

E.7 Groundfish Inseason Adjustments Including Pacific Whiting Set-Asides for 2022- Final Action

Council Action:

1. Adopt final inseason adjustments for 2021 and 2022 as necessary, to achieve, but not exceed, annual catch limits and other management objectives.
2. Adopt Pacific whiting yield set-asides for 2022.

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I move the Council Adopt the following, for the 2022 fishing season:

1. For Pacific Whiting Set-Aside in Research Activities and the Pink Shrimp Fishery, continue to set the Pacific whiting set-aside at 750 mt for 2022.
2. For Open Access Fixed Gear Lingcod North of 42° N. Latitude, Option 1: Increase to 2,500 lb./month as soon as possible in 2022
3. For Limited Entry Fixed Gear Lingcod North of 42° N. Latitude, Option 1: Increase to 5,000 lb./2 months as soon as possible in 2022
4. For Open Access DTL Fixed Gear Sablefish North of 36° N. Latitude, Reduce per Option 1: 600 lbs./day, or 1 landing/week up to 2,000 lbs., not to exceed 4,000 lbs./2 months
5. For Limited Entry DTL Fixed Gear Sablefish North of 36° N. Latitude, Reduce per Option 1: 2,400 lb./week, not to exceed 4,800 lb./2 months
6. No adjustment to the shortspine thornyhead north of 34°27N. lat. trip limit at this time

For Quillback Rockfish:

- A One fish quillback rockfish sub-bag limit in the recreational fishery statewide (California).
- 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.

For Copper Rockfish:

- Implement a new statewide (California) 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.

For Vermilion/Sunset Rockfish:

- 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 (California).

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Second by Marc Gorelnik

Motion passed unanimously.