

WASHINGTON DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE  
PROPOSED COMMERCIAL FISHERY OPTIONS FOR 2003

The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) is proposing the following commercial fishery options to be considered for public review. All fathom lines will be defined by latitude/longitude waypoints.

**Commercial Groundfish (LE & OA)**

Option 1

Close fixed gear and/or trawl fisheries inside a line approximating 150 fathoms to provide protection for canary and yelloweye rockfish.

Option 2

Close fixed gear fishery inside a line approximating 100 fathoms to provide protection for yelloweye rockfish.

Option 3

Close trawl fishery inside a line approximating 250 fathoms to provide protection for darkblotched rockfish.

Option 4

Close trawl flatfish fishery outside a line approximating either 50, 75, 100, or 125 fathoms to provide protection for darkblotched, canary and yelloweye rockfish (closure areas would apply as needed to conserve rockfish).

Option 5

Allow midwater trawl fishery for yellowtail and widow rockfish subject to time/area restrictions.

Option 6

Allow midwater trawl fishery for whiting subject to time/area restrictions.

**Halibut Retention in Sablefish Fishery North of Pt. Chehalis**

Option 1

No halibut retention allowed in sablefish fishery North of Pt. Chehalis.

**Halibut South of Pt. Chehalis**

Option 1

Close directed halibut fishery in the area outside 25 fathoms and inside 150 fathoms.

Option 2

Allow directed halibut fishery subject to time/area/observer restrictions/requirements.

**Pink Shrimp Fishery**

Option 1

Require excluders in the pink shrimp fishery.

Option 2

Mandatory retention of marketable groundfish in the pink shrimp fishery.

**Salmon Troll**

Option 1

No halibut retention in salmon troll fishery; no yelloweye and canary rockfish retention.

Option 2

Close salmon troll fishery in Marine Catch Areas 3 and 4 outside 25 fathoms.

Option 3

Gear modifications (e.g., prohibit placement of any hook within 4 fathoms (24') of the weight used on each mainline deployed).