

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME REPORT ON MANAGEMENT
MEASURES FOR 2009-2010 FISHERIES

The California Department of Fish and Game (CDFG) would like provide the following revisions to the report "*Preliminary Practical Range of Management Specification Options for California's 2009-2010 Commercial and Recreational Groundfish Fisheries*" (Agenda Item H.5.b).

COMMERCIAL

Additional Management Lines

The Groundfish Management Team (GMT) received data from the West Coast Groundfish Observer program that revealed increased canary and yelloweye impacts between Point San Pedro and the California/Oregon Border. If GMT analyses over the next few weeks indicate that overfished species impacts can be restricted to specific areas using new management lines not currently available in regulations, CDFG requests that the Council recommend that these additional management lines be recommended for inclusion in the 2009-10 management specifications.

RECREATIONAL

The use of Point Arena as a management line within the North-Central Management Area was adopted within the range of options for analysis based on the Supplemental CDFG Report (Agenda Item H.5.b) under Agenda Item H.5. Adoption of this line will divide the current north central management region resulting into two smaller areas. This division is intended to create smaller management areas that can be used to manage overfished species impacts without negatively affecting other areas. Revised management areas are as follows:

NORTH-CENTRAL NORTH OF POINT ARENA MANAGEMENT AREA (*40° 10' N lat. to 38° N lat.*)

Seasons: 2 - 9 months open for groundfish fishing
Depth restrictions: 0-20 fm, 0-30 fm, 0-40 fm
Status Quo: 6 months at 0-20 fm (Based on March 2008 inseason changes)

NORTH-CENTRAL SOUTH OF POINT ARENA MANAGEMENT AREA (*38° N lat. to 37° 11' N lat.*)

Seasons: 3 - 9 months open for groundfish fishing
Depth restrictions: 0-20 fm, 0-30 fm, 0-40 fm
Status Quo: 6 months at 0-20 fm (Based on March 2008 inseason changes)