

### Summary of Oregon's Discard Reduction EFP for 2004

- Exhibit D.13.b ODFW Report 1 "Reduced discard strategy for the deepwater complex fishery"
- This EFP was presented to the Council at the September meeting.
- The purpose of this EFP is to test a discard reduction strategy in the DTS fishery using processor-vessel agreements to create economic incentives to reduce the discard of marketable DTS species and promote higher economic efficiency for the fishery.
- The only addition to the September proposal is the addition of overall bycatch caps, requested by the GMT, for Pacific Ocean perch (11.8 mt), and darkblotched rockfish (15.8 mt).
- This small-scale test will occur during the March-April and May -June periods, and involve only three vessels in Oregon. The EFP is designed only to test the feasibility of the economic structure at this point.

#### Notes:

- This fishery occurs outside of 200 ftm, no access to RCA is necessary. Darkblotched bycatch should be minimal.
- The EFP lasts only 2 periods, with monthly review, so it involves little risk of catching too much of any overfished species.
- Vessels will be operated under the same trip limits, but retain marketable discard.
- EFP vessels will carry federal observers.
- Includes full retention for all *Sebastes* species.
- Bycatch cap estimation:

To estimate potential bycatch of overfished species associated with this EFP, we used the current trip limits plus expected discard. Bycatch of overfished species in the DTS fishery outside of 200 fm is limited to Pacific ocean perch and darkblotched rockfish.

For Pacific ocean perch, trip limits plus an assumed 16% discard totals results in 1,740 pounds per month per vessel. For darkblotched rockfish, a limit of 1,000 lbs per month plus discard, or 2,320 pounds per vessel per month. To account for any unexpectedly high catches, we added 25% to the normal fishery catch to create an overall EFP cap. This amount multiplied for 3 vessels over four months resulted in 26,100 pounds of Pacific Ocean perch and 34,800 pounds of darkblotched rockfish.