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PACIFIC COAST GROUND FISH FISHERY Changes to commercial and recreational management measures

The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) announces changes to commercial and recreational management measures for the Pacific Coast groundfish fishery off Washington, Oregon, and California, **effective at 0001 hours (local time) April 1, 2005.**

These management measures were recommended by the Pacific Fishery Management Council (Pacific Council) at their March 6-11, 2005 meeting in Sacramento, California.

Commercial Fishery

For complete regulations governing the commercial groundfish fishery, please see Title 50 CFR Part 660, Subpart G. Current trip limit tables, Tables 3-5 (North and South), are included at the end of this public notice.

Limited Entry Fixed Gear

For more detailed regulations applying to the limited entry fixed gear fishery, see § 660.382 of the Pacific Coast groundfish regulations. The limited entry fixed gear trip limit tables are listed below, Table 4 (North) and Table 4 (South).

Limited Entry Fixed Gear Primary Sablefish Fishery

For more detailed regulations applying to the limited entry fixed gear primary sablefish fishery, see § 660.372 of the Pacific Coast groundfish regulations.

At the Pacific Council's March meeting, NMFS released an updated analysis of the 2005 limited entry fixed gear fishery for sablefish. NMFS conducted this analysis using the same modeling approach as used for the 2004 fishery, but updated the analysis with more recent observer data. NMFS had conducted preliminary analysis of tier limits in the primary fishery and bycatch associated with all limited entry fixed gear sablefish fishing in advance of the 2005 fishing season. Since that 2004 analysis, an additional year of observer and

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fishticket data has been incorporated into the model. Sablefish discard, as a percentage of estimated total catch compared to prior years' estimates, increased for pot gear and decreased for line gear with the inclusion of observer and fishticket data from the 2004 fishery. The differences in the sablefish discard ratios between longline and pot gear largely offset each other, resulting in a minor change in the available tier cumulative limits. For further information on the bycatch model, the West Coast Observer Program, and bycatch mitigation in the groundfish fisheries, see the preamble to the proposed rule for the 2005-2006 fishery specifications and management measures (69 FR 56550, September 21, 2004).

The Pacific Council recommended and NMFS implemented a reduction in the limited entry fixed gear sablefish fishery Tier 1 cumulative limit from 64,100 lb to 64,000 lb to keep the harvest of sablefish within harvest targets for this fishery.

Therefore, for 2005, the following limits, in round weight, are in effect: **Tier 1 at 64,000 lb, Tier 2 at 29,100 lb, and Tier 3 at 16,600 lb.**

Limited Entry Trawl Gear

For more detailed regulations applying to the limited entry trawl fishery, see § 660.381 of the Pacific Coast groundfish regulations. The limited entry trawl trip limit tables below, Table 3 (North) and Table 3 (South), describe limits for four different types of limited entry trawl gear (large footrope gear, small footrope gear, selective flatfish trawl gear and midwater gear).

Requirements for More Than One Type of Trawl Gear Onboard

Federal regulations at 50 CFR 660.381(c)(4) address the question of which trawl trip limits apply to vessels that are carrying more than one type of trawl gear on board. Table 3 of part

660, subpart G provides trawl trip limits that vary by trawl gear type -- large and small footrope gear, versus selective flatfish gear. North of 40°10' N. lat., only selective flatfish trawl gear is permitted shoreward of the trawl RCA. Because the trip limits differ for the different gear types, NMFS must provide regulations on which trip limits apply to a vessel that uses more than one type of trawl gear during a cumulative limit period, or that carries more than one type of trawl gear on board during a fishing trip. The regulations NMFS implemented on January 1, 2005 (69 FR 77012) for more than one type of trawl gear on board have proven to be confusing for the public; thus, the agency worked with the Pacific Council at its March 2005 meeting on clarifying regulatory language for trawl fishery participants.

The original intent of the regulation is as follows: (1) If a vessel only has selective flatfish gear on board during a cumulative limit period, the vessel can only access selective flatfish limits during the entire cumulative limit period, (2) If a vessel has only has large or small footrope gear on board during a cumulative limit period, the vessel can only access large or small footrope limits during the entire cumulative limit period, and (3) If a vessel has both selective flatfish and large or small footrope gear on board during a cumulative limit period (either simultaneously or successively), the vessel can only access the lower limits during the entire cumulative limit period.

Thus, NMFS implemented the following language to clarify the original intent of the requirement: "North of 40°10' N. lat., a vessel may have more than one type of limited entry trawl gear on board, either simultaneously or successively, during a cumulative limit period. If a vessel fishes exclusively with selective flatfish trawl gear during an entire cumulative limit period, then the vessel is subject to the selective flatfish trawl gear cumulative limits during that limit period, regardless of whether

the vessel is fishing shoreward or seaward of the RCA. If a vessel fishes exclusively with large or small footrope trawl gear during an entire cumulative limit period, the vessel is subject to the small or large footrope trawl gear cumulative limits and that vessel must fish seaward of the RCA during that limit period. If more than one type of bottom trawl gear (selective flatfish, large footrope, or small footrope) is on board, either simultaneously or successively, at any time during a cumulative limit period, then the most restrictive cumulative limit associated with the bottom trawl gears on board during that cumulative limit period applies for the entire cumulative limit period, regardless of whether the vessel is fishing shoreward or seaward of the RCA. Midwater trawl gear is allowed only for vessels participating in the primary whiting season. On non-whiting trips (defined as any fishing trip that takes, retains, possess, or lands less than 10,000 lb (4,536 kg) of whiting), vessels with both large footrope and midwater trawl gear on board during a trip are subject to the large footrope limits while fishing with large footrope gear seaward of the RCA.”

In addition, NMFS implemented a change to the limited entry trawl trip limit table North of 40°10' N. lat. (Table 3 (North)) to add a “multiple bottom trawl gear” category which specifies the trip limits that apply when a vessel has multiple bottom gears onboard, either simultaneously or successively, during a cumulative limit period.

Commercial Trip Limit Tables

Current Federal regulations at §§ 660.381 through 660.384, state that state regulations can be more restrictive than Federal regulations. In order to emphasize this to the regulated public, a row is being added to the trip limit tables stating that state trip limits may be more restrictive than

federal trip limits, particularly in waters off Oregon and California.

- For example, the State of California currently has commercial cumulative two-month state trip limits for cabezon and greenlings that are more restrictive than federal trip limits contained in Tables 4 and 5 of the Federal Regulations. Refer to Title 14, California Code of Regulations (CCR), Section 150.16 for current state trip limits for the cumulative trip limit periods. Commercial California state trip limit information is also available at <http://www.dfg.ca.gov/mrd/bfregs2005commercial.html>.
- The State of Oregon currently has commercial cumulative two-month state trip limits for black rockfish, blue rockfish, other nearshore rockfish, cabezon and greenling that are more restrictive than federal trip limits contained in Tables 4 and 5 of the Federal Regulations. Please contact the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, Marine Resources Program at 541-867-4741 for current information on these commercial state trip limits.

Language is being added in a row near the beginning of the trip limit tables to clarify that §§ 660.390 through 660.394 in the Federal regulations refer to conservation areas, not just § 660.390.

For the limited entry fixed gear and open access trip limits tables south of 40°10' N. lat. (Table 4 (South) and Table 5 (South)), language is being added to clarify that RCA boundaries apply around specific islands south of 34°27' N. lat., as already stated in the regulatory text in §§ 660.391 through 660.394.

Recreational Fishery

For complete regulations governing the recreational groundfish fishery, please see Title 50 CFR Part 660, Subpart G. For more detailed regulations applying to the recreational fishery, see § 660.384 of the Pacific Coast groundfish regulations. Federal recreational groundfish regulations are not intended to supersede any more restrictive state recreational groundfish regulations relating to federally-managed groundfish.

Oregon's Recreational Marine Fish Bag Limit

Following the adoption of the 2005-06 management measures, Oregon's Fish and Wildlife Commission adopted changes to their recreational fishery regulations that reduced the daily bag limit of marine fish (all marine fish species except Pacific halibut, lingcod, sanddab, surf perch, bait fish, offshore pelagic species, striped bass, hybrid bass, and salmonids) from 10 fish to 8 fish in aggregate. This change in state regulations was designed to keep catch within state harvest guidelines and does not affect the current Federal estimated impacts. Thus, to ensure consistency between Federal and state regulations, the Pacific Council recommended and NMFS implemented a reduction in the daily bag limit for the recreational fishery off Oregon for marine fish from 10 fish to 8 fish in aggregate.

California's Recreational RCG (Rockfish, Cabezon, Greenling) Complex Bag Limit

Following the adoption of the 2005-06 management measures, California's Fish and Game Commission adopted changes to their recreational fishery regulations, in October 2004, that reduced the cabezon sub-bag limit and the greenlings (all species of the genus *Hexagrammos* combined) sub-bag limit. The cabezon and greenling sub-bag limits are part of the "RCG complex" recreational fishery off California. These changes to state regulations were intended to help keep total fishing

mortality within their respective 2005 state harvest targets. Thus, to ensure consistency between federal and state regulations, the Pacific Council recommended and NMFS implemented a reduction in the cabezon sub-bag limit from 3 fish to 1 fish and the greenling (all species of the genus *Hexagrammos* combined) sub-bag limit from 2 fish to 1 fish in the recreational fishery off California.

Groundfish Retention in Washington and Oregon's Recreational Halibut Fishery

[Note: This action will be published in the final rule for the Area 2A Pacific halibut regulations and is scheduled to be effective May 1, 2005.]

After the Pacific Council's November 1-5, 2004 meeting, there was confusion over their recommendation to prohibit the retention of all groundfish, except sablefish when allowed by groundfish regulation, in the Columbia River fishery during all days and in the Central Coast fisheries during "all-depth" days.

Therefore, NMFS requested that the Pacific Council clarify this recommendation at their next meeting. At their March 2005 meeting, the Pacific Council recommended and NMFS is implementing: 1) a prohibition on the landing of all groundfish, except sablefish when allowed by groundfish regulation, in the Columbia River recreational halibut fishery when halibut are onboard the vessel and 2) a prohibition on the retention of all groundfish, except sablefish when allowed by groundfish regulation, in the Central Coast recreational halibut fisheries during "all depth" days when halibut are onboard the vessel.

Rockfish Conservation Area (RCA) Boundary Corrections

NMFS implemented minor corrections to some coordinates for the RCA boundaries approximating the 40 fm, 150 fm, and 200 fm depth contours. These corrections prevent RCA

boundaries from crossing each other and better align the boundaries to their respective depth contours.

In § 660.391, a coordinate in the 40 fm boundary at paragraph (k)(23), south of Pt. Fermin, CA, is revised from (23) 33°28.90' N. lat., 118°36.40' W. long. to read as follows:

(23) 33°28.90' N. lat., 118°36.43' W. long.

In § 660.393, coordinates for the 150 fm boundary at paragraphs (h)(234) through (258), off the California coast, are renumbered as paragraphs (235) through (259) and a new paragraph (h)(234) is added to read as follows:

(234) 36°01.00' N. lat., 121°36.95' W. long.;
(235) 36°00.00' N. lat., 121°35.15' W. long.;
(236) 35°57.74' N. lat., 121°33.45' W. long.;
(237) 35°51.32' N. lat., 121°30.08' W. long.;
(238) 35°45.84' N. lat., 121°28.84' W. long.;
(239) 35°38.94' N. lat., 121°23.16' W. long.;
(240) 35°26.00' N. lat., 121°08.00' W. long.;
(241) 35°07.42' N. lat., 120°57.08' W. long.;
(242) 34°42.76' N. lat., 120°55.09' W. long.;
(243) 34°37.75' N. lat., 120°51.96' W. long.;
(244) 34°29.29' N. lat., 120°44.19' W. long.;
(245) 34°27.00' N. lat., 120°40.42' W. long.;
(246) 34°21.89' N. lat., 120°31.36' W. long.;

(247) 34°20.79' N. lat., 120°21.58' W. long.;
(248) 34°23.97' N. lat., 120°15.25' W. long.;
(249) 34°22.11' N. lat., 119°56.63' W. long.;
(250) 34°19.00' N. lat., 119°48.00' W. long.;
(251) 34°15.00' N. lat., 119°48.00' W. long.;
(252) 34°08.00' N. lat., 119°37.00' W. long.;
(253) 34°08.39' N. lat., 119°54.78' W. long.;
(254) 34°07.10' N. lat., 120°10.37' W. long.;
(255) 34°10.08' N. lat., 120°22.98' W. long.;
(256) 34°13.16' N. lat., 120°29.40' W. long.;
(257) 34°09.41' N. lat., 120°37.75' W. long.;
(258) 34°03.15' N. lat., 120°34.71' W. long.;
(259) 33°57.09' N. lat., 120°27.76' W. long.;

In § 660.394, coordinates for the 200 fm boundary at paragraph (f)(73), off the Columbia River, and (f)(142), at Cape Mendocino, CA, are revised from (73) 46°18.16' N. lat., 124°39.39' W. long. and (142) 40°30.00' N. lat., 124°38.04' W. long. to read as follows:

(73) 46°17.73' N. lat., 124°39.58' W. long.
(142) 40°30.00' N. lat., 124°38.58' W. long.

📄 Trip limit tables, effective April 1, 2005, are included at the end of this public notice. 📄

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Any discrepancies between this public notice and the *Federal Register* will be resolved in favor of the *Federal Register*.

Table 3 (North) to Part 660, Subpart G -- 2005-2006 Trip Limits for Limited Entry Trawl Gear North of 40°10' N. Lat.

Other Limits and Requirements Apply -- Read § 660.301 - § 660.390 before using this table

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	JAN-FEB	MAR-APR	MAY-JUN	JUL-AUG	SEP-OCT	NOV-DEC
Rockfish Conservation Area (RCA) ^{6/}:						
North of 40°10' N. lat.	75 fm - modified 200 fm ^{7/}	100 fm - 200 fm			75 fm - modified 200 fm ^{7/}	
Selective flatfish trawl gear is required shoreward of the RCA; all trawl gear (large footrope, selective flatfish trawl, and small footrope trawl gear) is permitted seaward of the RCA. Midwater trawl gear is permitted only for vessels participating in the primary whiting season.						
See § 660.370 and § 660.381 for Additional Gear, Trip Limit, and Conservation Area Requirements and Restrictions.						
See §§ 660.390-660.394 for Conservation Area Descriptions and Coordinates (including RCAs, YRCA, CCAs, Farallon Islands, and Cordell Banks).						
State trip limits may be more restrictive than federal trip limits, particularly in waters off Oregon and California.						
1	Minor slope rockfish ^{2/} & Darkblotched rockfish		4,000 lb/ 2 months			
2	Pacific ocean perch		3,000 lb/ 2 months			
3	DTS complex					
4	Sablefish					
5	large & small footrope gear	9,500 lb/ 2 months	17,000 lb/ 2 months		8,000 lb/ 2 months	
6	selective flatfish trawl gear	1,500 lb/ 2 months	10,000 lb/ 2 months			1,500 lb/ 2 months
7	multiple bottom trawl gear ^{8/}	1,500 lb/ 2 months	9,500 lb/ 2 months	10,000 lb/ 2 months		1,500 lb/ 2 months
8	Longspine thornyhead					
9	large & small footrope gear	15,000 lb/ 2 months	23,000 lb/ 2 months		15,000 lb/ 2 months	
10	selective flatfish trawl gear	1,000 lb/ 2 months				
11	multiple bottom trawl gear ^{8/}	1,000 lb/ 2 months				
12	Shortspine thornyhead					
13	large & small footrope gear	3,500 lb/ 2 months	4,900 lb/ 2 months		3,500 lb/ 2 months	
14	selective flatfish trawl gear	1,000 lb/ 2 months	3,000 lb/ 2 months		1,000 lb/ 2 months	
15	multiple bottom trawl gear ^{8/}	1,000 lb/ 2 months	3,000 lb/ 2 months		1,000 lb/ 2 months	
16	Dover sole					
17	large & small footrope gear	69,000 lb/ 2 months	30,000 lb/ 2 months		69,000 lb/ 2 months	
18	selective flatfish trawl gear	20,000 lb/ 2 months	35,000 lb/ 2 months	50,000 lb/ 2 months		20,000 lb/ 2 months
19	multiple bottom trawl gear ^{8/}	20,000 lb/ 2 months	35,000 lb/ 2 months	30,000 lb/ 2 months		20,000 lb/ 2 months

TABLE 3 (North)

Table 3 (North). Continued

20	Flatfish (except Dover sole)			
21	Other flatfish ^{3/} , English sole & Petrale sole			
22	large & small footrope gear for Other flatfish ^{3/} & English sole	110,000 lb/ 2 months	Other flatfish, English sole, & Petrale sole: 110,000 lb/ 2 months, no more than 42,000 lb/ 2 months of which may be petrale sole.	110,000 lb/ 2 months
23	large & small footrope gear for Petrale sole	Not limited		Not limited
24	selective flatfish trawl gear	100,000 lb/ 2 months, no more than 25,000 lb/ 2 months of which may be petrale sole.	100,000 lb/ 2 months, no more than 35,000 lb/ 2 months of which may be petrale sole.	100,000 lb/ 2 months, no more than 25,000 lb/ 2 months of which may be petrale sole.
25	multiple bottom trawl gear ^{8/}	100,000 lb/ 2 months, no more than 25,000 lb/ 2 months of which may be petrale sole.	100,000 lb/ 2 months, no more than 35,000 lb/ 2 months of which may be petrale sole.	100,000 lb/ 2 months, no more than 25,000 lb/ 2 months of which may be petrale sole.
26	Arrowtooth flounder			
27	large & small footrope gear	Not limited	150,000 lb/ 2 months	Not limited
28	selective flatfish trawl gear	70,000 lb/ 2 months		
29	multiple bottom trawl gear ^{8/}	70,000 lb/ 2 months		
30	Whiting	Before the primary whiting season: 20,000 lb/trip -- During the primary season: mid-water trawl permitted in the RCA. See §660.373 for season and trip limit details. -- After the primary whiting season: 10,000 lb/trip		
31	Minor shelf rockfish ^{1/}, Shortbelly, Widow & Yelloweye rockfish			
32	midwater trawl for Widow rockfish	Before the primary whiting season: CLOSED -- 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. Mid-water trawl permitted in the RCA. See §660.373 for primary whiting season and trip limit details. -- After the primary whiting season: CLOSED		
33	large & small footrope gear	300 lb/ 2 months		
34	selective flatfish trawl gear	300 lb/ month	1,000 lb/ month, no more than 200 lb/ month of which may be yelloweye rockfish	300 lb/ month
35	multiple bottom trawl gear ^{8/}	300 lb/ month	300 lb/ 2 months, no more than 200 lb/ month of which may be yelloweye rockfish	300 lb/ month

TABLE 3 (North) cont'

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36	Canary rockfish			
37	large & small footrope gear	CLOSED		
38	selective flatfish trawl gear	100 lb/ month	300 lb/ month	100 lb/ month
39	multiple bottom trawl gear ^{8/}	CLOSED		
40	Yellowtail			
41	midwater trawl	Before the primary whiting season: CLOSED -- 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. Mid-water trawl permitted in the RCA. See §660.373 for primary whiting season and trip limit details. -- After the primary whiting season: CLOSED		
42	large & small footrope gear	300 lb/ 2 months		
43	selective flatfish trawl gear	2,000 lb/ 2 months		
44	multiple bottom trawl gear ^{8/}	300 lb/ 2 months		
45	Minor nearshore rockfish & Black rockfish			
46	large & small footrope gear	CLOSED		
47	selective flatfish trawl gear	300 lb/ month		
48	multiple bottom trawl gear ^{8/}	CLOSED		
49	Lingcod ^{4/}			
50	large & small footrope gear	500 lb/ 2 months		
51	selective flatfish trawl gear	800 lb/ 2 months	1,000 lb/ 2 months	800 lb/ 2 months
52	multiple bottom trawl gear ^{8/}	500 lb/ 2 months		
53	Other Fish ^{5/} & Pacific cod	Not limited		

TABLE 3 (North) cont

- 1/ Bocaccio, chilipepper and cowcod are included in the trip limits for minor shelf rockfish.
- 2/ Splitnose rockfish is included in the trip limits for minor slope rockfish.
- 3/ "Other flatfish" are defined at § 660.302 and include butter sole, curlfin sole, flathead sole, Pacific sanddab, rex sole, rock sole, sand sole, and starry flounder.
- 4/ The minimum size limit for lingcod is 24 inches (61 cm) total length.
- 5/ "Other fish" are defined at § 660.302 and include sharks, skates, ratfish, morids, grenadiers, and kelp greenling. Cabezon is included in the trip limits for "other fish."
- 6/ 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 § 660.390.
- 7/ The "modified 200 fm" line is modified to exclude certain petrale sole areas from the RCA.
- 8/ If a vessel has both selective flatfish gear and large or small footrope gear on board during a cumulative limit period (either simultaneously or successively), the most restrictive cumulative limit for any gear on board during the cumulative limit period applies for the entire cumulative limit period.

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

Table 3 (South) to Part 660, Subpart G -- 2005-2006 Trip Limits for Limited Entry Trawl Gear South of 40°10' N. Lat.

Other Limits and Requirements Apply -- Read § 660.301 - § 660.390 before using this table

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	JAN-FEB	MAR-APR	MAY-JUN	JUL-AUG	SEP-OCT	NOV-DEC
Rockfish Conservation Area (RCA) ^{6/}:						
40°10' - 38° N. lat.	75 fm - modified 200 fm ^{7/}	100 fm - 200 fm			75 fm - modified 200 fm ^{7/}	
38° - 34°27' N. lat.	75 fm - 150 fm	100 fm - 150 fm			75 fm - 150 fm	
South of 34°27' N. lat.	75 fm - 150 fm along the mainland coast; shoreline - 150 fm around islands	100 fm - 150 fm along the mainland coast; shoreline - 150 fm around islands			75 fm - 150 fm along the mainland coast; shoreline - 150 fm around islands	
Small footrope gear is required shoreward of the RCA; all trawl gear (large footrope, midwater trawl, and small footrope gear) is permitted seaward of the RCA.						
See § 660.370 and § 660.381 for Additional Gear, Trip Limit, and Conservation Area Requirements and Restrictions. See §§ 660.390-660.394 for Conservation Area Descriptions and Coordinates (including RCAs, YRCA, CCAs, Farallon Islands, and Cordell Banks).						
State trip limits may be more restrictive than federal trip limits, particularly in waters off Oregon and California.						
1	Minor slope rockfish ^{2/} & Darkblotched rockfish					
2	40°10' - 38° N. lat.		4,000 lb/ 2 months			
3	South of 38° N. lat.		40,000 lb/ 2 months			
4	Splitnose					
5	40°10' - 38° N. lat.		4,000 lb/ 2 months			
6	South of 38° N. lat.		40,000 lb/ 2 months			
7	DTS complex					
8	Sablefish		14,000 lb/ 2 months			
9	Longspine thornyhead		19,000 lb / 2 months			
10	Shortspine thornyhead		4,200 lb/ 2 months			
11	Dover sole		50,000 lb/ 2 months			
12	Flatfish (except Dover sole)					
13	Other flatfish ^{3/} & English sole		110,000 lb/ 2 months	110,000 lb/ 2 months		
14	Petrale sole		No limit	Other flatfish, English sole & Petrale sole: 110,000 lb/ 2 months, no more than 42,000 lb/ 2 months of which may be petrale sole		
15	Arrowtooth flounder		No limit	10,000 lb/ 2 months		
16	Whiting		Before the primary whiting season: 20,000 lb/trip -- During the primary whiting season: mid-water trawl permitted in the RCA. See §660.373 for season and trip limit details. -- After the primary whiting season: 10,000 lb/trip			

TABLE 3 (South)

Table 3 (South). Continued

17	Minor shelf rockfish^{1/}, Chilipepper, Shortbelly, Widow, & Yelloweye rockfish			
18	large footrope or midwater trawl for Minor shelf rockfish & Shortbelly	300 lb/ month		
19	large footrope or midwater trawl for Chilipepper	2,000 lb/ 2 months	12,000 lb/ 2 months	8,000 lb/ 2 months
20	large footrope or midwater trawl for Widow & Yelloweye	CLOSED		
21	small footrope trawl	300 lb/ month		
22	Bocaccio			
23	large footrope or midwater trawl	300 lb/ 2 months		
24	small footrope trawl	CLOSED		
25	Canary rockfish			
26	large footrope or midwater trawl	CLOSED		
27	small footrope trawl	100 lb/ month	300 lb/ month	100 lb/ month
28	Cowcod	CLOSED		
29	Minor nearshore rockfish & Black rockfish			
30	large footrope or midwater trawl	CLOSED		
31	small footrope trawl	300 lb/ month		
32	Lingcod^{4/}			
33	large footrope or midwater trawl	500 lb/ 2 months		
34	small footrope trawl	800 lb/ 2 months	1,000 lb/ 2 months	800 lb/ 2 months
35	Other Fish^{5/} & Cabezon	Not limited		

TABLE 3 (South) cont'

1/ Yellowtail is included in the trip limits for minor shelf rockfish.
 2/ POP is included in the trip limits for minor slope rockfish
 3/ "Other flatfish" are defined at § 660.302 and include butter sole, curfin sole, flathead sole, Pacific sanddab, rex sole, rock sole, sand sole, and starry flounder.
 4/ The minimum size limit for lingcod is 24 inches (61 cm) total length.
 5/ Other fish are defined at § 660.302 and include sharks, skates, ratfish, morids, grenadiers, and kelp greenling. Pacific cod is included in the trip limits for "other fish."
 6/ 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 § 660.390.
 7/ The "modified 200 fm" line is modified to exclude certain petrale sole areas from the RCA.
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	JAN-FEB	MAR-APR	MAY-JUN	JUL-AUG	SEP-OCT	NOV-DEC
Rockfish Conservation Area (RCA) ^{6/}:						
North of 46°16' N. lat.	shoreline - 100 fm					
46°16' N. lat. - 40°10' N. lat.	30 fm - 100 fm					
See § 660.370 and § 660.382 for Additional Gear, Trip Limit, and Conservation Area Requirements and Restrictions. See §§ 660.390-660.394 for Conservation Area Descriptions and Coordinates (including RCAs, YRCA, CCAs, Farallon Islands, and Cordell Banks).						
State trip limits may be more restrictive than federal trip limits, particularly in waters off Oregon and California.						
1 Minor slope rockfish ^{2/} & Darkblotched rockfish	4,000 lb/ 2 months					
2 Pacific ocean perch	1,800 lb/ 2 months					
3 Sablefish	300 lb/ day, or 1 landing per week of up to 900 lb, not to exceed 3,600 lb/ 2 months					
4 Longspine thornyhead	10,000 lb/ 2 months					
5 Shortspine thornyhead	2,000 lb/ 2 months					
6 Dover sole	5,000 lb/ month					
7 Arrowtooth flounder	South of 42° N. lat., when fishing for "other flatfish," 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.					
8 Petrale sole						
9 English sole						
10 Other flatfish ^{1/}						
11 Whiting	10,000 lb/ trip					
12 Minor shelf rockfish ^{2/}, Shortbelly, Widow, & Yellowtail rockfish	200 lb/ month					
13 Canary rockfish	CLOSED					
14 Yelloweye rockfish	CLOSED					
15 Minor nearshore rockfish & Black rockfish	5,000 lb/ 2 months, no more than 1,200 lb of which may be species other than black or blue rockfish ^{3/}					
16 Lingcod ^{4/}	CLOSED		800 lb/ 2 months		CLOSED	
17 Other fish ^{5/} & Pacific cod	Not limited					

TABLE 4 (North)

1/ "Other flatfish" are defined at § 660.302 and include butter sole, curlfin sole, flathead sole, Pacific sanddab, rex sole, rock sole, sand sole, and starry flounder.
2/ Bocaccio, chilipepper and cowcod are included in the trip limits for minor shelf rockfish and splitnose rockfish is included in the trip limits for minor slope rockfish.
3/ For black rockfish north of Cape Alava (48°09.50' N. lat.), and between Destruction Is. (47°40' N. lat.) and Leadbetter Pnt. (46°38.17' 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.
4/ The minimum size limit for lingcod is 24 inches (61 cm) total length.
5/ "Other fish" are defined at § 660.302 and include sharks, skates, rattfish, morids, grenadiers, and kelp greenling.
 Cabezon is included in the trip limits for "other fish."
6/ 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 § 660.390.
To convert pounds to kilograms, divide by 2.20462, the number of pounds in one kilogram.

Table 4 (South) to Part 660, Subpart G -- 2005-2006 Trip Limits for Limited Entry Fixed Gear South of 40°10' N. Lat.

Other Limits and Requirements Apply -- Read § 660.301 - § 660.390 before using this table

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	JAN-FEB	MAR-APR	MAY-JUN	JUL-AUG	SEP-OCT	NOV-DEC
Rockfish Conservation Area (RCA)^{5/}:						
40°10' - 34°27' N. lat.	30 fm - 150 fm		20 fm - 150 fm		30 fm - 150 fm	
South of 34°27' N. lat.	60 fm - 150 fm (also applies around islands)					
See § 660.370 and § 660.382 for Additional Gear, Trip Limit, and Conservation Area Requirements and Restrictions. See §§ 660.390-660.394 for Conservation Area Descriptions and Coordinates (including RCAs, YRCA, CCAs, Farallon Islands, and Cordell Banks).						
State trip limits may be more restrictive than federal trip limits, particularly in waters off Oregon and California.						
1 Minor slope rockfish^{2/} & Darkblotched rockfish	40,000 lb/ 2 months					
2 Splitnose	40,000 lb/ 2 months					
3 Sablefish						
4 40°10' - 36° N. lat.	300 lb/ day, or 1 landing per week of up to 900 lb, not to exceed 3,600 lb/ 2 months					
5 South of 36° N. lat.	350 lb/ day, or 1 landing per week of up to 1,050 lb					
6 Longspine thornyhead	10,000 lb / 2 months					
7 Shortspine thornyhead	2,000 lb/ 2 months					
8 Dover sole	5,000 lb/ month					
9 Arrowtooth flounder	When fishing for "other flatfish," 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.					
10 Petrale sole						
11 English sole						
12 Other flatfish^{1/}						
13 Whiting	10,000 lb/ trip					
14 Minor shelf rockfish^{2/}, Shortbelly, & Widow rockfish						
15 40°10' - 34°27' N. lat.	300 lb/ 2 months	CLOSED	200 lb/ 2 months	300 lb/ 2 months		
16 South of 34°27' N. lat.	2,000 lb/ 2 months		2,000 lb/ 2 months			
17 Chilipepper rockfish	2,000 lb/ 2 months, this opportunity only available seaward of the nontrawl RCA					
18 Canary rockfish	CLOSED					
19 Yelloweye rockfish	CLOSED					
20 Cowcod	CLOSED					
21 Bocaccio						
22 40°10' - 34°27' N. lat.	200 lb/ 2 months	CLOSED	100 lb/ 2 months	300 lb/ 2 months		
23 South of 34°27' N. lat.	300 lb/ 2 months		300 lb/ 2 months			
24 Minor nearshore rockfish & Black rockfish						
25 Shallow nearshore	300 lb/ 2 months	CLOSED	500 lb/ 2 months	600 lb/ 2 months	500 lb/ 2 months	300 lb/ 2 months
26 Deeper nearshore						
27 40°10' - 34°27' N. lat.	500 lb/ 2 months	CLOSED	500 lb/ 2 months		400 lb/ 2 months	500 lb/ 2 months
28 South of 34°27' N. lat.			600 lb/ 2 months			400 lb/ 2 months
29 California scorpionfish	300 lb/ 2 months	CLOSED	300 lb/ 2 months	400 lb/ 2 months		300 lb/ 2 months
30 Lingcod^{3/}	CLOSED		800 lb/ 2 months			CLOSED
31 Other fish^{4/} & Cabezon	Not limited					

TABLE 4 (South)

1/ "Other flatfish" are defined at § 660.302 and include butter sole, curlfin sole, flathead sole, Pacific sanddab, rex sole, roc sand sole, and starry flounder.

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

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

4/ "Other fish" are defined at § 660.302 and include sharks, skates, ratfish, morids, grenadiers, and kelp greenling. Pacific cod is included in the trip limits for "other fish."

5/ 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 § 660.390.

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

Table 5 (North) to Part 660, Subpart G -- 2005-2006 Trip Limits for Open Access Gears North of 40°10' N. Lat.

Other Limits and Requirements Apply -- Read § 660.301 - § 660.390 before using this table

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		JAN-FEB	MAR-APR	MAY-JUN	JUL-AUG	SEP-OCT	NOV-DEC
Rockfish Conservation Area (RCA)^{6/}:							
North of 46°16' N. lat.		shoreline - 100 fm					
46°16' N. lat. - 40°10' N. lat.		30 fm - 100 fm					
<p>See § 660.370 and § 660.383 for Additional Gear, Trip Limit, and Conservation Area Requirements and Restrictions. See §§ 660.390-660.394 for Conservation Area Descriptions and Coordinates (including RCAs, YRCA, CCAs, Farallon Islands, and Cordell Banks).</p>							
State trip limits may be more restrictive than federal trip limits, particularly in waters off Oregon and California.							
1	Minor slope rockfish^{1/} & Darkblotched rockfish	Per trip, no more than 25% of weight of the sablefish landed					
2	Pacific ocean perch	100 lb/ month					
3	Sablefish	300 lb/ day, or 1 landing per week of up to 900 lb, not to exceed 3,600 lb/ 2 months					
4	Thornyheads	CLOSED					
5	Dover sole	3,000 lb/month, no more than 300 lb of which may be species other than Pacific sanddabs. South of 42° N. lat., when fishing for "other flatfish," 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.					
6	Arrowtooth flounder						
7	Petrals sole						
8	English sole						
9	Other flatfish^{2/}						
10	Whiting	300 lb/ month					
11	Minor shelf rockfish^{1/}, Shortbelly, Widow, & Yellowtail rockfish	200 lb/ month					
12	Canary rockfish	CLOSED					
13	Yelloweye rockfish	CLOSED					
14	Minor nearshore rockfish & Black rockfish	5,000 lb/ 2 months, no more than 1,200 lb of which may be species other than black or blue rockfish ^{3/}					
15	Lingcod^{4/}	CLOSED	300 lb/ month			CLOSED	
16	Other Fish^{5/} & Pacific cod	Not limited					
17	PINK SHRIMP NON-GROUNDFISH TRAWL (not subject to RCAs)						
18	North	<p>Effective April 1 - October 31: 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>					
19	SALMON TROLL						
20	North	<p>Salmon trollers may retain and land up to 1 lb 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.</p>					

TABLE 5 (North)

1/ Bocaccio, chilipepper and cowcod rockfishes are included in the trip limits for minor shelf rockfish.

Splitnose rockfish is included in the trip limits for minor slope rockfish.

2/ "Other flatfish" are defined at § 660.302 and include butter sole, curfin sole, flathead sole, Pacific sanddab, rex sole, rock sole, sand sole, and starry flounder.

3/ For black rockfish north of Cape Alava (48°09.50' N. lat.), and between Destruction Is. (47°40' N. lat.) and Leadbetter Pnt. (46°38.17' 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.

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

5/ "Other fish" are defined at § 660.302 and include sharks, skates, ratfish, morids, grenadiers, and kelp greenling.

Cabezon is included in the trip limits for "other fish."

6/ 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 § 660.390.

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

Table 5 (South) to Part 660, Subpart G -- 2005-2006 Trip Limits for Open Access Gears South of 40°10' N. Lat.

Other Limits and Requirements Apply -- Read § 660.301 - § 660.390 before using this table

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		JAN-FEB	MAR-APR	MAY-JUN	JUL-AUG	SEP-OCT	NOV-DEC
Rockfish Conservation Area (RCA)^{5/}:							
40°10' - 34°27' N. lat.		30 fm - 150 fm		20 fm - 150 fm		30 fm - 150 fm	
South of 34°27' N. lat.		60 fm - 150 fm (also applies around islands)					
<p>See § 660.370 and § 660.383 for Additional Gear, Trip Limit, and Conservation Area Requirements and Restrictions. See §§ 660.390-660.394 for Conservation Area Descriptions and Coordinates (including RCAs, YRCA, CCAs, Farallon Islands, and Cordell Banks).</p>							
State trip limits may be more restrictive than federal trip limits, particularly in waters off Oregon and California.							
1	Minor slope rockfish^{1/} & Darkblotched rockfish						
2	40°10' - 38° N. lat.	Per trip, no more than 25% of weight of the sablefish landed					
3	South of 38° N. lat.	10,000 lb/ 2 months					
4	Splitnose	200 lb/ month					
5	Sablefish						
6	40°10' - 36° N. lat.	300 lb/ day, or 1 landing per week of up to 900 lb, not to exceed 3,600 lb/ 2 months					
7	South of 36° N. lat.	350 lb/ day, or 1 landing per week of up to 1,050 lb					
8	Thornyheads						
9	40°10' - 34°27' N. lat.	CLOSED					
10	South of 34°27' N. lat.	50 lb/ day, no more than 1,000 lb/ 2 months					
11	Dover sole	3,000 lb/month, no more than 300 lb of which may be species other than Pacific sanddabs. When fishing for "other flatfish," 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.					
12	Arrowtooth flounder						
13	Petrале sole						
14	English sole						
15	Other flatfish^{2/}						
16	Whiting	300 lb/ month					
17	Minor shelf rockfish^{1/}, Shortbelly, Widow & Chilipepper rockfish						
18	40°10' - 34°27' N. lat.	300 lb/ 2 months	CLOSED	200 lb/ 2 months		300 lb/ 2 months	
19	South of 34°27' N. lat.	500 lb/ 2 months		500 lb/ 2 months			
20	Canary rockfish	CLOSED					
21	Yelloweye rockfish	CLOSED					
22	Cowcod	CLOSED					
23	Bocaccio						
24	40°10' - 34°27' N. lat.	200 lb/ 2 months	CLOSED	100 lb/ 2 months		200 lb/ 2 months	
25	South of 34°27' N. lat.	100 lb/ 2 months		100 lb/ 2 months			
26	Minor nearshore rockfish & Black rockfish						
27	Shallow nearshore	300 lb/ 2 months	CLOSED	500 lb/ 2 months	600 lb/ 2 months	500 lb/ 2 months	300 lb/ 2 months
28	Deeper nearshore						
29	40°10' - 34°27' N. lat.	500 lb/ 2 months	CLOSED	500 lb/ 2 months		400 lb/ 2 months	500 lb/ 2 months
30	South of 34°27' N. lat.			600 lb/ 2 months			
31	California scorpionfish	300 lb/ 2 months	CLOSED	300 lb/ 2 months	400 lb/ 2 months		300 lb/ 2 months
32	Lingcod^{3/}	CLOSED		300 lb/ month, when nearshore open			CLOSED
33	Other Fish^{4/} & Cabezon	Not limited					

TABLE 5 (South)

Table 5 (South). Continued

34	PINK SHRIMP NON-GROUNDFISH TRAWL GEAR (not subject to RCAs)			
35	South	<p>Effective April 1 - October 31: 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>		
36	RIDGEBACK PRAWN AND, SOUTH OF 38°57.50' N. LAT., CA HALIBUT AND SEA CUCUMBER NON-GROUNDFISH TRAWL			
37	NON-GROUNDFISH TRAWL Rockfish Conservation Area (RCA) for CA Halibut and Sea Cucumber:			
38	40°10' - 38° N. lat.	75 fm - modified 200 fm ^{7/}	100 fm - 200 fm	75 fm - modified 200 fm ^{7/}
39	38° - 34°27' N. lat.	75 fm - 150 fm	100 fm - 150 fm	75 fm - 150 fm
40	South of 34°27' N. lat.	75 fm - 150 fm along the mainland coast; shoreline - 150 fm around islands	100 fm - 150 fm along the mainland coast; shoreline - 150 fm around islands	75 fm - 150 fm along the mainland coast; shoreline - 150 fm around islands
41	NON-GROUNDFISH TRAWL Rockfish Conservation Area (RCA) for Ridgeback Prawn:			
42	40°10' - 38° N. lat.	75 fm - modified 200 fm ^{7/}	100 fm - 200 fm	75 fm - modified 200 fm ^{7/}
43	38° - 34°27' N. lat.	75 fm - 150 fm	100 fm - 150 fm	75 fm - 150 fm
44	South of 34°27' N. lat.	100 fm - 150 fm along the mainland coast; shoreline - 150 fm around islands		
45	<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 31).</p>			

TABLE 5 (South) cont

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

2/ "Other flatfish" are defined at § 660.302 and include butter sole, curlfin sole, flathead sole, Pacific sanddab, rex sole, rock sole, sand sole, and starry flounder.

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

4/ "Other fish" are defined at § 660.302 and include sharks, skates, ratfish, morids, grenadiers, and kelp greenling. Pacific cod is included in the trip limits for "other fish."

5/ 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 § 660.390.

6/ The "modified 200 fm" line is modified to exclude certain petrale sole areas from the RCA.

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