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PACIFIC COAST GROUND FISH FISHERY Changes to commercial and recreational fishery management measures

The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) announces changes to commercial, recreational and tribal management measures for the Pacific Coast groundfish fishery off Washington, Oregon, and California, **effective at 0001 hours (local time) February 26, 2010.**

The Pacific Fishery Management Council (Pacific Council) recommended changes to management measures at their November meeting in Costa Mesa, California. Changes to management measures are being implemented in a Federal Register notice that will publish on February 26, 2010, and are described in this public notice.

Some of the changes to two-month cumulative limits announced in this notice are going into effect prior to the end of the current cumulative limit period (Period 1, January-February). For those species being increased for Period 1, the increased limits become effective on Friday, February 26th at 0001 hours local time. All Period 1 catch must be landed by Sunday, February 28th at 2400 hours local time.

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

<http://www.nwr.noaa.gov/Groundfish-Halibut/index.cfm>

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Commercial Fishery

For complete regulations governing the commercial groundfish fishery, please see Title 50 CFR Part 660, Subpart G. Current trip limit tables, Tables 3-5 (North and South), are included at the end of this public notice.

Limited Entry Non-Whiting Trawl Fishery

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

Changes to Cumulative Limits

The Council considered modifications to 2010 cumulative limits for several species based on 2009 fishery performance and the restrictions put in place for petrale sole.

Trip limits for the following species* will be increased for **Period 1**, effective on **February 26th**:

- **North of 40°10' N. lat.**, minor slope and darkblotched rockfish; sablefish, longspine thornyhead, shortspine thornyhead, and Dover sole for vessels using selective flatfish trawl gear;
- **Between 40°10' N. lat. and 38° N. lat.**, minor slope and darkblotched rockfish and splitnose;
- **South of 40°10' N. lat.**, sablefish, longspine thornyhead, shortspine thornyhead and chilipepper rockfish.

* See Table 3 (North) and Table 3 (South) for trip limits for these species.

In addition to the Period 1 changes mentioned above, the Council also recommended changes throughout the **remainder of 2010** for the following species**:

- **North of 40°10' N. lat.**, minor slope and darkblotched rockfish; sablefish, longspine thornyhead, shortspine thornyhead, Dover sole for vessels using selective flatfish trawl gear, arrowtooth flounder for vessels using large and small footrope gear; other flatfish for vessels using selective flatfish trawl gear;
- **Between 40°10' N. lat. and 38° N. lat.**, minor slope and darkblotched rockfish and splitnose;
- **South of 40°10' N. lat.**, sablefish, longspine thornyhead, shortspine thornyhead and chilipepper rockfish.

** See Table 3 (North) and Table 3 (South) for trip limits for these species.

Limited Entry Fixed Gear and Open Access Fishery

For more detailed regulations applying to the limited entry fixed gear and open access fisheries, see §§ 660.382 and 660.383 of the Pacific Coast groundfish regulations.

Sablefish Daily Trip Limit (DTL) Fishery

Limited Entry: In recent years sablefish catch in the limited entry sablefish DTL fishery has been lower than the allocation. Trip limits for sablefish in this fishery were gradually raised during 2009 and the 2009 year-end projections indicated that sablefish catch was still below the 2009 allocation. Therefore, NMFS has implemented the following Pacific Council recommendations for changes to the sablefish DTL trip limits for 2010:

- **Coastwide**, increase the cumulative limit for sablefish to “1,750 lb per week, not to exceed 7,000 lb/2 months” in Periods 1-6, beginning on February 26, 2010.

Nearshore Fishery

Limited Entry and Open Access: During summer 2009 the Council recommended and NMFS implemented changes to the trip limit structure for minor nearshore rockfish and blue rockfish in order to allow increased minor nearshore catch while preventing overharvest of blue rockfish through the end of 2009. The Council recommended that this 2009 inseason change continue during 2010. Therefore NMFS is implementing the following:

- **Between 42° N. lat. and 40°10' N. lat.**, modify the cumulative limit for minor nearshore rockfish and black rockfish to “7,000 lb/ 2 months, no more than 1,200 lb of which may be species other than black rockfish” beginning on **March 1, 2010**.

Recreational Fishery

For complete regulations governing the commercial groundfish fishery, please see Title 50 CFR Part 660.384.

Washington Recreational Fishery

For more detailed regulations applying to the Washington recreational fishery, see § 660.384 paragraph (c)(1) of the Pacific Coast groundfish regulations.

Changes to Lingcod Retention

The Council recommended a change in Washington recreational fishery management measures to allow lingcod retention within the recreational Rockfish Conservation Area (RCA) on days that the primary halibut season is open. Allowing lingcod that is caught incidentally in the Pacific halibut fishery to be retained may lower angler effort targeting lingcod, and therefore reduce impacts to yelloweye rockfish. Therefore NMFS has implemented the following Pacific Council recommendations for changes to the regulations for lingcod retention within the recreational RCA:

- **Between the Queets River and Leadbetter Point**, 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, except that 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 seaward of the boundary line approximating the 30-fm (55-m) depth contour. 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)(iii) of this section. Coordinates for the boundary line approximating the 30-fm (55-m) depth contour are listed in §660.391.

**Trip limit tables, effective February 26, 2010,
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), 510-581-7358 (Belmont), 562-342-7184 (Los Alamitos), 858-546-7167 (La Jolla).

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

Table 3 (North) to Part 660, Subpart G -- 2010 Trip Limits for Limited Entry Trawl Gear North of 40°10' N. Lat.
Other Limits and Requirements Apply -- Read § 660.301 - § 660.399 before using this table

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	JAN-FEB	MAR-APR	MAY-JUN	JUL-AUG	SEP-OCT	NOV-DEC
Rockfish Conservation Area (RCA)^{6/} :						
1 North of 48°10' N. lat.	shore - modified ^{7/} 200 fm line ^{6/}	shore - 200 fm line ^{6/}	shore - 150 fm line ^{6/}		shore - 200 fm line ^{6/}	shore - modified ^{7/} 200 fm line ^{6/}
2 48°10' N. lat. - 45°46' N. lat.	75 fm line ^{6/} - modified ^{7/} 200 fm line ^{6/}	75 fm line ^{6/} - 200 fm line ^{6/}	75 fm line ^{6/} - 150 fm line ^{6/}	100 fm line ^{6/} - 150 fm line ^{6/}	75 fm line ^{6/} - 200 fm line ^{6/}	75 fm line ^{6/} - modified ^{7/} 200 fm line ^{6/}
3 45°46' N. lat. - 40°10' N. lat.			75 fm line ^{6/} - 200 fm line ^{6/}	100 fm line ^{6/} - 200 fm line ^{6/}		

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.

See § 660.370 and § 660.381 for Additional Gear, Trip Limit, and Conservation Area Requirements and Restrictions. See §§ 660.390-660.394 and §§ 660.396-660.399 for Conservation Area Descriptions and Coordinates (including RCAs, YRCA, CCAs, Farallon Islands, Cordell Banks, and EFHCAs).

State trip limits and seasons may be more restrictive than federal trip limits, particularly in waters off Oregon and California.

4	Minor slope rockfish^{2/} & Darkblotched rockfish	6,000 lb/ 2 months			
5	Pacific ocean perch	1,500 lb/ 2 months			
6	DTS complex				
7	Sablefish				
8	large & small footrope gear	20,000 lb/ 2 months	24,000 lb/ 2 months		20,000 lb/ 2 months
9	selective flatfish trawl gear	9,000 lb/ 2 months			
10	multiple bottom trawl gear ^{8/}	9,000 lb/ 2 months			
11	Longspine thornyhead				
12	large & small footrope gear	24,000 lb/ 2 months			
13	selective flatfish trawl gear	5,000 lb/ 2 months			
14	multiple bottom trawl gear ^{8/}	5,000 lb/ 2 months			
15	Shortspine thornyhead				
16	large & small footrope gear	18,000 lb/2 months			
17	selective flatfish trawl gear	5,000 lb/ 2 months			
18	multiple bottom trawl gear ^{8/}	5,000 lb/ 2 months			
19	Dover sole				
20	large & small footrope gear	110,000 lb/ 2 months			
21	selective flatfish trawl gear	65,000 lb/ 2 months			
22	multiple bottom trawl gear ^{8/}	65,000 lb/ 2 months			

TABLE 3 (North)

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Table 3 (North). Continued

		JAN-FEB	MAR-APR	MAY-JUN	JUL-AUG	SEP-OCT	NOV-DEC
23	Whiting						
24	midwater trawl	Before the primary whiting season: CLOSED. -- During the primary season: mid-water trawl permitted in the RCA. See §660.373 for season and trip limit details. -- After the primary whiting season: CLOSED.					
25	large & small footrope gear	Before the primary whiting season: 20,000 lb/trip. -- During the primary season: 10,000 lb/trip. -- After the primary whiting season: 10,000 lb/trip.					
26	Flatfish (except Dover sole)						
27	Arrowtooth flounder						
28	large & small footrope gear	150,000 lb/ 2 months					
29	selective flatfish trawl gear	90,000 lb/ 2 months					
30	multiple bottom trawl gear ^{8/}	90,000 lb/ 2 months					
31	Other flatfish ^{3/} , English sole, starry flounder, & Petrale sole						
32	large & small footrope gear for Other flatfish ^{3/} , English sole, & starry flounder	110,000 lb/ 2 months	110,000 lb/ 2 months, no more than 9,500 lb/ 2 months of which may be petrale sole.				110,000 lb/ 2 months
33	large & small footrope gear for Petrale sole	9,500 lb/ 2 months					9,500 lb/ 2 months
34	selective flatfish trawl gear for Other flatfish ^{3/} , English sole, & starry flounder	90,000 lb/ 2 months, no more than 9,500 lb/ 2 months of which may be petrale sole.	60,000 lb/ 2 months, no more than 9,500 lb/ 2 months of which may be petrale sole.				
35	selective flatfish trawl gear for Petrale sole						
36	multiple bottom trawl gear ^{8/}	90,000 lb/ 2 months, no more than 9,500 lb/ 2 months of which may be petrale sole.	60,000 lb/ 2 months, no more than 9,500 lb/ 2 months of which may be petrale sole.				
37	Minor shelf rockfish^{1/}, Shortbelly, Widow & Yelloweye rockfish						
38	midwater trawl for Widow rockfish	Before the primary whiting season: CLOSED. -- During primary whiting season: In trips of at least 10,000 lb of whiting, combined widow and yellowtail limit of 500 lb/ trip, cumulative widow limit of 1,500 lb/ month. Mid-water trawl permitted in the RCA. See §660.373 for primary whiting season and trip limit details. -- After the primary whiting season: CLOSED.					
39	large & small footrope gear	300 lb/ 2 months					
40	selective flatfish trawl gear	300 lb/ month	1,000 lb/ month, no more than 200 lb/ month of which may be yelloweye rockfish				300 lb/ month
41	multiple bottom trawl gear ^{8/}	300 lb/ month	300 lb/ 2 months, no more than 200 lb/ month of which may be yelloweye rockfish				300 lb/ month

TABLE 3 (North) cont

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Table 3 (North). Continued

		JAN-FEB	MAR-APR	MAY-JUN	JUL-AUG	SEP-OCT	NOV-DEC
42	Canary rockfish						
43	large & small footrope gear	CLOSED					
44	selective flatfish trawl gear	100 lb/ month		300 lb/ month		100 lb/ month	
45	multiple bottom trawl gear ^{8/}	CLOSED					
46	Yellowtail						
	midwater trawl	Before the primary whiting season: CLOSED. -- During primary whiting season: In trips of at least 10,000 lb of whiting: combined widow and yellowtail limit of 500 lb/ trip, cumulative yellowtail limit of 2,000 lb/ month. Mid-water trawl permitted in the RCA. See §660.373 for primary whiting season and trip limit details. -- After the primary whiting season: CLOSED.					
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48	large & small footrope gear	300 lb/ 2 months					
49	selective flatfish trawl gear	2,000 lb/ 2 months					
50	multiple bottom trawl gear ^{8/}	300 lb/ 2 months					
	Minor nearshore rockfish & Black rockfish						
51							
52	large & small footrope gear	CLOSED					
53	selective flatfish trawl gear	300 lb/ month					
54	multiple bottom trawl gear ^{8/}	CLOSED					
55	Lingcod^{4/}						
56	large & small footrope gear			4,000 lb/ 2 months			
57	selective flatfish trawl gear	1,200 lb/ 2 months		1,200 lb/2 months			
58	multiple bottom trawl gear ^{8/}			1,200 lb/2 months			
59	Pacific cod	30,000 lb/ 2 months		70,000 lb/ 2 months			30,000 lb/ 2 months
60	Spiny dogfish	200,000 lb/ 2 months		150,000 lb/ 2 months	100,000 lb/ 2 months		
61	Other Fish^{5/}	Not limited					

TABLE 3 (North) cont

1/ Bocaccio, chilipepper and cowcod are included in the trip limits for minor shelf rockfish.

2/ Splitnose rockfish is included in the trip limits for minor slope rockfish.

3/ "Other flatfish" are defined at § 660.302 and include butter sole, curffin sole, flathead sole, Pacific sanddab, rex sole, rock sole, and sand sole.

4/ The minimum size limit for lingcod is 22 inches (56 cm) total length North of 42° N. lat. and 24 inches (61 cm) total length South of 42° N. lat.

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

Cabezon is included in the trip limits for "other fish."

6/ The Rockfish Conservation Area is an area closed to fishing by particular gear types, bounded by lines specifically defined by latitude and longitude coordinates set out at §§ 660.391-660.394. This RCA is not defined by depth contours, and the boundary lines that define the RCA may close areas that are deeper or shallower than the depth contour. Vessels that are subject to the RCA restrictions may not fish in the RCA, or operate in the RCA for any purpose other than transiting.

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

8/ If a vessel has both selective flatfish gear and large or small footrope gear on board during a cumulative limit period (either simultaneously or successively), the most restrictive cumulative limit for any gear on board during the cumulative limit period applies for the entire cumulative limit period.

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

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Table 3 (South) to Part 660, Subpart G -- 2010 Trip Limits for Limited Entry Trawl Gear South of 40°10' N. Lat.
Other Limits and Requirements Apply -- Read § 660.301 - § 660.399 before using this table

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	JAN-FEB	MAR-APR	MAY-JUN	JUL-AUG	SEP-OCT	NOV-DEC
Rockfish Conservation Area (RCA)^{6/}:						
1	South of 40°10' N. lat.		100 fm line ^{6/} - 150 fm line ^{6/ 7/}			
All trawl gear (large footrope, selective flatfish trawl, midwater trawl, and small footrope trawl gear) is permitted seaward of the RCA. Large footrope trawl gear and midwater trawl gear are prohibited shoreward of the RCA.						
See § 660.370 and § 660.381 for Additional Gear, Trip Limit, and Conservation Area Requirements and Restrictions. See §§ 660.390-660.394 and §§ 660.396-660.399 for Conservation Area Descriptions and Coordinates (including RCAs, YRCA, CCAs, Farallon Islands, Cordell Banks, and EFHCAs).						
State trip limits and seasons may be more restrictive than federal trip limits, particularly in waters off Oregon and California.						
2	Minor slope rockfish^{2/} & Darkblotched rockfish					
3	40°10' - 38° N. lat.		15,000 lb/ 2 months			
4	South of 38° N. lat.		55,000 lb/ 2 months			
5	Splitnose					
6	40°10' - 38° N. lat.		15,000 lb/ 2 months			
7	South of 38° N. lat.		55,000 lb/ 2 months			
8	DTS complex					
9	Sablefish		22,000 lb/ 2 months			
10	Longspine thornyhead		24,000 lb/ 2 months			
11	Shortspine thornyhead		18,000 lb/ 2 months			
12	Dover sole		110,000 lb/ 2 months			
13	Flatfish (except Dover sole)					
14	Other flatfish ^{3/} , English sole, & starry flounder		110,000 lb/ 2 months	110,000 lb/ 2 months, no more than 9,500 lb/ 2 months of which may be petrale sole.		110,000 lb/ 2 months
15	Petrale sole		9,500 lb/ 2 months			9,500 lb/ 2 months
16	Arrowtooth flounder		10,000 lb/ 2 months			
17	Whiting					
18	midwater trawl		Before the primary whiting season: CLOSED. -- During the primary season: mid-water trawl permitted in the RCA. See §660.373 for season and trip limit details. -- After the primary whiting season: CLOSED.			
19	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.			

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Table 3 (South). Continued

	JAN-FEB	MAR-APR	MAY-JUN	JUL-AUG	SEP-OCT	NOV-DEC
20 Minor shelf rockfish^{1/}, Chilipepper, Shortbelly, Widow, & Yelloweye rockfish						
21 large footrope or midwater trawl for Minor shelf rockfish & Shortbelly	300 lb/ month					
22 large footrope or midwater trawl for Chilipepper	12,000 lb/ 2 months					
23 large footrope or midwater trawl for Widow & Yelloweye	CLOSED					
24 small footrope trawl for Minor Shelf, Shortbelly, Widow & Yelloweye	300 lb/ month					
25 small footrope trawl for Chilipepper	12,000 lb/ 2 months					
26 Bocaccio						
27 large footrope or midwater trawl	300 lb/ 2 months					
28 small footrope trawl	CLOSED					
29 Canary rockfish						
30 large footrope or midwater trawl	CLOSED					
31 small footrope trawl	100 lb/ month		300 lb/ month		100 lb/ month	
32 Cowcod	CLOSED					
33 Bronzespotted rockfish	CLOSED					
34 Minor nearshore rockfish & Black rockfish						
35 large footrope or midwater trawl	CLOSED					
36 small footrope trawl	300 lb/ month					
37 Lingcod^{4/}						
38 large footrope or midwater trawl	1,200 lb/ 2 months		4,000 lb/ 2 months			
39 small footrope trawl	1,200 lb/ 2 months					
40 Pacific cod	30,000 lb/ 2 months		70,000 lb/ 2 months			30,000 lb/ 2 months
41 Spiny dogfish	200,000 lb/ 2 months		150,000 lb/ 2 months	100,000 lb/ 2 months		
42 Other Fish^{5/} & Cabezon	Not limited					

TABLE 3 (South) cont

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

2/ POP is included in the trip limits for minor slope rockfish

3/ "Other flatfish" are defined at § 660.302 and include butter sole, curlfin sole, flathead sole, Pacific sanddab, rex sole, rock sole, and sand sole.

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

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

6/ The Rockfish Conservation Area is an area closed to fishing by particular gear types, bounded by lines specifically defined by latitude and longitude coordinates set out at §§ 660.391-660.394. This RCA is not defined by depth contours, and the boundary lines that define the RCA may close areas that are deeper or shallower than the depth contour. Vessels that are subject to the RCA restrictions may not fish in the RCA, or operate in the RCA for any purpose other than transiting.

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

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

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		JAN-FEB	MAR-APR	MAY-JUN	JUL-AUG	SEP-OCT	NOV-DEC	
Rockfish Conservation Area (RCA)^{6/}:								
1	North of 46°16' N. lat.	shoreline - 100 fm line ^{6/}						
2	46°16' N. lat. - 45°03.83' N. lat.	30 fm line ^{6/} - 100 fm line ^{6/}						
3	45°03.83' N. lat. - 43°00' N. lat.	30 fm line ^{6/} - 125 fm line ^{6/ 7/}						
4	43°00' N. lat. - 42°00' N. lat.	20 fm line ^{6/} - 100 fm line ^{6/}						
5	42°00' N. lat. - 40°10' N. lat.	20 fm depth contour - 100 fm line ^{6/}						
<p>See § 660.370 and § 660.382 for Additional Gear, Trip Limit, and Conservation Area Requirements and Restrictions. See §§ 660.390-660.394 and §§ 660.396-660.399 for Conservation Area Descriptions and Coordinates (including RCAs, YRCA, CCAs, Farallon Islands, Cordell Banks, and EFHCAs).</p>								
<p>State trip limits and seasons may be more restrictive than federal trip limits, particularly in waters off Oregon and California.</p>								
6	Minor slope rockfish ^{2/} & Darkblotched rockfish	4,000 lb/ 2 months						
7	Pacific ocean perch	1,800 lb/ 2 months						
8	Sablefish	1,750 lb per week, not to exceed 7,000 lb/ 2 months						
9	Longspine thornyhead	10,000 lb/ 2 months						
10	Shortspine thornyhead	2,000 lb/ 2 months						
11	Dover sole	South of 42° N. lat., when fishing for "other flatfish," vessels using hook-and-line gear with no more than 12 hooks per line, using hooks no larger than "Number 2" hooks, which measure 11 mm (0.44 inches) point to shank, and up to two 1 lb (0.45 kg) weights per line are not subject to the RCAs.						
12	Arrowtooth flounder							
13	Petrale sole							
14	English sole							
15	Starry flounder							
16	Other flatfish ^{1/}							
17	Whiting	10,000 lb/ trip						
18	Minor shelf rockfish ^{2/} , Shortbelly, Widow, & Yellowtail rockfish	200 lb/ month						
19	Canary rockfish	CLOSED						
20	Yelloweye rockfish	CLOSED						
21	Minor nearshore rockfish & Black rockfish							
22	North of 42° N. lat.	5,000 lb/ 2 months, no more than 1,200 lb of which may be species other than black or blue rockfish ^{3/}						
23	42° - 40°10' N. lat.	6,000 lb/ 2 months, no more than 1,200 lb of which may be species other than black or blue rockfish ^{3/}	7,000 lb/ 2 months, no more than 1,200 lb of which may be species other than black rockfish ^{3/}					
24	Lingcod ^{4/}	CLOSED			800 lb/ 2 months		400 lb/ month	CLOSED
25	Pacific cod	1,000 lb/ 2 months						
26	Spiny dogfish	200,000 lb/ 2 months		150,000 lb/ 2 months	100,000 lb/ 2 months			
27	Other fish ^{5/}	Not limited						

TABLE 4 (North)

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- 1/ "Other flatfish" are defined at § 660.302 and include butter sole, curlfin sole, flathead sole, Pacific sanddab, rex sole, rock sole, and sand sole.
- 2/ Bocaccio, chilipepper and cowcod are included in the trip limits for minor shelf rockfish and splitnose rockfish is included in the trip limits for minor slope rockfish.
- 3/ For black rockfish north of Cape Alava (48°09.50' N. lat.), and between Destruction Is. (47°40' N. lat.) and Leadbetter Pnt. (46°38.17' N. lat.), there is an additional limit of 100 lb or 30 percent by weight of all fish on board, whichever is greater, per vessel, per fishing trip.
- 4/ The minimum size limit for lingcod is 22 inches (56 cm) total length North of 42° N. lat. and 24 inches (61 cm) total length South of 42° N. lat.
- 5/ "Other fish" are defined at § 660.302 and include sharks, skates (including longnose skates), ratfish, morids, grenadiers, and kelp greenling. Cabezon is included in the trip limits for "other fish."
- 6/ The Rockfish Conservation Area is an area closed to fishing by particular gear types, bounded by lines specifically defined by latitude and longitude coordinates set out at §§ 660.391-660.394. This RCA is not defined by depth contours (with the exception of the 20-fm depth contour boundary south of 42° N. lat.), and the boundary lines that define the RCA may close areas that are deeper or shallower than the depth contour. Vessels that are subject to RCA restrictions may not fish in the RCA, or operate in the RCA for any purpose other than transiting.
- 7/ The 125 fm line restriction is in place all year, except on days when the directed halibut fishery is open. On those days the 100 fm line restriction is in effect.

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

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

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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 § 660.370 and § 660.382 for Additional Gear, Trip Limit, and Conservation Area Requirements and Restrictions. See §§ 660.390-660.394 and §§ 660.396-660.399 for Conservation Area Descriptions and Coordinates (including RCAs, YRCA, CCAs, Farallon Islands, Cordell Banks, and EFHCAs).</p>							
<p>State trip limits and seasons may be more restrictive than federal trip limits, particularly in waters off Oregon and California.</p>							
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.	1,750 lb per week, not to exceed 7,000 lb/ 2 months					
7	South of 36° N. lat.	400 lb/ day, or 1 landing per week of up to 1,500 lb				3,000 lb per week	
8	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	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	Petrale sole						
15	English sole						
16	Starry flounder						
17	Other flatfish^{1/}	10,000 lb/ trip					
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 4 (South)

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Table 4 (South). Continued

		JAN-FEB	MAR-APR	MAY-JUN	JUL-AUG	SEP-OCT	NOV-DEC	TABLE 4 (South)		
32 Minor nearshore rockfish & Black rockfish										
33	Shallow nearshore	600 lb/ 2 months	CLOSED	800 lb/ 2 months	900 lb/ 2 months	800 lb/ 2 months	600 lb/ 2 months			
34	Deeper nearshore									
35	40°10' - 34°27' N. lat.	700 lb/ 2 months	CLOSED	700 lb/ 2 months		800 lb/ 2 months				
36	South of 34°27' N. lat.	500 lb/ 2 months		600 lb/ 2 months						
37	California scorpionfish	600 lb/ 2 months	CLOSED	600 lb/ 2 months	1,200 lb/ 2 months					
38	Lingcod^{3/}	CLOSED		800 lb/ 2 months			400 lb/ month		CLOSED	
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/} & Cabezon	Not limited								

- 1/ "Other flatfish" are defined at § 660.302 and include butter sole, curlfin sole, flathead sole, Pacific sanddab, rex sole, rock sole, and sand sole.
- 2/ POP is included in the trip limits for minor slope rockfish. Yellowtail is included in the trip limits for minor shelf rockfish. Bronzespotted rockfish have a species specific trip limit.
- 3/ The minimum size limit for lingcod is 24 inches (61 cm) total length South of 42° N. lat.
- 4/ "Other fish" are defined at § 660.302 and include sharks, skates (including longnose skates), rattfish, morids, grenadiers, and kelp greenling.
- 5/ The Rockfish Conservation Area is an area closed to fishing by particular gear types, bounded by lines specifically defined by latitude and longitude coordinates set out at §§ 660.391-660.394. This RCA is not defined by depth contours (with the exception of the 20-fm depth contour boundary south of 42° N. lat.), and the boundary lines that define the RCA may close areas that are deeper or shallower than the depth contour. Vessels that are subject to RCA restrictions may not fish in the RCA, or operate in the RCA for any purpose other than transiting.

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

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

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

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	JAN-FEB	MAR-APR	MAY-JUN	JUL-AUG	SEP-OCT	NOV-DEC
Rockfish Conservation Area (RCA)^{6/}:						
1 North of 46°16' N. lat.	shoreline - 100 fm line ^{6/}					
2 46°16' N. lat. - 45°03.83' N. lat.	30 fm line ^{6/} - 100 fm line ^{6/}					
3 45°03.83' N. lat. - 43°00' N. lat.	30 fm line ^{6/} - 125 fm line ^{6/ 7/}					
4 43°00' N. lat. - 42°00' N. lat.	20 fm line ^{6/} - 100 fm line ^{6/}					
5 42°00' N. lat. - 40°10' N. lat.	20 fm depth contour - 100 fm line ^{6/}					
See § 660.370 and § 660.383 for Additional Gear, Trip Limit, and Conservation Area Requirements and Restrictions. See §§ 660.390-660.394 and §§ 660.396-660.399 for Conservation Area Descriptions and Coordinates (including RCAs, YRCA, CCAs, Farallon Islands, Cordell Banks, and EFHCAs).						
State trip limits and seasons may be more restrictive than federal trip limits, particularly in waters off Oregon and California.						
6 Minor slope rockfish^{1/} & Darkblotched rockfish	Per trip, no more than 25% of weight of the sablefish landed					
7 Pacific ocean perch	100 lb/ month					
8 Sablefish	300 lb/ day, or 1 landing per week of up to 800 lb, not to exceed 2,400 lb/ 2 months			300 lb/ day, or 1 landing per week of up to 950 lb, not to exceed 2,750 lb/ 2 months		
9 Thornyheads	CLOSED					
10 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.					
11 Arrowtooth flounder						
12 Petrale sole						
13 English sole						
14 Starry flounder						
15 Other flatfish^{2/}						
16 Whiting	300 lb/ month					
17 Minor shelf rockfish^{1/}, Shortbelly, Widow, & Yellowtail rockfish	200 lb/ month					
18 Canary rockfish	CLOSED					
19 Yelloweye rockfish	CLOSED					
20 Minor nearshore rockfish & Black rockfish	5,000 lb/ 2 months, no more than 1,200 lb of which may be species other than black or blue rockfish ^{3/}					
21 North of 42° N. lat.						
22 42° - 40°10' N. lat.	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			400 lb/ month		CLOSED
24 Pacific cod	1,000 lb/ 2 months					
25 Spiny dogfish	200,000 lb/ 2 months		150,000 lb/ 2 months	100,000 lb/ 2 months		
26 Other Fish^{5/}	Not limited					

TABLE 5 (North)

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Table 5 (North). Continued

		JAN-FEB	MAR-APR	MAY-JUN	JUL-AUG	SEP-OCT	NOV-DEC	TABLE 5 (North) cont
27	PINK SHRIMP NON-GROUNDFISH TRAWL (not subject to RCAs)							
28	North	<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 these species count toward the per day and per trip groundfish limits and do not have species-specific limits. The amount of groundfish landed may not exceed the amount of pink shrimp landed.</p>						
29	SALMON TROLL							
30	North	<p>Salmon trollers may retain and land up to 1 lb of yellowtail rockfish for every 2 lbs of salmon landed, with a cumulative limit of 200 lb/month, both within and outside of the RCA. This limit is within the 200 lb per month combined limit for minor shelf rockfish, widow rockfish and yellowtail rockfish, and not in addition to that limit. Salmon trollers may retain and land up to 1 lingcod per 15 Chinook, plus 1 lingcod up to a trip limit of 10 lingcod, both within and outside of the RCA. This limit is within the 400 lb per month limit for lingcod, and not in addition to that limit. All groundfish species are subject to the open access limits, seasons, size limits and RCA restrictions listed in the table above.</p>						

- 1/ Bocaccio, chilipepper and cowcod rockfishes are included in the trip limits for minor shelf rockfish. Splitnose rockfish is included in the trip limits for minor slope rockfish.
- 2/ "Other flatfish" are defined at § 660.302 and include butter sole, curlfin sole, flathead sole, Pacific sanddab, rex sole, rock sole, and sand sole.
- 3/ For black rockfish north of Cape Alava (48°09.50' N. lat.), and between Destruction Is. (47°40' N. lat.) and Leadbetter Pnt. (46°38.17' N. lat.), there is an additional limit of 100 lbs or 30 percent by weight of all fish on board, whichever is greater, per vessel, per fishing trip.
- 4/ The minimum size limit for lingcod is 22 inches (56 cm) total length North of 42° N. lat. and 24 inches (61 cm) total length South of 42° N. lat.
- 5/ "Other fish" are defined at § 660.302 and include sharks, skates (including longnose skates), ratfish, morids, grenadiers, and kelp greenling. Cabezon is included in the trip limits for "other fish."
- 6/ The Rockfish Conservation Area is an area closed to fishing by particular gear types, bounded by lines specifically defined by latitude and longitude coordinates set out at §§ 660.391-660.394. This RCA is not defined by depth contours (with the exception of the 20-fm depth contour boundary south of 42° N. lat.), and the boundary lines that define the RCA may close areas that are deeper or shallower than the depth contour. Vessels that are subject to RCA restrictions may not fish in the RCA, or operate in the RCA for any purpose other than transiting.
- 7/ The 125 fm line restriction is in place all year, except on days when the directed halibut fishery is open. On those days the 100 fm line restriction is in effect.

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

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		JAN-FEB	MAR-APR	MAY-JUN	JUL-AUG	SEP-OCT	NOV-DEC
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 align="center">See § 660.370 and § 660.383 for Additional Gear, Trip Limit, and Conservation Area Requirements and Restrictions. See §§ 660.390-660.394 and §§ 660.396-660.399 for Conservation Area Descriptions and Coordinates (including RCAs, YRCA, CCAs, Farallon Islands, Cordell Banks, and EFHCAs).</p>							
<p align="center">State trip limits and seasons may be more restrictive than federal trip limits, particularly in waters off Oregon and California.</p>							
3	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			300 lb/ day, or 1 landing per week of up to 950 lb, not to exceed 2,750 lb/ 2 months		
9	South of 36° N. lat.	400 lb/ day, or 1 landing per week of up to 1,500 lb, not to exceed 8,000 lb/ 2 months				400 lb/ day, or 1 landing per week of up to 2,500 lb	
10	Thornyheads						
11	40°10' - 34°27' N. lat.	CLOSED					
12	South of 34°27' N. lat.	50 lb/ day, no more than 1,000 lb/ 2 months					
13	Dover sole						
14	Arrowtooth flounder	3,000 lb/month, no more than 300 lb of which may be species other than Pacific sanddabs. South of 42° N. lat., when fishing for "other flatfish," vessels using hook-and-line gear with no more than 12 hooks per line, using hooks no larger than "Number 2" hooks, which measure 11 mm (0.44 inches) point to shank, and up to two 1 lb (0.45 kg) weights per line are not subject to the RCAs.					
15	Petrале 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 5 (South)

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Table 5 (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	600 lb/ 2 months	CLOSED	600 lb/ 2 months	1,200 lb/ 2 months		
36	Lingcod^{3/}	CLOSED		400 lb/ month			CLOSE
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/} & Cabezon	Not limited					
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 - modified 200 fm ^{6/}	100 fm - 150 fm			100 fm - modified 200 fm ^{6/}	
43	38° - 34°27' N. lat.	100 fm - 150 fm					
44	South of 34°27' N. lat.	100 fm - 150 fm along the mainland coast; shoreline - 150 fm around islands					
45	<p>Groundfish: 300 lb/trip. Trip limits in this table also apply and are counted toward the 300 lb groundfish per trip limit. The amount of groundfish landed may not exceed the amount of the target species landed, except that the amount of spiny dogfish landed may exceed the amount of target species landed. Spiny dogfish are limited by the 300 lb/trip overall groundfish limit. The daily trip limits for sablefish coastwide and thornyheads south of Pt. Conception and the overall groundfish "per trip" limit may not be multiplied by the number of days of the trip. Vessels participating in the California halibut fishery south of 38°57.50' N. lat. are allowed to (1) land up to 100 lb/day of groundfish without the ratio requirement, provided that at least one California halibut is landed and (2) land up to 3,000 lb/month of flatfish, no more than 300 lb of which may be species other than Pacific sanddabs, sand sole, starry flounder, rock sole, curlfin sole, or California scorpionfish (California scorpionfish is also subject to the trip limits and closures in line 31).</p>						
46	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 these species count toward the per day and per trip groundfish limits and do not have species-specific limits. The amount of groundfish landed may not exceed the amount of pink shrimp landed.</p>					

TABLE 5 (South) cont

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

2/ "Other flatfish" are defined at § 660.302 and include butter sole, curlfin sole, flathead sole, Pacific sanddab, rex sole, rock sole, and sand sole.

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

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

5/ The Rockfish Conservation Area is an area closed to fishing by particular gear types, bounded by lines specifically defined by latitude and longitude coordinates set out at §§ 660.391-660.394. This RCA is not defined by depth contours (with the exception of the 20-fm depth contour boundary south of 42° N. lat.), and the boundary lines that define the RCA may close areas that are deeper or shallower than the depth contour. Vessels that are subject to RCA restrictions may not fish in the RCA, or operate in the RCA for any purpose other than transiting.

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

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