

**OREGON DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE REPORT ON STATE
MANAGEMENT OF NEARSHORE ROCKFISH COMPLEX SPECIES**

On January 9, 2015, the Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission (OFWC) adopted new state regulations to reduce the impacts to Nearshore Rockfish Complex species from both the recreational fishery and the commercial nearshore fishery. These actions are intended to keep impacts within the Oregon state harvest guideline (36.4 mt) of the 2015 Nearshore Rockfish Complex North of 40° 10' N lat. annual catch limit (ACL; 69 mt). The changes are in the table below:

	2014	2015
Recreational	State Bag Limits	
Blue rockfish	Part of 7 fish marine bag limit	3 fish sub-bag ¹
China, copper, quillback rockfish		no retention
Remaining nearshore rockfish complex species ²		Part of 7 fish marine bag limit
Commercial Nearshore	State Trip Limits	
Blue rockfish	1,000-1,700 lbs./2 months combined black and blue rockfish bi-monthly trip limits	15 lbs./2 months for blue rockfish only
Other nearshore rockfish species	700 lbs./2 months	100 lbs./2 months

¹ out of the 7 fish marine bag limit, no more than 3 may be blue rockfish

² impacts from the Oregon recreational fishery to the remaining species in the complex are nominal

ODFW is not requesting concurrent federal action on these regulation changes. The state regulations are more restrictive than federal regulations, and keeping in state regulations allows for more flexibility inseason. ODFW will monitor both the commercial nearshore and recreational fisheries inseason and consult with the other states if the 75 percent of the ACL consultation trigger is approached, as laid out in [Agenda Item F.7.b., Supplemental WDFW/ODFW Report, June 2014](#).