

# Recreational Groundfish Fishery: Proposed Changes for 2015-2016

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# Overview

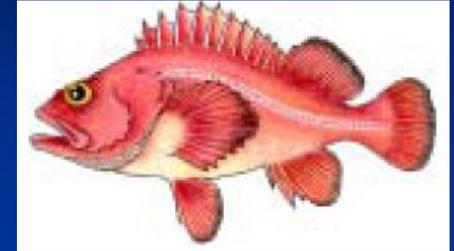
- Update on Pacific Fishery Management Council (PFMC) recommendations for changes to the recreational fishery in 2015 and 2016
- Update on Department actions taken in the California scorpionfish fishery

# Changes for 2015-2016 Harvest Guidelines

## Yelloweye rockfish

2013-2014 HG = 3.4 metric tons (mt)

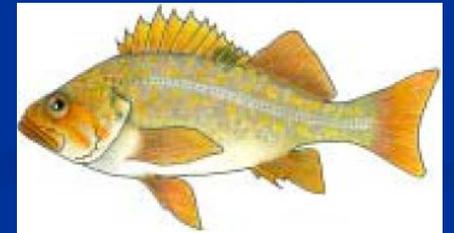
2015-2016 HG = 3.4 mt/3.7 mt



## Canary rockfish

2013-2014 HG = ~23 mt

2015-2016 HG = ~25 mt



## Bocaccio

2013-2014 HG = 170 mt

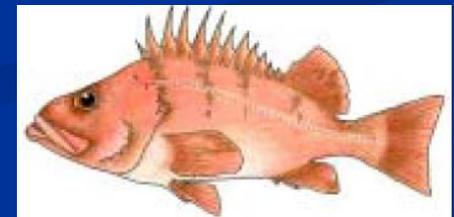
2015-2016 HG = ~182 mt



## Cowcod

2014 Non-trawl allocation = 1.9 mt

2015-2016 Non-trawl allocation = 2.6 mt



# 2015-2016 Regulations

| Management Area | Jan    | Feb                    | Mar | Apr                    | May                     | Jun                     | Jul | Aug | Sep | Oct | Nov    | Dec | # of mo. Increase |
|-----------------|--------|------------------------|-----|------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|--------|-----|-------------------|
| Northern        | Closed |                        |     |                        |                         | May 15 - Oct 31 < 20 fm |     |     |     |     | Closed | SQ  |                   |
| Mendocino       | Closed |                        |     |                        |                         | May 15 - Oct 31 < 20 fm |     |     |     |     | Closed | 2   |                   |
| San Francisco   | Closed |                        |     |                        | Apr 15 - Dec 31 < 30 fm |                         |     |     |     |     |        |     | 1.5               |
| Central         | Closed |                        |     | Apr 1 - Dec 31 < 40 fm |                         |                         |     |     |     |     |        |     | 1                 |
| Southern        | Closed | Mar 1 – Dec 31 < 60 fm |     |                        |                         |                         |     |     |     |     |        | SQ  |                   |

Depth – status quo except:

- Southern – increase from 50 fm to 60 fm

# 2015-2016 Regulations (cont.)

## Bag limits - status quo except:

- Increase lingcod from two to three fish
- Reduce black rockfish to five fish within the overall 10 fish limit for rockfish, cabezon, greenling

## California scorpionfish:

- Reduce season length
- Open January-August; closed September - December

# California Scorpionfish

Nov. 15, 2014 - Department closed the recreational and commercial fishery (statewide)

- Annual Catch Limit (ACL) projected to be exceeded without a closure
- ~116 mt taken to date; 2014 ACL = 117 mt

Department may implement closure at the time the ACL is exceeded or expected to be reached (Sections 27.20(e) and 52.09, Title 14)

Re-opens Jan. 1, 2015

# California Scorpionfish Regulations

## Recreational

5 fish bag limit  
10 inch size limit  
Closed Sept-Dec

## Commercial

1,200 lbs/ 2 months  
Closed Mar-Apr



Photo credit: Ed Roberts

# Department Recommendations

- Defer final action on this rulemaking today
- Request the Commission file an amended ISOR with OAL based on new PFMC action taken last month
  - add sublimit on black rockfish and seasonal closure on scorpionfish
- Re-noticing would allow the Commission to take final conforming action at its February meeting

# Thank You



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