

WASHINGTON DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE (WDFW) REPORT ON
BIENNIAL HARVEST SPECIFICATIONS FOR 2019-2020

The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) is recommending analysis of an alternative for managing Washington (WA) cabezon and kelp greenling together in a WA cabezon/kelp greenling complex. Currently, both species are managed with Oregon and California kelp greenling and leopard shark as part of the Other Fish Complex. This alternative is similar to that proposed by the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) and forwarded by the Council in September.

Since the restructuring of stock complexes is considered a new management measure, additional details are provided in Agenda Item F.9.a, Supplemental WDFW Report, November 2017. We describe the stock complex alternative here because it would affect the Annual Catch Limit (ACL) of the Other Fish Complex, which is a sum of the ACLs for the individual stocks in that complex. The proposed alternative does not propose to change the ACLs for individual stocks but would change the total complex ACL based on how the individual stocks are grouped.

WDFW Alternative 1 would remove WA cabezon and kelp greenling from the Other Fish Complex. To illustrate the cumulative impacts of the WDFW and ODFW Other Fish Complex proposals, we've combined Washington Alternative 1 with the ODFW proposal to remove Oregon kelp greenling from the Other Fish Complex (Table 1).

Table 1. Alternative harvest specifications for the Other Fish Complex

Alternative	Stock	2019			2020		
		OFL	ABC	ACL	OFL	ABC	ACL
Status quo	Cabezon (WA)	5.5	4.6	4.6	5.4	5.4	4.5
	Kelp greenling (CA)	118.9	99.2	99.2	118.9	118.9	99.2
	Kelp greenling (OR)	180.9	171.1	171.1	166.5	166.5	157.5
	Kelp greenling (WA)	7.1	5.9	5.9	7.1	7.1	5.9
	Leopard shark	167.1	139.4	139.4	167.1	167.1	139.4
	Other Fish Complex total	479.5	420.2	420.2	465.0	465.0	406.4
Alternative 1	Kelp greenling (CA)	118.9	99.2	99.2	118.9	118.9	99.2
	Leopard shark	167.1	139.4	139.4	167.1	167.1	139.4
	Other Fish Complex total	286.0	238.6	238.6	286.0	286.0	238.6
	Kelp greenling (OR)	180.9	171.1	171.1	166.5	166.5	157.5
	Cabezon (OR)	49.0	47.0	47.0	49.0	47.0	47.0
	OR KG/Cabezon Complex	230	218	218	216	204	204
	Kelp greenling (WA)	7.1	5.9	5.9	7.1	7.1	5.9
	Cabezon (WA)	5.5	4.6	4.6	5.4	5.4	4.5
WA KG/Cabezon Complex	12.6	10.5	10.5	12.5	12.5	10.4	