

UPDATED COORDINATES FOR THE 125 FATHOM ROCKFISH CONSERVATION  
AREA LINE IN CALIFORNIA

On February 7, 2017 the seaward boundary of the non-trawl Rockfish Conservation Area (RCA) was changed from 150 fathoms (fm) to 125 fm in the area 40° 10' N. latitude to 34° 27' N. latitude ([82FR9634](#)). The RCA adjustment was based on a Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) recommendation as part of the 2017-2018 harvest specifications and management measures process.

At the March 2017 Council meeting, the Groundfish Advisory Subpanel (GAP) identified several locations where the 125 fm line crosses over the 150 fm line (Agenda Item C.5.a, Supplemental GAP Report, March 2017). Additionally, the GAP stated that the 125 fm line is limiting access to canyons that were previously open when the 150 fm line was in place. The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) reviewed the current 125 fm coordinates and has provided updated coordinates for Council consideration (Agenda Item F.7.a, CDFW Report). The Council should adopt for public review revised coordinates for the 125 fm RCA line in California, as appropriate.

**Council Action:**

**Consider and adopt for public review revised coordinates for the 125 fm RCA line in California, as appropriate.**

Reference Materials:

1. Agenda Item F.7.a, CDFW Report: California Department of Fish and Wildlife Report on Corrections to the 125 fathom RCA line between 40° 10' and 34° 27' N. Latitude.

Agenda Order:

- F.7 Updated Coordinates for the 125 Fathom Rockfish Conservation Area Line in California Kelly Ames
- a. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities
  - b. Public Comment
  - c. **Council Action:** Adopt Revised RCA Coordinates for Public Review