

CURRENT INDIVIDUAL FISHING QUOTA (IFQ) CATCH: DATA SNAPSHOT

Since the start of the fishery on January 11, 2011, 214,006,549 pounds have been debited to accounts overall, out of 375,004,872 pounds allocated, (57%) on 1,997 trips, by 102 vessels, using both trawl and fixed gear. Table 1 shows counts of fishtickets and average weights, by state and target, and counts of vessels by state, as of October 11, 2011.

Table 2 lists current shorebased IFQ catch by weight debited, attainment, and retention rates by species category, as of October 11, 2011. The current estimate of total retention rate (by weight) for the fishery is 99%.

Pacific whiting shows the greatest percentage attainment (89%), followed by sablefish north of 36° N. lat. (64%), petrale sole (58%), sablefish south of 36° N. lat. (52%), and longspine thornyheads, north of 34° 27' N. lat. (40%). Tables 3 and 4 show catch distributed by state and port for total IFQ catch, and non-whiting IFQ catch, respectively. Ports have been grouped to preserve confidentiality. Oregon currently shows 74% of total IFQ catch and (59% of non-whiting), Washington shows 22% of total IFQ catch (13% of non-whiting), and California, 4% (28% of non-whiting).

Monthly non-whiting catch rose to its peak in June, at 4,213,345 pounds, and has dropped 21% to 3,336,301 pounds in September since then (Figure 1). Monthly shorebased IFQ catch from Pacific whiting trips peaked in August at 65,284,548 pounds, and fell back to 32,151,128 pounds in September (Figure 2).

Table 1. Counts of tickets and average weights, by state and target, and counts of vessels by state (data as of October 11, 2011).

state	ticket counts			vessels	ticket weights			
	all	non-whiting	whiting		non-whiting		whiting	
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CA	542	542	-	33	14,602	663	-	-
OR	1216	526	690	63	32,292	971	203,122	2,855
WA	239	91	148	21	41,173	2,629	289,252	8,313
	1,997	1,159	838	102*				

*Number of vessels is not additive among states, due to multiple-state participation.

Table 2. Current catch (pounds debited), percent attainment and retention for the shorebased IFQ fishery, as of October 11, 2011.

IFQ Species	Allocation	Catch to Date	QP Remaining	Attainment	Retention
Arrowtooth flounder	27,406,105	4,503,632	22,902,473	16%	91%
Bocaccio rockfish South of 40°10' N.	132,277	5,457	126,820	4%	100%
Canary rockfish	57,100	7,099	50,001	12%	96%
Chilipepper rockfish South of 40°10' N.	3,252,370	544,587	2,707,783	17%	97%
Cowcod South of 40°10' N.	3,968	23	3,945	1%	74%
Darkblotched rockfish	552,997	91,250	461,747	17%	97%
Dover sole	49,018,682	13,488,387	35,530,295	28%	98%
English sole	41,166,808	238,351	40,928,457	1%	79%
Lingcod	4,107,873	461,148	3,646,725	11%	85%
Longspine thornyheads North of 34°27' N.	4,334,839	1,749,267	2,585,572	40%	95%
Minor shelf rockfish North of 40°10' N.	1,150,813	25,562	1,125,251	2%	82%
Minor shelf rockfish South of 40°10' N.	189,598	4,539	185,059	2%	17%
Minor slope rockfish North of 40°10' N.	1,828,779	204,056	1,624,723	11%	96%
Minor slope rockfish South of 40°10' N.	831,958	72,381	759,577	9%	99%
Other flatfish	9,253,683	1,259,644	7,994,039	14%	83%
Pacific cod	2,502,247	526,103	1,976,144	21%	100%
Pacific halibut (IBQ) North of 40°10' N.	257,524	66,475	191,049	26%	1%
Pacific ocean perch North of 40°10' N.	263,148	49,332	213,816	19%	99%
Pacific whiting	204,628,442	182,695,053	21,933,389	89%	99%
Petrable sole	1,920,226	1,116,217	804,009	58%	97%
Sablefish North of 36° N.	5,613,719	3,605,734	2,007,985	64%	99%
Sablefish South of 36° N.	1,170,390	608,167	562,223	52%	99%
Shortspine thornyheads North of 34°27' N.	3,156,138	1,144,877	2,011,261	36%	99%
Shortspine thornyheads South of 34°27' N.	110,231	7,965	102,266	7%	97%
Splitnose rockfish South of 40°10' N.	3,045,245	36,523	3,008,722	1%	35%
Starry flounder	1,471,586	24,010	1,447,576	2%	94%
Widow rockfish	755,348	264,681	490,667	35%	90%
Yelloweye rockfish	1,323	83	1,240	6%	87%
Yellowtail rockfish North of 40°10' N.	6,821,455	1,205,946	5,615,509	18%	100%
Total	375,004,872	214,006,549	160,998,323	57%	99%

Table 3. Total IFQ pounds debited by state and ports (whiting and non-whiting; data as of October 11, 2011).

State	Ports	Lbs. debited	Percent
WA			
	Ilwaco	9,134,191	4%
	Bellingham and Westport	37,755,006	18%
	Subtotal	46,889,197	22%
OR			
	Astoria	100,372,562	47%
	Newport	49,331,903	23%
	Charleston, Brookings, and unidentified ports	9,008,854	4%
	Subtotal	158,713,319	74%
CA			
	Crescent City, Eureka	3,777,674	2%
	Fort Bragg, Monterey, Morro Bay, Moss Landing, Princeton, San Francisco, Avila, and unidentified ports	4,626,359	2%
	Subtotal	8,404,033	4%
Total		214,006,549	100%

Table 4. Non-whiting IFQ pounds debited by state and ports (non-whiting only; data as of October 11, 2011).

State	Ports	Lbs. debited	Percent
WA			
	Ilwaco	2,600,162	9%
	Bellingham and Westport	1,373,784	5%
	Subtotal	3,973,946	13%
OR			
	Astoria	10,623,765	35%
	Newport	1,946,184	6%
	Charleston and Brookings	5,228,626	17%
	Subtotal	17,798,575	59%
CA			
	Crescent City, Eureka	3,777,674	13%
	Fort Bragg, Monterey, Morro Bay, Moss Landing, Princeton, San Francisco, Avila, and unidentified ports	4,626,359	15%
	Subtotal	8,404,033	28%
Total		30,176,554	100%

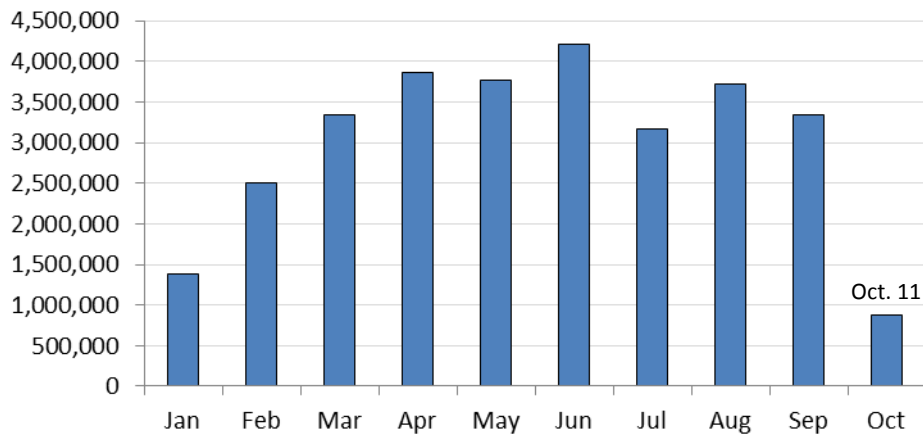


Figure 1. Monthly shorebased IFQ catch from non-whiting trips, as of October 11, 2011.

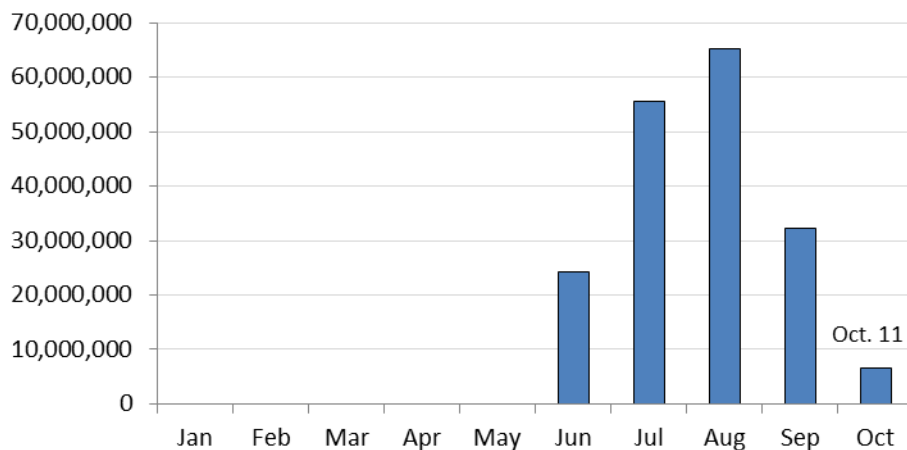


Figure 2. Monthly shorebased IFQ catch from Pacific whiting trips, as of October 11, 2011

Data were queried from the NMFS Vessel Accounts system on October 11, 2011 and were separated into non-whiting and whiting trips for reporting. IFQ fishing began January 11, 2011. A tsunami impacted Southern Oregon and Northern California on March 11, which likely affected effort and landings in those areas. In previous years, shoreside whiting began in California on April 1. The first whiting landings were made in 2011 after June 15th, when the fishery opened coastwide. Crab fishing during January through June was apparently a competing interest with the IFQ fishery, and participation in the two fisheries by vessels fishing IFQ in 2011 were negatively related ($r^2 = 0.83$, Mid-year IFQ Catch Report, Supplemental NMFS Report, G.7.b., September PFMC meeting).