

Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife  
Recommendations for 2003 Oregon Groundfish Fisheries

**Recreational Fisheries**

***Groundfish***

Open January through December. Ten marine fish bag limit, which excludes salmon, tuna, surfperch, sanddab, and bait fish (herring, anchovy smelt and sardine). In addition, sublimits of 2 lingcod at a 24-inch minimum length, 1 canary, 1 yelloweye, and the first Pacific halibut 32-inches or longer when open (see catch sharing plan). Minimum length limit of 16-inches for cabezon. Both Oregon recreational and commercial nearshore fisheries will be managed under harvest guidelines equal to 2000 landings. Four nearshore fish categories will be managed: (1) black and blue rockfish, (2) other nearshore rockfish, (3) cabezon, and (4) greenling species.

Consider if necessary:

1. Minimum length limit of 15 inches for cabezon consistent with California size limit.
2. Non-retention of yelloweye rockfish if Pacific halibut is aboard vessel during all-depth halibut fishery.
3. Either closure period outside of 27-fathom line or a period of non-retention of canary rockfish.

***Salmon***

ODFW is not recommending any changes to the Oregon recreational salmon fishery relative to Groundfish management.

**Commercial Fisheries**

***Groundfish (LE and OA)***

1. Implement depth closures for the trawl fishery seasonally to protect canary rockfish.
2. Close fixed gear fishery inside a line approximating 100 fathoms to provide protection for yelloweye rockfish.
3. Allow midwater trawl fishery for yellowtail and widow rockfish subject to time/area restrictions.
4. Allow midwater trawl fishery for whiting subject to time/area restrictions.

***Halibut***

Close directed halibut fishery in the area inside 100 fathoms.

***Salmon Troll***

ODFW is not recommending any changes to the Oregon commercial salmon fishery relative to groundfish management.