

OREGON DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE REPORT ON FINAL ACTION
ON IN-SEASON ADJUSTMENTS

Yelloweye rockfish in the Oregon recreational fishery is tracking higher than projected, due to higher than anticipated effort and yelloweye rockfish encounters during the initial all-depth opening for Pacific halibut in May. Encounter rates in the June halibut openers were lower, and yelloweye impacts in the bottomfish fishery are slightly below the 5-year average. The Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) will review data again in early July (final through May and preliminary through June), and will take action through state regulations to reduce impacts to yelloweye rockfish at that time if necessary. In addition, ODFW and volunteers will conduct additional outreach to educate anglers, promote avoidance, and distribute descending devices in the summer all-depth halibut fishery.

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