

PROPOSED GROUND FISH FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLAN LANGUAGE
FOR AMENDMENT 21-3

Amendment 21-3 to the Pacific Coast Groundfish Fishery Management Plan (FMP) changes the allocation of darkblotched rockfish and Pacific ocean perch to the at-sea whiting sectors from a yield amount managed with total catch limits (i.e., hard bycatch caps) to a yield amount managed as set-asides. The Council adopted this amendment in September 2016.

FMP excerpt from Section 6.3.2:

Allocation of ~~Trawl Dominant Overfished~~Select Groundfish Species

Under Amendment 20, the at-sea whiting sectors (i.e., catcher-processors and motherships) are managed in a system of sector-specific harvest cooperatives. Each at-sea whiting sector will manage their bycatch of canary rockfish, ~~darkblotched rockfish, Pacific ocean perch,~~ and widow rockfish using sector-specific total catch limits. ~~An initial allocation of these four species needs to be made to the four existing LE trawl sectors before initial allocation of quota shares under Amendment 20. Initial sector allocation of canary rockfish would be decided in the biennial harvest specification and management measures process immediately preceding implementation of Amendments 20 and 21.~~ The ~~initial~~ sector allocations of these ~~se~~ trawl dominant overfished select groundfish species under Amendment 21 and Amendment 21-3 is as follows:

Darkblotched Rockfish

~~Allocate~~Distribute 9 percent or 25 mt, whichever is greater, of the total LE trawl allocation of darkblotched rockfish to the whiting fisheries (at-sea and shoreside combined). The distribution of the whiting trawl allocation of darkblotched to individual whiting sectors will be done pro rata relative to the sectors' whiting allocation.

~~from the LE trawl allocation~~The distributions to the at-sea sectors are set-asides. The distribution to the shoreside sector is an allocation.

Pacific Ocean Perch

~~Allocate~~Distribute 17 percent or 30 mt, whichever is greater, of the total LE trawl allocation of Pacific ocean perch to the whiting fisheries (at-sea and shoreside combined). The distribution of the whiting trawl allocation of POP to individual whiting sectors will be done pro rata relative to the sectors' whiting allocation. The distributions to the at-sea sectors are set-asides. The distribution to the shoreside sector is an allocation.

~~from the LE trawl allocation~~