
<b>25</b>	California scorpionfish	800 lb/ 2 months	CLOSED <sup>5/</sup>	
<b>26</b>	<b>Lingcod<sup>4/</sup></b>	300 lb/ month, when nearshore open		CLOSED <sup>5/</sup>
<b>27</b>	<b>Other Fish<sup>6/</sup></b>	Not limited		

Table 5 (South). Continued

<b>28 PINK SHRIMP EXEMPTED TRAWL GEAR</b> (not subject to RCAs)	
29	South
<p><b>Effective April 1 - October 31, 2003:</b> Groundfish 500 lb/day, multiplied by the number of days of the trip, not to exceed 1,500 lb/trip. The following sublimits also apply and are counted toward the overall 500 lb/day and 1,500 lb/trip groundfish limits: lingcod 300 lb/month (minimum 24 inch size limit); sablefish 2,000 lb/month; canary, thornyheads and yelloweye rockfish are PROHIBITED. All other groundfish species taken are managed under the overall 500 lb/day and 1,500 lb/trip groundfish limits. Landings of these species count toward the per day and per trip groundfish limits and do not have species-specific limits. The amount of groundfish landed may not exceed the amount of pink shrimp landed.</p>	
<b>30 PRAWN AND, SOUTH OF 38°57'30" N. LAT., CALIFORNIA HALIBUT AND SEA CUCUMBER EXEMPTED TRAWL</b>	
31	<b>EXEMPTED TRAWL Rockfish Conservation Area<sup>7/</sup> (RCA):</b>
32	40°10' - 38° N. lat. 60 fm - 200 fm
33	38° - 34°27' N. lat. 60 fm - 200 fm
34	South of 34°27' N. lat. 100 fm - 200 fm along the mainland coast; shoreline - 200 fm around islands
35	<p>Groundfish 300 lb/trip. Trip limits in this table also apply and are counted toward the 300 lb groundfish per trip limit. The amount of groundfish landed may not exceed the amount of the target species landed, except that the amount of spiny dogfish landed may exceed the amount of target species landed. Spiny dogfish are limited by the 300 lb/trip overall groundfish limit. The daily trip limits for sablefish coastwide and thornyheads south of Pt. Conception and the overall groundfish "per trip" limit may not be multiplied by the number of days of the trip. Vessels participating in the California halibut fishery south of 38°57'30" N. lat. are allowed to (1) land up to 100 lb/day of groundfish without the ratio requirement, provided that at least one California halibut is landed and (2) land up to 3,000 lb/month of flatfish, no more than 300 lb of which may be species other than Pacific sanddabs, sand sole, starry flounder, rock sole, curlfin sole, or California scorpionfish (California scorpionfish is also subject to the trip limits and closures in line 25).</p>

1/ "South" means 40°10' N. lat. to the U.S.-Mexico border. 40°10' N. lat. is about 20 nm south of Cape Mendocino, CA.

2/ Yellowtail rockfish is included in the trip limits for minor shelf rockfish and POP is included in the trip limits for minor slope rockfish.

3/ "Other flatfish" means all flatfish at 50 CFR 660.302 except those in this Table 5 with species specific management measures, including trip limits.

4/ The size limit for lingcod is 24 inches (61 cm) total length.

5/ Closed means that it is prohibited to take and retain, possess, or land the designated species in the time or area indicated. See IV. A.(7).

6/ Other fish are defined at 50 CFR 660.302, as those groundfish species or species groups for which there is no trip limit, size limit, quota, or harvest guideline.

7/ The "Rockfish Conservation Area" is a gear and/or sector specific closed area generally described by depth contours, but specifically defined by lat./long. coordinates set out at IV. A.(19)(e), that may vary seasonally.

8/ 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.

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