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### **Harvest of canary rockfish in the Shorebased Individual Fishing Quota (IFQ) Program**

The Shorebased IFQ Program has a 2015 allocation of 95,372 pounds (43.26 mt) of canary rockfish (with surplus carryover pounds from 2014: 104,238 pounds, or 47.28 mt).

As of today, November 24, 2015, 5,521 pounds (2.50 mt) of canary rockfish remain available to the Shorebased IFQ Program. In light of the most recent canary catch estimates, please avoid canary rockfish when fishing.

At this time, the National Marine Fisheries Service has not taken action. However, we are reviewing potential management options available, if necessary, under federal regulations at 50 CFR 660.140(a)(3) (quoted below) and considering whether to take action.

*“The Shorebased IFQ Program may be restricted or closed as a result of projected overages within the Shorebased IFQ Program, the MS Coop Program, or the C/P Coop Program. As determined necessary by the Regional Administrator, area restrictions, season closures, or other measures will be used to prevent the trawl sector in aggregate or the individual trawl sectors (Shorebased IFQ, MS Coop, or C/P Coop) from exceeding an ACL, OY, ACT or formal allocation specified in the PCGFMP or regulation at §660.55, subpart C, or §§660.140, 660.150, or 660.160, subpart D.”*

Updated information regarding canary rockfish quota pounds will be available tomorrow on the website for the Pacific Coast Groundfish Shorebased IFQ Program: <https://www.webapps.nwfsc.noaa.gov/ifq/>