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PACIFIC COAST GROUND FISH FISHERY **Commercial and recreational management measures** **for May 2011 to December 2012.**

The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) announces commercial and recreational management measures for May 2011 through December 2012. The management measures apply in the Pacific Coast groundfish fishery off Washington, Oregon, and California, and are **effective at 0001 hours (local time) on May 11, 2011**, until modified, superseded or rescinded. These management measures were recommended, in part, by the Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council); the states of Washington, Oregon, and California will implement similar restrictions. These management measures are being implemented in a *Federal Register* notice that will publish on May 11, 2011, and are described in this public notice. Any discrepancies between this public notice and the *Federal Register* will be resolved in favor of the *Federal Register*.

Introduction

Specifications and management measures for 2011-2012 were developed with the goal of rebuilding overfished groundfish stocks and achieving as much of the available harvest as possible for co-occurring non-overfished groundfish stocks. Rebuilding plans for seven overfished groundfish stocks are revised and a new rebuilding plan is established for petrale sole, based on the most recent stock assessments.

Many of the same types of management measures that were in place during 2009-2010 will continue in 2011-2012, with the exception of the rationalized commercial fishery that began in January 2011. For commercial fisheries that are not fishing under the

trawl rationalization program, management measures will include landing limits, size limits, gear restrictions, and time/area closures. For commercial fisheries that are fishing under the trawl rationalization program (Shorebased Individual Fishing Quota (IFQ) Program, Mothership Coop Program, Catcher/Processor Coop Program), many management measures changed in 2011 as previously announced. For changes resulting from implementation of the trawl rationalization program in January 2011, see NMFS trawl rationalization website (<http://www.nwr.noaa.gov/Groundfish-Halibut/Groundfish-Fishery-Management/Trawl-Program/index.cfm>) or call the trawl hotline at 888-522-0267. For the Shorebased IFQ Program, additional quota pounds that may be issued as a result of implementation of these 2011-2012 harvest specifications and management measures will be announced soon in a separate public notice. For

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>

Visit the NMFS Northwest Region website to sign up for e-mail notifications of changes to groundfish fishing regulations.

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recreational fisheries, management measures will include bag limits, size limits, gear restrictions, and time/area closures.

For complete Federal regulations governing the commercial and recreational groundfish fisheries, please see Title 50 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Part 660, Subparts A through G. You can access the electronic CFR online, at <http://ecfr.gpoaccess.gov>. Browse to Title 50 – Wildlife and Fisheries, at the very bottom of the drop-down menu, and click “Go”. At the bottom of the table, click the link “660-end”. Then click

“660.1 to 660.721”, the first link below the heading “Table of Contents”. Below this heading lists all of the subparts (A through G) and sections, 660.1 through 660.360 plus appendices. Clicking on the section number will bring up the most up-to-date Federal groundfish regulations for that section or appendix. [Note: CFR references may also be shown in this notice as: 50 CFR 660, Subparts A through G; § 660.1 through § 660.360; or Table X, to subpart X].

General

Federal groundfish regulations at Title 50 CFR, Part 660 were reorganized into multiple subparts in order to accommodate new regulations pertaining to the Trawl Rationalization Program. Subpart C applies to all west coast groundfish fisheries, both commercial and recreational. Subpart D applies to the limited entry trawl groundfish fisheries. Subpart E applies to limited entry fixed gear groundfish fisheries. Subpart F applies to open access groundfish fisheries. Subpart G applies to recreational groundfish fisheries. References to groundfish fishing regulations will now include a reference to which Subpart the subject regulations can be found at.

Implementation of Annual Catch Limits

The Council recommended, and NMFS has approved an Amendment to the Pacific Coast Groundfish Fishery Management Plan (FMP) to align our harvest specifications with the new requirements in the Magnuson-Stevens Act. Amendment 23 to the FMP establishes a framework

for the use of Annual Catch Limits to set the harvest levels for Pacific coast groundfish. In order to make the groundfish fishing regulations reflect the new framework in the FMP, several additions and changes to regulations were necessary.

For example, throughout the regulations at 50 CFR 660, Subparts A through G, the term Optimum Yield, or “OY” is replaced by the term Annual Catch Limit, or “ACL”.

Since these changes do not have a direct effect on the fishery management measures, they are not described in detail in this Public Notice. For more information on how FMP Amendment 23 has required changes to the Groundfish regulations that pertain to harvest specifications, see the preamble of the proposed rule for the 2011-2012 harvest specifications and management measures, which published on November 3, 2010 (75 FR 67810).

Area Restrictions and Closures

General

Area closures, or groundfish conservation areas, include different types of closed areas: the rockfish conservation areas (RCAs), the yelloweye rockfish conservation areas (YRCAs), the cowcod conservation areas (CCAs), the Farallon Islands

closure, the Cordell Banks closure, and essential fish habitat conservation areas (EFHCAs). These closed areas are intended to protect a particular groundfish species, species group or species complex, or groundfish habitat.

The closed areas that apply to the various fishery sectors are described in the CFR at § 660.130, 660.230, 660.330, 660.333, 660.360 (limited entry trawl, limited entry fixed gear, open access, open access non-groundfish trawl, and recreational fisheries, respectively). **All closed area regulations for 2011-2012 are similar and are applied in the same manner as in 2009-2010.** See § 660.130, 660.230, 660.330, 660.333, 660.360 and Tables 1-3 (North and South) to subparts D-F for complete closed area regulations.

Closed areas are defined by coordinates expressed in degrees of latitude and longitude, with the exception of the 10 fm depth contour off Oregon and California and the 20 fm depth contour off California. The coordinates that define all of these area restrictions are listed at § 660.71 through § 660.74, and on the NMFS NWR website (see details below).

The schedule of RCA boundaries for commercial fisheries are found at the top of the trip limit tables, Tables 1-3 (North and South) at the end of this public notice. The RCA boundaries in effect for the recreational fisheries are described below, under the “Recreational Fishery” section.

Minor Changes to Coordinates for 2011 and 2012

For 2011-2012, NMFS is revising some latitude and longitude coordinates that define the RCA boundaries. In an effort to reduce duplication, the latitude and longitude coordinates that will define the RCAs in 2011 and beyond, are not listed in this public notice.

Finding Coordinates: There are three places to find coordinates that define closed or restricted areas.

1.) **The latitude and longitude coordinates that are being revised are published by NMFS in the Federal Register, in a final rule dated May 11, 2011.**

2.) **The latitude and longitude coordinates in their entirety are available online in the electronic CFR online, at <http://ecfr.gpoaccess.gov>.** Follow instructions on page 1 to access. Then you will want to browse § 660.71 through § 660.74. These are identical to the coordinates that were published in the Federal Register.

3.) **The latitude and longitude coordinates are also available on the NMFS NWR website as comma delimited text, suitable for use with most navigation software.** Visit www.nwr.noaa.gov. In the blue headings at the top of the homepage, click the drop-down menu “Groundfish & Halibut”, then click from the drop-down menu “Groundfish Fishery Regulations”, then click from the drop-down menu “Groundfish Closed Areas”. This takes you to our Groundfish Closed Areas website, where all of the closed areas are described and latitude and longitude coordinates are available. To download the 2011-2012 coordinates for the depth-based closures (i.e. RCAs only, and not YRCAs etc.), scroll down the page to the section titled “Rockfish Conservation Areas”. Within this section you will see links to download a “Read Me” file as well as the WinZip file that contains all of the latitude and longitude coordinates. PLEASE NOTE: Every effort is made to ensure consistency between the website and coordinates published in the *Federal Register*. However, if a difference is found, defer to the *Federal Register*.

Commercial Fishery Gear Restrictions and Landing Allowances

General

Continuing in 2011 and 2012, the commercial groundfish fisheries will be managed according to the types of fishing gears that are used, and the regulations are split into those that apply to: limited entry trawl vessels; limited entry fixed gear (longline and trap/pot gear) vessels, and open access vessels.

Limited Entry Trawl Fishery Gear Restrictions and Landing Limits

For complete regulations pertaining to the limited entry trawl fishery, see § 660.100-160.

Gear: Gear requirements in the limited entry trawl fishery are unchanged from 2007-2008, except that participants in the Shorebased IFQ Program have an option to switch gears as specified at §660.140 (k). There are four different types of limited entry trawl gear for which gear-specific landing limits are described: large footrope gear; small footrope gear;

selective flatfish trawl gear and midwater gear. These trawl gear types are described in §660.11.

Only certain gear types are allowed when fishing seaward or shoreward of the trawl Rockfish Conservation Area (RCA). 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. For participants in the Shorebased IFQ Program using non-trawl gears, the non-trawl RCAs apply.

Landing Limits: The applicability of daily, weekly, and two-month landing limits are unchanged from 2007-2008 and 2009-2010. **Landing limits for non IFQ species and Pacific whiting (for vessels registered to a limited entry trawl permit and using trawl gear to harvest IFQ species) north and south of 40°10' N. lat. are provided in Tables 1 (North) and 1 (South), Subpart D.** Copies of these tables are attached to this Public Notice.

Limited Entry Fixed Gear Fishery Gear Restrictions and Landings Limits

For complete regulations pertaining to the limited entry fixed gear fishery, see § 660.210-232.

Sorting: **Beginning in 2011, all limited entry fixed gear vessels operating off Oregon must sort Cabezon to species,** according to the sorting regulations described at § 660.220 (c).

Gear: Gear requirements in the limited entry fixed gear fishery, including the primary sablefish fishery and the sablefish daily trip limit (DTL) fishery, are unchanged from 2009-2010.

Primary Sablefish Fishery

For complete details pertaining to the limited entry primary sablefish fishery, see § 660.231.

Season Dates: Season dates in the primary sablefish fishery are unchanged from 2009-2010. The limited entry fixed gear primary sablefish fishery occurs north of 36° N. lat. beginning at 12 noon local time on April 1. The primary season closes at 12 noon on October 31, or once an individual vessels tier limit(s) have been reached, whichever occurs first.

The closing date for the fishery may be adjusted by NMFS through inseason action.

Landing Limits: Application of the cumulative landing limits in the primary sablefish fishery are unchanged from 2009-2010. If a vessel is registered for use with a sablefish-endorsed limited entry permit, each vessel may take, retain, possess, and land sablefish, up to the cumulative limits for each of the permits registered for use with that vessel during the primary season. **The following annual limits are in effect in 2011 until superseded: Tier 1 at 41,379 pounds; tier 2 at 18,809 pounds; and tier 3 at 10,748.** These are the same tier limits that were announced in a February 28, 2011 Public Notice (NMFS-SEA-11-03). **For 2012 and beyond, the following annual limits are in effect: Tier 1 at 40,113 lb (18,195kg), Tier 2 at 18,233 lb (8,270kg), and Tier 3 at 10,419 lb (4,726 kg).** Tier limits listed above and in regulations are in round weight. To convert sablefish from round weight to headed and gutted weight, divide by 1.6.

Transitioning from the Primary Season to the Open Access Fishery: As in 2009-2010, a vessel that is eligible to participate in the primary sablefish season may participate in the DTL fishery for sablefish once that vessel's primary season sablefish tier limit(s) have been taken, or after the end of the primary season, whichever occurs first. No vessel may land sablefish against both its primary season cumulative sablefish limits and against the daily trip limit fishery limits within the same 24 hour period of 0001 hour local time to 2400 hours local time. If a vessel has taken all of its tier limit except for an amount that is smaller than the daily trip limit amount, that vessel's subsequent sablefish landings are automatically subject to daily and/or weekly trip limits.

Incidental Halibut Retention north of Pt. Chehalis, WA (46°53.30' N. lat): Because the total allowable catch of halibut is below a certain level there is no allocation of halibut available for 2011 during the primary sablefish season. Therefore, retention of Pacific halibut is prohibited.

Sablefish Daily Trip Limit Fishery

Landing Limits: The applicability of daily, weekly, and two-month limits are unchanged from 2009-2010. **New 2011-2012 daily and/or weekly trip limits for the limited entry fishery north and**

south of 36° N. lat. are provided in Tables 2 (North) and 2 (South).

Open Access Fishery Gear Restrictions and Landing Limits

Sorting: Beginning in 2011, all open access vessels operating off Oregon must sort Cabezon to species, according to the sorting regulations described at § 660.330 (c).

Gear: Gear requirements in the open access fishery are unchanged from 2009-2010. The open access commercial fishery includes all groundfish gear except for: pot/trap or longline gear that is fished by a vessel registered to a limited entry permit endorsed for that gear; and groundfish trawl gear. Although

groundfish trawl is not legal gear in the open access fishery, groundfish may be taken by shrimp, prawn, California halibut, or sea cucumber trawl gear under certain conditions.

Landing Limits: These non-groundfish trawl gears are considered to be participating in the open access groundfish fishery, and have separate landing limits for some groundfish species from the rest of the open access fishery. The applicability of daily, weekly, and two-month limits are unchanged from 2009-2010. **The new 2011-2012 landing limits are described in Tables 3 (North) and 3 (South).**

Recreational Fishery Gear Restrictions, Area Restrictions and Landing Limits

General

Continuing in 2011 and 2012, the recreational groundfish fishery will be managed through bag limits, size limits, gear restrictions, and time/area closures. **Detailed management measures for recreational fisheries off all three West Coast states are found at § 660.350-660.360, Subpart G, and are attached to this Public Notice. Recreational fishery management measures are briefly described here.**

Washington Recreational Fisheries

Area Closures: No new closed areas are designated for 2011. Coordinates for all of YRCAs are defined at § 660.70. The RCA boundaries for recreational fishing off Washington will be the same as in 2009-2010. **Beginning in 2011, recreational fishing for rockfish is permitted within the RCA on some days, in some areas. Also, restrictions on groundfish, including lingcod, retention may apply when Pacific halibut are on board the vessel. See regulations regarding the Washington Recreational RCA regulations at § 660.360 (c)(1)(i)(D), Subpart G.**

Bag Limits: The groundfish bag limit off Washington is reduced from 2009-2010; the 2011-2012 limit is 12 aggregate bottomfish. The sub-limits for rockfish and lingcod in 2011-2012 remain the same as in 2009-2010: 10 rockfish sub-limit with no retention of canary or yelloweye rockfish and 2

lingcod sub-limit. **For 2011, a new sub-limit of 2 cabezon is implemented.**

Size Limits: Size limits for lingcod remain the same as in 2009-2010. North of 48°10.00' N. lat. (Cape Alava) lingcod may be no smaller than 24 inches (61 cm) total length. South of Cape Alava, lingcod may be no smaller than 22 inches (56 cm) total length.

Lingcod: The lingcod season begins in mid-March and ends in mid-October, although the season north of 48°10.00' N. lat. (Cape Alava) will not begin until mid-April.

Detailed management measures for recreational fisheries off all three West Coast states are found at § 660.350-660.360, Subpart G, and are attached to this Public Notice. Any discrepancies will be held in favor of the *Federal Register*.

Oregon Recreational Fisheries

Area Closures: The same time/area closures apply as in 2009-2010. Off Oregon, recreational fishing for groundfish will be closed offshore of a boundary line approximating the 40-fm (73-m) depth contour from April through September. The Stonewall Bank YRCA currently in place for the recreational Pacific halibut fishery off Oregon will remain the same as in 2009-2010. In addition, EFH Conservation Areas, listed at § 660.75, also apply to recreational fisheries using bottom contact gear off Oregon.

Bag Limits: **The Oregon recreational fishery marine fish bag limit will be the same as in 2009-**

2010, at 10 fish in aggregate. From April 1 – September 30 no more than one fish may be cabezon. As in waters off Washington, retention of yelloweye and canary rockfish continues to be prohibited. The lingcod bag limit will be the same as in 2009-2010 at 3 fish per day. The flatfish daily bag limit will remain 25 fish in aggregate (excluding Pacific halibut).

Size Limits: Size limits for Cabezon, kelp greenling and lingcod remain the same as in 2009-2010. Cabezon may be no smaller than 16 inches (41 cm) total length. Kelp greenling may be no smaller than 10 inches (25 cm) total length. Lingcod may be no smaller than 22 inches (56 cm) total length.

Detailed management measures for recreational fisheries off all three West Coast states are found at § 660.350-660.360, Subpart G, and are attached to this Public Notice. Any discrepancies will be held in favor of the *Federal Register*.

California Recreational Fisheries

Fishery Areas: For 2011-2012, recreational fisheries off California will be managed as five separate management areas, down from six in 2009-2010:

- **Northern:** from the Oregon/California border to 40°10' N. lat.;
- **Mendocino:** from 40°10' N. lat. to 38°57' N. lat.;
- **San Francisco:** from 38°57' N. lat. to 37°11' N. lat.;
- **Central:** from 37°11' N. lat. to 34°27' N. lat.;
- **South:** from 34°27' N. lat. to the U.S./Mexico border.

Bag Limits: The same overall bag limits for finfish apply as in 2009-2010. The California-wide

combined bag limit for the Rockfish-Cabezon-Greenling (RCG) complex will continue to be 10 fish per day, when the season is open, and the same sub-bag limits for bocaccio, greenling, and cabezon apply. Retention of canary rockfish, yelloweye rockfish, bronzespotted rockfish and cowcod continue to be prohibited. The California-wide bag limit for lingcod will continue to be 2 lingcod per day, when the season is open.

Gear Restrictions: The same gear restrictions apply as in 2009-2010.

Area Closures: As in 2007-2008 and 2009-2010, the CCAs are closed throughout the year, but fishing for some species is allowed in shallow depths. **The CCA restrictions (depths and species retentions) that apply in 2011-2012 are identical to those that were in place prior to 2011.** EFH Conservation Areas, listed at § 660.75, continue to apply to recreational fisheries using bottom contact gear off California.

Depth restrictions apply for vessels fishing any groundfish species, except some flatfish species. Depth restrictions, that apply when the recreational groundfish season is open, vary by management area.

Seasons: In addition to area closures, the California recreational fishery has specific seasons for some species or species complexes. Season dates are described in detail for the RCG complex, lingcod and California scorpionfish.

Detailed management measures for recreational fisheries off all three West Coast states are found at § 660.350-660.360, Subpart G, and are attached to this Public Notice. Any discrepancies will be held in favor of the *Federal Register*.

**Trip limit tables, effective May 11, 2011,
are included at the end of this public notice.**

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), 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/} - 200 fm line ^{1/}	75 fm line ^{1/} - 150 fm line ^{1/}	100 fm line ^{1/} - 150 fm line ^{1/}	75 fm line ^{1/} - 200 fm line ^{1/}	75 fm line ^{1/} - modified ^{2/} 200 fm line ^{1/}
3 45°46' N. lat. - 40°10' N. lat.			75 fm line ^{1/} - 200 fm line ^{1/}	100 fm line ^{1/} - 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	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.					
6 midwater trawl						
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.

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 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/}						
<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.								
5	Minor slope rockfish^{2/} & Darkblotched rockfish	4,000 lb/ 2 months						
6	Pacific ocean perch	1,800 lb/ 2 months						
7	Sablefish	1,900 lb per week, not to exceed 6,500 lb/ 2 months ^{7/}	2,000 lb/ week, not to exceed 7,000 lb/ 2 months	2,000 lb/ week, not to exceed 6,500 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							
21	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/}						
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 ^{3/}	7,000 lb/ 2 months, no more than 1,200 lb of which may be species other than black rockfish ^{3/}					
23	Lingcod^{4/}	CLOSED			800 lb/ 2 months		400 lb/ month	CLOSE D
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)

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- 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.
 - 7/ The trip limit that was in place for sablefish north of 36° N. Lat. in Jan-Feb 2011 was "1,750 lb per week, not to exceed 7,000 lb per 2 months".

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

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.	1,900 lb per week, not to exceed 6,500 lb/ 2 months ^{6/}	2,000 lb/ week, not to exceed 7,000 lb/ 2 months		2,000 lb/ week, not to exceed 6,500 lb/ 2 months		
7	South of 36° N. lat.	2,000 lb per week ^{6/}	2,100 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	
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	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	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						

TABLE 2 (South)

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.
 6/ The trip limit that was in place for sablefish north of 36° N. Lat. in Jan-Feb 2011 was "1,750 lb per week, not to exceed 7,000 lb per 2 months". The trip limit that was in place for sablefish south of 36° N. Lat. in Jan-Feb 2011 was "400 lb per week, not to exceed 1,500 lb per 2 months".
 7/ The trip limit that was in place for California scorpionfish south of 40°10' N. Lat. in Jan-Feb 2011 was "600 lb per 2 months".
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/}			
<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>						
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 800 lb, not to exceed 2,400 lb/ 2 months	300lb/ day, or 1 landing per week of up to 950 lb, not to exceed 1,900 lb/ 2 months	300 lb/ day, or 1 landing per week of up to 1,200 lb, not to exceed 2,250 lb/ 2 months	
8	Thornyheads		CLOSED			
9	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 two 1 lb (0.45 kg) weights per line are not subject to the RCAs.			
10	Arrowtooth flounder					
11	Petrals 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			
18	Yelloweye rockfish		CLOSED			
19	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/}			
20	North of 42° N. lat.					
21	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 ^{3/}	7,000 lb/ 2 months, no more than 1,200 lb of which may be species other than black rockfish ^{3/}		
22	Lingcod^{4/}		CLOSED		400 lb/ month	
23	Pacific cod		1,000 lb/ 2 months			
24	Spiny dogfish		200,000 lb/ 2 months		150,000 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	TABLE 3 (North) cont'	
26	SALMON TROLL (subject to RCAs when retaining all species of groundfish except for yellowtail rockfish and lingcod, as described below)								
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, curffin 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.

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."

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.

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

Table 3 (South) to Part 660, Subpart F -- Non-Trawl Rockfish Conservation Areas and Trip Limits for Open Access Gears 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, § 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>							
State trip limits and seasons may be more restrictive than federal trip limits, particularly in waters off Oregon and California.							
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 800 lb, not to exceed 2,400 lb/ 2 months	300lb/ day, or 1 landing per week of up to 950 lb, not to exceed 1,900 lb/ 2 months	300 lb/ day, or 1 landing per week of up to 1,200 lb, not to exceed 2,250 lb/ 2 months			
	South of 36° N. lat.	400 lb/ day, or 1 landing per week of up to 1,500 lb, not to exceed 6,000 lb/ 2 months ^{6/}	300 lb/ day, or 1 landing per week of up to 1,200 lb, not to exceed 2,400 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	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.					
14	Arrowtooth flounder						
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			
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	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	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		<p>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, curlfin sole, or California scorpionfish (California scorpionfish is also subject to the trip limits and closures in line 31).</p>					
46	PINK SHRIMP NON-GROUNDFISH TRAWL GEAR (not subject to RCAs)						
47	South	<p>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.</p>					

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, curlfin 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.

6/ The trip limit that was in place for sablefish south of 36° N. Lat. in Jan-Feb 2011 was "400 lb/ day, or 1 landing per week of up to 1,500 lb, not to exceed 8,000 lb/ 2 months".

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

RECREATIONAL FISHING RESTRICTIONS

The following is for informational purposes only –

See the regulations at 50 CFR 660.360, subpart G that publish in the *Federal Register*.

***** indicate a placeholder where regulations remained the same.

Subpart G – West Coast Groundfish – Recreational Fisheries

§ 660.360 Recreational fishery-management measures.

(c) State-specific recreational fishery management measures. Federal recreational groundfish regulations are not intended to supersede any more restrictive State recreational groundfish regulations relating to federally-managed groundfish. Off the coast of Washington, Oregon, and California, boat limits apply, whereby each fisher aboard a vessel may continue to use angling gear until the combined daily limits of groundfish for all licensed and juvenile anglers aboard has been attained (additional state restrictions on boat limits may apply).

(1) Washington. For each person engaged in recreational fishing off the coast of Washington, the groundfish bag limit is 12 groundfish per day, including rockfish, cabezon and lingcod. Within the groundfish bag limit, there are sub-limits for rockfish, lingcod, and cabezon outlined in paragraph (c)(1)(i)(D) of this section. The recreational groundfish fishery is open year-round except for lingcod, which has season dates outlined in paragraph (c) (1)(iv) of this section. In the Pacific halibut fisheries, retention of groundfish is governed in part by annual management measures for Pacific halibut fisheries, which are published in the Federal Register. The following seasons, closed areas, sub-limits and size limits apply:

(i) Recreational groundfish conservation areas off Washington

(A) ***** [*Yelloweye Rockfish Conservation Areas remain and apply in the same manner as in 2009-2010*]

(B) ***** [*Yelloweye Rockfish Conservation Areas remain and apply in the same manner as in 2009-2010*]

(C) ***** [*Yelloweye Rockfish Conservation Areas remain and apply in the same manner as in 2009-2010*]

(D) Recreational rockfish conservation area. Fishing for groundfish with recreational gear is prohibited within the recreational RCA unless otherwise stated. It is unlawful to take and retain, possess, or land groundfish taken with recreational gear within the recreational RCA unless otherwise stated. A vessel fishing in the recreational RCA may not be in possession of any groundfish unless otherwise stated. [For example, if a vessel participates in the recreational salmon fishery within the RCA, the vessel cannot be in possession of groundfish while in the RCA. The vessel may, however, on the same trip fish for and retain groundfish shoreward of the RCA on the return trip to port.]

(1) West of the Bonilla-Tatoosh line Between the U.S. border with Canada and the Queets River (Washington state Marine Area 3 and 4), recreational fishing for groundfish is prohibited seaward of a boundary line approximating the 20 fm (37 m) depth contour from June 1 through September 30, except on days when the Pacific halibut fishery is open in this area. Days open to Pacific halibut recreational fishing off Washington are announced on the NMFS hotline at (206) 526-6667 or (800) 662-9825. Coordinates for the boundary line approximating the 20 fm (37 m) depth contour are listed in § 660.71, subpart C.

(2) Between the Queets River (47°31.70' N. lat.) and Leadbetter Point (46°38.17' N. lat.) (Washington state Marine Area 2), recreational fishing for groundfish is prohibited seaward of a boundary line approximating the 30 fm (55 m) depth contour from March 15 through June 15 with the following exceptions: recreational fishing for rockfish is permitted within the RCA from March 15 through June 15; recreational fishing for sablefish and Pacific cod is permitted within the recreational RCA from May 1 through June 15; and on days that the primary halibut fishery is open lingcod may be taken, retained and possessed within the RCA. Days open to Pacific halibut recreational fishing off Washington are announced on the NMFS hotline at (206) 526-6667 or (800) 662-9825. Retention of lingcod seaward of the boundary line approximating the 30 fm (55 m) depth contour south of 46°58' N. lat. is prohibited on Fridays and Saturdays from July 1 through August 31. For additional regulations regarding the Washington recreational lingcod fishery, see paragraph (c)(1)(iv) of this section. Coordinates for the boundary line approximating the 30 fm (55 m) depth contour are listed in § 660.71.

- (3) Between Leadbetter Point (46°38.17' N. lat.) and the Washington/Oregon border (Marine Area 1), when Pacific halibut are onboard the vessel, no groundfish may be taken and retained, possessed or landed, except sablefish and Pacific cod from May 1 through September 30.
- (ii) Rockfish. In areas of the EEZ seaward of Washington that are open to recreational groundfish fishing, there is a 10 rockfish per day bag limit. Taking and retaining canary rockfish and yelloweye rockfish is prohibited. [NOTE: *Same as in 2009-2010.*]
- (iii) Cabezon. In areas of the EEZ seaward of Washington that are open to recreational groundfish fishing, there is a 2 cabezon per day bag limit.
- (iv) Lingcod. In areas of the EEZ seaward of Washington that are open to recreational groundfish fishing and when the recreational season for lingcod is open, there is a bag limit of 2 lingcod per day. The recreational fishing seasons and size limits for lingcod are as follows:
- (A) Between the U.S./Canada border and 48°10' N. lat. (Cape Alava) (Washington Marine Area 4), recreational fishing for lingcod is open, for 2011, from April 16 through October 15, and for 2012, from April 16 through October 13. Lingcod may be no smaller than 24 inches (61 cm) total length.
- (B) Between 48°10' N. lat. (Cape Alava) and 46°16' N. lat. (Washington/Oregon border) (Washington Marine Areas 1–3), recreational fishing for lingcod is open for 2011, from March 19 through October 15, and for 2012, from March 17 through October 13. Lingcod may be no smaller than 22 inches (56 cm) total length.
- (2) Oregon
- (i) Recreational groundfish conservation areas off Oregon
- (A) ***** [*Yelloweye Rockfish Conservation Areas remain and apply in the same manner as in 2009-2010*]
- (B) ***** [*Rockfish Conservation Areas remain and apply in the same manner as in 2009-2010*]
- (C) ***** [*Essential Fish Habitat Conservation Areas remain and apply in the same manner as in 2009-2010*]
- (ii) Seasons. Recreational fishing for groundfish is open from January 1 through December 31, subject to the closed areas described in paragraph (c) of this section. [NOTE: *Same as in 2009-2010.*]
- (iii) Bag limits, size limits. For each person engaged in recreational fishing off the coast of Oregon, the following bag limits apply:
- (A) Marine fish. The bag limit is 10 marine fish per day, which includes rockfish, kelp greenling, cabezon and other groundfish species. The bag limit of marine fish excludes Pacific halibut, salmonids, tuna, perch species, sturgeon, sanddabs, flatfish, lingcod, striped bass, hybrid bass, offshore pelagic species and baitfish (herring, smelt, anchovies and sardines). From April 1 through September 30; no more than one fish may be cabezon. The minimum size for cabezon retained in the Oregon recreational fishery is 16 in (41 cm) total length. The minimum size for Kelp greenling retained in the Oregon recreational fishery is 10 in (25 cm).
- (B) Lingcod. There is a 3 fish limit per day for lingcod From January 1 through December 31. The minimum size for lingcod retained in the Oregon recreational fishery is 22 in (56 cm) total length.
- (C) Flatfish. There is a 25 fish limit per day for all flatfish, excluding Pacific halibut, but including all soles, flounders and Pacific sanddabs, from January 1 through December 31.
- (D) In the Pacific halibut fisheries. Retention of groundfish is governed in part by annual management measures for Pacific halibut fisheries, which are published in the Federal Register. Between the Oregon border with Washington and Cape Falcon, when Pacific halibut are onboard the vessel, groundfish may not be taken and retained, possessed or landed, except sablefish and Pacific cod. Between Cape Falcon and Humbug Mountain, during days open to the Oregon Central Coast “all-depth” sport halibut fishery, when Pacific halibut are onboard the vessel, no groundfish may be taken and retained, possessed or landed, except sablefish and Pacific cod. “All-depth” season days are established in the annual management measures for Pacific halibut fisheries, which are published in the Federal Register and are announced on the NMFS halibut hotline, 1–800–662–9825.
- (E) Taking and retaining canary rockfish and yelloweye rockfish is prohibited at all times and in all areas.
- (3) California. *****[*Same as in 2009-2010. See full regulations for more details.*]
- (i) Recreational groundfish conservation areas off California. *****[*Same as in 2009-2010. See full regulations for more details.*]
- (A) Recreational rockfish conservation areas. *****[*Same as in 2009-2010. See full regulations for more details.*]
- (1) Between 42° N. lat. (California/Oregon border) and 40°10.00' N. lat. (Northern Management Area), recreational fishing for all groundfish (except “other flatfish” as specified in paragraph (c)(3)(iv) of this section) is prohibited seaward of the 20 fm (37 m) depth contour along the mainland coast and along islands and offshore seamounts from May 14, 2011 through October 31, 2011 (shoreward of 20 fm is open); and is closed entirely from January 1 through May 13, 2011 and from November 1 through December 31, 2011. Recreational fishing for groundfish is prohibited seaward of 20 fm (37 m) from May

12, 2012 through October 31, 2012 (shoreward of 20 fm is open), and is closed entirely from January 1 through May 11, 2012 and from November 1, 2012 through December 31, 2012.

(2) Between 40°10' N. lat. and 38°57.50' N. lat. (Mendocino Management Area), recreational fishing for all groundfish (except "other flatfish" as specified in paragraph (c)(3)(iv) of this section) is prohibited seaward of the 20 fm (37 m) depth contour along the mainland coast and along islands and offshore seamounts from May 14, 2011 through August 15, 2011 (shoreward of 20 fm is open), and is closed entirely from January 1, 2011 through May 13, 2011 and from August 16, 2011 through December 31, 2011; Recreational fishing for groundfish is prohibited seaward of 20 fm (37 m) and from May 12, 2012 through August 15, 2012 (shoreward of 20 fm is open); and is closed entirely from January 1, 2012 through May 11, 2012 and from August 16, 2012 through December 31, 2012.

(3) Between 38°57.50' N. lat. and 37°11' N. lat. San Francisco Management Area), recreational fishing for all groundfish (except "other flatfish" as specified in paragraph (c)(3)(iv) of this section) is prohibited seaward of the boundary line approximating the 30 fm (55 m) depth contour along the mainland coast and along islands and offshore seamounts from June 1 through December 31; and is closed entirely from January 1 through May 31. Closures around Cordell Banks (see paragraph (c)(3)(i)(C) of this section) also apply in this area. Coordinates for the boundary line approximating the 30 fm (55 m) depth contour are listed in § 660.71.

(4) Between 37°11' N. lat. and 34°27' N. lat. (Central Management Area), recreational fishing for all groundfish (except "other flatfish" as specified in paragraph (c)(3)(iv) of this section) is prohibited seaward of a boundary line approximating the 40 fm (73 m) depth contour along the mainland coast and along islands and offshore seamounts from May 1 through December 31; and is closed entirely from January 1 through April 30 (i.e. prohibited seaward of the shoreline). Coordinates for the boundary line approximating the 40 fm (73 m) depth contour are specified in § 660.71.

(5) South of 34°27' N. lat. (Southern Management Area), recreational fishing for all groundfish (except California scorpionfish as specified below in this paragraph and in paragraph (v) of this section and "other flatfish" as specified in paragraph (c)(3)(iv) of this section) is prohibited seaward of a boundary line approximating the 60 fm (110 m) depth contour from March 1 through December 31 along the mainland coast and along islands and offshore seamounts, except in the CCAs where fishing is prohibited seaward of the 20 fm (37 m) depth contour when the fishing season is open (see paragraph (c)(3)(i)(B) of this section). Recreational fishing for all groundfish (except California scorpionfish and "other flatfish") is closed entirely from January 1 through February 28 (i.e., prohibited seaward of the shoreline). Recreational fishing for California scorpionfish south of 34°27' N. lat. is prohibited seaward of a boundary line approximating the 60 fm (110 m) depth contour from January 1 through December 31, except in the CCAs where fishing is prohibited seaward of the boundary line approximating the 30 fm (55 m) depth contour when the fishing season is open. Coordinates for the boundary line approximating the 30 fm (55 m) and 60 fm (110 m) depth contours are specified in §§ 660.71 and 660.72.

(B) Cowcod conservation areas. The latitude and longitude coordinates of the Cowcod Conservation Areas (CCAs) boundaries are specified at § 660.70, subpart C. In general, recreational fishing for all groundfish is prohibited within the CCAs, except that fishing for "other flatfish" is permitted within the CCAs as specified in paragraph (c)(3)(iv) of this section. **However, recreational fishing for the following species is permitted shoreward of the 20 fm (37 m) depth contour when the season for those species is open south of 34°27' N. lat.: Minor nearshore rockfish, cabezon, kelp greenling, lingcod, California scorpionfish, and "other flatfish" (subject to gear requirements at paragraph (c)(3)(iv) of this section during January–February).** [NOTE: California state regulations also permit recreational fishing for California sheephead, ocean whitefish, and all greenlings of the genus *Hexagrammos* shoreward of the 20 fm (37 m) depth contour in the CCAs when the season for the RCG complex is open south of 34°27' N. lat.] It is unlawful to take and retain, possess, or land groundfish within the CCAs, except for species authorized in this section.

[NOTE: Farallon Islands restrictions are removed from Federal regulations for 2011-2012. See CDFG regulations for recreational fishing restrictions that may apply in these areas.]

(C) Cordell banks. Recreational fishing for groundfish is prohibited in waters less than 100 fm (183 m) around Cordell Banks as defined by specific latitude and longitude coordinates at § 660.70, subpart C, except that recreational fishing for "other flatfish" is permitted around Cordell Banks as specified in paragraph (c)(3)(iv) of this section. [Note: California state regulations also prohibit fishing for all greenlings of the genus *Hexagrammos*, California sheephead and ocean whitefish.]

(D) Point St. George Yelloweye Rockfish Conservation Area (YRCA). Recreational fishing for groundfish is prohibited within the Point St. George YRCA, as defined by latitude and longitude coordinates at § 660.70,

subpart C, on dates when the closure is in effect. The closure is not in effect at this time. This closure may be imposed through inseason adjustment.

(E) South reef YRCA. Recreational fishing for groundfish is prohibited within the South Reef YRCA, as defined by latitude and longitude coordinates at § 660.70, subpart C, on dates when the closure is in effect. The closure is not in effect at this time. This closure may be imposed through inseason adjustment.

(F) Reading Rock YRCA. Recreational fishing for groundfish is prohibited within the Reading Rock YRCA, as defined by latitude and longitude coordinates at § 660.70, subpart C, on dates when the closure is in effect. The closure is not in effect at this time. This closure may be imposed through inseason adjustment.

(G) Point Delgada (North) YRCA. Recreational fishing for groundfish is prohibited within the Point Delgada (North) YRCA, as defined by latitude and longitude coordinates at § 660.70, subpart C, on dates when the closure is in effect. The closure is not in effect at this time. This closure may be imposed through inseason adjustment.

(H) Point Delgada (South) YRCA. Recreational fishing for groundfish is prohibited within the Point Delgada (South) YRCA, as defined by latitude and longitude coordinates at § 660.70, subpart C, on dates when the closure is in effect. The closure is not in effect at this time. This closure may be imposed through inseason adjustment.

(I) ***** [*Essential Fish Habitat Conservation Areas remain and apply in the same manner as in 2009-2010*]

(ii) RCG complex. The California rockfish, cabezon, greenling complex (RCG Complex), as defined in state regulations (Section 1.91, Title 14, California Code of Regulations), includes all rockfish, kelp greenling, rock greenling, and cabezon. This category does not include California scorpionfish, also known as "sculpin".

(A) Seasons. When recreational fishing for the RCG complex is open, it is permitted only outside of the recreational RCAs described in paragraph (c)(3)(i) of this section.

(1) Between 42° N. lat. (California/Oregon border) and 40°10' N. lat. (North Management Area), recreational fishing for the RCG complex is open from May 14, 2011 through October 31, 2011 (i.e. it's closed from January 1 through May 13 and from November 1 through December 31 in 2011) and from May 12, 2012 through October 31, 2012 (i.e. it's closed from January 1 through May 11 and from November 1 through December 31 in 2012).

(2) Between 40°10' N. lat. and 38°57.50' N. lat. (Mendocino Management Area), recreational fishing for the RCG Complex is open from May 14, 2011 through August 15, 2011 (i.e. it's closed from January 1 through May 13 and August 16 through December 31 in 2011), and from May 12, 2012 through August 15, 2012 (i.e. it's closed from January 1 through May 11 and August 16 through December 31 in 2012).

(3) Between 38°57.50' N. lat. and 37°11' N. lat. (San Francisco Management Area), recreational fishing for the RCG complex is open from June 1 through December 31 (i.e. it's closed from January 1 through May 31).

(4) Between 37°11' N. lat. and 34°27' N. lat. (Central Management Area), recreational fishing for the RCG complex is open from May 1 through December 31 (i.e. it's closed from January 1 through April 30).

(5) South of 34°27' N. lat. (Southern Management Area), recreational fishing for the RCG Complex is open from March 1 through December 31 (i.e. it's closed from January 1 through February 28).

(B) Bag limits, hook limits. In times and areas when the recreational season for the RCG Complex is open, there is a limit of 2 hooks and 1 line when fishing for the RCG complex and lingcod. The bag limit is 10 RCG Complex fish per day coastwide. Retention of canary rockfish, yelloweye rockfish, bronzespotted and cowcod is prohibited. Within the 10 RCG Complex fish per day limit, no more than 2 may be bocaccio, no more than 2 may be greenling (kelp and/or other greenlings) and no more than 3 may be cabezon. Multi-day limits are authorized by a valid permit issued by California and must not exceed the daily limit multiplied by the number of days in the fishing trip.

(C) ***** [*Size limits for RCG complex are the same as in 09-10. See full regulations for more details.*]

(D) ***** [*Dressing/filleting restrictions for RCG complex are the same as in 09-10. See full regulations for more details.*]

(iii) Lingcod.

(A) Seasons. When recreational fishing for lingcod is open, it is permitted only outside of the recreational RCAs described in paragraph (c)(3)(i) of this section.

(1) Between 42° N. lat. (California/Oregon border) and 40°10.00' N. lat. (Northern Management Area), recreational fishing for lingcod is open from May 14, 2011 through October 31, 2011 (i.e. it's closed from January 1 through May 13 and from November 1 through December 31 in 2011) and from May 12, 2012 through October 31, 2012 (i.e. it's closed from January 1 through May 11 and from November 1 through December 31 in 2012).

- (2) Between 40°10' N. lat. and 38°57.50' N. lat. (Mendocino Management Area), recreational fishing for lingcod is open from May 14, 2011 through August 15, 2011 (i.e. it's closed from January 1 through May 13 and August 16 through December 31 in 2011) and from May 12, 2012 through August 15, 2012 (i.e. it's closed from January 1 through May 11 and August 16 through December 31 in 2012).
- (3) Between 38°57.50' N. lat. and 37°11' N. lat. (San Francisco Management Area), recreational fishing for lingcod is open from June 1 through December 31 (i.e. it's closed from January 1 through May 31).
- (4) Between 37°11' N. lat. and 34°27' N. lat. (Central Management Area), recreational fishing for lingcod is open from May 1 through December 31 (i.e. it's closed from January 1 through April 30).
- (5) South of 34°27' N. lat. (Southern Management Area), recreational fishing for lingcod is open from March 1 through December 31 (i.e. it's closed from January 1 through February 28).
- (B) ***** [*Bag limits and hook limits for lingcod are the same as in 09-10. See full regulations for more details.*]
- (C) Size limits. Lingcod may be no smaller than 22 in (56 cm) total length.
- (D) Dressing/filleting. Lingcod filets may be no smaller than 14 in (36 cm) in length.