

GROUND FISH MANAGEMENT OPTION HEARING SUMMARY

Date:	October 10, 2001	Hearing Officer:	Mr. LB Boydston
Location:	Flamingo Resort Hotel Santa Rosa, CA	Other Council Members:	Mr. James Caito Mr. Don Hansen Mr. Roger Thomas
		California Fish and Game Commission:	Mr. Robert Treanor
		NMFS:	Dr. Steve Ralston
Attendance:	40	Coast Guard:	None
Testifying:	Open meeting	Groundfish Team Members:	Mr. Tom Barnes Mr. Dave Thomas
		Groundfish Advisory Panel:	Mr. Darby Neil
<u>Organizations Represented:</u> Pacific Coast Federation of Fishermen=s Associations, Golden Gate Fishermen's Association, and United Anglers of California			

Synopsis of Testimony

Commercial Comments:

- Access must be allowed for commercial fixed gear fishermen (limited entry and open access) to chilipepper, similar to what is allowed for trawl.
- Observer program is needed to obtain better fishery data.
- Fixed gear impacts on non-target species are lower than for trawl.
- It is not clear where MPAs fit into the management, if at all.
- We need to have more management areas off California.
- Surveys are needed south of Point Conception.
- Currents fixed gear/trawl allocations are not balanced.
- Six-month trawl season will put plants out of business.

Recreational Comments:

- Require barbless hooks for canary rockfish; they do not bloat like the other rockfish.
- Allow for lingcod and vermilion rockfish retention during nearshore fisheries.
- We are concerned about impacts on nearshore stocks during shelf rockfish closures.
- CPFV logbook compliance should be enforced.
- Recreational anglers may be willing to accept lower bag limits for a longer season.
- Recreational data are inflated.
- Please consider adopting a 25-fathom nearshore boundary.
- We like the November-February offshore rockfish option but would like July-August added, if possible, for the central coast area.
- Shallow water fishing is most important during summer months.
- We prefer regulation adjustments to season closures.
- Limited entry is needed in the CPFV fishery.
- Require the retention of the first 10 shelf rockfish.

2002 OFFSHORE ROCKFISH AND LINGCOD OPTIONS

		JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
North	Option 1A				*	*	*						
	Option 1B				*	*	*	*					
Central	Option 2A	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
	Option 2B	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
	Option 2C	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
South	Option 3A	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
	Option 3B	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
	Option 3C	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
		<p>NOTES:</p> <p>Yelloweye Rockfish - 1 fish, 2 per vessel. May consider 5-10 fish nearshore bag limit. Lingcod - 24, 25 or 26-inch minimum. 10-fish bag limit unless otherwise noted. * = Nearshore Fishery may be considered.</p>											