



Pacific Fishery Management Council

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Groundfish Inseason Actions from the November 2011 Council Meeting –PDF Version of Blog

The Council considered recent information on fisheries and determined no action was necessary for 2011.

For 2012, the Council

- Adopted conforming regulations that close portions of Washington Marine Areas 1 and 2 to recreational lingcod fishing ([Agenda Item E.8.b, WDFW report](#)).
- Adopted minor nearshore rockfish and black rockfish trip limits between 42° N. lat. and 40°10' N. lat. in both the limited entry and open access fixed gear fisheries for Period 1 of “8,500 lb /2months of which no more than 1,200 lb may be species other than black rockfish.”
- Adopted 2012 trip limits for sablefish DTL fisheries as follows:

| Area | Fishery | Jan-Feb | Mar-Apr | May-June | July-Aug | Sept-Oct | Nov-Dec |
|---|---------|--|---------|----------|----------|----------|---------|
| North of 36° N. lat. (U.S./Canada Border to 36° N. lat.) | LE N | 1,300 lb. per week, not to exceed 5,000 lb. per 2 mo. | | | | | |
| | OA N | 300 lb. per day, or 1 landing per week of up to 900 lb., not to exceed 1,800 lb. per 2 mo. | | | | | |
| South of 36° N. lat. | LE S | 1,800 lb. per week | | | | | |
| | OA S | 300 lb. per day, or 1 landing per week of up to 1,350 lb., not to exceed 2,700 lb. per 2 mo. | | | | | |

- Adopted the following trawl RCA adjustments for 2012. Shaded cells indicate changes from 2011.

| | Jan-Feb | Mar-Apr | May-Jun | Jul-Aug | Sept-Oct | Nov-Dec |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| North of 48°10' N. lat. | shore - modified 200 fm line | shore - 200 fm line | shore - 150 fm line | | shore - 200 fm line | shore - modified 200 fm line |
| 48°10' N. lat. - 45°46' N. lat. | 75 fm line - modified 200 fm line | 75 fm line - 150 fm line | 75 fm line - 150 fm line | 100 fm line - 150 fm line | 75 fm line - 150 fm line | 75 fm line - 150 fm line |
| 45°46' N. lat. - 40°10' N. lat. | | 75 fm line - 200 fm line | 75 fm line - 200 fm line | 100 fm line - 200 fm line | 75 fm line - 200 fm line | 75 fm line - modified 200 fm line |

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