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EMERGENCY RULE IMPLEMENTED IN PACIFIC COAST GROUND FISH FISHERY AND TRIP LIMIT ADJUSTMENTS OFF WASHINGTON, OREGON, AND CALIFORNIA

EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 10, 2002

Adjustments to trip limits for groundfish taken off Washington, Oregon, and California are announced by the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS). These changes are **effective September 10, 2002**, unless otherwise specified and are intended to protect overfished and depleted stocks. Trip limit changes that are effective September 10, 2002, for the trawl "A" platoon and are effective September 15, 2002, for the "B" platoon. The "B" platoon can fish July - August limits until September 15, 2002, in areas that are open following implementation of this rulemaking .

NMFS is implementing an emergency rule to establish new depth-based management measures in the Pacific Coast groundfish fishery for September - December 2002 in order to allow the harvest of healthy groundfish stocks while protecting darkblotched rockfish. In response to higher than expected landings of darkblotched rockfish, an overfished species, during the first few months of 2002, the limited entry trawl fishery north of 40° 10' N. latitude closed on September 1, 2002. At its June 17 - 21, 2002, meeting in Foster City, California, the Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) felt the economic need to keep the limited entry trawl fishery open during September was great and requested that NMFS establish new depth-based management measures via emergency rulemaking. This emergency rule establishes a darkblotched rockfish conservation area (DBCA) extending from the U.S./Canada border to 40° 10' N. latitude and between approximately 100 fathoms and 250 fathoms. This emergency rule maintains the closure to trawling with groundfish gear where darkblotched rockfish are commonly found, but allows limited entry trawl access to healthy deepwater groundfish (seaward of 250 fathoms) and nearshore groundfish (shoreward of 100 fathoms) stocks outside of the DBCA.

Following the Council's June meeting, NMFS drafted an Environmental Assessment/Regulatory Impact Review to evaluate the effects of this emergency rule. With that analysis, NMFS estimated the total catch of darkblotched rockfish associated with the Council's September implementation request to be approximately 96% - 99% of the OY. This is due, in part, to the estimated bycatch of darkblotched rockfish that would be caught shoreward of 100 fathoms with nearshore flatfish during September and October. Given the uncertainties in estimating the catch of darkblotched rockfish, particularly shoreward of 100 fathoms, NMFS believes a more conservative action than that proposed by the Council is necessary to assure the darkblotched rockfish OY is not exceeded. Therefore, NMFS will

continue to prohibit limited entry trawl fishing shoreward of the DBCA during September, but re-open that area during October - December with reduced flatfish trip limits during October. Limited entry trawl access seaward of the DBCA will be re-opened for September - December. This modification of the Council's request is expected to reduce the incidental catch of darkblotched rockfish with nearshore flatfish during the months of September and October and provide greater assurance that neither the darkblotched rockfish OY, nor the OY of any other groundfish species will be exceeded.

NMFS also determined that some of the flatfish limits recommended by the Council for the September - December periods were too liberal to adequately prevent the overharvest of overfished species. With this emergency rule, NMFS sets trip limits for groundfish, including flatfish, at levels that are expected to protect overfished species from overharvest. In addition, NMFS is correcting limited entry fixed gear and open access limits for Pacific whiting during the September - December periods to reflect the closure of Pacific whiting announced in the July inseason action (67 FR 44778, July 5, 2002).

DARKBLOTCHED ROCKFISH CONSERVATION AREA (DBCA)

The DBCA extends south from the U.S./Canada border (48°30' N. latitude) to 40°10' N. latitude and is bordered by straight-line coordinates on the east (at approximately the 100 fathom depth contour) and on the west (at approximately the 250 fathom depth contour).

The DBCA is closed to limited entry groundfish trawl fishing and fishing with limited entry groundfish trawl gear is prohibited within the DBCA. It is unlawful to take and retain, possess, or land groundfish taken with limited entry groundfish trawl gear in the DBCA. Limited entry groundfish trawl vessels may transit through the DBCA, with or without groundfish on board, provided all groundfish trawl gear is stowed either: (1) below deck; or (2) if the gear cannot readily be moved, in a secured and covered manner, detached from all towing lines, so that it is rendered unusable for fishing.

Trawling shoreward of the DBCA during is permitted October - December and trawling seaward of the DBCA is permitted September - December. Small footrope gear is required shoreward of the DBCA and large footrope gear is permitted seaward of the DBCA.

TRIP LIMITS CHANGES IN THE GROUND FISH FISHERY

Limited Entry Trawl Fishery in the Area North of 40°10' N. Latitude

Trip limits will change for the following species and/or species groups: minor shelf rockfish, Pacific ocean perch, sablefish, longspine thornyhead, shortspine thornyhead, Dover sole, all other flatfish, petrale sole, rex sole, arrowtooth flounder, minor shelf rockfish, canary rockfish, yellowtail rockfish, and lingcod.

Limited Entry Trawl Fishery in the Area South of 40°10' N. Latitude

Trip limits will change for minor slope rockfish in the area between 40°10' N. latitude and 36° N. latitude and for canary rockfish in the area south of 40°10' N. latitude.

Limited Entry Fixed Gear Fishery and Open Access Fisheries

Pacific whiting will be closed for limited entry fixed gear and open access fisheries.

**Coordinates for the DBCA and an updated set of trip limit tables,
effective September 10, 2002, are included in this notice.**

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Pacific Coast Groundfish public notices via e-mail in addition to fax.**

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COORDINATES FOR THE DBCA

100 FATHOMS -

48°23' N. lat., 125°60' W. long.;
 48°13' N. lat., 125°63' W. long.;
 47°95' N. lat., 125°50' W. long.;
 48°33' N. lat., 125°30' W. long.;
 48°33' N. lat., 125°05' W. long.;
 48°38' N. lat., 124°83' W. long.;
 48°28' N. lat., 124°94' W. long.;
 48°10' N. lat., 125°00' W. long.;
 48°15' N. lat., 125°30' W. long.;
 48°10' N. lat., 125°30' W. long.;
 47°98' N. lat., 125°27' W. long.;
 47°82' N. lat., 125°05' W. long.;
 47°70' N. lat., 125°08' W. long.;
 47°52' N. lat., 124°90' W. long.;
 47°40' N. lat., 124°77' W. long.;
 47°31' N. lat., 124°75' W. long.;
 47°14' N. lat., 124°93' W. long.;
 47°01' N. lat., 124°91' W. long.;
 47°02' N. lat., 124°98' W. long.;
 46°95' N. lat., 124°91' W. long.;
 47°00' N. lat., 124°82' W. long.;
 46°90' N. lat., 124°80' W. long.;
 46°91' N. lat., 124°88' W. long.;
 46°69' N. lat., 124°72' W. long.;
 46°58' N. lat., 124°48' W. long.;
 46°48' N. lat., 124°50' W. long.;
 46°33' N. lat., 124°61' W. long.;
 46°30' N. lat., 124°63' W. long.;
 46°28' N. lat., 124°59' W. long.;
 46°28' N. lat., 124°38' W. long.;
 46°27' N. lat., 124°33' W. long.;
 46°20' N. lat., 124°58' W. long.;
 46°18' N. lat., 124°65' W. long.;
 46°15' N. lat., 124°65' W. long.;
 46°02' N. lat., 124°64' W. long.;
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 45°90' N. lat., 124°67' W. long.;
 45°79' N. lat., 124°59' W. long.;
 45°70' N. lat., 124°47' W. long.;
 45°57' N. lat., 124°40' W. long.;
 45°45' N. lat., 124°36' W. long.;
 45°29' N. lat., 124°30' W. long.;
 44°99' N. lat., 124°32' W. long.;
 44°82' N. lat., 124°50' W. long.;
 44°76' N. lat., 124°56' W. long.;

250 FATHOMS -

48°25' N. lat., 125°71' W. long.;
 48°22' N. lat., 125°65' W. long.;
 48°14' N. lat., 125°75' W. long.;
 48°10' N. lat., 125°78' W. long.;
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 48°03' N. lat., 125°67' W. long.;
 47°95' N. lat., 125°62' W. long.;
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 47°97' N. lat., 125°42' W. long.;
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 48°03' N. lat., 125°33' W. long.;
 48°00' N. lat., 125°35' W. long.;
 47°97' N. lat., 125°33' W. long.;
 47°97' N. lat., 125°30' W. long.;
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 47°82' N. lat., 125°18' W. long.;
 47°77' N. lat., 125°10' W. long.;
 47°74' N. lat., 125°13' W. long.;
 47°70' N. lat., 125°10' W. long.;
 47°63' N. lat., 125°12' W. long.;
 47°50' N. lat., 125°00' W. long.;
 47°47' N. lat., 124°98' W. long.;
 47°38' N. lat., 124°85' W. long.;
 47°28' N. lat., 124°88' W. long.;
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 46°55' N. lat., 124°53' W. long.;
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 46°10' N. lat., 124°70' W. long.;
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44°55' N. lat., 124°61' W. long.;
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43°52' N. lat., 124°57' W. long.;
43°29' N. lat., 124°69' W. long.;
43°12' N. lat., 124°69' W. long.;
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40°68' N. lat., 124°51' W. long.;
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44°54' N. lat., 124°90' W. long.;
44°39' N. lat., 124°83' W. long.;
44°22' N. lat., 124°98' W. long.;
43°97' N. lat., 124°97' W. long.;
43°84' N. lat., 124°89' W. long.;
43°83' N. lat., 124°73' W. long.;
43°71' N. lat., 124°69' W. long.;
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41°36' N. lat., 124°51' W. long.;
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Table 3. Trip Limits¹¹ and Gear Requirements²¹ for Limited Entry Trawl Gear

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| line | Species/groups | JAN-FEB | MAR-APR | MAY-JUN | JUL-AUG | SEP-OCT | NOV-DEC |
|--|---|---|---|---|---|--|---|
| <p>**NOTE FOR NORTH OF 40°10' N. LAT: ALL TRAWLING WITH GROUNDFISH GEAR IS PROHIBITED WITHIN THE DBCA11/, ALL TRAWLING IS PROHIBITED SHOREWARD OF THE DBCA DURING SEPTEMBER, SMALL FOOTROPE GEARS/ IS REQUIRED SHOREWARD OF THE DBCA OCT - DEC, AND LARGE FOOTROPE GEAR IS PERMITTED SEAWARD OF THE DBCA SEPT - DEC. PROHIBITION AGAINST TRAWLING SHOREWARD OF THE DBCA ALSO APPLIES TO THE "B" PLATOON FISHING AGAINST JULY - AUGUST LIMITS.</p> | | | | | | | |
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| 1 | Minor slope rockfish | 1,800 lb/ 2 months | | | | | |
| 2 | North | 1,800 lb/ 2 months | | | | | |
| 3 | South | 600 lb / 2 months 300 lb / month | | | | | |
| 4 | 40°10' - 36° N. lat. | 50,000 lb/ 2 months | 5,000 lb/ 2 months | | | | |
| 5 | South of 36° N. lat. | 50,000 lb/ 2 months 15,000 lb/ 2 months | | | | | |
| 6 | Splitnose - South | | | | | | |
| 7 | 40°10' - 36° N. lat. | 25,000 lb/ 2 months | 5,000 lb/ 2 months | | | | 1,800 lb / 2 months |
| 8 | South of 36° N. lat. | 25,000 lb/ 2 months 15,000 lb/ 2 months | | | | | |
| 9 | Pacific ocean perch - North ⁴¹ | 2,000 lb/ month | 4,000 lb/ month | 4,000 lb/ 2 months | | | 2,000 lb / month |
| 10 | Chilipepper - South ⁴¹ | | | | | | |
| 11 | mid-water trawl | 25,000 lb/ 2 months | | | | | |
| 12 | small footrope trawl | 7,500 lb/ 2 months | 4,000 lb/ 2 months | | | | |
| 13 | large footrope trawl | 500 lb/ trip, not to exceed small footrope cumulative 2-month limits at any time during the year | | | | | |
| 14 | DTS complex - North ¹¹¹ | ALL TRAWLING IS PROHIBITED SHOREWARD OF THE DBCA DURING SEPTEMBER Small footrope required Oct - Dec shoreward of DBCA; large footrope permitted Sept - Dec seaward of DBCA | | | | | |
| 15 | Sablefish | 6,000 lb/ 2 months | 3,500 lb/ 2 months | 3,000 lb/ 2 months | In times and areas where open - 3,500 lb/ 2 months | | 1,250 lb / month |
| 16 | Longspine thomyhead | 10,000 lb/ 2 months | 6,000 lb/ 2 months | 1,500 lb/ 2 months | In times and areas where open - 10,000 lb/ 2 months | | 1,000 lb / month |
| 17 | Shortspine thomyhead | 2,600 lb/ 2 months | 2,000 lb/ 2 months | 1,500 lb/ 2 months | In times and areas where open - 2,600 lb/ 2 months | | 750 lb / month |
| 18 | Dover sole | 30,000 lb/ 2 months | 28,000 lb/ 2 months | 14,000 lb/ 2 months | | In times and areas where open - 20,000 lb/ 2 months 7,000 lb/ month | |
| 19 | DTS complex - South | | | | | | |
| 20 | Sablefish ³¹ | 4,500 lb/ 2 months | | | | | |
| 21 | Longspine thomyhead | 10,000 lb/ 2 months | | | | | |
| 22 | Shortspine thomyhead | 2,600 lb/ 2 months | | | | | |
| 23 | Dover sole | 22,000 lb/ 2 months | | | | | |
| 24 | Flatfish - North ¹¹¹ | ALL TRAWLING IS PROHIBITED SHOREWARD OF THE DBCA DURING SEPTEMBER Small footrope required Oct - Dec shoreward of DBCA; large footrope permitted Sept - Dec seaward of DBCA | | | | | |
| 25 | All other flatfish ³¹ | LARGE FOOTROPE: 1,000 lb/trip, not to exceed small footrope cumulative monthly limits, includes arrowtooth flounder. | LARGE FOOTROPE: 1,000 lb/trip, not to exceed small footrope cumulative monthly limits. Retention of petrale and rex sole prohibited if large footrope gear is onboard. | SMALL FOOTROPE REQUIRED: 40,000 lb/ month, no more than 15,000 of which may be petrale sole | In times and areas where open - 25,000 lb/ month, no more than 10,000 of which may be petrale sole. | | 50,000 lb/ month, no more than 20,000 lb/ month of which may be petrale |
| | | SMALL FOOTROPE: 15,000 lb/ month 35,000 lb/ month | SMALL FOOTROPE: 30,000 lb/ month, no more than 10,000 of which may be petrale sole | | | | |
| 26 | Petrale sole | Not limited, large footrope allowed | | | | | |
| 27 | Rex sole | Not limited, large footrope allowed | | | | | |
| 28 | Arrowtooth flounder | LARGE FOOTROPE: included in "all other flatfish" limit. | SMALL FOOTROPE REQUIRED: 7,500 lb/ trip, no more than 30,000 lb/ month; large footrope prohibited | | | In times and areas where open - 3,500 lb/ trip, no more than 15,000 / month. | |
| | | SMALL FOOTROPE: 30,000 lb/ trip | | | | | |
| 29 | Flatfish - South | | | | | | |
| 30 | All other flatfish ³¹ | LARGE FOOTROPE: 1,000 lb/trip, not to exceed small footrope cumulative monthly limits, includes arrowtooth flounder. | LARGE FOOTROPE: 1,000 lb/trip, not to exceed small footrope cumulative monthly limits. Retention of petrale and rex sole prohibited if large footrope gear is onboard. | CLOSED ⁷¹ | | | |
| | | SMALL FOOTROPE: 70,000 lb/ month, no more than 40,000 lb of which may be species other than Pacific sandabs. | SMALL FOOTROPE: 70,000 lb/ month, no more than 40,000 lb of which may be species other than Pacific sandabs. Of the species other than Pacific sandabs, no more than 15,000 lb may be petrale sole. | With the exception of 1,000 lb/ trip of rex sole, petrale sole, English sole, and arrowtooth flounder combined when landed with DTS complex. The amount of per trip flatfish landings must not exceed the amount of DTS landed. Landings can be made with small or large footrope gear. | | | |
| 31 | Petrale sole | Not limited, large footrope allowed | | | | | |
| 32 | Rex sole | Not limited, large footrope allowed | | | | | |
| 33 | Arrowtooth flounder | LARGE FOOTROPE: included in "all other flatfish" limit. | SMALL FOOTROPE REQUIRED: 7,500 lb/ trip, no more than 30,000 lb/ month; large footrope prohibited | | | | |
| | | SMALL FOOTROPE: 30,000 lb/ trip | | | | | |
| 35 | Whiting ⁴¹ | 20,000 lb/ trip | Primary Season | | | CLOSED ⁷¹ | |

Table 3. (CONTINUED) Trip Limits^{1/} and Gear Requirements^{2/} for Limited Entry Trawl Gear

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| 37 | Minor shelf rockfish | | | | | | |
| 38 | North | 300 lb/ month | 1,000 lb/ month, no more than 300 lb of which may be yelloweye rockfish | | CLOSED ^{7/} | 300 lb / month | |
| 39 | South | 500 lb/ month | 1,000 lb/ month, no more than 300 lb of which may be yelloweye rockfish | | CLOSED ^{7/} | | |
| 40 | Canary rockfish | | | | | | |
| | North | 200 lb/ 2 months | 600 lb/ 2months | 600 lb/ 2 months | CLOSED ^{7/} | 200 lb / month | |
| | South | | | CLOSED ^{7/} | | | |
| | Widow rockfish | | | | | | |
| 41 | North | | | | | | |
| 42 | mid-water trawl | CLOSED ^{7/} | During primary whiting season, in trips of at least 10,000 lb of whiting: combined widow and yellowtail limit of 500 lb/ trip, cumulative widow limit of 1,500 lb/ month | | | CLOSED ^{7/} | |
| 43 | small footrope trawl | 1,000 lb/ month | | | CLOSED ^{7/} | | |
| | South | | | | | | |
| | mid-water trawl | CLOSED ^{7/} | During primary whiting season, in trips of at least 10,000 lb of whiting: combined widow and yellowtail limit of 500 lb/ trip, cumulative widow limit of 1,500 lb/ month | | | CLOSED ^{7/} | |
| | small footrope trawl | 1,000 lb/ month | | | CLOSED ^{7/} | | |
| 44 | Yellowtail - North ^{6/} | | | | | | |
| 45 | mid-water trawl | CLOSED ^{7/} | During primary whiting season, in trips of at least 10,000 lb of whiting: combined widow and yellowtail limit of 500 lb/ trip, cumulative yellowtail limit of 2,000 lb/ month | | | CLOSED ^{7/} | |
| 46 | small footrope trawl | In landings without flatfish, 1,000 lb/ month. As flatfish bycatch, per trip limit is the sum of 33% (by weight) of all flatfish except arrowtooth flounder, plus 10% (by weight) of arrowtooth flounder. Combined with and without flatfish, not to exceed 30,000 lb/ 2 months. | | | | CLOSED ^{7/} | As flatfish bycatch, per trip limit is the sum of 33% (by weight) of all flatfish except arrowtooth flounder, plus 10% (by weight) of arrowtooth flounder not to exceed 4,500 lb/ month. |
| 47 | Bocaccio - South ^{6/} | 600 lb/ 2 months | 1,000 lb/ 2 months | | CLOSED ^{7/} | | |
| 48 | Cowcod | CLOSED ^{7/} | | | | | |
| 49 | Minor nearshore rockfish | | | | | | |
| 50 | North | 300 lb/ month | | | CLOSED ^{7/} | | |
| 51 | South | 300 lb/ month | | | CLOSED ^{7/} | | |
| | Lingcod ^{8/} | | | | | | |
| | North | 800 lb/ 2 months | 1,000 lb/ 2 months | | 500 lb / month | | |
| | South | | 1,000 lb/ 2 months | | CLOSED ^{7/} | | |
| 52 | Other Fish ^{10/} | Not limited | | | Grenadier retention | CLOSED ^{7/} | |

1/ Trip limits apply coastwide unless otherwise specified. "North" means 40°10' N. lat. to the U.S.-Canada border. "South" means 40°10' N. lat. to the U.S.-Mexico border. 40°10' N. lat. is about 20 nm south of Cape Mendocino, CA.

2/ Gear requirements and prohibitions are explained above. See IV.A.(14).

3/ "Other" flatfish means all flatfish at 50 CFR 660.302 except those in this Table 3 with species specific management measures, including trip limits.

4/ The whiting "per trip" limit in the Eureka area inside 100 fm is 10,000 lb/ trip from January 1 - August 31, 2002. From September 1 - December 31, 2002, the whiting fishery is closed.

5/ Small footrope trawl means a bottom trawl net with a footrope no larger than 8 inches (20 cm) in diameter. In areas where trawl gear is restricted, only one type of trawl gear is allowed on board at any one time. See above.

6/ Yellowtail rockfish in the south and bocaccio and chilipepper rockfishes in the north are included in the trip limits for minor shelf rockfish in the appropriate area. POP in the south and splitnose rockfish in the north are included in the trip limits for minor slope rockfish in the appropriate area.

7/ Closed means that it is prohibited to take and retain, possess, or land the designated species in the time or area indicated. See IV.A.(7).

8/ The minimum size limit for lingcod is 24 inches (61 cm) total length.

9/ The minimum size requirement for sablefish is 22 inches (56 cm) total length. No more than 500 lb of undersized sablefish may be landed per trip.

10/ Other fish are defined at 50 CFR 660.302, as those groundfish species or species groups for which there is no trip limit, size limit, quota, or harvest guideline.

11/ All trawling is prohibited within the DBCA; gear must be covered and stowed when transiting through the area. See IV.A.(22).

To convert pounds to kilograms, divide by 2.20462, the number of pounds in one kilogram.

**Table 4. Trip Limits^{1/} for Limited Entry Fixed Gear
Other Limits and Requirements Apply – Read Sections IV. A. and B. NMFS Actions before using this table**

| line | Species/groups | JAN-FEB | MAR-APR | MAY-JUN | JUL-AUG | SEP-OCT | NOV-DEC |
|---|---|---|----------------------|---|--|----------------------|----------------------|
| **NOTE FOR FISHING SOUTH OF 40°10': ALL GROUND FISH FISHING IS CLOSED SEAWARD OF THE 20 FATHOM DEPTH CONTOUR, EXCEPT FOR SABLEFISH, THORNYHEADS, AND SLOPE ROCKFISH. | | | | | | | |
| 1 | Minor slope rockfish | | | 5,000 lb/ 2 months | | 2,000 lb/ 2 months | |
| 2 | North | 1,000 lb/ month | | | | | |
| 3 | South | | | | | | |
| 4 | 40°10' - 36° N. lat. | 25,000 lb/ 2 months | | 5,000 lb/ 2 months | | 1,800 lb/ 2 months | |
| 5 | South of 36° N. lat. | | | 25,000 lb/ 2 months | | 15,000 lb/ 2 months | |
| 6 | Splitnose - South | | | | | | |
| 7 | 40°10' - 36° N. lat. | 25,000 lb/ 2 months | | 5,000 lb/ 2 months | | 1,800 lb/ 2 months | |
| 8 | South of 36° N. lat. | | | 25,000 lb/ 2 months | | 15,000 lb/ 2 months | |
| 9 | Pacific ocean perch - North ^{5/} | 2,000 lb/ month | | 4,000 lb/ month | | 4,000 lb/ 2 months | |
| 10 | Sablefish | | | | | | |
| 11 | North of 36° N. lat. ^{6/} | 300 lb/ day, or 1 landing per week of up to 800 lb, not to exceed 2,400 lb/ 2 months | | | | | |
| 12 | South of 36° N. lat. | 350 lb/ day, or 1 landing per week of up to 1,050 lb | | 300 lb/ day, or 1 landing per week of up to 900 lb | | | |
| 13 | Longspine thornyhead | 9,000 lb/ 2 months | | | | | |
| 14 | Shortspine thornyhead | 2,000 lb/ 2 months | | | | | |
| 15 | Dover sole | 5,000 lb/ month (all flatfish) North of 40°10': 5,000 lb/ month (all flatfish). South of 40°10': Shoreward of 20 fthm depth, 5,000 lb/month, otherwise CLOSED ^{4/} | | | | | |
| 16 | Arrowtooth flounder | | | | | | |
| 17 | Petrale sole | | | | | | |
| 18 | Rex sole | | | | | | |
| 19 | All other flatfish ^{2/} | | | | | | |
| 20 | Whiting ^{3/} | 20,000 lb/ trip | | | | CLOSED ^{4/} | |
| 21 | Shelf rockfish, including minor shelf rockfish, widow and yellowtail rockfish ^{5/} | | | | | | |
| 22 | North | 200 lb/ month | | | | | |
| 23 | South | | | | | | |
| 24 | 40°10' - 34°27' N. lat. | 200 lb/ month | CLOSED ^{4/} | Shoreward of 20 fthm depth, 200 lb/ month, otherwise CLOSED ^{4/} | CLOSED ^{4/} | | |
| 25 | South of 34°27' N. lat. | CLOSED ^{4/} | 1,000 lb/ month | | | | |
| 26 | Canary rockfish | CLOSED ^{4/} | | | | | |
| 27 | Yelloweye rockfish | CLOSED ^{4/} | | | | | |
| 28 | Cowcod | CLOSED ^{4/} | | | | | |
| 29 | Bocaccio - South ^{5/} | | | | | | |
| 30 | 40°10' - 34°27' N. lat. | 200 lb/ month | CLOSED ^{4/} | | CLOSED ^{4/} | | |
| 31 | South of 34°27' N. lat. | CLOSED ^{4/} | 200 lb/ month | | | | |
| 32 | Chillipepper - South ^{5/} | | | | | | |
| 33 | 40°10' - 34°27' N. lat. | 500 lb/ month | CLOSED ^{4/} | | CLOSED ^{4/} | | |
| 34 | South of 34°27' N. lat. | CLOSED ^{4/} | 2,500 lb/ month | | | | |
| 35 | Minor nearshore rockfish | | | | | | |
| 36 | North | 5,000 lb/ month, no more than 2,000 lb of which may be species other than black or blue rockfish ^{6/} | | 6,000 lb/ 2 months, no more than 3,000 lb of which may be species other than black or blue rockfish ^{6/} | | | |
| 37 | South | | | | | | |
| 38 | 40°10' - 34°27' N. lat. | 1,600 lb/ 2 months | CLOSED ^{4/} | Shoreward of 20 fthm depth, 1,600 lb/ 2 months, otherwise CLOSED ^{4/} | | | |
| 39 | South of 34°27' N. lat. | CLOSED ^{4/} | 2,000 lb/ 2 months | | Shoreward of 20 fthm depth, 2,000 lb/ 2 months, otherwise CLOSED ^{4/} | | CLOSED ^{4/} |
| 40 | Lingcod ^{7/} | | | | | | |
| 41 | North | CLOSED ^{4/} | | 400 lb/ month | | CLOSED ^{4/} | |
| 42 | South | | | | | | |
| 43 | 40°10' - 34°27' N. lat. | CLOSED ^{4/} | | Shoreward of 20 fthm depth, 400 lb/ month, otherwise CLOSED ^{4/} | Shoreward of 20 fthm depth, 400 lb/ month, otherwise CLOSED ^{4/} | | CLOSED ^{4/} |
| 44 | South of 34°27' N. lat. | | | 400 lb/ month | | | |

1/ Trip limits apply coastwide unless otherwise specified. *North* means 40°10' N. lat. to the U.S.-Canada border. *South* means 40°10' N. lat. to the U.S.-Mexico border. 40°10' N. lat. is about 20 nm south of Cape Mendocino, CA.

2/ *Other flatfish* means all flatfish at 50 CFR 660.302 except those in this Table 4 with species specific management measures, including trip limits.

3/ The whiting *per trip* limit in the Eureka area inside 100 fm is 10,000 lb/ trip throughout the year. Outside Eureka area, the 20,000 lb/ trip limit applies.

4/ Closed means that it is prohibited to take and retain, possess, or land the designated species in the time or area indicated. See IV.A.(7).

5/ Yellowtail rockfish and widow rockfish coastwide and bocaccio and chillipepper rockfishes in the north are included in the trip limits for shelf rockfish in the appropriate area. POP in the south and splitnose rockfish in the north are included in the trip limits for minor slope rockfish in the appropriate area.

6/ For black rockfish north of Cape Alava (48°09'30" N.lat.), and between Destruction Island (47°40'00" N.lat.) and Leadbetter Point (46°38'10" N.lat.), there is an additional limit of 100 lbs or 30 percent by weight of all fish on board, whichever is greater, per vessel, per fishing trip.

7/ The minimum size limit for lingcod is 24 inches (61 cm) total length.

8/ The minimum size requirement for sablefish is 22 inches (56 cm) total length between 40°10' N. lat. and 36° N. lat.

To convert pounds to kilograms, divide by 2.20462, the number of pounds in one kilogram.

Table 5. Trip Limits^{1/} for Open Access Gears

Other Limits and Requirements Apply -- Read Sections IV. A. and C. NMFS Actions before using this table
Exceptions for exempted gears at Section IV.C.

| line | Species/groups | JAN-FEB | MAR-APR | MAY-JUN | JUL-AUG | SEP-OCT | NOV-DEC | |
|--|---|---|----------------------|---|--|----------------------|----------------------|--|
| <p>**NOTE FOR FISHING SOUTH OF 40°10': ALL GROUND FISH FISHING IS CLOSED SEAWARD OF THE 20 FATHOM DEPTH CONTOUR, EXCEPT SABLEFISH AND SLOPE ROCKFISH.</p> <p>** NOTE: EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2002, THERE IS NO RETENTION OF GROUND FISH WITH EXEMPTED TRAWL GEAR.</p> | | | | | | | | |
| 1 | Minor slope rockfish | Per trip, no more than 25% of weight of the sablefish landed | | | | | | |
| 2 | North | | | | | | | |
| 3 | South | | | | | | | |
| 4 | 40°10' - 36° N. lat. | 10,000 lb/ 2 months | | 5,000 lb/ 2 months | | 1,800 lb/ 2 months | | |
| 5 | South of 36° N. lat. | 10,000 lb/ 2 months | | | | | | |
| 6 | Splitnose - South | 200 lb/ month | | | | | | |
| 7 | Pacific ocean perch - North ^{4/} | 100 lb/ month | | | | | | |
| 8 | Sablefish | | | | | | | |
| 9 | North of 36° N. lat. ^{7/} | 300 lb/ day, or 1 landing per week of up to 800 lb, not to exceed 2,400 lb/ 2 months | | | | | | |
| 10 | South of 36° N. lat. | 350 lb/ day, or 1 landing per week of up to 1,050 lb | | 300 lb/ day, or 1 landing per week of up to 900 lb | | | | |
| 11 | Thornyheads | | | | | | | |
| 12 | North of 34° 27' N. lat. | CLOSED ^{3/} | | | | | | |
| 13 | South of 34° 27' N. lat. | 50 lb/ day, no more than 2,000 lb/ 2 months | | | | | | |
| 14 | Dover sole | | | | | | | |
| 15 | Arrowtooth flounder | 3,000 lb/ month, no more than 300 lb of which may be species other than Pacific sandabs | | | North of 40°10': 3,000 lb/ month, no more than 300 lb of which may be species other than Pacific sandabs. South of 40°10': Shoreward of 20 ftm, 3,000 lb/ month, no more than 300 lb of which may be species other than Pacific sandabs, otherwise CLOSED ^{3/} | | | |
| 16 | Petrale sole | | | | | | | |
| 17 | Rex sole | | | | | | | |
| 18 | All other flatfish^{2/} | | | | | | | |
| 19 | Whiting | 300 lb/ month | | | CLOSED ^{3/} | | | |
| 20 | Shelf rockfish, including minor shelf rockfish, widow and yellowtail rockfish^{4/} | | | | | | | |
| 21 | North | 200 lb/ month | | | | | | |
| 22 | South | | | | | | | |
| 23 | 40°10' - 34°27' N. lat. | 200 lb/ month | CLOSED ^{3/} | Shoreward of 20 ftm depth, 200 lb/ month, otherwise CLOSED ^{3/} | CLOSED ^{3/} | | | |
| 24 | South of 34°27' N. lat. | CLOSED ^{3/} | 500 lb/ month | | | | | |
| 25 | Canary rockfish | CLOSED ^{3/} | | | | | | |
| 26 | Yelloweye rockfish | CLOSED ^{3/} | | | | | | |
| 27 | Cowcod | CLOSED ^{3/} | | | | | | |
| 28 | Bocaccio - South^{4/} | | | | | | | |
| 29 | 40°10' - 34°27' N. lat. | 200 lb/ month | CLOSED ^{3/} | | | CLOSED ^{3/} | | |
| 30 | South of 34°27' N. lat. | CLOSED ^{3/} | 200 lb/ month | | | | | |
| 31 | Chillipepper - South^{4/} | | | | | | | |
| 32 | 40°10' - 34°27' N. lat. | 500 lb/ month | CLOSED ^{3/} | | | CLOSED ^{3/} | | |
| 33 | South of 34°27' N. lat. | CLOSED ^{3/} | 2,500 lb/ month | | | | | |
| 34 | Minor nearshore rockfish | | | | | | | |
| 35 | North | 3,000 lb/ 2 months, no more than 1,200 lb of which may be species other than black or blue rockfish ^{5/} | | 6,000 lb/ 2 months, no more than 3,000 lb of which may be species other than black or blue rockfish ^{5/} | | | | |
| 36 | South | | | | | | | |
| 37 | 40°10' - 34°27' N. lat. | 1,200 lb/ 2 months | CLOSED ^{3/} | Shoreward of 20 ftm depth, 1,200 lb/ 2 months, otherwise CLOSED ^{3/} | Shoreward of 20 ftm depth, 1,200 lb/ 2 months, otherwise CLOSED ^{3/} | CLOSED ^{3/} | | |
| 38 | South of 34°27' N. lat. | CLOSED ^{3/} | 1,200 lb/ 2 months | | | | | |
| 39 | Lingcod^{6/} | | | | | | | |
| 40 | North | CLOSED ^{3/} | | | 300 lb/ month | | CLOSED ^{3/} | |
| 41 | South | | | | | | | |
| 42 | 40°10' - 34°27' N. lat. | CLOSED ^{3/} | | Shoreward of 20 ftm depth, 300 lb/ month, otherwise CLOSED ^{3/} | Shoreward of 20 ftm depth, 300 lb/ month, otherwise CLOSED ^{3/} | | CLOSED ^{3/} | |
| 43 | South of 34°27' N. lat. | | | 300 lb/ month | | | | |

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2/ "Other flatfish" means all flatfish at 50 CFR 660.302 except those in this Table 5 with species specific management measures, including trip limits.

3/ Closed means that it is prohibited to take and retain, possess, or land the designated species in the time or area indicated. See IV.A.(7).

4/ Yellowtail rockfish in the south and bocaccio and chillipepper rockfishes in the north are included in the trip limits for minor shelf rockfish in the appropriate area. Pop in the south and splitnose rockfish in the north are included in the trip limits for minor slope rockfish in the appropriate area.

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