



Industry Notice

Commercial Nearshore

December 19, 2025

Commercial Nearshore Regulations Effective January 1, 2026

This notice details regulations for 2026, adopted by the Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission on December 12, 2025. Notable changes for 2026 include increases in vessel limits for Other Nearshore Rockfish, Cabezon, and Greenling, as well as permanent suspension of per trip limits in Black Rockfish Management Areas (BRMAs). Prior Commission action suspended per trip limits for BRMAs through 2025 to evaluate impacts, which showed little change in commercial harvest from BRMAs. 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

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 *permanently suspended*.

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: 1,200 pounds
 - Period 2, March-April: 1,200 pounds
 - Period 3, May-June: 1,600 pounds
 - Period 4, July-August: 1,600 pounds
 - Period 5, September-October: 1,200 pounds
 - Period 6, November-December: 1,200 pounds
- Blue and 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: 650 pounds per period
- Cabezon: 2,000 pounds per period
- Greenling: 2,000 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 SHELL-FISH* 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

• **Cabezon**

• **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 2026 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

Initial 2026 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.

2026 Limits with In-season Adjustments

Species		Federal Open Access	Federal Limited Entry
Lingcod	North of 42°00' N	9,000 lb / 2 months	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	3,000 lb / 2 months	6,000 lb / 2 months

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