

WASHINGTON DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE (WDFW) REVISED PROPOSED
MANAGEMENT MEASURES FOR 2002 RECREATIONAL GROUND FISH FISHERY

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 1c

A recreational rockfish bag limit of 10 rockfish, with a sublimit of either two canary rockfish OR one canary rockfish and one yelloweye rockfish; open year-round. (Note: Under this option a person cannot retain more than one yelloweye, and cannot retain two canary with one yelloweye.)

Option 2

Combine Option 1a, 1b, or 1c 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 in-season action to prohibit recreational groundfish fishing outside a line approximating the 25-fathom curve that will be delineated by a series of way points defined by latitude/longitude, and prohibit the retention of yelloweye rockfish.

Under all options, the lingcod season would be March 16-October 15, 2002, 2 fish daily limit, with a minimum size limit of 24".