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## PUBLIC NOTICE

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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 management measures for the Pacific Coast groundfish fishery off Washington, Oregon, and northern California, **effective at 0001 hours (local time) May 1, 2010.**

The Pacific Fishery Management Council (Pacific Council) recommended changes to management measures at their March and April meetings. Changes to management measures are being implemented in a *Federal Register* notice that will publish on May 4, 2010, and are described in this public notice.

#### **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 Non-Whiting Trawl Fishery***

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

#### ***Changes to Cumulative Limits***

The Council considered modifications to the “minor slope rockfish and darkblotched rockfish” cumulative limit North of 40°10’ N. lat., due to higher than expected catch of darkblotched rockfish in this fishery and area. This action was necessary

to keep the total projected catch of darkblotched rockfish below the 2010 Optimum Yield.

Trip limits changes are as follows:

- **North of 40°10’ N. lat.**, the minor slope rockfish and darkblotched rockfish trip limit is reduced from “6,000 lb per 2 months” to **“2,000 lb per two months”** beginning on May 1, 2010 through the end of the year.

#### ***Limited Entry Fixed Gear Primary Sablefish Fishery (Tier Fishery)***

For more detailed regulations applying to the limited entry trawl fishery, see § 660.372 of the Pacific Coast groundfish regulations.

#### ***Prohibition of Pacific halibut retention***

NMFS published the 2010 halibut final rule and catch sharing plan on March 18, 2010 (75 FR 13024). The final Area 2A halibut TAC for 2010 was adopted by the IPHC at their January 26 through

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

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January 29, 2010 meeting, and is below 900,000-lbs (408-mt). Therefore, according to the Council's Catch Sharing Plan, no halibut quota will be assigned to the limited entry fixed gear sablefish primary fishery. Since there is no halibut available

for this fishery in 2010, **no retention of halibut is allowed in the limited entry fixed gear sablefish primary fishery north of Point Chehalis, Washington (46° 53.30' N. lat.).**

**Trip limit tables, effective May 1, 2010,  
are included at the end of this public notice.**

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For more information contact: NMFS Northwest Region at 206-526-6140 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), 510-581-7358 (Belmont), 562-342-7184 (Los Alamitos), 858-546-7167 (La Jolla).

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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 -- 2010 Trip Limits for Limited Entry Trawl Gear North of 40°10' N. Lat.**  
**Other Limits and Requirements Apply -- Read § 660.301 - § 660.399 before using this table**

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	JAN-FEB	MAR-APR	MAY-JUN	JUL-AUG	SEP-OCT	NOV-DEC
<b>Rockfish Conservation Area (RCA)<sup>6/</sup>:</b>						
1 North of 48°10' N. lat.	shore - modified <sup>7/</sup> 200 fm line <sup>6/</sup>	shore - 200 fm line <sup>6/</sup>	shore - 150 fm line <sup>6/</sup>		shore - 200 fm line <sup>6/</sup>	shore - modified <sup>7/</sup> 200 fm line <sup>6/</sup>
2 48°10' N. lat. - 45°46' N. lat.	75 fm line <sup>6/</sup> - modified <sup>7/</sup> 200 fm line <sup>6/</sup>	75 fm line <sup>6/</sup> - 200 fm line <sup>6/</sup>	75 fm line <sup>6/</sup> - 150 fm line <sup>6/</sup>	100 fm line <sup>6/</sup> - 150 fm line <sup>6/</sup>	75 fm line <sup>6/</sup> - 200 fm line <sup>6/</sup>	75 fm line <sup>6/</sup> - modified <sup>7/</sup> 200 fm line <sup>6/</sup>
3 45°46' N. lat. - 40°10' N. lat.			75 fm line <sup>6/</sup> - 200 fm line <sup>6/</sup>	100 fm line <sup>6/</sup> - 200 fm line <sup>6/</sup>		
<p>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. 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.</p>						
<p>See § 660.370 and § 660.381 for Additional Gear, Trip Limit, and Conservation Area Requirements and Restrictions. See §§ 660.390-660.394 and §§ 660.396-660.399 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 <b>Minor slope rockfish<sup>2/</sup> &amp; Darkblotched rockfish</b>	6,000 lb/ 2 months		2,000 lb/ 2 months			
5 <b>Pacific ocean perch</b>	1,500 lb/ 2 months					
6 <b>DTS complex</b>						
7 <b>Sablefish</b>						
8 large & small footrope gear	20,000 lb/ 2 months		24,000 lb/ 2 months			20,000 lb/ 2 months
9 selective flatfish trawl gear	9,000 lb/ 2 months					
10 multiple bottom trawl gear <sup>8/</sup>	9,000 lb/ 2 months					
11 <b>Longspine thornyhead</b>						
12 large & small footrope gear	24,000 lb/ 2 months					
13 selective flatfish trawl gear	5,000 lb/ 2 months					
14 multiple bottom trawl gear <sup>8/</sup>	5,000 lb/ 2 months					
15 <b>Shortspine thornyhead</b>						
16 large & small footrope gear	18,000 lb/2 months					
17 selective flatfish trawl gear	5,000 lb/ 2 months					
18 multiple bottom trawl gear <sup>8/</sup>	5,000 lb/ 2 months					
19 <b>Dover sole</b>						
20 large & small footrope gear	110,000 lb/ 2 months					
21 selective flatfish trawl gear	65,000 lb/ 2 months					
22 multiple bottom trawl gear <sup>8/</sup>	65,000 lb/ 2 months					

**TABLE 3 (North)**

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Table 3 (North). Continued

		JAN-FEB	MAR-APR	MAY-JUN	JUL-AUG	SEP-OCT	NOV-DEC
23	<b>Whiting</b>						
24	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.					
25	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.					
26	<b>Flatfish (except Dover sole)</b>						
27	Arrowtooth flounder						
28	large & small footrope gear	150,000 lb/ 2 months					
29	selective flatfish trawl gear	90,000 lb/ 2 months					
30	multiple bottom trawl gear <sup>8/</sup>	90,000 lb/ 2 months					
31	Other flatfish <sup>3/</sup> , English sole, starry flounder, & Petrale sole						
32	large & small footrope gear for Other flatfish <sup>3/</sup> , English sole, & starry flounder	110,000 lb/ 2 months	110,000 lb/ 2 months, no more than 9,500 lb/ 2 months of which may be petrale sole.				110,000 lb/ 2 months
33	large & small footrope gear for Petrale sole	9,500 lb/ 2 months					9,500 lb/ 2 months
34	selective flatfish trawl gear for Other flatfish <sup>3/</sup> , English sole, & starry flounder	90,000 lb/ 2 months, no more than 9,500 lb/ 2 months of which may be petrale sole.	60,000 lb/ 2 months, no more than 9,500 lb/ 2 months of which may be petrale sole.				
35	selective flatfish trawl gear for Petrale sole						
36	multiple bottom trawl gear <sup>8/</sup>	90,000 lb/ 2 months, no more than 9,500 lb/ 2 months of which may be petrale sole.	60,000 lb/ 2 months, no more than 9,500 lb/ 2 months of which may be petrale sole.				
37	<b>Minor shelf rockfish <sup>1/</sup>, Shortbelly, Widow &amp; Yelloweye rockfish</b>						
38	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.					
39	large & small footrope gear	300 lb/ 2 months					
40	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	
41	multiple bottom trawl gear <sup>8/</sup>	300 lb/ month	300 lb/ 2 months, no more than 200 lb/ month of which may be yelloweye rockfish			300 lb/ month	

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Table 3 (North). Continued

		JAN-FEB	MAR-APR	MAY-JUN	JUL-AUG	SEP-OCT	NOV-DEC
42	<b>Canary rockfish</b>						
43	large & small footrope gear	CLOSED					
44	selective flatfish trawl gear	100 lb/ month		300 lb/ month		100 lb/ month	
45	multiple bottom trawl gear <sup>B/</sup>	CLOSED					
46	<b>Yellowtail</b>						
	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.					
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48	large & small footrope gear	300 lb/ 2 months					
49	selective flatfish trawl gear	2,000 lb/ 2 months					
50	multiple bottom trawl gear <sup>B/</sup>	300 lb/ 2 months					
	<b>Minor nearshore rockfish &amp; Black rockfish</b>						
51							
52	large & small footrope gear	CLOSED					
53	selective flatfish trawl gear	300 lb/ month					
54	multiple bottom trawl gear <sup>B/</sup>	CLOSED					
55	<b>Lingcod <sup>A/</sup></b>						
56	large & small footrope gear	4,000 lb/ 2 months					
57	selective flatfish trawl gear	1,200 lb/ 2 months	1,200 lb/2 months				
58	multiple bottom trawl gear <sup>B/</sup>	1,200 lb/2 months					
59	<b>Pacific cod</b>	30,000 lb/ 2 months	70,000 lb/ 2 months				30,000 lb/ 2 months
60	<b>Spiny dogfish</b>	200,000 lb/ 2 months	150,000 lb/ 2 months	100,000 lb/ 2 months			
61	<b>Other Fish <sup>5/</sup></b>	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, curffin sole, flathead sole, Pacific sanddab, rex sole, rock sole, and sand sole.

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 § 660.302 and include sharks, skates (including longnose skate), ratfish, morids, grenadiers, and kelp greenling.

Cabezon is 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 §§ 660.391-660.394. 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.

7/ The "modified" fathom lines are 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 -- 2010 Trip Limits for Limited Entry Trawl Gear South of 40°10' N. Lat.**  
**Other Limits and Requirements Apply -- Read § 660.301 - § 660.399 before using this table**

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	JAN-FEB	MAR-APR	MAY-JUN	JUL-AUG	SEP-OCT	NOV-DEC
<b>Rockfish Conservation Area (RCA)<sup>6/</sup>:</b>						
<sup>1</sup> South of 40°10' N. lat.	100 fm line <sup>6/</sup> - 150 fm line <sup>6/ 7/</sup>					
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.						
See § 660.370 and § 660.381 for Additional Gear, Trip Limit, and Conservation Area Requirements and Restrictions. See §§ 660.390-660.394 and §§ 660.396-660.399 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.						
<b>2</b>	<b>Minor slope rockfish<sup>2/</sup> &amp; Darkblotched rockfish</b>					
<b>3</b>	40°10' - 38° N. lat.		15,000 lb/ 2 months			
<b>4</b>	South of 38° N. lat.		55,000 lb/ 2 months			
<b>5</b>	<b>Splitnose</b>					
<b>6</b>	40°10' - 38° N. lat.		15,000 lb/ 2 months			
<b>7</b>	South of 38° N. lat.		55,000 lb/ 2 months			
<b>8</b>	<b>DTS complex</b>					
<b>9</b>	Sablefish		22,000 lb/ 2 months			
<b>10</b>	Longspine thornyhead		24,000 lb/ 2 months			
<b>11</b>	Shortspine thornyhead		18,000 lb/ 2 months			
<b>12</b>	Dover sole		110,000 lb/ 2 months			
<b>13</b>	<b>Flatfish (except Dover sole)</b>					
<b>14</b>	Other flatfish <sup>3/</sup> , English sole, & starry flounder		110,000 lb/ 2 months		110,000 lb/ 2 months, no more than 9,500 lb/ 2 months of which may be petrale sole.	
<b>15</b>	Petrale sole		9,500 lb/ 2 months		9,500 lb/ 2 months	
<b>16</b>	Arrowtooth flounder		10,000 lb/ 2 months			
<b>17</b>	<b>Whiting</b>					
<b>18</b>	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.			
<b>19</b>	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.			

**TABLE 3 (South)**

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Table 3 (South). Continued

	JAN-FEB	MAR-APR	MAY-JUN	JUL-AUG	SEP-OCT	NOV-DEC
<b>20 Minor shelf rockfish<sup>1/</sup>, Chilipepper, Shortbelly, Widow, &amp; Yelloweye rockfish</b>						
21 large footrope or midwater trawl for Minor shelf rockfish & Shortbelly	300 lb/ month					
22 large footrope or midwater trawl for Chilipepper	12,000 lb/ 2 months					
23 large footrope or midwater trawl for Widow & Yelloweye	CLOSED					
24 small footrope trawl for Minor Shelf, Shortbelly, Widow & Yelloweye	300 lb/ month					
25 small footrope trawl for Chilipepper	12,000 lb/ 2 months					
<b>26 Bocaccio</b>						
27 large footrope or midwater trawl	300 lb/ 2 months					
28 small footrope trawl	CLOSED					
<b>29 Canary rockfish</b>						
30 large footrope or midwater trawl	CLOSED					
31 small footrope trawl	100 lb/ month		300 lb/ month		100 lb/ month	
<b>32 Cowcod</b>	CLOSED					
<b>33 Bronzespotted rockfish</b>	CLOSED					
<b>34 Minor nearshore rockfish &amp; Black rockfish</b>						
35 large footrope or midwater trawl	CLOSED					
36 small footrope trawl	300 lb/ month					
<b>37 Lingcod<sup>4/</sup></b>						
38 large footrope or midwater trawl	1,200 lb/ 2 months		4,000 lb/ 2 months			
39 small footrope trawl	1,200 lb/ 2 months					
<b>40 Pacific cod</b>	30,000 lb/ 2 months		70,000 lb/ 2 months			30,000 lb/ 2 months
<b>41 Spiny dogfish</b>	200,000 lb/ 2 months		150,000 lb/ 2 months	100,000 lb/ 2 months		
<b>42 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. Bronzespotted rockfish have a species specific trip limit.

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, and sand sole.

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

5/ Other fish are defined at § 660.302 and include sharks, skates (including longnose skate), ratfish, morids, grenadiers, and kelp greenling.

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 §§ 660.391-660.394. 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.

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Table 4 (North) to Part 660, Subpart G -- 2009-2010 Trip Limits for Limited Entry Fixed Gear North of 40°10' N. Lat.

Other Limits and Requirements Apply -- Read § 660.301 - § 660.399 before using this table

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		JAN-FEB	MAR-APR	MAY-JUN	JUL-AUG	SEP-OCT	NOV-DEC	
<b>Rockfish Conservation Area (RCA)<sup>6/</sup>:</b>								
1	North of 46°16' N. lat.	shoreline - 100 fm line <sup>6/</sup>						
2	46°16' N. lat. - 45°03.83' N. lat.	30 fm line <sup>6/</sup> - 100 fm line <sup>6/</sup>						
3	45°03.83' N. lat. - 43°00' N. lat.	30 fm line <sup>6/</sup> - 125 fm line <sup>6/ 7/</sup>						
4	43°00' N. lat. - 42°00' N. lat.	20 fm line <sup>6/</sup> - 100 fm line <sup>6/</sup>						
5	42°00' N. lat. - 40°10' N. lat.	20 fm depth contour - 100 fm line <sup>6/</sup>						
<p>See § 660.370 and § 660.382 for Additional Gear, Trip Limit, and Conservation Area Requirements and Restrictions.                      See §§ 660.390-660.394 and §§ 660.396-660.399 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>								
6	Minor slope rockfish <sup>2/</sup> & Darkblotched rockfish	4,000 lb/ 2 months						
7	Pacific ocean perch	1,800 lb/ 2 months						
8	Sablefish	1,750 lb per week, not to exceed 7,000 lb/ 2 months						
9	Longspine thornyhead	10,000 lb/ 2 months						
10	Shortspine thornyhead	2,000 lb/ 2 months						
11	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.						
12	Arrowtooth flounder							
13	Petrale sole							
14	English sole							
15	Starry flounder							
16	Other flatfish <sup>1/</sup>							
17	Whiting	10,000 lb/ trip						
18	Minor shelf rockfish <sup>2/</sup> , Shortbelly, Widow, & Yellowtail rockfish	200 lb/ month						
19	Canary rockfish	CLOSED						
20	Yelloweye rockfish	CLOSED						
21	Minor nearshore rockfish & Black rockfish							
22	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>						
23	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>	7,000 lb/ 2 months, no more than 1,200 lb of which may be species other than black rockfish <sup>3/</sup>					
24	Lingcod <sup>4/</sup>	CLOSED			800 lb/ 2 months		400 lb/ month	CLOSED
25	Pacific cod	1,000 lb/ 2 months						
26	Spiny dogfish	200,000 lb/ 2 months		150,000 lb/ 2 months	100,000 lb/ 2 months			
27	Other fish <sup>5/</sup>	Not limited						

TABLE 4 (North)

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- 1/ "Other flatfish" are defined at § 660.302 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 § 660.302 and include sharks, skates (including longnose skates), ratfish, morids, grenadiers, and kelp greenling. Cabezon is 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 §§ 660.391-660.394. 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.
- 7/ The 125 fm line restriction is in place all year, except on days when the directed halibut fishery is open. On those days the 100 fm line restriction is in effect.

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

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**Table 4 (South) to Part 660, Subpart G -- 2009-2010 Trip Limits for Limited Entry Fixed Gear South of 40°10' N. Lat.**

**Other Limits and Requirements Apply -- Read § 660.301 - § 660.399 before using this table**

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		JAN-FEB	MAR-APR	MAY-JUN	JUL-AUG	SEP-OCT	NOV-DEC
<b>Rockfish Conservation Area (RCA)<sup>5/</sup>:</b>							
1	40°10' - 34°27' N. lat.	30 fm line <sup>5/</sup> - 150 fm line <sup>5/</sup>					
2	South of 34°27' N. lat.	60 fm line <sup>5/</sup> - 150 fm line <sup>5/</sup> (also applies around islands)					
<p><b>See § 660.370 and § 660.382 for Additional Gear, Trip Limit, and Conservation Area Requirements and Restrictions.</b>  <b>See §§ 660.390-660.394 and §§ 660.396-660.399 for Conservation Area Descriptions and Coordinates (including RCAs, YRCA, CCAs, Farallon Islands, Cordell Banks, and EFHCAs).</b></p>							
<p>State trip limits and seasons may be more restrictive than federal trip limits, particularly in waters off Oregon and California.</p>							
3	<b>Minor slope rockfish<sup>2/</sup> &amp; Darkblotched rockfish</b>	40,000 lb/ 2 months					
4	<b>Splitnose</b>	40,000 lb/ 2 months					
5	<b>Sablefish</b>						
6	40°10' - 36° N. lat.	1,750 lb per week, not to exceed 7,000 lb/ 2 months					
7	South of 36° N. lat.	400 lb/ day, or 1 landing per week of up to 1,500 lb			3,000 lb per week		
8	<b>Longspine thornyhead</b>	10,000 lb / 2 months					
9	<b>Shortspine thornyhead</b>						
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	<b>Dover sole</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 two 1 lb (0.45 kg) weights per line are not subject to the RCAs.					
13	<b>Arrowtooth flounder</b>						
14	<b>Petrale sole</b>						
15	<b>English sole</b>						
16	<b>Starry flounder</b>						
17	<b>Other flatfish<sup>1/</sup></b>	5,000 lb/ month					
18	<b>Whiting</b>	10,000 lb/ trip					
19	<b>Minor shelf rockfish<sup>2/</sup>, Shortbelly, Widow rockfish, and Bocaccio (including Chilipepper between 40°10' - 34°27' N. lat.)</b>						
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	<b>Chilipepper rockfish</b>						
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	<b>Canary rockfish</b>	CLOSED					
26	<b>Yelloweye rockfish</b>	CLOSED					
27	<b>Cowcod</b>	CLOSED					
28	<b>Bronzespotted rockfish</b>	CLOSED					
29	<b>Bocaccio</b>						
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 4 (South)**

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Table 4 (South). Continued

		JAN-FEB	MAR-APR	MAY-JUN	JUL-AUG	SEP-OCT	NOV-DEC	
<b>32 Minor nearshore rockfish &amp; Black rockfish</b>								
33	Shallow nearshore	600 lb/ 2 months	CLOSED	800 lb/ 2 months	900 lb/ 2 months	800 lb/ 2 months	600 lb/ 2 months	
34	Deeper nearshore							
35	40°10' - 34°27' N. lat.	700 lb/ 2 months	CLOSED	700 lb/ 2 months		800 lb/ 2 months		
36	South of 34°27' N. lat.	500 lb/ 2 months		600 lb/ 2 months				
37	California scorpionfish	600 lb/ 2 months	CLOSED	600 lb/ 2 months	1,200 lb/ 2 months			
38	<b>Lingcod<sup>3/</sup></b>	CLOSED		800 lb/ 2 months			400 lb/ month	CLOSED
39	<b>Pacific cod</b>	1,000 lb/ 2 months						
40	<b>Spiny dogfish</b>	200,000 lb/ 2 months		150,000 lb/ 2 months	100,000 lb/ 2 months			
41	<b>Other fish<sup>4/</sup> &amp; Cabezon</b>	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, 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 minimum size limit for lingcod is 24 inches (61 cm) total length South of 42° N. lat.
- 4/ "Other fish" are defined at § 660.302 and include sharks, skates (including longnose skates), rattfish, 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 §§ 660.391-660.394. 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.**

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**Table 5 (North) to Part 660, Subpart G -- 2009-2010 Trip Limits for Open Access Gears North of 40°10' N. Lat.**

Other Limits and Requirements Apply -- Read § 660.301 - § 660.399 before using this table

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	JAN-FEB	MAR-APR	MAY-JUN	JUL-AUG	SEP-OCT	NOV-DEC
<b>Rockfish Conservation Area (RCA)<sup>6/</sup>:</b>						
1 North of 46°16' N. lat.	shoreline - 100 fm line <sup>6/</sup>					
2 46°16' N. lat. - 45°03.83' N. lat.	30 fm line <sup>6/</sup> - 100 fm line <sup>6/</sup>					
3 45°03.83' N. lat. - 43°00' N. lat.	30 fm line <sup>6/</sup> - 125 fm line <sup>6/ 7/</sup>					
4 43°00' N. lat. - 42°00' N. lat.	20 fm line <sup>6/</sup> - 100 fm line <sup>6/</sup>					
5 42°00' N. lat. - 40°10' N. lat.	20 fm depth contour - 100 fm line <sup>6/</sup>					
See § 660.370 and § 660.383 for Additional Gear, Trip Limit, and Conservation Area Requirements and Restrictions. See §§ 660.390-660.394 and §§ 660.396-660.399 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.						
6 <b>Minor slope rockfish<sup>1/</sup> &amp; Darkblotched rockfish</b>	Per trip, no more than 25% of weight of the sablefish landed					
7 <b>Pacific ocean perch</b>	100 lb/ month					
8 <b>Sablefish</b>	300 lb/ day, or 1 landing per week of up to 800 lb, not to exceed 2,400 lb/ 2 months			300 lb/ day, or 1 landing per week of up to 950 lb, not to exceed 2,750 lb/ 2 months		
9 <b>Thornyheads</b>	CLOSED					
10 <b>Dover sole</b>	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.					
11 <b>Arrowtooth flounder</b>						
12 <b>Petrale sole</b>						
13 <b>English sole</b>						
14 <b>Starry flounder</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; Yellowtail rockfish</b>	200 lb/ month					
18 <b>Canary rockfish</b>	CLOSED					
19 <b>Yelloweye rockfish</b>	CLOSED					
20 <b>Minor nearshore rockfish &amp; Black rockfish</b>	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>					
21 North of 42° N. lat.						
22 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>	7,000 lb/ 2 months, no more than 1,200 lb of which may be species other than black rockfish <sup>3/</sup>				
23 <b>Lingcod<sup>4/</sup></b>	CLOSED			400 lb/ month		CLOSED
24 <b>Pacific cod</b>	1,000 lb/ 2 months					
25 <b>Spiny dogfish</b>	200,000 lb/ 2 months		150,000 lb/ 2 months	100,000 lb/ 2 months		
26 <b>Other Fish<sup>5/</sup></b>	Not limited					

TABLE 5 (North)

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Table 5 (North). Continued

		JAN-FEB	MAR-APR	MAY-JUN	JUL-AUG	SEP-OCT	NOV-DEC	TABLE 5 (North) cont
27	<b>PINK SHRIMP NON-GROUNDFISH TRAWL</b> (not subject to RCAs)							
28	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>						
29	<b>SALMON TROLL</b>							
30	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. Salmon trollers may retain and land up to 1 lingcod per 15 Chinook, plus 1 lingcod up to a trip limit of 10 lingcod, both within and outside of the RCA. This limit is within the 400 lb per month limit for lingcod, 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.</p>						

- 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, 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.
- 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 § 660.302 and include sharks, skates (including longnose skates), ratfish, morids, grenadiers, and kelp greenling. Cabezon is 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 §§ 660.391-660.394. 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.
- 7/ The 125 fm line restriction is in place all year, except on days when the directed halibut fishery is open. On those days the 100 fm line restriction is in effect.

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

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**Table 5 (South) to Part 660, Subpart G -- 2009-2010 Trip Limits for Open Access Gears South of 40°10' N. Lat.**  
**Other Limits and Requirements Apply -- Read § 660.301 - § 660.399 before using this table**

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		JAN-FEB	MAR-APR	MAY-JUN	JUL-AUG	SEP-OCT	NOV-DEC
<b>Rockfish Conservation Area (RCA)<sup>5/</sup>:</b>							
1	40°10' - 34°27' N. lat.	30 fm line <sup>5/</sup> - 150 fm line <sup>5/</sup>					
2	South of 34°27' N. lat.	60 fm line <sup>5/</sup> - 150 fm line <sup>5/</sup> (also applies around islands)					
<p align="center"><b>See § 660.370 and § 660.383 for Additional Gear, Trip Limit, and Conservation Area Requirements and Restrictions.</b>  <b>See §§ 660.390-660.394 and §§ 660.396-660.399 for Conservation Area Descriptions and Coordinates (including RCAs, YRCA, CCAs, Farallon Islands, Cordell Banks, and EFHCAs).</b></p>							
<p align="center">State trip limits and seasons may be more restrictive than federal trip limits, particularly in waters off Oregon and California.</p>							
3	<b>Minor slope rockfish<sup>1/</sup> &amp; Darkblotched rockfish</b>						
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	<b>Splitnose</b>	200 lb/ month					
7	<b>Sablefish</b>						
8	40°10' - 36° N. lat.	300 lb/ day, or 1 landing per week of up to 800 lb, not to exceed 2,400 lb/ 2 months			300 lb/ day, or 1 landing per week of up to 950 lb, not to exceed 2,750 lb/ 2 months		
9	South of 36° N. lat.	400 lb/ day, or 1 landing per week of up to 1,500 lb, not to exceed 8,000 lb/ 2 months				400 lb/ day, or 1 landing per week of up to 2,500 lb	
10	<b>Thornyheads</b>						
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	<b>Dover sole</b>						
14	<b>Arrowtooth flounder</b>	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	<b>Petrале sole</b>						
16	<b>English sole</b>						
17	<b>Starry flounder</b>						
18	<b>Other flatfish<sup>2/</sup></b>						
19	<b>Whiting</b>	300 lb/ month					
20	<b>Minor shelf rockfish<sup>1/</sup>, Shortbelly, Widow &amp; Chilipepper rockfish</b>						
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			
23	<b>Canary rockfish</b>	CLOSED					
24	<b>Yelloweye rockfish</b>	CLOSED					
25	<b>Cowcod</b>	CLOSED					
26	<b>Bronzespotted rockfish</b>	CLOSED					
27	<b>Bocaccio</b>						
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 5 (South)**

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Table 5 (South). Continued

		JAN-FEB	MAR-APR	MAY-JUN	JUL-AUG	SEP-OCT	NOV-DEC
30	<b>Minor nearshore rockfish &amp; Black rockfish</b>						
31	Shallow nearshore	600 lb/ 2 months	CLOSED	800 lb/ 2 months	900 lb/ 2 months	800 lb/ 2 months	600 lb/ 2 months
32	Deeper nearshore						
33	40°10' - 34°27' N. lat.	700 lb/ 2 months	CLOSED	700 lb/ 2 months		800 lb/ 2 months	
34	South of 34°27' N. lat.	500 lb/ 2 months		600 lb/ 2 months			
35	California scorpionfish	600 lb/ 2 months	CLOSED	600 lb/ 2 months	1,200 lb/ 2 months		
36	<b>Lingcod<sup>3/</sup></b>	CLOSED		400 lb/ month			CLOSE
37	<b>Pacific cod</b>	1,000 lb/ 2 months					
38	<b>Spiny dogfish</b>	200,000 lb/ 2 months		150,000 lb/ 2 months	100,000 lb/ 2 months		
39	<b>Other Fish<sup>4/</sup> &amp; Cabezon</b>	Not limited					
40	<b>RIDGEBACK PRAWN AND, SOUTH OF 38°57.50' N. LAT., CA HALIBUT AND SEA CUCUMBER NON-GROUNDFISH TRAWL</b>						
41	<b>NON-GROUNDFISH TRAWL Rockfish Conservation Area (RCA) for CA Halibut, Sea Cucumber &amp; Ridgeback Prawn:</b>						
42	40°10' - 38° N. lat.	100 fm - modified 200 fm <sup>6/</sup>	100 fm - 150 fm			100 fm - modified 200 fm <sup>6/</sup>	
43	38° - 34°27' N. lat.	100 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°57.50' 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, curlfin sole, or California scorpionfish (California scorpionfish is also subject to the trip limits and closures in line 31).</p>						
46	<b>PINK SHRIMP NON-GROUNDFISH TRAWL GEAR</b> (not subject to RCAs)						
47	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>					

TABLE 5 (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 § 660.302 and include butter sole, curlfin sole, flathead sole, Pacific sanddab, rex sole, rock sole, and sand sole.

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

4/ "Other fish" are defined at § 660.302 and include sharks, skates (including longnose skates), rattfish, morids, grenadiers, and kelp greenling.

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

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