

OREGON DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE REPORT ON INSEASON  
ADJUSTMENTS

**2016 Fishery**

At the September Council meeting, the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) informed the Council that due to higher than anticipated yelloweye rockfish impacts, the Oregon recreational groundfish fishery was restricted to shoreward of 20 fathoms beginning on July 15, 2016 ([Agenda Item F.6.a., Supplemental ODFW Report](#)).

In early September, ODFW reviewed data final through July and preliminary for August. A combination of the depth restriction and recompression outreach and subsequent increased usage rate reduced impacts for July and August from what was projected in early July. Projections at that time indicated that allowing the fishery to go back out to all depths in October through December as planned pre-season would result in estimated year-end impacts of 2.7 mt, just under the 2.8 mt harvest guideline. Based on that projection, on September 13, 2016 ODFW announced that this fishery would be open to all-depths beginning on October 1, through the remainder of the year<sup>1</sup>.

ODFW have since reviewed data through September and preliminary for October; the current end of the year yelloweye rockfish projected impacts are 2.79 mt.

**2017 Fishery**

ODFW is looking into modifying the daily bag limits (or sub-bag limits) for black rockfish and species in the nearshore rockfish complex due to some uncertainty in effort and catch, through state regulations. Additionally, ODFW is considering requiring descending devices to be onboard vessels fishing for groundfish. ODFW will not be asking for concurrent federal regulations, to allow for flexibility with inseason management.

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<sup>1</sup> [http://www.dfw.state.or.us/news/2016/09\\_sept/091416.asp](http://www.dfw.state.or.us/news/2016/09_sept/091416.asp)