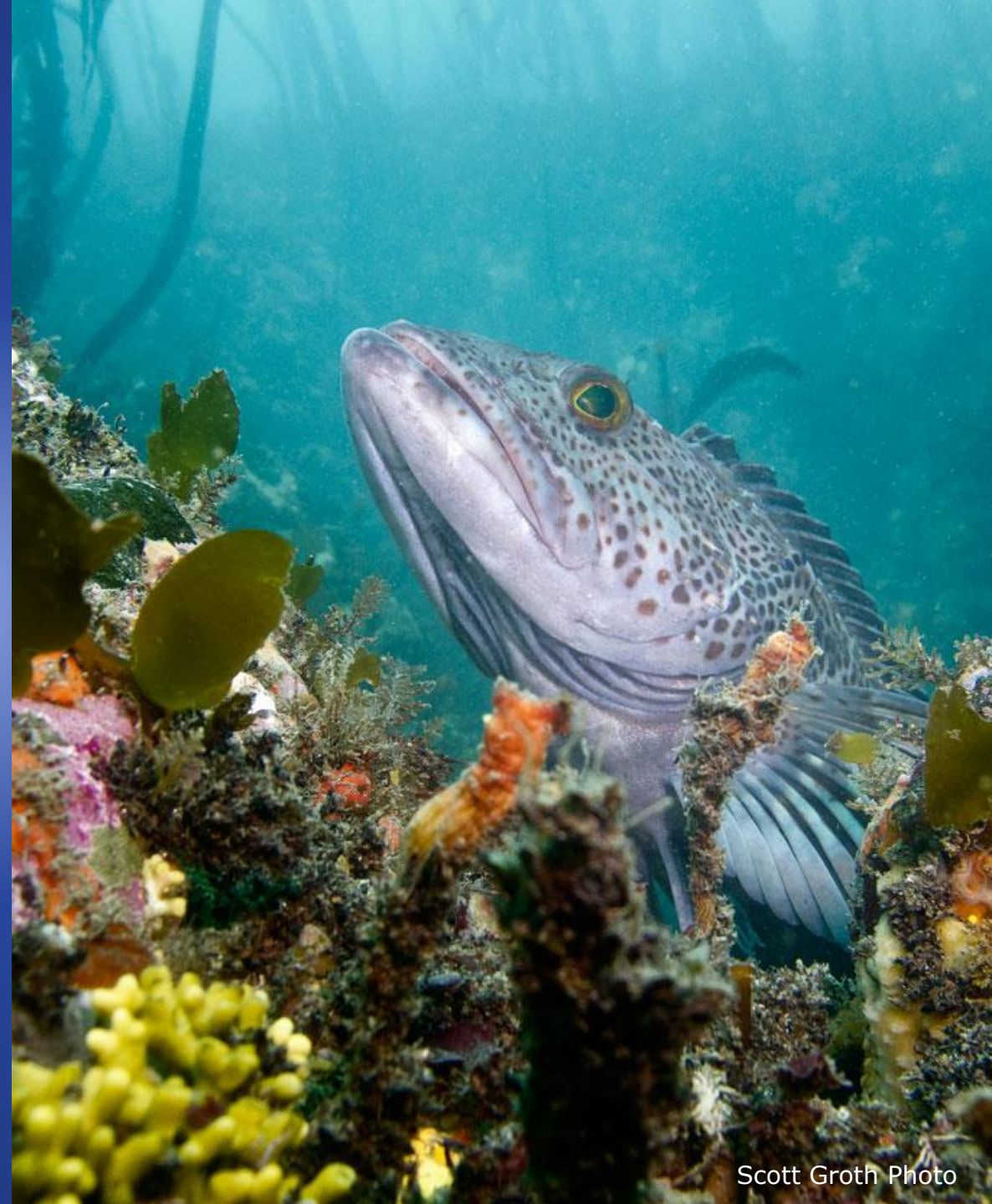




Marine
Resources

Public Meeting on the Recreational Bottomfish Fishery (2022-2024)

October 27, 2021



Scott Groth Photo

Meeting Outline

- Staff recommendations for the 2022 recreational bottomfish fishery
- Harvest guidelines for the 2023 & 2024 recreational bottomfish fishery



2022 Staff Recommendations

- **5 fish general marine bag limit**
 - 1 fish sub-bag for China and copper rockfish
 - 1 fish sub-bag for cabezon
- 2 lingcod
- 25 flatfish (other than P. halibut)
- 10 longleader fishery (10 species)
- **No retention of yelloweye and quillback rockfish**



2022 Staff Recommendations

- Seasonal depth restriction (40-fm, **Jul**-Aug)
- Select bottomfish allowed with halibut
 - Only sablefish, Pacific cod & flatfish **or** Longleader fishing in combination with halibut during all-depth halibut fishing days
- Mandatory descending devices
- Length limits
 - Lingcod @ 22 inches
 - Cabezon @ 16 inches



2022 Staff Recommendations

Commercial Nearshore

- **Suspend the black rockfish daily trip limits for 2022**
 - More fish per trip = fewer trips
- Bi-monthly trip limits will remain in place as well as the annual harvest guideline



ODFW Photo



2023-2024 Harvest Guidelines

Potential changes for:

- Black, vermilion, copper and quillback rockfish
- Fish populations are considered **healthy** off the Oregon coast
- However, catch limits may change



ODFW Photo



2023-2024 Harvest Guidelines

- **Black rockfish:**

- Another year since the latest stock assessment (2015) means more uncertainty in how the population is doing
- Annual catch limit scheduled to drop by about 8% in 2023 (to ~353 mt) and ~1% per year thereafter until next assessment, due to uncertainty
- PFMC will evaluate whether we can stay at the current limit for 2023-24

- **Vermilion Rockfish:**

- Recent catch levels off Oregon are very near sustainable catch levels per the 2021 stock assessment
- Catch limits will be set during the November PFMC meeting



2023-2024 Harvest Guidelines

- Copper Rockfish:
 - Very healthy
 - Potential increase to our current catch levels
 - Managed collectively with other nearshore rockfish species
- Quillback rockfish:
 - 2021 assessment: population smaller than previously believed
 - Current catch levels higher than long-term sustainable levels
 - Federal management changes would not start until 2023, however, staff recommend no retention in state rule beginning in 2022 to reduce further impacts



An underwater photograph showing a school of fish swimming above a coral reef. The water is clear and blue, and the reef is covered in various types of coral and other marine life.

Thank you!

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