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Purpose and need

Action is needed to restore the L/E fixed gear sector's access to the healthy stocks of Chillie pepper, widow and Boccaccio rockfish between 40/10 and 36%,, in California, to benefit coastal communities and consumers.

Currently the RCA is set at 125 fm. All fixed gear vessels drift when they haul their lines and run the grave risk of drifting over the line in the time it takes to bring the fish to the surface. Trawl vessels do not have this problem.

Chillie pepper and Boccaccio were the primary fish landed by the "un indorsed" vessels in the L/E sector prior to the creation of the RCA's'

The need is to move the RCA in to 100 fm.

Nobody will actually fish in 100 because of the drifting problem.

Goldeneye are seldom found outside 100 in this area.

Josh