



Marine
Resources

Public Meeting on the current state of the 2026 Sport Bottomfish Fishery

July 29, 2026



Photo by Charlie Plybon

Meeting Outline

- Review of the 2026 season
 - Season structure and bag limits
 - Tracking through June
 - Year-end projections
- Yelloweye rockfish
 - Initial discussion on potential options for anglers to retain yelloweye rockfish



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2026 Bag Limits

- General marine bag limit: 4
 - Sub-bag limits:
 - 2 canary rockfish
 - 1 cabezon (Beginning July 1)
- Lingcod bag limit: 3
- Flatfish bag limit: 25
 - Excluding Pacific halibut
- Long-leader gear fishery bag limit: 10
 - Sub-bag limit: 2 canary rockfish
- Sablefish bag limit: 10



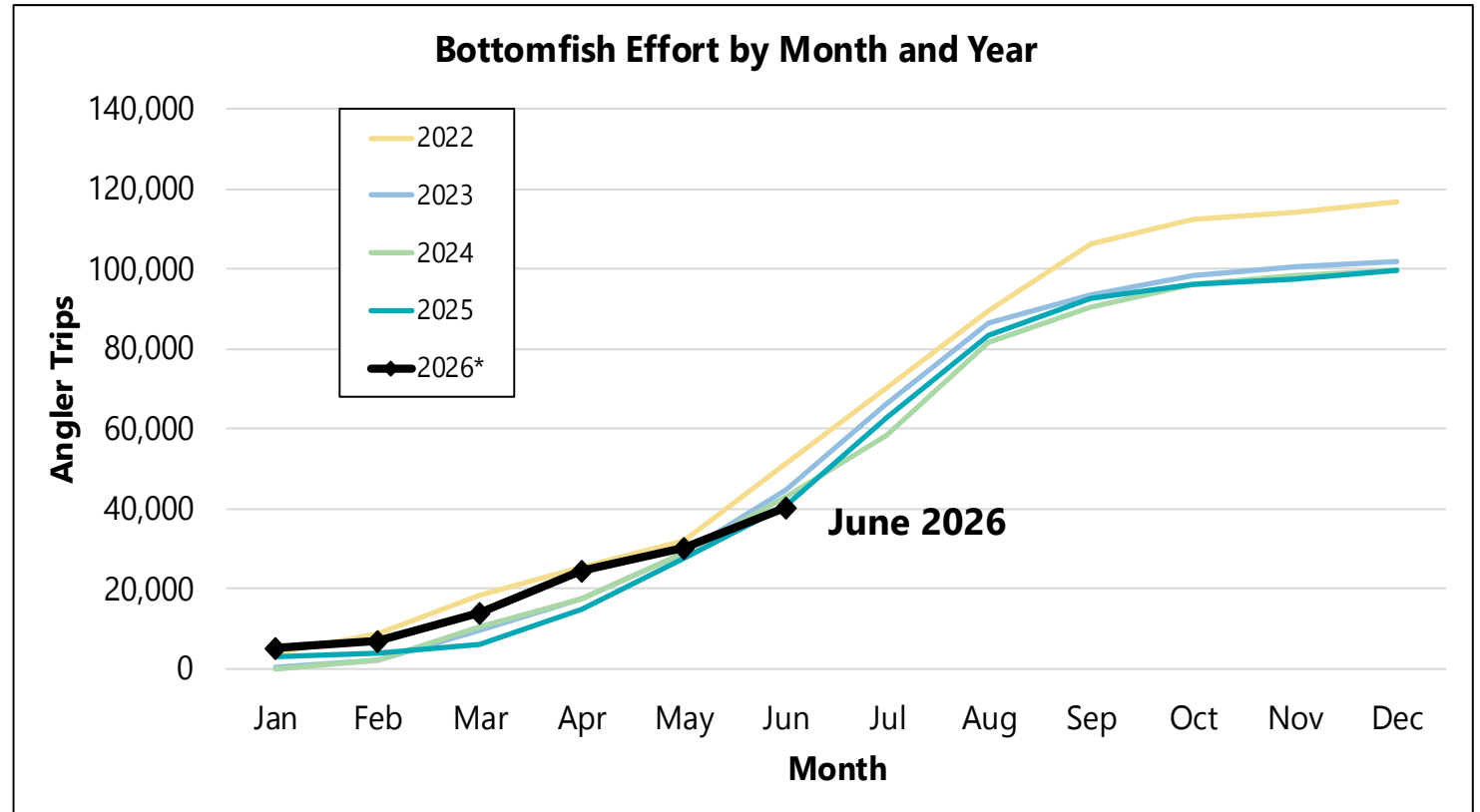
2026 Regulations

- Quillback and yelloweye rockfishes prohibited
- Cabezon prohibited Jan-Jun
- No seasonal depth restriction
- Bottomfish allowed with halibut
 - Long-leader fishing in combination with halibut is allowed during all-depth halibut fishing days only
- Mandatory descending devices
- Length limits:
 - Lingcod: 22 inches
 - Cabezon: 16 inches



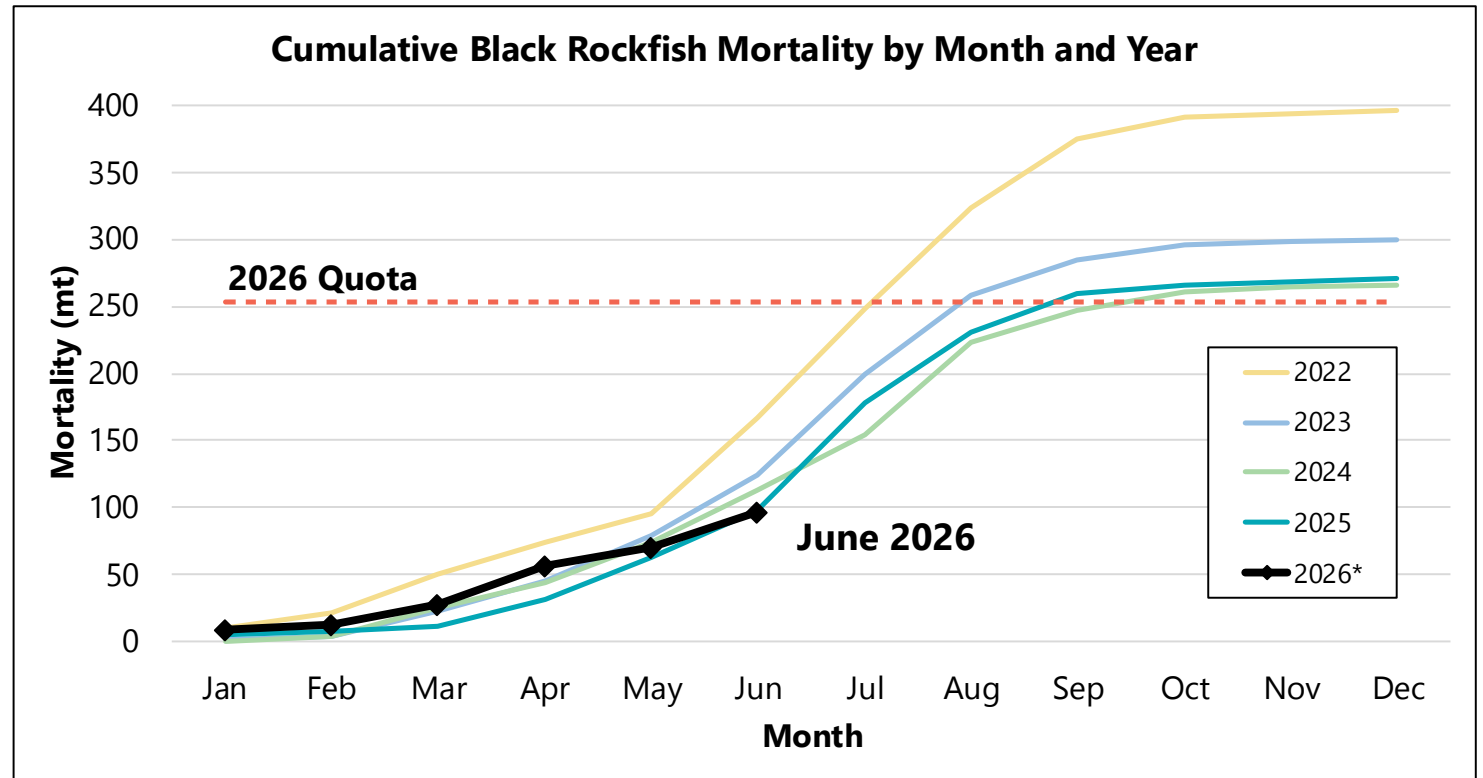
2026 Season Progress: Angler Trips

- Tracking a little higher than our preseason projection
 - ~40,500 bottomfish angler trips through June
- Majority of anglers fish during the months of July and August
- *Data for 2026 is preliminary



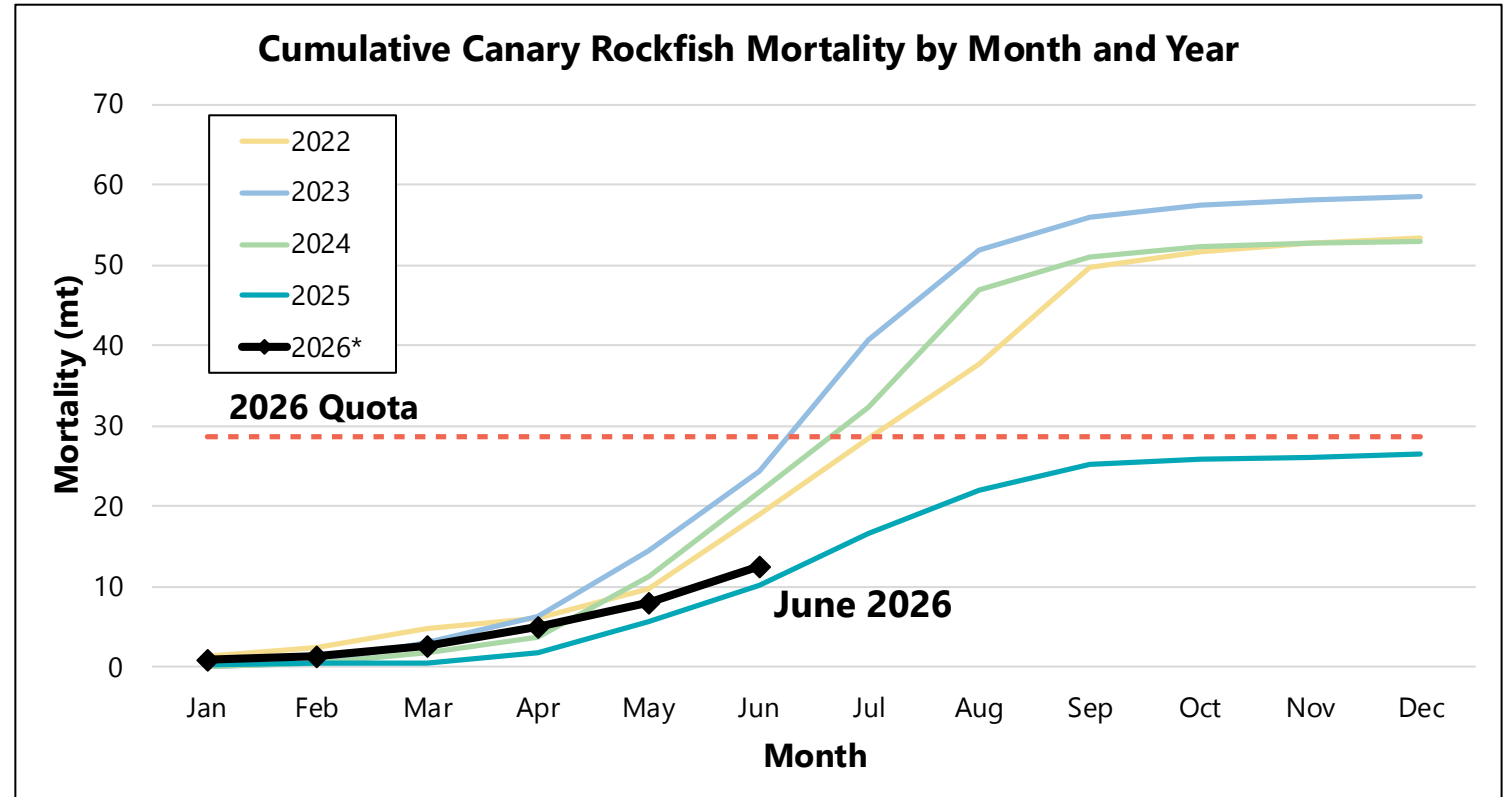
2026 Season Progress: Black Rockfish

- Tracking a little higher than our preseason projection
 - ~100 metric tons
- Black rockfish dominate the bottomfish catch
 - 4-fish bag
- *Data for 2026 is preliminary



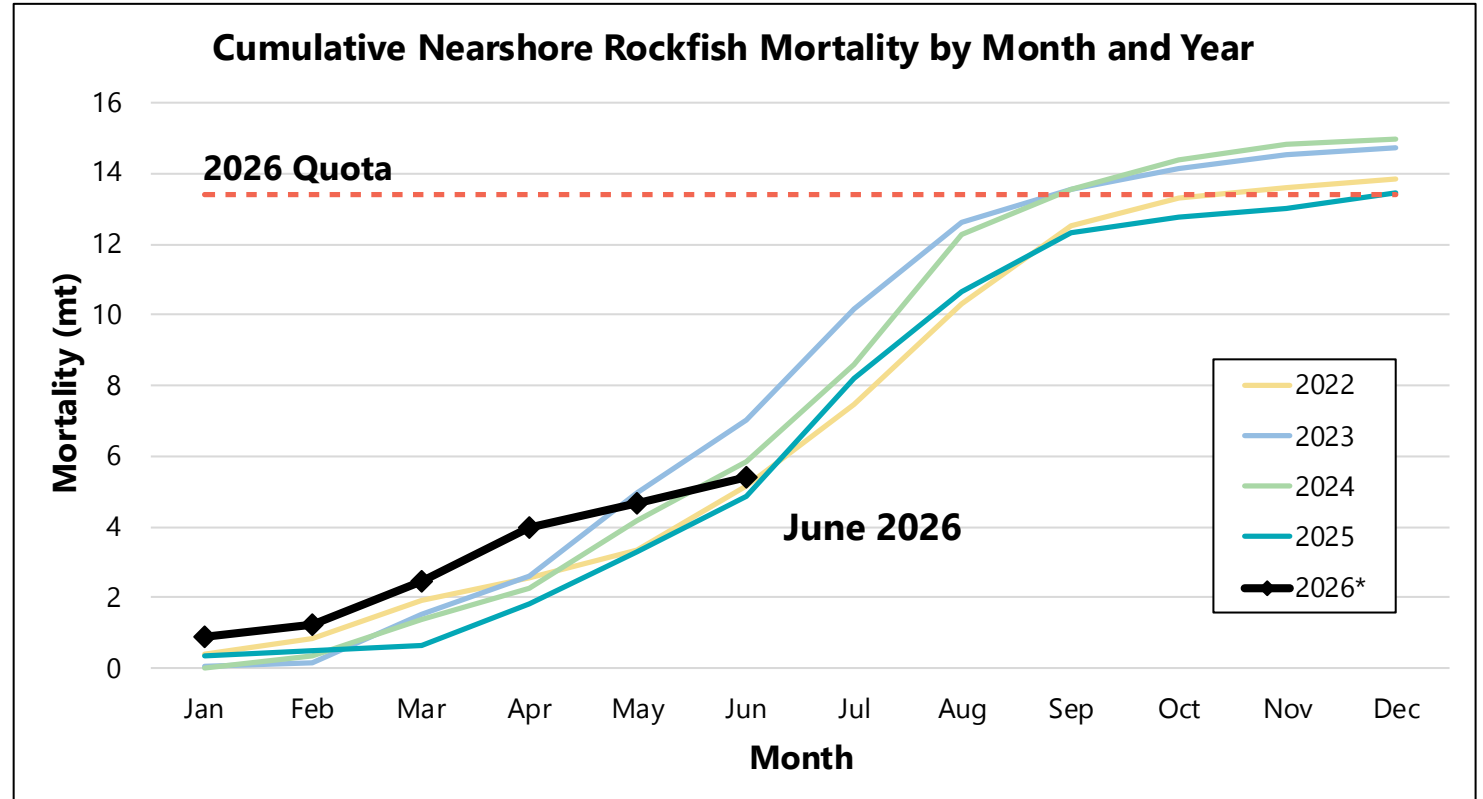
2026 Season Progress: Canary Rockfish

- 2-fish sub-bag limit
- Tracking right at our preseason projection
 - ~13 metric tons
- *Data for 2026 is preliminary



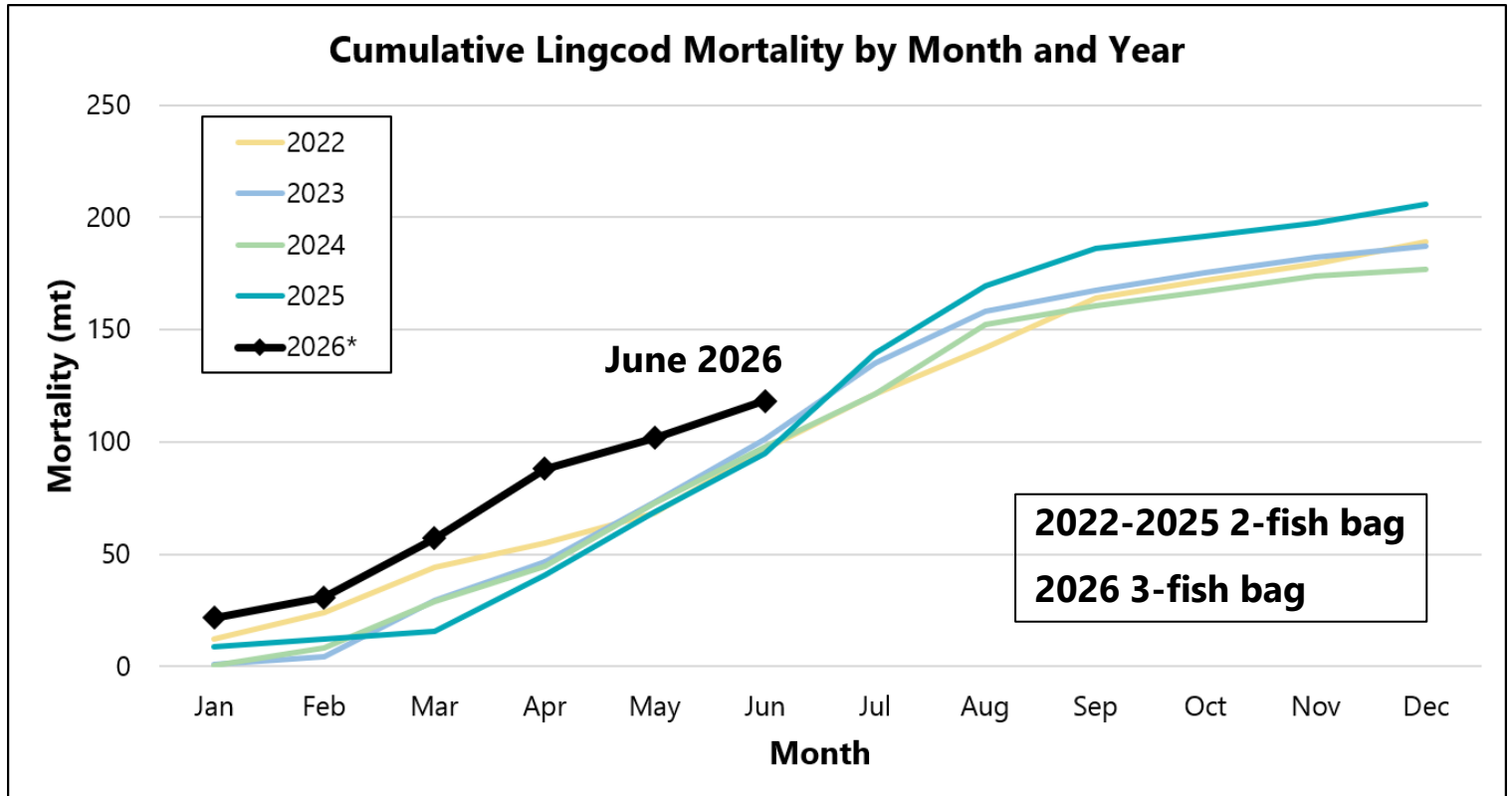
2026 Season Progress: Nearshore

- Nearshore rockfish include China, copper and quillback rockfishes
 - Quillback rockfish prohibited since 2022
- *Data for 2026 is preliminary



2026 Season Progress: Lingcod

- 3-fish bag limit
- *Data for 2026 is preliminary



2026 Tracking and Projections

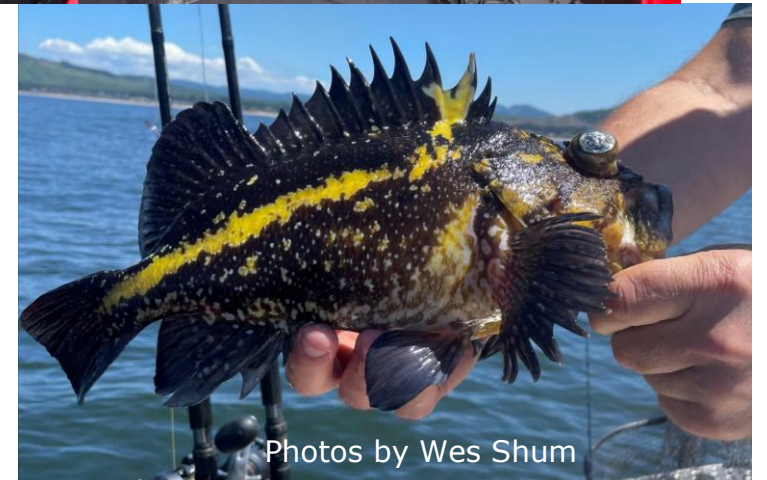
2026 GROUNDFISH MORTALITY

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec			
ACTUAL OR PROJECTED?	A	A	A	A	A	A	P	P	P	P	P	P	TOTAL	LIMIT	±
BLACK RF	8.87	3.05	15.64	29.26	13.83	26.06	55.22	42.65	20.16	11.41	3.90	3.29	233.3	253.0	92%
BLUE & DEACON RF	1.91	0.74	2.92	2.42	0.85	2.43	3.67	3.10	1.90	0.81	0.27	0.22	21.2	62.1	34%
CABEZON	0.17	0.03	0.13	0.19	0.04	0.09	5.36	3.95	1.82	1.07	0.36	0.31	13.5	16.4	82%
GREENLINGS	0.24	0.05	0.14	0.28	0.16	0.14	0.59	0.42	0.21	0.11	0.04	0.03	2.4	13.1	18%
Minor NSRF (S Cap)	0.98	0.35	1.31	1.68	0.72	0.77	2.94	2.28	1.23	0.65	0.21	0.18	13.3	13.0	102%
COPPER RF	0.44	0.17	0.67	0.86	0.33	0.31	1.60	1.23	0.63	0.38	0.12	0.10	6.9	5.7	120%
QUILLBACK RF	0.20	0.06	0.29	0.34	0.17	0.18	0.59	0.45	0.25	0.12	0.04	0.03	2.7	1.3	205%
CANARY RF (S Cap)	0.95	0.49	1.34	2.22	3.25	4.48	7.12	5.91	3.14	1.14	0.36	0.28	30.7	28.6	107%
VERMILION RF	0.15	0.05	0.40	0.53	0.28	0.14	1.09	0.87	0.41	0.26	0.09	0.08	4.3	8.2	53%
YELLOW EYE RF (S Cap)	0.09	0.04	0.20	0.27	0.35	0.25	1.13	0.96	0.60	0.24	0.05	0.05	4.2	7.0	60%



Sport Bottomfish for 2027

- ODFW will host public meetings in Tillamook, Newport, Coos Bay, and Brookings during late September/early October
 - The Newport meeting will have an online option to attend remotely
 - The intent of these meetings is to gather stakeholder feedback and input in preparation for the 2027 sport bottomfish season
- Staff recommendations with rational will be presented to Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commissioners in Salem on Dec 11, 2026



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Yelloweye Rockfish

- Per the 2025 update assessment, yelloweye rockfish is rebuilt!
 - Oregon recreational fishing quota in 2027: **16 mt**
- Allow limited retention?
 - Please provide some ideas for us to analyze and present on during our in-person meetings in early fall



An underwater photograph showing the dark hull of a boat descending towards the bottom. A red buoy is attached to the top of the hull. A thin rope or cable extends from the top left towards the buoy. The water is a deep blue with visible ripples and light filtering from above.

Thank you!

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