

PROPOSALS FOR 2001 RECREATIONAL LINGCOD AND ROCKFISH REGULATIONS OFF OREGON

The Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) proposes the following options for the 2001 Oregon recreational lingcod and canary rockfish fisheries:

Lingcod

Option 1

A one fish daily bag limit and a 24 to 34 inch legal length slot open year round for hook-and-line anglers (status quo). Spear fishing would be open year round subject to the one fish daily bag limit and a 24-inch minimum length (i.e. no 34-inch maximum length).

Option 2

A two fish daily bag limit and 26-inch minimum length restriction. Closed March and April for boat based anglers (i.e. remains open for shore anglers who are estimated to take less than two percent of total Oregon recreational lingcod landings).

Option 3

A one fish daily bag limit and 24-inch minimum length restriction open year round.

Option 3 reflects the increase in lingcod OY for 2001.

Rockfish

Status Quo

A daily bag limit of 10 rockfish with a three canary rockfish sublimit open year round.