

WASHINGTON DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE AND
PROPOSAL FOR PRELIMINARY MANAGEMENT MEASURE ALTERNATIVES
FOR 2007-08 GROUND FISH FISHERIES

The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife has identified an alternative for a new area closure for the protection of primarily yelloweye (and potentially canary) rockfish off the north central coast that we support approving for public review. This area closure could apply to recreational and/or commercial fisheries that encounter rockfish (including, but not limited to, limited entry trawl and fixed gear, salmon troll, and open access directed groundfish fisheries), and is defined by the following coordinates:

Beginning at 48° 02.23' N by 125° 17.87' W
Then to 48° 01.42' N by 125° 15.89' W
Then to 47° 59.11' N by 125° 18.03' W
Then to 47° 59.97' N by 125° 19.92' W, and back to the point of origin.

