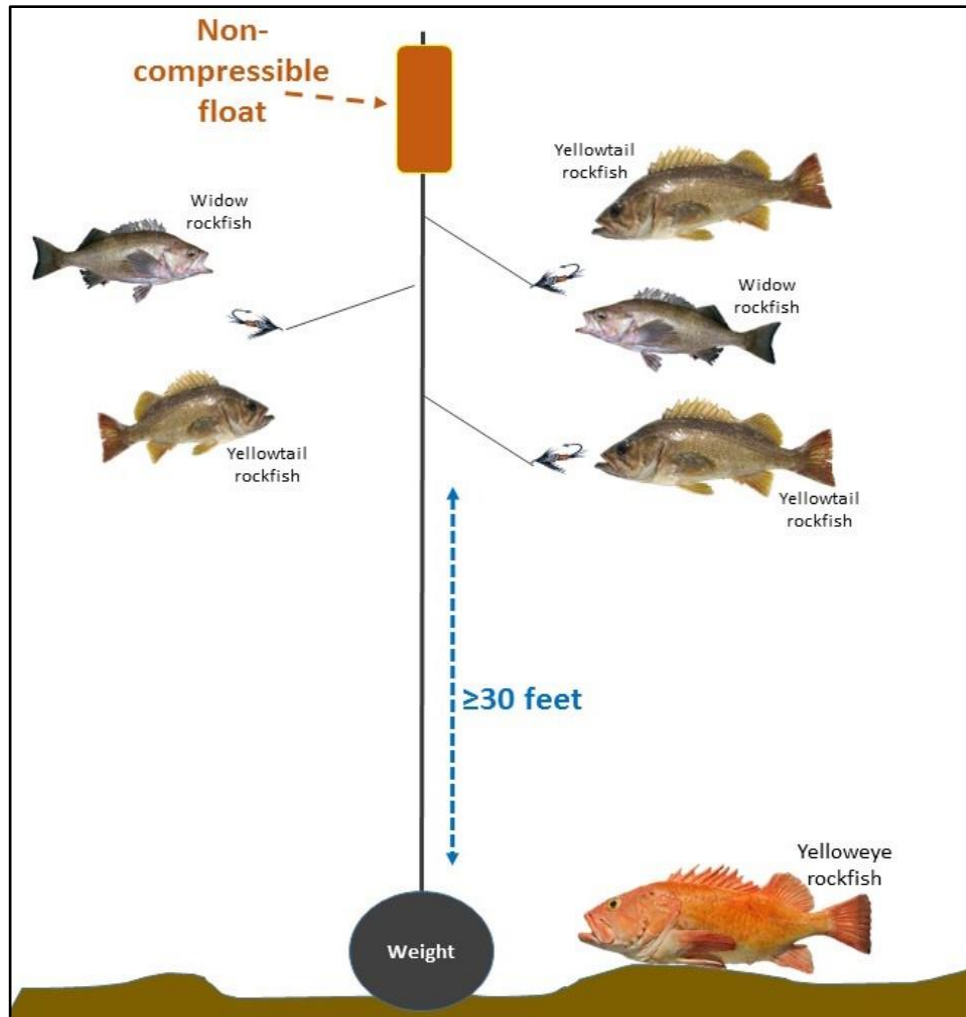


RECREATIONAL LONGLEADER GEAR

October 2, 2017

Longleader gear is a fishing line and tackle configuration with a minimum of 30 feet of line between the terminal weight or sinker and the lowest hooks, and a non-compressible float above the top hook. Lures must be less than 5" in length.

Longleader gear schematic (not to scale)



Supplies to make longleader gear:

- Two swivels (one above the float and one below the bottom hook)
- One non-compressible float above the top hook that has sufficient buoyancy (~2.25 oz.) to support all hooking gear and line above the leader
- Up to three shrimp flies or worms (below the non-compressible float and above the lower swivel)
- A minimum of 30 feet of line tied onto the lower swivel and a weight (maybe 20 oz., or heavier dependent on the drift, current and ocean conditions)

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Frequently Asked Questions

What is the longleader gear for?

- Longleader gear is used to target midwater species like yellowtail, canary and widow rockfish, while avoiding bottom-dwelling species like yelloweye rockfish.

When and where can I use this gear?

- Longleader gear is legal in any area and time open to groundfish fishing. Oct. 1 - Dec. 31, 2017, this gear is required when targeting rockfish outside of the 40 fathom regulatory line.



Photo of longleader gear ready to be deployed.

- *Yellow circle shows the non-compressible float above the lures*
- *Red circles show three shrimp flies.*

Note: the bucket was used to contain the weight and 30' of leader below the lures.

When fishing this gear, what are the bag limits?

- The 2017 daily marine fish bag limit is 10 fish in total per angler (Oct. 1 – Dec. 31).
 - Commonly caught fish that anglers may keep include: yellowtail, widow, canary, greenstriped, bocaccio, and silvergray rockfishes.
- Retention of yelloweye rockfish is prohibited at all times and areas.
- Retention of black and other nearshore rockfishes, cabezon, and lingcod are prohibited for the remainder of 2017 (except lingcod may be taken by spear only).

Can I fish for salmon & use longleader gear for rockfish outside of 40 fm on the same trip?

- No. Chinook salmon are only allowed on vessels shoreward of the 40 fathom regulatory line during the month of October, while the longleader fishing for bottomfish is only allowed outside of 40 fathoms during the remainder of 2017.
- For ocean salmon seasons, please check the current regulations on our website at www.dfw.state.or.us/mrp/salmon/

What about fishing for tuna & using longleader gear on the same trip?

- Yes, you can fish for tuna and use longleader gear for rockfish on the same trip.

What about fishing for flatfish & using longleader gear on the same trip?

- No. Flatfish and other groundfish are not allowed onboard at the same time.
- Flatfish are caught on the bottom, and with the longleader gear, our focus is to keep fishing up in the water column. These two fisheries will remain separated for the remainder of 2017.