Groundfish Management Team recommendations for trip limit changes beginning May 1.

Chilepepper, S. of 40°10’, Trawl, small footrope
Current limit 7,500 lb / 2 months
Proposed change 4,000 lb / 2 months
Rationale - Higher than projected landings of bocaccio rockfish in the first 2-month period.

Lingcod, Trawl, small footrope
Current limit 800 lb / 2 months
Proposed change 1,000 lb / 2 months, May-October
Rationale - Industry requested higher allowance to accommodate bycatch.
- Estimated bycatch of LE lingcod is 40 mt below harvest guideline, including fixed gear.
- LE landings in 2001 were 80 mt and the LE landed HG in 2002 is 163 mt.

Sablefish, S. of 36° Conception, Fixed-gear
Current limit 350 lb per day, or 1 delivery of up to 1,050 lb per week
Proposed change 300 lb per day, or 1 delivery of up to 900 lb per week
Rationale - 23% of annual HG landed in the first 2-month period, though pace slowed in March.

Near-shore rockfish, N. of 40°10’, LE+OA fixed gear
Current limit - LE 5,000 lb / 2 months, no more than 2,000 lb of which species other than Black/Blue
Current limit - OA 4,000 lb / 2 months, no more than 1,600 lb of which species other than Black/Blue
Proposed change - both 6,000 lb / 2 months, no more than 3,000 lb of which species other than Black/Blue
Rationale - Allow attainment of the commercial near-shore harvest guideline.

LCatch of yellowtail rockfish in the troll salmon fishery, N. of 40°10’, OA fixed gear
Current limit 200 lb / month limit for combined minor shelf, yellowtail, and widow.
Proposed change Up to 1 lb of yellowtail per 2 lb of salmon, up to 300 lb / month

Yelloweye rockfish, Trawl, small footrope
Current limit 1,000 lb / month limit for all minor shelf
Proposed change 1,000 lb / month limit for minor shelf, no more than 300 lb of which may be yelloweye
Rationale - Remove any possible incentive to target yelloweye

Limited entry slope rockfish, N. of 36° and S. of 40°10’ (Monterey INPFC)
Current limit - trawl 50,000 lb / 2 months
Current limit - FG 25,000 lb / 2 months
Proposed change - both 14,000 lb / 2 months
Rationale - New information regarding darkblotted landings in the Monterey area.

Splitnose rockfish, N. of 36° and S. of 40°10’
Current limit - both 25,000 lb / 2 months
Proposed change 14,000 lb / 2 months
Rationale - New information regarding darkblotted landings in the Monterey area.

Pink Shrimp - No Retention of yelloweye