

**CORRECTION TO 2025-26 HARVEST SPECIFICATION  
 FOR GREENSPOTTED ROCKFISH**

Over the summer, Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) staff determined the 2025-26 harvest specifications for greenspotted rockfish were incorrect for the area between 42° N. lat. to 34°27' N. lat. off of California. This error persisted throughout the 2025-26 harvest specification and management measure process and incorrect values were shown in [Agenda Item F.6, Attachment 2, June 2024](#) in Tables 8 and 9. The Council will need to adopt these corrections.

In brief, the overfishing limit (OFL), acceptable biological catch (ABC), and annual catch limit (ACL) values for greenspotted rockfish in specific areas off California were incorrectly set too high (Table 1). This correction is necessary to follow the recommendation of the Science and Statistical Committee (SSC) as reported in [Agenda Item G.6.a, Supplemental SSC Report 1, September 2023](#).

“The OFL and ABC values for greenspotted rockfish are based on an assessment adopted in 2011, but year-specific projections are not available for 2025 and 2026. The SSC recommends rolling over 2024 values for the OFL and ABC in both 2025 and 2026.”

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The correct 2024 values for greenspotted rockfish off of California are based on projections from the 2011 assessment with time-varying sigmas for 2020 and beyond (Table 4, [Agenda Item C.8 Attachment 2, September 2021](#)).

**Table 1. Incorrect and corrected 2025-26 harvest specifications for greenspotted rockfish between 42° N. lat. and 34°27' N. lat.; values in metric tons (mt).**

<b>Stock</b>	<b>Area</b>	<b>Incorrect OFL / ABC / ACL (mt)</b>	<b>Corrected OFL / ABC / ACL (mt)</b>	<b>Difference (mt)</b>
Greenspotted Rockfish	42° to 40°10' N. lat.	88.14 / 69.70 / 69.27	9.45 / 7.45 / 7.35	-78.69 / -62.25 / -61.92
	40°10' to 34°27' N. lat.	42.45 / 33.55 / 33.12	33.13 / 26.1 / 25.77	-9.32 / -7.45 / -7.35

Greenspotted rockfish is a component species of the Shelf Rockfish Complexes north and south of 40°10' N. lat and its harvest specifications contribute to the overall OFL, ABC, ACL of each complex. The reduction in greenspotted rockfish specifications concomitantly reduces the overall complex harvest specifications.

The corrected values are by harvest specification in Table 2 and Table 3.

**Table 2. Corrected harvest specifications for 2025 shelf rockfish complexes and the component contribution of greenspotted rockfish; values in metric tons.**

Stock/Complex	Area	2025 OFL	2025ABC	2025 ACL	2025 HG
Shelf Rockfish North	North of 40°10' N. lat.	1,668.66	1,329.7	1,329.6	1,250.4
Greenspotted Rockfish	42° to 40°10' N. lat.	9.45	7.45	7.35	-
Shelf Rockfish South	South of 40°10' N. lat.	1,827.6	1,457.7	1,457.12	1,430.52
Greenspotted Rockfish	40°10' to 34°27' N. lat.	33.13	26.1	25.77	-

**Table 3. Corrected harvest specifications for 2026 shelf rockfish complexes and the component contribution of greenspotted rockfish; values in metric tons.**

Stock/Complex	Area	2026 OFL	2026 ABC	2026 ACL	2026 HG
Shelf Rockfish North	North of 40°10' N. lat.	1,654.54	1,316.3	1,316.2	1,263.8
Greenspotted Rockfish	42° to 40°10' N. lat.	9.45	7.45	7.35	-
Shelf Rockfish South	South of 40°10' N. lat.	1,827.12	1,455.37	1,454.89	1,428.4
Greenspotted Rockfish	40°10' to 34°27' N. lat.	33.13	26.1	25.77	-

The Shelf Rockfish Complexes have biennial allocations. The Shelf Rockfish Complex trawl/non-trawl allocation is 60.2 percent trawl and 39.8 percent non-trawl. The Shelf Rockfish Complex trawl/non-trawl allocation is 12.2 percent trawl and 87.8 percent non-trawl. Table 4 shows the corrected 2025-26 trawl/non-trawl allocations for Shelf Rockfish Complexes.

**Table 4. Corrected biennial allocations for the Shelf Rockfish Complexes north and south of 40°10' N. lat.; values in metric tons.**

<b>Shelf Rockfish North of 40°10' N. lat.</b>		
	2025 (mt)	2026 (mt)
Trawl	760.81	752.74
Non-trawl	502.99	497.66

<b>Shelf Rockfish South of 40°10' N. lat.</b>		
	2025 (mt)	2026 (mt)
Trawl	174.52	174.27
Non-trawl	1,256.0	1,254.14

The Shelf Rockfish Complex North of 40°10' N. lat. trawl allocation is reduced by 35 mt to account for anticipated mortality in the at-sea whiting sector. Table 5 shows the revised amounts for the shorebased individual fishing quota (IFQ) fishery.

**Table 5. Corrected Shorebased Individual Fishing Quota (IFQ) amounts**

<b>Shelf Rockfish North of 40°10' N. lat.</b>		
	<b>2025 (mt)</b>	<b>2026 (mt)</b>
Trawl allocation	760.81	752.74
At-sea Set-Aside	35	35
IFQ	725.81	717.74

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