CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME
PRELIMINARY REPORT SUMMARY ON
2003 EXEMPTED FISHERY PERMIT (EFP)
TO TEST SELECTIVE SHELF FLATFISH TRAWL GEAR

General Provisions:
100% observer coverage (either state observers or NMFS observers)
State/vessel owner contracts
State/processor contract
Access to Trawl RCA to 100 fm
Required conversion of flatfish trawl configuration to “pineapple trawl design”
used in Oregon
Full rockfish retention
Provisions for 6 vessels to participate
Bycatch caps for overfished species (for 6 vessels; individual vessel limit in parenthesis):
  canary: 1000 lb cap (100 lbs/ mo/vessel)
  bocaccio: 1000 lb cap (100 lbs/mo/vessel)
  yelloweye: 1000 lb cap (100lbs/mo/vessel)
  cowcod: 250 lb cap (50 lbs/mo/vessel)
  lingcod: 20 mt cap

EFP Results:
September 2003 – October 2003
1 vessel (out of 6); Princeton Port and San Francisco Processor
Gear: Scottish Seine
Total number of trips: 11
Total number of hauls: 37
Total catch:

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<th>Species</th>
<th>Total Catch (lbs)</th>
<th>Bycatch Rate</th>
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<td>Shelf flatfish (target)</td>
<td>72,860</td>
<td>N/A</td>
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<td>Canary rockfish</td>
<td>0</td>
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<td>Bocaccio</td>
<td>5.5</td>
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<td>Yelloweye rockfish</td>
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<td>Cowcod</td>
<td>0.6</td>
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<td>Lingcod</td>
<td>131.1</td>
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Conclusion: 2003 EFP results suggest low bycatch rates by modified Scottish seine gear targeting flatfish; test should be conducted with modified Shelf Flatfish Trawl Gear (project to resume in 2004, September to November).