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### **PACIFIC COAST GROUND FISH FISHERY** **Changes to commercial fishery trip limits and transfer of POP to the MS sector**

The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) announces changes to commercial fishery trip limits for the Pacific Coast groundfish fishery off Washington, Oregon, and California, **effective September 1, 2016.**

The Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) recommended increases in Limited Entry Fixed Gear (LEFG) and Open Access (OA) black rockfish fisheries trip limits, and a reduction in OA sablefish trip limits. The Council also recommended that NMFS monitor and implement a transfer, as needed, of Pacific Ocean perch (POP) to the at-sea Pacific whiting fishery.

Changes to trip limits are described in this public notice, and will be published in a *Federal Register* notice on September 1, 2016. The notice is available for public inspection on August 31, 2016 via the Office of the *Federal Register*.

#### **Commercial Fishery**

##### ***Mothership (MS) Sector -POP Transfer***

Landings of POP in the MS sector of the at-sea Pacific whiting fishery have been higher than anticipated. Without additional POP, the fishery is anticipated to reach their POP allocation before they reach their Pacific whiting allocation, potentially causing early closure. Therefore, the Council recommended and NMFS is implementing POP transfer as follows:

- 3.0 mt of POP is transferred from the scientific research off-the-top deduction, to

the MS sector of the at-sea Pacific whiting fishery. With this transfer, the amount of POP available to the MS sector increases from 7.2 mt to 10.2 mt.

- See Table 2b, attached.

##### ***LEFG and OA Black Rockfish Fisheries***

Reduced fishing effort due in part to poor weather and ocean conditions has impacted the catch rate of black rockfish between 42° N. lat., and 40°10' N. lat. To provide the opportunity to harvest a larger portion of their allocation, the Council recommended and NMFS is implementing an increase in bimonthly trip limits beginning September 1, 2016 as follows:

- ***For the LEFG black rockfish fishery*** between 42° N. lat., and 40°10' N. lat., trip limits are increased from “6,000 lbs/2 months of which, no more than 1,200 lbs may be species other than black rockfish” to “7,000 lbs/2 months of which, no more than 1,200 lbs may be species other than black rockfish.” See Table 2 (North), attached.
- ***For the OA black rockfish fishery*** between 42° N. lat., and 40°10' N. lat., bimonthly trip limits are increased from “6,000 lb/2 months of which only 1,200 may be species other than black rockfish” to 7,000 lb/2 months as follows: “7,000 lb/2 months, of which only 1,200 lbs may be species other than black rockfish.” See Table 3 (North), attached.

**OA Sablefish Fisheries North of 36° N. lat.**  
Landings of sablefish north of 36° N. lat. in the OA fishery has been higher than anticipated. Without restrictions, it was anticipated that this sector may catch over 100 percent of its allocation through the end of the year, require additional restrictions, or even early closure. Therefore, the Council recommend and NMFS is implementing reductions in trip limits beginning September 1, 2016 as follows:

- **For the OA sablefish fishery North of 36° N. lat.**, trip limits are reduced from “300 lb/day, or 1 landing per week of up to 850 lb, not to exceed 1,700 lb/ 2 months” to “300 lb/day, or 1 landing per week of up to 750 lb, not to exceed

1,500 lb/ 2 months” beginning on September 1, 2016. See Tables 3 (North) and 3 (South), attached.

Visit the NMFS West Coast Region website for current groundfish regulations, VMS information, and RCA boundary coordinates.  
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**The allocation table and trip limit tables, effective September 1, 2016 are included at the end of this public notice.**

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

2016 Calculations - Columns C, F, and H

Table 2b. To Part 660, Subpart C - 2016, and Beyond, Allocations by Species or Species Group. (Weight in Metric Tons)

Species	Area	Fishery HG or ACT	Trawl		Non-trawl	
			%	Mt	%	Mt
BOCACCIO a/	S of 40°10' N. lat.	353.7	N/A	85.0	N/A	268.7
Canary rockfish a/ b/	Coastwide	109.8	N/A	58.5	N/A	51.3
COWCOD a/ c/	S of 40°10' N. lat.	4.0	N/A	1.4	N/A	2.6
DARKBLOTCHED ROCKFISH d/	Coastwide	325.2	95%	308.9	5%	16.3
Petrale sole a/	Coastwide	2,673.4	N/A	2,638.4	N/A	35.0
PACIFIC OCEAN PERCH e/	N of 40°10' N. lat.	149.0	95%	141.6	5%	7.5
YELLOWEYE ROCKFISH a/	Coastwide	13.2	N/A	1.1	N/A	12.1
Arrowtooth flounder	Coastwide	3,241	95%	3,079	5%	162
Chilipepper	S of 40°10' N. lat.	1,595	75%	1,196	25%	399
Dover sole	Coastwide	48,406	95%	45,986	5%	2,420
English sole	Coastwide	6,991	95%	6,642	5%	350
Lingcod	N of 40°10' N. lat.	2,441	45%	1,098	55%	1,342
Lingcod	S of 40°10' N. lat.	937	45%	422	55%	515
Longnose skate a/	Coastwide	1,927	90%	1,734	10%	193
Longspine thornyhead	N of 34°27' N. lat.	2,969	95%	2,820	5%	148
Pacific cod	Coastwide	1,091	95%	1,036	5%	55
Pacific whiting	Coastwide	301,731	100%	301,731	0%	0
Sablefish	N of 36° N. lat.	0	See Table 1 c			
Sablefish	S of 36° N. lat.	1,875	42%	788	58%	1,088
Shortspine thornyhead	N of 34°27' N. lat.	1,667	95%	1,583	5%	83
Shortspine thornyhead	S of 34°27' N. lat.	871	NA	50	NA	821
Splitnose	S of 40°10' N. lat.	1,736	95%	1,649	5%	87
Starry flounder	Coastwide	1,529	50%	764	50%	764
Widow rockfish f/	Coastwide	1,880	91%	1,711	9%	169
Yellowtail rockfish	N of 40°10' N. lat.	5,314	88%	4,677	12%	638
Minor Shelf Rockfish complex a/	N of 40°10' N. lat.	1,880	60.2%	1,132	39.8%	748
Minor Shelf Rockfish complex a/	S of 40°10' N. lat.	1,576	12.2%	192	87.8%	1,384
Minor Slope Rockfish complex	N of 40°10' N. lat.	1,642	81%	1,330	19%	312
Minor Slope Rockfish complex	S of 40°10' N. lat.	675	63%	425	37%	250
Other Flatfish complex	Coastwide	7,039	90%	6,335	10%	704

a/ Allocations decided through the biennial specification process.

b/ 14.0 mt of the total trawl allocation of canary rockfish is allocated to the at-sea whiting fisheries, as follows: 5.8 mt for the mothership fishery, and 8.2 mt for the catcher/processor fishery.

c/ The cowcod fishery harvest guideline is further reduced to an ACT of 4.0 mt.

d/ Consistent with regulations at §660.55(c), 9 percent (27.8 mt) of the total trawl allocation for darkblotched rockfish is allocated to the whiting fisheries, as follows: 11.7 mt for the shorebased IFQ fishery, 6.7 mt for the mothership fishery, and 9.4 mt for the catcher/processor fishery. The tonnage calculated here for the whiting portion of the shorebased IFQ fishery contributes to the total shorebased trawl allocation, which is found at 660.140(d)(1)(ii)(D).

e/ Consistent with regulations at §660.55(c), 30 mt of the total trawl allocation for POP is allocated to the whiting fisheries, as follows: 12.6 mt for the shorebased IFQ fishery, 7.2 mt for the mothership fishery, and 10.2 mt for the catcher/processor fishery. The amount available to the mothership fishery was raised from 7.2 mt to 10.2 mt, by transferring 3.0 mt of the 5.2 mt initially deducted from the ACL to account for scientific research mortality, consistent with §660.60(c)(3)(ii). The tonnage calculated here for the whiting portion of the shorebased IFQ fishery contributes to the total shorebased trawl allocation, which is found at 660.140(d)(1)(ii)(D).

f/ Consistent with regulations at §660.55(c), 500 mt of the total trawl allocation for widow rockfish is allocated to the whiting fisheries, as follows: 210 mt for the shorebased IFQ fishery, 120 mt for the mothership fishery, and 170 mt for the catcher/processor fishery. The tonnage calculated here for the whiting portion of the shorebased IFQ fishery contributes to the total shorebased trawl allocation, which is found at 660.140(d)(1)(ii)(D).

**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
<b>Rockfish Conservation Area (RCA)1/:</b>							
1	North of 48°10' N. lat.	shore - modified <sup>2/</sup> 200 fm line <sup>1/</sup>	shore - 200 fm line <sup>1/</sup>	shore - 150 fm line <sup>1/</sup>		shore - 200 fm line <sup>1/</sup>	shore - modified <sup>2/</sup> 200 fm line <sup>1/</sup>
2	48°10' N. lat. - 45°46' N. lat.	100 fm line <sup>1/</sup> - 150 fm line <sup>1/</sup>					
3	45°46' N. lat. - 40°10' N. lat.	100 fm line <sup>1/</sup> - modified <sup>2/</sup> 200 fm line <sup>1/</sup>					
<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. <b>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 2 (North) and 2 (South) to Part 660, Subpart E.</b></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	<b>Minor Nearshore Rockfish &amp; Black rockfish</b>	300 lb/ month					
5	<b>Whiting<sup>3/</sup></b>						
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	<b>Cabezon<sup>4/</sup></b>						
9	North of 46°16' N. lat.	Unlimited					
10	46°16' N. lat. - 40°10' N. lat.	50 lb/ month					
11	<b>Shortbelly</b>	Unlimited					
12	<b>Spiny dogfish</b>	60,000 lb/ month					
13	<b>Big skate</b>	5,000 lb/ 2 months	25,000 lb/ 2 months	30,000 lb/ 2 months	35,000 lb/ 2 months	10,000 lb/ 2 months	5,000 lb/ 2 months
14	<b>Longnose skate</b>	Unlimited					
15	<b>Other Fish<sup>4/</sup></b>	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/ As specified at §660.131(d), when fishing in the Eureka Area, no more than 10,000 lb of whiting may be taken and retained, possessed, or landed by a vessel that, at any time during the fishing trip, fished in the fishery management area shoreward of 100 fm contour.

4/ "Other Fish" are defined at § 660.11 and include kelp greenling, leopard shark, and cabezon in Washington

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
<b>Rockfish Conservation Area (RCA)1/:</b>							
1	South of 40°10' N. lat.	100 fm line <sup>1/</sup> - 150 fm line <sup>1/2/</sup>					
<p>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. <b>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 2 (North) and 2 (South) to Part 660, Subpart E.</b></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>							
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	Big skate	5,000 lb/ 2 months	25,000 lb/ 2 months	30,000 lb/ 2 months	35,000 lb/ 2 months	10,000 lb/ 2 months	5,000 lb/ 2 months
12	Longnose skate	Unlimited					
13	California scorpionfish	Unlimited					
14	Other Fish <sup>3/</sup>	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 kelp greenling, leopard shark, and cabezon in Washington

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 through 660.399 before using this table		7012016					
		JAN-FEB	MAR-APR	MAY-JUN	JUL-AUG	SEP-OCT	NOV-DEC
<b>Rockfish Conservation Area (RCA)<sup>1/</sup>:</b>							
1	North of 46° 16' N. lat.	shoreline - 100 fm line <sup>1/</sup>					
2	46° 16' N. lat. - 42° 00' N. lat.	30 fm line <sup>1/</sup> - 100 fm line <sup>1/</sup>					
3	42° 00' N. lat. - 40° 10' N. lat.	30 fm line <sup>1/</sup> - 100 fm line <sup>1/</sup>					
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, YRCAs, CCAs, Farallon Islands, Cordell Banks, and EFHCAs).							
State trip limits and seasons may be more restrictive than Federal trip limits or seasons, particularly in waters off Oregon and California.							
4	<b>Minor Slope Rockfish<sup>2/</sup> &amp; Darkblotched rockfish</b>	4,000 lb/ 2 months					
5	<b>Pacific ocean perch</b>	1,800 lb/ 2 months					
6	<b>Sablefish</b>	1,275 lb/week, not to exceed 3,375 lb/ 2 months			1,125 lb/week, not to exceed 3,375 lb/ 2 months		
7	<b>Longspine thornyhead</b>	10,000 lb/ 2 months					
8	<b>Shortspine thornyhead</b>	2,000 lb/ 2 months			2,500 lb/ 2 months		
9	<b>Dover sole, arrowtooth flounder, petrale sole, English sole, starry flounder, Other Flatfish<sup>3/</sup></b>	5,000 lb/ month					
10		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 0.44 in (11 mm) point to shank, and up to two 1 lb (0.45 kg) weights per line, are not subject to the RCAs.					
11							
12							
13							
14	<b>Whiting</b>	10,000 lb/ trip					
16	<b>Minor Shelf Rockfish<sup>2/</sup>, Shortbelly, Widow &amp; Yellowtail rockfish</b>	200 lb/ month					
17	<b>Canary rockfish</b>	CLOSED					
18	<b>Yelloweye rockfish</b>	CLOSED					
19	<b>Minor Nearshore Rockfish &amp; Black rockfish</b>						
20	North of 42°00' N. lat.	5,000 lb/ 2 months, no more than 1,200 lb of which may be species other than black rockfish or blue rockfish <sup>4/</sup>					
21	42°00' N. lat. - 40°10' N. lat.	8,500 lb/ 2 months, of which no more than 1,200 lb of which may be species other than black rockfish			6,000 lb 7,000/ 2 months, of which no more than 1,200 lb of which may be species other than black rockfish		
22	<b>Lingcod<sup>5/</sup></b>	200 lb/2 months		1,200 lb/ 2 months		600 lb/ month	200 lb/ month
23	<b>Pacific cod</b>	1,000 lb/ 2 months					
24	<b>Spiny dogfish</b>	200,000 lb/ 2 months		150,000 lb/ 2 months	100,000 lb/ 2 months		
25	<b>Longnose skate</b>	Unlimited					
26	<b>Other Fish<sup>6/</sup> &amp; Cabezon in Oregon and California</b>	Unlimited					

**TABLE 2 (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 (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.

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

4/ 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.

5/ 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.

6/ "Other Fish" are defined at § 660.11 and include kelp greenling, leopard shark, and cabezon in Washington.

**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 through 660.399 before using this table								7012016
		JAN-FEB	MAR-APR	MAY-JUN	JUL-AUG	SEP-OCT	NOV-DEC	
<b>Rockfish Conservation Area (RCA)<sup>1/</sup>:</b>								
1	40°10' N. lat. - 34°27' N. lat.	30 fm line <sup>1/</sup> - 150 fm line <sup>1/</sup>						
2	South of 34°27' N. lat.	60 fm line <sup>1/</sup> - 150 fm line <sup>1/</sup> (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, YRCAs, CCAs, Farallon Islands, Cordell Banks, and EFHCAs).</p> <p>State trip limits and seasons may be more restrictive than Federal trip limits or seasons, 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, of which no more than 1,375 lb may be blackgill rockfish			40,000 lb/ 2 months, of which no more than 1,600 lb may be blackgill rockfish			
4	<b>Splitnose rockfish</b>	40,000 lb/ 2 months						
5	<b>Sablefish</b>							
6	40°10' N. lat. - 36°00' N. lat.	1,275 lb/week, not to exceed 3,375 lb/ 2 months			1,125 lb/week, not to exceed 3,375 lb/ 2 months			
7	South of 36°00' N. lat.	2,000 lb/ week						
8	<b>Longspine thornyhead</b>	10,000 lb/ 2 months						
9	<b>Shortspine thornyhead</b>							
10	40°10' N. lat. - 34°27' N. lat.	2,000 lb/ 2 months			2,500 lb/ 2 months			
11	South of 34°27' N. lat.	3,000 lb/ 2 months						
12	<b>Dover sole, arrowtooth flounder, petrale sole, English sole, starry flounder, Other Flatfish<sup>3/</sup></b>	5,000 lb/ month						
13		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 0.44 in (11 mm) point to shank, and up to two 1 lb (0.45 kg) weights per line, are not subject to the RCAs.						
14								
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17		10,000 lb/ trip						
18	<b>Whiting</b>							
19	<b>Minor Shelf Rockfish<sup>2/</sup>, Shortbelly, Widow rockfish (including Bocaccio and Chilipepper between 40°10' - 34°27' N. lat.)</b>							
20	40°10' N. lat. - 34°27' N. lat.	Minor shelf rockfish, shortbelly, widow rockfish, bocaccio & chilipepper: 2,500 lb/ 2 months, of which no more than 500 lb may be any species other than chilipepper.						
21	South of 34°27' N. lat.	4,000 lb/ 2 months	CLOSED	4,000 lb/ 2 months				
22	<b>Chilipepper</b>							
23	40°10' N. lat. - 34°27' N. lat.	Chilipepper included under minor shelf rockfish, shortbelly, widow rockfish and bocaccio limits - - See above						
24	South of 34°27' N. lat.	2,000 lb/ 2 months, this opportunity only available seaward of the non-trawl 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' N. lat. - 34°27' N. lat.	Bocaccio included under Minor shelf rockfish, shortbelly, widow rockfish & chilipepper limits - - See above						
31	South of 34°27' N. lat.	750 lb/ 2 months	CLOSED	750 lb/ 2 months				

**TABLE 2 (South)**

Table 2 (South). Continued		JAN-FEB	MAR-APR	MAY-JUN	JUL-AUG	SEP-OCT	NOV-DEC	TABLE 2 (South)			
32	<b>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	1,000 lb/ 2 months				
34	Deeper nearshore										
35	40°10' N. lat. - 34°27' N. lat.	700 lb/ 2 months	CLOSED	700 lb/ 2 months	900 lb/ 2 months		1,000 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	CLOSED	1,200 lb/ 2 months							
38	<b>Lingcod<sup>4/</sup></b>	200 lb/ 2 months	CLOSED	800 lb/ 2 months						400 lb/ month	200 lb/ month
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>Longnose skate</b>	Unlimited									
42	<b>Other Fish<sup>5/</sup> &amp; Cabezon</b>	Unlimited									
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 (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.											
2/ POP is included in the trip limits for Minor Slope Rockfish. Blackgill rockfish have a species specific trip sub-limit within the Minor Slope Rockfish cumulative limit. Yellowtail rockfish are included in the trip limits for Minor Shelf Rockfish. Bronzespotted rockfish have a species specific trip limit.											
3/ "Other Flatfish" are defined at § 660.11 and include butter sole, curlfin sole, flathead sole, Pacific sanddab, rex sole, rock sole, and sand sole.											
4/ The commercial minimum size limit for lingcod is 24 inches (61 cm) total length South of 42° N. lat.											
5/ "Other Fish" are defined at § 660.11 and include kelp greenling, leopard shark, and cabezon in Washington.											
<b>To convert pounds to kilograms, divide by 2.20462, the number of pounds in one kilogram.</b>											

**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 through 660.399 before using this table		07012016					
		JAN-FEB	MAR-APR	MAY-JUN	JUL-AUG	SEP-OCT	NOV-DEC
<b>Rockfish Conservation Area (RCA)<sup>1/</sup>:</b>							
1	North of 46° 16' N. lat.				shoreline - 100 fm line <sup>1/</sup>		
2	46° 16' N. lat. - 42° 00' N. lat.				30 fm line <sup>1/</sup> - 100 fm line <sup>1/</sup>		
3	42° 00' N. lat. - 40° 10' N. lat.				30 fm line <sup>1/</sup> - 100 fm line <sup>1/</sup>		
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, YRCAs, CCAs, Farallon Islands, Cordell Banks, and EFHCAs).							
State trip limits and seasons may be more restrictive than Federal trip limits or seasons, particularly in waters off Oregon and California.							
4	<b>Minor Slope Rockfish<sup>2/</sup> &amp; Darkblotched rockfish</b>	Per trip, no more than 25% of weight of the sablefish landed					
5	<b>Pacific ocean perch</b>	100 lb/ month					
6	<b>Sablefish</b>	300 lb/ day, or 1 landing per week of up to 1,000 lb, not to exceed 2,000 lb/ 2 months			300 lb/ day, or 1 landing per week of up to <del>859 750</del> 750 lb, not to exceed <del>4,799 1,500</del> 1,500 lb/ 2 months		
7	<b>Shortpine thornyheads and longspine thornyheads</b>	CLOSED					
8	<b>Dover sole, arrowtooth flounder, petrale sole, English sole, starry flounder, Other Flatfish<sup>3/</sup></b>	3,000 lb/ month, no more than 300 lb of which may be species other than Pacific sanddabs.					
9		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 0.44 in (11 mm) point to shank, and up to two 1 lb (0.45 kg) weights per line are not subject to the RCAs.					
10							
11							
12							
13		300 lb/ month					
14	<b>Whiting</b>	300 lb/ month					
15	<b>Minor Shelf Rockfish<sup>2/</sup>, Shortbelly, Widow &amp; Yellowtail rockfish</b>	200 lb/ month					
16	<b>Canary rockfish</b>	CLOSED					
17	<b>Yelloweye rockfish</b>	CLOSED					
18	<b>Minor Nearshore Rockfish &amp; Black rockfish</b>						
19	North of 42° 00' N. lat.	5,000 lb/ 2 months, no more than 1,200 lb of which may be species other than black rockfish					
20	42° 00' N. lat. - 40° 10' N. lat.	8,500 lb/ 2 months, of which no more than 1,200 lb of which may be species other than black rockfish				<del>6,000 7,000</del> 7,000 lb/ 2 months, of which no more than 1,200 lb of which may be species other than black rockfish	
21	<b>Lingcod<sup>5/</sup></b>	100 lb/ month		600 lb/ month			100 lb/ month
22	<b>Pacific cod</b>	1,000 lb/ 2 months					
23	<b>Spiny dogfish</b>	200,000 lb/ 2 months		150,000 lb/ 2 months	100,000 lb/ 2 months		
24	<b>Longnose skate</b>	Unlimited					
25	<b>Other Fish<sup>6/</sup> &amp; Cabezon in Oregon and California</b>	Unlimited					

TABLE 3 (North)

Table 3 (North). Continued

		JAN-FEB	MAR-APR	MAY-JUN	JUL-AUG	SEP-OCT	NOV-DEC	<b>TABLE 3 (North) cont'd</b>	
26	<b>SALMON TROLL</b> (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	<b>PINK SHRIMP NON-GROUNDFISH TRAWL</b> (not subject to RCAs)								
29	North	<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.							
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 (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.									
2/ 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.									
3/ "Other flatfish" are defined at § 660.11 and include butter sole, curlfin sole, flathead sole, Pacific sanddab, rex sole, rock sole, and sand sole.									
4/ 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.									
5/ 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.									
6/ "Other fish" are defined at § 660.11 and include kelp greenling, leopard shark, and cabezon in Washington.									
<b>To convert pounds to kilograms, divide by 2.20462, the number of pounds in one kilogram.</b>									

**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 through 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>1/</sup>:</b>							
1	40°10' N. lat. - 34°27' N. lat.	30 fm line <sup>1/</sup> - 150 fm line <sup>1/</sup>					
2	South of 34°27' N. lat.	60 fm line <sup>1/</sup> - 150 fm line <sup>1/</sup> (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, YRCAs, CCAs, Farallon Islands, Cordell Banks, and EFHCAs).</p> <p>State trip limits and seasons may be more restrictive than Federal trip limits or seasons, particularly in waters off Oregon and California.</p>							
3	<b>Minor Slope Rockfish<sup>2/</sup> &amp; Darkblotched rockfish</b>	10,000 lb/ 2 months, of which no more than 475 lb may be blackgill rockfish			10,000 lb/ 2 months, of which no more than 550 lb may be blackgill rockfish		
4	<b>Splitnose rockfish</b>	200 lb/ month					
5	<b>Sablefish</b>						
6	40°10' N. lat. - 36°00' N. lat.	300 lb/ day, or 1 landing per week of up to 1,000 lb, not to exceed 2,000 lb/ 2 months			300 lb/ day, or 1 landing per week of up to <del>4,700</del> <b>850 750</b> lb, not to exceed <b>1,500</b> lb/ 2 months		
7	South of 36°00' N. lat.	300 lb/ day, or 1 landing per week of up to 1,600 lb, not to exceed 3,200 lb/ 2 months					
8	<b>Shortpine thornyheads and longspine thornyheads</b>						
9	40°10' N. lat. - 34°27' N. lat.	CLOSED					
10	South of 34°27' N. lat.	50 lb/ day, no more than 1,000 lb/ 2 months					
11	<b>Dover sole, arrowtooth flounder, petrale sole, English sole, starry flounder, Other Flatfish<sup>3/</sup></b>	3,000 lb/ month, no more than 300 lb of which may be species other than Pacific sanddabs.					
12		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 0.44 in (11 mm) point to shank, and up to two 1 lb (0.45 kg) weights per line are not subject to the RCAs.					
13							
14							
15							
16		300 lb/ month					
17	<b>Whiting</b>						
18	<b>Minor Shelf Rockfish<sup>2/</sup>, Shortbelly, Widow rockfish and Chilipepper</b>						
19	40°10' N. lat. - 34°27' N. lat.	300 lb/ 2 months	CLOSED	200 lb/ 2 months		300 lb/ 2 months	
20	South of 34°27' N. lat.	1500 lb/ 2 months		1500 lb/ 2 months			
21	<b>Canary rockfish</b>	CLOSED					
22	<b>Yelloweye rockfish</b>	CLOSED					
23	<b>Cowcod</b>	CLOSED					
24	<b>Bronzespotted rockfish</b>	CLOSED					
25	<b>Bocaccio</b>						
26	40°10' N. lat. - 34°27' N. lat.	200 lb/ 2 months	CLOSED	100 lb/ 2 months		200 lb/ 2 months	
27	South of 34°27' N. lat.	250 lb/ 2 months		250 lb/ 2 months			

**TABLE 3 (South)**

Table 3 (South). Continued

		JAN-FEB	MAR-APR	MAY-JUN	JUL-AUG	SEP-OCT	NOV-DEC
28	<b>Minor Nearshore Rockfish &amp; Black rockfish</b>						
29	Shallow nearshore	600 lb/ 2 months	CLOSED	800 lb/ 2 months	900 lb/ 2 months	800 lb/ 2 months	1,000 lb/ 2 months
30	Deeper nearshore						
31	40° 10' N. lat. - 34° 27' N. lat.	700 lb/ 2 months	CLOSED	700 lb/ 2 months	900 lb/ 2 months		1,000 lb/ 2 months
32	South of 34° 27' N. lat.	500 lb/ 2 months		600 lb/ 2 months			
33	California scorpionfish	1,200 lb/ 2 months	CLOSED	1,200 lb/ 2 months			
34	<b>Lingcod<sup>4/</sup></b>	100 lb/ month	CLOSED	400 lb/ month			100 lb/ month
35	<b>Pacific cod</b>	1,000 lb/ 2 months					
36	<b>Spiny dogfish</b>	200,000 lb/ 2 months		150,000 lb/ 2 months	100,000 lb/ 2 months		
37	<b>Longnose skate</b>	Unlimited					
38	<b>Other Fish<sup>5/</sup> &amp; Cabezon</b>	Unlimited					
39	<b>RIDGEBACK PRAWN AND, SOUTH OF 38° 57.50' N. LAT., CA HALIBUT AND SEA CUCUMBER NON-GROUNDFISH TRAWL</b>						
40	<b>NON-GROUNDFISH TRAWL Rockfish Conservation Area (RCA) for CA Halibut, Sea Cucumber &amp; Ridgeback Prawn:</b>						
41	40° 10' N. lat. - 38° 00' N. lat.	100 fm line <sup>1/</sup> - 200 fm line <sup>1/</sup>	100 fm line <sup>1/</sup> - 150 fm line <sup>1/</sup>				100 fm line <sup>1/</sup> - 200 fm line <sup>1/</sup>
42	38° 00' N. lat. - 34° 27' N. lat.	100 fm line <sup>1/</sup> - 150 fm line <sup>1/</sup>					
43	South of 34° 27' N. lat.	100 fm line <sup>1/</sup> - 150 fm line <sup>1/</sup> along the mainland coast; shoreline - 150 fm line <sup>1/</sup> around islands					
44		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, stary flounder, rock sole, curfin sole, or California scorpionfish (California scorpionfish is also subject to the trip limits and closures in line 31).					
45	<b>PINK SHRIMP NON-GROUNDFISH TRAWL GEAR (not subject to RCAs)</b>						
46	South	Effective April 1 - October 31: Groundfish: 500 lb/day, multiplied by the number of days of the trip, not to exceed 1,500 lb/trip. The following sublimits also apply and are counted toward the overall 500 lb/day and 1,500 lb/trip groundfish limits: lingcod 300 lb/month (minimum 24 inch size limit); sablefish 2,000 lb/ month; canary, thornyheads and yelloweye rockfish are PROHIBITED. All other groundfish species taken are managed under the overall 500 lb/day and 1,500 lb/trip groundfish limits. Landings of all groundfish species count toward the per day, per trip or other species-specific sublimits described here and the species-specific limits described in the table above do not apply. The amount of groundfish landed may not exceed the amount of pink shrimp landed.					

TABLE 3 (South) cont'd

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 (with the exception of the 20-fm depth contour boundary south of 42° N. lat.), and the boundary lines that define the RCA may close areas that are deeper or shallower than the depth contour. Vessels that are subject to RCA restrictions may not fish in the RCA, or operate in the RCA for any purpose other than transiting.

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