

**Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW)
Exempted Fishery Permit (EFP) Proposals for 2003**

Longline Dogfish

- Objective - To measure bycatch rates for yelloweye and canary rockfish and estimate all groundfish discards in the targeted longline dogfish fishery
- 3 vessels for 3-4 months
- 100% observer coverage funded by State Disaster Relief funds
- Mandatory rockfish retention; rockfish above trip limits forfeited to the State
- Bycatch caps of 100 lbs each of yelloweye and canary rockfish per vessel, per month, with a cumulative cap of 1 mt of each species for the EFP
- Estimated landings:
 - Dogfish - 700,000 lbs
 - Yelloweye RF - 1 mt
 - Canary RF - 1 mt

Trawl Arrowtooth Flounder/Petrals

- Objective - To measure bycatch rates for canary rockfish in the targeted arrowtooth flounder/petrals sole trawl fishery with gear modifications
- 6-7 vessels for 4 months
- 100% observer coverage funded by participating vessels
- Mandatory rockfish retention; rockfish above trip limits forfeited to the State
- Bycatch caps of a portion of the current canary rockfish trip limit, per month, with a cumulative cap of 1 mt of canary for the EFP
- Estimated landings:
 - Arrowtooth flounder - 455 mt
 - Petrals - 36 mt
 - Canary RF - 1 mt

Midwater Trawl Yellowtail Rockfish

- Objective - To measure bycatch rates for canary and widow rockfish in the targeted midwater yellowtail rockfish fishery
- 15 vessels for 2 months
- 100% observer coverage funded by participating vessels
- Mandatory rockfish retention; rockfish above trip limits forfeited to the State
- Bycatch caps of a portion of the current canary rockfish trip limit, per month, with a cumulative cap of 1 mt of canary for the EFP
- Estimated landings:
 - Yellowtail RF - 100 mt
 - Widow RF - 12 mt
 - Canary RF - 1 mt

Midwater Trawl Pollock

- Objective - To measure bycatch rates for whiting and rockfish in the targeted midwater pollock fishery and to allow pollock fishers to land unsorted catches which may include groundfish species that would otherwise be prohibited (e.g., whiting and rockfish)
- 3 vessels for 3-4 months
- Observer coverage funded by participating vessels
- Mandatory rockfish and whiting retention; groundfish above trip limits forfeited to the State
- No bycatch allowance for canary rockfish; bycatch cumulative cap of 1 mt of widow for the EFP
- Estimated landings:
 - Pollock - 9,000 mt
 - Whiting - 50 mt
 - Yellowtail RF - 200 lbs