

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE REPORT ON  
INITIAL ACTIONS FOR SETTING 2015-2016 GROUND FISH FISHERIES

The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) developed a draft range of management measures for the 2015-16 commercial and recreational fisheries. CDFW is considering the following possible changes to existing management measures based on the results of new assessments and/or rebuilding analyses.

Commercial

CDFW is considering changes to commercial nearshore trip limits to keep catches within allowable harvest limits. CDFW is also considering removing the commercial gear restriction on flatfish to reduce regulatory complexity and align commercial and recreational regulations.

Recreational

CDFW is considering changes to recreational regulations to keep catches within allowable harvest limits. The changes may include, but are not limited to, time/area management measures, bag limits, depth restrictions, and season structures.

Other

CDFW is also considering changes to Rockfish Conservation Area lines in the San Diego area to more closely align way points with actual depth contours.

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