

Preliminary 2017-2018 Tribal Management Measures

Black Rockfish - The 2017 and 2018 tribal harvest guidelines will be set at 30,000 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 2017 and 2018 tribal set asides for sablefish will be set at 10 percent of the Monterey through Vancouver area ACL minus approximately 1.5 percent to account for estimated discard mortality. Allocations among tribes and among gear types, if any, will be determined by the tribes.

Pacific cod - The tribes will be subject to a 500 mt harvest guideline for 2017 and 2018.

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

Thornyheads - Tribal fisheries will be restricted to 50 mt for shortspine thornyheads and 30 mt for longspine thornyheads.

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, except that redstripe rockfish will be restricted to 800 pounds per trip.

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.

Lingcod - Tribal fisheries will be subject to a 250 mt harvest guideline for 2017 and 2018.

Spiny Dogfish – Tribal fisheries for dogfish in 2017 and 2018 would be restricted to 275 mt each year. Targeting of dogfish by treaty fishermen in 2017 and 2018 would be conducted while staying within current estimates of impacts on overfished species.

Full Retention - The tribes will require full retention of all overfished rockfish species as well as all other marketable rockfishes during treaty fisheries.

Makah Trawl Fisheries for 2017 and 2018

Midwater Trawl Fishery - Treaty midwater trawl fishermen will be restricted to a total catch of the entire fleet of 1,000 mt. Their landings of widow rockfish must not exceed 20 percent of the cumulative poundage of yellowtail rockfish landed by a given vessel for the year for a total catch of 200 mt. The tribe may adjust the cumulative limit for any two-month period to minimize the incidental catch of canary and widow rockfish.

Bottom Trawl Fishery - Treaty fishermen using bottom trawl gear will be managed to achieve, but not exceed, the set-asides requested for Pacific cod, shortspine and longspine thornyhead, petrale sole, Dover sole, English sole, rex sole, arrowtooth flounder, and Other Flatfish. These are 500 mt for Pacific cod, 50 mt for shortspine thornyhead, 30 mt for longspine thornyhead 220 mt for petrale sole, 1,497 mt for Dover sole, 91 mt for English sole, 2,041 mt for arrowtooth flounder, and 60 mt for Other Flatfish. The limits available to individual fishermen may be adjusted inseason to stay within the overall harvest target as well as estimated impacts to overfished species. Fishermen will be restricted to small footrope (≤ 8 inches) trawl gear. Exploration of the use of selective flatfish trawl gear may be conducted.

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