

## Selective Flatfish Trawl EFP: *Monitoring and Minimizing Salmon Bycatch When Targeting Rockfish in the Shorebased IFQ Fishery*

### JUNE 2017 PROGRESS REPORT

**EFP Permits Issued:** February 24, 2017

**Number of Vessels:** 32 enrolled

As of May 24, 2017, seven (7) vessels have landed fish in the Selective Flatfish Trawl EFP, landing 1,589,322 pounds of groundfish on 34 trips (Table 1). Four (4) Chinook salmon, 0 coho salmon, 0 eulachon, and 0 green sturgeon have been caught on all EFP trips to date. Overall, 33% of the EFP catch has been landed in Astoria, OR, and 67% has been landed in Newport, OR.

**Table 1 Catch and Bycatch YTD on Trips Taken in 2017 Selective Flatfish Trawl EFP**

Year	No Vessels	No. Trips	No. Chinook	No. Coho	No. Green Sturgeon	No. Eulachon	Groundfish (Total pounds)
2017	7	34	4	0	0	0	1,589,322

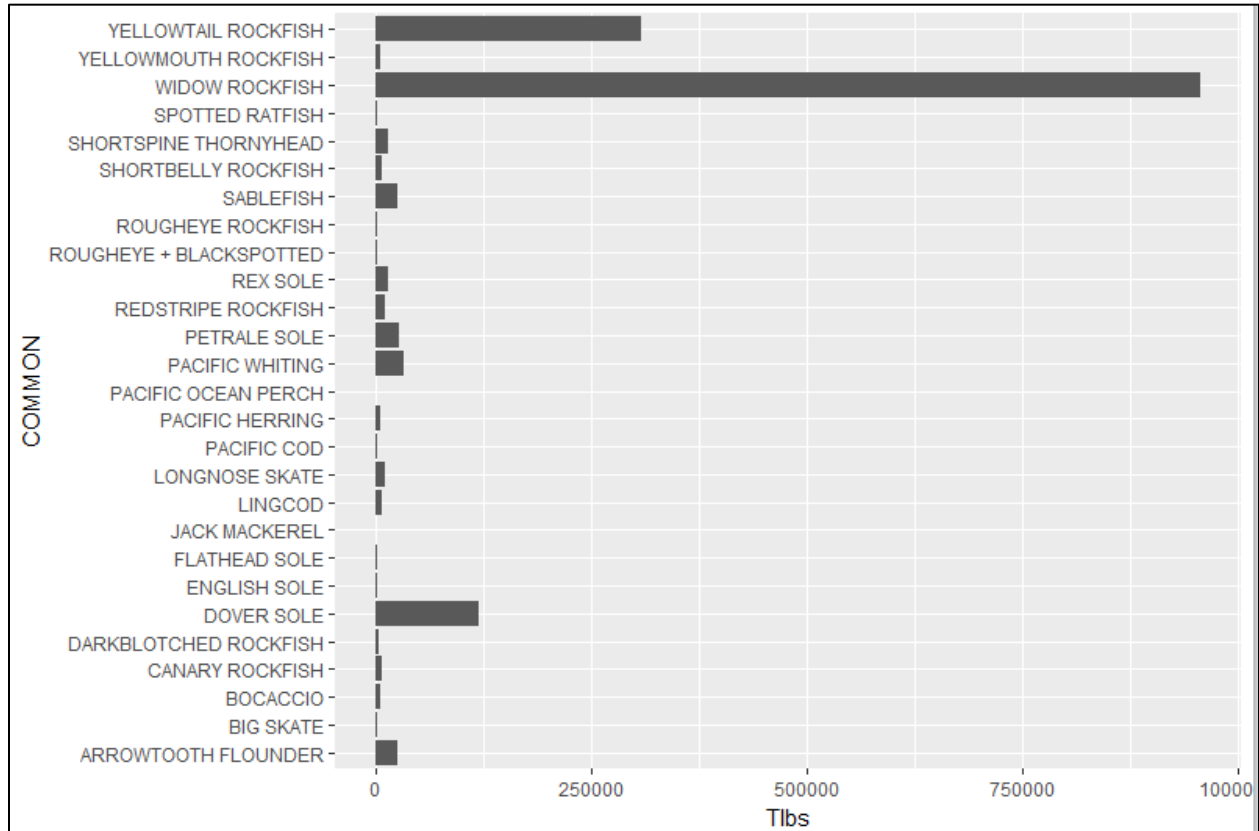
*\*Data reflects catch through May 24, 2017.*

**Of the four Chinook salmon that have been taken during the EFP:**

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 0 were taken from the Klamath Management Zone (KMZ);</li> <li>• 0 were taken from South of Florence Jetty (closed to directed troll);</li> <li>• 3 were taken from Area 2F (~Waldport to Pacific City);</li> <li>• 1 was taken from Area 3A (Cape Falcon to Central WA).</li> </ul>		
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Figure 1 and Table 2 provide detailed information about species-specific catch on trips taken in the EFP. The majority of catch on trips taken in the EFP has been comprised of widow rockfish and yellowtail rockfish, with most widow landed in Newport and most yellowtail landed in Astoria.

**Figure 1 Total Catch (Pounds) by Species YTD on Trips Taken in 2017 Selective Flatfish Trawl EFP**



**Table 2 Pounds of Rockfish by Species and Port YTD on Trips Taken in 2017 Selective Flatfish Trawl EFP**

Pounds of Rockfish	Astoria	Newport	Total
Canary Rockfish	6,249	1,231	7,480
Widow Rockfish	45,392	910,361	955,753
Yellowtail Rockfish	301,615	5,576	307,191
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>353,256</b>	<b>917,168</b>	<b>1,270,424</b>

Activity in the Selective Flatfish Trawl EFP has decreased since May 15, when midwater trawling is permitted in the Rockfish Conservation Areas (RCAs). The last reported delivery with bottom trawl gear in the EFP was on May 16, 2017.