Recreational Fisheries

**Bottomfish**

A recreational groundfish bag limit of 15 groundfish, including rockfish and lingcod, open year-round (except lingcod). The following sublimits apply: 10 aggregate rockfish which includes a sublimit of 2 canary and no retention of yelloweye rockfish; 2 lingcod with 24-inch minimum size limit, lingcod season open Mar 16-Oct 15.

**Halibut**

Will propose changes to Halibut Catch Sharing plan to be approved for public review, including:
- Allow recreational halibut fishing inside “hotspot” in North Coast subarea
- Modify closed Yelloweye Conservation Area (“L” shaped area)
- Allow flexibility to open North Coast subarea on a date between May 1-15

Close recreational halibut fishery outside of a line approximating 25 fathoms–latitude/longitude waypoints to be defined–by subarea, if the yelloweye rockfish catch projected for that subarea is approached or exceeded.

**Salmon**

WDFW is not recommending any changes to the Washington recreational salmon fishery relative to groundfish management.

Commercial Fisheries

**Commercial Groundfish (LE & OA)**

- Implement depth closures for the trawl fishery seasonally to protect canary rockfish.
- Close fixed gear fishery inside a line approximating 100 fathoms to provide protection for yelloweye.
- Allow midwater trawl fishery for yellowtail and widow rockfish subject to time/area restrictions.
- Allow midwater trawl fishery for whiting subject to time/area restrictions.

**Halibut Retention in Sablefish Fishery North of Pt. Chehalis**

Allow halibut retention in sablefish fishery North of Pt. Chehalis, subject to a landing ratio. Fixed gear sablefish fishery would be closed inside a line approximating 100 fms to protect yelloweye rockfish.

**Halibut South of Pt. Chehalis**

Close directed halibut fishery in the area inside 100 fathoms.

**Pink Shrimp Fishery**

Require excluders in the pink shrimp fishery.

**Salmon Troll**

Gear modifications (e.g., prohibit placement of any hook within 4 fathoms (24”) of the weight used on each mainline deployed).