

2003 Oregon Marine Recreational Fishery Options

Option 1. Most Liberal –overall status quo with adjustments to lingcod bag limit and cabezon length limit (alt. 3)

Bottomfish – 10 rockfish bag limit with sub-limits of 1 canary and 1 yelloweye rockfish. Two lingcod at 24-inch minimum length. Minimum length limit of 16 inches for cabezon. Fishery open year round at all-depths.

P. Halibut – Yelloweye rockfish retention prohibited if Pacific halibut is on-board vessel during all-depth fishery. See catch sharing plan.

Option 2 Medium Conservative (alt. 2)

Bottomfish – 10 rockfish bag limit with sub-limits of 1 canary and 1 yelloweye rockfish. Two lingcod at 24-inch minimum length. Fishery open year round, but restricted to 0 to 27 fathoms from June through October. Minimum length limit of 16 inches for cabezon. Oregon nearshore landing restrictions (commercial and recreational) capped at 2000 levels for the following species categories:

Black and blue rockfish combined
Other nearshore rockfish combined
Cabezon (16" inch minimum length)
Greenling spp.

Note:

- (1) Council preference for recreational fisheries is continued. Total expected recreational catch deducted from total OY, remainder available to commercial fisheries.
- (2) Commercial hook-and-line fisheries to be closed if rockfish limit of any category reached.

P. Halibut – Yelloweye rockfish retention prohibited if Pacific halibut is on-board vessel during all-depth fishery. Nearshore fishery open in < or = to 27-fathom curve during June through September. See catch sharing plan.

Option 3. Most Conservation (alt. 1)

Bottomfish - 10 groundfish bag limit (including lingcod) with sub-limits of 1 canary and 2 lingcod (24-inch minimum length). Yelloweye rockfish retention prohibited. Minimum length limit of 16 inches for cabezon. Open 0 to 20 fathoms year round. Oregon landings of nearshore fish capped at 2000 levels (see option 2).

Pacific Halibut – all-depth fishery closed on Stonewall Banks; description area to be identified. Nearshore open to < or = 20 fathom curve. See catch sharing plan for sub-area seasons.

Salmon – mooching may be prohibited.