

WASHINGTON DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE PREFERRED MANAGEMENT
MEASURES FOR 2009-2010 RECREATIONAL FISHERIES

The Council adopted a yelloweye OY of 17 mt and a canary OY of 105 mt for both 2009 and 2010. Based on the harvest sharing recommendations provided by the Council the Washington recreational yield amounts for yelloweye and canary rockfish are 2.7 mt and 5.2 mt respectively. The following management measures are designed to reduce the incidental catch of overfished rockfish, primarily yelloweye, while anglers are targeting halibut and lingcod. While these management measures are intended to keep yelloweye impacts within the state harvest share for 2009 and 2010, they will also provide information on how innovative management measures implemented in this management period might reduce yelloweye impacts as the Council moves forward with the yelloweye ramp down in 2011 and 2012.

2009-2010

Bottomfish Area and Retention Restrictions

For all areas in 2009-2010 continue to prohibit the retention of yelloweye and canary rockfish. Prohibit fishing for, retention or possession of bottomfish and halibut in the C-shaped yelloweye rockfish conservation area in the north coast and the offshore rockfish conservation area in the south coast area.

New south coast RCA: Prohibit fishing for, retention or possession of bottomfish and halibut in the area described by the following coordinates:

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| 46°54.30 N. lat. | 124°53.40 W. long. |
| 46°54.30 N. lat. | 124°51.00 W. long. |
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| 46°53.30 N. lat. | 124°53.40 W. long. |

Bag Limits

For both 2009 and 2010, the aggregate bottomfish bag limit is 15, which includes a sub-limit of 10-rockfish and 2-lingcod.

Lingcod

Marine Areas 1-3, open Saturday closest to March 15 through the Saturday closest to October 15
Marine Area 4, open April 16 through the Saturday closest to October 15, or October 15th if the Saturday closest to October 15th falls later than October 15th

North Coast (Marine Areas 3 and 4)

Prohibit the retention of bottomfish seaward of a line approximating 20 fathoms from May 21-September 30, except on days that halibut fishing is open.

South Coast (Marine Area 2)

Prohibit the retention of bottomfish seaward of a line approximating 30 fathoms from March 15-April 30. Prohibit the retention of bottomfish, except sablefish and Pacific cod seaward of a line approximating 30 fathoms from May 1-June 15. Prohibit the retention of lingcod south of 46°58 on Fridays and Saturdays from July 1 through August 31

Columbia River (Marine Area 1)

Prohibit the retention of bottomfish, except sablefish and Pacific cod, with halibut onboard from May 1 through September 30.

Based on the Washington recreational impact model, the estimated mortalities for canary and yelloweye rockfish are projected to be:

| | WA Share of Yelloweye | Yelloweye Impacts mt | WA Share of Canary | Canary Impacts mt |
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| 2009-2010 | 2.7 | 2.5 | 4.9 | 1.2 |

WDFW will track the Washington recreational catch inseason and will take action as appropriate, to ensure these targets are not exceeded.

The Washington and Oregon Departments of Fish and Wildlife have agreed to continue to manage the recreational fishery under shared harvest guidelines for canary and yelloweye rockfish. If inseason catch projections indicate that one or both of the state harvest targets may be exceeded, these Departments will consult with each other to share catch information. If the states determine that a management response is necessary to avoid exceeding the Oregon-Washington harvest guideline of canary or yelloweye rockfish, then the appropriate agency(ies) will implement inseason management actions to reduce catches, as necessary. Regulations will depend upon the timing of the determination for their need, and may include consideration of additional depth restrictions, time/area closures, and/or seasonal closures.