

GROUND FISH MANAGEMENT TEAM REPORT ON INSEASON ADJUSTMENTS
INCLUDING PACIFIC WHITING SET-ASIDES FOR 2022
FINAL ACTION

The Groundfish Management Team (GMT) received an overview of the contents of Agenda Item E.7.a, Supplemental California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) Report 2 from CDFW staff and concur with the contents. Therefore, **the GMT recommends that the Council adopt the following recommendations that are outlined in Agenda Item E.7.a, Supplemental CDFW Report 2, November 2021, for the following inseason changes to California's non-trawl fisheries for 2022:**

Quillback Rockfish south of 40° 10' N lat.

- No retention of quillback rockfish in the recreational fishery statewide.
- Implement a 75 lbs. / 2 months sub-trip limit to the 2,000 lbs. / 2-month Minor Nearshore Rockfish trip limit for the area between 42°-40°10' N lat. and a 75 lbs. / 2 months sub-trip limit to the 2,000 lbs. / 2-month Deeper Nearshore trip limit south of 40° 10' N lat.

Copper Rockfish south of 40° 10' N lat.

- Implement a new statewide 1-fish copper rockfish sub-bag limit within the 10-fish daily RCG bag limit.
- Implement a 75 lbs / 2 months sub-trip limit to the 2,000 lbs / 2-month Minor Nearshore Rockfish trip limit for the area between 42°-40°10' N lat. and a 75 lbs. / 2 months sub-trip limit to the 2,000 lbs. / 2-month Deeper Nearshore trip limit south of 40° 10' N lat.

Vermilion/Sunset Rockfish south of 40° 10' N lat.

- Reduce the vermilion rockfish 5-fish sub-bag limit to 4-fish within the 10-fish daily RCG bag limit within the recreational fishery, statewide.