



# Industry Notice

# Commercial Nearshore

December 19, 2023

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## **Commercial Nearshore Regulations Effective January 1, 2024**

This notice details regulations for 2024, adopted by the Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission on December 15, 2023. In addition to setting 2-month vessel limits for 2024, actions taken by the Commission in 2021 prohibited the retention of quillback rockfish for both sport and commercial fisheries and suspended per-trip limits for Black Rockfish Management Areas (BRMAs). In 2022, the Commission extended the suspension of per-trip limits in the BRMAs through 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* through 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: 2,100 pounds
  - Period 3, May-June: 2,400 pounds
  - Period 4, July-August: 2,400 pounds
  - Period 5, September-October: 2,100 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/display-ChapterRules.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 and Deacon 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

• **Greenling**

- Kelp greenling
- Painted greenling
- Rock greenling
- Whitespotted greenling

• **Cabazon**

• **Buffalo sculpin**

• **Red Irish lord**

• **Brown Irish lord**

• **Shelf Rockfish\***

- Tiger rockfish
- Vermilion rockfish

\* 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 2024 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 2024 federal trip limits for lingcod, canary, widow, and yellowtail rockfish are listed below. 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.

### 2024 Limits with In-season Adjustments

<b>Species</b>		<b>Federal Open Access</b>	<b>Federal Limited Entry</b>
Lingcod	North of 42°00' N	5,500 lb / month	11,000 lb / 2 months
Canary rockfish	North of 40°10' N	1,000 lb / 2 months	3,000 lb / 2 months
Widow rockfish	North of 40°10' N	2,000 lb / 2 months	4,000 lb / 2 months
Yellowtail rockfish	North of 40°10' N	1,500 lb / month	3,000 lb / month

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