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Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife
Statement on Capping Nearshore Groundfish Catches for 2003

In June the Oregon Dept. of Fish and Wildlife announced the intent to cap 2003 nearshore catches at the level caught during the year 2000 or 2002. At the August PFMC Ad Hoc Allocation Committee meeting we specified that after examining the catch information, sharing the results with constituents at a series of public meetings, and presenting it to the PFMC's Groundfish Management Team, we decided to use year 2000 catches as the basis for the catch limits imposed during 2003. The northern nearshore rockfish OY would stay in place.

The table below summarizes these proposed caps. The commercial caps (firm quotas) are the 2000 catches by species group rounded to the nearest metric ton. The recreational caps (implemented as harvest guidelines with some limited room to adjust as needed) are also the 2000 catches with the assumption that the total recreational catch may exceed the harvest guideline by 10-15% by the time inseason state action is taken, if necessary.

Fishery	Black and Blue Rockfish	Other Nearshore Rockfish	Cabezon	Greenling
Recreational	384	11	16	5
Commercial	113	21	31	20

These catch caps are considered an interim action for 2003 while we wait for the results of the 2003 southern black rockfish stock assessment, and while further policy is discussed at the Department and Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission level.

Regional (WA, OR & CA) Catch of Selected Marine species Groups (mt)

Year	Black & Blue Rockfish		Other Nearshore Rockfish		Cabezon		Greenling		Total
	Com	Rec	Com	Rec	Com	Rec	Com	Rec	
1995	252.2	725.9	16.9	19.7	6.1	20.2	0.0	6.6	6.6
1996	312.6	759.2	32.7	14.7	9.7	23.5	1.5	7.4	8.8
1997	297.4	698.1	43.0	22.5	26.3	32.3	11.0	9.7	20.6
1998	336.9	677.0	80.9	23.7	40.1	20.8	15.9	5.9	21.8
1999	210.6	571.9	50.4	25.5	38.1	24.1	26.5	10.2	36.7
2000	172.7	595.3	50.9	25.9	44.3	21.4	25.2	6.6	31.8
2001	190.5	602.7	39.1	19.2	54.0	16.2	29.0	6.1	35.1
7-yr avg	253.3	661.4	44.8	21.6	31.2	22.6	15.6	7.5	23.1
7-yr share	27.7	72.3	67.5	32.5	58.0	42.0	67.5	32.5	
2000 share	22.5	77.5	66.2	33.8	67.4	32.6	79.3	20.7	
Split	22	78	65	35	65	35	65	35	

California Catch of Selected Marine species Groups (metric tons)

From 40°10' N. Lat. To Oregon Border

Year	Black & Blue Rockfish		Other Nearshore Rockfish		Cabezon		Greenling		Total		
	Com	Rec	Com	Rec	Com	Rec	Com	Rec	Com	Rec	
1994	141.5	102.8	244.4	6.5	12.3	18.8	0.2	5.4	0.0	2.5	2.6
1995	165.6	93.3	258.9	23.6	6.0	29.6	3.8	11.3	1.0	2.7	3.7
1996	115.9	71.2	187.1	18.5	6.9	25.4	5.5	11.3	0.5	3.2	3.8
1997	138.5	47.7	186.2	28.3	6.1	34.4	13.3	15.2	5.9	1.3	7.2
1998	81.3	59.8	141.1	15.0	4.0	19.0	11.8	16.7	2.0	1.3	3.3
1999	59.7	67.1	126.8	28.7	9.6	38.3	13.0	15.5	5.7	0.6	6.3
2000	38.6	49.7	88.3	12.4	7.1	19.5	7.8	9.7	0.0	1.0	1.0
2001 ¹	104.7	141.4	246.1	22.2	5.6	27.8	4.1	8.2	2.2	2.1	4.3

Source: PacFIN and RecFIN. Note: Commercial "Other Nearshore Rockfish in 2000 and 2001 likely contain some black rockfish

¹ Note: The 2001 commercial estimates are very preliminary as of this summary date. It is estimated that these data represent 70 - 80% of the

Oregon Catch of Selected Marine species Groups (mt)

Year	Black & Blue Rockfish			Other Nearshore Rockfish			Cabezon			Greenling		
	Com	Rec	Total	Com	Rec	Total	Com	Rec	Total	Com	Rec	Total
1995	110.2	410.1	520.3	10.4	6.4	16.8	5.9	14.1	20.0	0.0	4.1	4.1
1996	147.0	430.9	577.9	9.1	7.7	16.8	5.9	14.1	20.0	0.5	3.6	4.1
1997	181.4	445.9	627.3	24.5	13.6	38.1	20.9	24.5	45.4	10.4	5.4	15.9
1998	197.8	403.2	601.0	52.6	13.6	66.2	26.8	15.0	41.7	10.0	3.6	13.6
1999	129.3	356.1	485.3	35.4	18.6	54.0	26.3	17.2	43.5	24.5	5.9	30.4
2000	112.9	384.2	497.1	21.3	11.3	32.7	31.3	15.9	47.2	19.5	5.0	24.5
2001	152.0	376.0	528.0	26.3	9.1	35.4	46.3	12.2	58.5	29.0	4.1	33.1
7-yr avg	147.2	400.9	548.1	25.7	11.5	37.1	23.3	16.1	39.5	13.4	4.5	17.9
7-yr share	26.9	73.1		69.1	30.9		59.1	40.9		74.7	25.3	

Proposed: Cap Commercial and Recreational Harvest at 2000 Level

How: Nearshore Rockfish OY
 Com: 134.3
 Rec: 395.5
 529.8

And: Harvest Guidelines as indicated by amounts in table that are outlined.

Oregon Sharing of Selected Marine species Groups Rec vs Com

Year	Black & Blue Rockfish		Other Nearshore Rockfish		Cabezon		Greenling		Total
	Com	Rec	Com	Rec	Com	Rec	Com	Rec	
IF Region									
2000 share	22	78	66	34	67	33	79	21	
mt	109	388	22	11	32	16	19	5	
IF Region									
7-yr share	28	72	68	32	58	42	67	33	
mt	139	358	22	10	27	20	16	8	
Oregon									
2000 Share	23	77	65	35	66	34	80	20	
mt	113	384	21	11	31	16	20	5	
Rec/Com	22	78	65	35	65	35	65	35	
Share #1(mt)	109	388	21	11	31	17	16	9	
Rec/Com	20	80	50	50	50	50	50	50	
Share #2(mt)	99	398	16	16	24	24	12	12	

Washington Catch of Selected Marine species Groups (metric tons)

Year	Black & Blue Rockfish		Other Nearshore Rockfish		Cabezon		Greenling		Total
	Com	Rec	Com	Rec	Com	Rec	Com	Rec	
1995	0.4	213	213.4	0	1	0	1	0	0
1996	0	235	235	0	1	0	2	0	1
1997	0.1	181	181.1	0	2	0	2	0	1
1998	0.7	226	226.7	0	4	0	4	0	1
1999	0	156	156	0	3	0	2	0	3
2000	0	144	144	0.8	5	0	3	0	1
2001	0	177	177	0.4	3	0	2	0	1

Source: PacFIN and RecFIN. Note: Commercial "Other Nearshore Rockfish in 2000 and 2001 likely contain some black rockfish