

WASHINGTON DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE
PROPOSED RECREATIONAL GROUND FISH SEASON OPTIONS FOR 2002

The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) is proposing the following recreational groundfish season options to be considered for public review:

Option 1a

A recreational rockfish bag limit of 10 rockfish, of which no more than one canary rockfish and one yelloweye rockfish can be retained; open year-round.

Option 1b

A recreational rockfish bag limit of 10 rockfish, of which no more than one rockfish can be canary or yelloweye; open year-round.

Option 2

Combine Option 1a or 1b with prohibiting the retention of yelloweye rockfish if Pacific halibut have been retained on the same fishing trip.

Under both options, WDFW would monitor its fishery and track its catch. If the Washington recreational yelloweye rockfish harvest guideline is projected to be exceeded, WDFW will take action to prohibit recreational groundfish fishing outside 25 fathoms.