

UPDATE REPORT FROM THE OPEN ACCESS PERMITTING SUBCOMMITTEE

The Open Access Permitting Subcommittee, a subcommittee of the Ad Hoc Groundfish Strategic Plan Oversight Committee (SPOC), met January 30-31, 2002. Mr. LB Boydston agreed to serve as the chair for the committee. The committee adopted preliminary goals and objectives and requested certain data on the open access fishery. The committee will meet again in a conference call starting at 10 a.m. on March 26th. At that time, it will review any preliminary results from its data request. The committee intends to provide a full report on its efforts to date for review by the Council and advisory bodies at the April 2002 Council meeting.

The preliminary goals and objectives the committee adopted at its January meeting pertain only to the directed segment of the fishery and were an adaptation of those used for the groundfish Amendment 6 license limitation program. Goals and objectives for the incidental sector of the open access fishery would likely vary substantially from those established to guide development of a program for the directed segment.

The data request developed by the committee will involve an attempt to divide open access landings into directed and incidental harvest (draft request attached). Numerous gear and species combinations will be evaluated over a long time period (1990 to the most recent data available). Results will be provided for Washington, Oregon, and three subregions of California (divided at Cape Mendocino and Point Conception).

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DRAFT - Open Access Fishery Descriptive Data Request

Overall request: coordinate development of direct and incidental open access fishery categories with the effort being under taken for the programmatic EIS.

Groundfish Species Categories

Provide catch and bycatch information on the following groundfish categories.

- Sablefish
- Lingcod
- Cabazon
- Kelp Greenling
- Other Roundfish

- Dover
- Other Flatfish

- Thornyheads
- Widow Rockfish
- Yellowtail Rockfish
- Chilipepper Rockfish
- Canary Rockfish (there will be bad resolution prior to 1994 or 1995)
- Bocaccio
- Black Rockfish
- Blue Rockfish
- Other Rockfish (Split between live and dead using a price criteria. Explore \$2.50/lb. Adjust by time and area.)

- Dogfish
- Other Groundfish

Geographic Splits

Use port of landing as a proxy for catch area. The catch area field is not very reliable and is often filled out based on port of landing.

Areas

- Washington
- Oregon
 - Northern - north of Coos Bay
 - Southern - Coos Bay south
- California -
 - Northern - north of Cape Mendocino
 - Central - Cape Mendocino to Point Conception
 - South - south of Pont Conception

Time Periods

Provide data for 1990 through 2001.

Directed Open Access Groundfish Fisheries

Provide data on the following directed groundfish gears.

Deadfish

Other Hook and Line Gears

Vertical Hook and Line

Jig

Rod and Reel

Longline

Troll/Dinglebar

Pot

Trawl (Sculpin targeted with prawn trawl gear. These may be short tows targeted on live fish.)

Livefish

Stick

Rod and Reel

Pot

Incidental Harvest Fisheries

Provide additional information from the perspective of the nongroundfish target fishery—e.g.,

for the halibut fishery provide number of halibut vessels, total pounds of halibut caught by all vessels, number of halibut vessels with groundfish bycatch, amount of groundfish bycatch, and amount of halibut as bycatch in the groundfish fishery.

Provide information on the following open access incidental fisheries:

Species	Gear	Other Notes	State		
			WA	OR	CA
Pink Shrimp	Trawl		Y	Y	Y
Spot Prawn	Trawl Pot		No GF	No GF	Y
California Halibut	Trawl Hook & Line		NA	NA	Y
Pacific Halibut	Longline		Y	Y	Y
Dungeness Crab	Pot		No GF	Y	Y
Salmon	Troll	Split out Trips with - Halibut bycatch - Gf bycatch	Y	Y	Y
Sea Cucumber	Trawl		NA	NA	Y
CPS Squid	Round Hall		No GF	No GF	Y

Species	Gear	Other Notes	State		
			WA	OR	CA
	Setnet				Y
CPS Finfish	Round Haul Setnet		No GF	No GF	Y
Sheephead	Traps		NA		Y
HMS	Troll Longline Pole & Line Driftnet Purse Seine Harpoon		Y	Y	Y
Gillnet Complex (California Halibut, White Sea Bass, Sharks, White Croaker	Drift Gillnet		NA	NA	Y

Note: "No gf" means groundfish may not be legally retained in this fishery.