Department Recommendations
2003 Rockfish and Lingcod Regulations

General

1) North of Cape Mendocino. Allow DFG to work with Oregon on a uniform set of regulations *
   South of Cape Mendocino. Commission concurrence is sought on the following options *

Recreational

2) Depth Restriction. Prohibit rockfish, sculpin, ocean whitefish and lingcod fishing in waters 20 fm
   and greater in depth *
3) Bag Limits and Open Season Dates. Retain flexibility for PFMC meeting. Options currently
   provide for 5-10 rockfish bag limit, with 0-2 shelf rockfish incidental allowance; 5-10 sculpin bag
   limit; and 6-12 month open season *
4) Lingcod. Retain current 2-fish bag limit and 24-inch minimum size limit *
5) Rockfish Minimum Size Limits and Barbless Circle Hooks. Do not implement size limits, but
   allow consideration of barbless circle hooks *
6) DFG Authority to Close Rockfish and Lingcod Seasons. Give DFG authority same authority as it
   has for other nearshore fish stocks and shelf rockfish and lingcod *
7) Shore Fishing. Same regulations for shore and boat fisheries *

Commercial
(Fixed Gear)

8) Depth Restriction. Prohibit rockfish, sculpin, and lingcod fishing in waters 20-150 fm in depth #
9) Season. Same as recreational, except allow for separate deepwater seasons #
10) Shelf Rockfish. Allow same proportion per vessel as recreational fishery bag limit #
    incidental catch wi the rec. fishery
11) Stick Gear. Defer to Commission *

General

12) Overfished Rockfish. Prohibit retention of bocaccio, canary and yelloweye rockfish *
13) Nearshore Rockfish and Sculpin OY. Adopt Overall Nearshore OY with separate HGs for
    Shallow Nearshore Rockfish, Sculpin, and Deeper Nearshore Rockfish. These are being
    developed *
14) Cabezon. Retain current 15-inch minimum size limit in both fisheries *
15) Nearshore Rockfish and Sculpin Allocations (recreational/commercial):
    Overall Nearshore OY: 80/20
    Shallow Water HG: Option 1—44/56; Option 2—63/37
    Sculpin HG: 75/25
    Deeper Nearshore HG: To Be Determined #

16) Bocaccio. Set aside 57% of OY for recreational and 43% for commercial #
17) Lingcod. No set aside #

* = Commission Action Item
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