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PACIFIC COAST GROUND FISH FISHERY **Changes to commercial fishery management measures**

The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) announces changes to commercial fishery management measures for the Pacific Coast groundfish fishery off Washington, Oregon, and California, **effective May 1, 2012.**

The Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) recommended changes to management measures at their March 2-7, 2012 meeting in Sacramento, CA. Changes to management measures are being implemented in a *Federal Register* notice that will become effective on May 1, 2012. These changes are described in this public notice.

Commercial Fishery

Rockfish Conservation Areas

Vessels Using Groundfish Trawl Gear

The Council and NMFS considered an industry request to shift the shoreward boundary of the trawl RCA seaward to open up some additional shelf areas. The potential risks and benefits were weighed of opening some shelf areas that are currently closed by the trawl RCA where the fleet may have higher encounters with canary rockfish, darkblotched rockfish, Pacific ocean perch and yelloweye rockfish. However, catch of these species was low under IFQ management in 2011, and catch is currently tracking low in 2012 (0.6%, 5.8%, 2.9% and 0.2% respectively) and this change to the RCA

structure would continue to give fishers additional chances to demonstrate the benefits of individual accountability that they have in the trawl rationalization program.

Visit the NMFS Northwest Region website for current groundfish management regulations, VMS information, and RCA boundary coordinates.
<http://www.nwr.noaa.gov/Groundfish-Halibut/index.cfm>

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Therefore, the Council recommended and NMFS is implementing **a shift in the shoreward line of the trawl Rockfish Conservation Area (RCA) in Washington State, south of Cape Alava and in northern California, north Cape Mendocino from the 75 fathom line (137-m) to the 100 fathom line (183-m) during Period 3 (May 1 - June 30), and Period 5 (September 1 – August 31), from 40° 10' N. lat. to 48° 10' N. lat.** The RCA boundary lines are defined by latitude and longitude coordinates at 50 CFR 660.71-74, and are available for download on the NMFS NWR website.

**Trip limit tables, effective May 1, 2012
are included at the end of this public notice.**

For more information contact: NMFS Northwest Region at 206-526-6117 or visit our website at <http://www.nwr.noaa.gov>, click on “Groundfish & Halibut;”; Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife at 360-249-4628; Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife at 541-867-4741; or the California Department of Fish and Game at 707-441-5797 (Eureka), 650-631-6789 (Belmont), 831-649-2804 (Monterey), 562-342-7111 (Los Alamitos).

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

Table 1 (North) to Part 660, Subpart D -- Limited Entry Trawl Rockfish Conservation Areas and Landing Allowances for non-IFQ Species and Pacific Whiting North of 40°10' N. Lat.

This table describes Rockfish Conservation Areas for vessels using groundfish trawl gear. This table describes incidental landing allowances for vessels registered to a Federal limited entry trawl permit and using groundfish trawl or groundfish non-trawl gears to harvest individual fishing quota (IFQ) species.

Other Limits and Requirements Apply -- Read § 660.10 - § 660.399 before using this table

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	JAN-FEB	MAR-APR	MAY-JUN	JUL-AUG	SEP-OCT	NOV-DEC
Rockfish Conservation Area (RCA)^{1/}:						
1 North of 48°10' N. lat.	shore - modified ^{2/} 200 fm line ^{1/}	shore - 200 fm line ^{1/}	shore - 150 fm line ^{1/}		shore - 200 fm line ^{1/}	shore - modified ^{2/} 200 fm line ^{1/}
2 48°10' N. lat. - 45°46' N. lat.	75 fm line ^{1/} - modified ^{2/} 200 fm line ^{1/}	75 fm line ^{1/} - 150 fm line ^{1/}	75 100 fm line ^{1/} - 150 fm line ^{1/}	100 fm line ^{1/} - 150 fm line ^{1/}	75 100 fm line ^{1/} - 150 fm line ^{1/}	75 fm line ^{1/} - 150 fm line ^{1/}
3 45°46' N. lat. - 40°10' N. lat.		75 fm line ^{1/} - 200 fm line ^{1/}	75 100 fm line ^{1/} - 200 fm line ^{1/}	100 fm line ^{1/} - 200 fm line ^{1/}	75 100 fm line ^{1/} - 200 fm line ^{1/}	75 fm line ^{1/} - modified ^{2/} 200 fm line ^{1/}
<p>Selective flatfish trawl gear is required shoreward of the RCA; all bottom trawl gear (large footrope, selective flatfish trawl, and small footrope trawl gear) is permitted seaward of the RCA. Large footrope and small footrope trawl gears (except for selective flatfish trawl gear) are prohibited shoreward of the RCA. Midwater trawl gear is permitted only for vessels participating in the primary whiting season. Vessels fishing groundfish trawl quota pounds with groundfish non-trawl gears, under gear switching provisions at § 660.140, are subject to the limited entry groundfish trawl fishery landing allowances in this table, regardless of the type of fishing gear used. Vessels fishing groundfish trawl quota pounds with groundfish non-trawl gears, under gear switching provisions at § 660.140, are subject to the limited entry fixed gear non-trawl RCA, as described in Tables 1 (North) and 1 (South) to Part 660, Subpart E.</p>						
<p>See § 660.60, § 660.130, and § 660.140 for Additional Gear, Trip Limit, and Conservation Area Requirements and Restrictions. See §§ 660.70-660.74 and §§ 660.76-660.79 for Conservation Area Descriptions and Coordinates (including RCAs, YRCA, CCAs, Farallon Islands, Cordell Banks, and EFHCAs).</p>						
<p>State trip limits and seasons may be more restrictive than federal trip limits, particularly in waters off Oregon and California.</p>						
4 Minor nearshore rockfish & Black rockfish	300 lb/ month					
5 Whiting	-----					
6 midwater trawl	Before the primary whiting season: CLOSED. -- During the primary season: mid-water trawl permitted in the RCA. See §660.131 for season and trip limit details. -- After the primary whiting season: CLOSED.					
7 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.					
8 Cabezon	-----					
9 North of 46°16' N. lat.	Unlimited					
10 46°16' N. lat. - 40°10' N. lat.	50 lb/ month					
11 Shortbelly	Unlimited					
12 Spiny dogfish	60,000 lb/ month					
13 Longnose skate	Unlimited					
14 Other Fish^{3/}	Unlimited					

TABLE 1 (North)

1/ The Rockfish Conservation Area is an area closed to fishing by particular gear types, bounded by lines specifically defined by latitude and longitude coordinates set out at §§ 660.71-660.74. This RCA is not defined by depth contours, and the boundary lines that define the RCA may close areas that are deeper or shallower than the depth contour. Vessels that are subject to the RCA restrictions may not fish in the RCA, or operate in the RCA for any purpose other than transiting.

2/ The "modified" fathom lines are modified to exclude certain petrale sole areas from the RCA.

3/ "Other fish" are defined at § 660.11 and include sharks (except spiny dogfish), skates (except longnose skate), ratfish, morids, grenadiers, and kelp greenling.

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

Table 1 (South) to Part 660, Subpart D -- Limited Entry Trawl Rockfish Conservation Areas and Landing Allowances for non-IFQ Species and Pacific Whiting South of 40°10' N. Lat.

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	JAN-FEB	MAR-APR	MAY-JUN	JUL-AUG	SEP-OCT	NOV-DEC
Rockfish Conservation Area (RCA)^{1/}:						
¹ South of 40°10' N. lat.	100 fm line ^{1/} - 150 fm line ^{1/ 2/}					
Small footrope trawl gear is required shoreward of the RCA; all trawl gear (large footrope, selective flatfish trawl, midwater trawl, and small footrope trawl gear) is permitted seaward of the RCA. Large footrope trawl gear and midwater trawl gear are prohibited shoreward of the RCA. Vessels fishing groundfish trawl quota pounds with groundfish non-trawl gears, under gear switching provisions at § 660.140, are subject to the limited entry groundfish trawl fishery landing allowances in this table, regardless of the type of fishing gear used. Vessels fishing groundfish trawl quota pounds with groundfish non-trawl gears, under gear switching provisions at § 660.140, are subject to the limited entry fixed gear non-trawl RCA, as described in Tables 1 (North) and 1 (South) to Part 660, Subpart E.						
See § 660.60, § 660.130, and § 660.140 for Additional Gear, Trip Limit, and Conservation Area Requirements and Restrictions. See §§ 660.70-660.74 and §§ 660.76-660.79 for Conservation Area Descriptions and Coordinates (including RCAs, YRCA, CCAs, Farallon Islands, Cordell Banks, and EFHCAs).						
State trip limits and seasons may be more restrictive than federal trip limits, particularly in waters off Oregon and California.						
² Longspine thornyhead						
³ South of 34°27' N. lat.	24,000 lb/ 2 months					
⁴ Minor nearshore rockfish & Black rockfish	300 lb/ month					
⁵ Whiting						
⁶ midwater trawl	Before the primary whiting season: CLOSED. -- During the primary season: mid-water trawl permitted in the RCA. See §660.131 for season and trip limit details. -- After the primary whiting season: CLOSED.					
⁷ 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.					
⁸ Cabezon	50 lb/ month					
⁹ Shortbelly	Unlimited					
¹⁰ Spiny dogfish	60,000 lb/ month					
¹¹ Longnose skate	Unlimited					
¹² California scorpionfish	Unlimited					
¹³ Other Fish^{3/}	Unlimited					

TABLE 1 (South)

1/ The Rockfish Conservation Area is an area closed to fishing by particular gear types, bounded by lines specifically defined by latitude and longitude coordinates set out at §§ 660.71-660.74. This RCA is not defined by depth contours, and the boundary lines that define the RCA may close areas that are deeper or shallower than the depth contour. Vessels that are subject to the RCA restrictions may not fish in the RCA, or operate in the RCA for any purpose other than transiting.

2/ South of 34°27' N. lat., the RCA is 100 fm line - 150 fm line along the mainland coast; shoreline - 150 fm line around islands.

3/ "Other fish" are defined at § 660.11 and include sharks (except spiny dogfish), skates (excluding longnose skate), ratfish, morids, grenadiers, and kelp greenling.

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

Table 2 (North) to Part 660, Subpart E -- Non-Trawl Rockfish Conservation Areas and Trip Limits for Limited Entry Fixed Gear North of 40°10' N. Lat.

Other Limits and Requirements Apply -- Read § 660.10 - § 660.399 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/}:						
1 North of 46°16' N. lat.	shoreline - 100 fm line ^{6/}					
2 46°16' N. lat. - 43°00' N. lat.	30 fm line ^{6/} - 100 fm line ^{6/}					
3 43°00' N. lat. - 42°00' N. lat.	20 fm line ^{6/} - 100 fm line ^{6/}					
4 42°00' N. lat. - 40°10' N. lat.	20 fm depth contour - 100 fm line ^{6/}					
See § 660.60 and § 660.230 for Additional Gear, Trip Limit, and Conservation Area Requirements and Restrictions. See §§ 660.70-660.74 and §§ 660.76-660.79 for Conservation Area Descriptions and Coordinates (including RCAs, YRCA, CCAs, Farallon Islands, Cordell Banks, and EFHCAs).						
State trip limits and seasons may be more restrictive than federal trip limits, particularly in waters off Oregon and California.						
5 Minor slope rockfish ^{2/} & Darkblotched rockfish	4,000 lb/ 2 months					
6 Pacific ocean perch	1,800 lb/ 2 months					
7 Sablefish	1,300 lb. per week, not to exceed 5,000 lb/ 2 months					
8 Longspine thornyhead	10,000 lb/ 2 months					
9 Shortspine thornyhead	2,000 lb/ 2 months					
10 Dover sole	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 two 1 lb (0.45 kg) weights per line are not subject to the RCAs.					
11 Arrowtooth flounder						
12 Petrale sole						
13 English sole						
14 Starry flounder						
15 Other flatfish ^{1/}	5,000 lb/ month					
16 Whiting	10,000 lb/ trip					
17 Minor shelf rockfish ^{2/} , Shortbelly, Widow, & Yellowtail rockfish	200 lb/ month					
18 Canary rockfish	CLOSED					
19 Yelloweye rockfish	CLOSED					
20 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/}					
21 North of 42° N. lat.						
22 42° - 40°10' N. lat.	8,500 lb/ 2 months, of which no more than 1,200 lb may be species other than black rockfish ^{3/}					
23 Lingcod ^{4/}	CLOSED	800 lb/ 2 months			400 lb/ month	CLOSED
24 Pacific cod	1,000 lb/ 2 months					
25 Spiny dogfish	200,000 lb/ 2 months	150,000 lb/ 2 months	100,000 lb/ 2 months			
26 Other fish ^{5/}	Unlimited					

TABLE 2 (North)

1/ "Other flatfish" are defined at § 660.11 and include butter sole, curlfin sole, flathead sole, Pacific sanddab, rex sole, rock sole, and sand sole.

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 22 inches (56 cm) total length North of 42° N. lat. and 24 inches (61 cm) total length South of 42° N. lat.

5/ "Other fish" are defined at § 660.11 and include sharks (except spiny dogfish), skates (except longnose skates), ratfish, morids, grenadiers, and kelp greenling. Cabezon and longnose skate are included in the trip limits for "other fish."

6/ The Rockfish Conservation Area is an area closed to fishing by particular gear types, bounded by lines specifically defined by latitude and longitude coordinates set out at §§ 660.71-660.74. This RCA is not defined by depth contours (with the exception of the 20-fm depth contour boundary south of 42° N. lat.), and the boundary lines that define the RCA may close areas that are deeper or shallower than the depth contour. Vessels that are subject to RCA restrictions may not fish in the RCA, or operate in the RCA for any purpose other than transiting.

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Table 2 (South) to Part 660, Subpart E -- Non-Trawl Rockfish Conservation Areas and Trip Limits for Limited Entry Fixed Gear South of 40°10' N. Lat.

Other Limits and Requirements Apply -- Read § 660.10 - § 660.399 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/}:						
1	40°10' - 34°27' N. lat.		30 fm line ^{5/} - 150 fm line ^{5/}			
2	South of 34°27' N. lat.		60 fm line ^{5/} - 150 fm line ^{5/} (also applies around islands)			
<p>See § 660.60 and § 660.230 for Additional Gear, Trip Limit, and Conservation Area Requirements and Restrictions. See §§ 660.70-660.74 and §§ 660.76-660.79 for Conservation Area Descriptions and Coordinates (including RCAs, YRCA, CCAs, Farallon Islands, Cordell Banks, and EFHCAs).</p>						
State trip limits and seasons may be more restrictive than federal trip limits, particularly in waters off Oregon and California.						
3	Minor slope rockfish^{2/} & Darkblotched rockfish		40,000 lb/ 2 months			
4	Splitnose		40,000 lb/ 2 months			
5	Sablefish					
6	40°10' - 36° N. lat.		1,300 lb/ week, not to exceed 5,000 lb/ 2 months			
7	South of 36° N. lat.		1,800 lb/ week			
8	Longspine thornyhead		10,000 lb / 2 months			
9	Shortspine thornyhead					
10	40°10' - 34°27' N. lat.		2,000 lb/ 2 months			
11	South of 34°27' N. lat.		3,000 lb/ 2 months			
12	Dover sole		5,000 lb/ month 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 two 1 lb (0.45 kg) weights per line are not subject to the RCAs.			
13	Arrowtooth flounder					
14	Petrале sole					
15	English sole					
16	Starry flounder					
17	Other flatfish^{1/}					
18	Whiting		10,000 lb/ trip			
19	Minor shelf rockfish^{2/}, Shortbelly, Widow rockfish, and Bocaccio (including Chilipepper between 40°10' - 34°27' N. lat.)					
20	40°10' - 34°27' N. lat.		Minor shelf rockfish, shortbelly, widow rockfish, bocaccio & chilipepper: 2,500 lb/ 2 months, of which no more than 500 lb/ 2 months may be any species other than chilipepper.			
21	South of 34°27' N. lat.		3,000 lb/ 2 months	CLOSED	3,000 lb/ 2 months	
22	Chilipepper rockfish					
23	40°10' - 34°27' N. lat.		Chilipepper included under minor shelf rockfish, shortbelly, widow and bocaccio limits -- See above			
24	South of 34°27' N. lat.		2,000 lb/ 2 months, this opportunity only available seaward of the nontrawl RCA			
25	Canary rockfish		CLOSED			
26	Yelloweye rockfish		CLOSED			
27	Cowcod		CLOSED			
28	Bronzespotted rockfish		CLOSED			
29	Bocaccio					
30	40°10' - 34°27' N. lat.		Bocaccio included under Minor shelf rockfish, shortbelly, widow & chilipepper limits -- See above			
31	South of 34°27' N. lat.		300 lb/ 2 months	CLOSED	300 lb/ 2 months	

TABLE 2 (South)

Table 2 (South). Continued

		JAN-FEB	MAR-APR	MAY-JUN	JUL-AUG	SEP-OCT	NOV-DEC	TABLE 2 (South)		
32 Minor nearshore rockfish & Black rockfish										
33	Shallow nearshore	600 lb/ 2 months	CLOSED	800 lb/ 2 months	900 lb/ 2 months	800 lb/ 2 months	1,000 lb/ 2 months			
34	Deeper nearshore									
35	40°10' - 34°27' N. lat.	700 lb/ 2 months	CLOSED	700 lb/ 2 months	900 lb/ 2 months					
36	South of 34°27' N. lat.	500 lb/ 2 months		600 lb/ 2 months						
37	California scorpionfish	1,200 lb/ 2 months ^{7/}	CLOSED	1,200 lb/ 2 months	1,200 lb/ 2 months					
38	Lingcod ^{3/}	CLOSED		800 lb/ 2 months			400 lb/ month		CLOSE D	
39	Pacific cod	1,000 lb/ 2 months								
40	Spiny dogfish	200,000 lb/ 2 months		150,000 lb/ 2 months	100,000 lb/ 2 months					
41	Other fish ^{4/}	Unlimited								

- 1/ "Other flatfish" are defined at § 660.11 and include butter sole, curlfin sole, flathead sole, Pacific sanddab, rex sole, rock sole, and sand sole.
- 2/ POP is included in the trip limits for minor slope rockfish. Yellowtail is included in the trip limits for minor shelf rockfish. Bronzespotted rockfish have a species specific trip limit.
- 3/ The commercial minimum size limit for lingcod is 24 inches (61 cm) total length South of 42° N. lat.
- 4/ "Other fish" are defined at § 660.11 and include sharks (except spiny dogfish), skates (except longnose skates), ratfish, morids, grenadiers, and kelp greenling. Cabezon and longnose skate are included in the trip limits for "other fish."
- 5/ The Rockfish Conservation Area is an area closed to fishing by particular gear types, bounded by lines specifically defined by latitude and longitude coordinates set out at §§ 660.71-660.74. This RCA is not defined by depth contours (with the exception of the 20-fm depth contour boundary south of 42° N. lat.), and the boundary lines that define the RCA may close areas that are deeper or shallower than the depth contour. Vessels that are subject to RCA restrictions may not fish in the RCA, or operate in the RCA for any purpose other than transiting.
- To convert pounds to kilograms, divide by 2.20462, the number of pounds in one kilogram.**

Table 3 (North) to Part 660, Subpart F -- Non-Trawl Rockfish Conservation Areas and Trip Limits for Open Access Gears North of 40°10' N. Lat.

Other Limits and Requirements Apply -- Read § 660.10 - § 660.399 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/}:						
1	North of 46°16' N. lat. ----- shoreline - 100 fm line ^{6/}					
2	46°16' N. lat. - 43°00' N. lat. ----- 30 fm line ^{6/} - 100 fm line ^{6/}					
3	43°00' N. lat. - 42°00' N. lat. ----- 20 fm line ^{6/} - 100 fm line ^{6/}					
4	42°00' N. lat. - 40°10' N. lat. ----- 20 fm depth contour - 100 fm line ^{6/}					
See § 660.60, § 660.330, and § 660.333 for Additional Gear, Trip Limit, and Conservation Area Requirements and Restrictions. See §§ 660.70-660.74 and §§ 660.76-660.79 for Conservation Area Descriptions and Coordinates (including RCAs, YRCA, CCAs, Farallon Islands, Cordell Banks, and EFHCAs).						
State trip limits and seasons may be more restrictive than federal trip limits, particularly in waters off Oregon and California.						
5	Minor slope rockfish ^{1/} & Darkblotched rockfish ----- Per trip, no more than 25% of weight of the sablefish landed					
6	Pacific ocean perch ----- 100 lb/ month					
7	Sablefish ----- 300 lb/ day, or 1 landing per week of up to 900 lb, not to exceed 1,800 lb/ 2 months					
8	Thornyheads ----- CLOSED					
9	Dover sole -----					
10	Arrowtooth flounder -----					
11	Petrale sole -----					
12	English sole -----					
13	Starry flounder -----					
14	Other flatfish ^{2/} -----					
15	Whiting ----- 300 lb/ month					
16	Minor shelf rockfish ^{1/} , Shortbelly, Widow, & Yellowtail rockfish ----- 200 lb/ month					
17	Canary rockfish ----- CLOSED					
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19	Minor nearshore rockfish & Black rockfish -----					
20	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 ^{3/}					
21	42° - 40°10' N. lat. ----- 8,500 lb/ 2 months, of which no more than 1,200 lb may be species other than black rockfish ^{3/}					
22	Lingcod ^{4/} ----- CLOSED		400 lb/ month			CLOSED
23	Pacific cod ----- 1,000 lb/ 2 months					
24	Spiny dogfish ----- 200,000 lb/ 2 months		150,000 lb/ 2 months	100,000 lb/ 2 months		
25	Other Fish ^{5/} ----- Unlimited					

TABLE 3 (North)

Table 3 (North). Continued

		JAN-FEB	MAR-APR	MAY-JUN	JUL-AUG	SEP-OCT	NOV-DEC	
26	SALMON TROLL (subject to RCAs when retaining all species of groundfish except for yellowtail rockfish and lingcod, as described below)							TABLE 3 (North) con't
27	North	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. Salmon trollers may retain and land up to 1 lingcod per 15 Chinook per trip, plus 1 lingcod per trip, up to a trip limit of 10 lingcod, on a trip where any fishing occurs within the RCA. This limit only applies during times when lingcod retention is allowed, and is not "CLOSED." This limit is within the per month limit for lingcod described in the table above, and not in addition to that limit. All groundfish species are subject to the open access limits, seasons, size limits and RCA restrictions listed in the table above, unless otherwise stated here.						
28	PINK SHRIMP NON-GROUNDFISH TRAWL (not subject to RCAs)							
29	North	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.						

- 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 § 660.11 and include butter sole, curlfin sole, flathead sole, Pacific sanddab, rex sole, rock sole, and sand sole.
- 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.
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1	40°10' - 34°27' N. lat.	30 fm line ^{5/} - 150 fm line ^{5/}					
2	South of 34°27' N. lat.	60 fm line ^{5/} - 150 fm line ^{5/} (also applies around islands)					
<p>See § 660.60, § 660.330, and § 660.333 for Additional Gear, Trip Limit, and Conservation Area Requirements and Restrictions. See §§ 660.70-660.74 and §§ 660.76-660.79 for Conservation Area Descriptions and Coordinates (including RCAs, YRCA, CCAs, Farallon Islands, Cordell Banks, and EFHCAs).</p>							
<p>State trip limits and seasons may be more restrictive than federal trip limits, particularly in waters off Oregon and California.</p>							
3	Minor slope rockfish^{1/} & Darkblotched rockfish						
4	40°10' - 38° N. lat.	Per trip, no more than 25% of weight of the sablefish landed					
5	South of 38° N. lat.	10,000 lb/ 2 months					
6	Splitnose	200 lb/ month					
7	Sablefish						
8	40°10' - 36° N. lat.	300 lb/ day, or 1 landing per week of up to 900 lb, not to exceed 1,800 lb/ 2 months					
9	South of 36° N. lat.	300 lb/ day, or 1 landing per week of up to 1,350 lb, not to exceed 2,700 lb/ 2 months					
10	Thornyheads						
11	40°10' - 34°27' N. lat.	CLOSED					
12	South of 34°27' N. lat.	50 lb/ day, no more than 1,000 lb/ 2 months					
13	Dover sole						
14	Arrowtooth flounder	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 two 1 lb (0.45 kg) weights per line are not subject to the RCAs.					
15	Petrale sole						
16	English sole						
17	Starry flounder						
18	Other flatfish^{2/}						
19	Whiting	300 lb/ month					
20	Minor shelf rockfish^{1/}, Shortbelly, Widow & Chilipepper rockfish						
21	40°10' - 34°27' N. lat.	300 lb/ 2 months	CLOSED	200 lb/ 2 months		300 lb/ 2 months	
22	South of 34°27' N. lat.	750 lb/ 2 months		750 lb/ 2 months		1,000 lb/ 2 months	
23	Canary rockfish	CLOSED					
24	Yelloweye rockfish	CLOSED					
25	Cowcod	CLOSED					
26	Bronzespotted rockfish	CLOSED					
27	Bocaccio						
28	40°10' - 34°27' N. lat.	200 lb/ 2 months	CLOSED	100 lb/ 2 months		200 lb/ 2 months	
29	South of 34°27' N. lat.	100 lb/ 2 months				100 lb/ 2 months	

TABLE 3 (South)

Table 3 (South). Continued

	JAN-FEB	MAR-APR	MAY-JUN	JUL-AUG	SEP-OCT	NOV-DEC
30	Minor nearshore rockfish & Black rockfish					
31	Shallow nearshore	600 lb/ 2 months	CLOSED	800 lb/ 2 months	900 lb/ 2 months	800 lb/ 2 months
32	Deeper nearshore					1,000 lb/ 2 months
33	40°10' - 34°27' N. lat.	700 lb/ 2 months	CLOSED	700 lb/ 2 months	900 lb/ 2 months	
34	South of 34°27' N. lat.	500 lb/ 2 months		600 lb/ 2 months		
35	California scorpionfish	1,200 lb/ 2 months	CLOSED	1,200 lb/ 2 months		
36	Lingcod ^{3/}	CLOSED		400 lb/ month		CLOSED
37	Pacific cod	1,000 lb/ 2 months				
38	Spiny dogfish	200,000 lb/ 2 months		150,000 lb/ 2 months	100,000 lb/ 2 months	
39	Other Fish ^{4/}	Unlimited				
40	RIDGEBACK PRAWN AND, SOUTH OF 38°57.50' N. LAT., CA HALIBUT AND SEA CUCUMBER NON-GROUNDFISH TRAWL					
41	NON-GROUNDFISH TRAWL Rockfish Conservation Area (RCA) for CA Halibut, Sea Cucumber & Ridgeback Prawn:					
42	40° 10' - 38° N. lat.	100 fm line - 200 fm line ^{6/}	100 fm line ^{5/} - 150 fm line ^{5/}			100 fm line ^{5/} - 200 fm line ^{5/ 6/}
43	38° - 34° 27' N. lat.	100 fm line ^{5/} - 150 fm line ^{5/}				
44	South of 34° 27' N. lat.	100 fm line ^{5/} - 150 fm line ^{5/} along the mainland coast; shoreline - 150 fm line ^{5/} around islands				
45		Groundfish: 300 lb/trip. Species-specific limits described in the table above 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°57.50' 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, curfin sole, or California scorpionfish (California scorpionfish is also subject to the trip limits and closures in line 31).				
46	PINK SHRIMP NON-GROUNDFISH TRAWL GEAR (not subject to RCAs)					
47	South	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 all groundfish species count toward the per day, per trip or other species-specific sublimits described here and the species-specific limits described in the table above do not apply. The amount of groundfish landed may not exceed the amount of pink shrimp landed.				

TABLE 3 (South) cont'

1/ Yellowtail rockfish is included in the trip limits for minor shelf rockfish. POP is included in the trip limits for minor slope rockfish. Bronzespotted rockfish have a species specific trip limit.

2/ "Other flatfish" are defined at § 660.11 and include butter sole, curfin sole, flathead sole, Pacific sanddab, rex sole, rock sole, and sand sole.

3/ The commercial minimum size limit for lingcod is 24 inches (61 cm) total length South of 42° N. lat.

4/ "Other fish" are defined at § 660.11 and include sharks (except spiny dogfish), skates (including longnose skates), ratfish, morids, grenadiers, and kelp greenling.

5/ The Rockfish Conservation Area is an area closed to fishing by particular gear types, bounded by lines specifically defined by latitude and longitude coordinates set out at §§ 660.71-660.74. This RCA is not defined by depth contours (with the exception of the 20-fm depth contour boundary south of 42° N. lat.), and the boundary lines that define the RCA may close areas that are deeper or shallower than the depth contour. Vessels that are subject to RCA restrictions may not fish in the RCA, or operate in the RCA for any purpose other than transiting.

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

