

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME
PRELIMINARY REPORT SUMMARY ON
2003 EXEMPTED FISHERY PERMIT (EFP)
TO TEST SELECTIVE SHELF FLATFISH TRAWL GEAR

General Provisions:

100% observer coverage (either state observers or NMFS observers)
State/vessel owner contracts
State/processor contract
Access to Trawl RCA to 100 fm
Required conversion of flatfish trawl configuration to "pineapple trawl design"
used in Oregon
Full rockfish retention
Provisions for 6 vessels to participate
Bycatch caps for overfished species (for 6 vessels; individual vessel limit in
parenthesis):
 canary: 1000 lb cap (100 lbs/ mo/vessel)
 bocaccio: 1000 lb cap (100 lbs/mo/vessel)
 yelloweye: 1000 lb cap (100lbs/mo/vessel)
 cowcod: 250 lb cap (50 lbs/mo/vessel)
 lingcod: 20 mt cap

EFP Results:

September 2003 – October 2003
1 vessel (out of 6); Princeton Port and San Francisco Processor
Gear: Scottish Seine
Total number of trips: 11
Total number of hauls: 37
Total catch:

Species	Total Catch (lbs)	Bycatch Rate
Shelf flatfish (target)	72,860	N/A
Canary rockfish	0	0
Bocaccio	5.5	0.00008
Yelloweye rockfish	0	0
Cowcod	0.6	0.00001
Lingcod	131.1	0.00180

Conclusion: 2003 EFP results suggest low bycatch rates by modified Scottish seine gear targeting flatfish; test should be conducted with modified Shelf Flatfish Trawl Gear (project to resume in 2004, September to November).