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### **PACIFIC COAST GROUND FISH FISHERY** **Adjustments to commercial and recreational management** **measures for December 2005 through February 2006**

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

Management for the groundfish fishery is entering the second year of the 2005-2006 biennial management cycle. The Pacific Fishery Management Council (Pacific Council) recommended adjustments to management measures for December 2005 - December 2006 at their October 30 - November 4, 2005, meeting in San Diego, CA. Adjustments to management measures for December 2005 - February 2006 are being implemented in a *Federal Register* notice that will publish on December 5, 2005 and are described in this public notice. Management measures for the remainder of 2006 (March - December) will be proposed for public review in early January 2006 and are planned to be effective by March 1, 2006.

#### **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 Trawl Fishery During December 2005***

For more detailed regulations applying to the limited entry trawl fishery, see § 660.381 of the Pacific Coast groundfish regulations.

Pacific Fisheries Information Network (PacFIN) Quota Species Monitoring (QSM) data through October 22, 2005, indicates that the catch of petrale sole was 2,783 mt (2,685 mt of landed catch plus 98 mt of discard). This level of harvest is 0.8 percent above petrale sole's 2005 acceptable biological catch (ABC) of 2,762 mt.

Visit the NMFS Northwest Region website for current groundfish management regulations, VMS information, and RCA boundary coordinates and maps.

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Overfishing is when catch exceeds the ABC; therefore, petrale sole stock is now thought to be subject to overfishing in 2005.

Under current management measures, NMFS anticipates an additional 5 mt - 10 mt of non-tribal petrale sole catch will be taken by the limited entry bottom trawl fishery in November and December. The tribal bottom trawl fishery, which opened November 1, 2005, could potentially harvest an additional 20 mt - 30 mt of petrale sole. This year's higher than anticipated catch of petrale sole is particularly unexpected, because the catch of petrale sole has been substantially less than its ABC for the past several years.

**To curtail additional catch of petrale sole in 2005, taking and retaining, possessing, or landing petrale sole, slope rockfish, and splitnose rockfish is prohibited coastwide for the remainder of 2005.**

Specifically, north of 40°10' N. lat., limited entry trawl cumulative limits for minor slope and darkblotched rockfish are closed and retention of the petrale sole, within the other flatfish cumulative limit, is prohibited.

Between 40°10' N. lat. and 38° N. lat., limited entry trawl minor slope rockfish and splitnose rockfish cumulative limits are closed.

South of 38° N. lat., limited entry trawl minor slope rockfish, and splitnose rockfish cumulative limits and the petrale sole cumulative limit are closed.

***Limited Entry Trawl Fishery During January and February 2006***

NMFS updated the trawl bycatch model with bycatch and discard rates based on new West Coast Groundfish Observer Program (WCGOP) data from September 2004 through April 2005, for use in 2006 groundfish management. Based

on this update, Period 1 cumulative limits (those for January and February) are split into two, one month cumulative limits. Splitting Period 1 into separate cumulative limits for January and February should be conservative enough to promote year round fishing opportunities in 2006.

Adjustments to limited entry trawl cumulative limits for certain target species coastwide, such as sablefish, thornyheads, Dover sole, other flatfish, and arrowtooth flounder, are based on projections from the trawl bycatch model. Adjusted cumulative limits for these species during January and February 2006 are shown in Table 3 (North) and Table 3 (South).

Adjustments to limited entry trawl cumulative limits for other target species are described in detail below.

*Petrale Sole*

In order to avoid exceeding the petrale sole ABC in 2006 and to promote year round fishing opportunities, petrale sole will have cumulative limits in the bottom trawl fishery during Period 1 (January - February). In the past, petrale sole landings were not limited during this period.

For January - February 2006, petrale sole cumulative limits are as follows:

North of 40°10' N. lat., limited entry trawl large and small footrope limits are 30,000 lb per month.

North of 40°10' N. lat., limited entry selective flatfish trawl limit is 12,500 lb per month.

South of 40°10' N. lat., limited entry trawl limits are 30,000 lb per month.

*Slope and Splitnose Rockfish Limits Between 40°10' N. lat. and 38° N. lat.*

At the most recent meeting, the Pacific Council considered a request to liberalize management measures for minor slope and splitnose rockfish

in 2006. The harvest of these species has been constrained in recent years because they co-occur with darkblotched rockfish, an overfished rockfish species. Because darkblotched rockfish are most concentrated in waters off Washington and northern Oregon, with a smaller portion of the population in the south, the severity of management measures for minor slope and splitnose rockfish between 40°10' N. lat and 38° N. lat. are intermediate to those for areas north of 40°10' N. lat. and south of 38° N. lat. Catch levels for these species in 2005 show that a moderate liberalization of 2006 management measures, in the area between 40°10' N. lat and 38° N. lat., can be accommodated.

Therefore, between 40°10' N. lat. and 38° N. lat. during January and February, slope and splitnose rockfish cumulative limits are 4,000 lb per month and the trawl RCA boundary will extend between coordinates approximating the 150 fm depth contour and the 75 fm depth contour.

#### *Lingcod*

Lingcod has rebuilt quickly in recent years and is being caught in greater numbers in a range of fisheries coastwide. WCGOP data show that there is considerable discard of lingcod in the limited entry bottom trawl fishery and suggest that allowing increased retention of lingcod may reduce discard. Thus the Pacific Council and NMFS believe that a modest increase in lingcod retention can be allowed without negatively affecting lingcod or co-occurring overfished species.

Therefore, limited entry trawl lingcod cumulative limits are 600 lb per month coastwide for all gear types during January and February.

#### ***Limited Entry Fixed Gear and Open Access Fishery During January and February 2006***

For more detailed regulations applying to the limited entry fixed gear fishery, see §§ 660.382 and 660.383 of the Pacific Coast groundfish

regulations.

#### *Sablefish*

In recent years, the sablefish daily trip limit (DTL) fishery north of 36° N. lat. has caught substantially less than its allocation. Therefore, NMFS is implementing a modest increase in sablefish limited entry fixed gear and open access cumulative limits for the area north of 36° N. lat. During January and February, sablefish DTL will be limited to 300 lb per day, or 1 landing per week up to 1,000 lb, not to exceed 5,000 lb per 2 months.

#### *Shelf, Shortbelly, and Widow Rockfish South of 34°27' N. lat.*

At its most recent meeting, the Pacific Council also considered a request to increase shelf rockfish, shortbelly, and widow rockfish cumulative limits. After reviewing landings during 2005, the Pacific Council and NMFS determined that the requested increase could be accommodated at the start of 2006. Therefore, the shelf, shortbelly, and widow rockfish limited entry fixed gear cumulative limit during January and February of 3,000 lb per 2 months and an open access cumulative limit of 750 lb per 2 months for the area south of 34°27' N. lat.

#### *Minor Nearshore and Black Rockfish between 40°10' N. lat. and 42° N. lat.*

In 2005, the minor nearshore and black rockfish limited entry fixed gear and open access limits were increased inseason for July through December. A review of 2005 PacFIN data revealed no higher than anticipated catch of black rockfish, particularly with respect to black rockfish state harvest guidelines and commercial/recreational catch sharing. Therefore, the Pacific Council recommended and NMFS is implementing a minor nearshore and black rockfish limited entry fixed gear and open access cumulative limit of 6,000 lb per 2 months, no more than 1,200 lb of which may be species other than black or blue rockfish, for January and February 2006.

## **Recreational Fishery**

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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.

### ***Recreational Fisheries During December 2005***

#### *Oregon*

Due to projected attainment of Oregon's recreational black rockfish harvest guideline, the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) took action on October 18, 2005, to close recreational groundfish fishing in the ocean and estuary boat fisheries shoreward of a boundary that approximates the 40 fm depth contour and to prohibit retention of black rockfish in both the ocean and estuary boat fisheries at any depth for the remainder of 2005. Shore-based fisheries (angling from jetties, beaches, rock formations, or piers, and divers originating from shore) remain open for the remainder of 2005. The Pacific Council recommended that Federal regulations conform to ODFW's October inseason action. NMFS concurs with this recommendation and is implementing similar regulations with this inseason action for the remainder of 2005.

#### *California*

Management measures for recreational fisheries off California are adjusted to conform Federal and state regulations for the recreational RCA between 40°10' N. lat. and 36° N. lat. At the Pacific Council's April 2005 meeting, the Pacific Council recommended, in part, that the recreational RCA regulations prohibit fishing seaward of the 20 fm depth contour for July

through December. NMFS had inadvertently missed this recommendation for December and Federal regulations had implemented a recreational RCA extending from the shoreline through the EEZ during December. NMFS is correcting this error to describe the recreational RCA as follows: Between 40°10' N. lat. and 36° N. lat., recreational fishing for all groundfish (except "other flatfish") is prohibited seaward of the 20 fm depth contour along the mainland coast and along islands and offshore seamounts from July 1 through December 31; and is closed entirely from January 1 through June 30 (i.e., prohibited seaward of the shoreline).

### ***Recreational Groundfish Fisheries During January and February 2006***

#### *Washington*

The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) took inseason action in August 2005 to prohibit fishing seaward of a boundary approximating the 30 fm depth contour north of Leadbetter Pt. (46°38.17' N. lat.), WA, as the canary and yelloweye rockfish catches were approaching the state's recreational harvest targets for those species. NMFS took conforming action in October 2005. As the state recreational harvest targets are annual targets that are used to stay within joint WA/OR annual harvest guidelines, the Pacific Council recommended and NMFS is implementing removal of the prohibition on fishing seaward of a boundary approximating the 30 fm depth contour for the 2006 Washington recreational fishery, beginning January 1, 2006. This boundary would remain available as an option for inseason action in 2006 should the canary or yelloweye rockfish harvest target be approached.

#### *Oregon*

In addition to other bag limit reductions in 2005, ODFW took inseason action in July 2005 to reduce the daily recreational marine fish bag limit from 8 fish to 5 fish to slow the harvest of black rockfish. ODFW took additional action in

August 2005 to prohibit retention of cabezon in the recreational ocean boat fishery, due to attainment of the annual state harvest guideline for cabezon. NMFS took conforming action on both of these items through the inseason action in October 2005. The Federal and state harvest guidelines are set on an annual basis, and the inseason actions taken in 2005 were in response

to attainment of harvest guidelines set for the 2005 fishing year. The Pacific Council recommended and NMFS is implementing the recreational bag limit regulations that were in place in January 2005 be implemented in January 2006 to allow fisheries access to available harvest.

**📄 Trip limit tables, effective December 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*.

**\*\*\* Note - This table includes November - December 2005 limits on the right and January and February 2006 limits on the left.\*\*\***

**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** 112005

	Jan-06	Feb-06	Nov/Dec-05
<b>Rockfish Conservation Area (RCA)<sup>6/</sup> :</b>			
North of 40°10' N. lat.	75 fm - modified 200 fm <sup>7/</sup>		shoreline - 250 fm
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.			
<b>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).</b>			
State trip limits may be more restrictive than federal trip limits, particularly in waters off Oregon and California.			
<b>1</b>	<b>Minor slope rockfish<sup>2/</sup> &amp; Darkblotched rockfish</b>	2,000 lb/ month	4,000 lb/ 2 months CLOSED
<b>2</b>	<b>Pacific ocean perch</b>	1,500 lb/ month	3,000 lb/ 2 months
<b>3</b>	<b>DTS complex</b>		
<b>4</b>	<b>Sablefish</b>		
<b>5</b>	large & small footrope gear	7,000 lb/ month	11,000 lb/ 2 months
<b>6</b>	selective flatfish trawl gear	2,500 lb/ month	11,000 lb/ 2 months
<b>7</b>	multiple bottom trawl gear <sup>8/</sup>	2,500 lb/ month	11,000 lb/ 2 months
<b>8</b>	<b>Longspine thornyhead</b>		
<b>9</b>	large & small footrope gear	7,500 lb/ month	7,000 lb/ 2 months
<b>10</b>	selective flatfish trawl gear	1,500 lb/ month	7,000 lb/ 2 months
<b>11</b>	multiple bottom trawl gear <sup>8/</sup>	1,500 lb/ month	7,000 lb/ 2 months
<b>12</b>	<b>Shortspine thornyhead</b>		
<b>13</b>	large & small footrope gear	2,000 lb/ month	3,500 lb/ 2 months
<b>14</b>	selective flatfish trawl gear	1,500 lb/ month	3,500 lb/ 2 months
<b>15</b>	multiple bottom trawl gear <sup>8/</sup>	1,500 lb/ month	3,500 lb/ 2 months
<b>16</b>	<b>Dover sole</b>		
<b>17</b>	large & small footrope gear	25,000 lb/ month	20,000 lb/ 2 months
<b>18</b>	selective flatfish trawl gear	10,000 lb/ month	20,000 lb/ 2 months
<b>19</b>	multiple bottom trawl gear <sup>8/</sup>	10,000 lb/ month	20,000 lb/ 2 months

**TABLE 3 (North)**

Table 3 (North). Continued

20	<b>Flatfish (except Dover sole)</b>			
21	Other flatfish <sup>3/</sup> , English sole & Petrale sole			
22	large & small footrope gear for Other flatfish <sup>3/</sup> & English sole	55,000 lb/ month	30,000 lb/ 2 months, no more than 2,000 lb/ 2 months of which may be petrale sole.	30,000 lb/ 2 months, retention of petrale sole is prohibited.
23	large & small footrope gear for Petrale sole	30,000 lb/ month		
24	selective flatfish trawl gear	Other flatfish <sup>3/</sup> and English sole: 45,000 lb/ month Petrale sole: 12,500 lb/ month	30,000 lb/ 2 months, no more than 2,000 lb/ 2 months of which may be petrale sole.	30,000 lb/ 2 months, retention of petrale sole is prohibited.
25	multiple bottom trawl gear <sup>8/</sup>	Other flatfish <sup>3/</sup> and English sole: 45,000 lb/ month Petrale sole: 12,500 lb/ month	30,000 lb/ 2 months, no more than 2,000 lb/ 2 months of which may be petrale sole.	30,000 lb/ 2 months, retention of petrale sole is prohibited.
26	<b>Arrowtooth flounder</b>			
27	large & small footrope gear	50,000 lb/ month	50,000 lb/ 2 months	
28	selective flatfish trawl gear	40,000 lb/ month	50,000 lb/ 2 months	
29	multiple bottom trawl gear <sup>8/</sup>	40,000 lb/ month	50,000 lb/ 2 months	
30	<b>Whiting</b>			
31	midwater trawl	Before the primary whiting season: CLOSED -- 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: CLOSED		
32	large & small footrope gear	Before the primary whiting season: 20,000 lb/trip -- During the primary season: 10,000 lb/trip -- After the primary whiting season: 10,000 lb/trip		
33	<b>Minor shelf rockfish<sup>1/</sup>, Shortbelly, Widow &amp; Yelloweye rockfish</b>			
34	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		
35	large & small footrope gear	150 lb/ month	300 lb/ 2 months	
36	selective flatfish trawl gear	300 lb/ month	300 lb/ month	
37	multiple bottom trawl gear <sup>8/</sup>	300 lb/ month	300 lb/ month	

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38	<b>Canary rockfish</b>		
39	large & small footrope gear	CLOSED	
40	selective flatfish trawl gear	100 lb/ month	
41	multiple bottom trawl gear <sup>8/</sup>	CLOSED	
42	<b>Yellowtail</b>		
43	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	
44	large & small footrope gear	150 lb/ month	300 lb/ 2 months
45	selective flatfish trawl gear	1,000 lb/ month	2,000 lb/ 2 months
46	multiple bottom trawl gear <sup>8/</sup>	150 lb/ month	300 lb/ 2 months
47	<b>Minor nearshore rockfish &amp; Black rockfish</b>		
48	large & small footrope gear	CLOSED	
49	selective flatfish trawl gear	300 lb/ month	
50	multiple bottom trawl gear <sup>8/</sup>	CLOSED	
51	<b>Lingcod <sup>4/</sup></b>		
52	large & small footrope gear	600 lb/ month	500 lb/ 2 months
53	selective flatfish trawl gear	600 lb/ month	800 lb/ 2 months
54	multiple bottom trawl gear <sup>8/</sup>	600 lb/ month	500 lb/ 2 months
55	<b>Other Fish <sup>5/</sup> &amp; Pacific cod</b>	Not limited	

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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, curffin 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.**



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**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** 112005

	Jan-05	Feb-05	Nov/Dec-05
<b>Rockfish Conservation Area (RCA)<sup>6/</sup>:</b>			
40°10' - 38° N. lat.	75 fm - 150 fm		shoreline - 250 fm
38° - 36° N. lat.	75 fm - 150 fm		shoreline - 200 fm
36° - 34°27' N. lat.	75 fm - 150 fm		50 fm - 200 fm
South of 34°27' N. lat.	75 fm - 150 fm along the mainland coast; shoreline - 150 fm around islands		50 fm - 200 fm along the mainland coast; shoreline - 200 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.			
<b>1 Minor slope rockfish<sup>2/</sup> &amp; Darkblotched rockfish</b>			
2 40°10' - 38° N. lat.	4,000 lb/ month	6,000 lb/ 2 months	CLOSED
3 South of 38° N. lat.	20,000 lb/ month	40,000 lb/ 2 months	
<b>4 Splitnose</b>			
5 40°10' - 38° N. lat.	4,000 lb/ month	6,000 lb/ 2 months	CLOSED
6 South of 38° N. lat.	20,000 lb/ month	40,000 lb/ 2 months	
<b>7 DTS complex</b>			
8 Sablefish	8,500 lb/ month	9,000 lb/ 2 months	
9 Longspine thornyhead	9,500 lb / month	11,000 lb/ 2 months	
10 Shortspine thornyhead	2,450 lb/ month	3,500 lb/ 2 months	
11 Dover sole	25,000 lb/ month	30,000 lb/ 2 months	
<b>12 Flatfish (except Dover sole)</b>			
<b>13 Other flatfish<sup>3/</sup> &amp; English sole</b>			
14 40°10' - 38° N. lat.	55,000 lb/ month	30,000 lb/ 2 months	
15 South of 38° N. lat.		40,000 lb/ 2 months	
16 Petrale sole	30,000 lb/ month	2,000 lb/ 2 months	CLOSED

**TABLE 3 (South)**

Table 3 (South). Continued

17	Arrowtooth flounder		
18	40°10' - 38° N. lat.	5,000 lb/ month	10,000 lb/ 2 months
19	South of 38° N. lat.		5,000 lb/ 2 months
20	<b>Whiting</b>		
21	midwater trawl	Before the primary whiting season: CLOSED -- 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: CLOSED	
22	large & small footrope gear	Before the primary whiting season: 20,000 lb/trip -- During the primary season: 10,000 lb/trip -- After the primary whiting season: 10,000 lb/trip	
23	<b>Minor shelf rockfish<sup>1/</sup>, Chilipepper, Shortbelly, Widow, &amp; Yelloweye rockfish</b>		
24	large footrope or midwater trawl for Minor shelf rockfish & Shortbelly	300 lb/ month	
25	large footrope or midwater trawl for Chilipepper	1,000 lb/ month	8,000 lb/ 2 months
26	large footrope or midwater trawl for Widow & Yelloweye	CLOSED	
27	small footrope trawl	300 lb/ month	
28	<b>Bocaccio</b>		
29	large footrope or midwater trawl	150 lb/ month	300 lb/ 2 months
30	small footrope trawl	CLOSED	
31	<b>Canary rockfish</b>		
32	large footrope or midwater trawl	CLOSED	
33	small footrope trawl	100 lb/ month	
34	<b>Cowcod</b>	CLOSED	
35	<b>Minor nearshore rockfish &amp; Black rockfish</b>		
36	large footrope or midwater trawl	CLOSED	
37	small footrope trawl	300 lb/ month	
38	<b>Lingcod<sup>4/</sup></b>		
39	large footrope or midwater trawl	600 lb/ month	500 lb/ 2 months
40	small footrope trawl	600 lb/ month	800 lb/ 2 months
41	<b>Other Fish<sup>5/</sup> &amp; Cabezon</b>	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, 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.  
 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.  
**To convert pounds to kilograms, divide by 2.20462, the number of pounds in one kilogram.**

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**Table 4 (North) to Part 660, Subpart G -- 2005-2006 Trip Limits for Limited Entry Fixed Gear North of 40°10' N. Lat.**  
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	JAN-FEB 2006	NOV-DEC 2005
<b>Rockfish Conservation Area (RCA) <sup>6/</sup>:</b>		
North of 46°16' N. lat.	shoreline - 100 fm	
46°16' N. lat. - 40°10' N. lat.	30 fm - 100 fm	
<b>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).</b>		
State trip limits may be more restrictive than federal trip limits, particularly in waters off Oregon and California.		
<b>1 Minor slope rockfish <sup>2/</sup> &amp; Darkblotched rockfish</b>	4,000 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 1,000 lb, not to exceed 5,000 lb/ 2 months	500 lb/ day, or 1 landing per week of up to 1,500 lb, not to exceed 9,000 lb/ 2 months
<b>4 Longspine thornyhead</b>	10,000 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>	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.	
<b>8 Petrale sole</b>		
<b>9 English sole</b>		
<b>10 Other flatfish <sup>1/</sup></b>		
<b>11 Whiting</b>	10,000 lb/ trip	
<b>12 Minor shelf rockfish <sup>2/</sup>, Shortbelly, Widow, &amp; Yellowtail rockfish</b>	200 lb/ month	
<b>13 Canary rockfish</b>	CLOSED	
<b>14 Yelloweye rockfish</b>	CLOSED	
<b>15 Minor nearshore rockfish &amp; Black rockfish</b>		
<b>16</b> North of 42° N. lat.	5,000 lb/ 2 months, no more than 1,200 lb of which may be species other than black or blue rockfish <sup>3/</sup>	
<b>17</b> 42° - 40°10' N. lat.	6,000 lb/ 2 months, no more than 1,200 lb of which may be species other than black or blue rockfish <sup>3/</sup>	
<b>18 Lingcod <sup>4/</sup></b>	CLOSED	
<b>19 Other fish <sup>5/</sup> &amp; Pacific cod</b>	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, 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.**

\*\*\* Note - This table includes November - December 2005 limits on the right and January - February 2006 limits on the left.\*\*\*

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 112005

		JAN-FEB 2006	NOV-DEC 2005
<b>Rockfish Conservation Area (RCA)<sup>5/</sup> :</b>			
40°10' - 34°27' N. lat.		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 <sup>2/</sup> & 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 1,000 lb, not to exceed 5,000 lb/ 2 months	500 lb/ day, or 1 landing per week of up to 1,500 lb, not to exceed 9,000 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 <sup>1/</sup>		
13	Whiting	10,000 lb/ trip	
14	Minor shelf rockfish <sup>2/</sup> , Shortbelly, & Widow rockfish		
15	40°10' - 34°27' N. lat.	300 lb/ 2 months	
16	South of 34°27' N. lat.	3,000 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	300 lb/ 2 months
23	South of 34°27' N. lat.	300 lb/ 2 months	
24	Minor nearshore rockfish & Black rockfish		
25	Shallow nearshore	300 lb/ 2 months	300 lb/ 2 months
26	Deeper nearshore		
27	40°10' - 34°27' N. lat.	500 lb/ 2 months	500 lb/ 2 months
28	South of 34°27' N. lat.		400 lb/ 2 months
29	California scorpionfish	300 lb/ 2 months	300 lb/ 2 months

TABLE 4 (South)

Table 4 (South). Continued

30 Lingcod <sup>3/</sup>	CLOSED	
31 Other fish <sup>4/</sup> & Cabezon	Not limited	

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/ 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.**

\*\*\* Note - This table includes November - December 2005 limits on the right and January - February 2006 limits on the left.\*\*\*

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 112005

		JAN-FEB 2006	NOV-DEC 2005
<b>Rockfish Conservation Area (RCA)<sup>6/</sup>:</b>			
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 § 660.383 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).			
State trip limits may be more restrictive than federal trip limits, particularly in waters off Oregon and California.			
1	Minor slope rockfish <sup>1/</sup> & 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 1,000 lb, not to exceed 5,000 lb/ 2 months	500 lb/ day, or 1 landing per week of up to 1,500 lb, not to exceed 9,000 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	Petrale sole		
8	English sole		
9	Other flatfish <sup>2/</sup>		
10	Whiting	300 lb/ month	
11	Minor shelf rockfish <sup>1/</sup> , Shortbelly, Widow, & Yellowtail rockfish	200 lb/ month	
12	Canary rockfish	CLOSED	
13	Yelloweye rockfish	CLOSED	
14	Minor nearshore rockfish & Black rockfish		
15	North of 42° N. lat.	5,000 lb/ 2 months, no more than 1,200 lb of which may be species other than black or blue rockfish <sup>3/</sup>	
16	42° - 40°10' N. lat.	6,000 lb/ 2 months, no more than 1,200 lb of which may be species other than black or blue rockfish <sup>3/</sup>	
17	Lingcod <sup>4/</sup>	CLOSED	
18	Other Fish <sup>5/</sup> & Pacific cod	Not limited	
19	<b>PINK SHRIMP NON-GROUNDFISH TRAWL</b> (not subject to RCAs)		
20	North	<p><b>Effective April 1 - October 31:</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)

Table 5 (North). Continued

21	<b>SALMON TROLL</b>	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.	
22	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, curffin 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.**

\*\*\* Note - This table includes November - December 2005 limits on the right and January - February 2006 limits on the left.\*\*\*

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 112005

		JAN-FEB 2006	NOV-DEC 2005
<b>Rockfish Conservation Area (RCA)<sup>5/</sup> :</b>			
40°10' - 34°27' N. lat.		30 fm - 150 fm	
South of 34°27' N. lat.		60 fm - 150 fm (also applies around islands)	
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).			
State trip limits may be more restrictive than federal trip limits, particularly in waters off Oregon and California.			
1	<b>Minor slope rockfish<sup>1/</sup> &amp; Darkblotched rockfish</b>		
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	<b>Splitnose</b>	200 lb/ month	
5	<b>Sablefish</b>		
6	40°10' - 36° N. lat.	300 lb/ day, or 1 landing per week of up to 1,000 lb, not to exceed 5,000 lb/ 2 months	500 lb/ day, or 1 landing per week of up to 1,500 lb, not to exceed 9,000 lb/ 2 months
7	South of 36° N. lat.	350 lb/ day, or 1 landing per week of up to 1,050 lb	
8	<b>Thornyheads</b>		
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	<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 "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	<b>Arrowtooth flounder</b>		
13	<b>Petrale sole</b>		
14	<b>English sole</b>		
15	<b>Other flatfish<sup>2/</sup></b>		
16	<b>Whiting</b>	300 lb/ month	
17	<b>Minor shelf rockfish<sup>1/</sup>, Shortbelly, Widow &amp; Chilipepper rockfish</b>		
18	40°10' - 34°27' N. lat.	300 lb/ 2 months	
19	South of 34°27' N. lat.	750 lb/ 2 months	
20	<b>Canary rockfish</b>	CLOSED	
21	<b>Yelloweye rockfish</b>	CLOSED	
22	<b>Cowcod</b>	CLOSED	
23	<b>Bocaccio</b>		
24	40°10' - 34°27' N. lat.	200 lb/ 2 months	
25	South of 34°27' N. lat.	100 lb/ 2 months	
26	<b>Minor nearshore rockfish &amp; Black rockfish</b>		
27	Shallow nearshore	300 lb/ 2 months	
28	Deeper nearshore		
29	40°10' - 34°27' N. lat.	500 lb/ 2 months	
30	South of 34°27' N. lat.	500 lb/ 2 months	400 lb/ 2 months
31	California scorpionfish	300 lb/ 2 months	

TABLE 5 (South)



Table 5 (South). Continued

32	Lingcod <sup>3/</sup>	CLOSED	
33	Other Fish <sup>4/</sup> & Cabezon	Not limited	
34	<b>PINK SHRIMP NON-GROUNDFISH TRAWL GEAR</b> (not subject to RCAs)		
35	South	<p><b>Effective April 1 - October 31:</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>	
36	<b>RIDGEBACK PRAWN AND, SOUTH OF 38°57.50' N. LAT., CA HALIBUT AND SEA CUCUMBER NON-GROUNDFISH TRAWL</b>		
37	<b>NON-GROUNDFISH TRAWL Rockfish Conservation Area (RCA) for CA Halibut and Sea Cucumber:</b>		
38	40°10' - 38° N. lat.	75 fm - modified 200 fm <sup>7/</sup>	75 fm - 150 fm
39	38° - 34°27' N. lat.	75 fm - 150 fm	
40	South of 34°27' N. lat.	75 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	<b>NON-GROUNDFISH TRAWL Rockfish Conservation Area (RCA) for Ridgeback Prawn:</b>		
42	40°10' - 38° N. lat.	75 fm - modified 200 fm <sup>7/</sup>	75 fm - 150 fm
43	38° - 34°27' N. lat.	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.**