

OREGON DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE REPORT ON INSEASON
ADJUSTMENTS

In December 2024, the Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission adopted a 1-fish sub-bag limit for canary rockfish in the recreational longleader gear fishery off Oregon beginning January 1, 2025. During the 2025-26 biennial process, a 5-fish sub-bag limit was adopted by the Pacific Fishery Management Council (council) for this fishery. The Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) is requesting conforming federal action to reduce the sub-bag limit from five fish to one fish for canary rockfish, as effort in the longleader gear fishery occurs primarily in federal waters.

Since the completion of the biennial process, ODFW staff examined data through 2023 and most of 2024. Based on catch rates of canary rockfish in the longleader gear fishery the sub-bag limit needs to be decreased to reduce the chance of the Oregon recreational share of canary rockfish being exceeded. The use of descending devices is required off Oregon when releasing any rockfish outside of the 30-fathom regulatory line. ODFW will monitor both landings and discard mortality inseason from the longleader gear and regular bottomfish fishery and take further regulatory actions should they become necessary.