

APRIL, MAY, AND JUNE 1999 CHANGES TO GROUND FISH TRIP LIMITS

**Effective May 1, 1999** (May 16 for trawl vessels participating in the "B" platoon) and June 1.

- For Dover sole, the *limited entry* two-month cumulative trip limit for the period **April 1 through May 31** is increased from 20,000 pounds to 25,000 pounds. Beginning June 1, the *limited entry* two-month cumulative Dover sole trip limit will revert to 20,000 pounds.
- For trawl-caught sablefish, the *limited entry* two-month cumulative trip limit for the period **April 1 through May 31** is increased from 10,000 pounds to 12,000 pounds. Beginning June 1, the *limited entry* two-month cumulative trawl-caught sablefish trip limit will revert to 10,000 pounds.
- For widow rockfish, the *limited entry* two-month cumulative trip limit for the periods **June 1 through July 31**, and **August 1 through September 30** is decreased from 16,000 pounds to 11,000 pounds.
- For *Sebastes* complex species north of Cape Mendocino, the *limited entry* two-month cumulative trip limit for the periods **June 1 through July 31** and **August 1 through September 30** is increased from 25,000 pounds to 30,000 pounds, within which: (1) the yellowtail rockfish north of Cape Mendocino, *limited entry* two-month cumulative trip limit is increased from 13,000 pounds to 16,000 pounds, and (2) the canary rockfish north of Cape Mendocino, *limited entry* two-month cumulative trip limit is increased from 9,000 pounds to 14,000 pounds.
- For *Sebastes* complex species south of Cape Mendocino, the *limited entry* two-month cumulative trip limit for the periods **June 1 through July 31** and **August 1 through September 30** is decreased from 6,500 pounds to 3,500 pounds, within which: (1) the *limited entry* bocaccio monthly trip limit of 750 pounds is decreased and changed to a two-month cumulative trip limit of 1,000 pounds with a 500-pounds per-trip limit, and (2) the *limited entry* canary rockfish two-month cumulative trip limit is decreased to 3,500 pounds.
- For *open access* groundfish landings in exempted trawl gear fisheries for California halibut, sea cucumbers, and spot and ridgeback prawns, **beginning May 1**, the weight of groundfish landed is not to exceed the weight of target species landed, except that the weight of spiny dogfish landed may exceed the weight of target species landed. The trip limit for a vessel engaged in fishing for spot prawns, ridgeback prawns, California halibut, or sea cucumbers is 300 pounds (136 kilograms) of groundfish per trip. The groundfish "per trip" limit may not be multiplied by the number of days in the fishing trip.

**Effective April 1, 1999** (April 16, 1999 for trawl vessels participating in the "B" platoon).

For *limited entry* and *open access* vessels making *Sebastes* landings both north and south of **Cape Mendocino**: If a vessel takes and retains, possesses, or lands any splitnose or chilipepper rockfish south of Cape Mendocino, then the more restrictive *Sebastes* complex cumulative trip limit applies throughout the same cumulative limit period, no matter where the *Sebastes* complex is taken and retained, possessed, or landed.

For canary rockfish south of Cape Mendocino, the *limited entry* two-month cumulative limit is reduced from 9,000 pounds to 6,500 pounds. Landings of canary rockfish south of Cape Mendocino are limited by and count against the overall *Sebastes* complex two-month cumulative limit south of Cape Mendocino, which is 6,500 pounds.

For open access landings of *Sebastes* complex species, the overall *Sebastes* complex monthly limit north of Cape Mendocino is increased from 3,600 pounds to 12,000 pounds. Within the *Sebastes* complex limit and north of Cape Mendocino, the yellowtail rockfish cumulative limit is increased from 2,600 pounds to 6,500 pounds per month; within the *Sebastes* complex limit and coastwide, the canary rockfish cumulative limit is increased from 1,000 pounds to 2,000 pounds per month; within the *Sebastes* complex limit and north of Cape Mendocino, the combined black rockfish and blue rockfish cumulative limit is 3,500 pounds per month; and, within the *Sebastes* complex limit, no more than 2,000 pounds per month may be species other than yellowtail, canary, black, and blue rockfish.

For *open access trawl* vessels engaged in fishing for pink shrimp, the trip limit is 500 pounds of groundfish per day, which may be multiplied by the number of days in the trip, but which may not exceed 2,000 pounds per trip. The *open access* daily-trip-limit for sablefish north of 36° N latitude no longer applies to vessels engaged in trawling for pink shrimp; however, those vessels continue to be constrained by the

two-month cumulative sablefish limit of 1,800 pounds. Landings for all other species except Dover sole and whiting are constrained by monthly limits. Dover sole and whiting landings are constrained by the overall groundfish trip limits. In any landing of pink shrimp, the weight of groundfish landed may not exceed the weight of pink shrimp landed.

LIMITED ENTRY FISHERY. The following management measures apply to vessels operating in the limited entry fishery.

Species and Area (Applies to All Gears)	Cumulative Limit Per Vessel (Round Weight)
	April 1 to May 31; June 1 to July 31; August 1 to September 30 Periods
Widow Rockfish Coastwide	16,000 pounds per period
Chilipepper Rockfish <b>South</b> of Cape Mendocino	25,000 pounds per period
Splitnose Rockfish <b>South</b> of Cape Mendocino	19,000 pounds per period
Pacific Ocean Perch	4,000 pounds per <b>month</b>
<i>Sebastes</i> Complex <b>North</b> of Cape Mendocino <sup>a/</sup>	25,000 pounds per period
<b>South</b> of Cape Mendocino	6,500 pounds per period
Canary Rockfish (within <i>Sebastes</i> Complex Limits) <b>North</b> of Cape Mendocino	9,000 pounds per period
<b>South</b> of Cape Mendocino	6,500 pounds per period
Yellowtail Rockfish (within <i>Sebastes</i> Complex Limits) <b>North</b> of Cape Mendocino	13,000 pounds per period
Bocaccio (Within <i>Sebastes</i> Complex Limits) <b>South</b> of Cape Mendocino	750 pounds per <b>month</b>
Dover Sole Coastwide	20,000 pounds per period
Longspine Thornyheads Coastwide	8,000 pounds per period
Shortspine Thornyheads Coastwide	2,000 pounds per period
Trawl-Caught Sablefish <sup>b/</sup>	10,000 pounds per period
Lingcod <sup>c/</sup>	1,000 pounds per period

a/ Within the *Sebastes* complex limits, the limit for **black rockfish** for commercial fishing vessels using hook-and-line gear between the U.S.-Canada border and Cape Alava (48°09'30" N latitude), and between Destruction Island (47°40'00" N latitude) and Leadbetter Point (46°38'10" N latitude), is 100 pounds (45 kilograms) or 30%, by weight of all fish on board, whichever is greater, per vessel per fishing trip.

b/ At any time of year unless otherwise announced, no more than 500 pounds per trip may be trawl-caught sablefish smaller than 22 inches total length.

c/ No lingcod may be smaller than 24 inches total length, except for a 100-pound "per trip" limit for trawl-caught lingcod smaller than 24 inches.

**Nontrawl Sablefish.** The *limited entry* daily-trip-limit for nontrawl sablefish is 300 pounds north of 36°00' N latitude and counts toward a cumulative trip limit of 2,400 pounds per two-month period. The two-month periods for nontrawl sablefish are lagged by a month from two-month periods for other species: March 1 through April 30, May 1 through June 30, etc. The *limited entry* daily-trip-limit for nontrawl sablefish south of 36° N latitude is either (1) 350 pounds (159 kilograms) with no cumulative limit on the amount of sablefish that may be retained in a month; or (2) one landing of sablefish per week above 350 pounds (159 kilograms) but not to exceed 1,050 pounds (476 kilograms). A week is seven consecutive days, from 0001 hours local time Sunday through 2400 hours local time Saturday. Only one landing of sablefish caught with nontrawl gear may be made per day coastwide, and daily-trip-limits may not be accumulated.

OPEN ACCESS FISHERY. The open access fishery includes all legal groundfish gear except for pot or longline gear fished by a vessel that has a limited entry permit endorsed for that gear or groundfish trawl. Vessels using open access gear are subject to the

trip limits for the open access fishery, whether or not the vessel has a valid limited entry permit endorsed for any other gear. (Shrimp pot or prawn trap gear are considered open access groundfish gear if consistent with the groundfish gear requirements.)

Species and Area (Applies to All Gears Unless Otherwise Specified)	Cumulative Limit per Vessel (in round weight)	
Thornyheads <b>North</b> of Point Conception	<b>PROHIBITED</b>	
Thornyheads <b>South</b> of Point Conception	50 pounds per day	
Widow Rockfish Coastwide	2,000 pounds per month	
Pacific Ocean Perch Coastwide	100 pounds per month	
<b>Sebastes</b> Complex <b>North</b> of Cape Mendocino	12,000 pounds per month	2,000 pounds per month
Canary Rockfish (Coastwide)	6,500 pounds	
Within <i>Sebastes</i> , Yellowtail Rockfish	3,500 pounds	
Within <i>Sebastes</i> , Black Rockfish and Blue Rockfish	2,000 pounds	
Within <i>Sebastes</i> , Species Other than Yellowtail, Canary, Black, and Blue Rockfish		
<b>Sebastes</b> complex <b>south</b> of Cape Mendocino	2,000 pounds per month	
Within <i>Sebastes</i> , Canary Rockfish	2,000 pounds per month	
Within <i>Sebastes</i> , Bocaccio, Except for Setnet and Trammel Net Gears	500 pounds per month	
Within <i>Sebastes</i> , Bocaccio, Setnet and Trammel Net Gears (Legal Only <b>South</b> of 38° N latitude)	1,000 pounds per month	
Chilipepper Rockfish <b>South</b> of Cape Mendocino	6,000 pounds per month	
Splitnose Rockfish <b>South</b> of Cape Mendocino	100 pounds per month	
Sablefish <b>North</b> of 3600' N latitude	300 pounds per day, which counts toward 1,800 pounds per two-month period <sup>a/</sup>	
Sablefish <b>South</b> of 3600' N latitude	350 pounds per day	
Lingcod Coastwide April 1 - November 30	250 pounds per month	
December 1-31	<b>PROHIBITED</b>	
Dover Sole Coastwide (Except Pink Shrimp Trawl)	100 pounds per month	
Pacific Whiting Coastwide (Except Pink Shrimp Trawl)	100 pounds per month	

a/ Two-month periods for sablefish landings are January 1 through February 28; March 1 through April 30; May 1 through June 30; July 1 through August 31; September 1 through October 31; November 1 through December 31.

Groundfish taken by exempted trawl gear other than pink shrimp gear (e.g., by vessels engaged in fishing for spot and ridgeback prawns, California halibut, and sea cucumbers). The trip limit for a vessel engaged in fishing for spot prawns, ridgeback prawns, California halibut, or sea cucumbers is 300 pounds (136 kilograms) of groundfish per trip. All limits and closures in the above table also apply and are counted toward the 300-pound (136 kilograms) groundfish limit. The groundfish "per-trip" limit may not be multiplied by the number of days in the fishing trip.