

ECOSYSTEM WORKGROUP REPORT ON REVISING THE FEDERAL LIST OF
FISHERIES AND GEAR AUTHORIZED FOR USE IN THE WEST COAST EEZ

Under the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (MSA) at Section 305(a), the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) is required to maintain a list of all fisheries and fishing gear authorized for use within each Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) area under Council jurisdiction. No person or vessel is permitted to “employ fishing gear or engage in a fishery not included on such list without giving 90 days advance written notice to the appropriate Council...” The list of fisheries essentially prohibits anyone from developing a new fishery without first providing a review opportunity to the appropriate Council. Fisheries not on the list are not prohibited altogether, but Councils may use the 90-day period to comment on, develop a regulatory plan for, or recommend that NMFS prohibit the proposed fishery as appropriate.

At its June 2013 meeting in Garden Grove, California, the Council discussed potential revisions to the Federal list of fisheries and gear authorized for the U.S. West Coast Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ, 3-200 nautical miles offshore) under Agenda Item H.1. At that meeting, the Council provided instructions on making modifications to the proposed revisions to the Federal list of authorized fisheries and gear, and those changes are incorporated in the table below.

Several of the fisheries listed in the table below are divided by latitude line to reflect different fishery regulations in the three coastal states, Washington, Oregon, and California. Fisheries or gear restrictions that occur only off Washington are listed as applying north of 46°15' N. lat. Fisheries or gear restrictions that occur only off Oregon are listed as applying south of 46°15' N. lat. and north of 42° N. lat. Fisheries or gear restrictions that occur only off California are listed as applying south of 42° N. lat. Some fisheries or gear restrictions may apply off two states, or off all three states. If the Council adopts these latitude lines dividing where gear types may be used, those lines would apply to vessels operating in the EEZ regardless of where a vessel was based or the location of the port in which the vessel would land its fish.

The Council will be discussing its recommendations for revising this list at its September 12-17 meeting in Boise, Idaho. Comments on whether this list accurately represents existing West Coast EEZ fisheries would be particularly appreciated.

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Proposed revisions to the Federal List of Authorized West Coast EEZ Fisheries and Gear (at 50 CFR 600.725(v), August 2013 EPDT draft.	
Fishery	Authorized gear types
1. Pacific Coast Salmon Fisheries (FMP):	
A. Commercial	Hook and line
B. Recreational	Hook and line
2. Pacific Coast Groundfish Fisheries (FMP):	
A. Commercial	Trawl, hook and line, pot/trap, demersal seine, set net, spear, and hand collection
B. Recreational	Hook and line, spear
3. Coastal Pelagic Species Fisheries (FMP)	
A. Commercial	Purse seine, lampara net, brail net, dip net, cast net, hook and line
B. Recreational	Hook and line, spear, pot/trap, dip net, cast net, hand harvest, rake, harpoon, bow and arrow
4. Highly Migratory Species Fisheries (FMP)	
A. Commercial	Hook and line, gillnet, harpoon, purse seine
B. Recreational	Hook and line, spear, harpoon, bow and arrow
5. Pacific Halibut Fisheries (Non-FMP):	
A. Commercial	Hook and line
B. Recreational	Hook and line, spear
6. Dungeness Crab Fisheries (Non-FMP)	
A. Commercial	Pot/trap
B. Recreational North of 46°15' N. lat.	Pot/trap, dip net, hand harvest
C. Recreational South of 46°15' N. lat. and North of 42° N. lat.	Pot/trap, hook and line, dip net, hand harvest, rake
D. Recreational South of 42° N. lat.	Pot/trap, hand harvest, hoop net, crab loop
7. Crab Fisheries for Species other than Dungeness crab (Non-FMP)	
A. Commercial Pot/Trap Fisheries South of 46°15' N. lat.	Pot/trap
B. Recreational North of 46°15' N. lat.	Pot/trap, dip net, hand harvest
C. Recreational South of 46°15' N. lat. and North of 42° N. lat.	Pot/trap, hook and line, dip net, hand harvest, rake
D. Recreational South of 42° N. lat.	Pot/trap, hand harvest, hoop net, crab loop
8. Shrimp and Prawn Fisheries (Non-FMP):	
A. Commercial spot prawn	Pot/trap
B. Commercial pink shrimp North of 46°15' N. lat.	Trawl
C. Commercial pink shrimp South of 46°15' N. lat.	Pot/trap, trawl
D. Commercial coonstripe shrimp South of 46°15' N. lat.	Pot/trap
E. Commercial ridgeback prawn South of 42° N. lat.	Trawl
F. Recreational North of 46°15' N. lat.	Pot/trap, dip net, hand harvest
G. Recreational South of 46°15' N. lat. and North of 42° N. lat.	Pot/trap, hook and line, dip net, hand harvest, rake
H. Recreational South of 42° N. lat.	Pot/trap, hand harvest, dip net
9. Hagfish Commercial Fisheries (Non-FMP)	
Pot/trap	
10. Squid, all spp. except market squid or not otherwise prohibited, and Octopus Fisheries (Non-FMP)	
A. Commercial	Hook and line, pot/trap, dip net, seine, trawl, set net, spear, hand harvest
B. Recreational Squid North of 42° N. lat.	Hook and line, cast net, dip net, hand harvest
C. Recreational Octopus North of 42° N. lat.	Hook and line, pot/trap, dip net, hand harvest
D. Recreational South of 42° N. lat.	Hook and line, dip net, hand harvest

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Fishery	Authorized gear types
11. White Sturgeon Fisheries (Non-FMP)	
A. Commercial South of 46°15' N. lat. and North of 42° N. lat.	Trawl, pot/trap, hook and line, seine, dip net, spear
B. Recreational North of 42° N. lat.	Hook and line
B. Recreational South of 42° N. lat.	Hook and line, spear
12. Sea Cucumber Fishery (Non-FMP)	
A. Commercial hand harvest fishery South of 46°15' N. lat.	Hand harvest
B. Commercial trawl South of 42° N. lat.	Trawl
13. Minor Finfish Commercial Fisheries South of 46°15' N. lat. and North of 42° N. lat. for: Salmon shark, Pacific pomfret, slender sole, wolf-eel, eelpout species, Pacific sandfish, skilfish, and walleye pollock Fisheries (Non-FMP)	
	Trawl, pot/trap, hook and line, seine, dipnet, spear
14. Weathervane Scallop Commercial Fishery South of 46°15' N. lat. and North of 42° N. lat. (Non-FMP)	
	Trawl
15. California Halibut, White Seabass Commercial Fisheries South of 42° N. lat. (Non-FMP)	
A. California halibut trawl	Trawl
B. California halibut and white seabass set net	Gillnet, trammel net
C. California halibut hook and line	Hook and line
D. White seabass hook and line	Hook and line
16. California Barracuda, White Seabass, and Yellowtail Drift-Net Commercial Fishery South of 42° N. lat. (Non-FMP)	
	Gillnet
17. Pacific Bonito Commercial Net Fishery South of 42° N. lat. (Non-FMP)	
	Purse seine
18. Lobster Commercial Pot and Trap Fishery South of 42° N. lat. (Non-FMP)	
	Pot/trap
19. Finfish and Invertebrate Fisheries Not Listed Above and Not Otherwise Prohibited (Non-FMP)	
A. Commercial South of 46°15' N. lat.	Hook and line, pot/trap, spear
B. Recreational	Hook and line, spear, pot/trap, dip net, cast net, hand harvest, rake, harpoon, bow and arrow