

GROUND FISH ADVISORY SUBPANEL STATEMENT ON
PROPOSED MANAGEMENT MEASURES FOR 2003

The Groundfish Advisory Subpanel (GAP) met jointly with the Groundfish Management Team (GMT) to discuss proposed groundfish management measures for 2003. The attached sheets represent the range of management options proposed by the GAP.

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LIMITED ENTRY TRAWL

	OPTION 1	OPTION 2	OPTION 3	OPTION 4	OPTION 5
N of 40°10'	No trawling	Closure from 50 to 250 fm; small footrope required shallower than 50 fm	Closure from 100 - 200 fm; small footrope required shallower than 100 fm	Seasonal closures between 100 and 200 fm; small footrope required shallower than 100 fm	Small footrope required shallower than 125 fathoms; allow retention of halibut bycatch
40°10' to 36°	No trawling	Closure from 50 to 250 fm; small footrope required shallower than 50 fm	Closures from 55 to 200 fms; small footrope required shallower than 55 fm	Seasonal closures between 150 and 200 fms; permanent closure from 60 - 150 fms; small footrope required inside 60 fm	Permanent closure from 65 to 125 fms; small footrope required shallower than 65 fm
South of 36°	No trawling	Closure from 50 to 150 fm; small footrope required shallower than 50 fm	Closures from 55 to 150 fms; small footrope required shallower than 55 fm	Seasonal closures between 150 and 200 fms; permanent closure from 60 - 150 fms; small footrope required inside 60 fm	Closure from 65 to 125 fms; small footrope required shallower than 65 fm

All closures are designed to protect significant species such as darkblotched, canary, and bocaccio.

"Closure" means that the taking of finfish is prohibited in the area using a small or large footrope trawl

**** The trawl fishery requests that the Council initiate a plan amendment that will allow use of all legal gear to take the unharvested portion of the trawl allocation of sablefish**

LIMITED ENTRY FIXED GEAR

OPTION 1

Fishery closed 20-150 fms

Sablefish DTL:

800 lbs /week [N. 40°10']

300 lbs/day; 800 lbs/wk [40°10' to 36°]

300 lbs/day; 900 lbs/wk [S. 36°]

Slope Rockfish:

10,000 lbs/2 mos [N. 40°10']

15,000 lbs/2 mos [40°10' to 36°]

15,000 lbs/2 mos [S. 36°]

Halibut:

No fishery inside 150 fm in Area 2A
Retention of halibut bycatch in
sablefish fishery allowed

Thornyheads:

Limits same as trawl, all areas

Nearshore, S.40°10' :

Open 0 to 20 fm

200 lbs vermillion/mo

No retention shelf rock

800 lbs / 2 mos nearshore rockfish

Closed: Mar/Apr & Nov/Dec

Lingcod: 24" minimum size

Unless otherwise specified,
cumulative limits same as 2002
minus 100 pounds / period

Gear to be closely monitored, no
gear allowed > 1/4 mile from
vessel

On stick gear, use biodegradable
cotton of size 60 or less between
the hook and line/rod

OPTION 2

Fishery closed 20-150 fms

Sablefish DTL:

300 lbs/day; 800 lbs /week [N.
40°10']

300 lbs/day; 800 lbs/wk [40°10' to
36°]

300 lbs/day; 900 lbs/wk [S. 36°]

Slope Rockfish:

20,000 lbs/2 mos [N. 40°10']

20,000 lbs/2 mos [40°10' to 36°]

25,000 lbs/2 mos [S. 36°]

Halibut:

No fishery inside 125 fm in Area 2A

Thornyheads:

Limits same as trawl, all areas

Nearshore, S.40°10' :

Open 0 to 20 fm

200 lbs vermillion/mo

No retention shelf rock

1200 lbs / 2 mos nearshore
rockfish

Closed: Mar/Apr
possible Nov/Dec

Lingcod: 24" minimum size

Unless otherwise specified,
cumulative limits same as 2002

Gear to be closely monitored, no
gear allowed > 1/4 mile from
vessel

On stick gear, use biodegradable
cotton of size 60 or less between
the hook and line/rod

OPTION 3

Fishery closed 20-150 fms

Sablefish DTL:

300 lbs/day; 800 lbs /week [N.
40°10']

300 lbs/day; 800 lbs/wk [40°10' to
36°]

350 lbs/day; 1050 lbs/wk [S. 36°]

Slope Rockfish:

30,000 lbs/2 mos [N. 40°10']

25,000 lbs/2 mos [40°10' to 36°]

30,000 lbs/2 mos [S. 36°]

Halibut:

No fishery inside 100 fm in Area 2A

Thornyheads:

Limits same as trawl, all areas

Nearshore, S.40°10' :

Open 0 to 20 fm

200 lbs vermillion/mo

No retention shelf rock

1000 lbs / 2 mos nearshore
rockfish

No Closed period

Lingcod: 24" minimum size

Unless otherwise specified,
cumulative limits same as 2002

On stick gear, use biodegradable
cotton of size 60 or less between
the hook and line/rod

The limited entry fixed gear fishery is willing to serve as the "pilot" fishery for using VMS for depth-based enforcement

OPEN ACCESS

North of 40°10'		
OPTION 1	OPTION 2	OPTION 3
For hook and line and pot fishing for nearshore rockfish, restricted to same depths as recreational fishery	For hook and line and pot fishing for nearshore rockfish, restricted to same depths as recreational fishery	For hook and line and pot fishing for nearshore rockfish, restricted to same depths as recreational fishery
Closed between 150 fm and deepest point for recreational fishery	Closed between 150 fm and deepest point for recreational fishery	Closed between 150 fm and deepest point for recreational fishery
Nearshore limits capped at level of 2002 catch	Nearshore limits capped at level of 2002 catch	Nearshore limits capped at level of 2002 catch
Up to 200 lbs/2 mos Yellowtail, widow, vermillion in any combination	Up to 200 lbs/2 mos Yellowtail, widow, vermillion in any combination	Up to 200 lbs/2 mos Yellowtail, widow, vermillion in any combination
16" minimum size for cabezon [OR & WA], state minimum size [CA]	16" minimum size for cabezon [OR & WA], state minimum size [CA]	16" minimum size for cabezon [OR & WA], state minimum size [CA]
Halibut and dogfish fishing outside 150 fm only	Halibut and dogfish fishing outside 100 fm only	

NEARSHORE S. 40°10'

OPTION 1	OPTION 2	OPTION 3
Open 0 to 20 fm	Open 0 to 20 fm	Open 0 to 20 fm
200 lbs vermillion/mo	200 lbs vermillion/mo	200 lbs vermillion/mo
No retention shelf rock	No retention shelf rock	No retention shelf rock
800 lbs / 2 mos nearshore rockfish	1200 lbs / 2 mos nearshore rockfish	1000 lbs / 2 mos nearshore rockfish
Closed: Mar/Apr AND Nov/Dec	Closed: Mar/Apr possible Nov/Dec	No Closed period
Lingcod: 24" minimum size	Lingcod: 24" minimum size	Lingcod: 24" minimum size
Unless otherwise specified, cumulative limits same as 2002 minus 100 pounds / period	Unless otherwise specified, cumulative limits same as 2002	Unless otherwise specified, cumulative limits same as 2002
Gear to be closely monitored, no gear allowed > 1/4 mile from vessel	Gear to be closely monitored, no gear allowed > 1/4 mile from vessel	
On stick gear, use biodegradable cotton of size 60 or less between the hook and line/rod	On stick gear, use biodegradable cotton of size 60 or less between the hook and line/rod	On stick gear, use biodegradable cotton of size 60 or less between the hook and line/rod

SOUTH OF 36°

OPTION 1	OPTION 2	OPTION 3
Closed 20 to 150 fm	Closed 20 to 150 fm	Closed 20 to 150 fm
Sablefish: 300 lbs/day; 900 lbs/wk	Sablefish: 300 lbs/day; 900 lbs/wk	Sablefish: 350 lbs/day; 1050 lbs/wk
Thornyheads: 50 lbs/day S. Pt. Conception	Thornyheads: 50 lbs/day S. Pt. Conception	Thornyheads: 50 lbs/day S. Pt. Conception
Slope Rockfish: 5,000 lbs / 2 mos	Slope Rockfish: 10,000 lbs / 2 mos	Slope Rockfish: 12,500 lbs / 2 mos

OTHER COMMERCIAL FISHERIES

Salmon troll: The GAP recommends that new requirements be established to increase the distance between the cannonball and the first spread. However, this recommendation should be reviewed by the Salmon Advisory Subpanel

CPS in OR & WA: The GAP recommends no change in current regulations as there is no evidence of rockfish bycatch

CPS in CA: For wetfish, the GAP recommends no change in current regulations as there is no evidence of rockfish bycatch. For squid, the GAP recommends the following options:

Option 1: N. of Pt. Conception, no squid fishery inside of 10 fm
S. of Pt. Conception, no change in current regulations

Option 2: No change in current regulations

Shrimp: The GAP recommends the following options

Option 1: Require excluders, eliminate fish-eye as an approved device
Maintain the current groundfish catch limit

Option 2: Require excluders, eliminate fish-eye as an approved device
Allow experimental testing of additional devices

Exempted Trawl, N.: Require excluders, establish an incidental groundfish limit between 0 & 2002 limit

Exempted Trawl, S.: Except for CA halibut trawl, require excluders, establish an incidental groundfish limit between 0 & 2002 limit

CA Halibut Trawl: Maintain the 7 ½" between knot measure mesh size; establish an incidental groundfish limit between 0 & 2002 limit

RECREATIONAL FISHERY

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	OPTION 1	OPTION 2	OPTION 3	OPTION 4	OPTION 5
Bottomfish	<p>Closed outside 25 fm except for yellowtail hotspot outside Gray's Harbor</p> <p>Bag limit 10 all species except lingcod, canary, and yelloweye</p> <p>2 lingcod, min. Size 24", allowed 3/16 - 10/15</p>	<p>Closed outside 25 fm except for yellowtail hotspot outside Gray's Harbor; July 1, areas 1 & 2 open outside 25 fm</p> <p>Bag limit 10 all species except lingcod, canary, and yelloweye</p> <p>1 canary allowed</p> <p>2 lingcod, min. Size 24", allowed 3/16 - 10/15</p>	<p>No depth closure</p> <p>Bag limit 10 all species except lingcod, canary, and yelloweye</p> <p>1 canary allowed</p> <p>2 lingcod, min. Size 24", allowed 3/16 - 10/15</p>		
Halibut	<p>Allow halibut only inside bottomfish areas; catch sharing plan open in these areas</p>	<p>Open inside small hotspot areas; subarea seasons in catch sharing plan open inside bottomfish areas</p>			

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Salmon	Closed outside 25 fm, areas 3 & 4	Closed outside 25 fm, areas 3 & 4	Closed outside 25 fm, areas 3 & 4	Closed outside 25 fm in areas 3 & 4; open all other areas	Status quo for gear and areas
	Max. 6 oz sinker outside 25 fm, areas 1 & 2. No downriggers	Max. 6 oz sinker outside 25 fm, areas 1 & 2. No downriggers	Max. 6 oz sinker outside 25 fm, areas 1 & 2. No downriggers		
	No retention of canary with salmon	No retention of canary with salmon			
	No retention of halibut with salmon				

OREGON & CA N. 40°10'

	OPTION 1	OPTION 2	OPTION 3
Bottomfish	<p>Open 0 to 20 fm year round</p> <p>10 groundfish bag limit wi sublimit of 2 lingcod, 24" minimum length</p> <p>Yelloweye & canary prohibited</p> <p>16" min length cabezon</p> <p>Landings of: black & blue rock combined; other nearshore rock; cabezon; greenling; capped at 2000 levels</p>	<p>Open year round, closed outside 27 fm June 1 - Oct 31</p> <p>10 rockfish bag limit wi sublimits of 1 canary; 1 yelloweye; 2 lingcod, 24" minimum length</p> <p>16" min length cabezon</p> <p>Landings of: black & blue rock combined; other nearshore rock; cabezon; greenling; capped at 2000 levels</p>	<p>Open year round, all depths</p> <p>10 rockfish bag limit wi sublimits of 1 canary; 1 yelloweye; 2 lingcod, 24" minimum length</p> <p>16" min length cabezon</p>
Halibut	<p>Nearshore open to 20 fm</p> <p>All depth fishery closed on Stonewall Banks</p> <p>Sub-area seasons per catch sharing plan</p> <p>No yelloweye retention if halibut on board vessel</p>	<p>Nearshore open to 27 fm, June - Sept</p> <p>All depth fishery open</p> <p>Sub-area seasons per catch sharing plan</p> <p>No yelloweye retention if halibut on board vessel</p>	<p>Sub-area seasons per catch sharing plan</p> <p>No yelloweye retention if halibut on board vessel</p>
Salmon	Mooching prohibited		

CALIFORNIA S. 40°10'

OPTION 1	OPTION 2	OPTION 3
Open Inside 20 fm	Open Inside 20 fm	Open Inside 20 fm
10 fish bag limit including 2 shelf species	30 fish bag limit including 21 shelf species	10 fish bag limit including 2 shelf species
No retention bocaccio, yelloweye, canary, cowcod	No retention bocaccio, yelloweye, canary, cowcod	No retention bocaccio, yelloweye, canary, cowcod
	16" cabezon	10" min size on black & yellow; China, gopher, grassy, kelp rockfish China 12"
Lingcod: 2 fish, 24" minimum	Lingcod: 2 fish, 24" minimum	Lingcod: 3 fish, 22" minimum
Closed Nov, Dec, Mar, Apr	Closed Mar, Apr; possibly Nov, Dec	12-month season Closed Nov-April
5 sculpin max	7 sculpin max	10 sculpin max
App/ 2/3 to GMT	GMT	GMT Report
50:50 11G share	com/rec 30:70	com/rec 16:84
recom com/rec for minor reashore rec'd.		

