

COUNCIL MOTION ON INSEASON ADJUSTMENTS

Trip Limit and Mangement Line Changes

Groundfish trawl trip limit changes for implementation May 1 (A-platoon)
 [depth lines to be implemented as soon as possible]

North of 40°10'

Move outside line N of 40°10' from 250 fm to 200 fm (does not supercede period 6 petrale opening)
 Move inside line N of 40°10' from 100 fm to 50 fm (closed inside 250 fm until new line implemented)

	Poundage limits per 2-month period		
	Current period 3	New: periods 3 to period 6	If small footrope used anytime in period
Sablefish	7,000	10,000	3,000
Longspine	9,000	14,000	0
Shortspine	2,400	2,800	0
Dover sole	25,000	31,000	12,500
Arrowtooth	60,000	200,000	5,000
Other flatfish	100,000	100,000	20,000
Petrale sublimit	30,000	30,000 (deeper than 200 fm)	10,000

Raise yellowtail bycatch limit to 10,000 lb/2-months, subject to current percentage limits

South of 40°10'

Move outside line N of 38° from 250 fm to 200 fm (does not supercede period 6 petrale opening)
 South of 38o, move outside line from 150 fm to 200 fm (does not supercede period 6 petrale opening)
South of 40°10', Close fishery shoreward of 200 fm in period 4

	Poundage limits per 2-month period		
	Current period 3	New: periods 3, 5, 6	period 4 south of 40°10'
Sablefish	7,000	10,000	12,000
Longspine	9,000	14,000	16,000
Shortspine	2,400	2,800	3,100
Dover sole	25,000	31,000	35,000
Other flatfish	70,000	70,000	70,000
Petrale sublimit	10,000	20,000	20,000

Retention of Rockfish by Salmon Troll Vessels

Beginning May 1, 2003, north of 40°10', salmon troll vessels may retain 1 lb of yellowtail rockfish for every 2 lbs of salmon landed, with a cumulative limit of 200 lbs / month, both within and outside of the RCA. Retention of other groundfish species will be governed by groundfish open access cumulative limits and season and area restrictions.

Minor Corrections to RCA Boundaries

The Council does not recommend the proposed changes to the coordinates for the fixed gear-RCA north of 40°10'.

Clarification of Management Line Changes for the "B" Platoon

The Council recommends that "B" Platoon vessels would be allowed to fish under the regulations that were in place for "A" Platoon vessels in period 2, until May 15th. For the cumulative period beginning May 15, 2003 only, "B" Platoon vessels be allowed to fish at whatever line is in effect for the "A" Platoon vessels.

Bycatch Scorecard

The Council approved the distribution of the bycatch amounts for all fishing sectors in the bycatch scorecard presented in Exhibit E.8.b, Supplemental GMT Report. The values in this bycatch scorecard reflect the changes adopted in this motion.

EFPs

The Council recommends that the EFP set aside for canary rockfish increase from 6.5 mt to 8.5 mt. This accommodates new canary bycatch caps of 4.0 mt and 3.0 mt in the Oregon Selective Flatfish Trawl and the Washington Arrowtooth Trawl EFPs, respectively. The Council believes that the information obtained through these EFPs will be valuable and could benefit the trawl fleet in the future.

PFMC
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Council Motion, N of 40°10'. (4/10/03, 6pm)

Table 3 (North). Trip Limits and Gear Requirements^{1/} for Limited Entry Trawl Gear North of 40°10' N. Latitude^{2/}

Other Limits and Requirements Apply – Read Sections IV. A. and B. NMFS Actions before using this table

	JAN-FEB	MAR-APR	MAY-JUN	JUL-AUG	SEP-OCT	NOV-DEC
Rockfish Conservation Area^{10/} (RCA): North of 40°10' N. lat.	100 fm - 250 fm (line modified to incorporate petrale sole fishing grounds)	100 fm - 250 fm	100 fm - 250 fm - shoreline - 250 fm (50 fm - 200 fm ASAP)	75 fm - 250 fm 50 fm - 200 fm	100 fm - 250 fm - 50 fm - 200 fm	100 fm - 250 fm 50 fm - 200 fm (line modified to incorporate petrale sole fishing grounds)
Small footrope is required shoreward of the RCA; both large and small footropes are permitted seaward of the RCA.						
A vessel may have more than one type of limited entry bottom trawl gear on board, but the most restrictive trip limit associated with the gear on board applies for that trip and will count toward the cumulative trip limit for that gear. A vessel may not have limited entry bottom trawl gear on board if that vessel also has trawl gear on board that is permitted for use within a RCA, including limited entry midwater trawl gear, regardless of whether the vessel is intending to fish within a RCA on that fishing trip. See IV.A.(14)(iv) for details.						
1 Minor slope rockfish ^{3/}	1,800 lb/ 2 months					
2 Pacific ocean perch	3,000 lb/ 2 months					
3 DTS complex						
4 Sablefish	6,000 lb/ 2 months		7,000-10,000 lb/ 2 months providing that only large footrope or midwater trawl gear is used to land any groundfish species during the entire limit period. If small footrope gear is used at any time in any area (North or South, inshore or offshore of RCA) during the entire limit period, then 3,000 lb/2 mo.		6,000 lb/ 2 months same as May-Oct	
5 Longspine thornyhead	8,000 lb/ 2 months	9,000 lb/ 2 months	9,000 14,000 lb/ 2 months providing that only large footrope or midwater trawl gear is used to land any groundfish species during the entire limit period. If small footrope gear is used at any time in any area (North or South, inshore or offshore of RCA) during the entire limit period, then retention of thornyheads prohibited.		7,000 lb/ 2 months same as May-Oct	
6 Shortspine thornyhead	2,300 lb/ 2 months	2,400 lb/ 2 months	2,400 2,800 lb/ 2 months providing that only large footrope or midwater trawl gear is used to land any groundfish species during the entire limit period. If small footrope gear is used at any time in any area (North or South, inshore or offshore of RCA) during the entire limit period, then retention of thornyheads prohibited.		2,200 lb/ 2 months same as May-Oct	
7 Dover sole	26,000 lb/ 2 months		25,000 31,000 lb/ 2 months providing that only large footrope or midwater trawl gear is used to land any groundfish species during the entire limit period. If small footrope gear is used at any time in any area (North or South, inshore or offshore of RCA) during the entire limit period, then 12,500 lb/2 mo.		25,000 lb/ 2 months same as May-Oct	
8 Flatfish						
9 All other flatfish ^{4/}	100,000 lb/ 2 months	100,000 lb/ 2 months, no more than 30,000 lb/ 2 months of which may be petrale sole providing that only large footrope or midwater trawl gear is used to land any groundfish species during the entire limit period. If small footrope gear is used at any time in any area (North or South, inshore or offshore of RCA) during the entire limit period, then 20,000 lb/ 2 months, no more than 10,000 lb/ 2 months of which may be petrale sole.			100,000 lb/ 2 months	
10 Petrale sole	Not limited				Not limited	
11 Rex sole	Included in all other flatfish					
12 Arrowtooth flounder	30,000 lb/ trip	60,000 200,000 lb/ 2 months; 7,500 lb/ trip providing that only large footrope or midwater trawl gear is used to land any groundfish species during the entire limit period. If small footrope gear is used at any time in any area (North or South, inshore or offshore of RCA) during the entire limit period, then 5,000 lb/2 mo.			60,000 lb/ trip same as May-Oct	
13 Whiting ^{5/}						
14 mid-water trawl	20,000 lb/ trip	Primary Season (mid-water trawl permitted in the RCA)		10,000 lb/ trip		
15 Other Fish ^{6/}	Not limited					
16 Use of small footrope bottom trawl^{7/} or mid-water trawl is required for landing all of the following species:						
17 Minor shelf rockfish and widow rockfish ^{8/}	300 lb/ month	1,000 lb/ month, no more than 200 lb/ month of which may be yelloweye rockfish			300 lb/ month	
18 Widow rockfish						
19 mid-water trawl - permitted within the RCA	CLOSED ^{9/}	During primary whiting season, in trips of at least 10,000 lb of whiting; combined widow and yellowtail limit of 500 lb/ trip, cumulative widow limit of 1,500 lb/ month		CLOSED ^{6/}	12,000 lb/ 2 months	
20 Canary rockfish	100 lb/ month	300 lb/ month		100 lb/ month		
21 Yellowtail						
22 mid-water trawl - permitted within the RCA	CLOSED ^{9/}	During primary whiting season, in trips of at least 10,000 lb of whiting; combined widow and yellowtail limit of 500 lb/ trip, cumulative yellowtail limit of 2,000 lb/ month		18,000 lb/ 2 months		
23 small footrope trawl ^{7/}	In landings without flatfish, 1,000 lb/ month. As flatfish bycatch, per trip limit is the sum of 33% (by weight) of all flatfish except arrowtooth flounder, plus 10% (by weight) of arrowtooth flounder. Total yellowtail landings not to exceed 8,000 lb/ month 10,000 lb/ 2 months, no more than 1,000 lb of which may be landed without flatfish.					
24 Minor nearshore rockfish	300 lb/ month					
25 Lingcod ^{8/}	800 lb/ 2 months	1,000 lb/ 2 months		800 lb/ 2 months		

1/ Gear requirements and prohibitions are explained above. See IV. A.(14).

2/ "North" means 40°10' N. lat. to the U.S.-Canada border. 40°10' N. lat. is about 20 nm south of Cape Mendocino, CA.

3/ Bocaccio and chilipepper are included in the trip limits for minor shelf rockfish and splinose rockfish is included in the trip limits for minor slope rockfish.

4/ "Other" flatfish means all flatfish at 50 CFR 660.302 except those in this Table 3 with species specific management measures, including trip limits.

5/ The whiting "per trip" limit in the Eureka area shoreward of 100 fm is 10,000 lb/ trip throughout the year. Outside Eureka area, the 20,000 lb/ trip limit applies. See IV. B.(3).

6/ Closed means that it is prohibited to take and retain, possess, or land the designated species in the time or area indicated. See IV. A.(7).

7/ Small footrope trawl means a bottom trawl net with a footrope no larger than 8 inches (20 cm) in diameter.

8/ The minimum size limit for lingcod is 24 inches (61 cm) total length.

9/ Other fish are defined at 50 CFR 660.302, as those groundfish species or species groups for which there is no trip limit, size limit, quota, or harvest guideline.

10/ The "Rockfish Conservation Area" is a gear and/or sector specific closed area generally described by depth contours but specifically defined by lat/long coordinates set out at IV. A.(19)(e), that may vary seasonally.

To convert pounds to kilograms, divide by 2.20462, the number of pounds in one kilogram.

Council Motion, S of 40°10'. (4/10/03, 6pm)

Table 3 (South). Trip Limits and Gear Requirements^{1/} for Limited Entry Trawl Gear South of 40°10' N. Latitude^{2/}

Other Limits and Requirements Apply -- Read Sections IV. A. and B. NMFS Actions before using this table

	JAN-FEB	MAR-APR	MAY-JUN	JUL-AUG	SEP-OCT	NOV-DEC
Rockfish Conservation Area^{10/} (RCA):						
40°10' - 38° N. lat.	50 fm - 250 fm (line modified to incorporate petrale sole fishing grounds)	60 fm - 250 fm	60 fm - 250 fm [outside line to 200 fm ASAP]	shoreline - 200 fm	60 fm - 250 200 fm	60 fm - 250 200 (line modified to incorporate petrale sole fishing grounds)
38° - 34°27' N. lat.	50 fm - 150 fm	60 fm - 150 fm	60 fm - 150 fm [outside line to 200 fm ASAP]	shoreline - 200 fm	60 fm - 150 200 fm (line modified to incorporate petrale sole fishing grounds)	
South of 34°27' N. lat.	100 fm - 150 fm along the mainland coast; shoreline - 150 fm around islands		100 fm - 150 fm along the mainland coast; shoreline - 150 fm around islands [outside line to 200 fm ASAP]	shoreline - 200 fm	100 fm - 150 200 fm along the mainland coast; shoreline - 150 200 fm around islands (line modified to incorporate petrale sole fishing grounds)	

Small footrope is required shoreward of the RCA; both large and small footropes are permitted seaward of the RCA.

A vessel may have more than one type of limited entry bottom trawl gear on board, but the most restrictive trip limit associated with the gear on board applies for that trip and will count toward the cumulative trip limit for that gear. A vessel may not have limited entry bottom trawl gear on board if that vessel also has trawl gear on board that is permitted for use within a RCA, including limited entry midwater trawl gear, regardless of whether the vessel is intending to fish within a RCA on that fishing trip. See IV.A.(14)(iv) for details.

1 Minor slope rockfish ^v						
2 40°10' - 38° N. lat.	1,800 lb/ 2 months					
3 South of 38° N. lat.	30,000 lb/ 2 months					
4 Splitnose						
5 40°10' - 38° N. lat.	1,800 lb/ 2 months					
6 South of 38° N. lat.	30,000 lb/ 2 months					
7 DTS complex						
8 Sablefish	6,000 lb/ 2 months		7,000 10,000 lb/ 2 months	7,000 12,000 lb/ 2 months	7,000 10,000 lb/ 2 months	6,000 10,000 lb/ 2 months
9 Longspine thornyhead	8,000 lb /2 months	9,000 lb/ 2 months	9,000 14,000 lb/ 2 months	9,000 16,000 lb/ 2 months	9,000 14,000 lb/ 2 months	7,000 14,000 lb/ 2 months
10 Shortspine thornyhead	2,300 lb/ 2 months	2,400 lb/ 2 months	2,400 2,800 lb/ 2 months	2,400 3,100 lb/ 2 months	2,400 2,800 lb/ 2 months	2,200 2,800 lb/ 2 months
11 Dover sole	26,000 lb/ 2 months		25,000 31,000 lb/ 2 months	25,000 35,000 lb/ 2 months	25,000 31,000 lb/ 2 months	26,000 31,000 lb/ 2 months
12 Flatfish						
13 All other flatfish ^u	70,000 lb/ 2 months	70,000 lb/ 2 months, no more than 40,000 20,000 lb/ 2 months of which may be petrale sole				70,000 lb/ 2 months
14 Petrale sole	No limit					No limit
15 Rex sole	Included in all other flatfish					
16 Arrowtooth flounder	No limit	1,000 lb/ 2 months				No limit
17 Whiting ^v						
18 mid-water trawl	20,000 lb/ trip		Primary Season (mid-water trawl permitted within the RCA)		10,000 lb/ trip	
19 Other Fish ^v	Not limited					
20 Use of small footrope bottom trawl ^{1/} or mid-water trawl is required for landing all of the following species:						
21 Minor shelf rockfish, widow, and chilipepper rockfish ^v	300 lb/ month					
22 Widow rockfish						
23 mid-water trawl - permitted within the RCA	CLOSED ^{6/}					12, 000 lb/ 2 months
24 Canary rockfish	100 lb/ month		300 lb/ month		100 lb/ month	
25 Bocaccio	CLOSED ^{6/}					
26 Cowcod	CLOSED ^{6/}					
27 Minor nearshore rockfish	300 lb/ month					
28 Lingcod ^v	800 lb/ 2 months		1,000 lb/ 2 months		800 lb/ 2 months	

1/ Gear requirements and prohibitions are explained above. See IV. A.(14).

2/ "South" means 40°10' N. lat. to the U.S.-Mexico border. 40°10' N. lat. is about 20 nm south of Cape Mendocino, CA.

3/ Yellowtail is included in the trip limits for minor shelf rockfish and POP is included in the trip limits for minor slope rockfish.

4/ "Other" flatfish means all flatfish at 50 CFR 660.302 except those in this Table 3 with species specific management measures, including trip limits.

5/ The whiting "per trip" limit in the Eureka area shoreward of 100 fm is 10,000 lb/ trip throughout the year. Outside Eureka area, the 20,000 lb/ trip limit applies. See IV. B.(3).

6/ Closed means that it is prohibited to take and retain, possess, or land the designated species in the time or area indicated. See IV. A.(7).

7/ Small footrope trawl means a bottom trawl net with a footrope no larger than 8 inches (20 cm) in diameter.

8/ The minimum size limit for lingcod is 24 inches (61 cm) total length.

9/ Other fish are defined at 50 CFR 660.302, as those groundfish species or species groups for which there is no trip limit, size limit, quota, or harvest guideline.

10/ The "Rockfish Conservation Area" is a gear and/or sector specific closed area generally described by depth contours but specifically defined by lat./long. coordinates set out at IV. A.(19)(e), that may vary seasonally.

To convert pounds to kilograms, divide by 2.20462, the number of pounds in one kilogram.

Council Motion, N of 40°10'. (4/10/03, 6pm)

Table 5 (North). 2003 Trip Limits for Open Access Gears North of 40°10' N. Latitude^{1/}

Other Limits and Requirements Apply – Read Sections IV. A. and C. NMFS Actions before using this table

	JAN-FEB	MAR-APR	MAY-JUN	JUL-AUG	SEP-OCT	NOV-DEC
Rockfish Conservation Area^{8/} (RCA):						
North of 46°16' N. lat.				0 fm - 100 fm		
46°16' N. lat. - 40°10' N. lat.				27 fm - 100 fm		
1 Minor slope rockfish ^{2/}	Per trip, no more than 25% of weight of the sablefish landed					
2 Pacific ocean perch	100 lb/ month					
3 Sablefish	300 lb/ day, or 1 landing per week of up to 800 lb, not to exceed 3,200 lb/ 2 months					
4 Thornyheads	CLOSED ^{5/}					
5 Dover sole	3,000 lb/month, no more than 300 lb of which may be species other than Pacific sanddabs.					
6 Arrowtooth flounder						
7 Petrale sole						
8 Rex sole						
9 All other flatfish ^{3/}						
10 Whiting	300 lb/ month					
11 Minor shelf rockfish, widow and yellowtail rockfish ^{2/}	200 lb/ month					
12 Canary rockfish	CLOSED ^{5/}					
13 Yelloweye rockfish	CLOSED ^{5/}					
14 Cowcod	CLOSED ^{5/}					
15 Minor nearshore rockfish	3,000 lb/ 2 months, no more than 900 lb of which may be species other than black or blue rockfish ^{7/}					
16 Lingcod ^{4/}	CLOSED ^{5/}		300 lb/ month			CLOSED ^{5/}
17 Other Fish ^{7/}	Not limited					
18 PINK SHRIMP EXEMPTED TRAWL (not subject to RCAs)						
19 North	Effective April 1 - October 31, 2003: groundfish 500 lb/day, multiplied by the number of days of the trip, not to exceed 1,500 lb/trip. The following sublimits also apply and are counted toward the overall 500 lb/day and 1,500 lb/trip groundfish limits: lingcod 300 lb/month (minimum 24 inch size limit); sablefish 2,000 lb/month; canary, thornyheads and yelloweye rockfish are PROHIBITED. All other groundfish species taken are managed under the overall 500 lb/day and 1,500 lb/trip groundfish limits. Landings of these species count toward the per day and per trip groundfish limits and do not have species-specific limits. The amount of groundfish landed may not exceed the amount of pink shrimp landed.					
20 PRAWN EXEMPTED TRAWL (not subject to RCAs)						
21 North	Groundfish 300 lb/trip. Limits and closures in this table also apply and are counted toward the 300 lb groundfish per trip limit. The amount of groundfish landed may not exceed the amount of the target species landed, except that the amount of spiny dogfish landed may exceed the amount of target species landed. Spiny dogfish are limited by the 300 lb/trip overall groundfish limit. The daily trip limits for sablefish coastwide and the overall groundfish "per trip" limit may not be multiplied by the number of days of the trip.					
22 SALMON TROLL						
23 North	Salmon trollers may retain and land up to 1lb of yellowtail rockfish for every 2 lbs of salmon landed, with a cumulative limit of 200 lb/month, both within and outside of the RCA. All other groundfish species are subject to the open access limits, seasons and RCA restrictions listed in the table above.					

1/ "North" means 40°10' N. lat. to the U.S.-Canada border. 40°10' N. lat. is about 20 nm south of Cape Mendocino, CA.

2/ Bocaccio and chilipepper rockfishes are included in the trip limits for minor shelf rockfish and splitnose rockfish is included in the trip limits for minor slope rockfish.

3/ "Other flatfish" means all flatfish at 50 CFR 660.302 except those in this Table 5 with species specific management measures, including trip limits.

4/ For black rockfish north of Cape Alava (48°09'30" N. lat.), and between Destruction Island (47°40' N. lat.) and Leadbetter Point (46°38'10" N. lat.), there is an additional limit of 100 lbs or 30 percent by weight of all fish on board, whichever is greater, per vessel, per fishing trip.

5/ Closed means that it is prohibited to take and retain, possess, or land the designated species in the time or area indicated. See IV. A.(7).

6/ The size limit for lingcod is 24 inches (61 cm) total length.

7/ Other fish are defined at 50 CFR 660.302, as those groundfish species or species groups for which there is no trip limit, size limit, quota, or harvest guideline.

8/ The "Rockfish Conservation Area" is a gear and/or sector specific closed area generally described by depth contours, but specifically defined by lat./long. coordinates set out at IV. A.(19)(e), that may vary seasonally.

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