

OREGON DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE REPORT ON ADDITIONAL
 PROPOSED RCA MODIFICATIONS

Modification of the 200- fm petrale RCA near Heceta Bank

- Oregon proposes a modification of the 200-fm modified petrale RCA near Heceta Bank (Figure 1). This adjustment will affect Oregon limited entry non-whiting trawl fishermen who fish seaward of the RCA. Currently, the modified 200 fm petrale RCA line is deeper than the 250-fm RCA, and in some cases crosses 400 fm depth contour (Figure 1). The fishing industry has requested to modify the 200-fm petrale RCA at this location so it is not deeper than the 250 fm RCA in this area. We propose removing two points from the current modified 200-fm petrale RCA (points 84 and 85) and adding to two points (points 79 and 80 taken from the current modified 250-fm petrale RCA). This modification may increase opportunities for Dover sole while having minimal additional impact petrale sole. We note that some areas seaward of the proposed RCA are as shallow as 100 fm whereas others remain as deep as 300 fm. Additional points could be added to better represent the 200 fm contour if requested.

Table 1. ODFW-proposed changes to the 200-fm petrale RCA near Heceta Bank.

Fathom Line	Proposed Coordinates					Action	Long Change	Original Coordinates Published in the Federal Register			
	Point	Lat		Long				Lat		Long	
		Deg	Min	Deg	Min			Deg	Min	Deg	Min
200-fm petrale	83	44	13.19	124	58.66	Retain	None	44	13.19	124	58.66
200-fm petrale	84					Delete		44	8.3	124	58.72
200-fm petrale	85					Delete		43	57.37	124	58.71
200-fm petrale	A	43	57.88	124	58.25	Addition	Shoreward				
200-fm petrale	B	43	56.89	124	57.33	Addition	Shoreward				
200-fm petrale	86	43	52.32	124	49.43	Retain	None	43	52.32	124	49.43

Figure 1. ODFW-proposed changes to 200-fm petrale RCA near Heceta Bank. Blue Line = current 200-fm petrale RCA; Gold Line = proposed 200-fm petrale RCA; Dashed Line = 250-fm RCA. XXXX = proposed revision of the 200-fm petrale RCA.

