



# Industry Notice

## Commercial Nearshore

August 30, 2024

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

This notice details two-month limit increases for Black Rockfish for periods 5 and 6 in 2024. Landings for Black Rockfish are running below average and allow for increases. These increases will allow additional opportunity to attain a larger portion of the state Harvest Guideline. Bimonthly limit changes for remaining 2024 periods are underlined below. ODFW will continue to track landings in-season and make additional adjustments as needed. 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 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: 2,700 pounds
  - Period 5, September-October: 2,700 pounds – this is a 600-pound increase
  - Period 6, November-December: 2,700 pounds – this is a 900-pound increase
- 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:** 650 pounds per period
- **Cabazon:** 2,500 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*

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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 bimonthly 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

Current 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

Table with 4 columns: Species, Federal Open Access, Federal Limited Entry. Rows include Lingcod, Canary rockfish, Widow rockfish, and Yellowtail rockfish.

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