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**2007 Darkblotched Rockfish Rebuilding Analysis**

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## 1. Introduction

The Pacific Fishery Management Council (PFMC) adopted Amendment 11 to its Groundfish Management Plan in 1998. This amendment established a definition for an overfished stock of 25% of the unfished spawning biomass ( $0.25B_0$ ). Darkblotched rockfish (*Sebastes crameri*) was declared overfished in January 2001 based on the most recent stock assessment at that time (Rogers et al. 2000). Rebuilding analyses were first conducted in mid-year 2001 (Methot and Rogers 2001) and included a partial update of the 2000 stock assessment.

The stock assessment for darkblotched rockfish was updated in 2003 (Rogers 2003). Full assessments were conducted in 2005 (Rogers 2005) and 2007 (Hamel 2007), using stock-synthesis II (SS2). In 2005 the natural mortality rate used in the assessment was changed from the previously used value of 0.05 (based largely on Hoenig's method) to 0.07 (as a balance between Hoenig's method and Gunderson's method based on gonadosomatic index (GSI)). This latter value was used in the 2007 assessment as well. The largest change in assumptions between the 2005 and 2007 assessments was the value of stock-recruitment steepness. In 2005, steepness was estimated at 1.0, and was set at 0.95. In 2007, a great deal more age data was included in the assessment, largely as conditional age-at length compositions, and steepness was estimated (using the prior from Dorn's meta-analysis) at 0.6 and that value was then fixed in the assessment. The SPR chosen following the 2005 rebuilding analysis (0.607) corresponded to a  $T_{\text{target}}$  (median rebuilding year) of 2011, which was much earlier than for previous rebuilding analyses, due largely to the high value of steepness (and thus productivity at low stock sizes) assumed in the 2005 assessment.

## 2. Specifications

### 2.1 Selection of $B_0$

The unfished spawning stock biomass,  $B_0$ , is determined from the fitted stock-recruitment relationship in order to be consistent with the assumptions underlying the current stock assessment. This is in contrast to previous rebuilding analyses for darkblotched rockfish which used a range of estimated historical recruitments to estimate  $B_0$ . The MPD estimate of  $B_0$  is 30,640 units of spawning output<sup>1</sup>.

### 2.2 Generation of future recruitment

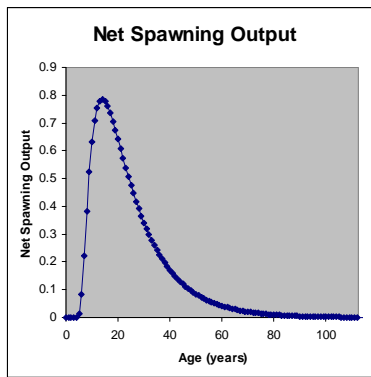
Future recruitments are generated using the Beverton-Holt spawner recruit relationship with steepness = 0.6 and  $\sigma_r = 0.8$  as estimated within the assessment (Hamel 2007). This is in contrast to previous rebuilding analyses which resampled from a range of estimated historical recruitments. Again, this choice is consistent with the assumptions underlying the current stock assessment.

### 2.3 Mean generation time

The mean generation time is defined as the mean age weighted by net spawning output (see Figure 2 for a plot of net spawning output *versus* age). The best estimate of the mean generation time is 25 years (figure 1). This is one year longer than in the previous rebuilding analysis, likely due to new estimates of growth and therefore fecundity-at-age (Appendix 1).

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<sup>1</sup> Spawning output is defined in units of 100 million eggs.



**Figure 1:** Relationship between net spawning output and age for darkblotched rockfish.

### 2.4 The harvest strategies

Table 1 summarizes those options considered in the rebuilding analyses. These include a 50% probability of rebuilding by  $T_{\text{target}}$  (2011; case 1; undefined); a no catch option (case 2); using the calculated SPR from the last rebuilding analysis (case 3); or the implied SPR in the current analysis from the 2007-8 OYs (290 and 330 mt; case 4); or using the ABC harvest rule (Case 5). These five cases were requested by the Council in a memorandum dated September 04, 2007. The other eight cases include four evenly spread intermediate values of  $T_{\text{target}}$  between  $T_{F=0}$  (2018) up to either the current or newly calculated values of  $T_{\text{max}}$  (2033; cases 7,9,10,11 (2022, 2025, 2029, 2033); 2040: cases 8,10,12,13 (2023, 2029, 2035, 2040)) with one additional intermediate run (case 6: 2020).

**Table 1:** Harvest strategy options considered in this document ordered by SPR.

Case	Name	$T_{50\%}$	2009 OY	SPR	2010 ABC
1	$T_{\text{target}} = 2011$ (Current)	2011	NA	NA	NA
2	$F = 0$	2018	0	1.000	457
3	SPR from 2005 rebuilding	2030	300	0.607	445
4	SPR from 2007-8 OYs	2031	318	0.592	445
5	ABC rule	2052	437	0.500	440
6	$T_{\text{target}} = 2020$	2020	96	0.842	453
7	$T_{\text{target}} = 2022$	2022	160	0.756	451
8	$T_{\text{target}} = 2023$	2023	188	0.722	450
9	$T_{\text{target}} = 2025$	2025	229	0.677	448
10	$T_{\text{target}} = 2029$	2029	293	0.613	445
11	$T_{\text{target}} = 2033$	2033	341	0.572	444
12	$T_{\text{target}} = 2035$	2035	354	0.561	443
13	$T_{\text{target}} = 2040$	2040	385	0.537	442

### 2.5 Other specifications

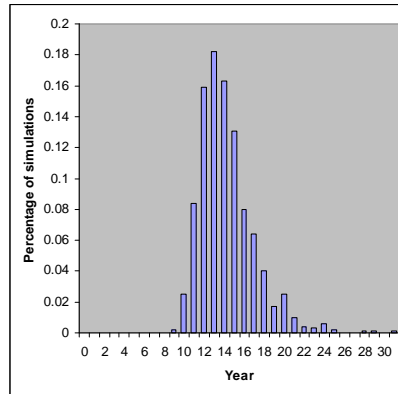
The calculations of this document were performed using Version 2.11 of the rebuilding software developed by Punt (2007) and the results are based on 1,000 Monte Carlo replicates.

The definition of “recovery by year  $y$ ” in this analysis is that the spawning output reaches  $0.4B_0$  by year  $y$  (even if it subsequently drops below this level due to recruitment variability). Appendix 1 provides a comparison of life history inputs in this rebuilding analysis to those in the 2005 rebuilding model. The input to the rebuilding program is given as Appendix 2. The catch for 2007 and 2008 were set to 290 and 330 mt respectively (the Council-selected OYs for 2007-2008).

### 3. Results

#### 3.1 Time-to-recovery

The median year for rebuilding to the target level in the absence of fishing since the year of overfished declaration, and with randomly drawn recruitment after that year, is termed  $T_{\min}$ . Figure 2 shows the distribution for the number of years beyond 2001 that it would have taken to recover to  $0.4B_0$  under those assumptions. The number of years to  $T_{\min}$  (14 years) is greater than that value for  $T_{\min}$  from the 2001, 2003 and 2005 rebuilding analyses (12, 10 and 8 years, respectively). If  $T_{\max}$  is determined using the new information on the depletion level and the age-structure of the population in 2000, it is calculated to be 2040 which is greater than the value from the 2005 rebuilding analysis (2033), though less than that from the 2001 or 2003 analyses (2047 and 2044 respectively) (Table 2).



**Figure 2:** Time to recover to  $0.4B_0$  in the absence of catches from 2001 on for the base-case analysis.

Table 2 gives summary statistics from the 2001, 2003 and 2005 rebuilding plans and the current analysis.

**Table 2:** Summary statistics.

Value	2001	2003	2005	2007
$T_{\min}$	2014	2011	2009	2015
Mean generation time	33 years	33 years	24 years	25 years
$T_{\max}$	2047	2044	2033	2040
$P_{\max}$	80.0	>90.0	100	
$T_{\text{target}}$	2030	2019	2011	
$SPR_{\text{target}}$			60.7%	

#### 3.2 OYs and fishing mortalities

Table 3 gives the probabilities of recovery at the established and new estimates of  $T_{\max}$  (2033 and 2040) and at the mid point between the newly calculated  $T_{F=0}$  and the established value of  $T_{\max}$  (2025), and 10 year projected OY values based on the SPR for each of the 13 cases explored in this rebuilding analysis.

**Table 3:** Ten year OY/ABC projections.

<b>Case</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>											
<b>RUN</b>	<b>T<sub>target</sub></b>	<b>SPR'05</b>	<b>OY'7-8</b>	<b>F=0</b>	<b>ABC</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>2029</b>	<b>2033</b>	<b>2035</b>	<b>2040</b>											
SPR	NA	0.607	0.5917	1	0.5	0.842	0.756	0.722	0.677	0.613	0.572	0.561	0.537											
F	NA	0.0289	0.0306	0	0.0421	0.0091	0.0152	0.0180	0.0219	0.0282	0.0328	0.0342	0.0372											
T50%	2011	2030	2031	2018	2052	2020	2022	2023	2025	2029	2033	2035	2040											
P2025	NA	33.6	28.5	98.4	10.8	86.7	69.9	61.3	50.0	33.7	23.8	21.2	15.9											
P2033	NA	61.7	57.4	99.9	25.3	98.3	92.3	88.2	79.1	62.7	50.0	45.9	36.6											
P2040	NA	76.7	76.2	100	34.7	99.8	97.7	95.9	91.0	77.7	65.4	61.7	50.0											
<b>10 Year projected OYs and ABCs at SPR rate above:</b>																								
2009	NA	<b>300</b>	437	<b>318</b>	437	<b>0</b>	437	<b>437</b>	<b>96</b>	437	<b>159</b>	437	<b>188</b>	437	<b>229</b>	437	<b>293</b>	437	<b>341</b>	437	<b>354</b>	437	<b>385</b>	437
2010	NA	<b>306</b>	445	<b>323</b>	444	<b>0</b>	457	<b>440</b>	<b>99</b>	453	<b>165</b>	451	<b>193</b>	450	<b>235</b>	448	<b>299</b>	445	<b>346</b>	444	<b>360</b>	443	<b>390</b>	442
2011	NA	<b>312</b>	453	<b>329</b>	452	<b>0</b>	477	<b>443</b>	<b>103</b>	469	<b>170</b>	464	<b>199</b>	462	<b>240</b>	459	<b>305</b>	454	<b>351</b>	450	<b>364</b>	449	<b>394</b>	447
2012	NA	<b>317</b>	461	<b>334</b>	459	<b>0</b>	496	<b>445</b>	<b>106</b>	485	<b>174</b>	477	<b>204</b>	474	<b>246</b>	469	<b>310</b>	461	<b>356</b>	456	<b>369</b>	455	<b>398</b>	451
2013	NA	<b>322</b>	468	<b>339</b>	465	<b>0</b>	515	<b>448</b>	<b>110</b>	500	<b>179</b>	490	<b>209</b>	485	<b>251</b>	479	<b>315</b>	468	<b>361</b>	462	<b>373</b>	460	<b>402</b>	455
2014	NA	<b>327</b>	475	<b>344</b>	472	<b>0</b>	534	<b>451</b>	<b>113</b>	515	<b>183</b>	502	<b>214</b>	497	<b>256</b>	489	<b>320</b>	476	<b>365</b>	468	<b>378</b>	465	<b>406</b>	460
2015	NA	<b>332</b>	483	<b>349</b>	479	<b>0</b>	554	<b>454</b>	<b>116</b>	530	<b>188</b>	515	<b>219</b>	509	<b>262</b>	499	<b>325</b>	484	<b>370</b>	474	<b>383</b>	471	<b>410</b>	465
2016	NA	<b>337</b>	490	<b>354</b>	486	<b>0</b>	573	<b>457</b>	<b>119</b>	545	<b>193</b>	527	<b>224</b>	520	<b>267</b>	509	<b>331</b>	492	<b>375</b>	480	<b>387</b>	477	<b>414</b>	470
2017	NA	<b>344</b>	500	<b>360</b>	495	<b>0</b>	593	<b>462</b>	<b>123</b>	562	<b>198</b>	542	<b>229</b>	533	<b>273</b>	522	<b>338</b>	503	<b>381</b>	488	<b>393</b>	484	<b>420</b>	476
2018	NA	<b>350</b>	509	<b>366</b>	504	<b>0</b>	614	<b>468</b>	<b>127</b>	579	<b>203</b>	556	<b>235</b>	546	<b>279</b>	533	<b>344</b>	512	<b>387</b>	496	<b>399</b>	492	<b>426</b>	483

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Appendix 1: Comparison of life history inputs into 2005 rebuilding analysis to those in the 2007 rebuilding model.

Year of Analysis								
2005					2007			
Age	M	Fecundity 10 <sup>7</sup> eggs	Weight (kg)		M	Fecundity 10 <sup>7</sup> eggs	Weight (kg)	
			Females	Males			Females	Males
0	0.07	0.00	0.01	0.01	0.07	0.00	0.01	0.01
1	0.07	0.00	0.06	0.06	0.07	0.00	0.05	0.05
2	0.07	0.00	0.16	0.16	0.07	0.00	0.14	0.14
3	0.07	0.00	0.31	0.30	0.07	0.00	0.26	0.27
4	0.07	0.00	0.45	0.44	0.07	0.00	0.41	0.39
5	0.07	0.04	0.59	0.55	0.07	0.02	0.54	0.51
6	0.07	0.07	0.63	0.59	0.07	0.13	0.66	0.60
7	0.07	0.44	0.81	0.71	0.07	0.36	0.77	0.68
8	0.07	0.78	0.91	0.77	0.07	0.67	0.86	0.74
9	0.07	1.13	1.00	0.82	0.07	0.98	0.95	0.78
10	0.07	1.44	1.08	0.86	0.07	1.28	1.02	0.82
11	0.07	1.71	1.14	0.89	0.07	1.53	1.09	0.85
12	0.07	1.94	1.20	0.91	0.07	1.75	1.14	0.88
13	0.07	2.14	1.24	0.93	0.07	1.93	1.19	0.90
14	0.07	2.30	1.28	0.94	0.07	2.09	1.22	0.91
15	0.07	2.44	1.31	0.95	0.07	2.22	1.26	0.92
16	0.07	2.55	1.34	0.96	0.07	2.33	1.28	0.93
17	0.07	2.64	1.36	0.96	0.07	2.42	1.30	0.94
18	0.07	2.72	1.37	0.97	0.07	2.49	1.32	0.94
19	0.07	2.78	1.39	0.97	0.07	2.55	1.33	0.94
20	0.07	2.83	1.40	0.97	0.07	2.60	1.34	0.95
21	0.07	2.87	1.41	0.97	0.07	2.64	1.35	0.95
22	0.07	2.90	1.41	0.98	0.07	2.68	1.36	0.95
23	0.07	2.93	1.42	0.98	0.07	2.70	1.36	0.95
24	0.07	2.95	1.42	0.98	0.07	2.72	1.37	0.95
25	0.07	2.97	1.43	0.98	0.07	2.74	1.37	0.95
26	0.07	2.98	1.43	0.98	0.07	2.76	1.38	0.95
27	0.07	2.99	1.43	0.98	0.07	2.77	1.38	0.95
28	0.07	3.00	1.44	0.98	0.07	2.78	1.38	0.95
29	0.07	3.01	1.44	0.98	0.07	2.78	1.38	0.95
30	0.07	3.01	1.44	0.98	0.07	2.79	1.38	0.96
31	0.07	3.02	1.44	0.98	0.07	2.80	1.38	0.96
32	0.07	3.02	1.44	0.98	0.07	2.80	1.39	0.96
33	0.07	3.02	1.44	0.98	0.07	2.80	1.39	0.96
34	0.07	3.03	1.44	0.98	0.07	2.81	1.39	0.96
35	0.07	3.03	1.44	0.98	0.07	2.81	1.39	0.96
36	0.07	3.03	1.44	0.98	0.07	2.81	1.39	0.96
37	0.07	3.03	1.44	0.98	0.07	2.81	1.39	0.96
38	0.07	3.03	1.44	0.98	0.07	2.81	1.39	0.96
39	0.07	3.03	1.44	0.98	0.07	2.81	1.39	0.96
40	0.07	3.03	1.44	0.98	0.07	2.81	1.39	0.96





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-1 -1 -1
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2007 1
-1 99
#Years for rebuild
2020 2022 2025 2029 2033
#Year for probability of recovery
2033
# Time varying weight-at-age (1=Yes;0=No)
0
# File with time series of weight-at-age data
none
# Use bisection (0) or linear interpolation (1)
1
# Target Depletion
0.4
# Project with Historical recruitments when computing Tmin (1=Yes)
0
# CV of implementation error
0
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