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PACIFIC COAST GROUND FISH FISHERY
Oregon Midwater Recreational Fishery
Proposed rule & Request for comments

The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) will publish a proposed rule in the Federal Register on December 19, 2017. This rule proposes to modify recreational groundfish requirements to authorize fishing with long-leader gear in depths that would otherwise be closed in the Oregon recreational fishery, targeting midwater groundfish species. This proposal is consistent with the recommendations of the Pacific Fishery Management Council and developed in cooperation with the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife.

Public comments on this rule must be received by NMFS by January 18, 2018

View the proposed rule and submit comments at <https://www.regulations.gov> by searching for Docket Number NOAA-NMFS-2017-0047

This proposed rule can also be found on NMFS website at:
http://www.westcoast.fisheries.noaa.gov/publications/frn/groundfish_frns.html