

**Rockfish Pilot Program Fishery Denominators  
For Preliminary Eligibility and Initial Quota Share (QS)  
Determinations**

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NOAA Fisheries Service, Restricted Access Management (RAM) has established numbers that reflect the catch of primary rockfish species needed to determine eligibility and to estimate rockfish quota share (QS) awards. These numbers are called the fishery “denominators”. Using denominators enables us to provide application Summaries to potential applicants and to inform them of their apparent eligibility and relative position in a fishery. These “denominators” are updated to reflect changes to the official record during the application process.

A “Fishery Denominator” for a primary rockfish species is the sum of the highest five of seven years of all eligible rockfish landings. The preliminary “Fishery Denominator” for each primary rockfish species is (expressed in pounds):

Northern Rockfish	39,189,386
Pelagic Shelf Rockfish	36,113,321
Pacific Ocean Perch	95,469,806

The formula for determining QS units by LLP license for each primary rockfish species, as set forth in federal regulations at 50 CFR 680.80, is as follows:

An LLP’s Highest 5 Years/Fishery Denominator = The LLP’s Percentage of Total  
The LLP’s Percentage of Total \* Initial Rockfish QS Pool = Estimated QS Units

These calculations will provide estimates of an LLP license’s QS. Actual QS allocations cannot be determined until after the application period because harvest information may change as a result of information received from applications.