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PACIFIC COAST GROUND FISH FISHERY

Commercial and Recreational Fishery Management Measures Effective January 1, 2013

The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) announces the publication of a *Federal Register* notice establishing the 2013-2014 groundfish harvest specifications and management measures. This rule also makes changes to existing management measures which are explained below. A final rule, RIN 0648-BC35 was filed with the Office of the Federal Register on December 28, 2012 and will publish on January 3, 2013. **This rule is effective January 1, 2013** and can be found at:

http://www.ofr.gov/OFRUpload/OFRData/2012-31134_PI.pdf

NOTE: The filed version will only be available at the link above until the *Federal Register* notice publishes on January 3, 2013.

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More information on the changes this rule makes can be found in this document.

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AT A GLANCE:

New federal requirements for each fishery sector (see below for Pacific Whiting Fishery and Tribal Fishery information, which is not listed here):

	LEFG	OA	IFQ Program	Recreational
Closed Areas and Area Restrictions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New lat/longs for 150 fm line off WA and CA, 200 fm line off WA and OR • Change to non-trawl RCA boundary off southern Oregon – opens some additional areas close to shore 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New lat/longs for 150 fm line off WA and CA, 200 fm line off WA and OR • Change to non-trawl RCA boundary off southern Oregon – opens some additional areas close to shore 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New lat/longs for 150 fm line off WA and CA, 200 fm line off WA and OR • <i>*Gear Switching – vessels harvesting IFQ with non-trawl gear, see LEFG/OA for changes to non-trawl RCA boundaries</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WA - changes to depth restrictions off the north coast • CA - anglers may retain some shelf rockfish species in the CCAs • CA - changes to depth restrictions in the Southern Management Area
Sorting	Sorting: blackgill rockfish south of 40 10' N. lat. must be sorted to species	Sorting: blackgill rockfish south of 40 10' N. lat. must be sorted to species	Sorting: blackgill rockfish south of 40 10' N. lat. must be sorted to species	<i>[intentionally blank]</i>
Commercial Trip Limits; Recreational bag limits, size limits and seasons	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New blackgill rockfish sub-limit within the minor slope rockfish trip limits • Revised sablefish trip limits • New 2013 and 2014 Primary Sablefish Fishery Tier Limits are announced • Clarifications on what sablefish trip limits apply when switching from the Primary Sablefish Fishery to the DTL fishery 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New blackgill rockfish sub-limit within the minor slope rockfish trip limits • Revised sablefish trip limits 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New geographic split for lingcod; lingcod is no longer a coastwide IFQ species and QP and QS accumulation limits have been revised accordingly 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WA - lingcod season dates are slightly adjusted; • CA - removes size limit on bocaccio • CA - increase in bocaccio bag limit • CA - increase kelp greenling bag limit

Limited Entry Fixed Gear (LEFG) Fishery

Closed Areas

Modifications to Latitude and Longitude Coordinates Defining RCAs

This rule refines selected coordinates to more closely approximate the depth contours: the 150 fm line off Washington; the 200 fm line off Washington and Oregon; and the 150 fm line defining the Usal and Noyo Canyons off California.

These changes described above refine lines that approximate the depth contours but make no regulatory changes to how, or for which fisheries, those lines may be used. The coordinates that define all of these lines are listed at § 660.71 through § 660.74, and are posted on the NMFS NWR website.

Change to Boundary of the Non-Trawl RCA

Due to some changes in how canary and yelloweye rockfish are allocated between fisheries for 2013-2014, the shoreward boundary off the southern Oregon coast is shifted seaward to open some additional areas to fishing close to shore. **The shoreward boundary of the non-trawl RCA, between 43° N. lat. and 42° N. lat., will move from the line approximating the 20 fm depth contour to the line approximating the 30 fm depth contour.**

The complete list of boundary lines for the 2013-2014 non-trawl RCA can be found at the top of the limited entry fixed gear trip limit tables (Tables 2 North and 2 South, attached). RCA boundaries may be revised inseason, if fishery information warrants it.

Sorting

In 2013-2014, there are new harvest specifications for blackgill rockfish south of 40°10' N. lat. Consistent with sorting regulations at §660.12(a)(8), **this rule establishes new sorting requirements for blackgill rockfish in the limited entry fixed gear fisheries south of 40°10' N. lat. beginning January 1, 2013.**

Trip Limits

Minor Slope Rockfish and Blackgill Rockfish South of 40°10' N. lat.

To keep harvest of blackgill rockfish within the new species specific harvest guidelines (HGs) for the area south of 40°10' N. lat. a limit on the catch of blackgill rockfish was needed. Since blackgill rockfish remain in the minor slope rockfish complex, a new blackgill rockfish sub-limit (within the minor slope rockfish trip limit) is established, beginning January 1, 2013. **The new minor slope rockfish trip limit in the limited entry fixed gear fishery south of 40°10' N. lat. is: "40,000 lb per 2 months, of which no more than 1,375 lb per 2 months may be blackgill rockfish."**

Sablefish Daily Trip Limit (DTL) Fishery North of 36° N. lat.

At its November 3-7, 2012 meeting in Costa Mesa, CA, the Council recommended changes to the 2013-2014 proposed groundfish management measures based upon updated fishery information. These changes decrease sablefish limits in the LEFG DTL fishery north of 36° N. lat., to ensure that harvest opportunities for this stock do not exceed the LEFG sablefish DTL allocation north of 36° N. lat.

Therefore, the Council recommended and NMFS is implementing trip limit changes for the LEFG sablefish DTL fishery north of 36° N. lat. that decrease LEFG sablefish DTL fishery limits, from those stated in the proposed rule of “1,100 lb per week, not to exceed 4,200 lb per 2 months,” to “950 lb per week, not to exceed 2,850 lb per 2 months” for periods 1-6, beginning on January 1, 2013.

2013 and 2014 Primary Sablefish Fishery

Regulations for this fishery can be found at §660.231, Subpart E, and a separate notice that answers frequently asked questions about the primary sablefish fishery will be e-mailed later this winter. Based on decreased sablefish harvest specifications, tier limits for the limited entry fixed gear primary sablefish fishery are lower than in 2011–2012.

The 2013 tier limits are as follows:

Tier 1 = 34,513lb, Tier 2 = 15,688 lb, Tier 3 = 8,964 lb

The 2014 tier limits are as follows:

Tier 1 = 37,441 lb, Tier 2 = 17,019 lb, Tier 3 = 9,725 lb

As catch against a vessels tier limit(s) is completed the vessel is then eligible to fish in the limited entry (LE) daily trip limit (DTL) fishery under trip limits. This rule adds a threshold upon which the tier limit(s) is considered “completed” and the vessel switches to the LE DTL fishery, if a daily limit is not in effect. **Beginning in 2013, regulations set a 300 lb threshold (or the daily limit if one is in effect), for the tier amount below which a vessel’s tier is considered to be “complete.” All subsequent landings are subject to LEFG trip limits. In other words, a vessel will automatically be subject to LEFG DTL fishery regulations and trip limits when the amount on their tier(s) is either at or below 300 lb (or at or below the daily limit, if one is in effect).**

Offload Requirement Clarification

Existing regulations require that once a fishing trip has ended and offloading begins, all fish on board the vessel must count toward that landing. In practice, this means that a landing is completed before a subsequent fishing trip begins. **A new, prohibition is added in §660.12 to make the requirement, that all fish must be removed from the vessel before beginning a new fishing trip, explicit.** The prohibition applies to the limited entry fixed gear and open access fisheries and to the limited entry trawl fisheries (except for processing vessels in the mothership and catcher/processor sectors) and is not anticipated to change current practices. Federal regulations continue to allow split deliveries, however the states may have more restrictive regulations.

Open Access (OA) Fishery

Closed Areas

Modifications to Latitude and Longitude Coordinates Defining RCAs

This rule refines selected coordinates to more closely approximate the depth contours. These changes are described in more detail above in the Limited Entry Fixed Gear section and also apply to vessels participating in the open access fishery.

Change to Boundary of the Non-Trawl RCA

The shoreward boundary of the non-trawl RCA, between 43° N. lat. and 42° N. lat., will move from the line approximating the 20 fm depth contour to the line approximating the 30 fm depth contour. These changes are described in more detail above in the Limited Entry Fixed Gear section.

Sorting

This rule establishes new sorting requirements for blackgill rockfish in the open access fisheries south of 40°10' N. lat. beginning January 1, 2013. This change is described in more detail above in the Limited Entry Fixed Gear section.

Trip Limits

Minor Slope Rockfish and Blackgill Rockfish South of 40°10' N. lat.

The new minor slope rockfish trip limit in the open access fishery south of 40°10' N. lat. is: "10,000 lb per 2 months, of which no more than 475 lb may be blackgill rockfish." This change is needed for the same reasons as described in the Limited Entry Fixed Gear section above.

Sablefish Daily Trip Limit (DTL) Fishery North of 36° N. lat.

At its November 3-7, 2012 meeting in Costa Mesa, CA, the Council recommended changes to the 2013-2014 proposed groundfish management measures based upon updated fishery information. These changes modify trip limits for sablefish in the OA fishery north of 36° N. lat. to ensure harvest opportunities for the stock do not exceed the harvest guideline north of 36° N. lat.

Therefore, the trip limits for OA sablefish DTL fishery north of 36° N. lat. are adjusted, from those stated in the proposed rule (of "300 lb per day, or one landing per week of up to 610 lb, not to exceed 1,220 lb per 20 months" for periods 1-6), to **"300 lb per day, or one landing per week of up to 700 lb, not to exceed 1,400 lb per 2 months" for periods 1-5 and "300 lb per day or one landing per week up to 300 lb, not to exceed 600 lbs per 2 months" for period 6.**

Offload Requirement Clarification

A new prohibition is added in §660.12 to make the requirement, that all fish must be removed from the vessel before beginning a new fishing trip, explicit. This clarification is needed for the same reasons as described in the Limited Entry Fixed Gear section above.

Shorebased Individual Fishing Quota (IFQ) Program

Closed Areas

Modifications to Latitude and Longitude Coordinates Defining RCAs

This rule refines selected coordinates to more closely approximate the depth contours. This rule also establishes a new boundary line that approximates the 150 fm depth contour off Washington, Oregon and northern California, but the line has modifications to open some areas for targeting aggregations of petrale sole that may be shallower than the 150 fm depth contour. These types of lines are commonly referred to as “petrale-modified” lines, and these types of lines are generally used to define the seaward boundary of the trawl RCA during winter months. This new line is not in place at this time, but could be implemented inseason. These changes are described in more detail above in the Limited Entry Fixed Gear section.

Trawl RCA

No changes to the schedule of trawl RCA boundaries are implemented at this time. The schedule for the 2013-2014 trawl RCA can be found at the top of the Tables 1 North and 1 South, attached). RCA boundaries may be revised inseason, if fishery information warrants it.

Gear Switching - Change to Boundary of the Non-Trawl RCA

Vessels harvesting IFQ with non-trawl gear under the gear switching provisions are subject to the non-trawl RCA area closure. **The shoreward boundary of the non-trawl RCA, between 43° N. lat. and 42° N. lat., will move from the line approximating the 20 fm depth contour to the line approximating the 30 fm depth contour.** This change is described in more detail above in the Limited Entry Fixed Gear section.

Sorting

This rule establishes new sorting requirements for blackgill rockfish in the Shorebased IFQ Program south of 40°10' N. lat. beginning January 1, 2013. This change is described in more detail above in the Limited Entry Fixed Gear section.

Trip Limits

For vessels fishing IFQ, with either groundfish trawl gear or non-trawl gears, the following incidentally caught species are managed with trip limits: minor nearshore rockfish, black rockfish, cabezon, spiny dogfish, shortbelly rockfish, Pacific whiting, longnose skate, California scorpionfish south, longspine thornyhead south, and the “other fish” category. No changes to trip limits in the IFQ fishery are proposed for the start of the 2013-2014 biennium, however changes to trip limits are considered a routine measure under §660.60(c) and may be implemented, if determined necessary, through inseason action.

Geographic Split of Lingcod in the Shorebased IFQ Program

NMFS is dividing lingcod management north and south of 40°10' N. lat. beginning in 2013, based on the latest stock assessment. Regulations at §660.140(c)(3)(vii)(A)(1) specify how to reallocate quota share (QS) for an IFQ species when it is subdivided by area, which would be done for QS permits and their associated QS accounts beginning in 2013. This rule also subdivides accumulation limits in the tables that describe QS control limits at §660.140(d)(4)(i)(C) and the quota pound (QP) vessel limits at §660.140(e)(4)(i).

QS permit owners were allocated an equal amount of QS for lingcod north of 40°10' N. lat. and lingcod south of 40°10' N. lat., and the QS permits mailed in early December reflect this change.

Because lingcod as a coastwide species no longer exists in 2013, and because 2012 catch data will continue to be modified through the spring of 2013, any 2012 deficit for lingcod will not be carried forward into 2013 as a deficit of lingcod north of 40°10' N. lat. or lingcod south of 40°10' N. lat. While the 2012 vessel account will continue to show an accurate balance for all species, including deficits, **deficits of lingcod only will not be carried over from 2012 to 2013.**

2013 Shorebased IFQ Program Allocation

NMFS will issue QP based on the Shorebased IFQ Program allocations, as reduced by the amount of QP for whiting trips for whiting and for species caught incidentally in the whiting fishery. The reduced amount will be issued at the start of 2013 to preserve NMFS' ability to deposit the appropriate final amounts into QS accounts in the spring based on any recalculation of QS allocations in response to a court order. In addition, QP for Pacific whiting and Pacific halibut are interim amounts. In the spring of 2013, after final harvest specifications are available for Pacific whiting and Pacific halibut and after NMFS has made a final decision on the reallocation of whiting (and associated species from whiting trips), NMFS will revise QS permits/accounts if necessary and allocate the remaining QP.

2013 allocations and the corresponding vessel limits (daily and annual)

Below is a table showing the shorebased trawl vessel limits for IFQ species in pounds based on the Shorebased IFQ Program allocation for 2013 (50 CFR 660.140(d)(1)(ii)(D)) and the vessel limits specified at 50 CFR 660.140(e)(4). These values are used to calculate the amount of QP that can be transferred to a vessel account. Values for Pacific halibut and Pacific whiting will change between interim and final.

The **Annual QP Limit** is the total amount of QP (used, unused available, and pending outgoing transfers) that may be registered to a single vessel during the year. It applies to the sum of your catch to date (landings + discards), available QP balance, and pending outgoing transfers, which is displayed in the year to date column (for annual vessel limit calculation) on your vessel account summary page. The Non-whiting Groundfish Species Annual QP Limit is an overall limit applying to the sum of every IFQ species (excluding Pacific whiting and Pacific halibut).

The **Daily QP Limit** is the total amount of unused QP (available QP balance plus pending outgoing transfers) that may be registered to a vessel at any time.

IFQ Category	Shorebased trawl allocation (mt)	Total Pounds for Shorebased IFQ Program	QP Vessel Limit (Annual Limit, %)	Associated Annual QP Limit (lbs.)	Unused QP Vessel Limit (Daily Limit, %)	Associated Daily QP Limit (lbs.)
Arrowtooth flounder	3846.1	8,479,264	20.0%	1,695,853		
Bocaccio rockfish South of 40°10' N.	74.9	165,126	15.4%	25,429	13.2%	21,797
Canary rockfish	39.9	87,964	10.0%	8,796	4.4%	3,870
Chillipepper rockfish South of 40°10' N.	1099.5	2,423,983	15.0%	363,597		
Cowcod South of 40°10' N.	1.0	2,205	17.7%	390	17.7%	390
Darkblotched rockfish	266.7	587,976	6.8%	39,982	4.5%	26,459
Dover sole	22234.5	49,018,682	3.9%	1,911,729		
English sole	6365.0	14,032,486	7.5%	1,052,436		
Lingcod N. of 40°10' N. lat.	1222.6	2,695,305	5.3%	142,851		
Lingcod S. of 40°10' N. lat.	494.4	1,089,993	13.3%	144,969		
Longspine thornyheads North of 34°27' N.	1859.9	4,100,267	9.0%	369,024		
Minor shelf rockfish North of 40°10' N.	508.0	1,119,948	7.5%	83,996		

Minor shelf rockfish South of 40°10' N.	81.0	178,574	13.5%	24,108		
Minor slope rockfish North of 40°10' N.	776.9	1,712,835	7.5%	128,463		
Minor slope rockfish South of 40°10' N.	376.1	829,181	9.0%	74,626		
Other flatfish	4189.6	9,236,501	15.0%	1,385,475		
Pacific cod	1125.3	2,480,830	20.0%	496,166		
Pacific halibut (IBQ) North of 40°10' N. *	NA	88,402	14.4%	12,730	5.4%	4,774
Pacific ocean perch North of 40°10' N.	109.4	241,241	6.0%	14,474	4.0%	9,650
Pacific whiting *	NA	15,999,373	15.0%	2,399,906		
Petrale sole	2318.0	5,110,315	4.5%	229,964		
Sablefish North of 36° N.	1828.0	4,030,050	4.5%	181,352		
Sablefish South of 36° N.	602.3	1,327,800	15.0%	199,170		
Shortspine thornyheads North of 34°27' N.	1385.4	3,054,183	9.0%	274,877		
Shortspine thornyheads South of 34°27' N.	50.0	110,231	9.0%	9,921		
Splitnose rockfish South of 40°10' N.	1518.1	3,346,838	15.0%	502,026		
Starry flounder	751.5	1,656,774	20.0%	331,355		
Widow rockfish	993.8	2,191,016	8.5%	186,236	5.1%	111,742
Yelloweye rockfish	1.0	2,205	11.4%	251	5.7%	126
Yellowtail rockfish North of 40°10' N.	2635.3	5,809,905	7.5%	435,743		
Sum Non-whiting Groundfish Species	NA	125,210,079	3.2%	4,006,723		

* Indicates a preliminary value, used for issuance; to be updated when a final amount is available.

At-sea Pacific Whiting Fishery (Mothership and Catcher/Processor)

Sorting

This rule establishes new sorting requirements for blackgill rockfish south of 40°10' N. lat. beginning January 1, 2013. This change is described in more detail above in the Limited Entry Fixed Gear section.

Recreational Fishery

General

Continuing in 2013 and 2014, the recreational groundfish fishery will be managed through bag limits, size limits, gear restrictions, and time/area closures. **Management measures for recreational fisheries off all three West Coast states are found at §660.360, subpart G.**

Washington Recreational Fisheries

Closed Areas

In order to prevent the Washington recreational bottomfish fishery from exceeding its yelloweye rockfish harvest guideline in 2013 and 2014, Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) requested more precautionary management measures for the Washington north coast. The majority of Washington states' yelloweye rockfish encounters occur in this area. For 2013-2014, **in Marine Areas 3 and 4, the recreational bottomfish fishery is restricted to the area shoreward of 20 fathoms from May 1 to September 30**, except on days that the halibut fishery is open, no bottomfish except lingcod, Pacific cod, and sablefish can be retained seaward of 20 fathoms.

Seasons

Additionally, the lingcod seasons in 2013-2014 will be slightly changed from those in 2011-2012 due to minor fluctuations in the dates of particular days of the week between calendar years. **For example, in 2013 recreational fishing for lingcod is open in Washington Marine Area 4, from April 16 through October 12, and recreational fishing for lingcod is open in Washington Marine Areas 1–3 from March 16 through October 12. For 2014 season dates, or for more specific descriptions regarding marine area boundaries, please refer to § 660.360 (c)(1)(iv)(A).** As in 2012, regulations include a Washington State lingcod recreational fishing closure area off Washington Marine areas 1 and 2, a portion of which are closed to lingcod fishing, except on days that the primary halibut fishery is open ((§ 660.360 (c)(1)(iv)(B)).

Oregon Recreational Fisheries

Off Oregon, recreational fishing for groundfish in 2013-2014 will have the same management measures as in 2011-2012, and the Oregon recreational fishery marine fish bag limit will continue to have a seasonal sub-bag limit for cabezon, as described at §660.360(c)(2)(iii).

California Recreational Fisheries

General

For 2013-2014, recreational fisheries off California will continue to be managed as five separate areas, to reduce complexity while retaining flexibility in minimizing impacts on overfished stocks. California recreational management areas and regulations can be found at §660.350(c)(3).

Closed Areas

Shelf rockfish retention in the Cowcod Conservation Area (CCA)

Incidental catch of cowcod in the area south of 34°27' N. lat. continues to be restricted by the CCAs; however some new opportunities area available beginning in 2013. Adult cowcod generally live deeper than 60 fm (110 m), and allowing some shelf rockfish to be retained in shallow water fishing areas is not expected to increase morality of cowcod. Also, allowing shelf rockfish to be retained will reduce discarding. **Therefore, some shelf rockfish species can be retained inside the CCA in 2013-2014, including bocaccio but excluding bronzespotted, canary, cowcod and yelloweye rockfish, from 0-20 fathoms when the season is open to fishing. Shelf rockfish count toward the RCG complex bag limit of 10 fish per day.**

Southern Management Area seaward boundary change

Tradeoffs between depth restrictions in the Southern Management Area were explored to reduce cowcod encounters. Submersible surveys at the Northern end of the Southern California Bight indicate that juvenile cowcod were most common from 49 fm to 82 fm and adults were most common from 66 fm to 115 fm. **Therefore, the depth restriction in the southern management area is changing** from “seaward of 60 fathoms” to “seaward of 50 fathoms” for 2013-2014, when the season is open to fishing.

Bag Limits and Size Limits

Bocaccio Size and Bag Limit Changes

There is a very strong year class of bocaccio entering the recreational fishery, as evidenced from the updated 2011 stock assessment, and increased encounters of bocaccio entering the fishery in 2012. In order to reduce unnecessary discarding as a result of increased encounters with the new year-class entrants, the changes to California recreational bocaccio management measures are to: remove the recreational bocaccio size limit; increase the recreational bag limit for bocaccio; and allow shelf rockfish retention in the CCA, excluding bronzespotted, canary, cowcod and yelloweye rockfish, from 0-20 fathoms when the season is open to fishing (see above).

Bocaccio are the only rockfish subject to a recreational size limit (10 inches), which was initially implemented in 2000. Since 2000, managers have additional data, which suggests that the size limit has been ineffective in reducing mortality. Bocaccio has shown steady progress toward rebuilding under the current rebuilding plan, and application of the constant harvest rate in the current rebuilding plan corresponds with an ACL for 2013-2014 that is larger than the ACL in recent years. **Therefore, recreational anglers may retain all bocaccio, regardless of size while abiding by current depth and season restrictions.**

The bocaccio recreational HGs are higher in 2013-2014 than in 2012. Currently for 2012, recreational anglers are allowed two bocaccio within a ten fish Rockfish, Cabezon, Greenling (RCG) complex bag limit. Because bocaccio have a high susceptibility to barotrauma in depths of 40 fathoms or greater, anglers are often required to discard and therefore fish longer to achieve their 10 fish bag limit, which in turn can have the undesired effect of increasing the likelihood of encounters with overfished species. **Therefore, the bag limit is increases from 2 to 3 bocaccio within the 10 fish Rockfish, Cabezon, Greenling (RCG) complex bag limit.**

Kelp Greenling Bag Limits

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. RCG Complex sub-bag limits will also remain largely the same, including the cabezon statewide limit of three fish per day, with a few exceptions pertaining to kelp greenling and bocaccio.

Kelp greenling in California is managed as part of the Other Fish complex, while its harvest specifications contribute to the complex as a whole. The ACL contribution for kelp greenling to the Other Fish complex increased for 2013-2014. **Therefore, the recreational kelp greenling bag limit is increasing from 2 fish to 10 fish.** As in 2012, kelp and other greenlings may be no smaller than 12 in (30 cm) total length.

Tribal Fishery

All of the Federal regulations specific to Pacific Coast treaty Indian fisheries are grouped together at 50 CFR 660.50. Many of the tribal fishery management measures are unchanged from 2011-2012, with a few exceptions: A new, higher trip limit is established for redstripe rockfish; the “50,000 lb per 2 months” tribal cumulative limit for petrale sole is removed and replaced with an overall harvest target of 220 mt. Also, several changes are made to the organization of the tribal regulations so that similar types of information are grouped together (for example, trip limits are now all grouped under paragraph (g), instead of being spread out throughout the section). These organizational changes are not intended to change the function of the existing regulations, but are to improve clarity. See regulations at [50 CFR 660.50](#) for details.

**Trip limit tables, effective January 1, 2013,
are included at the end of this public notice.**

This Public Notice serves as a Small Entity Compliance Guide for the final rule which establishes the 2013-2014 harvest specifications and management measures for the Pacific Coast Groundfish Fishery in Federal regulations. This public notice was prepared pursuant to section 212 of the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act of 1996, Pub. L. 104-121. The statements in this document are intended solely as guidance. This document is intended to provide a plain-language summary of how small businesses can comply with these final regulations.

For more information contact: NMFS Northwest Region at 206-526-6117 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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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/} - 150 fm line ^{1/}	100 fm line ^{1/} - 150 fm line ^{1/}		75 fm line ^{1/} - 150 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/}		75 fm line ^{1/} - modified ^{2/} 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						
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 Cabazon						
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), rattfish, 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 Cabazon	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 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), rattfish, 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)^{1/}:						
1 North of 46°16' N. lat.	shoreline - 100 fm line ^{1/}					
2 46°16' N. lat. - 43°00' N. lat.	30 fm line ^{1/} - 100 fm line ^{1/}					
3 43°00' N. lat. - 42°00' N. lat.	30 fm line ^{1/} - 100 fm line ^{1/}					
4 42°00' N. lat. - 40°10' N. lat.	20 fm depth contour - 100 fm line ^{1/}					
<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	950 lb. per week, not to exceed 2,850/2 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 ^{3/}	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	5,000 lb/ 2 months, no more than 1,200 lb of which may be species other than black or blue rockfish ^{4/}					
21 North of 42° N. lat.						
22 42° - 40°10' N. lat.	8,500 lb/ 2 months, of which no more than 1,200 lb may be species other than black rockfish					
23 Lingcod ^{5/}	CLOSED	800 lb/ 2 months			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 Longnose skate	Unlimited					
27 Other fish ^{6/}	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, curfin 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 sharks (except spiny dogfish), skates (except longnose skates), ratfish, morids, grenadiers, and kelp greenling. Cabezon are included in the trip limits for "other fish."

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)^{1/}:						
1 40°10' - 34°27' N. lat.	30 fm line ^{1/} - 150 fm line ^{1/}					
2 South of 34°27' N. lat.	60 fm line ^{1/} - 150 fm line ^{1/} (also applies around islands)					
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).						
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, of which no more than 1,375 lb may be blackgill rockfish					
4 Splitnose rockfish	40,000 lb/ 2 months					
5 Sablefish						
6 40°10' - 36° N. lat.	950 lb. per week, not to exceed 2,850/2 months					
7 South of 36° N. lat.	1,880 lb/ week ^{3/}					
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 Petrale sole						
15 English sole						
16 Starry flounder						
17 Other flatfish^{4/}						
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	TABLE 2 (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	1,000 lb/ 2 months			
34	Deeper nearshore									
35	40°10' - 34°27' N. lat.	700 lb/ 2 months	CLOSED	700 lb/ 2 months	900 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 ^{6/}	CLOSED	1,200 lb/ 2 months	1,200 lb/ 2 months					
38	Lingcod ^{5/}	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	Longnose skate	Unlimited								
42	Other fish ^{6/}	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/ Beginning on January 1, 2014, the following trip limits are in effect for sablefish south of 36° N. lat. from January through December: 1,930 lb per week.

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

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

6/ "Other fish" are defined at § 660.11 and include sharks (except spiny dogfish), skates (except longnose skates), rattfish, morids, grenadiers, and kelp greenling. Cabezon and longnose skate are included in the trip limits for "other fish."

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)^{1/}:							
1	North of 46°16' N. lat.	shoreline - 100 fm line ^{1/}					
2	46°16' N. lat. - 43°00' N. lat.	30 fm line ^{1/} - 100 fm line ^{1/}					
3	43°00' N. lat. - 42°00' N. lat.	30 fm line ^{1/} - 100 fm line ^{1/}					
4	42°00' N. lat. - 40°10' N. lat.	20 fm depth contour - 100 fm line ^{1/}					
<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 ^{2/} & 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 per day, or 1 landing per week of up to 700 lb, not to exceed 1,400 per 2 months					300 lb per day, or 1 landing per week of up to 300 lb, not to exceed 600 lb per 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	Petrale sole						
12	English sole						
13	Starry flounder						
14	Other flatfish ^{4/}						
15	Whiting	300 lb/ month					
16	Minor shelf rockfish ^{2/} , Shortbelly, Widow, & Yellowtail rockfish	200 lb/ month					
17	Canary rockfish	CLOSED					
18	Yelloweye rockfish	CLOSED					
19	Minor nearshore rockfish & Black rockfish						
20	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 ^{5/}					
21	42° - 40°10' N. lat.	8,500 lb/ 2 months, of which no more than 1,200 lb may be species other than black rockfish					
22	Lingcod ^{6/}	CLOSED	400 lb/ month				CLOSED
23	Pacific cod	1,000 lb/ 2 months					
24	Spiny dogfish	200,000 lb/ 2 months	150,000 lb/ 2 months	100,000 lb/ 2 months			
25	Longnose skate	Unlimited					
26	Other Fish ^{7/}	Unlimited					

TABLE 3 (North)

Table 3 (North). Continued

		JAN-FEB	MAR-APR	MAY-JUN	JUL-AUG	SEP-OCT	NOV-DEC	
27	SALMON TROLL (subject to RCAs when retaining all species of groundfish except for yellowtail rockfish and lingcod, as described below)							TABLE 3 (North) con't
28	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.						
29	PINK SHRIMP NON-GROUNDFISH TRAWL (not subject to RCAs)							
30	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.						

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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, curfin 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 sharks (except spiny dogfish), skates (except longnose skates), ratfish, morids, grenadiers, and kelp greenling. Cabezon are included in the trip limits for "other fish."

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)^{1/}:							
1	40°10' - 34°27' N. lat.	30 fm line ^{1/} - 150 fm line ^{1/}					
2	South of 34°27' N. lat.	60 fm line ^{1/} - 150 fm line ^{1/} (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^{2/} & Darkblotched rockfish	10,000 lb/ 2 months, of which no more than 475 lb may be blackgill rockfish					
4	Splitnose	200 lb/ month					
5	Sablefish						
6	40°10' - 36° N. lat.	300 lb per day, or 1 landing per week of up to 700 lb, not to exceed 1,400 per 2 months					300 lb per day, or 1 landing per week of up to 300 lb, not to exceed 600 lb per 2 months
7	South of 36° N. lat.	300 lb/ day, or 1 landing per week of up to 1,460 lb, not to exceed 2,920 lb/ 2 months ^{3/}					
8	Thornyheads						
9	40°10' - 34°27' N. lat.	CLOSED					
10	South of 34°27' N. lat.	50 lb/ day, no more than 1,000 lb/ 2 months					
11	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.					
12	Arrowtooth flounder						
13	Petrale sole						
14	English sole						
15	Starry flounder						
16	Other flatfish^{4/}						
17	Whiting	300 lb/ month					
18	Minor shelf rockfish^{2/}, Shortbelly, Widow & Chilipepper rockfish						
19	40°10' - 34°27' N. lat.	300 lb/ 2 months	CLOSED	200 lb/ 2 months		300 lb/ 2 months	
20	South of 34°27' N. lat.	750 lb/ 2 months		750 lb/ 2 months	1,000 lb/ 2 months		
21	Canary rockfish	CLOSED					
22	Yelloweye rockfish	CLOSED					
23	Cowcod	CLOSED					
24	Bronzespotted rockfish	CLOSED					
25	Bocaccio						
26	40°10' - 34°27' N. lat.	200 lb/ 2 months	CLOSED	100 lb/ 2 months		200 lb/ 2 months	
27	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
28	Minor nearshore rockfish & Black rockfish					
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' - 34°27' N. lat.	700 lb/ 2 months	CLOSED	700 lb/ 2 months	900 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	Lingcod ^{5/}	CLOSED		400 lb/ month		CLOSED
35	Pacific cod					
	1,000 lb/ 2 months					
36	Spiny dogfish		200,000 lb/ 2 months	150,000 lb/ 2 months	100,000 lb/ 2 months	
37	Longnose skate					
	Unlimited					
38	Other Fish ^{6/}					
	Unlimited					
39	RIDGEBACK PRAWN AND, SOUTH OF 38°57.50' N. LAT., CA HALIBUT AND SEA CUCUMBER NON-GROUNDFISH TRAWL					
40	NON-GROUNDFISH TRAWL Rockfish Conservation Area (RCA) for CA Halibut, Sea Cucumber & Ridgeback Prawn:					
41	40° 10' - 38° N. lat.	100 fm line - 200 fm line ^{1/}	100 fm line ^{1/} - 150 fm line ^{1/}		100 fm line ^{1/} - 200 fm line ^{1/}	
42	38° - 34° 27' N. lat.					
	100 fm line ^{1/} - 150 fm line ^{1/}					
43	South of 34° 27' N. lat.					
	100 fm line ^{1/} - 150 fm line ^{1/} along the mainland coast; shoreline - 150 fm line ^{1/} around islands					
44	<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, curfin sole, or California scorpionfish (California scorpionfish is also subject to the trip limits and closures in line 31).</p>					
45	PINK SHRIMP NON-GROUNDFISH TRAWL GEAR (not subject to RCAs)					
46	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/ 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 limits. Yellowtail rockfish is included in the trip limits for minor shelf rockfish. Bronzespotted rockfish have a species specific trip limit.

3/ Beginning on January 1, 2014, the following trip limits are in effect for sablefish south of 36° N. lat. from January through December: 300 lb per day, or 1 landing per week of up to 1,525 lb, not to exceed 3,050 lb/2 months

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

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

6/ "Other fish" are defined at § 660.11 and include sharks (except spiny dogfish), skates (except longnose skate), rattfish, morids, grenadiers, and kelp greenling. Cabezon are included in the trip limits for "other fish."

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