

STATEMENT OF THE GROUND FISH MANAGEMENT TEAM ON INSEASON ADJUSTMENTS

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Estimated mortality (mt) of overfished West Coast groundfish species by fishery in 2003.

Fishery	Bocaccio 1/	Canary	Cowcod	Darkblotched	Lingcod 7/	POP	Whiting	Widow	Yelloweye
Limited Entry Groundfish									
Trawl- Non-whiting 2/	9.2	8.1		88.0	77.0	65.5	1,800	1.4	0.6
Trawl- at-sea whiting 2a/		4.1		5.0	0.3	9.0	95,300	182.0	0.0
Trawl- shoreside whiting		0.5		1.5	0.2	0.2	50,900	30.0	
Fixed Gear	0.1	0.5	0.1		20.0				1.0
Recreational Groundfish									
WA		1.5			35.0				3.5
OR		9.3			105.0			4.0	3.7
CA (N)		0.5			195.0			1.0	0.1
CA (S)	5.0	2.7			20.0			0.0	0.4
Tribal									
Midwater Trawl		1.1		0.0	0.0	0.0	0	45.0	0.0
Bottom Trawl				0.0	4.5	0.0			
Troll		0.5		0.0	0.9	0.0			0.1
Fixed gear		0.7		0.0	5.5	0.0		0.0	3.0
Open Access									
Groundfish directed	0.2	0.3	0.0		50.0				0.5
CA Halibut	0.5	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0.1
CA Gillnet 3/	0.5								
CA Sheepshead 3/									
CPS- wetfish 3/	0.5								
CPS- squid 4/ 5/									
Dungeness crab 3/				0.0					
HMS 3/		0.0	0.0	0.0					
Pacific Halibut 3/	0.0	0.0		0.0	UR	0.0	0	0.0	0.5
Pink shrimp	0.1	0.5		0.0	0.5	0.0	1	0.1	0.1
Ridgeback prawn	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0.0
Salmon troll	0.2	1.6			0.3			0.0	0.2
Sea Cucumber	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0.0
Spot Prawn (trawl)									
Spot Prawn (trap)									
Research: Based on two most recent NMFS trawl shelf and slope surveys with expanded estimates for south of Pt. Conception									
	2.0	1.0		1.6	3.0	3.0	200	1.5	0.8
EFPs: 6/									
CA: NS FF trawl	0.5	0.5	0.2						0.5
OR: selective FF trawl		4.0		3.1	13.0			1.0	1.2
WA: AT trawl		3.0		3.0	2.0	10.0		3.0	0.4
WA: dogfish LL		0.0		0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0.0
WA: pollock		0.0		0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0.0
EFP Subtotal		7.5							
TOTAL	18.9	40.5	0.4	102.2	532.2	87.7	148,200	269.0	16.7
2003 OY	< 20	44.0	2.4	172.0	651.0	377.0	148,200	832.0	22.0

Shaded cells represent either NA- Not applicable; TR- Trace amount (<0.01 mt); UR- Not reported in available data sources.

1/ South of 40°10' N. lat.

2/ Using observer data, all landings are results of modeling GMT Option 1

2a/ Calculated using five-year average (1998-2002); includes tribal at-sea whiting

3/ Mortality estimates are not hard numbers, based on their GMT's best professional judgement.

4/ Bycatch amounts by species unavailable, but bocaccio occurred in 0.1% of all port samples and other rockfish in another 0.1% of all port

5/ Expected landed catch only. Discard/total mortality estimates not available.

6/ The Council capped the 2003 canary rockfish set-aside for all the EFPs in combination at 6.5 mt to derive an expected total catch of 44 mt of canary rockfish in 2003.

7/ Lingcod total reflects total catch, not mortality

These two pages presented by Jim Hastie and Rod Moore.

GMT RECOMMENDATIONS FOR INSEASON ADJUSTMENTS

Management Options - North of 40°10'

Trawl

1. Restore fishing area from 50 to 75 fms in:
 - a. Period 4 (canary = 10.9 mt)
 - b. Periods 5 and 6 (canary = 10.2 mt)
 - c. Periods 4 and 6 (canary = 11.2 mt)

Note: Periods 4 and 5 are not considered a viable option as it would result in 12.7 mt of canary

2. Change trip limits to:

Large footrope

Sablefish - 8,000-10,000 lbs/2 mo. (from 10K)

Dover - 34,000 lbs/2 mo (from 31K)

LS - 10,000-13,000 lbs 2/mo (from 14K)

SS - 2300-2500 lbs/2 mo (from 2800)

Small footrope

Sablefish - (no change)

Dover - (no change)

LS - 5000 lbs/2 mo.

SS - 1000 lbs/2 mo.

Note: Given the current uncertainty regarding discard rate revisions in September, the GMT believes that the lower end of the ranges would provide greater security that DTS target opportunities could continue throughout the remainder of the year. If no increases in discard assumptions arise, the upper end of the range should be sufficient to allow the fishery to continue through the end of the year. However, the GMT reminds the Council that the failure to make precautionary adjustments in June of 2001 led to closure of the DTS fishery during the final three months of that year.

LE & OA Gear (non-trawl)

1. Nearshore Rockfish - Increase trip limit for minor nearshore rockfish from 3,000 lbs/2 mo. to 4,000 lbs/2 mo. of which no more than 1200 lbs can be species other than black or blue rockfish (was 900 lbs) inside 27 fms

Note: This action is designed to allow the California fishery north of 40°10' to fully take its nearshore targets, and may require Oregon to take independent action at a later date to constrain its fishery to the existing target for black rockfish.

Management Options - South of 40°10'

Trawl

1. Change trip limits to:

	<u>Period 4</u>	<u>Periods 5 & 6 (same as large footrope in north)</u>
Sablefish	12,000 lbs/2 mo.	8,000-10,000 lbs/2 mo.
Dover	37,000 lbs/2 mo. (from 35K)	34,000 lbs/2 mo.
LS	16,000 lbs/2 mo.	10,000-13,000 lbs/2 mo.
SS	2900 lbs/2 mo. (from 3100)	2300-2500 lbs/2 mo.

Note: DTS trip limits are higher south of 40°10' in period 4 as part of the April arrangement for closing the fishery inside 200 fm during that period to protect bocaccio. Southern limits are the same as in the north during periods 5 and 6.

Management Options - South of 40°10' (cont.)

Fixed Gear

Current trip limits (LE & OA):

	<u>Shallow NS</u>	<u>Deeper NS</u>
Period 3	400 lbs/2 mo.	200 lbs/2 mo.
Period 4	500 lbs/2 mo.	400 lbs/2 mo.
Period 5	400 lbs/2 mo.	200 lbs/2 mo.
Period 6	200 lbs/2 mo.	200 lbs/2 mo.

1. Shallow Changes
 - a. Period 4 = 400 lbs/2 mo.; Period 5 = 300 lbs/2 mo.
 - b. Period 4 = 400 lbs/2 mo.; Period 5 = 200 lbs/2 mo.
 - c. Periods 4 & 5 = 300 lbs/2 mo.
2. Deeper Changes - Period 4 = 500 lbs/2 mo.; Period 5 = 300 lbs/2 mo.

Management Options - South of 40°10' and North of 34°27'

Exempted Trawl

Make correction to closed area (RCA) for exempted trawl to 60-200 fms (from 200 fms to shore) for remainder of the year. Note: This area was inadvertently closed to match the directed trawl regulations.

Management Options - South of 34°27'

Exempted Trawl

Make correction to closed area (RCA) for exempted trawl to 100-200 fms (from 200 fms to shore) for remainder of the year. Note: This area was inadvertently closed to match the directed trawl regulations.

Note: Actions in April to close these trawl fisheries inside 200 fms during period 4 were based on evaluation of the new bycatch data for the directed groundfish fishery only. No adjustments were made in the expected bycatch of the California halibut fishery, and hence that fishery should not have been closed.

2003 landings data supporting June inseason recommendations

Trawl	QSM thru 5/24	Annual target	Pct. attainment	Trip limits		
				Period 1	Period 2	Period 3
Longspine	654	2,029	32%			
Shortspine	329	755	44%			
Sablefish	671	2,364	28%			
Dover sole	2,694	7,006	38%			
LE + OA Nearshore: North of 40o10'						
	50	186	27%			
LE + OA Nearshore: South of 40o10'						
Shallow NS	6	38	16%	200 lb / 2 mo	Closed	400 lb / 2 mo
Deep NS	5	48	10%	200 lb / 2 mo	Closed	200 lb / 2 mo
CA Scorpionfish	0	21	0%	Closed		