

**SOUTHERN NEARSHORE ROCKFISH (south of 40°10' N. lat.)  
 OPTIMUM YIELD  
 AND HARVEST GUIDELINES FOR 2003**

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**2002 Southern Nearshore Rockfish OY**

662 metric tons (mt)  
 Expected recreational catch of 532 mt.  
 Commercial OY of 130 mt  
 OA = 107 mt  
 LE = 23 mt

**Proposed 2003 OY/HG**

3 separate harvest guideline (HG) components:

- 1) A shallow HG group composed of kelp, grass, black-and yellow, China, and gopher rockfishes. This sub-set of nearshore species also forms the rockfish basis of the California nearshore live-fish fishery, and the commercial fishery for these rockfish species (along with California scorpionfish, cabezon, greenlings, and California sheephead) is restricted by a nearshore finfish permit required by the state of California.
- 2) A deeper nearshore rockfish HG group composed of treefish, olive, brown, copper, quillback, calico, black, and blue rockfish.
- 3) California scorpionfish is recommended as a single-species HG.

**Table 1. Southern *Sebastes* Nearshore Rockfish  
 Mean Annual Landings (1994-1999)  
 (Unadjusted for Effects of >20 fm Closure)**

	Mean	Mean x 0.5
Shallow Nearshore Rockfishes (w/o CA Scorpionfish)	209.6	104.8
CA Scorpionfish	169.8	84.9
Deeper Nearshore Rockfishes	702.2	351.1
Total	1081.6	540.8

**Table 2. Proposed Southern *Sebastes* Nearshore Rockfish OY and HG  
 Based on Mean 1994-1999 Landings – 50% Precautionary Adjustment Applied  
 Adjusted for Effects of >20 fm Closure**

	MT
Shallow Nearshore Rockfishes – HG (w/o CA Scorpionfish)	104.8
CA Scorpionfish	84.9
Deeper Nearshore Rockfishes – HG	262.0
Total OY	451.7