

ENFORCEMENT CONSULTANTS REPORT ON PRELIMINARY PREFERRED
MANAGEMENT MEASURE ALTERNATIVES FOR 2017-2018 FISHERIES

The Enforcement Consultants (EC) have reviewed Agenda Item F.6.a, Supplemental WDFW Report, and have the following comments.

Regarding the recommended recreational management measures, the EC appreciates the Council's willingness to better align bag limits and sub-limits for the Columbia River areas (WDFW Marine Areas 1 and 2). Maritime boundary areas tend to challenge both law enforcement and fishermen where rules are inconsistent between the states. Specifically, the allowance of 1 canary rockfish within the daily bag limit would provide consistency with current bag limits and sub-limits allowed under Oregon regulation.

With respect to the sub-limit proposal in the WDFW Report, the EC agrees that having differing sub-limits for the retention of canary rockfish does not present enforcement concerns in that case.

Moving forward, the EC encourages fisheries managers and the Council to consider modification of their existing area management scheme, i.e. creation of a Columbia River management area, where consistency in regulations can be achieved.

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