

## E.3 - Inseason Management – Final Action

### Council Tasks:

1. Consider groundfish catch and projections, as appropriate.
2. Adopt 2025 inseason adjustments, as necessary.

### **CDFW Motion:**

I move the Council approve the recommended trip limit increases for limited entry and open access sablefish North and South of 36 degrees N. lat., as described in Agenda Item E.3.a., supplemental GMT report 2.

Moved by Marci Yaremko

Seconded by Marc Gorelnik

Motion passed unanimously

## **CDFW Motion 2:**

As recommended by the GAP in Agenda Item E.3.a Supplemental GAP report 1, in response to the draft 2025 full assessment of quillback rockfish off California, I move the Council recommend that NMFS proceed with the following inseason management actions for California groundfish fisheries as soon as possible, contingent upon the outcome of the stock assessment review process producing a substantially similar abundance and annual catch limits as those in the draft:

Recreational:

- 1) Restore all-depth fishing in the open season for the Northern, Mendocino, San Francisco, and Central Groundfish Management Areas (GMAs) from April 1 through December 31.
- 2) Remove the recreational management line at Point Lopez (36° N. lat.) that created two sub-areas within the Central Groundfish Management Area.

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1) Non-trawl RCA Boundary Modifications: Restore the shoreward Non-trawl Rockfish Conservation Area Boundary lines to those in place prior to the actions taken to protect quillback rockfish, specifically for the areas:

- a.  $42^{\circ}$  to  $40^{\circ} 10'$  N lat.: 30 fathoms (fm)
- b.  $40^{\circ} 10'$  to  $38^{\circ} 57.5'$  N lat.: 40 fm
- c.  $38^{\circ} 57.5'$  to  $34^{\circ} 27'$  N lat.: 50 fm

2) Trip Limit Modifications: Restore Limited Entry Fixed Gear (LEFG) and Open Access (OA) trip limits as follows:  
a. Modify LEFG and OA nearshore rockfish complex trip limits from “Closed” to the following:

**$42^{\circ}$  to  $40^{\circ} 10'$  N lat.**

- Black rockfish: 7,000 lbs/ 2 months
- Nearshore rockfish excluding black rockfish:  
2,000 lbs / 2 months, of which no more than 75 lbs may be copper rockfish

**South of  $40^{\circ} 10'$  N lat.**

- Shallow nearshore rockfish: 2,000 lbs/ 2 months

- Deeper nearshore rockfish: 2,000 lbs / 2 months, of which no more than 75 lbs may be copper rockfish
- b. Modify LEFG and OA cabezon trip limits from “Closed” to unlimited between 42° to 40° 10' N lat. and south of 40° 10' N lat.
- c. Modify LEFG and OA lingcod trip limits to remove the text “seaward of the Non-Trawl RCA; CLOSED inside the Non-Trawl RCA.” between 42° to 40° 10' N lat. and south of 40° 10' N lat.
- d. Modify LEFG and OA other flatfish trip limits to remove the text “seaward of the Non-Trawl RCA; CLOSED inside the Non-Trawl RCA.” between 42° to 40° 10' N lat. and south of 40° 10' N lat.
- e. Modify LEFG and OA shelf rockfish complex, excluding bronzespotted rockfish, trip limits between 40° 10' and 34° 27' N lat. to the following:

#### **LEFG**

- 8,000 lbs per 2 months, of which no more than 500 lbs may be vermilion/sunset rockfish.

#### **OA**

- 4,000 lbs per 2 months, of which no more than 300 lbs may be vermilion/sunset rockfish

Moved by Marci Yaremko

Seconded by Marc Gorelnik

Motion passes unanimously

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