

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE REPORT ON
RANGE OF MANAGEMENT MEASURES FOR CALIFORNIA'S
2019-2020 COMMERCIAL AND RECREATIONAL GROUND FISH FISHERIES

The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) provides the following potential changes to management measures for commercial and recreational fisheries for 2019-2020 that are based in part on public input received to date (Table 1). To help inform further discussions on this topic, CDFW also offers an initial assessment of workload associated with each of the proposed changes. Management measures described in this report should be considered preliminary and may be refined, amended, or augmented during the scoping process based on additional discussions with other agencies and the public.

Table 1. Potential changes to management measures for commercial and recreational groundfish fisheries in California for 2019-20.

Analysis	Comments and Considerations
Changes to ACL, ACT, Two-Year Allocations	
Increase Cowcod ACT and consider modifying trawl/non-trawl two-year allocation	Low workload; range of ACL/ACTs available in current rebuilding analysis.
Changes to Closed Areas	
Modify outside boundary of western CCA	Medium workload; Need to evaluate impacts to EFH, OFS, etc. Potentially significant outreach needs and enforcement workload if approved.
Modifications/Corrections to existing RCA lines	CDFW priority given enforcement implications; associated workload includes creating maps for each change/area and analyses to evaluate impacts to EFH, OFS, etc.
Commercial	
Remove March-April closure S of 40°10' N lat (LE & OA)	Considerable analytical workload; requires re-running LE & OA trip limits for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LE: shelf RF, bocaccio, shallow & deeper nearshore RF, lingcod, scorpionfish • OA: shelf RF, bocaccio, shallow & deeper nearshore RF, lingcod, scorpionfish Total of 13 different trip limits and associated documentation/analyses Need to take into account OFS impacts from NS model; if results exceed NS OFS allocations, need to consider trade-offs of SQ trip limits versus year-round fishery with lower limits
Lingcod trip limit adjustments (LE & OA)	Separate from above analysis, may be required due to new stock assessment results; may affect N & S of 40°10' N lat
Eliminate or modify depth restriction in directed Pacific halibut fishery	Fishery currently held to non-trawl RCA.
Recreational	
Changes to Season Lengths	
Year Round Fishery in Southern Mgmt Area	RecFISH model used to calculate changes in target and non-target impacts will need to be updated with new data and results refreshed
Evaluate changes in other Mgmt Areas	
California scorpionfish	Eliminate closure in Sept-Dec based on results from new stock assessment
Changes to Bag limits	
Black RF	Explore differential limits by area
Canary RF	Increase limit
Lingcod	May be required due to new stock assessment results
Increase lingcod size limit	May be required to due to new stock assessment results
Housekeeping Items	
Exempted trawl regulations	Clean up and housekeeping