

**AMENDMENT 73 TO THE FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR
GROUND FISH OF THE BERING SEA AND ALEUTIAN ISLANDS
MANAGEMENT AREA**

1. In Section 4.1.1, in the paragraph that begins with “Northern rockfish” substitute dusky rockfish for light dusky rockfish.
2. In section 4.1.2.6, on page 68, revise the last paragraph to read as follows (add text in bold and remove text that has been stricken):

The “other rockfish” category contains ~~eight~~ **seven** rockfish species; the **two** most abundant members are shortspine thornyhead and **dusky rockfish** ~~light dusky~~. Shortspine thornyheads are a higher priced species, and are caught mainly by fixed gear rather than trawl fisheries. The ABCs for the complex are listed in the box above.

3. In the table of contents for the Appendices, revise the entry for D.16 by removing the words “Light Dusky rockfish (*Sebastes cilianus*)” and replacing with “Dusky rockfish (*Sebastes variabilis*).”
4. In Appendix A (History of the Fishery Management Plan), on page A-12, revise the text for Amendment 73 (add text in bold and remove text that has been stricken):

~~Amendment 73 recommended by the Council in April 2007, but not yet approved by the Secretary of Commerce.~~ **implemented** [insert date]:

5. In Appendix D, Table D.1 and D.3, substitute “Dusky Rockfish” for “Light Dusky Rockfish.”
6. In Appendix D, revise the heading for section D.16 by removing the words “Light Dusky Rockfish (*Sebastes cilianus*)” and replacing with “Dusky Rockfish (*Sebastes variabilis*).”

Delete paragraph in italics, beginning with ‘*Note: The taxonomy...*’

7. Section D.16.1 in the first paragraph, substitute the following:

“Light dusky rockfish range from Dixon Entrance at the U.S./Canadian boundary, around the arc of the Gulf of Alaska, and westward throughout the Aleutian Islands. They are also found in the eastern Bering Sea to about Zhemchug Canyon west of the Pribilof Is. Their distribution south of Dixon Entrance in Canadian waters is uncertain; dusky rockfish have been reported as far south as Johnstone Strait, Vancouver Is., but it is likely that these were of the dark variety. The center of abundance for light dusky rockfish appears to be the Gulf of Alaska (Reuter 1999). The species is much less abundant in the Aleutian Islands and Bering Sea (Reuter and Spencer 2002).”

With:

Dusky rockfish range from central Oregon through the North Pacific Ocean and Bering Sea in Alaska and Russia to Japan. The center of abundance for dusky rockfish appears to be the GOA (Reuter 1999). The species is much less abundant in the Aleutian Islands and Bering Sea (Reuter and Spencer 2002).

8. In the remainder of section D.16.1, and sections D16.2, D16.3, and D16.4 substitute “dusky rockfish” for “light dusky rockfish”.

9. In section D.16.6 Literature

The following citation is added:

Orr, J.W., and J.E. Blackburn. 2004. The dusky rockfishes (Teleostei: Scorpaeniformes) of the North Pacific Ocean: resurrection of *Sebastes variabilis* (Pallas, 1814) and a redescription of *Sebastes ciliatus* (Tilesius, 1813). Fish Bull., U.S. 1002:328-348. Online.