

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; observer quantify groundfish by set
- Duration - 4 months (Feb - May)
- 3 Vessels - Qualifying criteria are landings in 2000, 2001 and 2002 into WA; cumulative total of 300,000 lbs of dogfish; these vessels made up 80% of the dogfish landings and their individual income from dogfish is 28-41%
- 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/month of canary rockfish and 200 lbs/month of yelloweye rockfish per vessel, with cumulative caps of 0.5 mt of canary and 2 mt of yelloweye for the EFP
- Estimated landings:
 - Dogfish - 500,000 lbs
 - Yelloweye RF - 2 mt
 - Canary RF - 0.5 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); observer monitor for compliance with full retention
- Duration - 5 months (Feb - June)
- 3 Vessels - Qualifying criteria are landings from directed trips in 2002 into WA; these vessels made up 100% of the directed pollock landings
- 100% observer coverage funded by participating vessels
- Mandatory rockfish and whiting retention; groundfish above trip limits forfeited to the State
- Bycatch caps of 300 lbs of canary rockfish total per vessel, and 500 lbs/month of widow rockfish per vessel, with cumulative caps of 0.5 mt of canary, 3 mt of widow, and 5000 mt of whiting for the EFP
- Estimated landings:
 - Pollock - 9,000 mt
 - Whiting - 5000 mt
 - Canary RF - < 0.5 mt
 - Widow RF - 3 mt
 - Yellowtail RF - 5 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; observer quantify rockfish by tow
- Duration - 4 months
- 6 Vessels - Same vessels that participated in 2001 and 2002
- 100% observer coverage funded by participating vessels
- Mandatory rockfish retention; rockfish above trip limits forfeited to the State
- Bycatch caps of ~ 150 lbs/month of canary rockfish per vessel, with a vessel cap of 600 lbs of canary, and cumulative caps of 1.5 mt of canary, 0.5 mt of yelloweye, and 3 mt of darkblotched rockfish for the EFP
- Estimated landings:
 - Arrowtooth flounder - 455 mt
 - Petrals - 36 mt
 - Canary RF - 1.5 mt
 - Yelloweye RF - < 0.5 mt
 - Darkblotched RF - 3 mt