

**Tribal Motion Regarding
Groundfish Fisheries for 2005 and 2006**

Black Rockfish - The 2005 and 2006 tribal harvest guidelines will be set at 20,000 pounds for the management area between the US/Canada border and Cape Alava, and 10,000 pounds for the management area located between Destruction Island and Leadbetter Point. No tribal harvest restrictions are proposed for the management area between Cape Alava and Destruction Island.

Sablefish - The 2005 and 2006 tribal set asides for sablefish will be set at 10 percent of the Monterey through Vancouver area OY minus 2.3 percent to account for expected discard mortality. Allocations among tribes and among gear types, if any, will be determined by the tribes.

Lingcod - For 2005 and 2006 the tribes propose an overall harvest guideline of between 50 and 100 mt for all tribal fisheries. Tribal fisheries will be restricted to 600 pound per day and 1,800 pound per week limits for all tribal fisheries except for the treaty troll fishery which would be limited to 1,000 pounds per day and 4,000 pounds per week. Increased landings of lingcod in the treaty troll fishery in 2005 and 2006 would be dependent on successful targeting in 2004 while staying within current estimates of impacts on overfished species. These limits may be adjusted inseason to stay within the overall harvest guideline.

For all other tribal groundfish fisheries the following trip limits will apply:

Thornyhead rockfish - Tribal fisheries will be restricted to a 300 pound per trip limit. This trip limit will be for short and longspine thornyheads combined.

Canary rockfish - Tribal fisheries will be restricted to a 300 pound per trip limit.

Other Minor Nearshore, Shelf and Slope Rockfish - Tribal fisheries will be restricted to a 300 pound per trip limit for each species group, or the limited entry trip limits if they are less restrictive than the 300 pound per trip limit.

Yelloweye Rockfish – The tribes will continue developing depth, area, and time restrictions in their directed Pacific halibut fishery to minimize impacts on yelloweye rockfish. Tribal fisheries will be restricted to 100 pounds per trip except during open competition fisheries for Pacific halibut.

Full Retention- The tribes will require full retention of all rockfish species during open competition fisheries for Pacific halibut.

Tribal Proposals Regarding Makah Trawl fisheries for 2005 and 2006

Pacific Whiting - For the 2005 and 2006 Pacific whiting fisheries, the tribal set aside will be as provided in the Makah Tribe's proposed allocation framework.

Midwater Trawl Fishery- Treaty midwater trawl fishermen will be restricted to a cumulative limit of yellowtail rockfish, based on the number of vessels participating, not to exceed 180,000 pounds per two month period for the entire fleet. Their landings of widow rockfish must not exceed 10 percent of the poundage of yellowtail rockfish landed in any given period. The tribe may adjust the cumulative limit for any two-month period to minimize the incidental catch of canary and widow rockfish, provided the average cumulative limit does not exceed 180,000 pounds for the fleet.

Bottom Trawl Fishery - Treaty fishermen using bottom trawl gear will be subject to the trip limits applicable to the limited entry fishery for Pacific cod, English sole, rex sole, arrowtooth flounder, and other flatfish. For petrale sole, fishermen would be restricted to 50,000 pounds per two month period for the entire year. Because of the relatively small expected harvest, the trip limits for the tribal fishery will be those in place at the beginning of the season in the limited entry fishery and will not be adjusted downward, nor will time restrictions or closures be imposed, unless in-season catch statistics demonstrate that the tribes have taken ½ of the harvest in the tribal area. Fishermen will be restricted to small footrope trawl gear. Exploration of the use of selective flatfish trawl gear will be conducted in 2005 - 2006.

Pollock Test Fishery - The Makah Tribe will be examining the catch of pollock as part of their directed midwater whiting fishery in 2004. If successful targeting is achieved in 2004, the tribe would propose expanding to a directed fishery in 2005 concurrent with the setting of whiting harvest levels in March 2005. The tribe will coordinate the possible development of this fishery with NMFS, WDFW, and Canada's DFO.

Observer Program – The Makah tribe has an observer program in place to monitor and enforce the limits proposed above.

TABLE 8-20. Projected groundfish landings by Tribal fleet under the 2005 and 2006 alternatives, displayed against 1998, 2002, 2003 and estimated 2004 landings. (round-weight lbs). (Page 1 of 1)

Species	1998	2002	2003	2004 est.	2005 Projections			2006 Projections				
					Alt 1	Alt 2	Alt 3	Alt 1	Alt 2	Alt 3		
Arrowtooth Flounder	255	7,137	49,745									
Dover Sole	4,509	35,417	72,527									
English Sole	1,847	88,684	149,277									
Petrale Sole	3,249	45,479	185,732									
Rex Sole		6,632	10,886									
Rock Sole	2,396	5,833	5,160									
Unsp. Flatfish	38	8,406	6,380									
Unspecified Sanddab		19,655	1,725									
Sand Sole		2,748	62									
Starry Flounder		301										
Butter Sole		605	0									
Flatfish Total	12,294	220,897	481,494	601,868	601,868	601,868	601,868	601,868	601,868	601,868	601,868	601,868
Canary Rockfish	886	7,071	4,712	6,850	6,850	6,850	6,850	6,850	6,850	6,850	6,850	6,850
Darkblotched Rockfish	0	3,273	81	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pacific Ocean Perch	0	472	2,601	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Redstripe Rockfish	1		2,333	2,916	2,916	2,916	2,916	2,916	2,916	2,916	2,916	2,916
Sharpchin Rockfish	1		2,332	2,915	2,915	2,915	2,915	2,915	2,915	2,915	2,915	2,915
Unspecified Rockfish	65,245											
Widow Rockfish	54	27,969	24,670	88,200	88,200	88,200	88,200	88,200	88,200	88,200	88,200	88,200
Yelloweye Rockfish		0	594	5,250	5,250	5,250	5,250	5,250	5,250	5,250	5,250	5,250
Yellowtail Rockfish	13,711	572,996	677,073	1,115,600	1,115,600	1,115,600	1,115,600	1,115,600	1,115,600	1,115,600	1,115,600	1,115,600
Unsp. Shelf Rockfish		23,629	2,354	2,942	2,942	2,942	2,942	2,942	2,942	2,942	2,942	2,942
Unsp. Near-shore Rockfish		116	45	56	56	56	56	56	56	56	56	56
Unsp. Slope Rockfish		32,941	41,458	51,822	51,822	51,822	51,822	51,822	51,822	51,822	51,822	51,822
Rockfish Total	79,903	668,467	758,341	1,276,552	1,276,552	1,276,552	1,276,552	1,276,552	1,276,552	1,276,552	1,276,552	1,276,552
Spiny Dogfish		2,607	10,760	13,450	13,450	13,450	13,450	13,450	13,450	13,450	13,450	13,450
Lingcod	5,247	24,264	49,276	55,200	55,200	110,200	220,200	220,200	55,200	110,200	220,200	220,200
Pacific Cod	4,873	128,530	471,655	589,569	589,569	589,569	589,569	589,569	589,569	589,569	589,569	589,569
Sablefish	980,719	959,982	1,328,253	1,606,051	1,612,444	1,612,444	1,612,444	1,612,444	1,585,912	1,585,912	1,585,912	1,585,912
Unspecified Skate	2,031	18,635	47,158	58,948	58,948	58,948	58,948	58,948	58,948	58,948	58,948	58,948
Shortspine Thornyhead	8,105	10,173	12,703	17,137	14,774	14,774	14,774	14,774	14,532	14,532	14,532	14,532
Other Groundfish Total	1,000,975	1,144,191	1,919,805	2,352,480	2,337,983	2,392,983	2,502,983	2,311,357	2,366,357	2,476,357	2,476,357	2,476,357
Pacific Whiting^{1/}	53,984,582	45,867,384	51,673,540	55,066,079	77,161,000	77,161,000	77,161,000	77,161,000	77,161,000	77,161,000	77,161,000	77,161,000
All Groundfish Species Total	55,077,754	48,372,507	54,833,180	59,296,988	81,377,403	81,432,403	81,542,403	4,189,777	4,244,777	4,354,777	4,354,777	4,354,777

1/ Assuming "medium" Pacific whiting OY under the alternatives for 2005.

Phil - 8:32a, 6/17/04

motion #14 (Phil motion.wpd) Harp
moved phil / 2nd by

Brown - problem w/ sandabs & rex sole, mesh retention study. not a chance w/ legal mesh that we will be hurting those stocks. doesn't show any common sense. what Dave Sampson found in ~~sea~~^{end} side, if we caught the entire -

ask make of motion to add rex / sandabs and reconsider in these 2 species, felt strongly.

Anderson did not accept friendly amendment. from Mr Brown. Anderson then said maybe there was confusion on his part. spoke about harvest policies (25% reduction in ABC to set 04). This motion is consistent w/ our harvest policy (hp), we are setting or consistent w/ our hp.

Mr. Brown moved to amend. #1 to motion 14 request GMT to reexamine the 25% for rex and sandabs.
Brown / Warrens

Anderson asked if that was course of next day?
PA
and Brown said yes. and what is the sense of workload?

Michelle - the flatfish ABC/04 - GMT has reviewed the issue, but in terms of sending them back and will say the same thing.

Rod Moore - if the motion were to remove ... already calculated out.

Patty Burke - ask GMT to quick relook? GMT - did not have mesh size study.

Brown - the 25% is nothing magical policy. English is not a concern. Rex sole and sandabs.

Brown withdrew the motion.

~~california~~ ca options 6/17/04
word