California Recreational Rockfish and Lingcod Options for 2002

All 2001 regulations remain in effect for 2002 unless modified by proposed changes

I. Northern California (Oregon border to Cape Mendocino)

Same as Oregon

II. Central California (Cape Mendocino to Point Conception)

Rockfish and Lingcod Season Options

2a. Open: July - August, November - December
2b. Open: September - October
2c. Open: January - February, November - December

Bag limit: 10 rockfish with a 2 bocaccio, 1 canary, 1 yelloweye (2 fish per vessel), sub-limit.
2 lingcod with a 26 inch minimum length

III. Southern California (Point Conception to Mexican border)

Rockfish and Lingcod Season Options

3a. Open: July - October
3b. Open: May - August

Bag limit: 10 rockfish with a 2 bocaccio, 1 canary, 1 yelloweye (2 fish per vessel), sub-limit.
2 lingcod with a 26 inch minimum length

Nearshore Rockfish and Lingcod Inside 20 fathoms

Outside the rockfish and lingcod seasons (above), fishing may be considered inside 20 fathoms for lingcod and nearshore rockfish (including sculpin), and ocean whitefish, with a 5-10 fish bag limit for nearshore rockfish, cabezon, greenlings and lingcod, not exceeding regular species bag limits. Also a provision for retention of 2 shelf rockfish per angler not including bocaccio, canary, cowcod, or yelloweye rockfish may be considered.

Cowcod Conservation Areas (CCA's): Same as 2001 except that nearshore rockfish and lingcod closed when nearshore rockfish and lingcod is closed outside CCA's. Special nearshore rockfish and lingcod regulations are in effect when nearshore rockfish and lingcod is open in adjacent waters.