

PACIFIC COAST GROUNDFISH FISHERY

Compliance Guide for Amendment 29 and the 2021-22 Harvest Specifications and Commercial and Recreational Management Measures

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The final rule implementing Amendment 29 to the Pacific Coast Groundfish Fishery Management Plan (PCGFMP) and the 2021-22 Pacific Coast Groundfish Biennial Harvest Specifications and Management Measures published on December 11, 2020.

Regulations contained in this rule are effective January 1, 2021.

To learn more about Amendment 29 to the PCGFMP or the 2021-22 harvest specifications and management measures, please visit our website at:

<https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/action/amendment-29-pacific-coast-groundfish-fishery-management-plan>

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For questions about groundfish permits, please call the Permits Branch at 206-526-4353.



Pacific Groundfish Tribal Fishery for 2021 and 2022

Stock	Off-the-Top Deduction (mt)
Arrowtooth Flounder	2,041
Big Skate	15
WA Black Rockfish	18
Canary Rockfish	50
Darkblotched Rockfish	0.2
Dover Sole	1,497
English Sole	200
Lingcod N. of 40°10' N. lat.	250
Longnose Skate	220
Longspine Thornyhead N. of 34°27' N. lat.	30
Pacific cod	500
Pacific Ocean Perch	9.2
Petrals Sole	350
Sablefish N. of 36° N. lat.	689.2
Shortspine Thornyhead S. of 34°27' N. lat.	50
Spiny Dogfish	275
Widow rockfish	200
Yellowtail Rockfish	1,000
WA Cabezon/Kelp Greenling	2
Nearshore Rockfish North	1.5
Other Flatfish	60
Shelf Rockfish North	30
Slope Rockfish North	36

Sablefish Primary Fishery Tier Limits

The limited entry fixed gear sablefish primary fishery north of 36° N. lat. will continue to open at **noon** on **April 1** each year.

2021 annual limits:

Tier 1 at 58,649 lb
Tier 2 at 26,659 lb
Tier 3 at 15,234 lb

2022 annual limits:

Tier 1 at 55,858 lb
Tier 2 at 25,390 lb
Tier 3 at 14,509 lb



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Shorebased IFQ Fishery Allocations

Species	Area	2021 (mt)	2022 (mt)
Arrowtooth flounder	Coastwide	7,376.02	5,974.77
Bocaccio	South of 40°10' N. lat.	663.75	654.38
Canary Rockfish	Coastwide	880.96	858.56
Chilipepper	South of 40°10' N. lat.	1,695.20	1,621.00
Cowcod	South of 40°10' N. lat.	18.00	18.00
Darkblotched Rockfish	Coastwide	743.39	694.94
Dover sole	Coastwide	45,972.65	45,972.65
English sole	Coastwide	8,478.20	8,407.90
Lingcod	North of 40°10' N. lat.	2,275.78	2,090.83
Lingcod	South of 40°10' N. lat.	435.60	463.60
Longspine thornyhead	North of 34°27' N. lat.	2,451.28	2,278.38
Pacific cod	Coastwide	1,039.21	1,039.21
Pacific ocean perch	North of 40°10' N. lat.	3,337.74	3,201.94
Petrale sole	Coastwide	3,692.90	3,237.50

Shorebased IFQ Fishery Allocations Continued

Species	Area	2019 (mt)	2020 (mt)
Sablefish	North of 36° N;. lat.	3,139.59	2,985.42
Sablefish	South of 36° N. lat.	786.00	748.00
Shortspine Thornyhead	North of 34°27' N. lat.	1,212.12	1,178.87
Shortspine Thornyhead	South of 34°27' N. lat	50.00	50.00
Splitnose Rockfish	South of 40°10' N. lat.	1,565.20	1,531.00
Starry Flounder	Coastwide	171.80	171.80
Widow Rockfish	Coastwide	13,600.68	12,663.68
Yelloweye Rockfish	Coastwide	3.30	3.40
Yellowtail Rockfish	North of 40°10' N. lat.	4,091.13	3,898.4
Other Flatfish Complex	Coastwide	4,088.00	4,120.40
Shelf Rockfish Complex	North of 40°10' N. lat.	831.07	794.56
Shelf Rockfish Complex	South of 40°10' N. lat.	159.24	158.02
Slope Rockfish Complex	North of 40°10' N. lat.	938.58	916.71
Slope Rockfish Complex	South of 40°10' N. lat.	526.40	523.90

Rockfish Conservation Areas

Sector	Area	RCA in Effect for 2020	RCA in Effect on January 1, 2021
Trawl	North of 45°46' N. lat.	100 fm - 150 fm	100 fm - 150 fm
	South of 45°46' N. lat.	None	None
Non-Trawl (Limited entry fixed-gear and open-access)	North of 46°16' N. lat.	shoreline - 100 fm	shoreline - 100 fm
	46°16' N. lat. - 40°10' N. lat.	30 fm - 100 fm	30 fm - 40 fm ¹
			40 fm - 100 fm
	40°10' N. lat. - 38°57.5' N. lat.	40 fm – 125 fm	40 fm – 125 fm
	38°57.5' N. lat. - 34°27' N. lat.	40 fm – 125 fm ²	50 fm – 125 fm
South of 34°27' N. lat.	75 fm – 150 fm	100 fm - 150 fm (also applies around islands)	

¹Between 46°16' N. lat. and 40°10' N. lat. limited entry fixed-gear and open-access vessels may only use hook-and-line gear other than bottom longline and dinglebar gear.

²The 38°57.5' N. lat. line did not exist in regulation until January 1, 2021.

Latitude/Longitude Coordinates Defining Depth Contours

- [Reg Section 660.71: 10-fathoms through 40-fathoms](#)
- [Reg Section 660.72: 50-fathoms through 75-fathoms](#)
- [Reg Section 660.73: 100-fathoms through 150-fathoms](#)
- [Reg Section 660.74: 180-fathom through 250-fathoms](#)



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Management Measures

Yellowtail Trip Limit for the Salmon Troll Fishery North and South of 40°10' N. lat.

Increase to the yellowtail rockfish limit in the salmon troll fishery north of 40°10' N. lat. from 200 lbs (91 kg) to 500 lbs (227 kg) and remove the ratio for yellowtail to salmon.

New yellowtail rockfish trip limit in the salmon troll fishery south of 40°10' N. lat. of 1 lb (0.45 kg) of yellowtail rockfish for every 2 lbs (0.9 kg) of Chinook salmon landed, with a cumulative limit of 200 lb (91 kg) per month, both within and outside of the RCA.

Removal of Other Flatfish Gear Restriction off California

Remove the hook size and number restrictions for limited entry fixed-gear and open-access fisheries targeting stocks in the Other Flatfish complex inside the non-trawl RCA south of 42° N. lat.

Shortspine and Longspine Thornyhead Retention in the Open-Access Fishery

Retention of shortspine and longspine thornyheads is allowed between 34°27' N. lat. and 40°10' N. lat. for open-access vessels. New trip limits have also been established for these species in this area.

Longleader Gear and All-Depth Halibut in the OR Recreational Fishery

Combining longleader gear fishing with all-depth Pacific Halibut fishing is allowed on the same trip in the Oregon recreational fishery.

Commercial Trip Limits

The Council made changes to commercial trip limits for most species for the 2021-22 biennium. Please see the [trip limit tables in the e-CFR](#) for the most up to dates limits on all species.



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Washington Recreational Fishery

Washington recreational fisheries for groundfish are closed during winter and subject to depth restrictions that differ by management area when the season is open. Complete details on season structures, depth restrictions and bag limits for the Washington recreational fishery are available on the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife website: wdfw.wa.gov/fishing/creel/halibut/

Season Structure and Catch Limits

	January-February	March-October	November-December
Groundfish	CLOSED	9 fish/day, with sublimits for rockfish, lingcod, flatfish and cabezon	CLOSED
Flatfish	CLOSED	5 fish/day, in addition to the groundfish limit	CLOSED
Lingcod, all Marine Areas	CLOSED	2 fish/day, within groundfish bag limit	CLOSED
Rockfish	CLOSED	7 fish/day, within groundfish bag limit	CLOSED
Cabezon, all Marine Areas	CLOSED	1 fish/day, within groundfish bag limit	CLOSED

Yelloweye Rockfish Conservation Areas (YRCA)

Recreational fishing for groundfish and Pacific halibut is prohibited inside the North Coast Recreational YRCA.

Recreational fishing for groundfish and halibut is allowed inside the South Coast Recreational YRCA and the Westport Offshore YRCA.



Oregon Recreational Fishery

The Oregon bottomfish recreational fishery is open to all depths to start the 2021 fishing year. Bag limits also apply for marine fish, lingcod and flatfish. The most up to date season structures, depth restrictions and bag limits for the Oregon recreational fishery are available on the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife website:

www.dfw.state.or.us/MRP/finfish/groundfish_sport/index.asp

Season Structure	
	January - December
Bottomfish Fishery	All Depths Open

Longleader Gear

Beginning in 2021, longleader fishing and “all-depth” Pacific halibut fishing will be allowed on the same trip.

Aggregate Bag and Size Limits:

- 3 Lingcod per day, lingcod minimum size of 22 inch (56 cm)
- 25 flatfish per day, excluding Pacific halibut
- Marine fish bag limit of 10 fish per day, cabezon minimum size of 16 inches (41 cm)



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California Recreational Fishery

The California recreational fishery is closed early in the year, open in the summer months with depth restrictions and open to all depths in some areas at the end of the year. Bag limits also apply for the rockfish, cabezon and greenling (RCG) complex, lingcod, flatfish, and California scorpionfish. The most up to date season structures, depth restrictions and bag limits for the California recreational fishery are available on the California Department of Fish and Wildlife website: www.wildlife.ca.gov/Fishing/Ocean/Regulations/Groundfish-Summary

Season Structure							
Management Area	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May - October	Nov	Dec
Northern (42° N. lat. to 40°10' N. lat.)	Closed except for petrale sole, starry flounder, and Other Flatfish				Open May 1-October 31 <30 fm	Open All Depths	
Mendocino (40°10' N. lat. to 38°57.50' N. lat.)	Closed except for petrale sole, starry flounder, and Other Flatfish				Open May 1-October 31 <30 fm	Open All Depths	
San Francisco (38°57.50' N. lat. to 37°11' N. lat.)	Closed except for petrale sole, starry flounder, and Other Flatfish			Open April 1-December 31 <50 fm			
Central (37°11' N. lat. to 34°27' N. lat.)	Closed except for petrale sole, starry flounder, and Other Flatfish			Open April 1-December 31 <50 fm			
Southern (South of 34°27' N. lat)	Closed except for petrale sole, starry flounder, and Other Flatfish		Open March 1-December 31 <100 fm Except in the Cowcod Conservation Areas where fishing is allowed <40 fm				

Size Limits and Sub-Bag Limits

2020 size limits remain place. See 660.360(c)(3)(ii) for current limits.

The sub-bag limits for black rockfish, canary rockfish, and cabezon have been eliminated.

A new sub-limit of 5 fish for vermillion rockfish has been established.



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						01/01/2021
	JAN-FEB	MAR-APR	MAY-JUN	JUL-AUG	SEP-OCT	NOV-DEC
Rockfish Conservation Area (RCA) ^{1/} :						
1	North of 45°46' N. lat.		100 fm line ^{2/} - 150 fm line ^{2/}			
2	45°46' N. lat. - 40°10' N. lat.		Block Area Closures (BACs) may be implemented, and will be announced in the Federal Register.			
See provisions at § 660.130 for gear restrictions and requirements by area. 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.						
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.						
3	Minor Nearshore Rockfish, Washington Black rockfish & Oregon Black/blue/deacon rockfish		300 lb/ month			
4	Whiting ^{3/}					
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	Oregon Cabezon/Kelp Greenling complex		50 lb/ month			
8	Cabezon in California		50 lb/ month			
9	Spiny dogfish		60,000 lb/ month			
10	Big skate		Unlimited			
11	Longnose skate		Unlimited			
12	Other Fish ^{4/}		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/ 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 off California and leopard shark.						
To convert pounds to kilograms, divide by 2.20462, the number of pounds in one kilogram.						

TABLE 1 (North)

Trawl Trip Limit Table North

These tables are current as of 1/1/2021 and are subject to change through inseason action, see [Trawl Trip Limit North](#) in the e-CFR for the most up-to-date table.



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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						01/01/2021
		JAN-FEB	MAR-APR	MAY-JUN	JUL-AUG	SEP-OCT NOV-DEC
Rockfish Conservation Area (RCA) ^{1/} :						
1	South of 40°10' N. lat.	Block Area Closures (BACs) may be implemented, and will be announced in the Federal Register.				
See provisions at § 660.130 for gear restrictions and requirements by area. 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.						
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	Longspine thornyhead					
3	South of 34°27' N. lat.	24,000 lb/ 2 months				
4	Minor Nearshore Rockfish, California Black rockfish, & Oregon Black/Blue/Deacon rockfish	300 lb/ month				
5	Whiting					
6	midwater trawl	During the Primary whiting season: allowed seaward of the trawl RCA. within and shoreward of the trawl RCA.				Prohibited
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	Cabezon	50 lb/ month				
9	Spiny dogfish	60,000 lb/ month				
10	Big skate	Unlimited				
11	Longnose skate	Unlimited				
12	California scorpionfish	Unlimited				
13	Blackgill rockfish	Unlimited				
14	Other Fish 2/	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/ "Other Fish" are defined at § 660.11 and include kelp greenling off California and leopard shark.						
To convert pounds to kilograms, divide by 2.20462, the number of pounds in one kilogram.						

TABLE 1 (South)

Trawl Trip Limit Table South

These tables are current as of 1/1/2021 and are subject to change through inseason action, see [Trawl Trip Limit South](#) in the e-CFR for the most up-to-date table.



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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						1/1/2021	
		JAN-FEB	MAR-APR	MAY-JUN	JUL-AUG	SEP-OCT	NOV-DEC
Rockfish Conservation Area (RCA) ^{1/} :							
1	North of 46°16' N. lat.	shoreline - 100 fm line ^{1/}					
2	46°16' N. lat. - 40°10' N. lat.	40 fm line ^{1/} - 100 fm line ^{1/}					
		30 fm line ^{1/} - 40 fm line ^{1/2/}					
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.							
4	Minor Slope Rockfish ^{3/} & Darkblotched rockfish	8,000 lb/ 2 month					
5	Pacific ocean perch	3,600 lb/ 2 months					
6	Sablefish	1,700 lb week, not to exceed 5,100 lbs / 2 months					
7	Longspine thornyhead	10,000 lb/ 2 months					
8	Shortspine thornyhead	2,000 lb/ 2 months			2,500 lb/ 2 months		
9	Dover sole, arrowtooth flounder, petrale sole, English sole, starry flounder, Other Flatfish ^{4/}	10,000 lbs/ month					
10							
11							
12	Whiting	10,000 lb/ trip					
13	Minor Shelf Rockfish ^{3/}	800 lbs / month					
14	Shortbelly Rockfish	200 lbs / month					
15	Widow rockfish	4,000 lb/ 2 month					
16	Yellowtail rockfish	3,000 lb/ month					
17	Canary rockfish	3,000 lb/ 2 months					
18	Yelloweye rockfish	CLOSED					
19	Minor Nearshore Rockfish, Oregon black/blue/deacon rockfish & CA black rockfish ^{5/}						
20	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 ^{4/}					
21	42°00' N. lat. - 40°10' N. lat.	7,000 lb/ 2 months, no more than 2,000 lb of which may be species other than black rockfish					
22	Lingcod ^{6/}						
23	North of 42°00' N. lat.	4,000 lb/ 2 months					
24	42°00' N. lat. - 40°10' N. lat.	2,000 lb/2 months					
25	Pacific cod	1,000 lb/ 2 months					
26	Spiny dogfish	200,000 lb / 2months		150,000 lb / 2months		100,000 lb / 2months	
27	Longnose skate	Unlimited					
28	Other Fish ^{7/} & Cabezon in California	Unlimited					
29	Oregon Cabezon/Kelp Greenling	Unlimited					
30	Big skate	Unlimited					

TABLE 2 (North)

Limited Entry Fixed-Gear Trip Limit Table North

These tables are current as of 1/1/2021 and are subject to change through inseason action, see [LEFG Trip Limit North](#) in the e-CFR for the most up-to-date table.



Limited Entry Fixed-Gear Trip Limit Table North continued

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. Continued
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/ Between 46°16' N. lat. and 40°10' N. lat. and the 30 fm and 40 fm lines, fishing is only allowed with hook-and-line gear except bottom longline and dinglebar gear, as defined in §660.11
3/ 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.
4/ "Other flatfish" are defined at § 660.11 and include butter sole, curlfin sole, flathead sole, Pacific sanddab, rex sole, rock sole, and sand sole.
5/ For black rockfish north of Cape Alava (48°09.50' N. lat.), and between Destruction Is. (47°40' N. lat.) and Leadbetter Pnt. 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.(46°38.17' N. lat.),
6/ 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.
7/ "Other Fish" are defined at § 660.11 and include kelp greenling off California and leopard shark.
<i>To convert pounds to kilograms, divide by 2.20462, the number of pounds in one kilogram.</i>

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Limited Entry Fixed-Gear Trip Limit Table South

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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.					1/1/2021	
Other limits and requirements apply -- Read §§660.10 through 660.399 before using this table						
	JAN-FEB	MAR-APR	MAY-JUN	JUL-AUG	SEP-OCT	NOV-DEC
Rockfish Conservation Area (RCA) ^{1/} :						
1	40°10' N. lat. - 38°57.5' N. lat.		40 fm line ^{1/} - 125 fm line ^{1/}			
2	38°57.5' N. lat. - 34°27' N. lat.		50 fm line ^{1/} - 125 fm line ^{1/}			
3	South of 34°27' N. lat.		100 fm line ^{1/} - 150 fm line ^{1/} (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	Minor Slope rockfish ^{2/} & Darkblotched rockfish		40,000 lb/ 2 months, of which no more than 6,000 lb may be blackgill rockfish			
4	Splitnose rockfish		40,000 lb/ 2 months			
5	Sablefish		40,000 lb/ 2 months			
6	40°10' N. lat. - 36°00' N. lat.		1,700 lb week, not to exceed 5,100 lbs / 2 months			
7	South of 36°00' N. lat.		2,500 lb/ week			
8	Longspine thornyhead		10,000 lb/ 2 months			
9	Shortspine thornyhead		10,000 lb/ 2 months			
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		2,500 lb/ 2 months	
12	Dover sole, arrowtooth flounder, petrale sole,		10,000 lb/ month			
13	English sole, starry flounder, Other Flatfish ^{3/}		10,000 lb/ month			
14			10,000 lb/ month			
18	Whiting		10,000 lb/ trip			
Minor Shelf Rockfish ^{2/}						
	40°10' N. lat. - 34°27' N. lat.		8,000 lbs. / 2 months, of which no more than 500 lbs. may be vermilion			
	South of 34°27' N. lat.		5,000 lbs. / 2 months, of which no more than 3,000lbs. may be vermilion			
Widow						
	40°10' N. lat. - 34°27' N. lat.		10,000 lbs. / 2 months			
	South of 34°27' N. lat.		8,000 lbs. / 2 months			
21	Chiliipepper		10,000 lbs. / 2 months			
	40°10' N. lat. - 34°27' N. lat.		10,000 lbs. / 2 months			
	South of 34°27' N. lat.		8,000 lbs. / 2 months			
Shortbelly Rockfish						
	South of 40°10' N. lat.		200 lb/ month			
22	Canary rockfish		3,500 lbs/ 2 months			
23	Yelloweye rockfish		CLOSED			
24	Cowcod		CLOSED			
25	Bronzespotted rockfish		CLOSED			
26	Bocaccio		6,000 lbs/ 2 months			
27	Minor Nearshore Rockfish		6,000 lbs/ 2 months			
	Shallow nearshore ^{4/}		2,000 lbs/ 2 months			
	Deeper nearshore ^{5/}		2,000 lbs/ 2 months			
30	California Scorpionfish		3,500 lbs/ 2 months			
	Lingcod ^{6/}		1,600 lbs / 2 months			
32	Pacific cod		1,000 lb/ 2 months			
33	Spiny dogfish		200,000 lb/ 2 months	150,000 lb/ 2 months		100,000 lb/ 2 months
34	Longnose skate		Unlimited			
35	Other Fish ^{7/} & Cabezon in California		Unlimited			
36	Big Skate		Unlimited			

TABLE 2 (South)

Limited Entry Fixed-Gear Trip Limit Table South continued

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. Continued

1/ The Rockfish Conservation Area is an area closed to fishing by particular gear types, bounded by lines specifically defined by latitude
2/ POP is included in the trip limits for Minor Slope Rockfish. Blackgill rockfish have a species specific trip sub-limit within the Minor
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/ "Shallow Nearshore" are defined at § 660.11 under "Groundfish" (7)(i)(B)(1).
5/ "Deeper Nearshore" are defined at § 660.11 under "Groundfish" (7)(i)(B)(2).
6/ The commercial minimum size limit for lingcod is 24 inches (61 cm) total length South of 42° N. lat.
7/ "Other Fish" are defined at § 660.11 and include kelp greenling off California and leopard shark.
<i>To convert pounds to kilograms, divide by 2.20462, the number of pounds in one kilogram.</i>

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Open- Access Trip Limit Table North

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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								1/1/2021	
		JAN-FEB		MAR-APR		MAY-JUN		JUL-AUG	
		SEP-OCT		NOV-DEC					
Rockfish Conservation Area (RCA) ^{1/} :									
1	North of 46°16' N. lat.	shoreline - 100 fm line ^{1/}							
2	46°16' N. lat. - 40°10' N. lat.	40 fm line ^{1/} - 100 fm line ^{1/}							
		30 fm line ^{1/2} - 40 fm line ^{1/2/}							
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 Bank, and EFHCAs).									
State trip limits and seasons may be more restrictive than Federal trip limits or seasons, particularly in waters off Oregon and California.									
4	Minor Slope Rockfish ^{3/} & Darkblotched rockfish	2,000 lbs / months							
5	Pacific ocean perch	100 lbs/ month							
6	Sablefish	600 lbs. daily, or 1 landing per week up to 2,000 lbs., not to exceed 4,000 lbs/2 months							
7	Shortpine thornyheads	50 lb/month							
8	Longspine thornyheads	50 lb/month							
9	Dover sole, arrowtooth flounder, petrale	5,000 lbs/ month							
10	sole, English sole, starry flounder, Other								
11	Flatfish ^{4/}								
12	Whiting	300 lbs/ month							
13	Minor Shelf Rockfish ^{3/}	800 lbs / month							
14	Widow rockfish	2,000 lb/ 2 months							
15	Shortbelly Rockfish	200 lbs / month							
16	Yellowtail rockfish	1,500 lbs/ month							
17	Canary rockfish	1,000 lbs/ 2 months							
18	Yelloweye rockfish	CLOSED							
19	Minor Nearshore Rockfish, Oregon black/blue/deacon rockfish & CA black rockfish								
20	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 ^{5/}							
21	42°00' N. lat. - 40°10' N. lat.	7,000 lb/ 2 months, no more than 2,000 lb of which may be species other than black rockfish							
22	Lingcod ^{6/}								
23	North of 42°00' N. lat.	2,000 lbs/ month							
24	42°00' N. lat. - 40°10' N. lat.	1,000 lbs / month							
25	Pacific cod	1,000 lbs/ 2 months							
26	Spiny dogfish	200,000 lbs/ 2 months		150,000 lbs/ 2 months		100,000 lbs/ 2 months			
27	Longnose skate	Unlimited							
28	Big skate	Unlimited							
29	Other Fish ^{7/} & Cabezon in California	Unlimited							
30	Oregon Cabezon/Kelp Greenling	Unlimited							

TABLE 3 (North)

Open- Access Trip Limit Table North continued

These tables are current as of 1/1/2021 and are subject to change through inseason action, see [OA Trip Limit North](#) in the e-CFR for the most up-to-date table.

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.	
31	SALMON TROLL (subject to RCAs when retaining all species of groundfish, except for yellowtail rockfish and lingcod, as described below)
32	North Salmon trollers may retain and land up to 500 lbs of yellowtail rockfish per month as long as salmon is on board, both within and outside of the RCA. Salmon trollers may retain and land up to 1 lingcod per 5 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. The limit only applies during times when lingcod retention is allowed, and is not "CLOSED." The 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.
33	PINK SHRIMP NON-GROUNDFISH TRAWL (not subject to RCAs)
34	North Effective April 1 - October 31: Groundfish: 500 lbs/day, multiplied by the number of days of the trip, not to exceed 1,500 lbs/trip. The following sublimits also apply and are counted toward the overall 500 lbs/day and 1,500 lbs/trip groundfish limits: lingcod 300 lbs/month (minimum 24 inch size limit); sablefish 2,000 lbs/month; canary, thornyheads and yelloweye rockfish are PROHIBITED. All other groundfish species taken are managed under the overall 500 lbs/day and 1,500 lbs/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.
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/ Between 46°16' N. lat. and 40°10' N. lat. and the 30 fm and 40 fm lines, fishing is only allowed with hook-and-line gear except bottom longline and dinglebar gear, as defined in §660.11	
3/ 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.	
4/ "Other flatfish" are defined at § 660.11 and include butter sole, curlfin sole, flathead sole, Pacific sanddab, rex sole, rock sole, and sand sole.	
5/ 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.	
6/ 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.	
7/ "Other fish" are defined at § 660.11 and include kelp greenling off California and leopard shark.	
To convert pounds to kilograms, divide by 2.20462, the number of pounds in one kilogram.	

Table 3 (North) continued

Open-Access Trip Limit Table South

These tables are current as of 1/1/2021 and are subject to change through inseason action, see [OA Trip Limit South](#) in the e-CFR for the most up-to-date table.

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						
	JAN-FEB	MAR-APR	MAY-JUN	JUL-AUG	SEP-OCT	NOV-DEC
Rockfish Conservation Area (RCA) ^{1/} :						
1	40°10' N. lat. - 38°57.5' N. lat.		40 fm line ^{1/} - 125 fm line ^{1/}			
2	38°57.5' N. lat. - 34°27' N. lat.		50 fm line ^{1/} - 125 fm line ^{1/}			
3	South of 34°27' N. lat.		100 fm line ^{1/} - 150 fm line ^{1/} (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.						
4	Minor Slope Rockfish ^{2/} & Darkblotched rockfish		10,000 lbs/ 2 months, of which no more than 2,500 lbs may be blackgill rockfish			
5	Splitnose rockfish		200 lbs/ month			
6	Sablefish					
7	40°10' N. lat. - 36°00' N. lat.		600 lbs. daily, or 1 landing per week up to 2,000 lbs., not to exceed 4,000 lbs/2 months			
8	South of 36°00' N. lat.		2,000 lbs/week, not to exceed 6,000 lbs/2 months			
9	Shortpine thornyheads					
10	40°10' N. lat. - 34°27' N. lat.		50lb/ month			
11	Longspine thornyheads					
12	40°10' N. lat. - 34°27' N. lat.		50 lb/ month			
13	Shortpine thornyheads and longspine thornyheads					
14	South of 34°27' N. lat.		100 lbs/day, no more than 1,000 lbs/ 2 months			
15	Dover sole, arrowtooth flounder, petrale sole, English sole, starry flounder, Other Flatfish ^{3/}		5,000 lbs/ month			
16						
17						
18	Whiting		300 lbs/ month			
19	Minor Shelf Rockfish ^{2/}					
20	40°10' N. lat. - 34°27' N. lat.		4,000 lbs. / 2 months, of which no more than 400 lbs. may be vermilion			
21	South of 34°27' N. lat.		3,000 lbs. / 2 months, of which no more than 1,200lbs. may be vermilion			
22	Widow					
23	40°10' N. lat. - 34°27' N. lat.		6,000 lbs. / 2 months			
24	South of 34°27' N. lat.		4,000 lbs. / 2 months			
25	Chilipepper					
26	40°10' N. lat. - 34°27' N. lat.		6,000 lbs. / 2 months			
27	South of 34°27' N. lat.		4,000 lbs. / 2 months			
28	Shortbelly Rockfish					
29	South of 40°10' N. lat.		200 lb/ month			
22	Canary rockfish		1,500 lbs/ 2 months			
23	Yelloweye rockfish		CLOSED			
24	Cowcod		CLOSED			
25	Bronzespotted rockfish		CLOSED			
26	Bocaccio		4,000 lbs/ 2 months			
30	Minor Nearshore Rockfish					
31	Shallow nearshore ^{4/}		2,000 lbs/ 2 months			
32	Deeper nearshore ^{5/}		2,000 lbs/ 2 months			
33	California Scorpionfish		3,500 lbs/ 2 months			
34	Lingcod ^{6/}		700 lbs / months			

TABLE 3 (South)

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. Continued

35	Pacific cod		1,000 lbs/ 2 months
36	Spiny dogfish	200,000 lbs/ 2 months	150,000 lbs/ 2 months 100,000 lbs/ 2 months
37	Longnose skate		Unlimited
38	Big skate		Unlimited
39	Other Fish ^{1/} & Cabezon in California		Unlimited
43	SALMON TROLL (subject to RCAs when retaining all species of groundfish, except for yellowtail rockfish and lingcod, as described below)		
44	South of 40°10' N. lat.	Salmon trollers may retain and land up to 1 lbs of yellowtail rockfish for every 2 lbs of Chinook salmon landed, with a cumulative limit of 200 lbs/month, both within and outside of the RCA. This limit is within the 4,000 lbs per 2 month limit for minor shelf rockfish between 40°10' and 34°27' N lat., 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.	
45	RIDGEBACK PRAWN AND, SOUTH OF 38°57.50' N. LAT., CA HALIBUT AND SEA CUCUMBER NON-GROUNDFISH TRAWL		
46	NON-GROUNDFISH TRAWL Rockfish Conservation Area (RCA) for CA Halibut, Sea Cucumber & Ridgeback Prawn:		
47	40 10' N. lat. - 38 00' N. lat.	100 fm line ^{1/} - 200 fm line ^{1/}	100 fm line ^{1/} - 150 fm line ^{1/} 100 fm line ^{1/} - 200 fm line ^{1/}
48	38 00' N. lat. - 34 27' N. lat.		100 fm line ^{1/} - 150 fm line ^{1/}
49	South of 34 27' N. lat.		01/01/2021+A108:P133
50		Groundfish: 300 lbs/trip. Species-specific limits described in the table above also apply and are counted toward the 300 lbs 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 lbs/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 lbs/day of groundfish without the ratio requirement, provided that at least one California halibut is landed and (2) land up to 3,000 lbs/month of flatfish, no more than 300 lbs of which may be species other than Pacific sanddabs, sand sole, starry flounder, rock sole, curfin sole, or California scorpionfish (California scorpionfish is also subject to the trip limits and closures in line 29).	
51	PINK SHRIMP NON-GROUNDFISH TRAWL GEAR (not subject to RCAs)		
52	South	Effective April 1 - October 31: Groundfish: 500 lbs/day, multiplied by the number of days of the trip, not to exceed 1,500 lbs/trip. The following sublimits also apply and are counted toward the overall 500 lbs/day and 1,500 lbs/trip groundfish limits: lingcod 300 lbs/ month (minimum 24 inch size limit); sablefish 2,000 lbs/ month; canary rockfish, thornyheads and yelloweye rockfish are PROHIBITED. All other groundfish species taken are managed under the overall 500 lbs/day and 1,500 lbs/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) Continued

Open-Access Trip Limit Table South Continued

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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, curfin sole, flathead sole, Pacific sanddab, rex sole, rock sole, and sand sole.

4/ "Shallow Nearshore" are defined at § 660.11 under "Groundfish" (7)(i)(B)(1).

5/ "Deeper Nearshore" are defined at § 660.11 under "Groundfish" (7)(i)(B)(2).

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