



Marine
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Public Meetings on the 2023 Recreational Bottomfish Fishery

July 25-28, 2022



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Meeting Outline

- State Management Goals
- Review 2022 season
- Looking ahead to 2023
 - Stock Assessments & Allocations
 - Public input on Season Structure and Regulations



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State Management Goals

- Strive for year-round bottomfish fishing opportunities
- Provide as much harvest opportunity as possible
- Minimize bycatch impacts

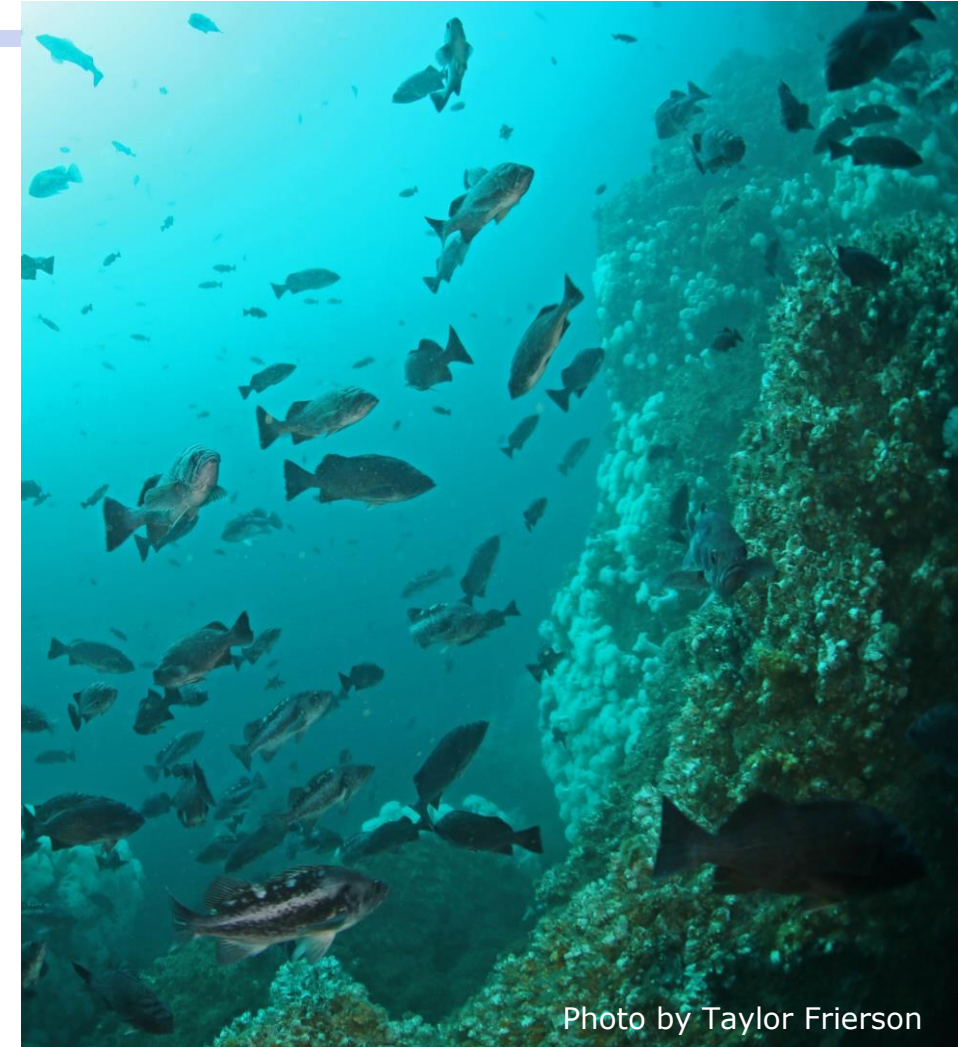


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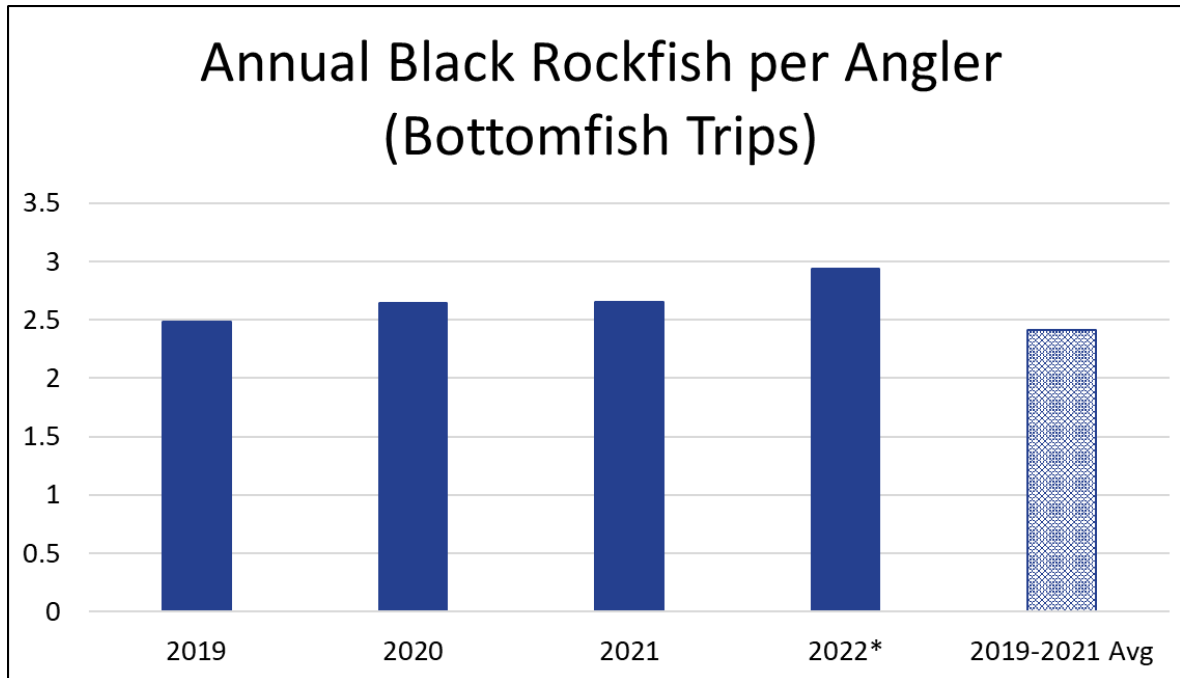
2022 Bag Limits

- Quillback rockfish prohibited
- Yelloweye rockfish prohibited
- 5 fish general marine bag limit
 - Sub-bag limits
 - 1 China or copper rockfish
 - 1 cabezon (July 1 until quota caught)
- 2 lingcod
- 25 flatfish (other than P. halibut)
- 10 longleader gear fish (10 species)



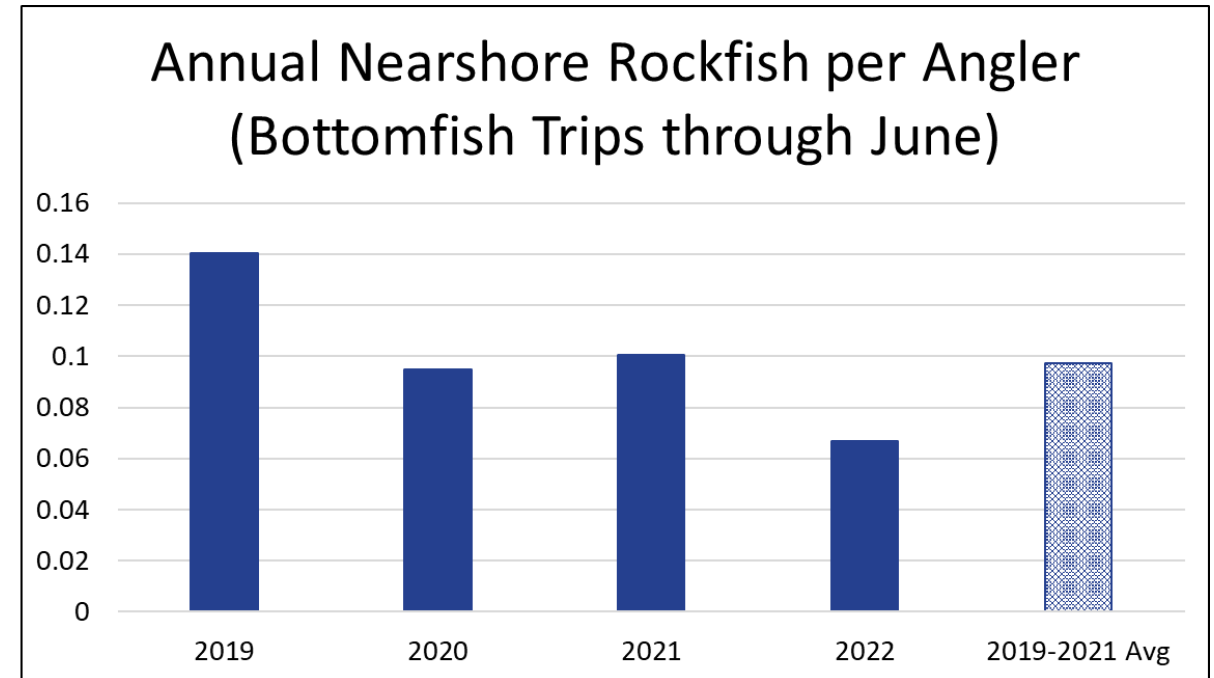
Catch Rates

- Black rockfish catch rates by year



*Data available through June of 2022

- Quillback rockfish prohibited in 2022



2022 Season Structure & Regulations

- Seasonal depth restriction
 - 40 fathom depth restriction during Jul & Aug only
- Select bottomfish allowed with halibut
 - Longleader fishing in combination with halibut during all-depth halibut fishing days or Sablefish, P. cod, and other flatfish species
- Mandatory descending devices
- Length limits
 - Lingcod @ 22 inches
 - Cabezon @ 16 inches

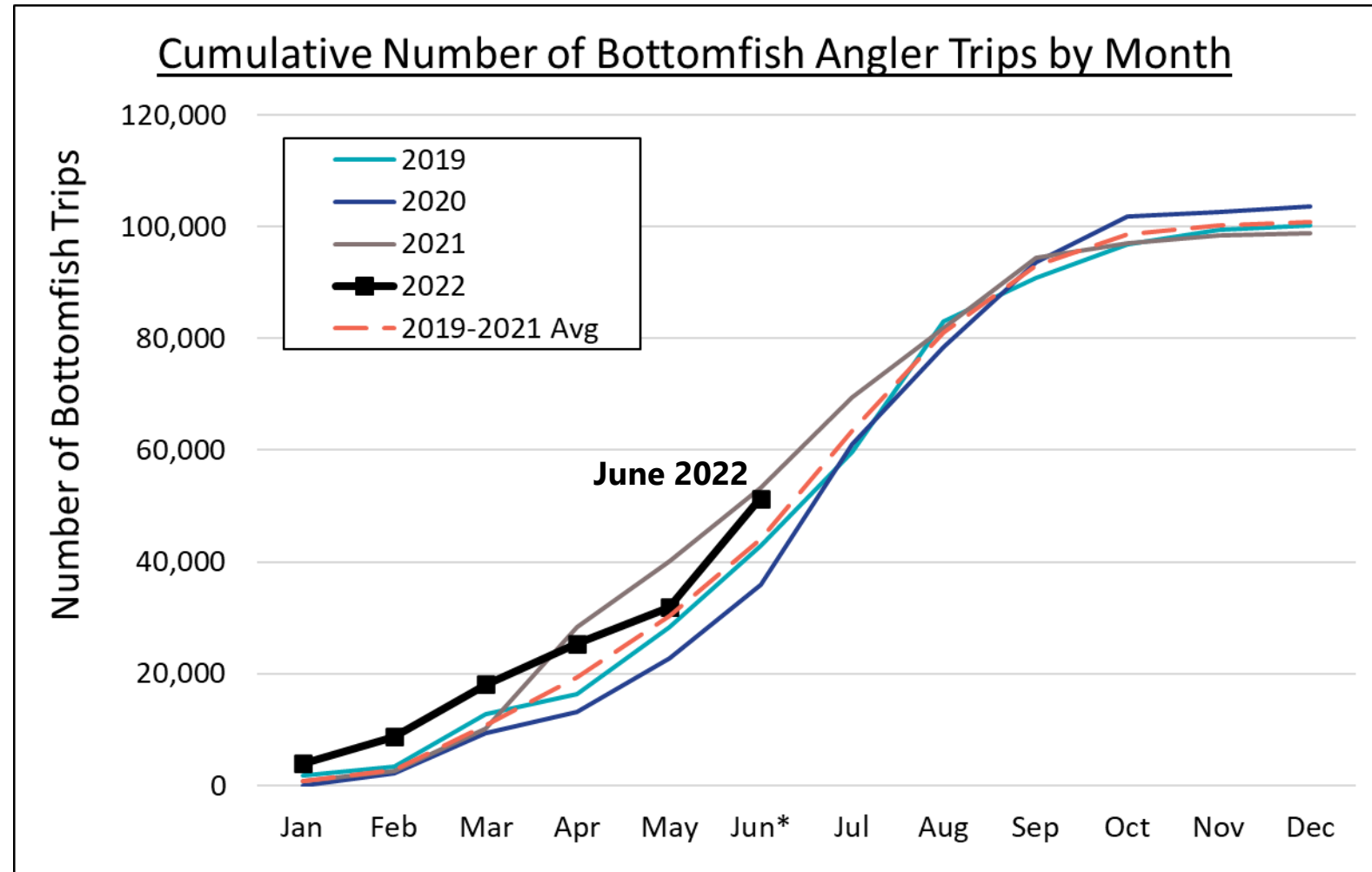


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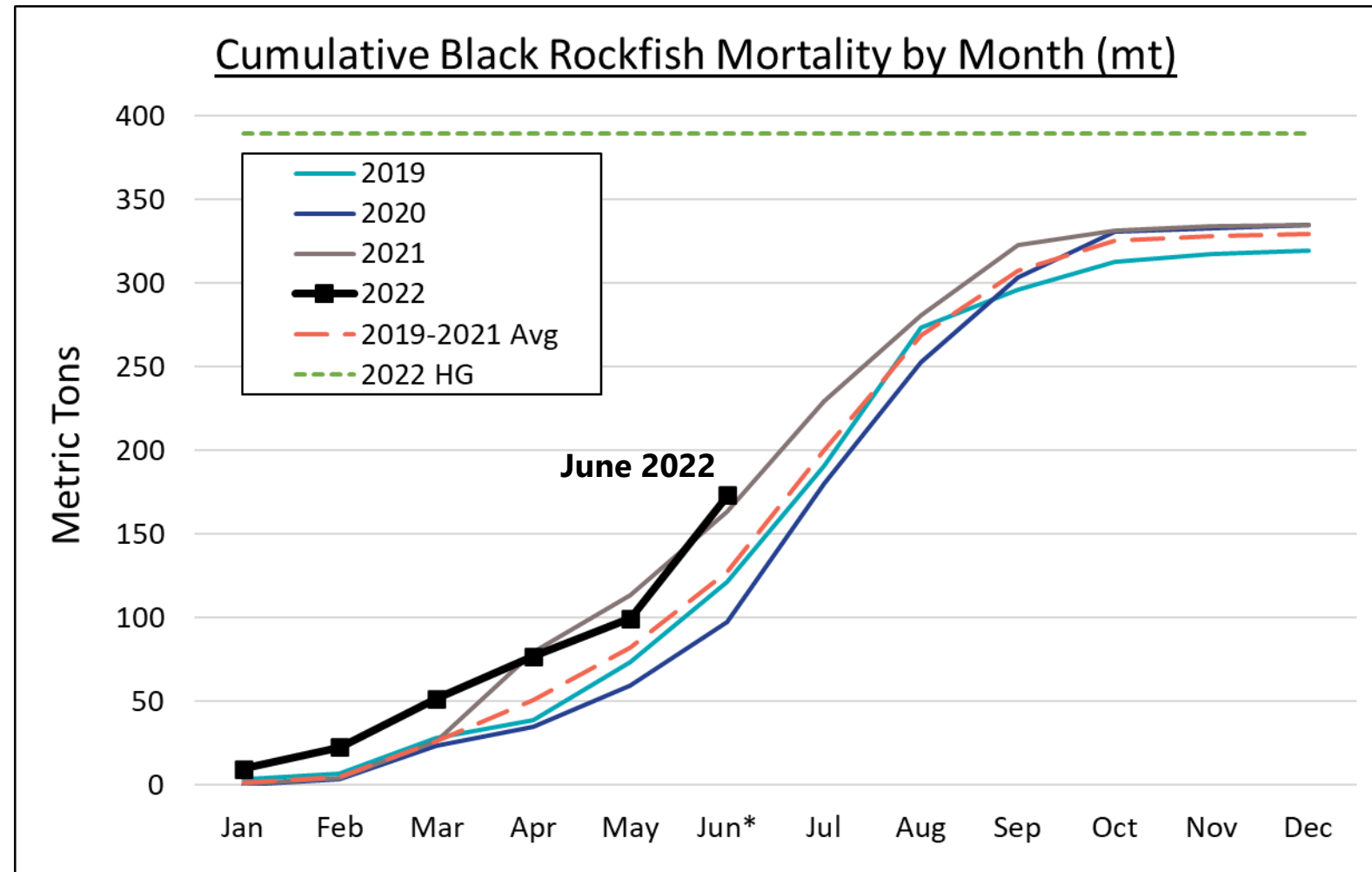
2022 Season Progress (Angler Trips)

- Tracking higher than the three-year average
- May was the only month below our preseason projections
- June data for 2022 is preliminary



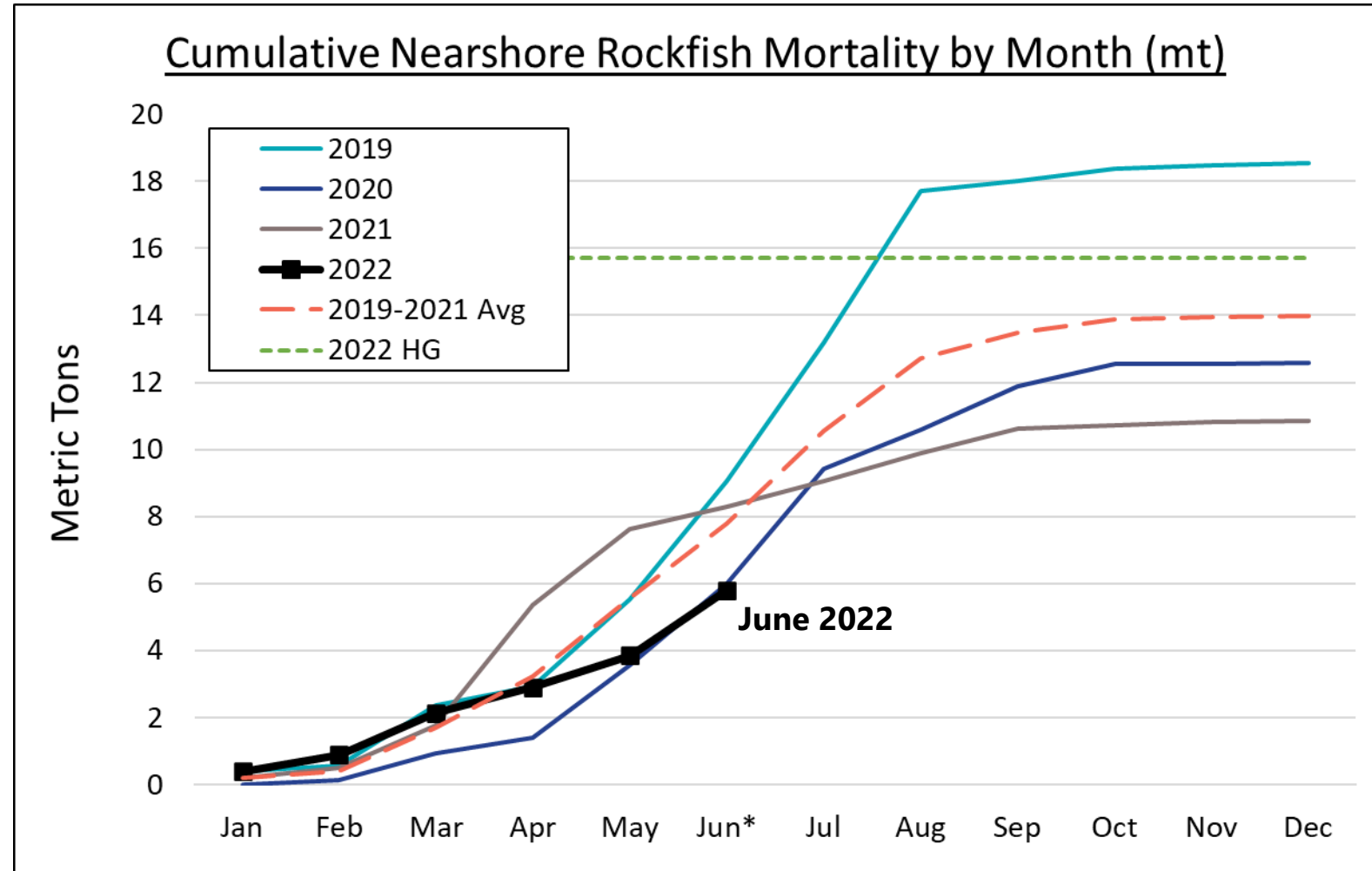
2022 Season Progress (Black Rockfish)

- Black rockfish dominate the bag limit
- More anglers fish during the months of July and August
- June data for 2022 is preliminary



2022 Season Progress (Nearshore)

- Nearshore rockfish include China, copper and quillback rockfish
 - Quillback rockfish prohibited in 2022
- Cabezon opened on July 1 – limited data at this point
- June data for 2022 is preliminary





2023 Harvest Limits

Species or Species Group	2022 limit (mt)	2023 limit (mt)
Black Rockfish	389.1	389.1
Blue/Deacon Rockfish	71.2	68.3
Nearshore Rockfish (China, Copper & Quillback RF)	10.5	15.7
Yelloweye Rockfish	7.0	9.2
Canary Rockfish	63.6	62.4
Cabezon	18.6	18.0
Greenlings	34.5	33.4



2021 Stock Assessment Implications

- Quillback Rockfish (OR):
 - Healthy but small population
 - Catch levels have been higher than the 2021 stock assessment says are sustainable



Year	Rec. Impacts (mt)	Comm. Impacts (mt)	Total Impacts (mt)	Potential Quota (mt)
2017	7.0	1.9	8.9	-
2018	9.5	1.9	11.4	-
2019	8.7	2.9	11.6	-
2020	6.1	3.2	9.3	-
2021	4.5	1.5	6.0	-
2022*	2.4			-
2023				2.7
2024				2.7



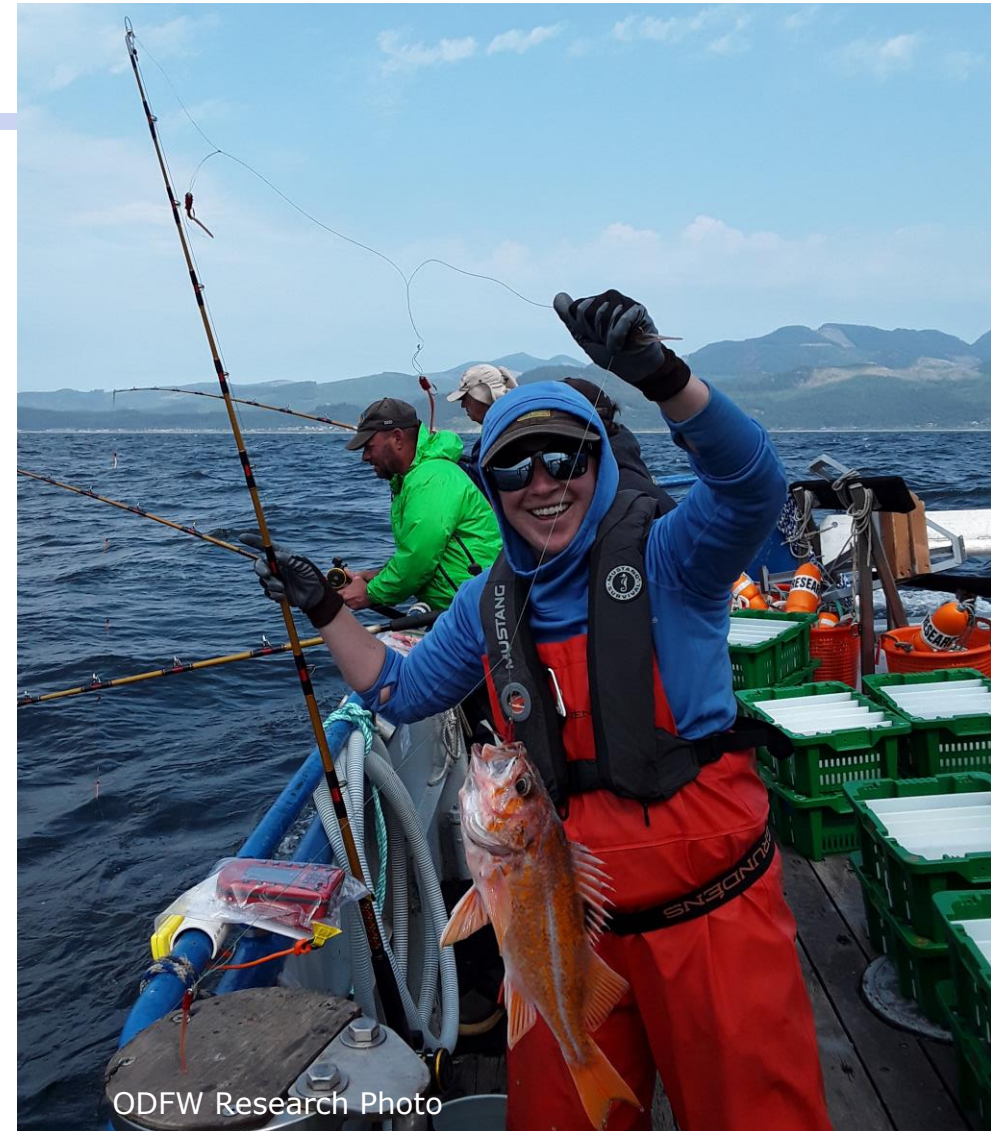
*Projected based on data through June 2022



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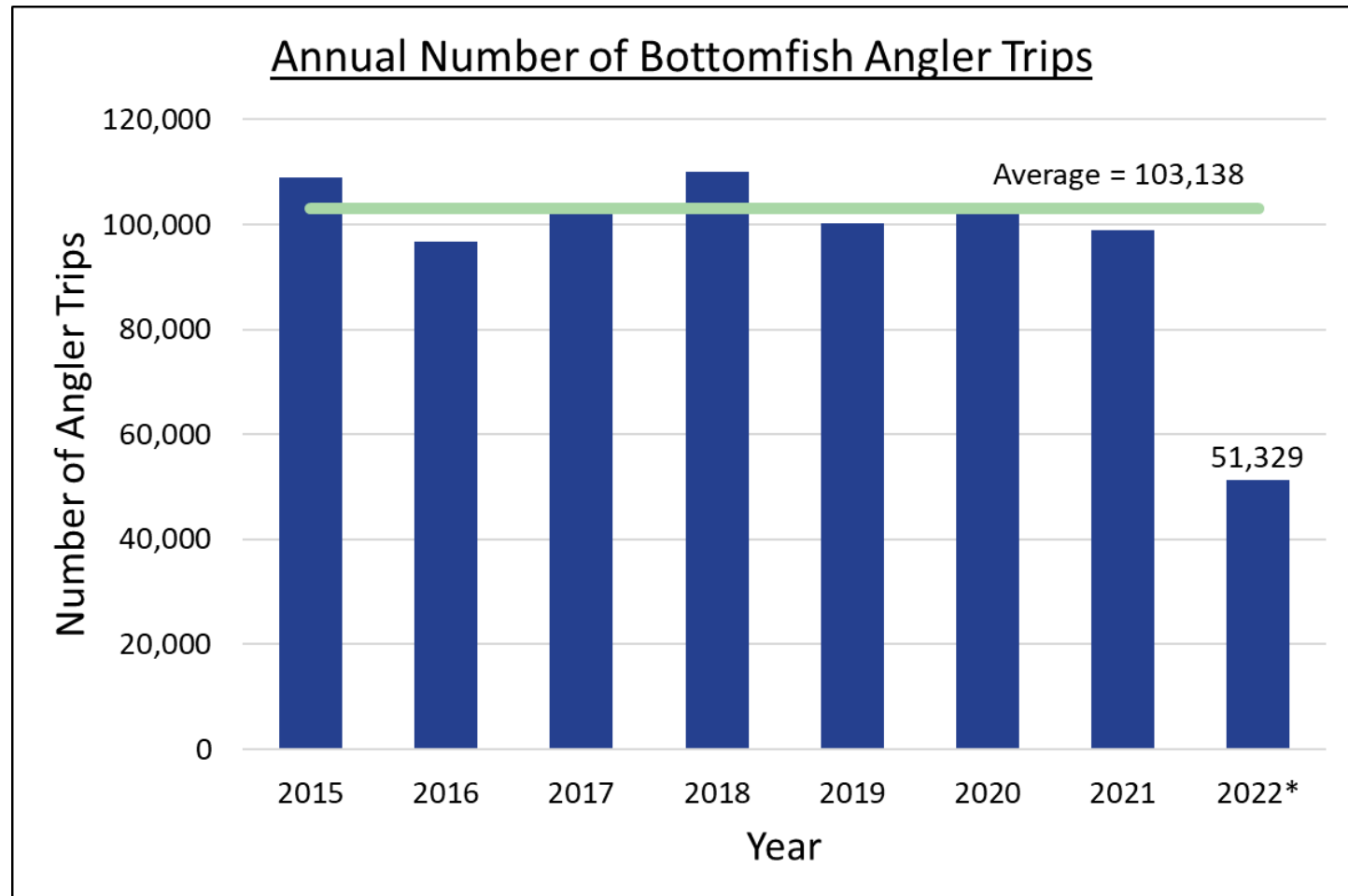
Nearshore Fishery Independent Survey

- Surveys will provide stock assessors with additional data on **black rockfish** and other nearshore species
- Hypoxic areas were encountered during the survey
- Being reviewed by Scientific and Statistical Committee
- The plan is to have this data available for the 2023 stock assessments



Forecasting for 2023

- High number of bottomfish angler trips since 2015
 - 2022 expected to be above 100k angler trips
- Factors include:
 - Weather
 - Salmon success
 - Tuna opportunity
 - Price of gas



*Data available through June 2022



2023 Season

- Keep the regulations the same?
- Any suggested regulation changes to access more of, but stay within, harvest limits?
- Oregon Fish & Wildlife Commission will consider recommendations from staff and public input and adopt regulations on December 16, 2022



Input Received

- Allow bottomfish retention during nearshore halibut trips on days that are open to all-depth halibut
- Allow longleader fishing in combination with halibut ***and*** sablefish, flatfish, P. cod, etc. during days open to all-depth halibut
- Avoid a 4-fish bag limit



An underwater photograph showing a diver's gear, including a BCD and fins, suspended in the water. A red buoy is visible at the top of the gear. The water is clear and blue, with light rays filtering through from above.

Thank you!

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