

2003 Oregon Commercial Groundfish Management Options  
(Range of options for discussion June-September, 2002)

Option 1 (Most Conservative)

- Open 0-20 fathoms for hook and line fishing of black rockfish and blue rockfish.
- Open 0-50 fathoms for nearshore flatfish.
- Closed 20-150 fathoms to all commercial fishing except:
  - Nearshore flatfish fishery allowed out to 50 fm.
  - Shrimp fishery allowed with mandatory excluder devices.
  - Pacific whiting fishery (midwater gear) allowed.
  - Other state fisheries (e.g. crab) allowed.
  - Oregon Developing Fisheries allowed, but no groundfish retention.
- If darkblotched rockfish OY is reduced significantly extend closure to 250 fathoms.
- Nearshore catch capped at the level of 2000 catch, 16" minimum size for cabezon.
- Restrict halibut fishing to outside 150 fathoms.
- For salmon troll fishery new requirements for distance between cannonball and first spread may be increased. Other options may also be considered.

Option 2 (Medium Conservation)

- Open 0-27 fathoms for hook and line fishing of black rockfish and blue rockfish.
- Open 0-50, or perhaps 75, fathoms for nearshore flatfish.
- Closed 20-150 fathoms to all commercial fishing except:
  - Nearshore flatfish fishery allowed out to 50 or 75 fm (to be determined).
  - Shrimp fishery allowed with mandatory excluder devices.
  - Pacific whiting fishery (midwater gear) allowed.
  - Other state fisheries (e.g. crab) allowed.
  - Oregon Developing Fisheries allowed, but no groundfish retention.
  - EFP fishery for yellowtail rockfish and widow rockfish allowed.
  - EFP fishery for flatfish using selective flatfish trawl allowed.
- If darkblotched rockfish OY is reduced significantly extend closure to 250 fathoms.
- Nearshore catch capped at the level of 2000 catch, 16" minimum size for cabezon.
- Restrict halibut fishing to outside 100 fathoms.
- For salmon troll fishery new requirements for distance between cannonball and first spread may be increased. Other options may also be considered.

Option 3 (Most Liberal)

- Open 0-27 fathoms for hook and line fishing of black rockfish and blue rockfish.
- Open 0-75, fathoms for nearshore flatfish.
- Closed 20-150 fathoms to all commercial fishing except:
  - Nearshore flatfish fishery allowed out to 75 fm.
  - Shrimp fishery with mandatory excluder devices allowed.

- Pacific whiting fishery (midwater gear) allowed.
- Other state fisheries (e.g. crab) allowed.
- Oregon Developing Fisheries allowed, but no groundfish retention.
- EFP fishery for yellowtail rockfish and widow rockfish allowed.
- EFP fishery for flatfish using selective flatfish trawl allowed.
- If darkblotched rockfish total is reduced significantly extend closure to 250 fathoms.
- Nearshore catch capped at the level of 2000 catch, 16" minimum size for cabezon.