

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

2023 Trawl Gear 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 2023 Trawl Gear EFP to date (through October 10, 2023).

In total, 165 Chinook salmon and 2 Coho salmon have been caught on 205 trips in the 2023 Trawl Gear EFP. The majority of salmon bycatch (150 Chinook and both Coho) occurred on 130 trips in the EFP North of 42° N. latitude. Only 15 Chinook salmon have been caught on 75 trips in the area South of 42° N. latitude. To date, this EFP has generated upwards of 12 million pounds of groundfish catch, valued at almost \$4 million. No other bycatch of species of concern has occurred in the 2023 EFP aside from Chinook and coho 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 2023 Trawl Gear EFP Catch and Bycatch YTD

AFP Region	Vessels	Trips	Chinook	Unidentified Salmon	Coho	Green Sturgeon	Eulachon	Groundfish Pounds	Groundfish Revenues (\$)
2023 Trawl Gear EFP YTD									
North of 42	15	130	150	0	2	0	390	10,568,377	\$3,153,243.93
South of 42	5	75	15	0	0	0	0	1,896,395	\$835,697.13
Total EFP YTD	20	205	165	0	2	0	390	12,464,772	\$3,988,941.06

Information is provided through October 10, 2023.

It is expected/intended that the Trawl Gear EFP will continue during the 2024 calendar year. Enrollment in the 2024 EFP is currently underway.