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Public Meetings on the 2027 Recreational Bottomfish Fishery

October 5-8, 2026

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Meeting Outline

- State Management Goals
- Review 2026 season
- Looking ahead to 2027
 - Stock Assessments & Allocations
 - Public input on Season Structure and Regulations



State Management Goals

- Strive for year-round bottomfish fishing opportunities
- Provide harvest opportunity
- Limit regulation complexity
- Minimize discarded fish

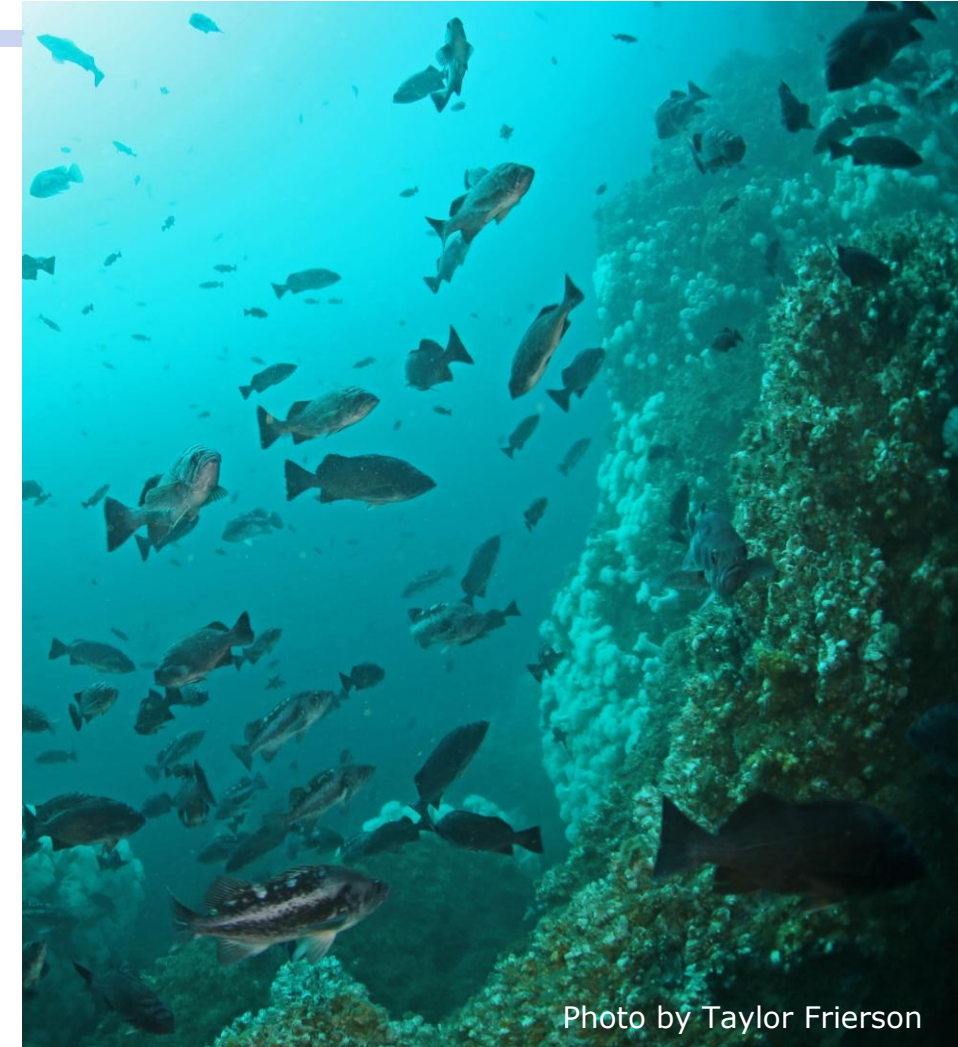
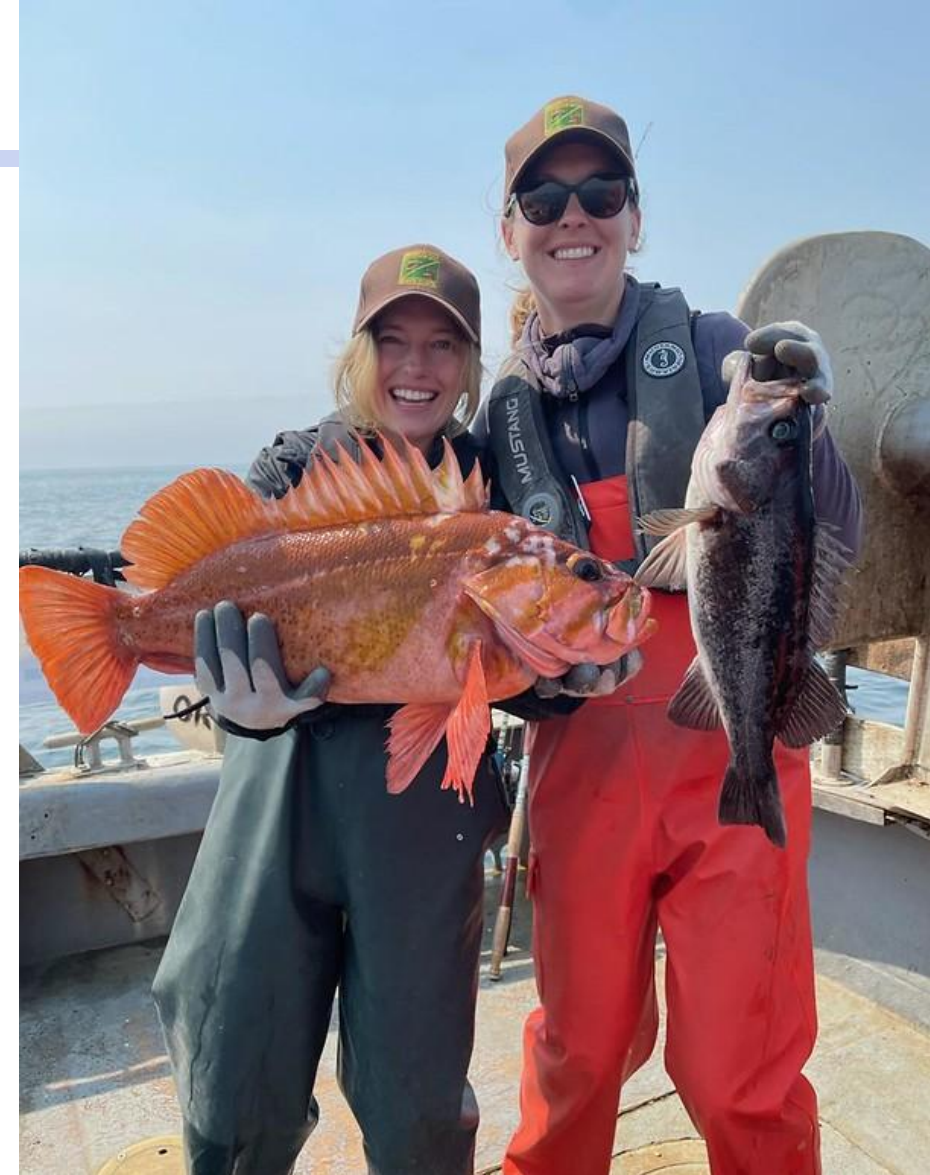


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2026 Daily Bag Limits

- General Marine: 4-fish
 - Canary rockfish sub-bag limit: 2-fish
 - Cabezon sub-bag limit (Jul 1 – Dec 31): 1-fish
- Lingcod: 3-fish
- Sablefish: 10-fish
- Flatfish: 25-fish
 - Excluding Pacific halibut
- Long-leader gear fishery: 10-fish
 - Canary rockfish sub-bag limit: 2-fish

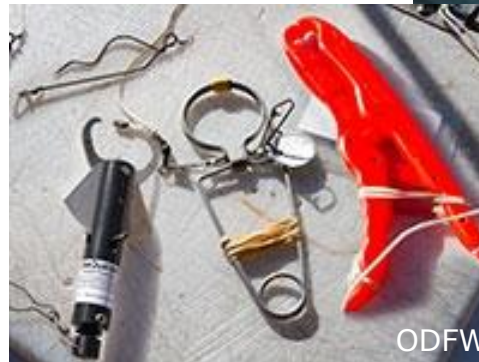


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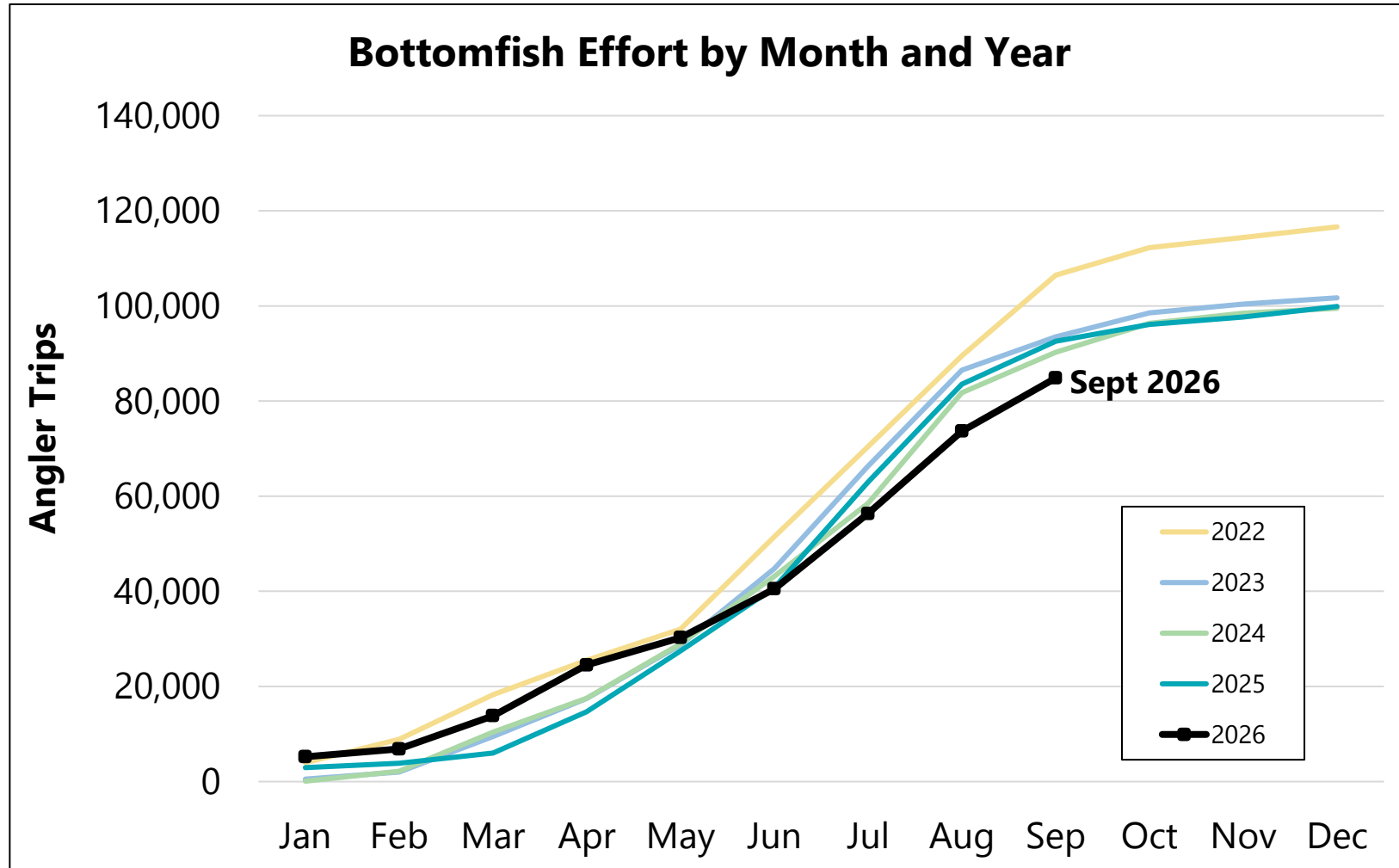
2026 Regulations

- Quillback and yelloweye rockfishes prohibited
- 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

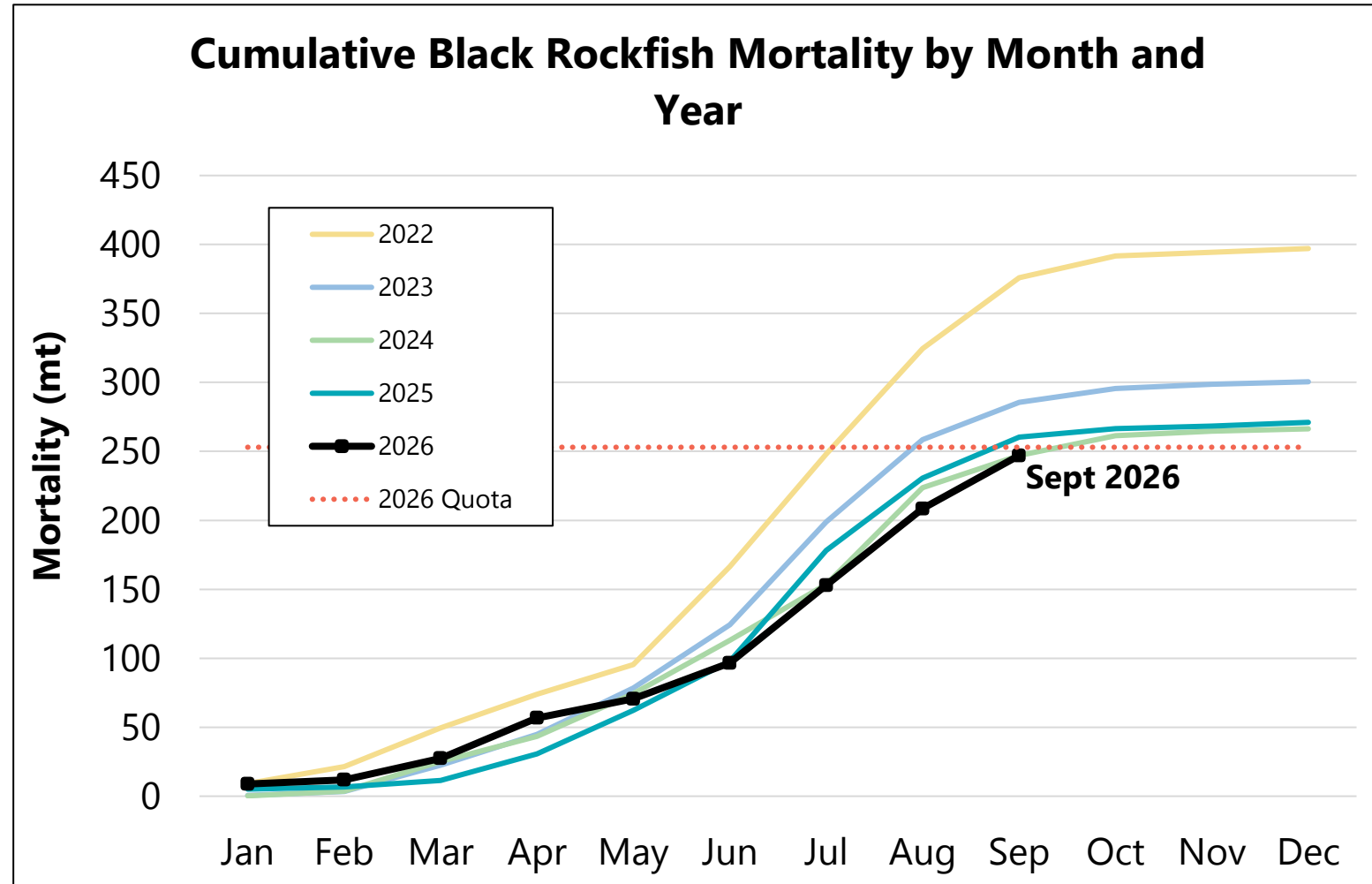
- Tracking very similar to our preseason projections
 - ~85,000 bottomfish angler trips through September
- *Data for 2026 is preliminary



2026 Season Progress: Black Rockfish

- Tracking above our preseason projections
 - No inseason changes anticipated
- Black rockfish dominate the bottomfish catch

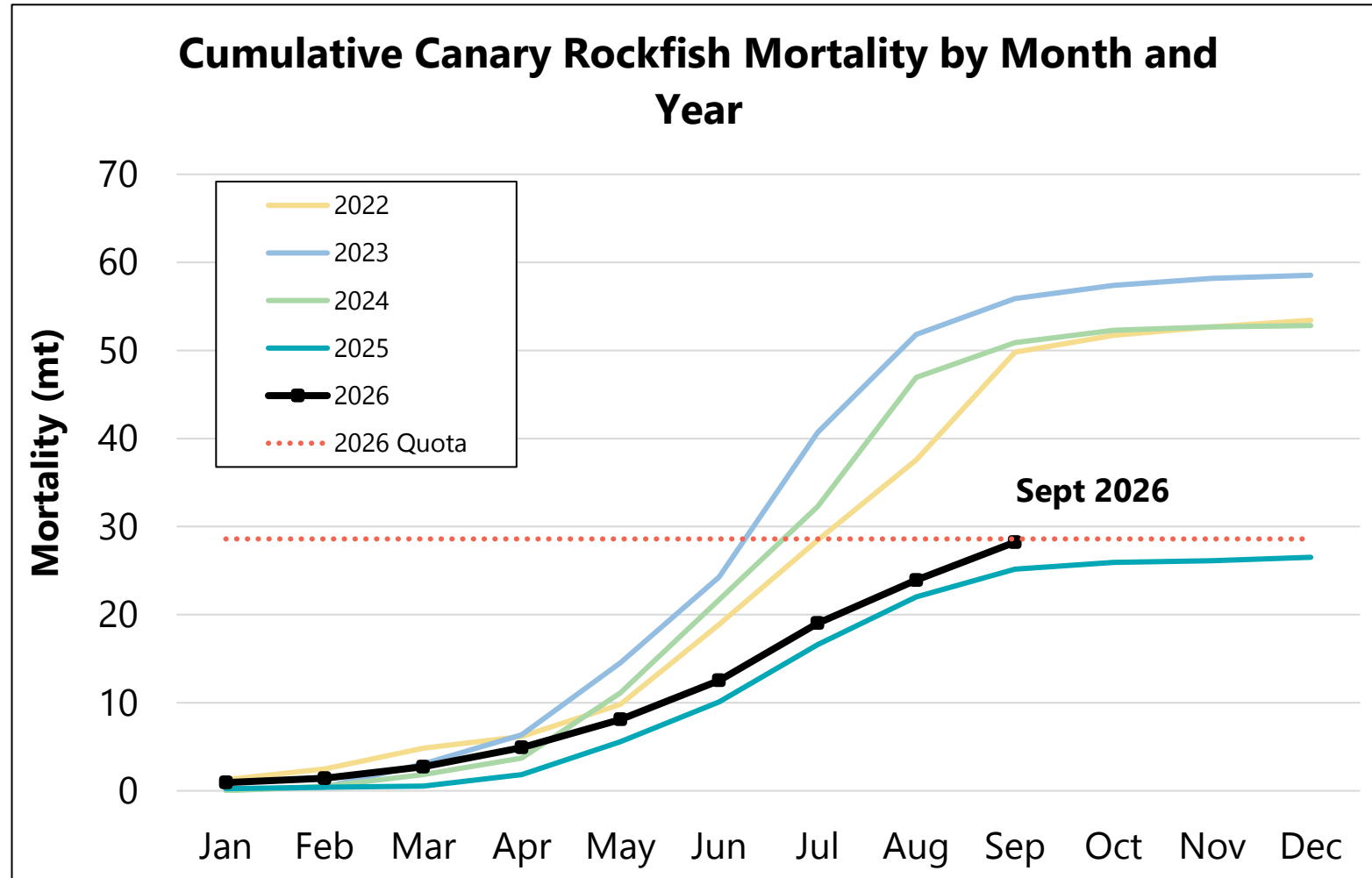
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2026 Season Progress: Canary Rockfish

- 2-fish sub-bag limit
- Tracking slightly below our preseason projections
 - No inseason changes anticipated

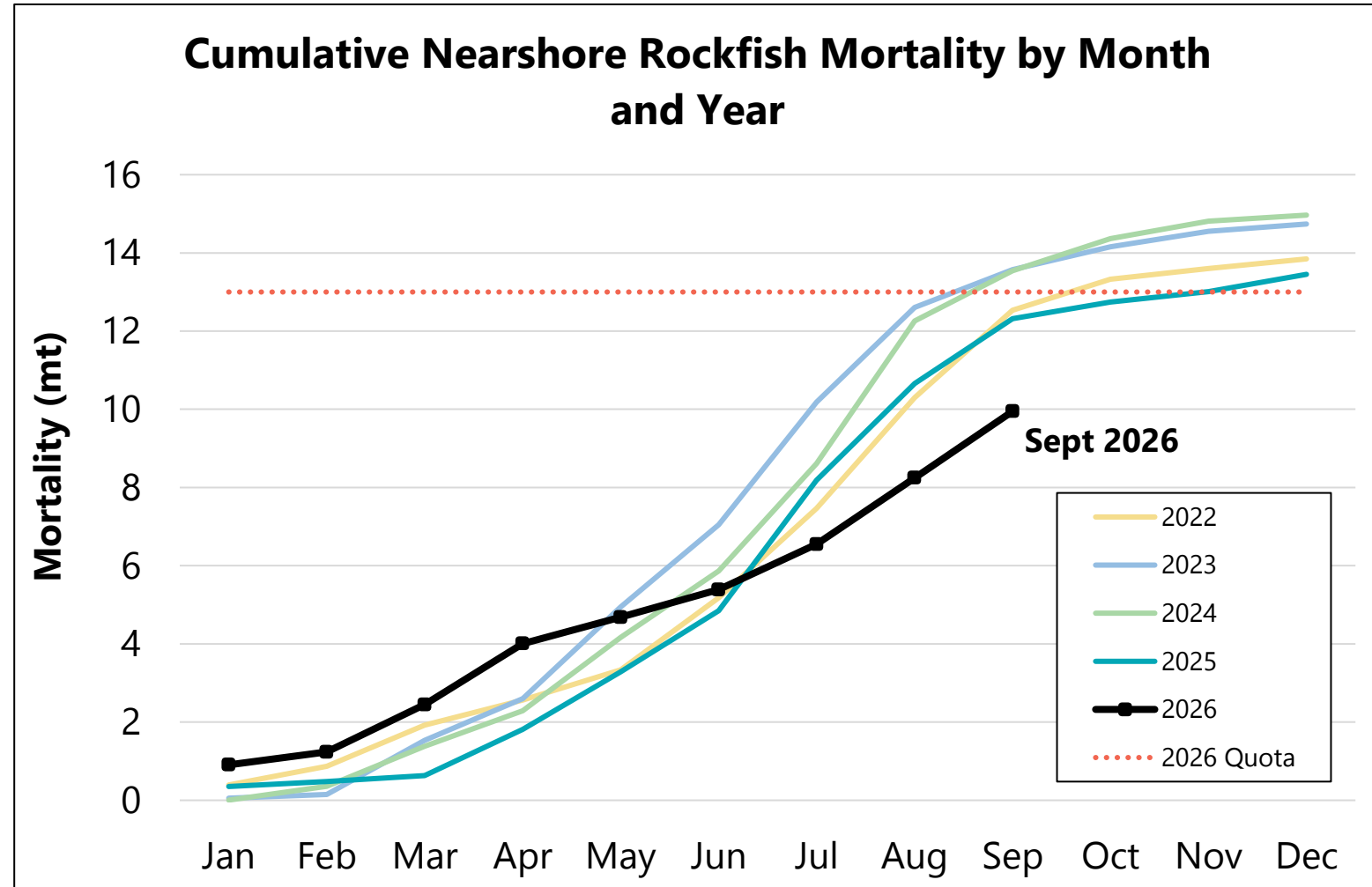
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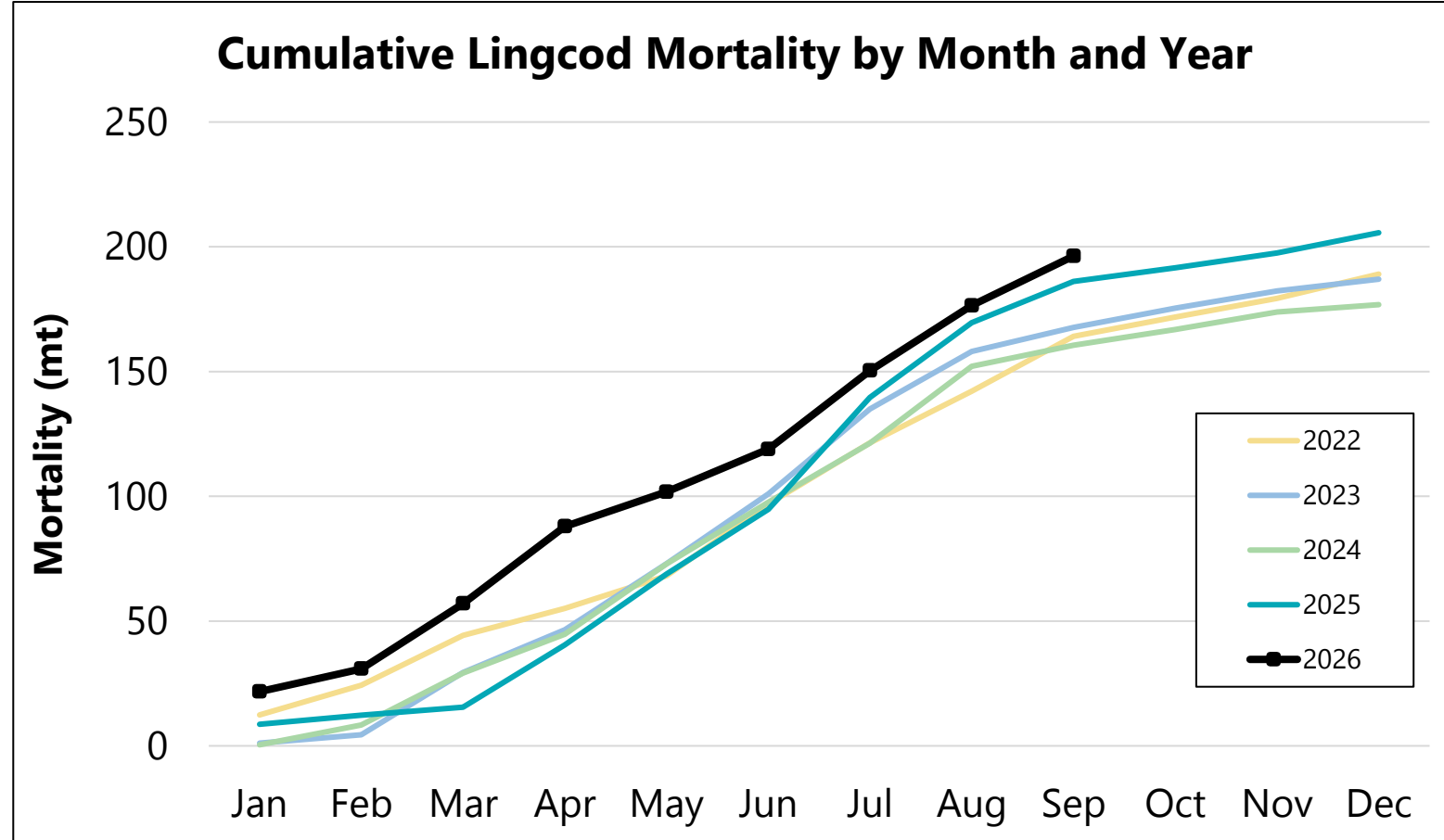
2026 Season Progress: Nearshore

- Nearshore rockfish include China, copper, and quillback rockfishes
 - Quillback rockfish prohibited since 2022

- *Data for 2026 is preliminary



2026 Season Progress: Lingcod



*Data for 2026 is preliminary



2026 and 2027 Ocean Boat Harvest Limits

Species or Group	2026 Limit (mt)	End of Year Projected Attainment (mt)*	2027 Limit (mt)
Black Rockfish	253.0	266 (105%)	269.6 
Blue/Deacon Rockfish	62.1	28 (46%)	60.5 
Nearshore Rockfish (China, Copper & Quillback RF)	13.0	11 (88%)	12.7 
Yelloweye Rockfish	7.0	3 (38%)	16.2 
Canary Rockfish	28.6	30 (106%)	30.8 
Cabazon (opened July 1)	16.4	9 (53%)	16.2 
Greenlings	13.1	2 (18%)	13.1



*Preliminary estimates through Sept.



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State Harvest Limits

Species or Group	Sector	Allocation %	2027 Allocation (mt)
Black Rockfish	Recreational	76.0%	282.9
	Commercial	24.0%	89.4
Blue/Deacon Rockfish	Recreational	81.4%	61.6
	Commercial	18.6%	14.1
Nearshore Rockfish Complex	Recreational	48.7%	14.0
	Commercial	51.3%	14.8



2025 Yelloweye Rockfish Stock Assessment

- Yelloweye rockfish is rebuilt!
 - 2025 stock assessment was an update assessment
- Options for limited retention
 - Oregon recreational fishing quota: 16 mt
 - 1-fish sub-bag for a month (maybe 2)
 - Yelloweye rockfish tag option
- Commercial nearshore vessels have the follow trip limits proposals:
 - Open Access: 50 lbs per 2-month period
 - Limited Entry: 75 lbs per 2-month period



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2027 Bag Limit Projections: 4-Fish

2027 GROUNDFISH MORTALITY

Per month		Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	OCEAN BOAT		
	COMPLETED?	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	TOTAL	LIMIT	±
	ACTUAL OR PROJECTED?	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P			
	BLACK RF	2.60	3.28	12.08	21.15	23.21	32.66	58.27	44.83	21.53	11.29	3.82	3.22	238.0	269.6	88%
	BLUE & DEACON RF	0.18	0.23	0.83	1.44	1.61	2.29	4.01	3.50	2.41	0.83	0.26	0.22	17.8	60.5	29%
	CABEZON	0.03	0.04	0.14	0.25	0.25	0.33	5.86	4.20	1.96	1.05	0.35	0.30	14.7	16.2	91%
	GREENLINGS	0.02	0.03	0.11	0.21	0.23	0.33	0.65	0.46	0.24	0.11	0.04	0.03	2.5	13.1	19%
	Minor NSRF (S Cap)	0.14	0.18	0.65	1.14	1.39	1.80	3.07	2.37	1.36	0.66	0.21	0.17	13.1	12.7	103%
	CANARY RF (S Cap)	0.22	0.28	1.03	2.24	3.72	5.35	8.16	6.58	3.78	1.21	0.36	0.28	33.2	30.8	108%
	YELLOWEYE RF (S Cap)	0.03	0.04	0.16	0.33	0.94	1.48	1.31	1.13	0.77	0.27	0.05	0.04	6.6	16.2	41%
	LINGCOD	2.32	2.92	10.79	19.63	25.21	32.58	53.38	40.07	20.10	10.67	3.51	2.96	224.1		

*Canary rockfish set at a 2-fish sub-bag for both long-leader and traditional bottomfish



2027 Bag Limit Projections: 5-Fish

2027 GROUNDFISH MORTALITY

Per month		Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	OCEAN BOAT		
	COMPLETED?	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	TOTAL	LIMIT	±
	ACTUAL OR PROJECTED?	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P			
	BLACK RF	2.96	3.73	13.72	24.03	26.17	36.57	64.75	50.13	23.89	12.82	4.35	3.67	266.8	269.6	99%
	BLUE & DEACON RF	0.20	0.26	0.94	1.64	1.81	2.56	4.46	3.86	2.58	0.93	0.30	0.25	19.8	60.5	33%
	CABEZON	0.04	0.05	0.17	0.29	0.30	0.39	6.63	4.82	2.24	1.23	0.42	0.35	16.9	16.2	104%
	GREENLINGS	0.03	0.04	0.13	0.24	0.26	0.38	0.73	0.52	0.27	0.13	0.04	0.04	2.8	13.1	22%
	Minor NSRF (S Cap)	0.16	0.20	0.75	1.29	1.55	2.02	3.42	2.66	1.48	0.74	0.24	0.20	14.7	12.7	116%
	CANARY RF (S Cap)	0.25	0.32	1.17	2.52	4.00	5.71	8.75	6.96	3.97	1.33	0.40	0.32	35.7	30.8	116%
	YELLOWEYE RF (S Cap)	0.04	0.05	0.19	0.39	1.00	1.56	1.44	1.22	0.81	0.30	0.06	0.05	7.1	16.2	44%
	LINGCOD	2.44	3.07	11.37	20.69	26.30	34.06	55.98	42.31	21.09	11.24	3.71	3.12	235.4		

*Canary rockfish set at a 2-fish sub-bag for both long-leader and traditional bottomfish



2026 Bag Limit: 4-Fish

2026 GROUNDFISH MORTALITY

Per month		Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	OCEAN BOAT		
	COMPLETED?	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	TOTAL	LIMIT	±
	ACTUAL OR PROJECTED?	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	E	E	P	P	P			
	BLACK RF	8.87	3.05	15.64	29.26	13.78	26.06	56.39	55.60	38.50	11.45	3.91	3.30	265.8	253.0	105%
	BLUE & DEACON RF	1.91	0.74	2.92	2.42	0.85	2.43	6.82	4.00	5.00	0.81	0.27	0.22	28.4	62.1	46%
	CABEZON	0.17	0.03	0.13	0.19	0.04	0.09	2.24	2.00	2.00	1.07	0.37	0.31	8.6	16.4	53%
	GREENLINGS	0.24	0.05	0.14	0.28	0.16	0.14	0.41	0.40	0.30	0.11	0.04	0.03	2.3	13.1	18%
	Minor NSRF (S Cap)	0.98	0.35	1.31	1.68	0.72	0.77	1.24	1.70	1.70	0.66	0.21	0.18	11.5	13.0	88%
	CANARY RF (S Cap)	0.95	0.49	1.34	2.22	3.25	4.48	6.57	4.90	4.30	1.14	0.36	0.29	30.3	28.6	106%
	YELLOW EYE RF (S Cap)	0.09	0.04	0.20	0.27	0.35	0.25	0.34	0.40	0.40	0.24	0.06	0.05	2.7	7.0	38%
	LINGCOD	21.74	9.14	26.14	31.20	13.90	17.14	31.46	26.10	19.80	11.09	3.72	3.14	214.6		

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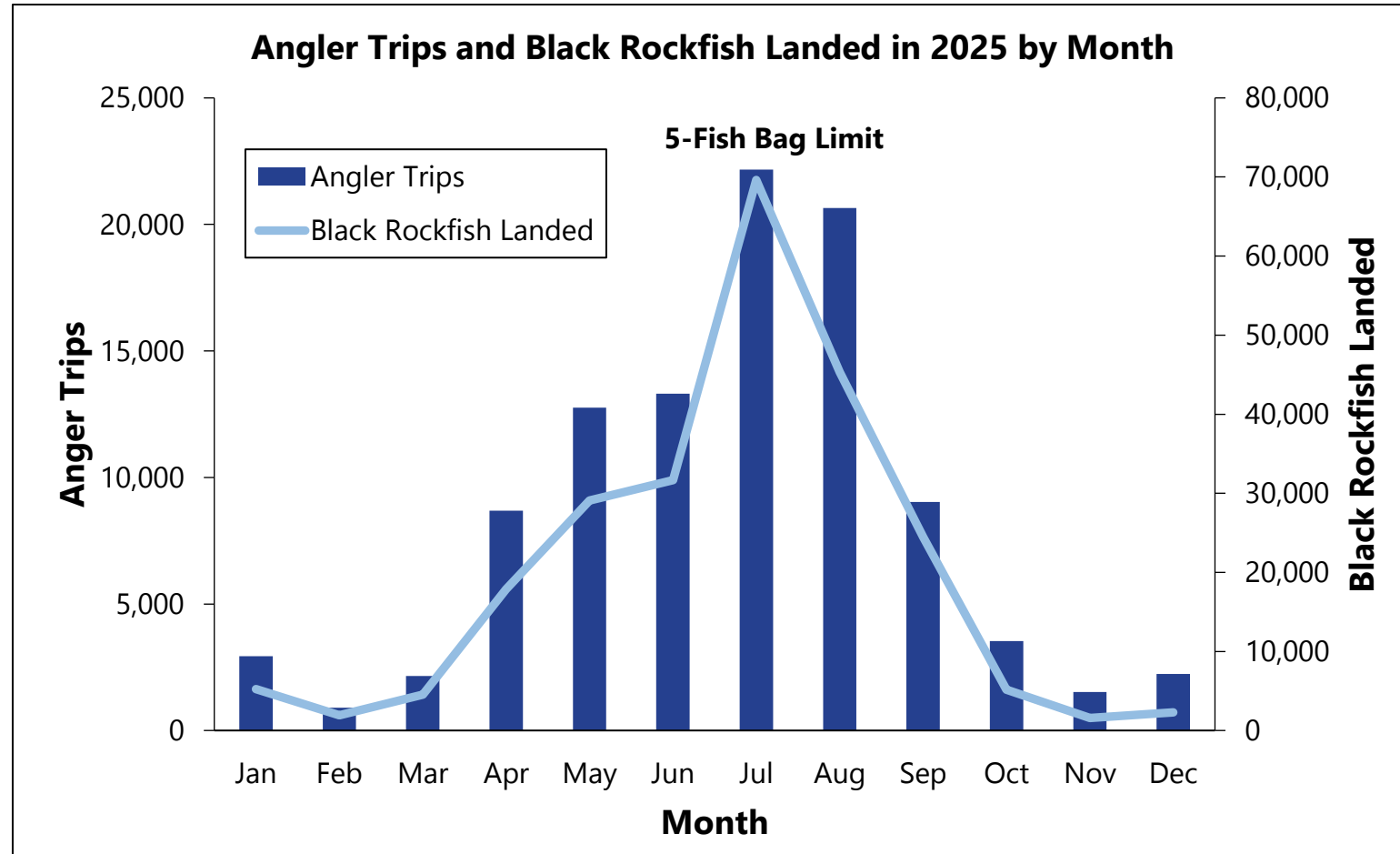


2025 Bag Limit Fluctuation

- Jan – Jun: 4-fish
- Jul – Aug 17: 5-fish
- Aug 18 – Sept 17: 4-fish
- Sept 18 – Dec: 3-fish



Photo by Wes Shum



2027 Black Rockfish Bag Limit Options

- General marine bag limit of 5-fish
 - Increased risk of a shortened fishing season
- General marine bag limit of 5-fish with a 3-fish sub-bag limit for black rockfish
 - Increased risk of exceeding other quota managed species
 - Increased discard waste
- General marine bag limit of 4-fish
 - Reduced risk of any in-season changes
 - Reduced complexity
 - Option to increase to a 5-fish bag limit remains an option in-season



Other 2027 Bag Limit Proposals

- Long-leader Gear Fishery bag limit: 10-fish per angler
 - Sub-bag limit of 2 canary rockfish
 - Specific to 10 species of rockfish
 - Allowed in combination with other non-bottomfish fisheries
- Sablefish bag limit: 10-fish per angler
- Flatfish bag limit: 25-fish per angler



An underwater photograph showing the dark hull of a boat descending into the water. A red buoy is attached to a rope that runs diagonally across the upper part of the frame. The water is a deep blue with visible ripples and light filtering from above.

Thank you!

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