

OREGON DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE REPORT ON PROPOSED NEW
MANAGEMENT MEASURES FOR CONSIDERATION FOR 2017-2018

The Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) is proposing the following preliminary list of “new” management measures for consideration of inclusion in the 2017-2018 biennial harvest specifications and management measures analysis.

Due to the black rockfish stock assessment for Oregon being referred to the mop-up panel, the preliminary annual catch limit (ACL) is not yet available. Since black rockfish is one of the primary targets of state-managed commercial and recreational fisheries, ODFW has not yet held stakeholder meetings to get input on possible management measures and seasons structures. Therefore, the list presented here is preliminary, and other measures may be added once we have the results of the black rockfish assessment, and are able to obtain stakeholder input.

- Allow fishing for flatfish outside of seasonal depth restrictions: This was analyzed in the 2009-2010 harvest specifications and management measures analysis. ODFW is seeking guidance from the National Marine Fisheries Service and/or Council staff on whether this analysis needs to be updated.
- Adjust length limits: examine changing or removing the length limits of some species, possibly including kelp greenling and lingcod, based on new information from stock assessments and recent years’ harvest.
- Allow retention of canary rockfish in all fixed gear fisheries.