



# Industry Notice

# Commercial Nearshore

December 21, 2022

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## **Commercial Nearshore Regulations Effective January 1, 2023**

This notice details regulations for 2023, adopted by the Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission on December 16<sup>th</sup>, 2022. In addition to setting 2-month vessel limits, the Commission extended the prohibition of Quillback rockfish retention for both sport and commercial fisheries due to results of a federal stock assessment conducted in 2021 and extended the suspension of per-trip limits for Black Rockfish Management Areas for an additional three years (2023 – 2025) to evaluate impacts. Regulations may change throughout the season to achieve management goals. Check for updates and current regulations at: [https://www.dfw.state.or.us/MRP/regulations/commercial\\_fishing/gfregs/index.asp#Nearshore2](https://www.dfw.state.or.us/MRP/regulations/commercial_fishing/gfregs/index.asp#Nearshore2)

**Quillback Rockfish prohibition: Unlawful to *retain or land* Quillback Rockfish taken with any non-trawl gear for commercial purposes, regardless of permit type.**

**Black Rockfish Management Areas: Per-trip limits for vessels fishing in these areas are *suspended* for an additional three years (2023 – 2025).**

**2-Month Cumulative Trip Limits – No vessel may land more than the following amounts:**

### **Vessels with a Black Rockfish and Blue Rockfish Permit *WITH* or *WITHOUT* a Nearshore Endorsement**

- Black Rockfish
  - Period 1, January-February: 1,800 pounds
  - Period 2, March-April: 1,800 pounds
  - Period 3, May-June: 2,400 pounds
  - Period 4, July-August: 2,400 pounds
  - Period 5, September-October: 1,800 pounds
  - Period 6, November-December: 1,800 pounds
- Blue & Deacon Rockfish combined: 1,500 pounds per period

### **Vessels with a Black Rockfish and Blue Rockfish Permit *WITHOUT* a Nearshore Endorsement**

- **All other Nearshore Fish species combined:** 15 pounds per day, not to exceed 25% of total landing by weight or cumulative trip limits for permits with a Nearshore Endorsement (below).

### **Vessels with a Black Rockfish and Blue Rockfish Permit *WITH* a Nearshore Endorsement**

- **Other Nearshore Rockfish combined:** 450 pounds per period
- **Cabezon:** 1,500 pounds per period
- **Greenling:** 1,200 pounds per period

Complete current Oregon Administrative Rules can be found at <https://secure.sos.state.or.us/oard/displayChapterRules.action?selectedChapter=81>. Click *Division 4 - COMMERCIAL FISHERIES OTHER THAN SALMON OR SHELLFISH* for OAR 635-004-0270 through 635-004-0365.

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### State of Oregon Nearshore Fish Species

**a. Black Rockfish**

**b. Blue Rockfish**

**c. Nearshore fish under the nearshore endorsement:**

• **Other Nearshore Rockfish**

- Black and Yellow Rockfish
- Brown Rockfish
- Calico Rockfish
- China Rockfish
- Copper Rockfish
- Gopher Rockfish
- Grass Rockfish
- Kelp Rockfish
- Olive Rockfish
- Quillback Rockfish
- Treefish

• **Shelf Rockfish\***

- Tiger Rockfish
- Vermilion Rockfish

• **Greenling**

- Kelp Greenling
- Painted Greenling
- Rock Greenling
- Whitespotted Greenling

• **Cabezon**

• **Buffalo Sculpin**

• **Red Irish Lord**

• **Brown Irish Lord**

\* You must have a nearshore endorsement to land more than the incidental amount of Tiger and Vermilion Rockfish. Landings of these species apply toward each fisher's federal shelf rockfish trip limit, and not toward the state trip limits or annual harvest guidelines.

### **Selected 2023 Federal Fixed Gear Trip Limits North of 40°10' N Latitude**

For complete and up to date Federal Trip Limit Tables, please see "Current Trip Limit Tables" at: [www.fisheries.noaa.gov/species/west-coast-groundfish#commercial](http://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/species/west-coast-groundfish#commercial)

Initial 2023 federal trip limits for Lingcod and Canary Rockfish are listed below. The Pacific Fishery Management Council has recommended increasing these limits, but the changes will not take effect until sometime in early 2023, after the start of the new year. Updates to federal trip limits can be viewed on the website above. It is the responsibility of each fisher to know and comply with federal trip limits that are in effect at any given time.

For the purposes of federal trip limits, only vessels with a federal Pacific Coast Groundfish Limited Entry Permit are considered Limited Entry.

#### **2023 Limits w/ In-season adjustments**

<b>Species</b>		<b>Federal Open Access</b>	<b>Federal Limited Entry</b>
Lingcod	North of 42°00' N	2,500 lb / month	5,000 lb / 2 months
Canary Rockfish	North of 40°10' N	1,000 lb / 2 months	3,000 lb / 2 months

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