

WASHINGTON DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE
REPORT ON 2003 EXEMPTED FISHERIES (EFPs)

General Provisions for All WDFW EFPs:

- 100% observer coverage (either state-sponsored monitors or NMFS observers)
- Full rockfish retention
- Bycatch caps for overfished species
- State/vessel owner contracts
- State/processor contracts

Longline Dogfish EFP:

- March-June
- 1 vessel (out of 3); Bellingham processor
- Bycatch caps for yelloweye (2.0 mt) and canary rockfish (0.5 mt)
- Results
 - Yelloweye catch = 124 lbs
 - Canary catch = 31 lbs
 - Dogfish catch = 192,300 lbs
- Preliminary draft report in June 2004; final report available in September 2004

Arrowtooth Flounder Trawl EFP:

- May-August
- 6 vessels; Bellingham and Blaine
- Bycatch cap for canary rockfish (3.0 mt)
- Results
 - Canary catch = 2.0 mt
 - Arrowtooth catch = 2,631,100 lbs
 - Petrale catch = 361,800 lbs
 - Total ex-vessel revenue = \$635,750 (Above limits = \$506,900)
 - Total state revenue using FEAM model = \$2.2 million
- Preliminary draft report in briefing book; final report available in April 2004

Pollock Midwater Trawl EFP:

- April-June (3 trips in May)
- 1 vessel (out of 3); Westport processor
- Bycatch caps for canary (0.5 mt) and widow rockfish (3.0 mt), and whiting (5000 mt)
- Results
 - Canary catch = 0; Widow catch = 5 lbs; Whiting catch = 49 mt
 - Pollock = 235,600 lbs
 - Terminated EFP early; whiting was ~ 33% of catch (in 2002, was < 10%)
 - Target pollock more cleanly in July-September (2004 EFP during this time period)