

**Year-Round Coastwide Midwater Rockfish EFP:  
 Monitoring and Minimizing Salmon Bycatch When Targeting Rockfish in the  
 Shorebased IFQ Fishery**

**2021 Rockfish EFP Interim Report**

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The table below summarizes the catch of groundfish, Chinook salmon, other salmon, and other species of concern during the 2021 Rockfish EFP to date (October 12, 2021). Due to confidentiality restrictions, catch/bycatch data could not be reported separately for trips occurring North and South of 42° N. latitude. However, the vast majority of trips in the 2021 Rockfish EFP have occurred in the area North of 42° N. latitude.

In total, 30 Chinook salmon have been caught on 181 trips in the 2021 EFP. This EFP has generated upwards of 21 million pounds of groundfish catch, valued at more than \$3.5 million. No other bycatch of species of concern has occurred in the 2021 EFP aside from Chinook salmon.

None of the EFP bycatch thresholds have been reached this far this year, and none of the additional EFP provisions or the industry-based bycatch monitoring/avoidance measures (bycatch reports, move-along rules) have been triggered.

**Summary of 2021 Rockfish EFP Catch and Bycatch YTD**

EFP Region	Vessels	Trips	Chinook	Unidentified Salmon	Coho	Green Sturgeon	Eulachon	Groundfish Pounds	Groundfish Revenues (\$)
<b>2021 Rockfish EFP YTD</b>									
<b>TOTAL 2021 EFP YTD</b>	16	181	30	0	3	0	4	21,080,258	\$3,685,608.74

*\*Cannot report separate areas (N and S of 42°) due to confidentiality restrictions in the southern area. Information is provided through October 12, 2021.*

It is expected/intended that this EFP will continue during the 2022 calendar year. Enrollment in the 2022 EFP is currently underway.