

ODFW Supplemental Report

Selective Flatfish Trawl (SFFT) Implementation

- Rationale/Incentives
  - Increased trip limits
  - Access to species inside the RCA (e.g. cod, petrale)
- Trawl Specifications
  - Net must meet a specific set of specifications
  - Net must be certified that those specifications are met
  - (e.g. headrope to footrope ratio of 1.3 or greater, no floats in center of headrope, wings must be 3 feet high, etc.)
- Support for Implementation
  - Two summers of research data (1991 and 1993)
  - Exempted Fishing Permit (EFP) during 2003
  - Results applicable 0 – 150 fathoms
- Depth Applications
  - Option 1: shore-150 fathoms (using defined waypoints), including fishing inside the RCA
  - Option 2: Not allowed inside RCA
- Season
  - Option 1: All Year
  - Option 2: May-August
- Area
  - Option 1: Oregon and Washington (south of Destruction Island, 47°41')
  - Option 2: Oregon Only
- Bycatch Species Safeguards
  - Cap canary rockfish, darkblotched rockfish, Pacific Ocean perch, shortspine thornyhead and yelloweye rockfish
  - Full retention of rockfish
  - States monitor caps and rockfish retention and report to GMT and NOAA Fisheries
- Declaration
  - Vessels must opt in for using a certified (SFFT) for the entire 2-month cumulative period via a declaration process

- Trip Limits
  - Appropriate trip limits determined by GMT/GAP
  - Increased DTS limits may be available as modeled/advised by GMT
    - Option 1: Inside the RCA
    - Option 2: Only outside the RCA
  
- Observer Coverage
  - Option 1: As provided via the current randomized NMFS observer program
  - Option 2: All trips
  - Option 3: All trips inside the RCA
  - Option 4: x% of trips observed
  - Note: Options 2-4 may require supplemental observer capability via state agencies and/or industry funding