

Department Recommendations
2003 Rockfish and Lingcod Regulations¹

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General

- 1) North of Cape Mendocino. Allow DFG to work with Oregon on a uniform set of regulations *#
South of Cape Mendocino. Commission concurrence is sought on the following options *

Recreational

- 2) Depth Restriction. Prohibit rockfish, sculpin, ocean whitefish and lingcod fishing in waters 20 fm and greater in depth *#
- 3) Bag Limits and Open Season Dates. Retain flexibility for PFMC meeting. Options currently provide for 5-10 rockfish bag limit, with 0-2 shelf rockfish incidental allowance; 5-10 sculpin bag limit; and 6-12 month open season *#
- 4) Lingcod. Retain current 2-fish bag limit and 24-inch minimum size limit *#
- 5) Rockfish Minimum Size Limits and Barbless Circle Hooks. Do not implement size limits, but allow consideration of barbless circle hooks *#
- 6) DFG Authority to Close Rockfish and Lingcod Seasons. Give DFG authority same authority as it has for other nearshore fish stocks and shelf rockfish and lingcod *
- 7) Shore Fishing. Same regulations for shore and boat fisheries *

*Commercial
(Fixed Gear)*

- 8) Depth Restriction. Prohibit rockfish, sculpin, and lingcod fishing in waters 20-150 fm in depth #
- 9) Season. Same as recreational, except allow for separate deepwater seasons #
- 10) Shelf Rockfish. Allow same proportion per vessel as recreational fishery bag limit # incidental consistent w/ the rec. fishery
- 11) Stick Gear. Defer to Commission *

General

- 12) Overfished Rockfish. Prohibit retention of bocaccio, canary and yelloweye rockfish *#
- 13) Nearshore Rockfish and Sculpin OY. Adopt Overall Nearshore OY with separate HGs for Shallow Nearshore Rockfish, Sculpin, and Deeper Nearshore Rockfish. These are being developed #
- 14) Cabezon. Retain current 15-inch minimum size limit in both fisheries *#
- 15) Nearshore Rockfish and Sculpin Allocations (recreational/commercial):

Overall Nearshore OY 80/20
Shallow Water HG: Option 1—44/56; Option 2—63/37— based on recent years
Sculpin HG: 75/25 — based on recent years actual catch sharing.
Deeper Nearshore HG: To Be Determined #

- 16) Bocaccio. Set aside 57% of OY for recreational and 43% for commercial #
- 17) Lingcod. No set asides #

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