

GROUND FISH ADVISORY SUBPANEL STATEMENT ON  
INSEASON ADJUSTMENT OF BLACK ROCKFISH TRIP LIMITS

The Groundfish Advisory Subpanel (GAP) met with the Groundfish Management Team (GMT) to discuss inseason adjustments. The GAP agrees with the following cumulative and trip limit recommendations made by the GMT:

Limited Entry Fixed Gear

Nearshore Rockfish in the North: 3,000 pounds/2 months, with a maximum of 1,400 pounds of species other than black/blue rockfish.

Nearshore Rockfish in the South: 1,300 pounds/2 months.

Open Access Gear

Nearshore Rockfish in the North: 1,500 pounds/2 months, with a maximum of 700 pounds of species other than black/blue rockfish.

Near Shore Rockfish in the South: 800 pounds/2 months.

Limited Entry and Open Access Daily-Trip-Limit Sablefish

2,400 pounds/2 months. All new limits to be in effect May 1 through June 30, 2000.

In addition to the increase in open access limits noted above, the GAP supports the recommendation of the GMT for an increase for vessels landing black and blue rockfish in Pacific City, Oregon, with the limits on time and area proposed by the GMT. The GAP is aware of the unique nature of this fishery and the extra hardship imposed by this year's regulations. The GAP agrees a limited exception is appropriate.

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