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## **PUBLIC NOTICE**

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### **GROUNDFISH INSEASON ADJUSTMENTS – EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 19, 2017**

**Change to commercial limited entry fixed gear (LEFG) and open access (OA) Sablefish daily trip limit (DTL) fisheries north of 36°10' North Latitude (N. lat.), addition of a reference to the lingcod size limits for the Shorebased Individual Fishing Quota (IFQ) Program, and the implementation of depth restrictions in the California recreational fishery.**

The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) announces changes to commercial fishery trip limits for the Pacific Coast groundfish fishery off Washington, Oregon, and California, clarification of the lingcod size limits for the Shorebased IFQ Program, and the implementation of depth restrictions in the California recreational fishery.

The Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) recommended these changes at its September 2017 meeting. These changes were initially scheduled to publish and become effective on Tuesday, October 17, 2017. However, due to an error, publication was delayed. Changes described in this public notice will now be **effective Thursday, October 19, 2017** and will publish in the *Federal Register* on October 19, 2017.

#### **Commercial Fishery**

##### ***LEFG and OA Sablefish DTL Fisheries North of 36° N. lat.***

To increase harvest opportunities for LEFG and OA sablefish DTL fisheries north of 36° N. lat., the Council recommended increases to sablefish trip limits for all remaining periods in 2017. Therefore, NMFS is implementing an increase to trip limits for

the LEFG and OA sablefish DTL fisheries north of 36° N. lat. for all remaining periods in 2017.

The trip limits for sablefish in the LEFG fishery north of 36° N. lat. will increase to 1,500 lb (680 kg) per week, not to exceed 4,500 lb (2,041 kg) per two months beginning in period 5 through the end of the year. See Tables 2 (North) and 2 (South) at the end of this notice.

The trip limits for sablefish in the OA sablefish DTL fishery north of 36° N. lat. will increase to 300 lb (136 kg) per day, or one landing per week of up to 1,300 lb (590 kg), not to exceed 2,600 lb (1,179 kg) per two months beginning in period 5 through the end of the year. See Tables 3 (North) and 3 (South) at the end of this notice.

#### ***Lingcod Size Limits for the Shorebased IFQ Program***

At the September Council meeting, members of the Enforcement Consultants (EC) noted confusion with regards to size limits for lingcod, an IFQ species, caught in the Shorebased IFQ Program north and south of 42° N. lat. To clear up this confusion, the Council recommended that NMFS include a reference to the current lingcod

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size limits (22 inches for north of 42 ° N. lat. and 24 inches for south of 42° N. lat.) in regulation.

Therefore, NMFS is clarifying regulations at 660.60(h)(5)(ii)(B)(2). The change to the regulations includes a clear reference to the lingcod size limits for north and south of 42 ° N. lat. for the Shorebased IFQ Program for both the whole fish and fish with the head removed.

### **Recreational Fishery**

#### ***California Recreational Fishery Depth Restrictions***

At the September Council meeting, the Council was informed that California was experiencing higher than projected recreational harvest of yelloweye rockfish. The higher than projected harvest has likely been the result of more favorable weather conditions experienced over the past few months, as well as increased targeting of rockfish due to a decline in salmon harvesting opportunities.

The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) informed the Council in September that without management intervention to reduce encounters, the California recreational harvest of yelloweye rockfish would exceed the state's harvest guideline. Depth restrictions would represent a conservative management approach to minimize the exceedance of the state's harvest guideline and

reduce the potential of exceeding the annual catch limit for yelloweye rockfish. Therefore, the Council recommended and NMFS is implementing more restrictive depth closures for 4 of the 5 California recreational fishery management areas.

Recreational fishing will be prohibited in the Northern and Mendocino Management areas from mid-October through the end of the year seaward of the boundary line approximating the 20 fm depth contour (permitted shoreward of the boundary line approximating the 20 fm depth contour). In the San Francisco Management Area, recreational fishing will also be prohibited during the same time period seaward of the boundary line approximating the 30 fm depth contour (permitted shoreward of the boundary line approximating the 30 fm depth contour) and prohibited seaward of the boundary line approximating the 40 fm depth contour (permitted shoreward of the boundary line approximating the 40 fm depth contour) in the Central Management Area. The Council did not recommend a change for the Southern Management Area (south of 34°27' N. lat.) at this time, where fishing is restricted to waters shoreward of the 60 fm depth contour through the end of the year.

Coordinates for the boundary lines approximating the 10 fm (18-m) through 40 fm (73-m) depth contours are listed in regulation at 660.71.

**Trip limit tables, effective October 19, 2017 are included at the end of this public notice.**

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Any discrepancies between this public notice and the *Federal Register* will be resolved in favor of the *Federal Register*.

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**Table 1 (North) to Part 660, Subpart D -- Limited Entry Trawl Rockfish Conservation Areas and Landing Allowances for non-IFQ Species and Pacific Whiting North of 40°10' N. Lat.**

This table describes Rockfish Conservation Areas for vessels using groundfish trawl gear. This table describes incidental landing allowances for vessels registered to a Federal limited entry trawl permit and using groundfish trawl or groundfish non-trawl gears to harvest individual fishing quota (IFQ) species.

Other Limits and Requirements Apply -- Read § 660.10 - § 660.399 before using this table

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		JAN-FEB	MAR-APR	MAY-JUN	JUL-AUG	SEP-OCT	NOV-DEC
<b>Rockfish Conservation Area (RCA)<sup>1/</sup>:</b>							
1	North of 45°46' N. lat.	100 fm line <sup>1/</sup> - 150 fm line <sup>1/</sup>					
2	45°46' N. lat. - 40°10' N. lat.	100 fm line <sup>1/</sup> - modified <sup>2/</sup> 200 fm line <sup>1/</sup>					
<p>Selective flatfish trawl gear is required shoreward of the RCA; all bottom trawl gear (large footrope, selective flatfish trawl, and small footrope trawl gear) is permitted seaward of the RCA. Large footrope and small footrope trawl gears (except for selective flatfish trawl gear) are prohibited shoreward of the RCA. Midwater trawl gear is permitted for vessels targeting whiting and non-whiting during the days open to the primary whiting season. <b>Vessels fishing groundfish trawl quota pounds with groundfish non-trawl gears, under gear switching provisions at § 660.140, are subject to the limited entry groundfish trawl fishery landing allowances in this table, regardless of the type of fishing gear used. Vessels fishing groundfish trawl quota pounds with groundfish non-trawl gears, under gear switching provisions at § 660.140, are subject to the limited entry fixed gear non-trawl RCA, as described in Tables 2 (North) and 2 (South) to Part 660, Subpart E.</b></p>							
<p>See § 660.60, § 660.130, and § 660.140 for Additional Gear, Trip Limit, and Conservation Area Requirements and Restrictions. See §§ 660.70-660.74 and §§ 660.76-660.79 for Conservation Area Descriptions and Coordinates (including RCAs, YRCA, CCAs, Farallon Islands, Cordell Banks, and EFHCAs).</p>							
<p>State trip limits and seasons may be more restrictive than federal trip limits, particularly in waters off Oregon and California.</p>							
3	<b>Minor Nearshore Rockfish &amp; Black rockfish</b>	300 lb/ month					
4	<b>Whiting<sup>3/</sup></b>						
5	midwater trawl	Before the primary whiting season: CLOSED. -- During the primary season: mid-water trawl permitted in the RCA. See §660.131 for season and trip limit details. -- After the primary whiting season: CLOSED.					
6	large & small footrope gear	Before the primary whiting season: 20,000 lb/trip. -- During the primary season: 10,000 lb/trip. -- After the primary whiting season: 10,000 lb/trip.					
7	<b>Cabezon<sup>4/</sup></b>						
8	North of 46°16' N. lat.	Unlimited					
9	46°16' N. lat. - 40°10' N. lat.	50 lb/ month					
10	<b>Shortbelly rockfish</b>	Unlimited					
11	<b>Spiny dogfish</b>	60,000 lb/ month					
12	<b>Big skate</b>	5,000 lb/ 2 months	25,000 lb/ 2 months	30,000 lb/ 2 months	35,000 lb/ 2 months	10,000 lb/ 2 months	5,000 lb/ 2 months
13	<b>Longnose skate</b>	Unlimited					
14	<b>Other Fish<sup>4/</sup></b>	Unlimited					

**TABLE 1 (North)**

1/ The Rockfish Conservation Area is an area closed to fishing by particular gear types, bounded by lines specifically defined by latitude and longitude coordinates set out at §§ 660.71-660.74. This RCA is not defined by depth contours, and the boundary lines that define the RCA may close areas that are deeper or shallower than the depth contour. Vessels that are subject to the RCA restrictions may not fish in the RCA, or operate in the RCA for any purpose other than transiting.

2/ The "modified" fathom lines are modified to exclude certain petrale sole areas from the RCA.

3/ As specified at §660.131(d), when fishing in the Eureka Area, no more than 10,000 lb of whiting may be taken and retained, possessed, or landed by a vessel that, at any time during the fishing trip, fished in the fishery management area shoreward of 100 fm contour.

4/ "Other Fish" are defined at § 660.11 and include kelp greenling, leopard shark, and cabezon in Washington

**To convert pounds to kilograms, divide by 2.20462, the number of pounds in one kilogram.**

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**Table 1 (South) to Part 660, Subpart D -- Limited Entry Trawl Rockfish Conservation Areas and Landing Allowances for non-IFQ Species and Pacific Whiting South of 40°10' N. Lat.**

This table describes Rockfish Conservation Areas for vessels using groundfish trawl gear. This table describes incidental landing allowances for vessels registered to a Federal limited entry trawl permit and using groundfish trawl or groundfish non-trawl gears to harvest individual fishing quota (IFQ) species.							
Other Limits and Requirements Apply -- Read § 660.10 - § 660.399 before using this table							08/17/2016
		JAN-FEB	MAR-APR	MAY-JUN	JUL-AUG	SEP-OCT	NOV-DEC
<b>Rockfish Conservation Area (RCA)<sup>1/</sup>:</b>							
1	South of 40°10' N. lat.	100 fm line <sup>1/</sup> - 150 fm line <sup>1/ 2/</sup>					
Small footrope trawl gear is required shoreward of the RCA; all trawl gear (large footrope, selective flatfish trawl, midwater trawl, and small footrope trawl gear) is permitted seaward of the RCA. Large footrope trawl gear and midwater trawl gear are prohibited shoreward of the RCA. <b>Vessels fishing groundfish trawl quota pounds with groundfish non-trawl gears, under gear switching provisions at § 660.140, are subject to the limited entry groundfish trawl fishery landing allowances in this table, regardless of the type of fishing gear used. Vessels fishing groundfish trawl quota pounds with groundfish non-trawl gears, under gear switching provisions at § 660.140, are subject to the limited entry fixed gear non-trawl RCA, as described in Tables 2 (North) and 2 (South) to Part 660, Subpart E.</b>							
See § 660.60, § 660.130, and § 660.140 for Additional Gear, Trip Limit, and Conservation Area Requirements and Restrictions. See §§ 660.70-660.74 and §§ 660.76-660.79 for Conservation Area Descriptions and Coordinates (including RCAs, YRCA, CCAs, Farallon Islands, Cordell Banks, and EFHCAs).							
State trip limits and seasons may be more restrictive than federal trip limits, particularly in waters off Oregon and California.							
2	<b>Longspine thornyhead</b>						
3	South of 34°27' N. lat.	24,000 lb/ 2 months					
4	<b>Minor Nearshore Rockfish &amp; Black rockfish</b>	300 lb/ month					
5	<b>Whiting</b>						
6	midwater trawl	Before the primary whiting season: CLOSED. -- During the primary season: mid-water trawl permitted in the RCA. See §660.131 for season and trip limit details. -- After the primary whiting season: CLOSED.					
7	large & small footrope gear	Before the primary whiting season: 20,000 lb/trip. -- During the primary season: 10,000 lb/trip. -- After the primary whiting season: 10,000 lb/trip.					
8	<b>Cabezon</b>	50 lb/ month					
9	<b>Shortbelly rockfish</b>	Unlimited					
10	<b>Spiny dogfish</b>	60,000 lb/ month					
11	<b>Big skate</b>	5,000 lb/ 2 months	25,000 lb/ 2 months	30,000 lb/ 2 months	35,000 lb/ 2 months	10,000 lb/ 2 months	5,000 lb/ 2 months
12	<b>Longnose skate</b>	Unlimited					
13	<b>California scorpionfish</b>	Unlimited					
14	<b>Other Fish<sup>3/</sup></b>	Unlimited					
1/ The Rockfish Conservation Area is an area closed to fishing by particular gear types, bounded by lines specifically defined by latitude and longitude coordinates set out at §§ 660.71-660.74. This RCA is not defined by depth contours, and the boundary lines that define the RCA may close areas that are deeper or shallower than the depth contour. Vessels that are subject to the RCA restrictions may not fish in the RCA, or operate in the RCA for any purpose other than transiting.							
2/ South of 34°27' N. lat., the RCA is 100 fm line - 150 fm line along the mainland coast; shoreline - 150 fm line around islands.							
3/ "Other Fish" are defined at § 660.11 and include kelp greenling, leopard shark, and cabezon in Washington							
<b>To convert pounds to kilograms, divide by 2.20462, the number of pounds in one kilogram.</b>							

**TABLE 1 (South)**

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**Table 2 (North) to Part 660, Subpart E -- Non-Trawl Rockfish Conservation Areas and Trip Limits for Limited Entry Fixed Gear North of 40°10' N. lat.**

Other limits and requirements apply -- Read §§660.10 through 660.399 before using this table		10132017					
		JAN-FEB	MAR-APR	MAY-JUN	JUL-AUG	SEP-OCT	NOV-DEC
<b>Rockfish Conservation Area (RCA)<sup>1/</sup>:</b>							
1	North of 46°16' N. lat.	shoreline - 100 fm line <sup>1/</sup>					
2	46°16' N. lat. - 42°00' N. lat.	30 fm line <sup>1/</sup> - 100 fm line <sup>1/</sup>					
3	42°00' N. lat. - 40°10' N. lat.	30 fm line <sup>1/</sup> - 100 fm line <sup>1/</sup>					
<p>See §§660.60 and 660.230 for additional gear, trip limit and conservation area requirements and restrictions. See §§660.70-660.74 and §§660.76-660.79 for conservation area descriptions and coordinates (including RCAs, YRCAs, CCAs, Farallon Islands, Cordell Banks, and EFHCAs).</p> <p style="text-align: center;">State trip limits and seasons may be more restrictive than Federal trip limits or seasons, particularly in waters off Oregon and California.</p>							
4	<b>Minor Slope Rockfish<sup>2/</sup> &amp; Darkblotched rockfish</b>	4,000 lb/ 2 months					
5	<b>Pacific ocean perch</b>	1,800 lb/ 2 months					
6	<b>Sablefish</b>	1,125 lb/week, not to exceed 3,375 lb/ 2 months	1,100 lb/week, not to exceed 3,300 lb/ 2 months			1,500 lbs/week, not to exceed 4,500 lbs/2 months	
7	<b>Longspine thornyhead</b>	10,000 lb/ 2 months					
8	<b>Shortspine thornyhead</b>	2,000 lb/ 2 months			2,500 lb/ 2 months		
9							
10	<b>Dover sole, arrowtooth flounder, petrale sole, English sole, starry flounder, Other Flatfish<sup>3/</sup></b>	5,000 lb/ month					
11		South of 42° N. lat., when fishing for "other flatfish," vessels using hook-and-line gear with no more than 12 hooks per line, using hooks no larger than "Number 2" hooks, which measure 0.44 in (11 mm) point to shank, and up to two 1 lb (0.45 kg) weights per line, are not subject to the RCAs.					
12							
13							
14							
15	<b>Whiting</b>	10,000 lb/ trip					
16	<b>Minor Shelf Rockfish<sup>2/</sup>, Shortbelly, &amp; Widow rockfish</b>	200 lb/ month					
17	<b>Yellowtail rockfish</b>	1,000 lb/ month					
18	<b>Canary rockfish</b>	300 lb/ 2 months					
19	<b>Yelloweye rockfish</b>	CLOSED					
20	<b>Minor Nearshore Rockfish &amp; Black rockfish</b>						
21	North of 42°00' N. lat.	5,000 lb/ 2 months, no more than 1,200 lb of which may be species other than black rockfish or blue/deacon rockfish <sup>4/</sup>					
22	42°00' N. lat. - 40°10' N. lat.	8,500 lb/ 2 months, no more than 1,200 lb of which may be species other than black rockfish	7,000 lb/ 2 months, no more than 1,200 lb of which may be species other than black rockfish				
23	<b>Lingcod<sup>5/</sup></b>	200 lb/2 months	1,200 lb/ 2 months	1,400 lb/ bimonthly		700 lb/ month	400 lb/ month
24	<b>Pacific cod</b>	1,000 lb/ 2 months					
25	<b>Spiny dogfish</b>	200,000 lb/ 2 months		150,000 lb/ 2 months	100,000 lb/ 2 months		
26	<b>Longnose skate</b>	Unlimited					
27	<b>Other Fish<sup>6/</sup> &amp; Cabezon in Oregon and California</b>	Unlimited					

**TABLE 2 (North)**

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1/ The Rockfish Conservation Area is an area closed to fishing by particular gear types, bounded by lines specifically defined by latitude and longitude coordinates set out at §§ 660.71-660.74. This RCA is not defined by depth contours (with the exception of the 20-fm depth contour boundary south of 42° N. lat.), and the boundary lines that define the RCA may close areas that are deeper or shallower than the depth contour. Vessels that are subject to RCA restrictions may not fish in the RCA, or operate in the RCA for any purpose other than transiting.
2/ Bocaccio, chilipepper and cowcod are included in the trip limits for Minor Shelf Rockfish and splitnose rockfish is included in the trip limits for Minor Slope Rockfish.
3/ "Other flatfish" are defined at § 660.11 and include butter sole, curlfin sole, flathead sole, Pacific sanddab, rex sole, rock sole, and sand sole.
4/ For black rockfish north of Cape Alava (48°09.50' N. lat.), and between Destruction Is. (47°40' N. lat.) and Leadbetter Pnt. (46°38.17' N. lat.), there is an additional limit of 100 lb or 30 percent by weight of all fish on board, whichever is greater, per vessel, per fishing trip.
5/ The minimum size limit for lingcod is 22 inches (56 cm) total length North of 42° N. lat. and 24 inches (61 cm) total length South of 42° N. lat.
6/ "Other Fish" are defined at § 660.11 and include kelp greenling, leopard shark, and cabezon in Washington.
<b>To convert pounds to kilograms, divide by 2.20462, the number of pounds in one kilogram.</b>

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**Table 2 (South) to Part 660, Subpart E -- Non-Trawl Rockfish Conservation Areas and Trip Limits for Limited Entry Fixed Gear South of 40°10' N. lat.**

Other limits and requirements apply -- Read §§660.10 through 660.399 before using this table		10132017					
		JAN-FEB	MAR-APR	MAY-JUN	JUL-AUG	SEP-OCT	NOV-DEC
<b>Rockfish Conservation Area (RCA)<sup>1/</sup>:</b>							
1	40°10' N. lat. - 34°27' N. lat.	40 fm line <sup>1/</sup> - 125 fm line <sup>1/</sup>					
2	South of 34°27' N. lat.	75 fm line <sup>1/</sup> - 150 fm line <sup>1/</sup> (also applies around islands)					
<p>See §§660.60 and 660.230 for additional gear, trip limit and conservation area requirements and restrictions. See §§660.70-660.74 and §§660.76-660.79 for conservation area descriptions and coordinates (including RCAs, YRCAs, CCAs, Farallon Islands, Cordell Banks, and EFHCAs).</p> <p style="text-align: center;">State trip limits and seasons may be more restrictive than Federal trip limits or seasons, particularly in waters off Oregon and California.</p>							
3	<b>Minor Slope rockfish<sup>2/</sup> &amp; Darkblotched rockfish</b>	40,000 lb/ 2 months, of which no more than 1,375 lb may be blackgill rockfish			40,000 lb/ 2 months, of which no more than 1,600 lb may be blackgill rockfish		
4	<b>Splitnose rockfish</b>	40,000 lb/ 2 months					
5	<b>Sablefish</b>						
6	40°10' N. lat. - 36°00' N. lat.	1,125 lb/week, not to exceed 3,375 lb/ 2 months	1,100 lb/week, not to exceed 3,300 lb/ 2 months			1,500 lbs/week, not to exceed 4,500 lbs/2 months	
7	South of 36°00' N. lat.	2,000 lb/ week					
8	<b>Longspine thornyhead</b>	10,000 lb/ 2 months					
9	<b>Shortspine thornyhead</b>						
10	40°10' N. lat. - 34°27' N. lat.	2,000 lb/ 2 months			2,500 lb/ 2 months		
11	South of 34°27' N. lat.	3,000 lb/ 2 months					
12	<b>Dover sole, arrowtooth flounder, petrale sole, English sole, starry flounder, Other Flatfish<sup>3/</sup></b>	5,000 lb/ month					
13		South of 42° N. lat., when fishing for "other flatfish," vessels using hook-and-line gear with no more than 12 hooks per line, using hooks no larger than "Number 2" hooks, which measure 0.44 in (11 mm) point to shank, and up to two 1 lb (0.45 kg) weights per line, are not subject to the RCAs.					
14							
15							
16							
17							
18	<b>Whiting</b>	10,000 lb/ trip					
19	<b>Minor Shelf Rockfish<sup>2/</sup>, Shortbelly rockfish, Widow rockfish (including Chilipepper between 40°10' - 34°27' N. lat.)</b>						
20	40°10' N. lat. - 34°27' N. lat.	Minor shelf rockfish, shortbelly, widow rockfish, & chilipepper: 2,500 lb/ 2 months, of which no more than 500 lb may be any species other than chilipepper.					
21	South of 34°27' N. lat.	4,000 lb/ 2 months	CLOSED	4,000 lb/ 2 months			
22	<b>Chilipepper</b>						
23	40°10' N. lat. - 34°27' N. lat.	Chilipepper included under minor shelf rockfish, shortbelly and widow rockfish limits -- See above					
24	South of 34°27' N. lat.	2,000 lb/ 2 months, this opportunity only available seaward of the non-trawl RCA					
25	<b>Canary rockfish</b>	300 lb/ 2 months					
26	<b>Yelloweye rockfish</b>	CLOSED					
27	<b>Cowcod</b>	CLOSED					
28	<b>Bronzespotted rockfish</b>	CLOSED					
29	<b>Bocaccio</b>						
30	40°10' N. lat. - 34°27' N. lat.	1,000 lb/ 2 months					
31	South of 34°27' N. lat.	1,500 lb/ 2 months	CLOSED	1,500 lb/ 2 months			
32	<b>Minor Nearshore Rockfish &amp; Black rockfish</b>						
33	Shallow nearshore	1,200 lb/ 2 months	CLOSED	1,200 lb/ 2 months			
34	Deeper nearshore	1,000 lb/ 2 months	CLOSED	1,000 lb/ 2 months			
35	<b>California Scorpionfish</b>	1,500 lb/ 2 months	CLOSED	1,500 lb/ 2 months			
36	<b>Lingcod<sup>4/</sup></b>	200 lb/ 2 months	CLOSED	800 lb/ 2 months	1,200 lb/ bimonthly	600 lb/ month	300 lb/ month
37	<b>Pacific cod</b>	1,000 lb/ 2 months					
38	<b>Spiny dogfish</b>	200,000 lb/ 2 months		150,000 lb/ 2 months	100,000 lb/ 2 months		
39	<b>Longnose skate</b>	Unlimited					
40	<b>Other Fish<sup>5/</sup> &amp; Cabezon</b>	Unlimited					

**TABLE 2 (South)**

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1/ The Rockfish Conservation Area is an area closed to fishing by particular gear types, bounded by lines specifically defined by latitude and longitude coordinates set out at §§ 660.71-660.74. This RCA is not defined by depth contours (with the exception of the 20-fm depth contour boundary south of 42° N. lat.), and the boundary lines that define the RCA may close areas that are deeper or shallower than the depth contour. Vessels that are subject to RCA restrictions may not fish in the RCA, or operate in the RCA for any purpose other than transiting.
2/ POP is included in the trip limits for Minor Slope Rockfish. Blackgill rockfish have a species specific trip sub-limit within the Minor Slope Rockfish cumulative limit. Yellowtail rockfish are included in the trip limits for Minor Shelf Rockfish. Bronzespotted rockfish have a species specific trip limit.
3/ "Other Flatfish" are defined at § 660.11 and include butter sole, curffin sole, flathead sole, Pacific sanddab, rex sole, rock sole, and sand sole.
4/ The commercial minimum size limit for lingcod is 24 inches (61 cm) total length South of 42° N. lat.
5/ "Other Fish" are defined at § 660.11 and include kelp greenling, leopard shark, and cabezon in Washington.
<b>To convert pounds to kilograms, divide by 2.20462, the number of pounds in one kilogram.</b>

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**Table 3 (North) to Part 660, Subpart F -- Non-Trawl Rockfish Conservation Areas and Trip Limits for Open Access Gears North of 40°10' N. lat.**

		Other limits and requirements apply -- Read §§660.10 through 660.399 before using this table						10/04/2017
		JAN-FEB	MAR-APR	MAY-JUN	JUL-AUG	SEP-OCT	NOV-DEC	
<b>Rockfish Conservation Area (RCA)<sup>1/</sup>:</b>								
1	North of 46°16' N. lat.	shoreline - 100 fm line <sup>1/</sup>						
2	46°16' N. lat. - 42°00' N. lat.	30 fm line <sup>1/</sup> - 100 fm line <sup>1/</sup>						
3	42°00' N. lat. - 40°10' N. lat.	30 fm line <sup>1/</sup> - 100 fm line <sup>1/</sup>						
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>See §§660.60, 660.330 and 660.333 for additional gear, trip limit and conservation area requirements and restrictions. See §§660.70-660.74 and §§660.76-660.79 for conservation area descriptions and coordinates (including RCAs, YRCAs, CCAs, Farallon Islands, Cordell Banks, and EFHCAs).</b></p>								
State trip limits and seasons may be more restrictive than Federal trip limits or seasons, particularly in waters off Oregon and California.								
4	<b>Minor Slope Rockfish<sup>2/</sup> &amp; Darkblotched rockfish</b>	Per trip, no more than 25% of weight of the sablefish landed						
5	<b>Pacific ocean perch</b>	100 lb/ month						
6	<b>Sablefish</b>	300 lb/ day, or 1 landing per week of up to 1,000 lb, not to exceed 2,000 lb/ 2 months	300 lb/day, or 1 landing per week of up to 900 lb, not to exceed 1,800 lb/ 2 months	300 lb/ day, or 1 landing per week of up to 1,000 lb, not to exceed 2,000 lb/ 2 months			300 lb/day, or 1 landing per week of up to 1,300 lbs, not to exceed 2,600 lbs/2 months	
7	<b>Shortpine thornyheads and longspine thornyheads</b>	CLOSED						
8	<b>Dover sole, arrowtooth flounder, petrale sole, English sole, starry flounder, Other Flatfish<sup>3/</sup></b>	3,000 lb/ month, no more than 300 lb of which may be species other than Pacific sanddabs.						
9		South of 42° N. lat., when fishing for "Other Flatfish," vessels using hook-and-line gear with no more than 12 hooks per line, using hooks no larger than "Number 2" hooks, which measure 0.44 in (11 mm) point to shank, and up to two 1 lb (0.45 kg) weights per line are not subject to the RCAs.						
10								
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12	<b>Whiting</b>	300 lb/ month						
13	<b>Minor Shelf Rockfish<sup>2/</sup>, Shortbelly rockfish, &amp; Widow rockfish</b>	200 lb/ month						
14	<b>Yellowtail rockfish</b>	500 lb/ month						
15	<b>Canary rockfish</b>	150 lb/ 2 months						
16	<b>Yelloweye rockfish</b>	CLOSED						
17	<b>Minor Nearshore Rockfish &amp; Black rockfish</b>							
18	North of 42°00' N. lat.	5,000 lb/ 2 months, no more than 1,200 lb of which may be species other than black rockfish						
19	42°00' N. lat. - 40°10' N. lat.	8,500 lb/ 2 months, no more than 1,200 lb of which may be species other than black rockfish	7,000 lb/ 2 months, no more than 1,200 lb of which may be species other than black rockfish					
20	<b>Lingcod<sup>5/</sup></b>	100 lb/ month	600 lb/ month	700 lb/ month	700 lb/ month	200 lb/ month		
21	<b>Pacific cod</b>	1,000 lb/ 2 months						
22	<b>Spiny dogfish</b>	200,000 lb/ 2 months	150,000 lb/ 2 months	100,000 lb/ 2 months				
23	<b>Longnose skate</b>	Unlimited						
24	<b>Other Fish<sup>6/</sup> &amp; Cabezon in Oregon and California</b>	Unlimited						
25	<b>SALMON TROLL</b> (subject to RCAs when retaining all species of groundfish, except for yellowtail rockfish and lingcod, as described below)							
26	North	<p>Salmon trollers may retain and land up to 1 lb of yellowtail rockfish for every 2 lbs of salmon landed, with a cumulative limit of 200 lb/month, both within and outside of the RCA. This limit is within the 200 lb per month combined limit for minor shelf rockfish, widow rockfish and yellowtail rockfish, and not in addition to that limit. Salmon trollers may retain and land up to 1 lingcod per 15 Chinook per trip, plus 1 lingcod per trip, up to a trip limit of 10 lingcod, on a trip where any fishing occurs within the RCA. This limit only applies during times when lingcod retention is allowed, and is not "CLOSED." This limit is within the per month limit for lingcod described in the table above, and not in addition to that limit. All groundfish species are subject to the open access limits, seasons, size limits and RCA restrictions listed in the table above, unless otherwise stated here.</p>						

**TABLE 3 (North)**

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<i>Table 3 (North). Continued</i>	
<b>29 PINK SHRIMP NON-GROUNDFISH TRAWL</b> (not subject to RCAs)	
30 North	<p><b>Effective April 1 - October 31:</b> Groundfish: 500 lb/day, multiplied by the number of days of the trip, not to exceed 1,500 lb/trip. The following sublimits also apply and are counted toward the overall 500 lb/day and 1,500 lb/trip groundfish limits: lingcod 300 lb/month (minimum 24 inch size limit); sablefish 2,000 lb/month; canary, thornyheads and yelloweye rockfish are PROHIBITED. All other groundfish species taken are managed under the overall 500 lb/day and 1,500 lb/trip groundfish limits. Landings of these species count toward the per day and per trip groundfish limits and do not have species-specific limits. The amount of groundfish landed may not exceed the amount of pink shrimp landed.</p>
<p>1/ The Rockfish Conservation Area is an area closed to fishing by particular gear types, bounded by lines specifically defined by latitude and longitude coordinates set out at §§ 660.71-660.74. This RCA is not defined by depth contours (with the exception of the 20-fm depth contour boundary south of 42° N. lat.), and the boundary lines that define the RCA may close areas that are deeper or shallower than the depth contour. Vessels that are subject to RCA restrictions may not fish in the RCA, or operate in the RCA for any purpose other than transiting.</p>	
<p>2/ Bocaccio, chilipepper and cowcod rockfishes are included in the trip limits for Minor Shelf Rockfish. Splitnose rockfish is included in the trip limits for Minor Slope Rockfish.</p>	
<p>3/ "Other flatfish" are defined at § 660.11 and include butter sole, curffin sole, flathead sole, Pacific sanddab, rex sole, rock sole, and sand sole.</p>	
<p>4/ For black rockfish north of Cape Alava (48°09.50' N. lat.), and between Destruction Is. (47°40' N. lat.) and Leadbetter Pnt. (46°38.17' N. lat.), there is an additional limit of 100 lbs or 30 percent by weight of all fish on board, whichever is greater, per vessel, per fishing trip.</p>	
<p>5/ The minimum size limit for lingcod is 22 inches (56 cm) total length North of 42° N. lat. and 24 inches (61 cm) total length South of 42° N. lat.</p>	
<p>6/ "Other fish" are defined at § 660.11 and include kelp greenling, leopard shark, and cabezon in Washington.</p>	
<p><b>To convert pounds to kilograms, divide by 2.20462, the number of pounds in one kilogram.</b></p>	

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**Table 3 (South) to Part 660, Subpart F -- Non-Trawl Rockfish Conservation Areas and Trip Limits for Open Access Gears South of 40°10' N. lat.**

Other limits and requirements apply -- Read §§660.10 through 660.399 before using this table							10/04/2017
		JAN-FEB	MAR-APR	MAY-JUN	JUL-AUG	SEP-OCT	NOV-DEC
<b>Rockfish Conservation Area (RCA)<sup>1/</sup>:</b>							
1	40°10' N. lat. - 34°27' N. lat.	40 fm line <sup>1/</sup> - 125 fm line <sup>1/</sup>					
2	South of 34°27' N. lat.	75 fm line <sup>1/</sup> - 150 fm line <sup>1/</sup> (also applies around islands)					
See §§660.60 and 660.230 for additional gear, trip limit and conservation area requirements and restrictions. See §§660.70-660.74 and §§660.76-660.79 for conservation area descriptions and coordinates (including RCAs, YRCAs, CCAs, Farallon Islands, Cordell Banks, and EFHCAs).							
State trip limits and seasons may be more restrictive than Federal trip limits or seasons, particularly in waters off Oregon and California.							
3	<b>Minor Slope Rockfish<sup>2/</sup> &amp; Darkblotched rockfish</b>	10,000 lb/ 2 months, of which no more than 475 lb may be blackgill rockfish			10,000 lb/ 2 months, of which no more than 550 lb may be blackgill rockfish		
4	<b>Splitnose rockfish</b>	200 lb/ month					
5	<b>Sablefish</b>						
6	40°10' N. lat. - 36°00' N. lat.	300 lb/ day, or 1 landing per week of up to 1,000 lb, not to exceed 2,000 lb/ 2 months	300 lb/day, or 1 landing per week of up to 900 lb, not to exceed 1,800 lb/ 2 months	300 lb/ day, or 1 landing per week of up to 1,000 lb, not to exceed 2,000 lb/ 2 months		300 lb/day, or 1 landing per week of up to 1,300 lbs, not to exceed 2,600 lbs/2 months	
7	South of 36°00' N. lat.	300 lb/ day, or 1 landing per week of up to 1,600 lb, not to exceed 3,200 lb/ 2 months					
8	<b>Shortpine thornyheads and longpine thornyheads</b>						
9	40°10' N. lat. - 34°27' N. lat.	CLOSED					
10	South of 34°27' N. lat.	50 lb/ day, no more than 1,000 lb/ 2 months					
11	<b>Dover sole, arrowtooth flounder, petrale sole, English sole, starry flounder, Other Flatfish<sup>3/</sup></b>	3,000 lb/ month, no more than 300 lb of which may be species other than Pacific sanddabs.					
12		South of 42° N. lat., when fishing for "other flatfish," vessels using hook-and-line gear with no more than 12 hooks per line, using hooks no larger than "Number 2" hooks, which measure 0.44 in (11 mm) point to shank, and up to two 1 lb (0.45 kg) weights per line are not subject to the RCAs.					
13							
14							
15	South of 34°27' N. lat.	300 lb/ month					
16	<b>Whiting</b>						
17	<b>Minor Shelf Rockfish<sup>2/</sup>, Shortbelly, Widow rockfish and Chilipepper</b>						
18	40°10' N. lat. - 34°27' N. lat.	400 lb/ 2 months	CLOSED		400 lb/ 2 months		
19	South of 34°27' N. lat.	1,500 lb/ 2 months	CLOSED		1,500 lb/ 2 months		
20	<b>Canary rockfish</b>	150 lb/ 2 months					
21	<b>Yelloweye rockfish</b>	CLOSED					
22	<b>Cowcod</b>	CLOSED					
23	<b>Bronzespotted rockfish</b>	CLOSED					
24	<b>Bocaccio</b>	500 lb/ 2 months	CLOSED	500 lb/ 2 months			
25	<b>Minor Nearshore Rockfish &amp; Black rockfish</b>						
26	Shallow nearshore	1,200 lb/ 2 months	CLOSED	1,200 lb/ 2 months			
27	Deeper nearshore	1,000 lb/ 2 months	CLOSED	1,000 lb/ 2 months			
28	California scorpionfish	1,500 lb/ 2 months	CLOSED	1,500 lb/ 2 months			
29	Lingcod <sup>4/</sup>	100 lb/ month	CLOSED	400 lb/ month	600 lb/ month	400 lb/ month	150 lb/ month
30	<b>Pacific cod</b>	1,000 lb/ 2 months					
31	<b>Spiny dogfish</b>	200,000 lb/ 2 months		150,000 lb/ 2 months	100,000 lb/ 2 months		
32	<b>Longnose skate</b>	Unlimited					
33	<b>Other Fish<sup>5/</sup> &amp; Cabezon</b>	Unlimited					

**TABLE 3 (South)**

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Table 3 (South). Continued		JAN-FEB	MAR-APR	MAY-JUN	JUL-AUG	SEP-OCT	NOV-DEC
35	<b>RIDGEBACK PRAWN AND, SOUTH OF 38° 57.50' N. LAT., CA HALIBUT AND SEA CUCUMBER NON-GROUNDFISH TRAWL</b>						
36	<b>NON-GROUNDFISH TRAWL Rockfish Conservation Area (RCA) for CA Halibut, Sea Cucumber &amp; Ridgeback Prawn:</b>						
37	40° 10' N. lat. - 38° 00' N. lat.	100 fm line <sup>1/</sup> - 200 fm line <sup>1/</sup>	100 fm line <sup>1/</sup> - 150 fm line <sup>1/</sup>				100 fm line <sup>1/</sup> - 200 fm line <sup>1/</sup>
38	38° 00' N. lat. - 34° 27' N. lat.	100 fm line <sup>1/</sup> - 150 fm line <sup>1/</sup>					
37	South of 34° 27' N. lat.	100 fm line <sup>1/</sup> - 150 fm line <sup>1/</sup> along the mainland coast; shoreline - 150 fm line <sup>1/</sup> around islands					
39		Groundfish: 300 lb/trip. Species-specific limits described in the table above also apply and are counted toward the 300 lb groundfish per trip limit. The amount of groundfish landed may not exceed the amount of the target species landed, except that the amount of spiny dogfish landed may exceed the amount of target species landed. Spiny dogfish are limited by the 300 lb/trip overall groundfish limit. The daily trip limits for sablefish coastwide and thornyheads south of Pt. Conception and the overall groundfish "per trip" limit may not be multiplied by the number of days of the trip. Vessels participating in the California halibut fishery south of 38°57.50' N. lat. are allowed to (1) land up to 100 lb/day of groundfish without the ratio requirement, provided that at least one California halibut is landed and (2) land up to 3,000 lb/month of flatfish, no more than 300 lb of which may be species other than Pacific sanddabs, sand sole, stary flounder, rock sole, curlfin sole, or California scorpionfish (California scorpionfish is also subject to the trip limits and closures in line 31).					
40	<b>PINK SHRIMP NON-GROUNDFISH TRAWL GEAR</b> (not subject to RCAs)						
41	South	Effective April 1 - October 31: Groundfish: 500 lb/day, multiplied by the number of days of the trip, not to exceed 1,500 lb/trip. The following sublimits also apply and are counted toward the overall 500 lb/day and 1,500 lb/trip groundfish limits: lingcod 300 lb/ month (minimum 24 inch size limit); sablefish 2,000 lb/ month; canary rockfish, thornyheads and yelloweye rockfish are PROHIBITED. All other groundfish species taken are managed under the overall 500 lb/day and 1,500 lb/trip groundfish limits. Landings of all groundfish species count toward the per day, per trip or other species-specific sublimits described here and the species-specific limits described in the table above do not apply. The amount of groundfish landed may not exceed the amount of pink shrimp landed.					

**TABLE 3 (South) cont'd**

1/ The Rockfish Conservation Area is an area closed to fishing by particular gear types, bounded by lines specifically defined by latitude and longitude coordinates set out at §§ 660.71-660.74. This RCA is not defined by depth contours (with the exception of the 20-fm depth contour boundary south of 42° N. lat.), and the boundary lines that define the RCA may close areas that are deeper or shallower than the depth contour. Vessels that are subject to RCA restrictions may not fish in the RCA, or operate in the RCA for any purpose other than transiting.

2/ POP is included in the trip limits for minor slope rockfish. Blackgill rockfish have a species specific trip sub-limit within the minor slope rockfish cumulative limits. Yellowtail rockfish is included in the trip limits for minor shelf rockfish. Bronzespotted rockfish have a species specific trip limit.

3/ "Other flatfish" are defined at § 660.11 and include butter sole, curlfin sole, flathead sole, Pacific sanddab, rex sole, rock sole, and sand sole.

4/ The commercial minimum size limit for lingcod is 24 inches (61 cm) total length South of 42° N. lat.

5/ "Other fish" are defined at § 660.11 and includes kelp greenling, leopard shark, and cabezon in Washington.

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