

GROUND FISH ADVISORY SUBPANEL STATEMENT ON
INSEASON ADJUSTMENTS

The Groundfish Advisory Subpanel (GAP) met jointly with the Groundfish Management Team (GMT) to discuss inseason adjustments. The GAP agreed with the GMT on the following changes:

LIMITED ENTRY SMALL FOOTROPE TRAWL

Chilipepper rockfish, south of 40°10': 4,000 pounds/2 months, beginning May 1.

Lingcod: 1,000 pounds/2 months, May 1 through October 31.

Southern slope rockfish, between 40°10' and 36°: 14,000 pounds/2 months, beginning May 1.

Splitnose rockfish, between 40°10' and 36°: 14,000 pounds/2 months beginning May 1.

Shelf rockfish: Set a 300 pound sublimit on yelloweye rockfish.

LIMITED ENTRY FIXED GEAR

Northern nearshore rockfish: 6,000 pounds/2 months, of which no more than 3,000 pounds can be species other than black or blue, beginning May 1.

OPEN ACCESS FIXED GEAR

Northern near-shore rockfish: 6,000 pounds/2 months, of which no more than 3,000 pounds can be species other than black or blue, beginning May 1.

Troll salmon fishery north of 40°10': Allowance of 1 pound of yellowtail rockfish for every 2 pounds of salmon, up to 300 pounds/month of yellowtail rockfish.

FIXED GEAR SABLEFISH SOUTH OF POINT CONCEPTION

300 pounds/day or 1 delivery of up to 900 pounds/week

The proposed changes, as explained by the GMT, are designed to achieve Council goals of maintaining a year-round fishery and protecting sensitive species.

OPEN ACCESS SHRIMP TRAWL

Clarify that yelloweye rockfish may not be retained in shrimp trawls.