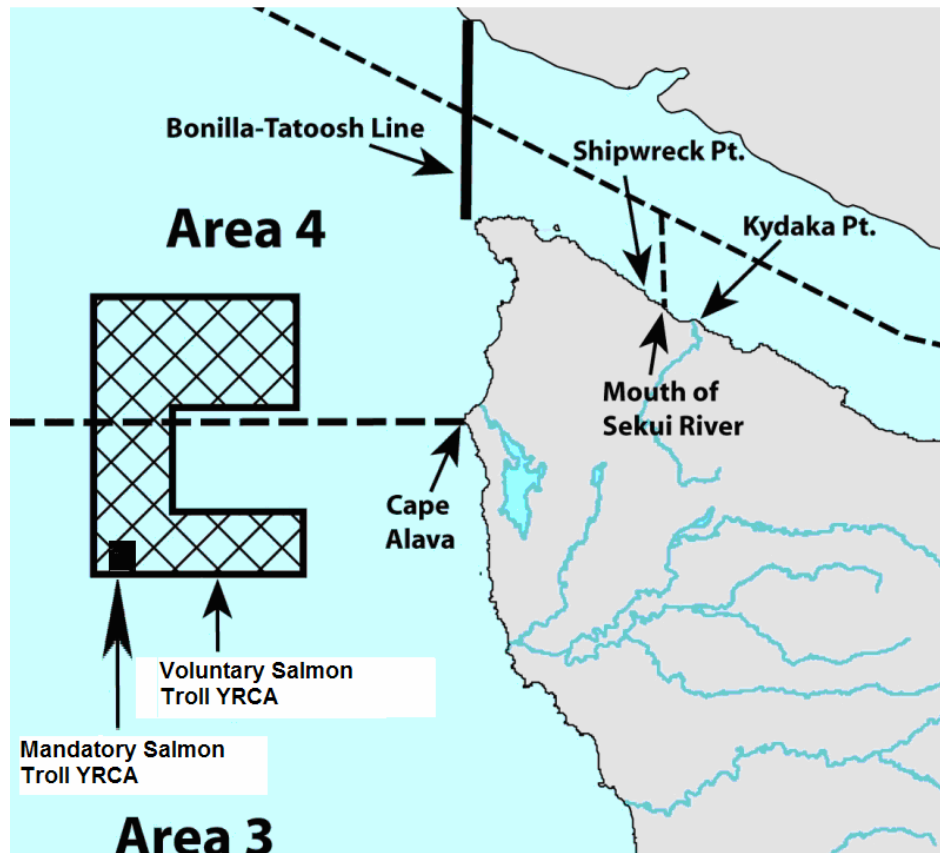
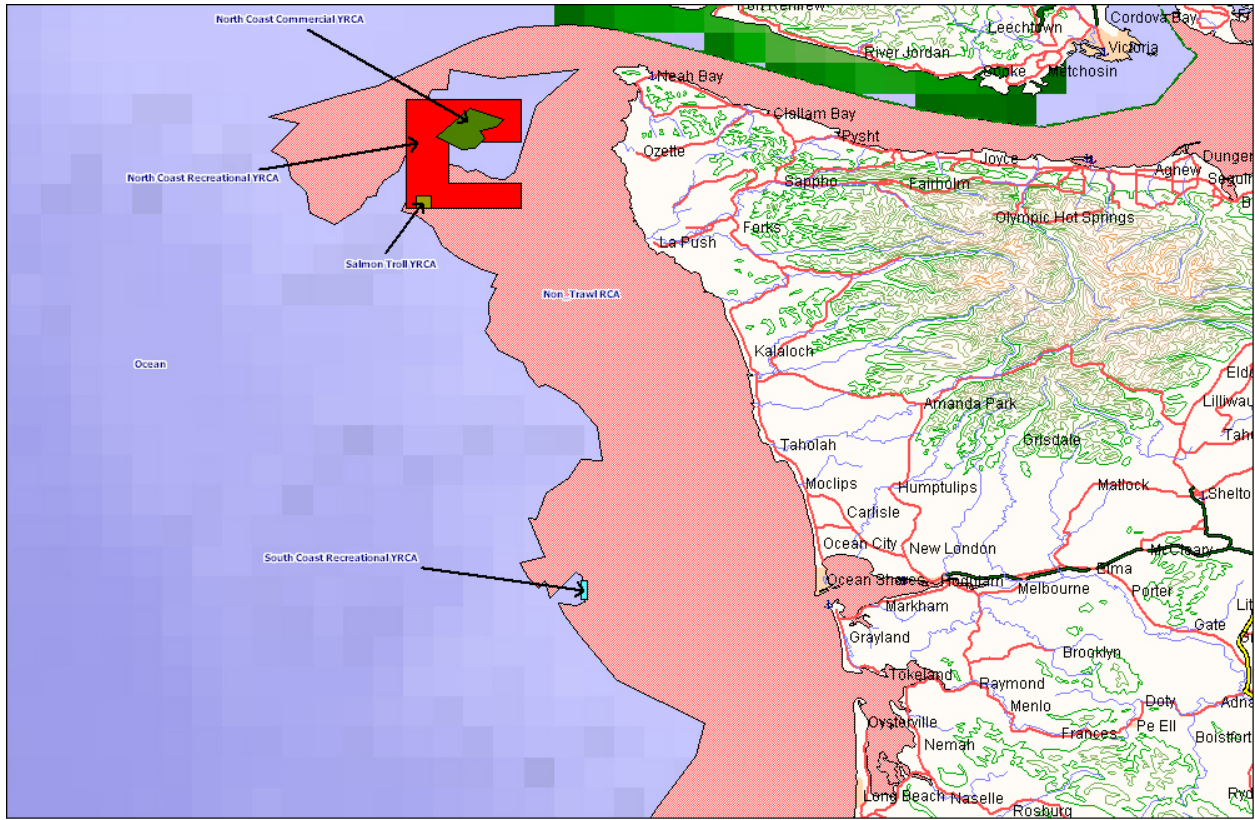


## YELLOWEYE ROCKFISH CONSERVATION AREA SALMON TROLL CLOSURE

At its June 2006 meeting, as part of its recommendations for rebuilding overfished rockfish species, the Council recommended a mandatory closure to salmon troll fishing to protect yelloweye rockfish in a portion of Washington Marine Catch Area 3 (La Push). The Council's recommendation was incorporated into Federal salmon regulations at 50 CFR 660.405 as part of NMFS regulations to implement Amendment 16-4 to the Groundfish FMP (71 FR 78638, December 29, 2006). The closed area also overlaps part of the "C-Shaped" yelloweye rockfish conservation area (YRCA), designated as an area for salmon trollers to voluntarily avoid, which has been in place since 2003.

Although the salmon troll YRCA has already been implemented in salmon regulations, the Council should consider notifying fishery participants of the mandatory YRCA as part of its 2007 annual management process. The Council should also consider how implementation of the two YRCA areas, one voluntary and one mandatory, may affect the fishery.





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